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## THE K IN FEMINISM

The Taliban takeover of Kabul has, yet again, mobilised nuclear narratives that had earlier enabled the US invasion of Afghanistan. The most visibilised of these discourses is the hue and cry about the rights and status of women there.

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## THRUST OF INFOBESITY OFTEN OVERRIDES THE ESSENCE OF LIFE

It is when we type a word with minimum number of alphabet on a search engine like Google, Bing, Yandex and many more, in a flash, an enormous amount of relevant and near relevant data strikes our eyes, leaving us



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## VACCINATE CHILDREN AHEAD OF 3RD COVID WAVE: DAK TO PARENTS

Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Wednesday urged parents to get their children vaccinated against flu ahead of the third Covid wave which is predicted...



## Quote!

You cannot find peace by avoiding life.  
- Michael Cunningham

## NEWS DIGEST

### J&K Reports 151 New Covid Cases

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir reported on Wednesday 151 fresh cases of novel coronavirus while the deadly infection claimed the life of another person during the last 24 hours. According to officials, Kashmir Valley reported 130 new cases of coronavirus. [More On P6](#)

### WHO Chief Urges Halt To Booster Shots For Now

**GENEVA:** The head of the World Health Organization is calling on rich countries with large supplies of coronavirus vaccines to refrain from offering booster shots through the end of the year, expanding a call that has largely fallen on deaf ears. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. [More On P6](#)

### Rahul Gandhi To Arrive In Jammu Today

**NEW DELHI:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will be on a two-day visit to Jammu from Thursday, during which he will pay obeisance at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra. Gandhi will leave for Jammu on Thursday and will participate in the evening 'aarti' at the temple. He will stay at the shrine board's guest-house, sources said. [More On P6](#)

### Man Injured In Bear Attack

**SRINAGAR:** An elderly man was attacked and injured by a bear in Handwara town of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, reports said Wednesday. Muhammad Jamal Ganale of Harweth village in Handwara was attacked and injured by a black in an orchard in Shalnard area, reports said. The injured man was removed to the nearby medical facility for treatment. [More On P6](#)

# J&K Was Deprived Of Progress, Prosperity For Decades: LG

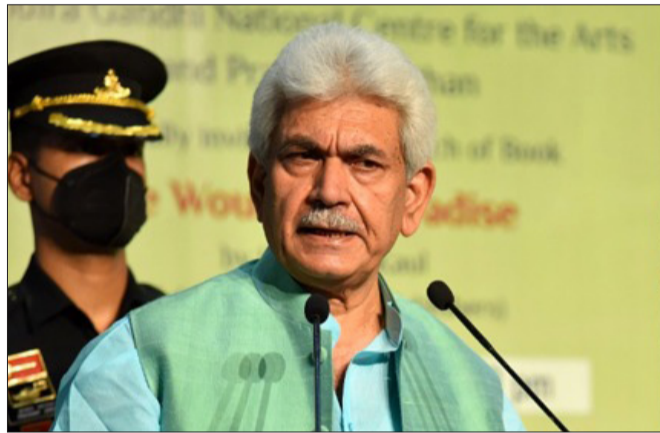
'It's Not Just A Piece Of Land But Our Consciousness, Our Way Of Life'

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Terming Jammu and Kashmir as a paradise on earth, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday that the Union Territory is on a path of regaining its lost glory after being deprived of progress and prosperity for decades.

"J&K is indeed a paradise on earth, but it was deprived of progress & prosperity for decades. Now, we are on the path of regaining its lost glory. It is not just a piece of land but our consciousness, our way of life, and an integral part of our existence which still believes in universality of individual beings," Sinha said.

He made these remarks during the release of eminent journalist Jawaharlal Kaul's book titled "Jammu & Kashmir: The Wounded Paradise", in New Delhi on Wednesday, an official



spokesperson said.

Ram Bahadur Rai, President, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) Trust presided over the function.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG praised the author for his remarkable effort in presenting J&K in a never before narrative that offers a new perspective to the readers which the world needs to know.

"For the first time in the history of Jammu & Kashmir, people are benefitting from Hon'ble Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's development agenda. With the same spirit, the government is working for the socio-economic growth of Union Territory," the LG said.

"Sectors like Health infrastructure, Education, Industries, Food processing, Tourism, Power, Youth employment, development of water bodies, Science and Technology, Agriculture, horticulture are witnessing ground-breaking transformation. Progressive laws have been implemented for the growth of businesses and farmers," he added. [More On P6](#)

**UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER** and Hon'ble Home Minister, the new industrial development scheme is attracting huge investments in J&K and in the last two months, proposals for investment of Rs 25,000 crore have been received from well-known industries of the country."

## NC Will Contest Elections Whenever Held: Dr Farooq

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday said his party is committed to the struggle for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and special status but will contest elections whenever they are held.

He was speaking to reporters after paying his respects at NC founder and his father Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's mausoleum at Naseem Bagh here on his 39th death anniversary.

The Centre had abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution and divided Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories on August 5, 2019. Article 370 granted special status to the erstwhile state.

Abdullah said the NC is committed to the struggle for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's



statehood and special status.

"We don't know when elections will be held, but we are clear about it. We will contest elections whenever they are held in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

On the Taliban taking control of Afghanistan, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said he hoped that they will respect human rights and seek friendly relations with all countries.

"The Taliban have taken over, and now [More On P6](#)

## MPs Panel Satisfied Over Kashmir Situation: Army

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Parliamentary Committee of External Affairs on Wednesday expressed satisfaction at the improved security situation in Kashmir and asserted that there was a need for greater efforts to counter false propaganda of the adversaries and share the ground truth at all forums, army said Wednesday.

The 11-member MPs panel led by PP Chaudhary, Chairman, Parliamentary Committee of External Affairs, visited Chinar Corps on Wednesday where they were briefed on the situation on the Line of Control (LoC) and in the hinterland, Srinagar based defence spokesperson, Col Emron Musavi said.

The visiting MPs, he said, were also briefed on the steps being taken to break the "cycle of violence" and bring peace



and stability in Kashmir.

"Chinar Corps efforts towards Citizen-Army connect were also highlighted. The MEA representative also briefed the members on counter terrorism efforts of the MEA. The Committee members were later shown modern equipment currently being effectively used by the IA," he added.

The defence spokesperson

further said that the Panel members appreciated the efforts of the security forces and expressed satisfaction at the improved security situation in Kashmir.

"The Committee members expressed that there is a need for greater efforts at MHA, MEA and MoD level, to counter false propaganda of the adversaries and share the [More On P6](#)

## SIDCO, SICOP Merger Into JKIDC On Cards

SOCIETY FOR REVIVAL, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture & Heritage in J&K"

Government on Wednesday ordered constitution of a Committee for proposing roadmap for establishment of Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Development Corporation (JKIDC) as per provisions of J&K Development Act, 1970, along with merging/subsuming SIDCO and SICOP into it, as recommended by the in-house Committee of the Industries and Commerce Department. [More On P6](#)

conduct the heritage census and survey of the shrines, temples and other religious and historic monuments in coordination with the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums for their restoration, revival, preservation and maintenance, after such activity is approved by the Executive Committee.

The committees' terms of reference also include ascertaining need and necessity of revival or restoration and renovation of sacred religious assets and historic monuments, besides facilitate and coordinate such restoration, revival, preservation and maintenance work.

The committees' has been also tasked with to collect/receive funds and give grants for fulfillment of objective of the "Society for revival, restoration, preservation and [More On P6](#)

## Search Begins For New SKIMS Director

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir government has finally started the process for appointment of director SKIMS Soura by inviting applications for the same.

A notification issued by the SKIMS, Soura in this regard reads that online applications on prescribed proforma are invited from Indian Nationals for the position of Director, Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. The notification is available on the official website of SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar.

"The age of the candidate on January 1, 2021 shall not exceed 62 years and this age limit shall not be subject to any relaxation and the appointment of the candidate shall be made on tenure basis up to a maximum period of five years or till the appointee attains the [More On P6](#)

## Police Carries Out Raids At Houses Of 4 Journalists



Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday seized laptops and mobile phones of four journalists, following raids at their respective houses here, officials said.

Raids were conducted at the residences of Showkat Motta, former editor-in-chief of a weekly magazine, Hilal Mir who is

working for a Turkish media outlet, freelance reporter Azhar Qadri and Shah Abbas, a reporter who has been associated with several local publications, they said.

The journalists were later taken to Kothibagh police station where their laptops and mobile phones were seized for technical evaluation before being released, the officials said.

Soon after their [More On P6](#)

## Distressed Youth To Get Help Under 'Sahayat Scheme'

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir government will provide socio-psychological counselling, career planning and employment-related financial assistance under 'Sahayat Scheme' in a timely manner to the distressed youth and victims of cross border shelling and insurgency, officials said Wednesday.

This was stated during a meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday to review the progress under Mission Youth, an ambitious programme to empower unemployed 50000 youth in J&K through gainful employment, an official spokesperson said. Commissioner Secretary,



Labour & Employment Department and Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth participated in the meeting.

According to the official spokesperson, the meeting was informed that under the 'Mumkin' scheme while 503 beneficiaries have been provided vehicles so far, another 1100 beneficiaries will be provided vehicles in the next 10 days.

Similarly, under the 'Tejaswani' scheme, he said, the Mission will provide financial support to 2,000 young women entrepreneurs to take up self-employment ventures across various sectors of the economy.

As per the official spokesperson it was further informed that 4,524 youth clubs have been set up [More On P6](#)

## Kansal Directs Strict Action Against Defaulters

PDD To Carry Inspections, Impose Penalties; Disconnect Power Supply To Defaulters

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Principal Secretary Power Development Department (PDD), Rohit Kansal on Wednesday directed the officers to realize pending dues of corporate consumers, large business establishments, government and private offices, besides conducting rigorous inspections, impose strict penalties and disconnect power supply to those at fault.

"Preventive maintenance is the key to avoid undue and unwanted power failures" Kansal said, as per an official spokesperson.

He made these remarks while chairing a meeting with officers of the Jammu Power Development Corporation and sister Corporations

at Jammu on Wednesday. According to the official spokesperson, Kansal advised the officers and staff of the corporations to carry out exhaustive preventive maintenance activities particularly on 11KV feeders and lines so as to eliminate cases of power outages due to sudden faults.

"He specially asked the officers of various Sub Transmission and Distribution divisions to identify lines and feeders with chronic problems address them first so as to prevent cases of undue cuts and unscheduled, erratic power supply," he said.

He further said that the Principal Secretary took an exhaustive review of the power sector in the [More On P6](#)









**NC Pays Tribute To Founder**

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Party President, Member of Parliament Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Mr. Omar Abdullah on Wednesday led party functionaries in offering Fatihah and floral tributes at the final resting place of Baba-e-Qoum, Sher-e Kashmir Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah on his 39th death anniversary at Qaid Mazar Hazratbal.

The leaders while offering glowing tributes to Sher-e-Kashmir said that he was one of the titans of the freedom movement for the restoration of people's democratic rights. Party Leaders pledged to offer every sacrifice for upholding and preserving the rights of the people of J&K. Defending, upholding and preserving the unity of the people of J&K will be a befitting tribute to Sher-e-Kashmir, said the party leaders while paying tributes to Baba-e-Qoum Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah. The life and struggle of Sher-e-Kashmir, the functionaries said, was emblematic of people's genuine aspirations and that on his anniversary the best tribute to him would be to tread the path which he had left behind for all of us to follow.

Lauding his vision of discarding communal politics, Party leaders said Sheikh Sahib's ideals have universal acceptance. He wished for a society where equal opportunities are available to all, irrespective of religion, region, caste, creed or color, the party leaders said. Recalling the immense contribution of Sheikh Sahib, like revolutionary Land Reforms Act, Single Line Administration, free education, adult franchise, party leaders said that after independence, the state rose to achieve new heights in terms of human development index and that the overall growth of the state on other vital development indices was also far ahead of other states in the country.

The leaders said that the feat could not have been achieved had not a leader of Sheikh Sahib's stature been around. They asserted that Sher-e-Kashmir endeavors towards maintaining communal harmony at a time when the entire subcontinent was swayed by communal frenzy; it was in his efforts that Mahatma Gandhi had said that he sees a ray of hope in Kashmir.

**NIT Hosts Spl Session On 'Being Corporate Ready'**

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Department of Training and Placements, National Institute of Technology (NIT) on Wednesday organized a virtual special lecture on 'Being Corporate Ready' in which more than 150 students participated.

The virtual lecture was delivered by Vice President - Institutional Development, ITM Group of Institutions Prof. R S S Mani, who is also HRD specialist, mentor in the areas of education management, organizational behavior, and career guidance.

He spoke about the transition from college to corporate and gave a detailed account regarding how the students should approach the post-graduation life and the mindset for the same.

Prof. Mani advised students about how to appear in the interviews and placements. Many students interacted with the guest expert and had their queries answered.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof Rakesh Sehgal said the event was aimed to develop basic professional skills among the participants. He appreciated the department of placement and training for organizing sessions on relevant topics, which are the need of the hour.



Registrar NIT, Prof Kaiser Bukhari said these events are need of the hour and they will be organizing such events in the future also.

The event consisted of a 30-minute long lecture followed by a 45-minute Question/Answer session.

Head Training and Placement Officer and Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering Department, Dr. Obbu Chandra Sekhar said the virtual session was aimed at helping students to be ready to move from institutions to organizations.

Dr. Sekhar also briefed the participants about the T&P department and its future objectives. He also thanked the

guest speaker and the organizers for conducting such an event.

Dr. Tahir Ahmed Wani, Associate Training and Placement Officer was the faculty coordinator of the event. He also talked about the different ways in which the students should approach life beyond college studies, and talked about the attitude required to be successful in it.

While a formal vote of thanks was presented by Syed Aga Hadi, who was the student coordinator and host of the event. He thanked the guests and participants. Hadi also spoke about the importance of such events and promised that such events will be conducted in the future also.

**LAWDA Conducts 116Th BPA Meet**



**SRINAGAR:** The J&K Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) today convened 116th meeting of the Building Permission Authority (BPA) under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman (VC) LAWDA, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat who is also the Chairman of BOCA at Miskeen Bagh Office Complex, here.

The agenda for the meeting was discussed threadbare and a total of 36 cases were decided upon by the BPA on merits.

Among others, Chief Town Planner of Kashmir, Joint Commissioner (P) SMC, Enforcement Officer LAWDA, Executive Engineer Lake Division 2nd LAWDA, Executive Engineer Electric Inspection Division, Executive Engineer UEED Division 1st, Naib Tehsildar (Collector LAWDA), representatives Executive Engineer PHE Division, Tehsildar North, representative Tehsildar Khanyar, and Law officer LAWDA as members of the Building Permission Authority were present in the meeting.

Meanwhile, a demolition drive was launched by Enforcement Wing of LAWDA today under the supervision of Enforcement Officers, Abdul Aziz Qadri and Zahid Aziz Samoon in the area of Friends Colony, Beggar Home Lashkari Mohalla, Ishber, Doji Mohalla, Mallapora Rainawari and Saderbal.

During the drive two Plinths, two Huts, two single storeys and one roofing raised illegally were demolished onspot. Besides illegally dumped material/Earth filling was also removed and seized onspot. Also legal action warranted under rules was initiated against the violators.

There was minor resistance at some places from the locals of the area, however the demolition team remained on forefront and conducted the demolition in a hassle free manner.

The Vice Chairman has requested the people residing in the local jurisdiction of LAWDA to apply for proper building permission through its building permission authority, before starting any sort of construction.

**DIAL-EMMA**

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488, 2452222, 2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081

**AIRPORTS**

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

**RAILWAYS**

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BUBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

**HIGHWAY STATUS**

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar-Leh - (Open)

**This Day in History**

- 1000 - Battle of Svolder, Baltic Sea. King Olaf on board the Long Serpent defeated in one of the greatest naval battles of the Viking Age.
- 1493 - Battle of Krbava field, a decisive defeat of Croats in Croatian struggle against the Ottoman Empire invasion.
- 1513 - Battle of Flodden Fields; English defeat James IV of Scotland
- 1591 - Battle at Flores Azores: Spanish beat English
- 1753 - 1st steam engine arrives in US colonies
- 1830 - Charles Durant, 1st US aeronaut, flies a balloon from Castle Garden, NYC to Perth Amboy, NJ
- 1881 - Egyptian military coup under colonel Arab "El Wahid"
- 1908 - Russia takes part of Poland boxing title
- 1911 - 1st European airport (Hendon to Windsor, England)
- 1912 - J Verdrines becomes 1st to fly over 100 mph (107 mph/172 kph)
- 1913 - Association for Study of Negro Life & History organizes in Chicago
- 1914 - 12] Belgian offensive from Antwerp
- 1914 - Boston Brave George Davis no-hits Philadelphia Phillies, 7-0
- 1914 - First fully mechanized unit in the British Army created - the Canadian Automobile Machine Gun Brigade (WWI)
- 1914 - Meeting held at Gaelic League headquarters between Irish Republican Brotherhood and other extreme republicans; initial decision made to stage an uprising while Britain is at war
- 1915 - Association for study of Negro Life & History forms by Carter G Woodson
- 1918 - Dutch government of Ruijs de Beerenbrouck forms
- 1919 - Boston's police force forms strike
- 1921 - Guatamala, Honduras, and San Salvador agree to Central American Union
- 1922 - St Louis Brown "Baby Doll" Jacobson hits 3 triples beating Tigers 16-0
- 1922 - Turkish troops conquer Smyrna/murder Greek citizens
- 1942 - 1st bombing on continental US soil at Mount Emily, Oregon during WWII by Japanese planes
- 1943 - US, British & French troops land in Salerno (operation Avalanche)
- 1944 - Bulgaria liberated from Nazi control (National Day)
- 1945 - Japanese in South Korea, Taiwan, China, Indochina surrender to Allies
- 1954 - Earthquake strikes Orleansville Algeria: 1,400 killed
- 1965 - Tibet is made an autonomous region of China
- 1967 - 1st successful Test flight of a Saturn V
- 1967 - Uganda declares independence from Great Britain
- 1969 - Allegheny 853 collides with Piper Cherokee above Indiana, kills 82
- 1969 - Seaplane crashes at Indianapolis, kills 83
- 1978 - Iraqi Ayatollah Khomeini calls for uprising in Iraqi army
- 1983 - Radio Shack announces their color computer 2 (Coco2)
- 1985 - President Reagan orders sanctions against South Africa
- 1990 - George H. W. Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev meet in Helsinki & urge Iraq to leave Kuwait
- 1993 - PLO recognizes state of Israel
- 1994 - Space shuttle STS 64 (Discovery 20), launches into orbit
- 2001 - Ahmed Shah Massoud, leader of the Northern Alliance, is assassinated in Afghanistan
- 2012 - 100 people are killed and 350 injured after a wave of attacks across Iraq
- 2015 - Queen Elizabeth II becomes Great Britain's longest-reigning monarch at 63 years and seven months, beating the previous record set by her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria
- 2015 - Apple unveils the iPad Pro and new iPhone 6S in San Francisco



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**PRAYERS**

- FAJR 4: 47
- ZUHR 12: 31
- ASR 4: 58
- MAGRIB 6: 53
- ISHA 8: 15

**J&K Govt to Rename City College, Key Road After 2 Migrant KPs**

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** J&K administration is all set to rename a college and a major road in Srinagar after two Kashmiri Pandits who according to a media report were "hounded out" of Kashmir Valley in early nineties.

According to a report Srinagar district administration has already forwarded names of Padma Shri awardee late Moti Lal Keemu and poet late

Zinda Koul for the purpose.

Government Degree College Hyderpora is proposed to be renamed after Moti Lal Keemu, a resident of Zaindar Mohalla in downtown Srinagar, who left Kashmir in early nineties.

Similarly, iconic Lal Mandi Road will be named after Zinda Koul alias 'Masterji'. He was the first Kashmiri poet to win the Sahitya Academy Award in 1956, for his book of poetry compilations 'Sumbraan'.

Besides, the administration has also recommended rechristening of Women College Srinagar and BHSS Jawahar Nagar before the name of noted academicians, late Prof Riyaz Punjabi and late Prof Hamidi Kashmiri, respectively.

Pertinently the LG administration had last month announced naming schools, colleges, roads and buildings after fallen personnel from army, police and CRPF.

**DC Srinagar Holds Grievance Redressal Camp At Balhama**

**SRINAGAR:** Continuing efforts of Administration to reach out to the common masses in the rural and far flung areas of the district to address their grievances, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Wednesday undertook an extensive tour of various far off areas of the district including Balhama Sempora, and other adjoining areas in Khonmoh Block and held a Grievance redressal Camp.

The tour was conducted to bring Administration at the door steps of people for on spot resolution of public issues and demands.

During the Grievance redressal camp held at Government High School Balhama, dozens of delegations besides scores of individuals met the DDC and apprised him about the problems faced by them in day to day life.

The delegations also included representatives of Panchayat Raj Institutions viz. DDC members, BDC members, Sarpanchs and Panchs of the area. The people submitted memorandum and charter of demands projecting various issues including macadamization of road from Sempora to Balhama, adequate transport facility, development of playground, demarcation of land, settlement of revenue records and digitization of the same, proper survey regarding Social Welfare Schemes, construction of drains, up gradation of healthcare facilities and removal of encroachments in the area, shifting of electric poles, adequate supply of water and power, providing Skill Development Center, Mashroom Cultivation Unit in the area.

The DC gave patient hearing to the demands of the people and passed on spot instructions to the concerned departments for time bound resolution of all the issues.

While interacting with the people, the DC said that all the developmental activities are being supervised and

monitored to ensure their timely completion. He urged the local population to come forward and avail benefits from such welfare schemes.

The DC directed the Labour Department to organize an awareness camp regarding Labour Social Security and Welfare Schemes for mass awareness of local population in the area so that they are benefitted from the government welfare schemes.

During the camp, Officers of Agricul-



ture, Labour, Employment and other departments, highlighted the benefits of various government sponsored flagship programmes including MUMKIN, PMEGP, PM-JAY SEHAT, Social welfare and other schemes.

During the tour, the DC also inspected the pace of various ongoing developmental works including construction of boundary wall and fencing of Bala Devi Mandir and Graveyard at Balhama besides other work sites.

The DDC instructed the concerned officers to expedite all developmental works within set timelines to ensure better road connectivity and other basic amenities to the locals. He directed the officers to work in double shifts for timely completion of all ongoing projects.

Among others, Chief Planning Officer Srinagar, Mohammad Yassen Lone, Assistant Commissioner Development, Bilal Mukhtar, Chief Agriculture Officer, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, Assistant Commissioner Labour, Tehsildar Pantha Chowk, District Mineral Officer, Executive Engineers of PHE, PDD and R&B, and other concerned Officers, besides various public representatives including the members of District Development Council, Sarpanchs and Panchs were also present.

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**Subject:- Provisional Select List of eligible candidates for admission to MRT course-2021, in SKIMS, Srinagar.**

**Reference: Notification No.080-BOPEE of 2021 dated 31-08-2021.**

**NOTIFICATION No: 084-BOPEE of 2021 DATED: 07-09-2021.**

Pursuant to Notification No. 080-BOPEE of 2021 dated 31-08-2021 read with Notification No. 078-BOPEE of 2021 dated 20-08-2021, the physical round of counselling of eligible candidates who had applied for MRT course 2021 was held at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar simultaneously on 07-09-2021. The candidates who participated in the said counselling and have been allotted seats as per their merit-cum preferences are hereby provisionally selected for admission to MRT Course-2021 in SKIMS, Srinagar as per the Annexure "A" to this notification which is available on website of the Board www.jkbopee.gov.in only. The candidates are advised to report to SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar w.e.f. 08-09-2021 to 13-09-2021 (upto 04.00 PM) along with following documents:-

1. Mark Cards of 12<sup>th</sup> class.
2. Date of birth Certificate of 10<sup>th</sup> Class.
3. Domicile Certificate
4. Category Certificate, if any
5. Medical fitness certificate, if any.
6. Any other certificates/ document as required by the Institution Authorities.

The candidates are advised to report to SKIMS upto 13<sup>th</sup> September-2021 positively. It shall be sole responsibility of the Institution to ensure proper check and verification of documents/ eligibility as per Indian Nursing Council (INC) guidelines before the candidate is allowed for admission and in case of any discrepancy in the requisite documents the same shall be reported to the Board for further course of action under rules.

In order to complete admission process within the prescribed cut-off date (13-09-2021) the Institution shall keep its admission counters open even on holidays / off days and designate Nodal Officer to facilitate the candidates to complete their admission process well in time. However, the candidates should in their own interest avoid waiting for the last day to complete admission formalities since delay has the potential of causing hardships to the candidates only.

The Head of the Institution is requested to furnish the shortfall, if any, to the Board through e-mail at helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com / jakbopee@gmail.com / coejakbopee@gmail.com on 14<sup>th</sup> of September-2021 (upto 02.00 PM).

**Note:**

1. The admission of the candidates is purely provisional and shall be cancelled in case any information furnished by any candidate proves to be false/ fabricated, and action as warranted under Law shall be initiated against such candidate(s).
2. The Institution shall ensure that, any person with disability, if selected in open merit or reserved category, it shall constitute a special Medical Board to assess such candidates and make recommendations based on which institution shall take further necessary action. In case any such candidate does not fulfill the bench marks of eligibility, he/she shall not be admitted to the course/ institute and the matter shall be reported to the BOPEE.
3. For fee / documents required for admission in the Institute, the provisionally selected candidates are advised to contact concerned Institute before the last date of admission i.e. 13-09-2021.
4. The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in e-Information Brochure/ Notifications/ Notices issued by the Board from time to time in this regard.

E & OE  
 (Dr. Sunil Gupta)  
 Contoller of Examinations  
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**From KO Archives**

**DD Kashir Runs Into Rough Weather**

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI-** The much-hyped Kashir channel of the Door-darshan has run into rough weather. The union ministry of home affairs (MHA) is understood to have declined to foot the bill for running the channel. Even as the channel has allegedly become a money spinner for some Mandi House officials and a handpicked coterie of Kashmiri migrants.

According to reliable sources, the MHA had 'promised' to provide the financial support required to run the channel which was launched, for the third time in June this year, with a big fanfare. Two plane loads brought several Bollywood celebrities besides the union minister of information and broadcasting, Arun Jaitley, with hundreds of ministry officials in tow to grace' the occasion. The gala function held at the city's Grand Palace hotel is believed to have cost the exchequer a fabulous Rs two to three crore.

Sources said no new Kashmiri programmes were likely to be produced for the channel. Proposals submitted by Kashmir producers, mostly Kashmiri pandits, were being returned due to non-availability of funds. Sources said 148 proposals, were approved by the Mandi House last month. However, some 'stale' programmes provided gratis by Star, Zee TV Sahara and some other private channels may be telecast from the Kashir channel.

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K O V I E W

## Talk to farmers

**O**n Sunday, tens of thousands of farmers gathered in Uttar Pradesh to protest against new agriculture laws, introduced in September last year. An estimate put the number at more than a million. The rally was billed as the biggest protest since their movement began last November. The farmers poured into the city of Muzaffarnagar in buses and tractors. Speaking at the protest, the farmer leader Rakesh Tikait said they will intensify their protest by going to every single city and town of Uttar Pradesh to convey the message that Modi's government is anti-farmer. This was a significant statement considering Uttar Pradesh is going to elections early next year. The farmers also called for a nationwide strike on September 27 to protest against the laws. The Muzaffarnagar protest was followed by one at a grain market outside New Delhi.

After remaining out of news for several months due to the eruption of the second Covid-19 wave, the farmer agitation is back in the news. Early this year, the farmers' protest got some more international attention with global pop star Rihanna tweeting in their support. Similarly, environment activist Greta Thunberg also extended her support. Other personalities who spoke for farmers included the niece of US vice president Kamala Harris who, in a statement said that "the most populous democracy is under assault". She also drew attention towards contentious farm laws. This led to a heavy social media trolling of these celebrities and individuals in India. Also, the ministry of external affairs had then slammed foreign individuals and entities for comments on the farmer protests, saying it was "unfortunate to see vested interest groups trying to enforce their agenda on these protests, and derail them."

The farmers' protest has since not only sustained but is now intensifying too. The government's attempt to delegitimize it hasn't succeeded. Along the way, the agitation has witnessed the rise of a new farmer leader Rakesh Tikait. If anything, it shows the protests are only going to gather further momentum in the near future. With the farmers from Uttar Pradesh also joining the protest in a big way, pressure on the government is only going to increase.

But the government, on the other hand, is showing no signs of backing down. Farmers want nothing short of the repeal of the laws. It remains to be seen how the government responds to the mounting protests. More so, with the protests drawing wider popular support. It would be great if the government shelves the laws and then engages farmers in a discussion on them to mobilize support for their enactment in future.

OTHER OPINION

## The Future is at Stake

**T**he Covid-19-induced school closure, which began in March 2020 and continued till August-September 2021, has led to "catastrophic consequences" for underprivileged students, reveals a new report, Locked Out: Emergency Report On School Education. The survey, supervised by economists Jean Dreze, Reetika Khera, and researcher Vipul Paikra, was conducted in August and covered 1,400 students, from classes 1 to 8, across 15 states and Union Territories. About 60% of the sample households reside in rural areas, and close to 60% belong to Dalit or tribal communities. Only 8% of students in rural areas and 24% are studying online regularly, and 19% of children in urban areas and 37% in rural areas are not studying at all. Ninety per cent of parents in urban areas and 97% in rural areas want schools to reopen. This is understandable: Only 23% of urban parents and 8% of rural parents feel that their children have adequate online access. Both sets (76% in urban and 75% in rural areas) said that their children's reading abilities have declined during the lockdown. The results of a simple reading test conducted during the survey confirm the assessment. Nearly half of all children in the sample could not read more than a few words.

The pandemic also affected teachers; while many tried to help students, most were out of touch with them. The pandemic-sparked job losses, which resulted in a severe drop in incomes of parents, also meant that a quarter of students, who were in private schools, have moved to government schools. The impact has not been restricted only to education. The suspension of mid-day meals has affected students, and put their nutritional development, mental health, and overall development at risk. While 80% reported receiving some food as a substitute, there have been frequent complaints of not receiving the entitled amount.

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# The K in Feminism

Mainstream feminism has little to no space to adequately cater to Kashmiri muslim women

Tooba Towfiq

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**T**he Taliban takeover of Kabul has, yet again, mobilised nuclear narratives that had earlier enabled the US invasion of Afghanistan. The most visibilised of these discourses is the hue and cry about the rights and status of women there.

The refurbished saviour complex of the west for Afghan women is relevant to muslim women around the world as it is the same narrative that has often been weaponised against them and their communities. Historically, white feminist discourses were used to colonise people in the same way that the christian civilising mission was employed. Therefore, the awareness around how elite feminist movements are exclusionary is a must. This is even more relevant given how modernity has dominantly been defined by markers which are touted as universal but are actually western, capitalistic, elite and urban. Even this monolithic view of modernity can be excused if it had not been adjudged absolute.

In today's world, the pontification of "progress" happens at the cost of those whose identity doesn't comply with the formulaic structure of existence endorsed by a very narrow view of liberal worldview. The victims of such universalised standards are often muslims, people of colour, indigenous communities and many such subaltern communities.

Even as this weaponisation of feminist discourse can be located in history, it continues to covertly work to dilute and demonise identities, even today.

The threat of such tricks isn't as far as it may seem from Kashmir as well. A majority in Kashmir is muslim. In a place where the duel of narratives is omnipresent, identity is forever a target and casualty. This, in the context of gender, creates a schizophrenia of conflicting models of womanhood in which all models are subordinate to the mainstream version espoused by elite feminists. The usage of the word "elite" is loose but is intended here to include white, upper class and western as well as upper caste feminist models.

Take the example of a recently broadcasted interview of

Kashmiri women aimed at showing Kashmir's "road to progress". The now-deleted video had a Swedish journalist interviewing four Kashmiri women about their experiences and challenges. The snag in communicating Kashmiri muslim womanhood was inevitable given how the women being interviewed were trying to explain their "empowered" selves through the yardsticks that a white man would understand. Even as some tried to justify some choices, for instance, the choice to dress modestly — the distance in models led to a vocabulary which couldn't articulate anything substantial.

This led to an online backlash. Primarily, it was criticised for trying to feed the politics of normalcy in Kashmir. However, it was also called out for being unrepresentative given how women being interviewed failed to responsibly articulate an informed

get their education in campuses based in mainland India. Humanities and the social sciences are still heavily western, liberal and upper caste there. Therefore, Kashmiri students often find themselves encountering an influx of information that discredits everything that was integral to their belief systems.

It is alright to distance oneself from beliefs that one deems redundant after careful scrutiny. However, this disengagement with prior beliefs, often Islamic beliefs for muslim students, primarily happens because they do not have the knowledge to critically engage with western liberal thought.

Additionally, Kashmir muslim women often find themselves at crossroads when the only way to show their disapproval of patriarchy is through western models. If our society had ever enabled and facilitated an understanding

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view about Kashmiri women.

Therefore, it is necessary to first empower Kashmir women to understand their own models of femininity — political and religious. It is another matter which one would be adopted by women ultimately. To this end, we need to begin with educating our people about alternate ways to view and understand empowerment.

This also involves trying to honestly acknowledge and then address the systemic oppression that women in Kashmir face. At the same time, all intellectual resources should be employed to clarify misconceptions and cultural misinterpretations of Islam especially in the context of gender and ensure that women have access to personal, social, economic and political empowerment within the ambit of indigenous models made available to them.

Many young men and women

of an islam which is gender-just, we wouldn't have found so many disillusioned by it.

We need to empower our models of femininity and make them available to Kashmiri women to choose from — and this model should exemplify gender equality at its best. As muslims, we should be confident about gender-just spirit of islam and take it to be our duty to make it accessible to women. It is easy to shame women from mosque pulpits and we've done it a lot. Now is the time to make women feel accepted, safe and respected.

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## Life in Pollution

**M**any studies are published every year giving climate change warnings. It seems every other day that the governments will finally take some practical steps in this direction but the reality is that the data of these studies like other information only floats in our mind for a while and then disappears. It so happens that air pollution is not the only reason behind the decrease in our life expectancy. Noise pollution is also

causing many health related problems. Concerns are raised from time to time about increasing pollution in air, water, soil, everywhere. Various research institutes do research on this and publish their results on the basis of them but all in vain.

Research conducted under the Air Quality Life Index of the University of Chicago states that India ranks first in terms of pollution and people's life expectancy is continuously decreasing due to unfavorable

air pollution here. It has been said in this study that if air pollution is controlled, then the life of people can increase by five to six years.

The causes of pollution in our country are not hidden, but the truth is that the governments do not have the power to stop it. Not only in the metros, but now the air pollution in small towns and villages has become much more than the standard level. One of the first major reasons for this is the smoke

emanating from the vehicles.

It has been advised many times that the sale and purchase of vehicles should be controlled. Make public vehicles more accessible and practical. But no government paid attention to it. Addressing the issue urgently and holistically is the need of the hour

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# Thrust of Infobesity Often Overrides the Essence of Life

Information overload is a plague. There's no vaccine, there's no cure. The only thing you have is self-control

Irfan Ashraf

**When we see some half-baked blog posts we don't even consider reading, we just skip to the next thing. But when we see something truly interesting — maybe even epic — we want to consume it. We even feel like we have to consume it. And that's the real problem**

It is when we type a word with minimum number of alphabet on a search engine like Google, Bing, Yandex and many more, in a flash, an enormous amount of relevant and near relevant data strikes our eyes, leaving us demented. We often, at times, find ourselves in a dilemma of what to select and what to drop. This heap of information outweighs the processing potential of homo sapiens.

This information overload is one of the silent problems in this epoch of science and technology, where we now have 5 and 6 in front of 'G' leading to 5G and 6G giving a jab to AI (artificial intelligence), machine learning and deep learning.

The Internet is sharing an opulent amount of information in different forms. Social media giants like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest etc remain at the top and still counting. We consume much more information every hour and every minute than what our brain actually can process. This has led to serious anxiety issues and complicated decision making processes. If we type an Alphabet 'A' in the search bar of Google, we have thousands of results in front of us leading to never ending many more thousands of websites and links. These numbers are directly proportional to the number of alphabets we add in the search bar.

Rapid rise of apps and unlimited wireless access has led to oversharing of information and there is no proper mechanism to filter out the paramount information and dump the rest.

The ongoing pandemic has made our outings restricted and we prefer to spend more time on our phones and laptops (work from home) and thus getting exposed to newer information every other second. The more we access information the more confused we seem to get. Because everything cannot add value to our work and thus we need to narrow down and give weightage to important information.

Undoubtedly, information has brought us closer and made this planet a global village but our concentration levels, our memory retention power, fake news are substantially increasing giving rise to Viruses, malwares like Pegasus and distractions. Life is Unbelievably simple, we get up in the morning, we wash ourselves, we then go to work and then come back in the evening, spend time with friends, family and go to bed. This routine looks like sprinkles on the top of the cake.

Do I need information for any of these tasks? The answer is No.

As I was writing this article, it was sine qua non to get some statistics from various sources to make the flow coherent. Assume that if we are producing more food than required, we will definitely eat more and if no calories were burnt, we will surely become obese, leading to cardiovascular diseases.

New information has been presented every minute to deliver the fast-changing statistics on COVID-19, daily briefings by governments, and experts' commentaries. It is not an overstatement that information about COVID-19 has dominated all online and offline media since WHO officially announced it as a global pandemic in March 2020.

Providing health information is crucial because it helps people attain proper knowledge and make informed decisions about their health. Particularly, in times of health crises such as COVID-19, people become very attentive to such information and, by doing so, try to reduce uncertainty and negative feelings associated with the previously unknown disease. However, studies have shown that when individuals are overloaded beyond capacity, adverse effects such as information avoidance, confusion in decision making, and lack of compliance like issues may emerge.

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that's the real problem. No matter what topic we're interested in, there are always hundreds of quality blogs publishing entries every single day (or every other day). Not to mention all the forums, message boards, social news sites, and so on. The amount of epic content on the Internet these days is so big that it's virtually impossible for us to digest it all. But we try anyway.

That's when we feel overloaded. If you're not careful, one day you'll find yourself reading the 20th blog post in a row on some nice WordPress tweaking techniques because you feel that for some reason, "you need to know this."

Luckily, you're not on your own. There are some tips you can follow to protect yourself from information overload and, ultimately, fight it. But first, admit that information overload is really bad for you.

#### Why Information Overload Is Bad for You

Information overload stops you from taking action. That's the biggest problem here. When you try to consume more and more information every day, you start to notice that even though you've been reading tons of articles, watching tons of videos and listening to tons of podcasts, the stream of incoming information seems to be infinite.

#### How to Stop Information Overload (And Start to Achieve More)

So how to recognize the portion of information that you really need? Start with setting goals.

##### 1. Set Your Goals

If you don't have your goals put in place, you'll be just running around grabbing every possible advice and thinking that it's "just what you've been looking for."

Setting goals is a much more profound task than just a way to get rid of information overload. Now by "goals" I don't mean things like "get rich, have kids, and live a good life". I mean something much more within your immediate grasp. Something that can be achieved in the near future — like within a month (or a year) at most.

##### 2. Know What to Skip When Facing New Information

Once you have your goals, plans, strategies and tasks, you can use them to decide what information is really crucial.

First of all, if the information you're about to read has nothing to do with your current goals and plans, then skip it. You don't need it.

##### 3. Be Aware of the Minimal Effective Dose

There's a thing called the MED — Minimal Effective Dose. Everybody knows that every pill has a MED, and after that specific dose, no other positive effects occur, only some negative side effects if you overdose big.

Consuming information is somewhat similar. You need just a precise amount of it to help you to achieve your goals and put your plans into life. Everything more than that amount won't improve your results any further.

We need to focus on what we expose our mind to throughout the day to find out nutritional information to nurture our mind. We all are obsessed of some celebrities we follow. Ask yourself do we get anything important by this and if answer is not then get rid of that extra garbage and seek out good content and look for things that need curiosity and research. Be very deliberate how to use technology. I believe less is always more in this burdensome era of information.

We need to establish a new social etiquette around us. We need to consciously get out of our house and start training our mind to be more attentive and filter information ruthlessly and expose ourselves to nature by walking in the mornings and evenings to hit the restore button.

Shift from rote learning and facts memorising. Children must be taught how to use hills of facts and use them intelligently and creatively in order to solve world problems and try to figure out Do I really need information and if so where am I going to get that? Information overload is a plague. There's no vaccine, there's no cure. The only thing you have is self-control. Information is both bane and boon, it is us who need to refine worthwhile from sisyphian.

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A few weeks ago, I like many others, witnessed the phenomena of rise of suicide case in Kashmir. It immediately got me thinking about the possible reasons behind it. Of course, it wasn't too tough to measure the triggers like covid-19 stress, drug abuse, unemployment and mental health issues. I was also at peace knowing many government bodies as well as NGOs had taken up this issue. Infact, many media houses had immediately taken up measures to interview mental health professionals to raise awareness around suicide.

As a techie, I feel another aspect needs to be evaluated. It is the increasing trend of video call, phone call and SMS scammers, social media cloning and other digital scams. This is a very difficult situation as many young people are susceptible to falling for these and then being blackmailed into paying money they do not have. The kind of content that may be compromised can also be such that it may discourage the victim from reporting to police. Professionals, especially businessmen can also be blackmailed similarly. What way can they find out of it, in case they can't

## The Digital Dimension of Suicides

Khalid Mustafa



**Too often, the data that is compromised can be too personal. This may deter people from reporting the crime to authorities and may even isolate them further as they wouldn't be in a position to share it with their family and friends as well. This is especially the case with young people who too often end up in trouble**

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position to share it with their family and friends as well. This is especially the case with young people who too often end up in trouble.

Previously too, I have highlighted the menace and dangers of cybercrimes. The lead role to curb its negative repercussions can only be mitigated by the police along with the support of the family.

The purpose of highlighting this issue is not to scare people off of the internet. But as it has become such an integral part of our lives, we need to be more vigilant and responsible about its use.

All stakeholders need to come onboard; family, authorities and civil society. The triggers for suicide need to be assessed in a holistic manner. This includes a focus on cybercrimes. As a community, we need to stay in touch for real. More and more isolation is only going to push us into a digital hole of vulnerabilities.

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# CCS Clears Procurement Of 56 Transport Aircraft For IAF

**NEW DELHI:** In a major decision, the Cabinet Committee on Security on Wednesday approved the procurement of 56 C-295 medium transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force to replace its ageing Avro planes which were first inducted around 60 years ago.

Sixteen aircraft will be delivered in a flyaway condition by the Airbus Defence and Space of Spain within 48 months of signing the contract while the remaining 40 planes will be manufactured in India, according to the defence ministry.

The cost of the procurement is expected to be in the range of Rs 18,000 to Rs 20,000 crore, people familiar with the project said.

The 40 planes will be manufactured in India by a consortium of the Airbus Defence

and Space and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) within 10 years of signing the contract.

"Today, Cabinet Committee on Security approved the procurement of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft from M/s Airbus Defence and Space SA, Spain for the Indian Air Force," the defence ministry said in a statement about the decision by the prime minister-led committee.

The C-295MW aircraft is a transport plane of 5-10 tonne capacity.

"Sixteen aircraft will be delivered in flyaway condition from Spain within 48 months of the signing of the contract and forty aircraft will be manufactured in India by TATA consortium within 10 years of the signing of the contract," the ministry said.

"This is the first project of its kind in which a military aircraft

will be manufactured in India by a private company. All 56 aircraft will be installed with indigenous electronic warfare suite," it said.

The in-principle approval for the Avro replacement programme was accorded around nine years ago.

"All 56 aircraft will be installed with indigenous electronic warfare suite. The project will give a boost to the aerospace ecosystem in India where in several MSMEs spread over the country will be involved in manufacturing of parts of the aircraft," the ministry said.

A large number of detail parts, sub-assemblies and major component assemblies of aero structure are scheduled to be manufactured in India.

"The programme will act as a catalyst in employment generation in the aerospace ecosystem of the

country and is expected to generate 600 highly skilled jobs directly, over 3000 indirect jobs and an additional 3000 medium skill employment opportunities with more than 42.5 lakh man-hours of work within the aerospace and defence sector of India," the ministry said.

"During the process of manufacturing in India, it is expected that all the suppliers of TATA Consortium who will be involved in special processes will gain and maintain globally recognized National Aerospace and Defence Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP) accreditation," it said.

The ministry said the programme will provide a major boost to the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' (self-reliant India initiative) as it offers a unique opportunity for the Indian private

sector to enter into technology-intensive and highly competitive aviation industry.

"The project will augment domestic aviation manufacturing resulting in reduced import dependence and expected increase in exports," it said.

The ministry said before completion of the deliveries, a servicing facility for C-295MW aircraft is scheduled to be set up in India.

"It is expected that this facility will act as a regional MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) hub for various variants of C-295 aircraft," it said.

"In addition, the OEM (original equipment maker) will also discharge its offset obligations through direct purchase of eligible products and services from Indian offset partners giving a further boost to the economy," it added.

## Waze Paid Rs 50,000 Per Month To Me, Named Me Director Of Firm: Woman Escort In Statement To NIA

**MUMBAI:** A woman escort has told the NIA that former police officer Sachin Waze, an accused in the Antilia bomb scare and Mansukh Hiran murder case, was one of her clients and started paying Rs 50,000 to her per month from August last year.

The woman also told the National Investigation Agency (NIA) that she was not aware of the source of Rs 1.25 crore that was credited to the current account of a firm, of which she was made a director by Waze.

Her statement is part of the charge-sheet filed by the NIA last week in the case pertaining to planting of an explosives-laden SUV near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence in February this year and the subsequent murder of Mansukh Hiran, who had said that the vehicle was stolen from his possession. Hiran's body was found in a creek in Thane in the first week of March.

In her statement, the woman

said she met Waze for the first time in 2011. The statement said that after Waze was reinstated in the police force in June 2020, he asked her to stop working as an escort as he would be getting a decent income.

"Accordingly, I stopped that work and Sachin started paying me Rs 50,000 every month from August 2020 towards my monthly expenses," the statement said.

The woman said that Waze advised her to open two proprietary firms for regular income.

She told the probe agency that apart from the amount (Rs 50,000), he had never given her any cash. But for business purposes, he used to transfer amounts either to her savings accounts or to the current account of two firms.

On a query related to the CCTV footage of a five-star hotel in Mumbai, the woman said that Waze had given notes of Rs 40 lakh and Rs 36 lakh to her for counting and sorting between February 18 and 19.

## CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

### J&K Was Deprived

Referring to the author's reflection on the long industrial holiday in Jammu and Kashmir, the LG, as per official spokesperson said that the Industrial Holiday is over now and Jammu Kashmir is open for business.

"Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Home Minister, the new industrial development scheme is attracting huge investments in J&K and in the last two months, proposals for investment of Rs 25,000 crore have been received from well-known industries of the country," Sinha said.

"And, we are hopeful that by March next year, the figure will reach Rs 50,000 crore, providing employment opportunities to at least 10 lakh youth. Apart from this, for the first time, private industrial estate has been started in Jammu and Kashmir with the approval of the government," he added.

The LG, as per the official spokesperson said that his administration was also making resolute efforts to defeat the "nefarious conspiracy of the neighboring country by engaging our young population in constructive activities".

"The Government has launched a slew of schemes for the sustainable livelihood of youth," the LG said.

The author has talked about that hope in his book - "We shall retrace our steps from the brink and the birds will return home to roost". I must say that "The Birds will certainly return home", he added.

According to the official spokesperson, Sinha congratulated the author and termed the book as a must read for the scholars on Kashmir.

He said that the Chairman, IGCA Trust shared personal anecdotes about the author while informing the audience about the story behind the book and his zeal to bring out this publication while battling Covid at a hospital.

The author, he said, described the book as his personal engagement with Kashmir, its unknown histories, issues and the optimism to rebuild the paradise.

### India, Pak

discussed and celebrated in conferences, but needs to be actively built into global relationships between and among member states," First Secretary in India's Permanent Mission to the UN Vidisha Maitra said in the UN General Assembly Tuesday during the high-level forum on the Culture of Peace "Transformative role of the Culture of Peace: Promoting Resilience and Inclusion in Post-COVID Recovery".

"We have witnessed yet another attempt today by the delegation of Pakistan to exploit a UN platform for hate speech against India, even as it continues to foment a 'culture of violence' at home and across its borders. We dismiss and condemn all such efforts," she said.

India's strong response came after Islamabad's envoy to the UN Munir Akram raked up the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and spoke about the late pro-Pakistan leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani in his remarks in the General Assembly hall that focussed almost entirely on India and not on the forum's theme.

Maitra said there can be no doubt that terrorism, which is a manifestation of intolerance and violence, is the antithesis of all religions and cultures. "The world should be concerned by terrorists who use religion to justify these acts and those who support them in this quest," she said.

Underlining that India will continue to spread the message of humanity, democracy and non-violence, she said India reiterates its call for the application of the principles of objectivity, non-selectivity and impartiality to form the basis of discussions in the United Nations especially on the issue of religion.

"The United Nations including UN Alliance of Civilizations and Member States should refrain from selectivity on such issues which hinders a Culture of Peace," she said.

While noting that the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the interconnectedness and interdependence of humankind like never before, she said even during the pandemic, "we have witnessed an upsurge in intolerance, violence, and terrorism."

"Even in the midst of the pandemic, we face the 'infodemic' challenge which has been responsible for a rise in hate speech and in seeding hatred within communities," she said.

Last year in June, India along with 12 countries had co-sponsored the Cross-Regional Statement on "Infodemic" in the Context of COVID-19 a first of its kind statement by UN Member States.

Maitra told the high-level forum that the principles of democracy, pluralism, compassion, cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding form the basis of the Culture of Peace.

"India is called a country of 'unity in diversity'. Our concept of pluralism is based on our ancient ethos of 'Sarva Dharma Sambhav' which means 'equal respect for all faiths'," she said, as she referred to the 1893 speech by India's great philosopher Swami Vivekananda at the Parliament of World Religions in Chicago where he had impressed upon India's civilisational ethos of accepting the greatness of all religions.

"India is not just the birthplace of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism, but is also the land where the teachings of Islam, Judaism, Christianity and Zoroastrianism have taken strong root," she said.

"Culture of Peace is the cornerstone of any global order to build inclusive and tolerant societies. Since the adoption of the UN Declaration and Programme of Action in 1999 at Bangladesh's behest, the Culture of Peace agenda has provided an effective blueprint for multilateral action to promote solidarity and understanding," she said.

### DGP Calls

a meeting here on Wednesday, a police spokesperson said.

In the keynote address, he said, the OSCC chairman expressed his happiness about the organization of the meeting and said the meeting could not be held during past two years because of COVID-19.

"He complimented the officers of police & security forces and to the officers/personnel of IOC for having excellent coordination which is pivotal to securing the assets of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and its operations," he said.

The police spokesperson said that the DGP reviewed the security being provided to the oil and Gas infrastructure in J&K at different locations. Singh, he said, also impressed upon the officers to use technology for by upgrading the CCTV systems.

"He also asked for regular coordination and meetings between Police, IOC and district administration. He said that regular interactions and exchange of idea of civil/police officers and managers of Oil Industry in J&K would help in taking prompt action wherever and whenever required," he said.

"The DGP informed that during any law and order situation police and district administration makes special arrangements for the operation and distribution of petroleum products and LPG to the consumers," he added.

According to the police spokesperson, the DGP impressed for strengthening the access control and upgrading the instruments being used for checking of vehicles and people moving into the IOCs installations. Singh, he said, also passed directions to the concerned stakeholders to prepare contingency plans in case of any emergency or to meet any challenge.

"He also directed for having a system with regard to the cyber security. He said that more and more use of technology for securing the installations can multiple the security of systems," he said.

The police spokesperson further said that Rajan Kumar Mohapatra, director-HR, IOC Ltd thanked officers of J&K police, civil administration and central forces for extending support in the challenging conditions, which has enabled Oil industry in maintaining smooth operation of supply petroleum products in the region.

The meeting, he said, was also attended by IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, DIG BSF Srinagar, M.A Joyee, Convener OSCC J&K, Sujoy Chowdhary ED & SH Punjab State office India Oil Corporation, Nodal officer J&K, Nissar Ahmad Joint Director Geology & Mines and other officers.

### Govt Forms

maintenance of Architecture & Heritage in J&K" created by the Department of Culture.

They are also tasked with to prioritize and propose steps for protection, longevity of identified sacred and heritage structures and suggest steps for restoration, wherever any damage has occurred, and also formulate and finalize appropriate action plans for this purpose and for the approval of Executive Committee.

They are also charged to restore to original position, the designated heritage/ sacred structure or place, adhering to same building material and workmanship, as per the approved action plan.

They have been also tasked with to upgrade the infrastructure at these places of worship

and heritage monuments and develop the land appurtenant to the sites and their surroundings, in consultation with stakeholders, as per the approved action plan. Lastly, the committees are to monitor and supervise the execution and restoration works in close consultation with management of trust of religious place/ heritage monuments, wherever in place besides report the progress to the Executive Committee on quarterly basis.

### SIDCO, SICOP Merger

The members of the committee include Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department and principal secretaries of Housing and Urban Development Department, Industries and Commerce Department besides Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

### NC Will Contest

they have to nurture the country. I hope that they (will) do justice with all," Abdullah said. "They should seek friendly relations with all countries," he said.

### MPs Panel Satisfied

ground truth at all forums," he added. The MPs were received by Lt Gen DP Pandey, GOC Chinार Corps.

Musavi said that panel chairman PP Chaudhary laid a wreath, while the other members, offered floral tributes at the Chinार War Memorial and paid rich tributes to the fallen heroes, who have made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

### Search Begins

age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. However, this will not have any effect on the retirement age of other faculty members or staff of the Institute," reads the notification.

"A candidate shall be eligible if he possess a high postgraduate qualification in Medicine or Surgery or Public Health and their branches as specified by Medical Council of India (now National Medical Commission) for Teachers in Medical Institutions in its various schedules; teaching and research experience of not less than ten years; experience of not less than 25 years in the profession; and extensive practical and administrative experience in the field of medical research, medical education, medical relief or public health organization and experience of running an important scientific medical education institution as its Head or Head of Department," it adds.

As per the notification, the Governing body of Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), shall be the appointing authority for the post of Director.

Recommendations made by a Government Department or any University or any other recognized autonomous or Statutory Institution shall also be treated as applications.

"Applications and recommendations shall contain the details of the candidates as specified in the advertisement, the Selection Committee shall, after receiving applications/recommendations, examine the bio-data and other record of the candidates that may be available and assess each case on the basis of academic qualification; Teaching experience; research experience and Practical and administrative experience," the notification reads further.

It states that after assessing the candidate on the basis of aforesaid criteria, the Selection Committee may call such candidate as it may deem necessary, for a personal interaction to make further assessment of the candidate and the Selection Committee shall, after completing the process of assessment, prepare a panel of three candidates in order of merit which will be placed before the Governing body for making Selection for the post of Director.

"Applications duly completed in all respects and accompanied with the documentary evidence, as per the prescribed proforma, shall be uploaded online on www.skims.ac.in by or before 07-10-2021," the notification reads.

Meanwhile, sources said that the Dean Medical Faculty SKIMS, Dr Omar Javid Shah and Dr Salim Wani from Department of Urology were the front runners for the top post.

Pertinently, Dr A G Ahangar whose term was extended for a period of six months in June had joined as director in July 2016, however, he was removed in January 2018 but he got the top position again in September 2019 after court directions.

Ahangar was supposed to retire in June this year, however, he was given an extension for a period of six months.

Notably, several doctors and HOD's had written to government seeking immediate advertise of the post of the director after reports

were pouring in that Ahangar might get extension, however, in the same period around 46 doctors had demanded continuation in favour of Ahangar citing Covid-19 situation--(KNO)

### Police Carries

release, the journalists told their colleagues that they have been asked to report at the police station on Thursday again.

While police is tight-lipped about the searches, it is believed that the raids were part of investigation into a blog post that instigates people against the country and also seeks to malign the image of nationalists in Kashmir, official sources said.

### Distressed Youth

across J&K in which around 60000 youth have registered. These clubs will help channelize the energies of the youth through sports activities, counseling sessions, and linkages with gainful employment.

"Mission youth has also finalized training curricula under various skill development initiatives, and will start training the candidates from next week," he said, adding "The Mission aims to train 8,044 candidates aimed at enhancing their skill and employability as per the market requirements with a special focus on soft skills."

The official spokesperson further said that Mission Youth also plans to hold 5 mega-cultural exchange programmes to provide exposure visits to 1,000 identified youth in collaboration with various universities and educational institutions.

"To cater to the socio-psychological stress prevalent amongst the distressed youth and victims of cross border shelling and insurgency, socio-psychological counseling, career planning and employment-related financial assistance is planned under Sahayat Scheme in a timely manner," he added.

The Chief Secretary, he said, directed the CEO Mission to take youth of the UT on exposure visits to different places in the country to help them appreciate and imbibe the syncretic traditions of the country.

"He also directed linking 50,000 youth with gainful employment as per the defined targets during the current financial year," the official spokesperson said, adding "The Chief Secretary also reviewed schemes like AVSAR, Rise Together, Tourist Village Network, and Parvaaz under Mission Youth."

### Kansal Directs

division while laying special emphasis on progress of revenue realization, AT&C losses, outages and status of various development works under centrally sponsored schemes and other programmes.

With respect to revenue realization, the official spokesperson said that Principal Secretary exhorted the officers to conduct rigorous inspections, impose strict penalties and disconnect power supply to those at fault.

"He emphasized that the gap between cost of power purchased and revenue realized was becoming unsustainable and that the DISCOMS needed to make the best efforts to meet the targets set for revenue realization this year. He added that wilful defaulters in all segments- industrial, commercial or domestic need to be strictly proceeded against," he said.

"The Principal Secretary directed that pending dues of corporate consumers, large business establishments, government and private offices and all other defaulting organizations be looked into and outstandings realized," he added.

The official spokesperson said that the meeting was informed that 100% metering of feeders in J&K has now been achieved and nearly half of the meters installed are also capable of automatic communication with the National Power Portal.

Kansal, he said, Secretary directed that all feeder meters be checked, a regular database of energy supplied, losses and outages be maintained and fed in the department's on-line portal e-support.

"He also announced that a cash incentive would be given to all feeder managers and supervisory engineers upon achievement of pre agreed targets. He also warned that there still existed feeders with losses over 80% and continued losses of this kind would invite strict action," he said.

"Special mention of crude heaters and boilers was also made by the Principal Secretary who said that their use has been banned by law and strict action be taken on their sale and use," he added.

On the installation of Smart Meters in Jammu city, the official spokesperson said that Kansal was informed that 1 lakh such

meters each are being installed in Jammu and Srinagar cities currently, while another 3 lakh Smart Meters, for Jammu and Srinagar cities each, are in the pipeline to be installed shortly.

"The Superintending Engineers were directed to identify priority areas for installation of such meters and were also told to include government offices and establishments in the priority list," he said.

According to the official spokesperson, the Principal Secretary also took stock of winter preparations by the department and discussed availability of essential equipment and material including poles, wires and conductors.

"The Executive Engineers of "winter districts" were directed to mobilise their workshops, speed up repairs and stock up of material and machinery to avoid any power shortages in winter. Winter districts, which include Kishtwar, Doda, Poonch and others, were also assured of availability of buffer stock and material from central stores," he said.

He further said that the Principal Secretary also reviewed the status of other issues like bidding, tendering and evaluation works of various projects, circle-wise Distribution Transformer UID Punching status, app-based meter reading, availability of key material available at Electric Central Store Division Jammu and progress in completion of Centrally Sponsored projects among other issues.

"He specially emphasized the need to complete all CAPEX and CSS works well within the sunset period. He also emphasized the need for submitting fresh proposals well in time to the Union government to ensure timely release of funds," the official spokesperson added.

The meeting was attended by Chairman JPDCI, Jagmohan Sharma, Managing Director JPDCI Gurmeet Singh, Managing Director JPDCI Naseeb Singh, Chief Engineers, Director General Planning, Director Finance, Superintending and Executive Engineers and other senior officers.

### J&K Reports

on Wednesday while the remaining 21 were detected from Jammu division thus taking the overall number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 326310.

Giving district-wise details, the officials said that Srinagar reported 75 cases, Baramulla 31, Budgam 7, Pulwama 2, Kupwara 2, Anantnag 2, Bandipora 4, Ganderbal 2, Kulgam 5, Jammu 4, Rajouri 6, Kishtwar 1 and Poonch, Ramban and Reasi 2 each new cases of Covid-19. No new case of coronavirus was reported from Shopian, Doda, Kathua, Samba and Udhampur districts.

Also, the officials said, 163 more Covid patients have recovered--20 from Jammu division and 143 from the Valley.

Meanwhile, the deadly infection claimed life of another person in Kashmir Valley on Wednesday raising the overall death toll due to pandemic in J&K to 4411--2166 in Jammu and 2245 in Kashmir.

"No new case of mucormycosis has been reported today, thus the total number of confirmed cases remains 45 in J&K," the officials said.

### WHO Chief Urges

also said Wednesday he was appalled at comments by a leading association of pharmaceutical manufacturers who said vaccine supplies are high enough to allow for both booster shots and vaccinations in countries in dire need of jobs but facing shortages.

I will not stay silent when companies and countries that control the global supply of vaccines think the world's poor should be satisfied with leftovers, he told a news conference.

Tedros had previously called for a moratorium on booster shots through the end of September, but the United States and other countries have begun or are considering plans to offer them to their vulnerable people.

### Rahul Gandhi To

The former Congress chief will address a workers' convention at Jammu on Friday and will meet separate delegations of local leaders during a luncheon meeting, they said.

He will return to Delhi late in the evening, the sources said.

### Man Injured

However, the doctors there referred him to District Hospital for advanced treatment.

Meanwhile, a team of the wildlife department rushed to the spot to trace the wild bear.



## Dulloo Appointed Inquiry Officer In Construction Of Flats For Kashmiri Migrants

**Agenceis**  
**SRINAGAR:** The government on Tuesday appointed additional chief secretary AtalDulloo as the enquiry officer into the change in scope of construction work of flats from 1 BHK to 2 BHK for transit accommodation of Kashmiri migrants.

appointed "as Inquiry officer to enquire into the change in scope of construction work of flats from 1 BHK to 2 BHK for transit accommodation of Kashmiri Migrants at Vessu, District Kulgam and Sheikhpora, District Budgam."  
"The Director Finance, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction shall be the presenting officer," the order reads.  
The order reads that the enquiry officer shall complete the report at earliest

## Budgam Youth Sets Guinness World Record

**Agencies**  
**SRINAGAR:** A 22-year-old youth from Budgam district pedalled from Kashmir to Kanyakumari in just eight days, covering a distance of atleast 3,600 kilometres created a Guinness Book of World Record for the fastest Kashmir to Kanyakumari journey on cycle.  
AdilTeli, a resident NarbalBudgam district, completed the distance on cycle in just eight days. He told Kashmir News service (KNS) that he has started his journey from the LalChowk and reached Kanya-

kumari just in eight days.  
"It is not an easy task because cycling for more than 3600 km on NH44 which is the longest national highway in the country is not easy," said Adil.  
Adil said that the day my journey was flagged off, it was raining all day in Srinagar. I would thank the administration of the union territory that the new tunnel joining Kazikund to Banihal was specially opened for me. Srinagar-Jammu highway became very risky because of frequent landslides due to bad weather. I faced many difficulties but I was determined to break the record," he concluded

## Tourism Dept Lines Up Activities To Attract Tourists

**Press Trust of India**

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Tourism department has lined up various activities, including promoting destination festivals and organising dedicated trekking-expeditions, to attract tourists to the union territory.  
This was said at a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary A K Mehta held to review various activities being undertaken by the Tourism department.  
Administrative Secretary, Tourism department along with MD, JKTD, and concerned officers of the department participated in the meeting chaired by Mehta, an official spokesperson said.  
"The Tourism department is planning to organise various events to attract local and foreign tourists to the Union territory," the spokesperson said.  
Recently, several roadshows have been organised across major cities of the country to promote tourism-related events, activities, and destinations in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was informed that as part of AzadiKaAmrit-Mahotsav, the department will organise an iconic week celebration in the last week of October this year, which will include performances on Hafiz Nagma, Kalam-e-Khusroo, Kalam-e-Baba Fareed, Qawwali, Baul Sufi folk, Darrvish Sufi dance, and HaziriKathak, besides literary seminar on Sufism and exhibition of local arts, calligraphy, and Sufi traditions.  
The department will also promote destination-festivals like Sonamarg Autumn Festival, Pahalgam Winter Festival, Khadiyar Cultural Festival, Gulmarg Snow Festival, Basholi Art Festival, Mata VaishnodeviSangeetSamelan, Kishtwar Saffron Plucking Festival, and SuchetgarhSeemaDarshan.  
Similarly, Autumn and Houseboat festivals; Saffron Festival; Christmas and New Year festivals; and Winter Carnival will be organised to promote Kashmir-based destinations.  
To promote rural tourism, it was informed that specific activities will be organised along

the identified rural circuits across Jammu and Kashmir, including Hokersar-Parihaspora-Gohan in Gulmarg, Waderbala, NowgamMawar-Lolab in Kupwara, Chari-Sharief-Doodhpathri-Yousmarg in Budgam and SaderkootPayeen- Watlab in Bandipora.  
The chief secretary asked the Tourism department to promote 75 new tourist places by developing comprehensive facilities in an integrated manner having adequate provisions of recreational activities, eateries, and restrooms.  
The department was asked to organise a three-month tourism festival from November to January around the new tourist places.  
Mehta also directed the department to preserve, restore, and promote the cultural and architectural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.  
He advised the department to raise awareness about these places by organising dedicated travel, trekking-expeditions, mountain bike adventures and stays around the identified sites.

## NC Slams 'False Attribution' To Taliban Remarks

**SRINAGAR:** The National Conference (NC) on Wednesday hit out at a section of media for "falsely attributing" comments regarding Taliban to its party president Farooq Abdullah who had expressed hope that the new regime in Afghanistan would respect human rights and seek friendly relations with all countries.

with mala fide intention".  
Abdullah, during a brief interaction with media after paying respects at party's founder and his father Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's mausoleum at Naseem Bagh here on his 39th death anniversary, was asked a question regarding the Afghanistan situation and its impact on Jammu and Kashmir.

Taking a dig at some news channels, the NC on Twitter deplored the "twisting" of words and misrepresentation of events to manufacture stories with mala fide intention.

"Look Afghanistan is a different country and those who have come in power there have to take the responsibility of running the country. I hope that they will do justice to everyone and run a good government keeping in mind human rights and teachings of Islam."

Some news channels had claimed that Abdullah had backed the Taliban government in Afghanistan, prompting the party to hit back, saying, "Backs? How? Falsely attributing things to Dr Farooq Abdullah that he never said is deplorable."

"At the same time, I would also like them to seek friendly relations with all countries," Abdullah said.  
Senior party leaders wondered about the motive behind the malicious attempt by a section of the media, especially electronic media

"Twisting words and misrepresenting the intended meaning only exposes the so called 'channels' that manufacture stories

**LOOK AFGHANISTAN IS A DIFFERENT country and those who have come in power there have to take the responsibility of running the country. I hope that they will do justice to everyone and run a good government keeping in mind human rights and teachings of Islam.**

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT)**  
PHE GROUND WATER DIVISION SRINAGAR.  
Baghi-Ali- Mardan Nowshera Srinagar.

**EXTENSION NOTICE**

In view of "No Response" for following tenders  
1. Construction of Gravel Packed/ODEX Type Production Tube Well for WSS Achan Pulwama. /e-NIT No -PHE/GWDS 36 of 08/2021 Dated -08-20  
2. Construction Of 125mm Dia Machine Drilled Hand Pump Well in Schools AND in Health Centre of District Baramulla./e-N.I.T. No- PHE/GWDS/ 35 of 08/2021  
which were scheduled to be downloaded till 08-09-2021 (upto 03.00 p.m) are hereby Extended as per the details given below.

| S.No | Item                             | Fresh Date                  |
|------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|      | Last date of Downloading of bids | 10/09/2021 (upto 10:00 A.M) |
|      | Last date of Submission of bids  | 10/09/2021 (upto 10:00 A.M) |
|      | Date of opening of tenders       | 11/09/2021 ( 10:00 A.M)     |

Note:-  
All other term and conditions shall remain same as laid down in Master NIT issued vide above referred endstt. No's.

No: PHE/GWD Dated  
Executive Engineer (JAL SHAKTI Department) PHE Ground Water Div. Sgr.  
DIPK-8058/21

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**ESTATES DIVISION SRINAGAR**  
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CANCEL LATION

The work namely "Annual Maintenance contract for Commissioning of existing EPABX System at Office Chambers of Hon'ble LG. Chief Secretary, Advisors at Civil Secretariat Srinagar (48 Lines), Official Residence of Chief Secretary at VIP-6 (24 Lines) and Grievance Cell at Church Lane Sonwar including inter-connected Gupkar Panel (24 Lines) Srinagar Kashmir for the calendar year 2021-22 for the One Year from the Date of Start." was advertised vide this office NIT No. 88/E-tender/Estates/2021-22 of 08/2021 and issued vide this office No. E-Tender/NIT/EDS/3715-25/2021-22/T-1, Dated: - 31-08-2021 is hereby cancelled.

No: - 3765-75/EDS/2021-22/T-1  
Dated:-07-09-2021

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Estates Division Sgr.  
DIPK-8087/21

Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
**J&K Services Selection Board**  
Hema Complex, Sector-03, Channi Himmat, Jammu  
(www.jkssb.nic.in)  
**NOTICE**

Subject: Extension in last date of filling of Online Application Form for UT/Divisional/District Cadre Posts of various categories in Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department issued vide Notification No. 04 of 2021 dated 17-07-2021.

Whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB) vide Advertisement Notice No. 04 of 2021 dated 17-07-2021 invited online applications from eligible candidates for participating in the selection process for UT/Divisional/District Cadre Posts of various categories in Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department; and  
Whereas, the online portal for receipt of applications from the eligible candidates has been activated on 04-08-2021 and the last date for filling of online application form is expiring on 06-09-2021; and  
Whereas, the Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board has received number of representations from the candidates for extension in the last date for filling of online application forms; and  
Whereas, the matter has been examined by the Board and it has been decided to extend the last date for submission of online application for various posts advertised vide aforementioned advertisement notification No. 04 of 2021 dated 17-07-2021.

Now, therefore, in the light of above, the last date for submission of online applications for various posts advertised vide Advertisement Notice No. 04 of 2021 dated 17-07-2021 in respect of Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department shall now be 17-09-2021 instead of 06-09-2021. This is the last /final extension for filling of online application forms and thereafter no more requests in this regard shall be entertained.  
By Order.  
(Sachin Jamwal) KAS, Secretary J&K Services Selection Board

No. SSB/Secy/Advt./2021/5967-83  
Dated: 06-09-2021  
DIPK-7977/21

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOURISM**  
**(M&W) KASHMIR, SRINAGAR**  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
e-NIT No. DT/M and W/K/ 29 of 2021-22, Dated 07.09.2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited by Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Kashmir on (Aggregate Percentage Basis) from approved and eligible Civil Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Govt. for the following works:-

| S. No | Name of Work  | Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Cost of T/Doc | Time of Completion | Class of Contract | Major Head of Account |
|-------|---|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1     | 2   | 3                       | 4             | 5                  | 6                 | 7                     |
| 1     | Construction of Mausoleum of Sheikh Mahdi Hassan at New Khanda, B.K. pora Budgam.   | 8.70                    | 600           | 45-days            | CEE/DEE           | PLAN                  |
| 2     | Repairs / Renovation of Staff quarter at Pahalgam.  | 5.78                    | 300           | 40-days            | CEE/DEE           | PLAN                  |
| 3     | Providing and fixing of roofing to Immam Bara Qadeem Bhat Mohalla at Hakermola, Budgam. (Part-II)                                     | 4.12                    | 200           | 30-days            | DEE               | PLAN                  |
| 4     | Construction of 2x26 feet space steel grader foot bridge as approach road to Ziyarat Sharief Hazratbal at Khirram Bijbehara Anantnag. | 32.02                   | 1100          | 60-days            | AA/ BEE           | PLAN                  |

Position of AAA/TS: Accorded  
Position of Funds: Committed

**Special conditions:-**  
I. The intending tenderers must have sufficient skilled /unskilled labour force.  
II. All Bidders have to upload Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)  
III. Intending bidders shall upload scanned copies of documents of valid Registration card / PAN / GST registration and Treasury Receipt (1452-TSM Revenue Head). However successful bidder shall produce the original copies of same within 3 days after opening of tenders.  
IV. The successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of Adv. cost as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 03 days after opening of tenders and same shall be released after successful completion of work / DLP.  
V. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.  
The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

|    |  |   |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | Date of Issue of Tender Notice             | 07/09/2021  |
| 2. | Period of downloading of bidding documents | 07/09/2021 3.00 P.M to 17/09/2021,04.00 P.M                           |
| 3. | Bid submission Start Date                  | 07/09/2021 From 3.00 P.M.   |
| 4. | Bid Submission End Date                    | 17/09/2021 4.00 P.M   |
| 5. | Date & time of opening of Bids(Online)     | 18/09/2021 at 11.00 A.M<br>in the office of Dy. Director Tourism, M&W |

**General Conditions:**  
1. The bidders will provide email ID and complete postal address including cell numbers.  
2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Website in o/o Dy. Director Tourism, (M&W) Kashmir, Srinagar (Tender Receiving Authority).  
3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of Bids  
4. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-  
a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.  
b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.  
c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 7 days after fixation of contract.  
5. Bidders are advised to visit and examine the site / location of work, its surroundings and familiarize himself with existing facilities / difficulties and environment and collect all other information which he may require for preparing and submitting the bid entering into the contract. Claims and objections due to ignorance of existing conditions are in-adequacy of information will not be considered after submission of the bid and during execution of work.  
6. Bidders are advised to examine the departmental store before quoting the rates and ensure the condition of material available to be fixed and erected at work site any defect or damages in the material shall be rectified by the successful contractor at his own risk & cost.  
7. **Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**  
7.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.  
7.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.  
7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.  
7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.  
7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid.

**45. Schedule of payments:**  
The payment schedule shall be fixed as per standard norms in accordance with specification, terms and conditions of award of contract accordingly the claim shall be prepared and processed further for technical check. Payment shall only be released as & when funds are available with DDO.  
46. The tenderer should study all the terms and conditions of e-NIT in carefully and fill up the tender accordingly.

DIPK-8036/21  
NIT No: DT/M&W/K/ 29/141-45/TD,  
Dated: 07/09/2021

Sd/-  
Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Srinagar

**Office of the Executive Engineer, Electric Division- 1st, Srinagar.**  
**Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited**  
Email: xen.edlst@gmail.com Tel No. 0194-2452079 Fax No.0194-2452079

**e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE**  
e-NIT No. 046/ EDI, dt: 06-09-2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Electric Division-1<sup>st</sup>, Srinagar invites online e-bids from registered A-Class Contractors/firms for as under:

| S.No | Particulars  | Estimated Cost (In Lacs) |
|------|--|--------------------------|
| 1    | HT/LT Improvement at various locations of Sub Division Sheikhbagh under Capex 2021-22. | 8.18                     |

The complete tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

|       |   |   |
|-------|---|---|
| i)    | Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender Document | 06.09.2021; 16:00 Hrs   |
| ii)   | Date & Time of Download/ Sale (End) of Tender Document        | 27.09.2021; 16:00 Hrs   |
| iii)  | Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)                      | 06.09.2021; 16:00 Hrs to 27.09.2021; 16:00 Hrs  |
| iv)   | Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time                  | 28.09.2021 at 13:00 Hrs   |
| v)    | Financial Bid Opening   | Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders                      |
| vi)   | Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening                    | Electronically on J&K Government e-Procurement System website http://jktenders.gov.in |
| vii)  | Cost of e-Bid document  | Rs. 500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred Only) (Non-refundable) [Demand Draft Only]            |
| viii) | Amount of Earnest Money Deposit                               | Self Declaration by the Executing Agency/Firm regarding EMD as per Govt order         |

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Electric Division 1<sup>st</sup>, Srinagar  
DIPK-NB-3207/21



## Delegation From Higher Education Visits IUST



Observer News Service

**AWANTIPORA:** A delegation led by the Secretary, Department of Higher Education J&K Sushma Chauhan along with the Director Planning, Department of Higher Education J&K, G M Ganie and others visited Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST) on Wednesday to have a discussion with the Vice Chancellor and other University officials on the on-going and completed infrastructure development projects at IUST.

The Vice Chancellor IUST Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo while welcoming the delegation informed them about the ongoing and pipeline academic programs and the infrastructural development projects.

The Secretary, Department of Higher Education J&K visited

various University departments and centres including the Food Technology Block, Residential Quarter Block, Engineering Block and Nursing College and appreciated the state-of-art facilities developed by the University in various subjects.

She lauded the efforts of the IUST for timely completion of the infrastructure projects. Student exchange programmes, skill enhancement programmes and collaborations with other higher educational institutes in the UT of J&K were also discussed during the visit. While lauding the efforts and contribution of the IUST for promotion of higher education in science and technology, the Secretary Department of Higher Education expressed the hope that the University shall continue to grow in other frontier areas of science and technology.

## Tosamidan Craves For Better Road Connectivity

Agencies

**BUDGAM:** The road to Tosamidan in Central Kashmir's Budgam district is in shambles while the promises of the government to develop it as one of the leading tourist destinations is still a distant dream.

Residents said that the road leading to Tosamidan is completely in shambles for the last one decade, adding that the then government had announced plans to develop the area as a tourist destination.

"However, even the first step towards developing the area as a tourist destination is yet to be taken," they said. "It sans road connectivity and no initiative has been taken to develop the road to connect the area."

Locals said that the UT

government has always ignored their problems.

"Construction of this road which was started in 2008 is still incomplete due to which people are facing a lot of difficulties," they said.

Locals said that the condition of the road is so bad that it has become difficult for vehicles and locals to travel.

"If this road will get repaired and macadamised, it will be a big relief for the people and will also attract tourists towards Tosamidan," they said.

The locals demanded that the 10 kilometre stretch from Satharan to Tosamidan should be macadamised without any delay.

"We urge the authorities to develop road connectivity within shortest span of time," they said

# Vaccinate Children Ahead Of 3rd Covid Wave: DAK To Parents

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Wednesday urged parents to get their children vaccinated against flu ahead of the third Covid wave which is predicted to happen sometime in the fall of this year and is expected to affect kids the most.

"Receiving a flu shot could make it easier to tell if your child has Covid-19 in the event he/she gets sick as both illnesses have similar symptoms," said DAK President and influenza expert Dr Nisar ul Hassan in a press statement to Kashmir Observer.

"This year's flu season will likely coincide with the predicted third Covid wave. Administering flu vaccine would reduce the number of unnecessary Covid-19 tests that would limit the burden on hospitals and healthcare workers," he added.

Quoting a recent study conducted at the University of Missouri School of Medicine Columbia, Dr Hassan said flu vaccination may offer some protection against Covid-19 in the



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"The study found that those Covid-19 positive patients who had been administered the flu vaccine in the 2020 flu season had reduced odds of experiencing symptoms, respiratory complications and severe disease," he said.

The DAK President said we would be facing a double whammy of flu

and Covid this fall. "You can catch the flu and Covid at the same time which could increase your risk of ending up in ICU or on a ventilator. That makes this season's flu vaccine vitally important," he said.

"Everyone 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine before the start of flu season which begins in October and can last late into May. Since it takes 2 weeks for the flu vaccine to become fully effective, it is best to get the vaccine in September," said Dr Nisar.

"This season's flu vaccine has been updated to better match currently circulating viruses. This year a quadrivalent influenza vaccine containing H1N1, H3N2 and two B viruses - Victoria and Yamagata is recommended," he said.

"While the vaccine is recommended for all, it is especially needed in young children, elderly, pregnant women and people with underlying medical conditions. Vaccination to expectant mothers is critically important to protect their new born babies' upto 6 months who are too young to receive the vaccine," he added.

## 8 Months On 14 % Health Care Workers Yet To Get First Job

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Even after around eight months since vaccination drive against Covid-19 was started in Jammu and Kashmir, 14 percent health care workers in J&K are yet to get their first dose of vaccine.

Official sources told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), around 14 percent health care workers are yet to take the first dose of Covid-19 while around 38 percent are yet to get the second jab.

In Srinagar of 15,492 health care workers, 11,557 have received their first jab while 7,157 have received both jabs.

"The percentage of health care workers who have received the first jab is 75 percent while 46 percent have received the second jab," data available with KNO suggests.

"In Kulgam of 5347 healthcare

workers, 83 percent have received the first jab and 55 percent have received the second jab. In Shopian, of 1764 health workers, 84 percent received the first jab and 65 percent received third jab. In Bandipora, of 3170 health workers, 72 percent and 40 percent have received first and second jabs respectively."

An official said that in Anantnag of 8,841 healthcare workers, 68 percent have received first dose and 45 percent have received second dose while in Baramulla of 7,545 healthcare workers, 90 percent have received first jab and 65 percent have received second jab.

"In Kupwara out of 7,761 healthcare workers, 68 percent have received the first jab and 49 percent have received the second jab. In Pulwama, of 3,767 health workers 97 percent have received the first jab while 63 percent have received the second jab. In Ganderbal of 2,903

healthcare workers 84 percent have received first jab and 63 percent have received second jab and in Budgam of 5,914 health workers 85 percent have received first jab while 72 percent have received second jab," the data reveals.

It further states that similarly in Jammu, Kishtwar, Doda, Udhampur, Kuthua, Ramban, Samba, Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi 94 percent, 74 percent, 90 percent, 100 percent, 93 percent, 94 percent, 100.00 percent, 100 percent, 90 percent and 77 percent healthcare workers have received first jab while as 73 percent, 51 percent, 65 percent, 81 percent, 65 percent, 83 percent, 87 percent, 64 percent 63 percent and 54 percent have received second dose respectively.

"In aggregate form of 1,22,235 health care workers, 105,017 (86 percent) have received first jab and 75,463 (62 percent) have received second jab respectively," the data adds—(KNO)

## Kashmiri Fruit Growers Accuse Non-Local Merchants Of 'Cheat And Deceit'

Agencies

**SHOPIAN:** Kashmiri fruit growers Wednesday accused non-local fruit merchants of fraud and urged upon government to safeguard the interests of local fruit dealers.

President, Fruit Growers Association Shopian, Muhammad Amin while addressing a press conference at Fruit MandiShopian said majority of non-locals dealing with fruit business are becoming defaulters.

He alleged that non local apple merchants purchase apples in Kashmir on credit basis with post-dated cheques of J&K Bank while most of their cheques get bounced.

"The non-local merchants have ruined this business. They are turning defaulters much disappointment and torture of the local fruit growers," he said.

President, Fruit Growers Association Shopian said that the process of deception in Fruit MandiShopian has been going on since long while Government is acting as silent speculator taking no action against these non-local defaulters.

He said these defaulters have forced several fruit agent to close their business as they have nothing to pay to the apple growers.

He urged upon the government to frame strict laws on fast-track basis so that fake traders won't survive and enter into the fruit business.

Meanwhile, police arrested a non-local fruit trader who has an outstanding of over Rs 2 crore.

President, Fruit Growers Association Shopian, Muhammad Amin said that if corrective measures are not taken, fruit business in Shopian will face a major setback.

## Dilapidated Link Road Irk Shehjar Colony Residents

Agencies

**ANANTNAG:** The dilapidated link road of Shehjar Colony NowvothHanjiantarAnantnag has irked the residents, who blame the government and its apathy for their suffering.

The residents alleged, "The condition of the link road, which leads to different tehsils, blocks and villages, is going from bad to worse with

each passing day. We have never seen the roads in such a bad condition."

While blaming the government, the agitated residents said, "The roads seem to have been left on God's mercy. It seems as if the concerned department is not bothered about our sufferings."

The residents appealed to the district administration to intervene and redress their grievances.

## School building gutted in Kupwara fire incident

Agencies

**Handwara:** A government school building was gutted in a fire incident in Gund Kamal village of North Kashmir's Kupwara district on Wednesday evening.

Police sources said that Government Middle School building located at Gundka-

mal, Kralgund caught fire on Wednesday evening. They said that fire caused damage to the building.

Both local residents and fire fighter reached the spot and doused the fire.

A police official said that prima facie it seems short circuit was the cause of the fire. (KNT)

## SPORTS

### Real Kashmir FC Under-18 Boys Selection Trials Today

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** J&K's top football club Real Kashmir FC, has announced that selection trials for its Under-18 (Boys) Academy will be held on Thursday, September 9.

The trials were to take place a week ago, but have been now rescheduled to ensue today.

A part of Real Kashmir's youth development program, the trials are meant for District Srinagar only.

The eligibility for the trials has been restricted for players born between 01-01-2004 to 31-12-2005.

The trials will take place at the Synthetic Turf

Ground TRC with reporting time at 9:30 am.

"Chance to be a part of the young Snow Leopards family," the club had said in an earlier statement.

Desirous players have been advised to carry their original date of birth certificates with them. For further information players can call on 7006973092.

The club has asked the players to bring their own water bottles, also stressing that there will be "no entry without masks".

The Snow Leopards have also recently recruited AFC (A) Licence coach, Mangesh Desai to be its new Youth Development Head.



## Two J&K Judokas To Compete In World Deaf Judo Championship



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Rakhshinda Mehak and Vishal Khajuria, Judoka duo from Jammu and Kashmir, have made it to the final six-member Indian team selected for the World Deaf Judo Championship all set to be held at

Versailles in France from October 27 to October 30.

While Rakhshinda has been selected in the women's 78 kg category, Vishal has made it to the final list in men's 66 kg.

The selection trials for the Indian Deaf Judo team were held at Emerald Heights International School

Indore, and was hosted by Madhya Pradesh Deaf Sports Society (MP-DSS) on Tuesday.

"The selection was made considering the performance in the previous National Championships. Two players each in men and women categories from J&K participated in the selection trials under the supervision and guidance of Suraj Bhan Singh, Judo Coach, J&K Sports Council who was also head of the selection committee," the JKSC said in a statement.

"Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull while applauding the performance of J&K Judoka duo in trials, congratulated both the players for their selection and complimented the coach, Suraj Bhan Singh," the statement added.

The other selected members of the contingent include Divya Tiwari (UP) Nirchara (HR), Aaman Khan (UP) and Sumit Soni (Punjab).

## SUPER DIVISION: Court Road FC, IFC Nowgam Win Matches

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Two matches of DFA Srinagar Super Division League were played on Wednesday at the Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The first match was played between Court Road FC and Solina Sports FC. In the closely contested match, both the teams missed several scoring opportunities. Hyder opened the account for the Court Road FC in 25th minute of the match. The half timescore remained 1-0 in favour of Court Road FC.

The second half also witnessed some aggressive play by both the teams. While Solina Sports desperately looked for an equaliser, the Court Road FC players were benton doubling their lead.

Sensing an opportunity, Court Road players hit Solina with a counter attack and managed to pass the ball to Hyder who madeno mistake to convert for his second goal in the 68th Minute. Two nil down, Soina Sports tried to score pick up their game. But the solid defensive lines



of the Court Road team ensured that no goal was scored till the referee blew the final whistle.

Court Road FC defeated Solina Sports FC by 2 goals to nil to ensure their top spot in Pool-C of the Super Division League. Solina remained second on the points table.

The second match was played between IFC Nowgam & Safaloo FC.

The equally balanced game saw IFC Nowgam's Irshad Ahmad giving his team the lead in the 26th minute of the match. Leading by a goal boosted the confidence of IFC players and they kept defenders of opposite team under pressure. Team Safaloo tried to create opportuni-

ties but failed to find the net. At half time, IFC Nowgam led Safaloo FC by a solitary goal.

The second half also started with the two teams making all out efforts to score. The intense battle continued for most part of the second half.

However, IFC Nowgam successfully scored the second goal in the 53rd minute through Umer. Trailing by two goals, the Safaloo FC players tried their best to score, but IFC Nowgam held firm. The final score was 2-0 in favour of IFC Nowgam who climbed to the top Pool-B. Safaloo remained at the bottom of the Pool with this defeat.

The Tournament is organized by

## DC Inaugurates Power Lifting Championship At Pulwama



Observer News Service

**PULWAMA:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer UI Haq Choudhary on Wednesday inaugurated Power Lifting Championship organised by Department of Youth Services and Sports at Sports Stadium here.

The championship is the part of ongoing activities being conducted for local youth by the District Administration.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner lauded the youth of Pulwama for excelling in academics, Art, Sports and in new trending careers. He added that youth of Pulwama has brought laurels to the district and have shined in all fields which

add value to life.

"Sporting activities lead to a healthy lifestyle and are pivotal in delaying the early onset of lifestyle diseases. Sports imbibe leadership qualities besides adding the value to life through inculcating team spirit and tolerance," the DC said.

"District Administration shall organise more such events all across the district so that talent is tapped in a positive way," he added.

District Sports Officer Noor ul Haq, other officers and officials were present on the occasion.

Earlier, the DC also inspected the ongoing works of Hockey turf at Boys Higher Secondary Pulwama which is a State of Art hockey playing field in the district.

## BCCI To Facilitate 30,000 RT-PCR Tests During IPL 2nd Phase

Press Trust of India

**DUBAI:** The BCCI, along with its medical service provider VPS Healthcare, will facilitate the conduct of over 30,000 RT-PCR tests on all IPL players, support staff and other stakeholders during the remaining 31 games of the cash-rich league in the UAE.

In fact, the Dubai-based health care company is also in charge of emergency treatment of players, sports

medicine experts and even air ambulance support during the tournament that starts on September 19.

To avoid players moving out of the IPL bio-bubble for any kind of medical emergency, the nursing and medical staff will be accommodated in the same hotel bio-bubbles.

The rescheduled IPL will have RT-PCR testing every third day, instead of every fifth day during the last edition in the UAE.