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GENDER EQUALITY IN ISLAM: REALITIES VS 'MISCONCEPTIONS'

From an intellectual point of view, the last two decades of the 21st century (as we are presently passing through the third decade) have witnessed, though not abruptly but having roots

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Enthusiasm is common. Endurance is rare. - Angela Duckworth

NEWS DIGEST

Man Falls From Walnut Tree, Dies

SRINAGAR: A 37-year-old man died after falling from a walnut tree in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Saturday afternoon, reports and officials said. Reports said that the man identified as Nazir Ahmad Bhat son of Ali Mohammad Bhat of Agagam Rajwar
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J&K, Ladakh Finance **Corp: Dulloo on Board**

SRINAGAR: Jammu Kashmir Government on Saturday nominated Atal Dulloo (IAS), Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department, as Director on the Board of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Finance Corporation in place of Arun Kumar Mehta (IAS).
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Army Vehicle Falls Off Road In Pulwama

PULWAMA: Two army soldiers were injured in an accident at Kadlabal Chursou area of Awantipora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Saturday. A police official said that the injured soldiers with minor injuries have been hospital. The accident took place after driver of the army truck lost control and the vehicle fell down around
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Mystery Death Of Student In Baramulla

SRINAGAR: Body of a 21-year-old student was found under mysterious circumstances in Darwa Chandoosa area of North Kashmir's Baramulla on Saturday. A senior police officer said that the body of Javiad Ahmad (21), a student, was found near Ningli Nal-

3rd Wave? We Must Not Let Our Guard Down: LG

'Ensure Proper Functioning Of Critical Care Equipment: Submit Report On Asset Utilisation Within 15 Days'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Manoj Governor Sinha reviewed Saturday the Covid-19 scenario in J&K in series of meetings with members of Covid Task Force, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs.

During the review meeting, the Lt Governor said that the third wave can be tackled effectively by maximizing vaccine coverage, implementing strict containment measures, and strict adherence to Covid protocol.

"We must not let our guard down. The government is

J&K Reports 146 Fresh Covid-19 Cases

ammu and Kashmir Saturday witnessed 146 fresh positive cases taking the number of total active cases in the Union Territory to 1,303, while no death was reported in the last 24 hours. With no more deaths, the death toll in the UT stands at 4,412 and 46 fresh positive cases reported on Saturday have pushed the tally of positive cases to 326,799. Of the exact number of 326,799 cases, 203,514 are from Kashmir division and 123,285 from Jammu division. Officials said that among 146 new • More On P10

putting various health and

social measures in place to

contain the spread and peo-

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WE MUST NOT LET OUR GUARD DOWN. The government is putting various health and social measures in place to contain the spread and people must practice the protective behaviours. I urge people to get vaccinated and adhere to the guidelines"

Rains Batter Kashmir, Temperatures Plummet Further

Srinagar Surpasses Monthly Average Rainfall, Weather To Improve From Late Sat evening: MeT

NUMBERS BEHIND NUMERICS

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In NIRF-2021 (National Institutional Ranking Framework) rankings, University of Kashmin has received an overall score of 44 points, and accordingly ranked at 76th position among the universities and higher education institutions all over India. But in near identical



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JKCA TO HOLD SENIOR WOMEN TRIALS FROM SEPTEMBER 12

The Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association has announced that selection trials for J&K's Senior Women team will begin



from September 12 till September 15 in Srinagar and Jammu

Reopening of Schools Upto Class 8th Only After Fresh Assessment: Govt

Examinations To Begin From First Week Of Nov With 30% **Reduction In Syllabus**, **Says Director School** Education

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SRINAGAR: J&K administration has not taken any decision for reopening of schools upto class 8th, Director School Education Kashmir Tasaduq Hussain Mir said, adding there will be 30 percent reduction in syllabus for students and examinations will begin from first week of November.

"There will be 30 percent reduction in syllabus and students will have a choice and



they can leave any 30 percent not taken any decision about of portion in the paper. No decision has been taken for opening of schools upto class mass promotion. The exami-8th. "We have opened schools nations will begin from first for class 10th and 12th. We will wait and see if there is week of November." Mir was further improvement in the quoted as saving

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persons-

Later the body of 2-month-

old Paranshi daughter of

Kamaljeet was recovered while

her sister Manshi is missing and

feared dead.
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Car Falls Into Canal In Jammu, Siblings Among 4 Killed

Observer News Service Marallian in Mran Sahib. Four

Kumar, his wife Kanchana, JAMMU: Four persons, including a 2-month-old baby and her Menu Kumari wife of Kamal 2-vear-old sister were among Kumar and her son Sushant four persons killed while as were rescued while bodies of many persons were rescued Kewal Krishan (60) and his wife after a car they were travelling Surjeet Kumari were retrieved in fell into a canal in Jammu, ofby team of SDRF and others resficials said on Saturday. cuers who rushed to spot soon after the accident, they said.

They said late last night, one Maruti car (JK02AC-7169) driven by one Ganesh Kumar of Bahadurpur Arnia with seven other persons on board, fell into a canal near Dak Banglaw

Truck Driver Killed In Zojila Accident

truck driver was killed after his vehicle fell into a deep gorge near Chini Nallah Zojila pass area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Saturday afternoon. Official sources said that a driver identified as Feroz

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and Kashmir.

BUDGAM: Apni Party president Syed Altaf Bukhari on

Saturday said that in the past

three years no innocent per-

son has been killed in Jammu

Addressing a party conven-

tion at Watkulu, Chadoora,

Bukhari said that Kashmir

politics was being run on the

blood of innocent people and

they have not seen any inno-

cent bloodshed in Kashmir

from past three years.

situation then may take a call about opening of schools upto class 8th," he said.

Director School The Education said they have taken several measures to compensate the losses to the students.

"Teachers are giving online classes to students and besides there are community classes. We have also started radio and tele-classes for students to ensure there is no loss to the students," he said while appreciating the role of teachers they played during the Covid period.

The administration recently allowed re-opening of higher educational institutions and schools in J&K for students of classes 10 and 12 with certain conditions. The decision
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In Winters Electricity Generation 'Dips' By 70% in Kashmir Valley

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The electricity generated by Jammu and Kashmir Development Power Corporation (JKPDC) and Independent Power Producer (IPP) take a dip by 70 percent in Kashmir region during winters. The calculations

He said authorities have

pertaining to the generation of electricity during the winter season in Kashmir states that a total of 60 Megawatts (MWs) of electricity is befigures, "During winter, total power generation in Kashmir Valley is 60 MW (Self-Generation plus IPP), while total imported power from others is 1350 MWs."

The information revealed by the office of the Chief Engineer of Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited has further said that a total of 200 MWs of power was being generated in the summer season.

"During summers, the total power generation in Kashmir is 200 MW and the total power imported is 1200 MWs," it reads.

lah and later recovered by a police team. The death is mysterious and investigation
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Contact Circulation Incharge: Irshad Ahmad: 7006276927 Agencies SRINAGAR: Srinagar has surpassed the monthly average rainfall after Kashmir parts received light to moderate rains since

Friday evening, bringing down the temperature in the Valley. According to Deputy Director Meteorological department

(MeT), Mukhtar Ahmad there is possibility of more light to moderate rainfall across Kashmir till Saturday late evening. The weather conditions would

start gradually improving from Saturday late evening," he said. Asked about the rainfall experienced in Kashmir parts, Ahmad said that Srinagar

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Injured Army Major Dies After 14 Days

SRINAGAR: An army Major succumbed to his wounds on Saturday, a fortnight after he was injured due to a "misfire" from his own rifle in a camp in south Kashmir. According to police Major Mayank Vishnoi of 44 RR Camp was injured due to

miss fire from his own service rifle on August 27 at army camp in Shopian. He was given first aid at MI room and shifted to 92 base Hospital
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total of 130 MWs are being im-Ahmad Khanday, son of Ghulam Nabi Khanday of Qamarwari Srinagar died on ported from other sources. the spot after his truck bearing registration number JK13D-4115
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Kashmiri Shawl Seller Found Dead In Haryana

HANDWARA: A 40-year-old Kashmiri shawl seller belonging to north-Kashmir's Handwara area of Kupwara district was found dead in Haryana on Saturday morning, reports and officials said.

Mohammad Shafi Shah son of Mohammad Satar Shah, a resident of Lillam in Ramhall Handwara, as per the family was found dead at his rented accommodation at Shalferi Golah district Keithal near Sher-e-Punjab Dhaba. "He was working as a shawl seller there for last
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SPOT LIGHT

Kashmir's Islamic Geometrical Designs Are 'Secular In Appeal' – How?

Shubhanjana Das

f you can wrest your eyes away from the harlequin colours of the intricate Papier-mâché hand-painting on Srinagar's Khanqah-e-Moula's front deck, and look inside the halls of this venerated sanctum, your eyes will be enraptured by intricately carved khatamband hand-painted in jewel tones.

Besides being one of the oldest mosques in Kashmir, Khanqah-e-Moula is a study into Islamic design and its radical experiment in geometry and form practiced in the Islamic world spanning from Persia, the Middle East, Central Asia, North Africa, Iberia and parts of India from the 8th Century onwards.

With Kashmir's history being interlaced with erstwhile Persia and its cultural as well as religious practices, the influx of what is now an open air encyclopaedia of Islamic design is hardly surprising.

The Islamic world's contribution to mathematics is pivotal in the advancement of the subject with scholars bringing the worlds of Indian and Greek

mathematical developments together. One of the most celebrated achievements of Islamic mathematicians lies engraved on the walls of Islamic religious institutions across the world in the form of complex geometric patterns on mosques, shrines, seminaries, and residential buildings, amplifying mathematics to an immortal art form.

"Any element of design which features prominently in Islamic Muslim religious architecture can be defined as Islamic design," notes Hakim Sameer Hamdani, Design Director at INTACH Kashmir and a PhD scholar in Islamic Architecture.

"One of the easily identifiable markers is the refrain from using figural depiction; it's not a total exclusion, but generally there's a tendency to make things more abstract and to avoid such depictions anywhere.

Geometry, Hamdani says, is something that's very well-established



across regions, and timeframes in the body of the Muslim civilisation.

It's in geometry that the mathematical elegance of Islamic design takes root. But unlike the complex visual outcomes of these designs, the foundation is elementary; no matter how intricate the design, they can all be conceived on the parma, the trace of the design, with the help of a pair of compasses, an iron nail, and a thread. "A good part of it [Islamic design] is dedicated to mathematics," Hamdani continues.

"There're certain motifs which

couldn't have been worked about without a very precise understanding of geometry and mathematics. You've a geometrical form, so there're innumerable expressions that you can give to it."

The designs on the walls of the Alhambra in Spain to the Selimiye Mosque in Konya or, closer home, the Khanqah-e-Moula are visual evidence of the infinite design opportunities that are contained in simple geometric forms, made possible with elementary tools.

But to simplify Islamic design and break it down to just figures would be undermining hundreds of years of craftsmanship and excellent design.

For it's the intelligently calculated mathematical puzzle, variations and repetitions (known as tessellation) in geometric shapes, and abstraction that result in the bewitching designs that inspire wonder and contemplation.

"At the end," Hamdani says, "it's the variation in terms of one single motif." Islamic design essentially is a composition of • More On P10

Bukhari Says No Innocent Died In J&K In Past 3 Years



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Dated 06-02-2021

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During the inspection of various City markets including Poloview, Regal Chowk, Residency road, Ghanta Ghar, Amira Kadal

and other adjoining areas the

Deputy Commissioner also

found various customers and salesmen without masks. The DC along with other officers counseled both custom-

ers and members of business community and distributed

masks among salesmen and

He urged them to follow

Covid SOPs in letter and spirit

such as wearing of masks,

maintaining social distancing,

Meanwhile, Deputy Com-

missioner has appealed people

of Srinagar to follow Covid Ap-

propriate Behaviour to prevent

spread of Covid-19 infection in

He directed all enforcement

SSP Srinagar, Sandeep Chow-

wings to take strict action

other work force.

and other practices.

against the violators.

the district.





KO NEWS Service

SRINAGAR:- In order ensure SOPs in market places, besides, adherence to Covid-19 appro- sensitizing business commupriate behaviour in Srinagar, nity about adopting CAB strictthe Deputy Commissioner ly to prevent spread of virus. Srinagar Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Saturday conducted markets of Srinagar City.

ers, shopkeepers and people in general are following Covid

During the inspection, the DC ordered sealing of some surprise inspections of various business establishments/shop-

hand appraisal of how trad- Residency road for violating ficers were accompanied the DC.

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other adjoining areas the Deputy Commissioner also found various customers and salesmen without masks.

Disengaged Anganwadi Workers, **Helpers Stage Protest**



ployment, government is ever snatching the livelihood of those SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashwho have been serving the gov mir Helpers to Supervisors Asernment for years together.

sociation of ICDS department on He urged the Lieutenant Gov-Saturday staged a protest dem- ernor and Chief Secretary to reonstration against the adminis- voke the order immediately. tration's order of their "sudden" Tarigami said that he is aghast

disengagement from the service. over the decision of Jammu and Government has ordered to Kashmir administration to disdisengage 918 helpers to super- engage 918 helpers to supervivisors in Integrated Child Devel- sors in Integrated Child Developopment Services (ICDS) Scheme ment Services (ICDS) Scheme of of Social Welfare Department. Social Welfare Department.

Some of the employees were "These helpers were earning seen crying. "We have lost the their bread and butter by workjob and a source of living. Where ing hard in the department and will we go now and what we will making the government schemes do," one of the protesters told successful. They have been at the forefront of the government's The protesters said that govfight against Covid-19 pandemic ernment engaged them when for the last one and half years there was a need and now when and there is no genuine reason to they have been disengaged. disengage them," he said adding "Instead of generating employ- that at a time when unemployment, this government is creat- ment levels are rising in Jammu and Kashmir as educated youth ing unemployment," they said. Meanwhile, CPI(M) leader Mu- struggle with neglect and lack of hammad Yousuf Tarigami while job-creation policy, such a deciterming the disengagement sion to render those jobless, who order very unfortunate said were already in employment, can that instead of providing em- prove disastrous. (KNT)

dhary, Additional Deputy Comping complexes including Links missioner Srinagar, Dr Syed The inspections were con- mobile store and Mughal Dar- Hanief Balkhi, Assistant Comducted in the wake of rising bar Bakery at Poloview, Kohli missioner Revenue, Tehsildar covid cases and to have first- Brothers and World Vision at South, and other concerned of-

Five Day Int. Conference On Nanotechnology Concludes At NIT

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The five-day long seventh edition of biennial International Conference on Nanotechnology for Better Living (NBL-21) concluded at the National Institute of Technology, Srinagar on Saturday.

The conference was held under the aegis of Materials Research So-ciety of India (MRSI) in association with Anna University, SKUAST-K, NIT Mizoram, SSM College of Engineering, IIT Madras, SKIMS, M G University Kerela, and in collaboration with Nano-scale Research Facility (NRF), IIT Delhi from 7th to 11th September.

On Saturday, the proceedings of the valedictory session were co- cial reformer of Valley, Manzoor ordinated by Dean Research and Ahmad Wagnoo, was special guest



online presence was much more from all corners of the globe.

Noted Environmentalist and so-Consultancy NIT Srinagar, Prof. G. A. on the occasion for the valedictory

'Kashmir Fight' Blog Case 2 Accused Get Conditional Bail

news agency.

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A Special Court in Sritwo out of five accused arrested by police in connection with running a 'threatening' blog 'kashmirfight'. Pertinently, in the middle of the Secretary Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Sofi Akbar, and his two children for their alleged role in threatening social activists, Counsel for the accused sought

political leaders, Government officers and journalists.

Police had identified the arnagar on Saturday granted bail to rested persons as Secretary SMC, Sofi Muhammad Akbar from Rajbagh, his daughter Advocate Nazish Yasrab Rehman and his son Tabish Akbar Rehman from San-August police had claimed that it atnagar, Peerzada Raqif Makharrested five persons including doomi from Batpora in Hazratbal and Javed Khalid fiancé of Sofi's daughter Nazish Yasrab Rehman. Court sources told news that

bail on certain grounds while the court said that grounds invoked by Counsel in bail application make the accused entitled for the bail.

The court subsequently granted bail to Advocate Nazish Yasrab Rehman and her would-be husband Javed Khalid with some conditions and directed Central Iail Srinagar authorities to release the accused wanted in the FIR number 82/2020 under sections 13,16,18,20 ULAP Act. (KNT)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore



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•	1980 - Military coup under General Kenan Evren in Turkey 1981 - Space shuttle STS 48 (Discovery 14)	

Harmain and Former Head Physics, ceremony. Dr. P. A. Ganaie

In his message, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said the scientific provided a vibrant about the water bodies of J&K. platform to participants from across the globe and they discussed pathbreaking research ideas about nanotechnology and its relevance.

He also lauded the role of Dr. Shah and his entire team for conducting a cited scientific stories for relevance five-day conference successfully in hybrid mode.

Prof Sehgal said there is need for joint efforts to make the NIT Srinagar among best institutions in the entire country," he said.

Registrar NIT Prof. Kaiser Bukhari said the international conference acted as a platform for young researchers of the Institute and other participants from across the globe. We will host more such conferences in the future." he said.

Besides all delegates of NBL 2021. faculty members of the department,

Wagnoo said Science should work for humanity and explained the environmental issues and spoke at length

He also sought suggestions and support from faculty and students of NIT Srinagar to address these issues.

Earlier welcome speech was delivered by Prof. P. A. Ganaie, who to the event.

Lauding the role of Convener Dr. M. A. Shah, for bringing together eminent scientists both in-person and online is indeed remarkable and appreciable.

It was followed by feedback from the delegates, who made remarkable gratitude to Dr Shah for his hospitality and friendliness and for providing such a good platform.

The major session was spent in the distribution of Certificates - Best, Oral, Poster and Participation by the Hon'ble Guests Manzoor Ahmad, Prof. and research scholars have made G. A. Harmain, Prof. S. Rubab, Prof. Watheir presence in the session. While hajuddin, and Prof. Dinesh Pandya.

Extension e-tenders.

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Ref:

This office E-NIT No. PHE/MDNS/NIT/E-17, S. Nos. 01, 06, 07 and 09 of 2021-22, Issued under No. PHE/MDNS/DB/2637-44, dated: 28-08-2021.

Due to poor response, the above referred e-tenders are hereby rescheduled as under:

S. No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Last date for online submission of bids	14-09-2021 (06:55 pm)
2.	Pre-bid meeting	11-09-2021 (12:00 am)
3.	Date of online opening of tender	15-09-2021 (03:00 pm)

Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

No.: PHE/MDNS/DB/2916-20 Dated: 11-09-2021

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North)

DIPK-8366/21

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REVISED INTERVIEW NOTICE DATED: 11.09.2021

In continuation to this office Notice dated 27.08.2021, the interview dates scheduled in respect of the following disciplines have been rescheduled as per the detail below:-

S.No.	Discipline	Earlier Date of Interview	Revised Date of Interview	S. No.	Reporting Time
1.	AP-Nursing	17.09.2021	20.09.2021	1 to 11	9.00 A.M.
			21.09.2021	12 to 22	9.00 A.M.
2.	AP -Water	17.09.2021	22.09.2021	1 to 11	9.00 A.M.
	Management	23.09.2021	12 to 22	9.00 A.M	

All other terms and conditions shall remain the same

(R.K. Katoch) JKAS Secretary J&K Public Service Commission. under its oil-for-food program

1992 - STS-47 (Endeavour 2) launches 1997 - The UN passes a resolution allowing

Iraq to reach the \$2.14 billion oil sales limit

launched

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Observer News service

SRINAGAR: The second and final Phase of the census operation in Kashmir, scheduled to begin today, failed to take s off with most government employees detailed for the purpose not reporting for duty following militant threat to eliminate those taking part in the exercise.

Director census of Jammuand Kashmir Feroz Ahmad said he had not received any information about the progress of the operation till 1500 hours , today. He said the operations had begun in Jammu and Ladakh regions. "I can't say if the operation had begun in Kashmir valley. I can't even say that the operation had not begun at all", he told reporters.

However, he said the job of the directorate of census is to dispatch the material to the concerned wards which has been completed in time. In Srinagar, the material had not been received by the staff in 15 segments, He said the position would become dear in a few days.

Official reports reaching here said the employees did not receive the material and did not take part in the operation. But officials in the divisional commissioner's office here

claimed, that, employee turned up to collect the census material in Budgam. Anantnag and Kupwara districts.

"The exact information from all over the Kashmir valley is not known, especially in Srinagar", the officials said adding the director-of census has been summoned to obtain information about progress of the operation.

A PTI reporter who visited the directorate of census and other areas in the city found that out of 98 employees in Brain-Nishat in ward number one, only five employees turned up to receive the material for the area.

Two prominent government employees unions, State Employees Con-ference and Employees and Workers Confederation had directed the staff not to endanger their lives by participating in the operation in view of militants' threat to train their guns on those taking part in the exercise.

Over 22,000 enumerators were trained to conduct the census, to be concluded on September 30, he said adding the first phase was undertaken from May 16 to June 5 this year. House listing with the civic and other amenities available at the household and locality levels was done during the first phase which, however, went off without any problem.

An official handout issued here today said the divisional commissioner had a detailed discussion with the representatives of some employees' organisations and assured them the government would take all possible steps to ensure their security. The j statement claimed the representatives informed the divisional commissioner that "they had neither issued any statement to boycott the census duty nor have intention to do so".

(Kashmir Observer, September 12, 2000)

DIPK-8399/21

AMIE Exam Commences At IEI Srinagar

Agencies

SRINAGAR: AMIE (Associate Membership, Institution of Engineers India) examinations commenced from on Saturday, September, 2021. at The Institution of Engineers (India) J&K State Centre, Church Lane, Sonwarbagh, Srinagar.

More than 50 candidates appeared in the AMIE examination all candidates, screening their at IEI J&K State Centre, Srinagar, temperature, with digital thertoday. The exam was supervised mometers, on arrival at the exam by a team of Invigilators headed centres. Hand sanitizers were by Er. Aijaz Ahmed Mir, Associate Professor, National Institute of Technology Srinagar, as by teams from Srinagar Munici-Officer-in-charge. In order to pal Corporation and security and ensure free and fair examinations, CCTV cameras were also in place by District Administrainstalled at the Centre. The ex- tion Srinagar and District Police, amination centre was inspect- Srinagar.

ed by Er. Aamir Ali, Chairman, IEI J&K State Centre and Er. M. Aaquib Sultana Waheed Deva, Honorary Secretary. The examination will continue till 17th of

All COVID Appropriate Guide-lines and SOPs were adhered to, including proper spacing in seating, providing facemasks to also provided and kept available. The exam centre was sanitized frisking arrangements were put

WORLD

US Pulls Missile Defences In Saudi Arabia Amid **Yemen Attacks**

The United States has removed Ulrichsen, a research fellow at the its most advanced missile defence system and Patriot batteries from Saudi Arabia in recent weeks, even as the kingdom faced continued air attacks from Yemen's Houthi rebels.

Biden – three successive presidents The redeployment of the defences from Prince Sultan Air Base outside Riyadh came as Gulf Arab countries nervously watched the chaotic withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan, including their last-minute evacuations from Ka-

bul's besieged international airport. While tens of thousands of American forces remain across the Arabian Peninsula as a counterweight to Iran, Gulf Arab nations worry about the US's future plans as its military perceives a growing threat in Asia that requires those missile defences. Tensions remain high as negotia-

- taking decisions that signify to some extent an abandonment." 2019 attack Prince Sultan Air Base, some 115km (70 miles) southeast of Riyadh, has hosted several thousand US troops since a 2019 missileand-drone attack on the heart of the kingdom's oil production. That attack, though claimed by Yemen's Houthi rebels, appears instead to have been carried out by Iran, according to experts and physical debris left behind. Tehran has denied

James A Baker III Institute for Public

"From the Saudi point of view, they now see Obama, Trump and

Policy at Rice University.

launching the attack, though a drill in January saw Iranian paramilitary forces use similar drones.



tions appear stalled in Vienna over Iran's collapsed nuclear deal with world powers, raising the danger of future confrontations in the region.

not they're rooted in a cold, cold re- missile batteries, as well as one adality. And the perception is very clear vanced Terminal High Altitude Air that the US is not as committed to Defence unit, according to satelthe Gulf as it used to be in the views of many people in decision-making THAAD can destroy ballistic missiles authority in the region," said Kristian at a higher altitude than Patriots.AP

Just southwest of the airbase's runway, a one-square-kilometre (about one-third of one-squaremile) area set off by an earthen berm "Perceptions matter whether or saw American forces station Patriot lite images from Planet Labs Inc. A

Israel Captures Four Of The Six Palestinians Who Escaped From Gilboa Prison

Agencies

'sraeli forces have captured four of the six Palestinian prisoners who I made a bold escape from the highsecurity Gilboa prison earlier this week, Palestinian and Israeli media reported.





into the occupied West Bank and led the Palestinian Commission of Detainees Affairs said in a state One of the lawyers, Khaled Mahajna, said in an interview that the legal team intends to submit an urgent petition to the district court in Lod to demand a meeting with their clients. "Until this moment, we have not been able to obtain information about their health, physical, and psychological conditions," Mahajna said. Following the escape from the high-security Gilboa prison on Monday, Israeli authorities arrested family members of the prisoners in what the Palestinian Prisoners' Society described as an attempt to pressure the



Taliban Cancel Inaugural Ceremony After 'Pressure From Doha': Report

ceremony in order to avoid

wasting resources and money'.

"The inauguration ceremony

Agencies

KABUL: Reports had circulated of the new Afghan government all week that the Taliban would swear in their new government was cancelled a few days ago. on September 11, the 20th an-In order not to confuse people niversary of the 9/11 attacks in further, the leadership of the the United States, but the day Islamic Emirate announced unfolded without formal rec- the part of the Cabinet, and it ognition. has already started to work,"

Media reports had even suggested that invitations have ber of the Afghan government's already been rolled out to cultural commission, said in a neighbouring countries. Many felt the oath taking on the 9/11 anniversary meant rubbing salt on the US' wounds.

However, on Saturday media to take part in the event. Howreports suggested that Taliban ever, Moscow reportedly incancelled the inauguration cer- formed Qatar, the go-between emony of their newly formed

news agency reported. Another report suggested and its Nato allies were also



Inamullah Samangani, a memtweet. For the inaugural ceremony, the Taliban had invited Russia, Iran, China, Qatar and Pakistan

for Western nations and the interim government after be- new Kabul government, that ing pressurised against it by it would not participate in the allies from Doha, Russia's TASS event. As per latest report, the US

that the Taliban decided to can- pressuring the Qatari governcel the swearing-in ment to advise the Taliban

> MEDIA REPORTS HAD EVEN SUGGESTED THAT invitations have already been rolled out to neighbouring countries. Many felt the oath taking on the 9/11 anniversary meant rubbing salt on the US' wounds.

Taliban's Victory Might Embolden Other Groups In Different Parts Of World: UN Chief



Video Shows Last US Strike Targeted Aid Worker Not Daesh

video analysis shows the aid worker rather than ISIL (ISIS) fighters in its final attack in Af-The New York Times reported.

The Pentagon has said it disrupted a new attack planned by the armed group through a Reaper drone attack on August 29 – the day before US troops ended their 20-year mission and following a devastating attack outside the airport where vast crowds rushed to leave the victorious Taliban

But Kabul resident Aimal Ahmadi earlier told AFP news agency the US raid killed 10 civilians including his small daughter, nephews,

US officials say a more pow-United States may have erful blast took place after the A United States may have error blast took place and mistakenly targeted an drone attack, showing there were explosives in the vehicle. But The New York Times invesghanistan that killed 10 civilians, tigation said there was no evidence of a second explosion, with only one dent on a nearby gate and no clear signs of an additional blast such as blown-out walls.

Commenting on the report, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said the US Central Command "continues to assess" the raid but "no other military works harder than we do to prevent civilian casualties"

"As Chairman [Mark] Milley said, the strike was based on good intelligence, and we still believe that it prevented an im-



Ahmadi, who was driving the car to our men and women that that was struck after he parked.

The New York Times, analysing security camera footage, said the US military may have been after the collapse of the Westernbacked government, and picking up a laptop for his boss.

Ezmarai Ahmadi was an electrical engineer for the California-based aid and lobbying group Nutrition and Education International and was among thousands of Afghans who had applied for resettlement in the US, relatives said.

nieces and his brother Ezmarai minent threat to the airport and were still serving at the airport," Kirby said, referring to the top US general.

The New York Times noted seeing the slain Ahmadi and a a rocket attack the following colleague loading canisters of morning, claimed by ISIL, was water, which was in short supply carried out from a Toyota Corolla similar to Ahmadi's.

More than 71,000 Afghan and Pakistani civilians have died directly from the war launched by the US after the September 11, 2001 attacks, with casualties rising dramatically after then-President Donald Trump relaxed rules of engagement in 2017, according to a Brown University study in April. **AFP**

Rocks Collected By NASA's Mars Rover Boost Case For Ancient Life



sample in early August failed after the rock proved too crumbly to withstand Perseverance's drill. The rover has been operating in a region known as the Jezero Crater, just north of the equator and home to a lake 3.5 billion years ago, when conditions on lars were much warmer and wetter than today. The rock that provided the first samples was found to be basaltic in composition and likely the product of lava flows. Volcanic rocks contain crystalline minerals that are helpful in radiometric dating. This in turn could help scientists build up a picture of the area's geological history, such tained environment," said Ken as when the crater formed, Farley, project scientist for the when the lake appeared and disappeared, and how climate changed over time. "An interesting thing about The six-wheeled robot col- these rocks as well is that they lected its first sample, dubbed show signs for sustained inter-"Montdenier" on September 6, action with groundwater," NASA geologist Katie Stack Morgan told a press conference. The scientists already knew the crater was home to a lake, but about six centimeters long, are couldn't rule out the possibility now stored in sealed tubes in that it had been a "flash in the pan" with floodwaters filling up A first attempt at collecting a the crater for as little as 50 years.



crackdown on Palestinian prisoners across its prisons, in what was seen as "collective punishment" by Palestinian factions and rights groups.

Israeli police said that Zakaria Zubeidi, a high-profile former commander of Fatah's al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, and Mohamed Qassem Ardah were arrested near the Palestinian town of Shibli–Umm al-Ghanam, hours after Mahmoud Abdullah Ardah and Yagoub Mahmoud Oadri were captured in the Jabal al-Qafzeh neighbourhood of the city of Nazareth.

Zubeidi and Mohamed Ardah were found hiding in a truck parking lot near Nazareth.

Lawyers for the four prisoners said on Saturday that they have been denied access to their clients and Israeli intelligence continues to withhold information from them.

"Our legal team is making a great and unremitting efforts to follow up on the fate of the four prisoners who were re-arrested by the occupation forces, and to know their

Israeli authorities launched a manhunt and increased their military presence in the West Bank, installing checkpoints at entrances to Palestinian towns, including Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm, and Qalqilya, where

security officials believe the prisoners could have fled to.

escapees to turn themselves in.

Gilboa prison is 4km north of the West Bank and 14km west of Israel's border with Jordan.

victory in Afghanistan might them," Guterres said during a embolden other groups in differ- press conference on Friday at ent parts of the world, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has warned, expressing his worry them, not only congratulating over global terrorism while asserting that dialogue with the ger enthusiasm about their own capacity," he said. militant group is "absolutely essential" as the UN wants the country to play a "constructive role" in international relations. The Taliban insurgents seized

control of Afghanistan in mid-August, ousting the previous elected leadership which was backed by the West.

worried with what we are wit- and this can be said about other nessing in different parts of the parts of the world. world. And the fact that in Afghanistan, the Taliban were able to win might embolden other north and the Sudanian savanna

dress the terrorist challenge" so the terrorists have been gaining ground and must feel embold-"I must tell you, I am very ened by the present situation The Sahel is the region in Africa between the Sahara to the

groups in different parts of the to the south. world independently of the fact that they are different from if it is a small group, that is fathe Taliban and I am not see- naticised, that is ready to die in the present moment." PTI

UNITED NATIONS: The Taliban's ing there is a similarity among all circumstances, or even consider death to be a good thing, if that group decides to launch an the UN Headquarters. attack on a country, we are see-"We have seen several of ing armies unable to face them

and melting down and fleeing," Guterres said adding that "the Afthe Taliban but showing stronghan Army disappeared in seven days. "I'm very worried with terror-He added that in this context,

against holding an inaugura-

tion celebration, as it would

Taliban on Tuesday had an-

nounced an interim govern-

ment in Afghanistan, including

"This is a day for America,

"This was nothing to do with

The attacks against the

United States were planned

by Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin

Laden, who had taken refuge

in Afghanistan after the Taliban

When the Taliban refused

to hand him over, the US led a

massive invasion and installed

a new government that be-

came utterly dependent on

Western aid and support for

took power in 1996.

Afghanistan, but it made us

not for Afghanistan," said Mu-

hammad Alzoad, a bank clerk.

It must be noted that the

come off as "inhuman".

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suffer.'

survival

he is "very worried" about sceism. I'm very worried that many countries are not prepared to narios, like in the Sahel, where "we do not have today an effecfight it. And we need a much tive security mechanism to adstronger, a much stronger unity and solidarity of countries in the fight against terrorism," he said. As the United Nations humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths met leaders of the Taliban. "the first person in the world at that level that went to Kabul to speak to the Taliban leadership", Guterres said: "We are permanently engaging with the Taliban, and we "When you have a group, even believe that a dialogue with the Taliban is absolutely essential at **Agence France-Presse**

WASHINGTON: NASA's Perseverance Mars rover has now collected two rock samples, with signs that they were in contact with water for a long period of time boosting the case for ancient life on the Red Planet.

"It looks like our first rocks reveal a potentially habitable susmission, in a statement Friday. "It's a big deal that the water was there for a long time.'

and its second, "Montagnac" from the same rock on September 8.

Both samples, slightly wider than a pencil in diameter and the rover's interior.

NEWS MAKERS

Photographer Behind Iconic 9/11 New York Image Recalls The Date That Lives In Infamy

Agencies

Plunkett, a New York-based photojournalist, had set an early just minutes earlier. alarm to cover a Fashion Week commercial calendar, for the Associated Press.

A few hours earlier, Mohammed Atta and 18 other men had boarded four commercial flights bound for California, none of which would reach their destinations.

Before heading out, Plunkett turned on the television for the latest weather report. Although it was day, Sept. 11, the weather on the East Coast can be temperamental and liable to change abruptly.

What she saw were rolling im-

in the side of the North Tower of the World Trade Center, where NEW YORK CITY: Suzanne American Airlines Flight 11 had struck the steel and glass giant

Watching as burning jet fuel shoot in Lower Manhattan, a engulfed everything between the highlight in the city's social and 93rd and 99th floors, Plunkett wondered how the fire department would respond to what many then believed was nothing more than a tragic accident.

Then her pager buzzed. Grabbing her camera bag, Plunkett dashed out of her East Village apartment and hopped on the subway. Minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175 smashed into the South a clear autumn morning on Tues- Tower. This was no freak accident. Plunkett emerged from the subway at the intersection of Fulton Street and Broadway to find scenes of utter chaos, as



time the world's tallest. ened commuters tore past, all Those trapped above the

eyes turned upward. Meanwhile, inside the burning towers, workers were scrambling for the stairwell exits. More than 50,000 people worked in ages of a great smoldering gash emergency vehicles and fright- the 25-year-old complex, at one

On the ground below, first responders worked frantically to

the heat and smoke.

evacuate the complex. As the panicked crowd rushed toward her, Plunkett pressed her face to the viewfinder and snapped away. Everywhere she looked were ghostly faces contorted with terror. "Then someone yelled: 'The tower is coming down," she

told Arab News, recalling the day's events 20 years later. Just an hour after the second plane hit, the 110-story South Tower came crashing down, killing 614 workers still trapped inside.

As an immense cloud of dust and debris swept through the surrounding streets, people ran for cover. In one of Plunkett's photos, a man wearing a shirt and tie runs into the frame, his face a picture of terror.

Scientists: 'Flying Dragon' Dinosaur **Roamed The Southern Skies Too**

Agencies

Cientists in Chile's Atacama Desert have Junearthed the fossil remains of a so called "flying dragon," a Jurassic-era dinosaur previously known only

to the northern hemisphere. The flying reptile belonged the first linking such creato a group of early pterosaurs tures to the southern hemisphere, were published in that roamed the earth 160 the journal Acta Palaeontomillion years ago. It had a long pointed tail, wings and sharp, logica Polonica. outward pointing teeth.

This shows the distribution of the animals in this The beast's fossil remains were discovered by Osgroup was wider than what valdo Rojas, director of the was known up to now," said Jhonatan Alarcon, a Univer-Atacama Desert Museum of Natural History and Culsity of Chile scientist who ture, and then further inled the investigation. vestigated by scientists at The discovery points to



Details of the discovery,

the University of Chile.

close ties and possible migration between the northern and southern hemispheres at a time when most of the globe's southerly land masses where believed to be linked in a supercontinent called Gondwana.

"There are pterosaurs of this group also in Cuba, which apparently were coastal animals, so most likely they have migrated between the North and the South or maybe they came once and stayed, we don't know," Alarcon said.

Chile's vast Atacama Desert, once largely submerged beneath the Pacific Ocean, is now a moonscape of sand and stone.

burning floors were left with

little choice but to wait and pray

for rescue. In the end, however,

more than 200 jumped to their

deaths rather than succumb to

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STATE **NC Leader Wazir Cremated In Jammu**

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: Thousands of people including former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday attended the last rites of prominent National Conference leader T S Wazir here as various organisations demanded a CBI probe into his murder in Delhi.

Wazir, 67, a former member of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Council, was found dead in a flat in West Delhi's Moti Nagar Thursday morning. Police are looking for two suspected persons who are believed to be behind his assassination.

A case of murder was registered in the matter and the investigation was transferred to Delhi Police's Crime Branch with the force's Special Cell to assist it.

As the body of the deceased reached his Gandhi Nagar residence here from Delhi, thousands of mourners turned up to pay their last respects to the deceased. Wazir was a leading transporter who was also the chairman of All J-K Transport Welfare Association and Jammu District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC).

Senior National Conference leaders including vice president Omar ing Jammu DGPC have demanded a CBI Abdullah and provincial president probe into the killing of Wazir.

Devender Singh Rana also took part in the funeral which was also among others attended by senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta and senior

former minister Raman Bhalla. Abdullah was seen consoling the bereaved family of the deceased including his wife and son who were in Canada and returned after the news of Wazir's death.

Wazir was a leader with qualities of heart and mind, who served the people in his different capacities. With his death, the National Conference has lost a public spirited leader and the vacuum created will be difficult to fill, Rana said, expressing solidarity with the bereaved family. Wazir reached Delhi on September 2 and was scheduled to leave for Canada to visit his son. However, his highly decomposed body with his head wrapped in a plastic bag was found in the washroom of the flat after his family approached police to know his whereabouts

The body was taken to Shashtri Nagar cremation ground in a procession and was consigned to flames. Transporters and several Sikh organisations includ-

vice president of J-K Congress and

NC Seeks CBI Probe In **Ex-MLC Death**

JAMMU: National Conference (NC) Saturday demanded a CBI inquiry into the death of senior party leader and former Member Legislative Council S Trilochan Singh Wazir in mysterious circumstances in the national capital sometime earlier this month.

Agencies

"Multiple theories are making round about the death and therefore to bring out the truth, an inquiry by the CBI should be ordered forthwith", senior National Conference leaders, led by Provincial President Devender Singh Rana, comprising prominently Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Surjeet Singh Slathia, Rattan CBI inquiry into the death of Wazir.

Lal Gupt and Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo, said in a joint statement issued today. They said that the investigations should be carried out on a fast track basis to bring the culprits to justice for the heinous crime committed. Trilochan Singh Wazir was a prominent leader of

the party and his contribution in different capacities like President Gurdwara Pranbhandak Board and President of the Transport Union has been immense, the statement said, adding that his death remains shrouded in mystery

National Conference leaders are meeting Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also to press their demand for

Police Nab Smuggler In Bandipora, Illicit Timber Seized

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: Police in Bandipora have arrested a timber smuggler and seized illicit timber from his possession.

Acting on a specific information about timber smuggling in village Aloosa, a Police party of Police

Post Aloosa under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Bandipora, Mohammad Idrees - JKPS. raided

the particular spot and seized large quantity of illicit timber from one person identified as Adil Majeed Ganie, a resident of Ganie Mohalla, Aloosa. The accused has been arrested and

shifted to police station where he re-

mains in custody, the police sources said.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 152/2021 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Bandipora and further investigation initiated.

The drive against timber smugglers will continue to ensure protection of green gold. Our consistent actions against anti social elements should reassure the community members that we are making every effort to keep our society free of crime. Police has resolved to act as per law against those who indulge in criminal activities.

Transit Accommodations For Tribals To Come Up At 8 Places



Scholarships worth Rs 30 crore given to tribal children 1500 mini sheep farms, 16 milk villages to be set up

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: To take a first- Tribal Bhavans in Jammu, Srihand appraisal of the various ongoing schemes and initiatives for the development of tribal communities of J&K and to discuss their concerning issues, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday interacted with a delegation of the Gujjar-Bakerwal commu- up with a Tribal Health Plan nity along with members of for which Rs 15 crore has been the Gaddi-Sippi Community, at Raj Bhavan.

While addressing the members of the delegation the Lt static population and mobile Governor noted that the UT administration is committed to make development of tribal population a key element of the overall development agenda. With the commitment of

social equality, we have taken a slew of decisions in the last few months to bestow the due rights to all the tribal commu-

nities of J&K," he added. "Development of Tribal communities of J&K is one of the top priorities of the government and for the first time in the history of J&K, we are going to roll out the handing over of rights under the Forest Rights Act from the coming

Monday," the LG announced. 'To implement an overarching plan for development of tribal communities, a twomonth long survey has been conducted for effective policymaking based on ground realities," he noted.

The LG informed that the UT government has decided to develop transit accommodations at 8 places at an estimated cost of Rs 28 crore for accommodating seasonal transitory population, besides provisions for medical camps, animal yards, veterinary care, and adequate security. The holding capacity and other reassessments derived from the survey

He added that the govern-The LG said the UT adminment has decided to build istration has decided to link children belonging to tribal nagar and Rajouri. Project recommunity with skill develport is under preparation and opment programmes from the process will be started to among the identified 300 skill sets. Initially, 500 youth will construct the same. be selected and trained in spe-

To provide better healthcare facilities and to cater the needs cialist courses like commercial of migratory population, the pilot, robotics, management, UT administration has come etc., he added. "Scholarships worth Rs 30 crore have been given to tribal set aside, noted the LG. children and this year 42,000

additional children will be "Government will create health sub-centre for the provided this scholarship as compared to last year. 1521 medical care units for the mi-Seasonal Schools for Migratory Children, two Residengratory population. It will be tial Schools on the Migratory completely modern with good doctors and machinery and Route, 8000 e-learning tablets shall run with the collaborafor children of class 7th and 8th and the salary of seasonal tion of National Health Mission, Health Department, and teachers has been increased the Tribal Affairs Department", from Rs 4000 to Rs 10000," the he added. .G added. The Lt Governor informed

that the 7 new hostels which

were under construction for

the vouth of tribal community

are near completion and the

UT administration has already

proposed to the Union govern-

ment to build 79 additional

build Tribal Tourist Villages

and in the first phase, 15 such

villages will be selected and

this work will be started with

an amount of Rs 3 crore. Apart

from this, if any youth from

the community wants to start

their tourism business, the

government will provide them

training and an easy financial

assistance of up to Rs 10 lakh.

We have not fixed a limit on

this and the government will

provide handholding to each

and every youth who wants to

Informing about the hike in

funds for Eklavya Model Resi-

dential School at Gurez and

Rajouri to Rs 32 crore, the LG

model schools in the UT of J&K.

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go for it", announced the LG.

"We have also decided to

hostels.

On the issue of ensuring sustainable livelihood for the youth belonging to the tribal communities, the LG announced the establishment of 1500 mini sheep farms, which will provide employment opportunities to 3000 youth in this financial year. The program will not be a one-time initiative and every year 33% new sheep farms will be established.

The LG noted that 'Mission Youth' along with Tribal Department have started the process of setting up 16 Milk Villages to connect at least 2000 youth to the dairy sector at the cost of Rs 16 crore, besides providing training, branding, marketing and transport facilities to the youth.

Highest ever allocation of Rs 73 crore has been allocated for Cluster Tribal Model Village this year by combining the Central Government and UT Capex Budget components quirements will be as per the and the tendering process for the same has been initiated said that we have submitted a recent Migratory population without delay, added the Lt proposal to build 5 more such Governor.

Husband Among Three Arrested For Murder Of Woman In Kishtwar

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: A man, along with his brother and mother, was arrested for allegedly

killing his wife in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, police said on Saturday.

The woman was strangled by the trio under a well-planned conspiracy hatched to pave the way for another marriage of the husband of the deceased, a

police spokesman said. He said police started inquest proceedings into the death of Neetu Devi, a resident of Horna village of Mughal Maidan, after her body was found hanging at a committee hall on July 11.

Her in-laws had started performing her last rites without informing her parents who lodged a police complaint.

Initially, the in-laws of the deceased woman stated that she has committed suicide by hanging herself, but during the course of enquiry, some foul play into the matter was

ficer and accordingly the inquest proceedings were converted into a case of murder, the spokesman said.

Keeping in view the sensitivity of the case, he said Senior Superintendent of Police Kishtwar Shafqat Hussain Batt constitut-

ed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) which cracked the case after hectic efforts and questioning of suspected persons.

The spokesman said it was established that Devi was mur-

dered by her husband Lokesh Kumar, brother-in-law Gowash Lal and mother-in-law Devki Devi by strangulating her with a headscarf.

The accused persons after committing the heinous crime shifted the body to a nearby committee hall and hanged it

with a hook using headscarf to pretend that the deceased has died by suicide, the spokesman said, adding all the three accused were taken into custody and are lodged in district Jail,

Kishtwar. substantiated by the inquiry of-

Tarigami Aghast Over Disengagement Of ICDS Helpers

Agencies

SRINAGAR: CPI (M) senior leader and former Kulgam legislator, Muhammad Yousuf Tarigami Saturday expressed anguish over the disengagement of ICDS helpers.

'The decision of Jammu and Kashmir administration to disengage 918 helpers to supervithe government for years together," Tarigami said in a statement today.

He said that these helpers front of the government's fight disengage them."

ment levels are rising in Jammu to go ahead with it," former Kuland Kashmir as educated youth gam legislator said

struggle with neglect and lack of job-creation policy, such a decision to render those jobless, who were already in employment,

can prove disastrous, he said. "The BJP government had claimed that Article 370 was an impediment to J&K's development and its abrogation will bring investment, jobs and prosperity to the region. The sors in Integrated Child Devel- reality is different on ground opment Services (ICDS) Scheme from what was being said by of Social Welfare Department is the government. After the Auunfortunate as instead of pro- gust 2019 clampdown, the viding employment, it is even economy of J&K has virtually snatching the livelihood of collapsed as tourism, trade and those who have been serving other vital sectors have been badly hit and whole businesses have shattered."

Those who were already earning their livelihood are being were earning their bread and deprived of it. Thousands of cabutter by working hard in the sual labourers, need-based daidepartment and making the ly-wagers, scheme workers and government schemes success- others were without wages for ful. "They have been at the fore- months together, Tarigami said. "I urge J&K LG Manoj Sinha against Covid-19 pandemic for and Chief Secretary Arun Mehta the last one and half years and to look into the disengagement there is no genuine reason to issue of these helpers with sympathetic consideration and ask At a time when unemploy- the concerned department not



Government of Jammu and Kashmir **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE BARAMULLA**

e- Tender Notice No: 06-GMCB of 2021, Dated: 11:09:2021

On behalf of LieutenantGovernor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, e tenders are invited through Principal, Government Medical College Baramulla for asper the Annexure "A" to this tender notice from firms / companies / authorized contractors having experience in relevant field for providing Security Services atGovernment Medical College & Associated hospital Baramullaagainst the terms and conditions laid down in our tender document as per "Annexure B". The tender document can be downloaded from the website www.gmcbaramulla.com and www.jktenders.gov.inw.e.f. 11-09 -2021 to 20- 09 -2021.

The tender details and schedules as per following.

Item Description	Tenderfee	EMD
Engagement of Security service at Government Medical College, Baramulla	Rs.500.00	Rs. 10,000

Last date for entertaining any clarification/representation	14-09-2021
Last date for submission of online bids	20-09-2021 (09:00AM)
Opening of Technical bids	20-09-2021 (12:00PM)

Any query to clear can be done through email id on principalmedicalcollegebla@gmail.com.

• The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders received or cancel the whole tendering process without assigning any reason thereof.

ANNEXURE "A"

Price Bid.

Name of E-tender: Security service at Government Medical College Baramulla for year 2021-22. Tender Reference No: 06-GMCB of 2021

S.No.	Rank of security Guard	Total Monthly wages per person including all incentives. (for eight hours of duty per day)
1.	General Security Guard (Male)	
2.	General Security Guard (Female)	
3.	Ex- Service Man	
	DIPK-8392/21	Sd/- Principal/Dean Covt. Medical College, Ba

Principal/Dean Govt. Medical College, Baramulla

Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The chief Executive officer Dodhpathri Development Authority

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

E-NIT No:-04 of 2021 Dated:-10-09-2021

For and on behalf of the President of India Short Term e-Tenders (in single Cover system) are invented on Item Rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with JK UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State /UT/ Central Government Departments for following works

S No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Amount in Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (Amount in Rs.)	Earnest Money(Amount in Rs.)	Time of Completion (Working Days)	Class of Contract
1.	Up gradation of TRC at Tangnar Dodhpathri by way of Providing and Fixing of ACP (Aluminum Composite Panels).	Rs.25.48 lacs	Rs. 1100 /-	Rs.50960 /-	30 days	" A &B "

1. Position of AAA'S:- Accorded; Position Technical Sanction:- under process in C.E. PW(R&B) Office 2. Position of Funds :- Approved / partly available

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility, criteria, specifications, , Drawings, bill of quantities, (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	10-09-2021
2.	Date of Publication of Tender Notice (Online)	11-09-2021 (11:00 AM)
3.	Downloading of Bids	11-09-2021 (3:00PM) To 23-09-2021 (2:00PM)
4.	Uploading of Bids	11-09-2021 (4:00PM) To 23-09-2021 (4:00PM)
5.	Date & Time of Opening of Bids (Online)	24-09-2021 (11:00 AM)

Sd/ (Mohammad. Ashraf Bhat) **Executive Engineer** Dodhpathri Development Authority

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"US never elected a woman as president. They never elected non-Christan as their president. Apart from hybrid Obama they never had a non-white president. Shamelessly they give sermons for inclusive government to Afghans" - @DrSheikhShowkat

"A lot of people don't even realise (or intentionally downplay) the fact that 9/11 became world news and caused as much outrage as it did only because it happened in the west, where violence is not seen as a natural part of the environment" -

@juvified

"I think it's disingenuous to talk about what we wear as Muslims having no relevance to piety. We are a deen where the outward and inward are connected. Me not wearing the hijab means there is something that has not fully clicked inwardly, I'm allowed to say that for myself" -

@nafisabakkar

Manchester Madness



ricket, much like life, is a game of great uncertainty. This element of unpredictability is, under ordinary circumstances, limited to the field of play. But these traordinary times and hence the possibility of off-the-field drama can no longer be ruled out. The events leading to the 'cancellation' of the fifth and final Test match between India and England after Indian players refused to take the field fearing a further spread of Covid-19 infections in their rank and file given that several members of the support staff, including the coach, had contracted the virus were both unprecedented and dramatic. An initial statement by the England and Wales Cricket Board — that India were "unable to field a team and will instead forfeit the match" — was quickly changed to a rather benign pronouncement in which the word, forfeit, did not find any mention. Whether this is an instance of the camaraderie shared by members of the English cricket board with the wise men who run the Board of Control for Cricket in India or yet another example of the BCCI — it has the deepest pockets in world cricket — barrelling its way out of a sticky pitch remains a matter of conjecture. The 'result' in Manchester It is perfectly would come as a disappointacceptable for ment to fans of both teams the BCCI to prioritize who had followed, their hearts in their mouth, an enthrallthe health of the ing, 'vo-vo' series in which players. But some fortunes swung from one side questions must be to the other. The word is that raised for the sake of the match will be reschedthe cricket fan. Why uled in the future. But by that time, given the chock-a-block did the coach, captain nature of the international and other members of cricket calendar, this series the Indian team get would have lost its lustre. It away with attending is perfectly acceptable for the BCCI to prioritize the health a crowded public of the players. But some quesevent? They did so tions must be raised for the without the necessary sake of the cricket fan. Why did the coach, captain and

Numbers Behind Numerics

Facade of University Rankings

Muhammad Tahir

n NIRF-2021 (National Institutional Ranking Framework) rankings, University of Kashmir has received an overall score of 44 points, and accordingly ranked at 76th position among the universities and higher education institutions all over India. But in near identical media headlines, which appear more like public relations, emphasis is placed on the part that Kashmir University has been adjudged as one of the top-50 universities. On 10 September, the Valley's largest English newspaper. Greater Kashmir, wrote: "The [Kashmir] University has ranked at 48th position among universities assessed under NIRF-2021." In truth, the story is a bit different, and complicated.

In NIRF, there are 5 key parameters: Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR); Research and Professional Practice (RP); Graduation Outcome (GO); Outreach and Inclusivity (OI); and, Perception (PR). These broader parameters are further divided into 15 sub-parameters. And it is here the story becomes more complex.

The KU has performed reasonably well with respect to 6 sub-parameters: student strength, facultyteacher ratio, faculty with PhD and experience, university examinations, women diversity, and facilities for physically challenged students.

However, the university's score on 8 out of 15 sub-parameters has been quite poor. For Intellectual Property Rights and Patents, it has received zero. For sub-parameter Economically and Socially Challenged Students, its score is 0.86 out of 20. Its Peer Perception ranking is 2.18 out of 100

Perception component is measured by NIRF "through a survey conducted over a large category of Employers, Professionals from Reputed Organizations and a large category of academics to ascertain their preference for graduates of different institutions.



Academia in Kashmir

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Comparatively, Perception ranking of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) is 20.25, while for Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) it is 27. Private institution. Lovely Professional University, has a Perception

ranking of 20.70. In some media reports, KU's NIRF-2021 ranking has been hailed as "continuing...march towards academic excellence." A top KU official has been quoted as saying, "Besides the top research, KU has been improving in every aspect to provide advanced and quality education to its students.

In truth, in many aspects KU needs serious rethinking and strategic planning to improve. March towards academic excellence is nothing but a cliched marketing line. Based on the NIRF assessment. KU's research performance is not at par. Out of the score of 35. KU has received just 7.34 score for Publications (PU), and 10.30 score

for Quality of Publications (QP). For the sub-parameter Footprint of Projects and Professional Practice, the university has received a 1.86 score out of 15.

In comparison, PU score of AMU is 15.84, while its QP score is 20.94. JMI's PU score is 16.60 and QP score is 19.93. In NIRF-2021 rankings, Lovely Professional University is ranked at 81st position, while Kashmir University is ranked 5 points ahead at 76th. But even LPU has a slightly better score in Research parameters than Kashmir University. LPU's Publication score is 7.47 and Quality of Publication score is 10.98.

Similarly, Pondicherry University is ranked at 87th position in NIRF-2021, but its PU and QP scores are far better than KU at 13.45 and 15.23. In fact, Pondicherry University has scored 1 out of 15 in Intellectual Property Rights and Patents, while KU has scored zero,

despite Pondicherry University having lesser resources and fewer faculty (339) than Kashmir University (552).

In the financial year 2019-20, while KU received over 36 crore rupees (actual amount 364048918) on account of sponsored research, PU received only 9 crore (actual amount 91337282). KU paid over 250 crores in salaries to teaching and non-teaching staff, PU paid 137 crores. In the same period, KU spent over 27 lakh rupees on Seminars/Conferences/Workshops, while PU spent 16 lakhs. For new equipment for laboratories, KU spent over 9 crore rupees, while PU spent only 2 crores. In terms of financial resources, KU definitely fares better than PU, and yet on research parameters a new university like PU (established in 1985) has better performance than KU.

In some of my columns published in these pages, I have highlighted the broader issues besetting research at KU, particularly in social sciences. Instead of threatening a critic with a legal suit, it would serve the KU admin and faculty well if they take constructive criticism in the right spirit and focus on the areas that need restructuring and redressal. You will know the problems if you see them, but if you choose to bask in a false glory (of being among the top-50) decay awaits you. The NIRF-2021 has provided an assessment of KU's overall performance, and there are more than 8 parameters that need immediate attention. Public relations is fine, but finding imaginative solutions to the problems is what takes institutions forward and makes them leaders and harbingers of change and progress.

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The 'War On Terror' And **Disciplining Of American Muslims**

Abdullah Al-Arian

beard made one a suspect in the eyes largely by enlisting the community's later, the evidence in that regard is of an ever-vigilant police force and a help to police itself. hypersensitive public

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clearance

They did so without the necessary clearance. Will the board examine this breach and show the spine to discipline errant players since the event, it is believed, was the source of the infection? Would the BCCI have endorsed the players' refusal to play had the Indian Premier League — its favoured cash cow — not been on the horizon? Covid-induced isolation of stars may well have robbed the IPL of its glitter.

other members of the Indian

team get away with attend-

ing a crowded public event?

There is, in this strange incident, something for the International Cricket Council to ponder as well. Cricket is likely to be played under the shadow of the pandemic for a while. Does this merit a change in the forfeiture rule — the ICC's regulation for Covid-19 does not include forfeiture for the World Test Championships — so that teams guilty of lowering their guard — Indian players did so by taking the risk of attending a book launch - can be penalized? A mechanism should be put in place to prevent such embarrassing lapses from taking place. The BCCI and the ICC owe this much to cricket lovers.

arlier this month. The New York Times Magazine published a feature article profiling a former FBI agent who was imprisoned by the US for exposing the rampant abuses in the government's domestic "war on terror". In the piece, Terry Albury recounted the FBI's systematic harassment and intimidation of American Muslims, its spying on the community, and its prosecution of many of its members under the guise of combatting terrorism.

Upon joining the FBI shortly after the attacks of September 11, 2001, Albury recalled, "It was made very clear from day one that the enemy was not just a tiny group of disaffected Muslims. Islam itself was the enemy." Its uniquely candid and self-reflective tone notwithstanding, there was little in this account that would come as a surprise to most American Muslims.

Twenty years on from the launch of a war that would place an entire minority population under a cloud of suspicion, it is worth examining how the lives of American Muslims have been irrevocably transformed. As securitised subjects, they have existed on one of the many front lines in the global war on terror, forced to reassess their identity and core values in the name of belonging.

Islamic traditions, beliefs and practices were sloppily anatomised by an emergent class of self-proclaimed "terrorism experts", talking heads with questionable qualifications who coined flashy buzzwords like "Islamofascism" and warned that Sharia was little more than a pathway to Or wellian totalitarianism.

At the same time, Muslims became an increasingly racialised category subjected to forms of discrimination that parallelled the treatment of targeted minorities throughout US history. More than 80,000 Muslim immigrants were called in for questioning by federal agents and required to enrol in a national registry. Tens of thousands more were searched and interrogated at airports and prevented from travel through the use of no-fly lists. Simply wearing a headscarf or growing a

Despite the fact that the sleeper cells never materialised, the domestic war on terror proceeded unchecked, due in part to the Patriot Act, a law passed overwhelmingly by Congress in October 2001 that greatly expanded the government's investigative powers at the expense of civil liberties. Against the national backdrop of fear and suspicion, American Muslims were systemati-

In the early days after 9/11, to suggest that the war on terror would actually serve as a pretext to demonise and target an entire faith and its adherents while pursuing US imperial aims would be met with derision and vociferous denials. Two decades later, the evidence in that regard is so overwhelming that to say so now would be to state the obvious

cally targeted in several waves. In the initial phase authorities singled out prominent community leaders and institutions.

A community transformed

As the mass securitisation of American Muslims became a permanent fixture of daily life, one had to wonder how any faith community could continue to meet its basic needs under such conditions. In time, American Muslim communal identity became practically inseparable from the war on terror's rhetorical machinery. In his 2005 book Good Muslim, Bad Muslim, Mahmood Mamdani argued that US imperial power distilled the entirety of the Islamic faith into these binary categories "to cultivate the former and target the latter"

Consequently, an Islam redefined largely in response to systemic Islamophobia compelled some American Muslims to reframe their ethical commitments to suit the demands of formal acceptance. After having silenced its leadership, weakened its institutions, and targeted its most vulnerable, the domestic war on terror's third phase was marked

can Muslims "do more" to condemn violence committed by any Muslim anywhere in the world had visibly reshaped the community's priorities. Not only were American Muslim institutions pressed to remain silent in the face of abuses committed against their own community, but they were also constrained from offering critiques of an American imperial project that was devastating

much of the world, for fear of being labelled terrorist sympathisers.

Instead, many community organisations refashioned their agendas to accommodate the government's Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) programme. Millions of dollars in funding went toward enlisting American Muslim groups in some of the domestic war on terror's most egregious practices.

These CVE projects included surveillance and mapping of communities and counter-radicalisation initiatives that pathologised Muslims as predisposed to violence by labelling basic Muslim ritual practices as suspicious.

As more communities welcomed FBI agents into their spaces, an investigation by the American Civil Liberties Union in 2011 revealed that federal agents used so-called "community outreach forums" to spy on American Muslims.

In the early days after 9/11, to suggest that the war on terror would actually serve as a pretext to demonise and target an entire faith and its adherents while pursuing US imperial aims would be met with derision and vociferous denials. Two decades

Yet American Muslim institutions have hardly acknowledged the transformations within their community or the practices that brought them about. Such has been the disciplining effect that whatever critiques they offer are limited to societal Islamophobia or the excesses of the Trump presidency.

Few efforts have been made to identify and challenge structural Islamophobia and the imperial practices it supports. If anything, the community has witnessed an alarming rise of internalised Islamophobia, as indicated by a 2018 survey which revealed that American Muslims were more than twice as likely as any other faith community to express the belief that Muslims are "prone to negative behavior"

What hope exists to challenge this prevailing narrative stems from a rising youth movement that has voiced poignant critiques of older generations of American Muslim professionals they view as complicit in their own securitisation. These young activists have drawn strength from forming linkages with broader struggles against structural racism and anti-immigrant hostility among communities of colour.

More recently, they have also latched onto the cause of Palestine solidarity within the broader progressive movement – ironically an issue that was historically at the core of American Muslim political mobilisation until it became one of the domestic war on terror's numerous casualties.

As American Muslims reflect upon the pain and loss endured over the past 20 years, it is vital that the lessons of those experiences not be forgotten nor ignored. Indeed, their survival as a faith community depends on it.

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Gender Equality in Islam Realities vs 'Misconceptions'

In Islam, biological division between man and woman is part of divine purposeful planning; otherwise both are accorded the same respect, dignity and honor as human beings, and are complements, not duplicates, of one another

Dr Tauseef Ahmad Parray

rom an intellectual point of view, the last two decades of the 21st century (as we are presently passing through the third decade) have witnessed, though not abruptly but having roots deep in the history, various debates and discourses of varied nature. Many of these debates are squarely focused on Islam and Muslims vis-à-vis modern developments and discourses, and one of the crucial and controversial debated topics/ issues, falling in the socio-cultural domains, is the status, position, and role of women in Islam—both past and present.

Like other scholars, across the globe, Muslim scholars of India have also contributed, and are contributing, to the discourse of women in Islam, or more specifically to gender equality/ equity/ parity/complementality—or what I term as "Gender Equ(al)ity". Some significant (selected) works by Indian Muslim scholars and academicians on issues related to women vis-à-vis Islam in general and Muslim Women in India in particular include the works by Sayyid Jalaluddin Umari, Maulana Wahid dudin Khan, Muhammad Yasin Mazhar Siddiqui, Asghar Ali Engineer, Seema Kazi, Mohammad Akram Nadwi, Yoginder Sikand, Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani, Abul Hasan Ali Hasani, Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Muhammad Raziul Nadwi, and many others.

Within this ambiance and in this context, this article is intended to present an assessment and appraisal of four (4) books on 'Women in Islam', so that to get a clear picture of the rights, status, contribution, and role of women in the light of Quran, hadith, Seerah (Prophet's biography) and Islamic history, and problems, issues, and challenges (social, educational, political, intellectual, etc.) faced by (Indian) Muslim women in the current times. These books are discussed and outlined under three (3) major thematic headings, viz. 'Status and Role of Women in the light of the Islamic Foundational Sources (Quran and Sunnah)-an evaluation of Khan's Woman in Islamic Shari'ah (2018) and Kidwai's Women in Islam—What the Quran and Sunnah Say (2020); 'Women during the Prophetic Period-Role, Responsibilities and Contribution' and Siddiqui's Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and Women-A Social Study (2006); and 'Muslim Woman in Theory and Practice: Issues and Challenges'-Content Analysis of Kidwai and Gupta's edited volume on Muslim Woman. Here, in this part, I will try to cover the first major thematic section.

and many booklets such as Polygamy and Islam (2001), Concerning Divorce (2008 [2001]), and Hijab in Islam (2011 [2001]).

His Woman in Islamic Shari'ahactually gleaned and extracted from his Women between Islam and Western Society-consists of eleven (11) chapters and discusses the status of women in Islam in the light of teachings of the Quran and hadith, womanhood in Islam, qualities of (or to be possessed by) Muslim women, rights and duties of husband and wife in first five chapters, and presents a detailed discussions on concepts and issues related to divorce, polygamy, dowry, hijab, etc. in the light of Islamic teachings and history in chapters 6-10, and ends with a chapter on the "success in marriage"

He begins the 'Foreword' (pp. 11-14) with Edward William Lane's (Selections from Kuran, 1982, p. XC) statement that "the fatal point in Islam is the degradation of woman". For Khan, this "ill-considered observation" gained such currency in the succeeding centuries that it became "an established fact" and instead of having elapsed this conviction has rather "deepened". In this backdrop, he, thus, asserts: "To interpret the Islamic concept of woman as 'degradation' of woman is to distort the actual issue. Islam has never asserted that woman is inferior to man: it has only made the point that woman is differently constituted" (p. 11). This is precisely the main theme and thesis of this book.

Quoting numerous Quranic verses (like Q. 2: 228; 3: 195; 4: 7, 19, 124; 9: 71; 16: 97; 30: 21; 40:40) as well as Ahadith related to women, Khan (in chapter 1, "Qur'an and Hadith", pp. 15-19) affirms that both the foundational sources of Islam "give detailed commandments regarding women, and also lay down clear guidelines for the relationship between men and women" and they "highlight the most important aspects of feminine virtue and the standing which a woman should have vis-à-vis her husband and father" (p.15).

In the second chapter, "The qualities of a believing woman" (pp. 20-27), he refers to the 'Basic Attributes of Men and Women' as depicted in Q. 33: 35 and Q. 66 (pp. 21-24). These qualities, taken together, "constitute an ideal, not just for men, but for both sexes"; they "form the basis of Islam" (p. 25). In this chapter, he further asserts that just as "men function on different planes of religiosity, so do women have their own separate spheres of religious effectiveness"; and besides the domestic sphere, it is possible for a "talented women to further the cause of religion when the right opportunity presents itself" (pp. 25, 26). In this case, he cites the examples of Aishah (RA) and Binte Imam Abu Jafar al-Tahavi and their contribution to the religious knowledge showing "the nature and extent of the contribution which can be made by believing Muslim women to the cause of Islam" (p. 27). Similarly, in 3rd chapter, "Womanhood in Islam" (pp. 28-37), Khan quotes Q. 4: 1 ("Mankind, fear your Lord who created you from one soul and created man's mate from the same soul") and demystifies the notion that "Eve was created from Adam's rib" in its explanation, saying that it is a "biblical explanation [Bible, Genesis, 2: 21-23], not a Quranic one", for there is not a single verse which supports this notion. On the contrary, the fact is that "Eve was created—not from Adam himself-but from the same species as Adam", as is elucidated in several verses like Q. 16: 72; 30: 21; and 42: 11, wherein the word for "Soul (nafs) has been used to mean 'species'" (pp. 28-29). He summarizes this discussion aptly in these words: "women and men are from the same species. Biologically speaking, women have not been extracted from the bodies of their male counterparts. God fashioned them according to His Will, just as He fashioned men in accordance with His Almighty Will and Power" (p. 30). In the explanation of the Ahadith, like "women have been created from a rib" and "a woman is like a rib. if you try to straighten it, it will break", he mentions that it



should be "taken metaphorically, not literally" for it refers to "the delicacy of women's nature" (pp. 31, 33).

In the 4th chapter he highlights "The status of woman" (pp. 38-48) and stresses, in unequivocal terms, that "a woman enjoys the same status as that of a man" in Islam, as is evident from Q. 3: 195 ("You are members, one of another"). "There is no difference between man and woman as regards status, rights and blessings both in this world and in the hereafter. Both are equal participants so far as the carrying out of the functions of daily living is rned" (p. 38). He further mentions that the "biological division of human beings into male and female is the result of purposeful planning on the part of the Creator. ... Man and woman in the eyes of Islam are not the duplicates of one another. but the complements" and the "Islamic precepts for men and women are based on their respective, natural constitutions" (pp. 38-39; italics added for emphasis). Similarly, in the explanation of Q. 4: 34, "Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because God has made some of them to excel others", Khan writes that it is "an additional, not a superior quality" (p. 46; italics added), because the Arabic word Fadilah is "used in the scriptures to indicate the additional. masculine quality of protectiveness. For a household to be properly run, it should, of necessity, have a guardian. Guardianship is rightly entrusted to the family member who is best qualified to undertake this responsibility-namely. the husband, for protectiveness is a virtue which has been granted by nature in greater measure to men than to women. Far from mentioning absolute masculine superiority, the abovequoted verse only implies that man is the master in the home because of the additional attributes with which he has been endowed by nature" (pp. 46-47). Thus, he translates the Arabic phrase Faddala ba'dahum 'ala ba'd as "excelled some on other", which occurs several times in the Qur'an, as in Q. 13: 4 which refers to the various kinds of crops and fruits growing from the same soil and water, "Yet We make some excel others in taste". "Just as two different kinds of fruit will differ in color, taste, shape and texture, without one being superior or inferior to the other, so also do men and women have their different qualities which distinguish the male from the female without there being any question of superiority or inferiority. If men and women have been endowed with different capacities, it is so that they will play their respective divinely predetermined roles in life with greater ease and effectiveness." (p. 48). In the 5th chapter, he discusses "Muslim Women" (pp. 49-78) in Islamic history, and argues that they have "played significant roles and, by their feats, have demonstrated not only the vast arena which Islam affords them for the performance of noble and heroic deeds, but also the exaltedness of the position accorded to women in Islamic society" (p. 49). In his support of this argument, he presents the examples of various women "who played an effective role in Islam" (p. 50): e.g., Aishah (RA) is presented as a "woman of notable intelligence, whose intellectual gifts were fittingly utilized in the service of Islam"; the example of Mary, the mother of Prophet Isa/ Jesus (AS) and Khadijah bint Khuwaylid (RA), the Prophet's (pbub) first wife are presented as "Two face and hands, and should not become an attraction in itself. Neither should it be thin, nor tight. It should not accentuate the body ... [and] should not suggest fame" (pp. 144, 147).

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The book ends with a chapter on "Success in marriage" (pp. 151-159), in which the author suggests that the "success and failure of married life depends entirely upon the bride's willingness or unwillingness to adapt" to a "conciliatory stance" (p. 152) and he illustrates this with two examples, one each of a failed and successful marriage (pp. 152-53).

Keeping in view the overall subjectmatter and the issues and topics it highlights and deliberates upon, it is fair to assert that Woman in Islamic Shari'ah indeed highlights the real status, position, role, rights and responsibilities given to women in Islam and thoroughly discusses the crucial (and mostly misunderstood and misinterpreted) concepts and issues related to women—like divorce, polygamy, dowry, hijab, etc. In sum, the book makes a significant contribution to this much hyped (but misconstrued) subject.

Abdur Raheem Kidwai-Professor of English and Director, UGC-HRDC and K. A. Nizami Centre for Quranic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), India-has contributed significantly to Islamic scholarship, especially to the varied aspects of Qur'anic studies including the 'gender studies' aspects. His Women in Islam (which draws mainly, and is gleaned, from his book chapter on same theme, "Is the Quran a Male-Centred Religious Text?", featuring in his 2019 co-edited volume, Muslim Woman: this book will be evaluated in Part-II of this write-up) is a succinct and slim volume highlighting the rights, status, role, and contribution of Muslim women in the light of foundational Islamic texts as well as demystifying and deconstructing the misconceptions and misconstructions on the vital but sensitive issue of 'Gender Parity'.

Divided into three main sections, preceded by a 'Preface' (vii-x) and ending with Index (pp. 170-80), it attempts to providing readers with an "opportunity to consider some of the references to women in authentic Islamic sources in order to shape an informed view" as well as to "let readers appreciate the high status that women enjoy in Islam" (p. vii). A simple compilation of those pas-

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Status and Role of Women in the light of Islamic Foundational Sources:

An Evaluation of Women in Islamic Shari'ah (2018) and Women in Islam (2020)

Maulana Wahiddudin Khan (d. 2021) an Indian Muslim (spiritual) scholar, a Quran commentator, an ardent advocate of peace, harmony, pluralism, gender justice, interfaith dialogue and social harmony, and the founder of 'Centre for Peace and Spirituality' in 2001 (New Delhi)—has authored over 200 books on Islam and its diverse aspects—ranging from Quran, prophet's biography, theology, morality, spirituality, non-violence, peace/peace-building, to Islam and modern science gender studies.

On the subject under study, significant books to his credit are: Khatoon-e-Islam/Muslim Women published in 1987 and reprinted in 2017: its Arabic version was published from Cairo in 1994 and its English version, Women between Islam and Western Society, was published in 1995 (republished in 2014); Woman in Islamic Shari'ah (2018; originally published in 1995); Aurat: Maemaar-e-Insaniyat/ Woman: The Builder of Humankind (2008; originally published in 2004);



Remarkable Women' who "subordinated their own wills to that of Almighty" (pp. 49, 50-51). In this chapter, he also refers to the examples of women of his own family who "in times of dire distress, were totally Islamic in their conduct" (p. 70). All this is thus expounded to reveal that the "position of women in Islam ... is a matter neither of conjecture, abstract theory nor of ancient history ... [but] is a matter of actual fact", to which the author himself is a witness (p. 69).

In the 6th chapter he discusses the "rights of husband and wife" (pp. 79-94) and argues that the "rights of men and women, in reality, are not a matter of legal lists, but rather a matter of good living" (p. 93).

These are followed by a detailed discussion, in the light of Islamic teachings and historical evidences, on concepts and issues "concerning divorce", "polygamy and Islam", "Dowry", and "Hijab in Islam" in chapters 7-10, respectively (pp. 95-114, 115-24, 125-,40, and 141-50) and the important points derived from these discussions are: "divorce should be sought only under unavoidable circumstances" as it has been described in the Traditions as "the most hateful of all lawful things in the eyes of God" (pp. 100-101); "lawful polygamy of Islam" is the solution to the "imbalance" of number of women over men which permits women "to opt on their own free will for marriage with anyone who can give them fair treatment to more than one wife" (p. 124): the "custom of dowry [Jahez in Urdu] is not Islamic" practice, but is (specifically) practised by Muslims of the Sub-Continent; however, Islam sanctions mahr (dower)—a sum of money handed over by groom to the bride at the time of marriage—which is "a token of his willing acceptance of the responsibility of bearing all necessary expenses of his wife" (pp. 125, 130); and on Hijab (veil) or Purdah in Urdu, where he mostly relies on the views and opinions of Shaykh Muhammad Nasiruddin al-Albani, he maintains that "it is preferable for a woman to cover her face, it is not compulsory for her to do so" and that "hijab in itself should not be a source of attraction" or "become a display of finery referred to in the Quran as tabarruj", as in Q. 24: 31 and 33: 33; and the "garment should cover the entire body of a woman except the



sages from the Quran and hadith collections which 'refer to or address women specifically', it highlights the "Islamic stance on womanhood: her existence as a creation of Allah, her purpose of life as a slave of Allah, her capacity for attaining self-development and proximity with Allah and her accomplishments". and brings into the sharper light the fact that in the Quran "men and women are both accorded the same respect, dignity and honour as human beings", and both are repeatedly addressed and urged "to be active, positive stakeholders in the construction of God-conscious society and for attaining salvation as pious individuals" (pp. viii, ix; italics added for emphasis). Maulana Khan also highlights similar statements.

Khan's and Kidwai's Books in Sum: Considering the overall subject-matter and the issues and topics highlighted and deliberated upon in these books, it is fair to assert that (taken together) Woman in Islamic Shari'ah and Women in Islam make significant contribution to the literature depicting the status/role/ position of women in Islam in its real perspective/ context and in defying and expunging misconceptions regarding the role and responsibilities bestowed to women by their Creator-and thus are valuable works on brining into sharp light the real perspective of 'Gender Equ(al)ity' in Islam. {Contd.}

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Mental reattachment to work vital for success of leaders

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The findings of a new study suggest that on the days that leaders and managers were better able to reattach to work in the morning, they experienced higher positive moods and work focus, allowing them to be more successful throughout the day.

The findings of the study were published in the 'Journal of Vocational Behavior'. Getting into the right mindset for work can set the tone for the rest of your day -- and it's an especially beneficial practice for managers, workday. the Portland State University study found.

Mentally reconnecting to work -- thinking about what you want to accomplish that day, what's on your day's agenda or what

situations you might enand that in turn allowed counter before you even them to be more successful open your work email -- betthroughout the day. Reattachment to work ter prepares an employee to be engaged throughout the

can occur while still at home (thinking about the upcom-The study found that ing day during breakfast), on the days that leaders during the commute (anand managers were better ticipating events at work able to reattach to work that day) or when arriving at work (mentally running in the morning, they experienced higher positive through the day's to-do list moods and work focus after parking).

JAMMU & KASHMIR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD

TOURIST RECEPTION CENTRE SRINAGAR

For and on behalf of Managing Director, Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Limited, e-Tenders are invited under Two Bid System i.e. Technical Bid and Financial Bid from registered/reputed, experienced and financially sound companies/ firms/ agencies for providing manpower categories wise Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation for a period of one year (extendable to further one year) on the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document.

E-tender Notice No: JKTDC/GMO/JKTDC/2406-11

Dated 09/09/2021

Category of Manpower Earnest Mor (EMD)	ey Cost of Tender docu- ments	Class of Service provider	Tender inviting authority
1.Cooks 2.Asstt. Cook 3. Waiter 4.Masalchi/Helper Rs. 50,000/ 5. Sweeper 6. Chowkidar		sound companies/ firms/ agencies Under the provisions of relevant Act viz contract	General Manager (Opera- tions) K J&K Tourism Development Corporation

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility, specification, bill of quantities (B.O.O) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/download from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	1	Date of issue of tender notice	09-09-2021	
1	2	Period of downloading of biding documents	10-09-2021.	10:00 AM
			12-09-2021.	9:00AM
	4	Bid submission End Date	04-10-2021.	4:00 PM
	5	Deadlines for receiving the Hard Copy (Original DD & EMD) with all relevant documents (In case of untoward situa-	05-10-2021,	4:00 PM
		tion/Govt. holiday) the hard copies will be received in next working day	-	
	6	Opening of Technical Bid /hard copies (In case of untoward situation/Govt. holiday) the technical bid will be opened	06-10-2021,	11:00AM
		in next working day		
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INTERVIEW NOTICE

Subject:-Interview/Viva Voce for the posts of Assistant Information Officers, Divisional Cadre Jammu/Kashmir, Advertised vide Notification No. 03 of 2006 dated 28-12-2006, State Cadre, Advertised vide Notification No 03 of 2008 dated 05-05-2008, District Cadre, Udhampur, Rajouri and Bandipora, Advertised vide Notification No 06 of 2008 dated 28-05-2008 and State Cadre, Advertised vide Notification No 08 of 2010 dated 24-12-2010.

It is notified for the information of the concerned candidates, that the interview/viva voce of shortlisted candidates wherever applicable for the posts of Assistant Information Officers, Divisional Cadre Jammu/Kashmir, Advertised vide Notification No. 03 of 2006 dated 28-12-2006. State Cadre, Advertised vide Notification No. 03 of 2008 dated 05-05-2008, District Cadre, Udhampur, Rajouri and Bandipora, Advertised vide Notification No 06 of 2008 dated 28-05-2008, and State Cadre, Advertised vide Notification No 08 of 2010 dated 24-12-2010, shall be conducted at 10.00 am as per Name/Parentage/Item/Date/Venue shown at Annexure "A" to this notice.

The interview schedule and particulars of the eligible candidates will also be available in the offices of the Administrative Officer, J&K Services selection Board. 2 Jammu /Srinagar

All/any additional qualifications / reserved category certificate acquired by the candidate after the last date of receipt of application forms shall not be entertained.

Mere figuring of name in the list does not entitle the candidate to appear in the interview as it shall be subject to the scrutiny of all testimonials of the candidates shortlisted

Mere calling the candidates for interview will not confer indefensible right upon the candidate to be invariably considered for selection.

No separate interview call letter shall be issued to any candidate whose name figures in the said list and this notice shall be deemed to be interview call to appear б. A candidate who fails t

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Government of UT Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Chairman Market Administrative Committee (MAC) F&V Market Parimpora Srinagar

Fresh e- AUCTION NOTICE 32 OF 2021-22

For and on behalf of Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee/ MAC Srinagar Fruit and Vegetable Market Parimpora Srinagar, e-bids accompanied with CDR worth Rs. 1, 56,000 (One Lakh Fifty Sixty Thousand only) pledged to Member Secretary APMC/MAC Fruit and Vegetable Market Parimpora Srinagar as earnest money and DD for an amount of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only-) pledged to Member Secretary APMC/MAC Fruit and Vegetable Market Parimpora Srinagar as tender processing fee are invited from the interested parties/ persons having valid GST registration for Outsourcing of Gate Entry Fee Contract F and V Market Parimpora Srinagar for the year 2021-22. The minimum reserve bid is fixed at Rs. 52.22 lacs (Rupees Fifty-two Lac twenty-two thousand only) w.e.f. 23-09-2021 up to 31-03-2022. The tender documents can be downloaded from http://jktenders.gov.in

Critical Dates Table

1.	Publishing date	10-09-2021
2.	Document download/ sale start date	10-09-2021
3.	Bid submission start date	10-09-2021
4.	Bid submission closing date	16-09-2021 (upto 4:00 PM)
5	Bid opening date	16-09-2021(At 4:15 PM)

The Gate Entry Fee for each type of transport vehicle entering the F&V Market Parimpora Srinagar shall be as per the following schedule:-

Tariff Schedule

S.No Type of Vehicle/ Transport	Rate (in Rs.)
1. 14 tyre/18tyre/20tyre	250.00
2. 10 tyre/12 tyre	160.00
3. Truck/Bus	100.00
 Tata Mobile/ Tata Sumo/Tractor/M ata dor/Trolley/J onga 	30.00
5. Auto /Load Carrier	10.00
6. Reda/Horse Cart	5.00

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The successful tenderer shall have to enter into an agreement with the Member Secretary APMC/ MAC F&V Market Parimpora Srinagar. The other terms and conditions of the agreement areas under:-

The offer shall be super subscribed as gate entry tender document of fruit and vegetable Mandi Parimpora Srinagar.

2. The successful tenderer shall deposit the offered bid amount in the office of the MAC Fruit Mandi Parimpora Srinagar in two instalments (1st Instalment i.e, 75% of the offered bid amount at the time of allotment of contract and 2nd Instalment i.e remaining 25% of the offered bid shall be paid by the successful bidder after three (03) months from the date of allotment of contract through assured pavees account cheque or bank guarantee whichever is thought feasible in the interest of MAC Parimpora. The allotment to the successful bidder shall be given after two days of opening of tenders after depositing the first instalment

- The agreement shall have executed only after the successful bidder deposits the first instalment of the bid amount.
- The possession of the gates shall be given only after execution of the agreement with member secretary market administrative committee (MAC) Fruit and

Vegetable Market Parimpora Srinagar. In case the successful bidder fails to deposit the bid amount within the stipulated time, his contract shall be cancelled and the security deposit shall be for

feited and the contract shall be given to the second highest bidder under rules.
7. The offer should be coated in both figures and words duly covered with the transparent tape and without any cutting or tampering.

The successful bidder shall be bound by all labour laws for time being in force.

The highest offers received are excluding income tax /GST/Sales Tax and other of his own.

9. 10. The successful bidder shall not raise any additional structure in the mandi premises for collection of gate entry fee and has to utilize the structure already existing in the mandi for the said purpose.

The fee shall be charged every time the vehicle enters in the mandi premises.

The Member Secretary Market Administrative Committee shall not be responsible and bound to provide any kind of relief / relaxation/compensation in the event of any adversity or unavoidable circumstance like Hartal / Road blockage / less arrivals etc.

The defaulters of APMC / MAC Srinagar are not eligible to submit tenders unless and until the previous outstanding if any is not liquidated in full.

15.

The Government vehicle/ police and security vehicles / APMC/MAC employees vehicles are exempted from entry fee at all the entry gates.

16. The Chairman of Market Administrative Committee MAC F&V Market Parimpora Srinagar reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without as-17.

18 In case of any dispute between the parties, the decision of the Director Agriculture Marketing/ Director Horticulture P&M shall be final and binding upon both parties.

Member Secretary Market Administrative

Committee Parimpora

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6	757990	035/08 of 2010	ISHFAQ AHMAD MIR	GH MOHIUD DIN MIR	RBA	10-10-1983	21-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services
7	984782	035/08 of 2010	ISHFAQ AHMAD TANTRY	MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL TANTRY	OM	01-03-1978	21-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum Building Rambagh Srinagar
8	898664	035/08 of 2010	ISHFAQ AHMAD	ABDUL SALAM SOFI	OM	26-02-1981	21-09-2021	
9	451477	035/08 of 2010	JAVAID AHMAD BHAT	MOHD SULTAN BHAT	RBA	01-02-1975	21-09-2021	
10	661882	035/08 of 2010	JAVID HUSSAIN KHAN	ABDUL AHAD KHAN	RBA	10-03-1985	21-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services
11	978578	035/08 of 2010	LATEEF AHMAD RATHER	GHULAM MOHAMMAD RATHER	OM	01-01-1984	21-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum Building Rambagh Srinagar
12	886688	035/08 of 2010	MOHAMMAD ASSIF	SHEIKH ABDUL RASHID	OM	24-07-1978	21-09-2021	
13	885129	035/08 of 2010	RONAQ ZAHOOR	ZAHOOR AHMED MOON	OM	04-10-1986	21-09-2021	
14	769190	035/08 of 2010	SABA	ABDUL REHMAN	OM	23-09-1986	21-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services
15	684972	035/08 of 2010	SAIMA RIYAZ	SHEIKH RIYAZ AHMAD	OM	24-07-1986	21-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum
16	978216	035/08 of 2010	SAJAD AHMAD KRALYARI	ABDUL MAJEED KRALYARI	OM	27-04-1981	21-09-2021	Building Rambagh Srinagar
17	854654	035/08 of 2010	SHABIR AHMAD RATHER	MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL RATHER	ОМ	10-03-1985	21-09-2021	
18	993176	035/08 of 2010	SHAHEEN IQBAL	MOHD TUFFAIL HAMDANI	OM	24-03-1978	21-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services
19	885537	035/08 of 2010	SHAHID MOHAMMAD LONE	GH MOHAMMAD LONE	OM	21-04-1987	21-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum Building Rambagh Srinagar
20	770048	035/08 of 2010	SHEIKH MUDASIR AMIN	SHEIKH MOHAMMED AMIN	OM	22-09-1983	21-09-2021	
21	860465	035/08 of 2010	SYED AADIL HUSSAIN	SYED MOHAMMAD SYEED	OM	18-11-1986	21-09-2021	
22	851228	035/08 of 2010	SYED JHANGIR BUKHARI	SYED SADUUDIN BUKHARI	OM	20-10-1976	21-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services
23	964494	035/08 of 2010	SYED TAHIR BUKHARI	SYED AB HAQ	OM	01-11-1979	21-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum
24	764789	035/08 of 2010	TAKHLIQ ALI	JAFFAR ALI	OM	04-06-1981	21-09-2021	Building Rambagh Srinagar

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14. The successful bidder has to charge the entry fee as per the approved rates of Directorate of Horticulture P&M, any complaint with regard to the overcharging of rates will be viewed seriously which may lead to the cancellation of the allotment and in that case the amount deposited shall be forfeited along with the earnest money.

The successful bidder shall regulate the traffic of Entry gate in coordination with the fruit association.

signing any reasons thereof.

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forfeit his/her right of consideration.

In case of any deficiency with reference to eligibility etc is proved at the time of interview, the candidate shall not be allowed to appear in the interview, or if any deficiency is found subsequently the candidate shall not be considered for selection and will be treated as disqualified.

The candidate shall have to produce all original certificates / testimonials as asked for vide above referred advertisement notification before the interview committee at the time of interview. The candidates who fail to produce such certificates / testimonials may forfeit their candidature.

Any candidate found guilty of impersonating or submitting fabricated / tampered documents / testimonials or making false statement, incorrect statement or suppressing material information shall be rendered liable to criminal prosecution under law and may be debarred permanently or for a specific period for consideration for any or all recruitments made by the Board. Also canvassing / lobbying in any form will entail disqualification of the candidate.

No TA/DA shall be paid for participation in the interview.

Note:-(1)The candidates are advised to bring Photostat copy of each certificate self-attested by the candidate for depositing with the Board on the scheduled date and time of interview in addition to original documents, failing which no claim / objection in this regard shall be entertained.

(2) The candidate(s) who fail to appear in the interview on the given date shall not be interviewed later and shall forfeit his right of consideration

(3) The candidates are hereby directed that Wearing of masks is mandatory during interview and also advised to carry hand sanitizer for their personal use 4) Mobile phone is not allowed in the office premises.

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S_No	B_Code	ltem_Advt	Name	F_H_Name	Cat	DOB_1	Date of Interview	Venue
1	536693	003/06 of 2008	SUNAINA KAUL	SHIBAN KARISHAN KAUL	OM	10-06-1983	20-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services
2	296495	003/06 of 2008	JAVID AHMAD BHAT	MOHD SULTAN BHAT	OM	01-02-1975	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum
3	476478	003/06 of 2008	MYSER AKHTER	NAWAVB ALI LONE	OM	01-03-1983	20-09-2021	Building Rambagh Srinagar
Prov	isionally sh	ort list of candidate	es called for interview for	the post of post of Assistant Inform	nation Off	icer, (Informatio	n Department),	Divisional Cadre Kashmir Item
		1		No 005 (03 of 2006)				
S_No	B_Code	Item_Advt	Name	F_H_Name	Cat	DOB_1	Date of Interview	Venue
1	549081	005/03 of 2006	ABDUL MOHAMIN BHAT	HAFIZ UL REHMAN	ОМ	01-03-1976	20-09-2021	
2	556073	005/03 of 2006	ALTAF AHMAD KHAN	MOHD SHAFI KHAN	OM	30-11-1978	20-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services Selection Board, Zum Zum
3	520900	005/03 of 2006	ARSHID	ABDUR RAHID DIJOO	OM	12-10-1975	20-09-2021	Building Rambagh Srinagar
4	551260	005/03 of 2006	ISHFAQ AHMAD TANTRY	MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL TANTRY	ОМ	01-03-1978	20-09-2021	
5	521372	005/03 of 2006	ISHFAQ AHMAD	ABDUL SALAM SOFI	OM	26-02-1981	20-09-2021	
6	628859	005/03 of 2006	KHALID GULL	GHULAM NABI PAMPORI	OM	11-10-1980	20-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services
7	626457	005/03 of 2006	NAZIR AHMAD GANIE	GHULAM AHMAD GANIE	OM	03-12-1979	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum Building Rambagh Srinagar
					OM	24-03-1978	20-09-2021	Building Rambagh Srinagar

l	Provisionally short list of candidates called for interview for the post of post of Assistant Information Officer, (Information Department), State Cadre, Item No 013 (03 of
l	2008) (Kashmir Based Candidates)

S_No	B_Code	Item_Advt	Name	F_H_Name	Cat	DOB_1	Date of Interview	Venue
1	251816	013/03 of 2008	ALTAF AHMAD KHAN	MOHD SHAFI KHAN	OM	30-11-1978	20-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services
2	387706	013/03 of 2008	ARSHID	ABDUR RASHID DIJOO	OM	12-10-1975	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum
3	127152	013/03 of 2008	ISHFAQ AHMAD MIR	GH MOHUD DIN MIR	RBA	10-10-1983	20-09-2021	Building Rambagh Srinagar
4	137093	013/03 of 2008	ISHFAQ AHMAD TANTRY	MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL TANTRY	ОМ	01-03-1978	20-09-2021	
5	482955	013/03 of 2008	ISHFAQ AHMAD	ABDUL SALAM SOFI	OM	26-02-1981	20-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Service
6	493932	013/03 of 2008	ISHTIYAQ SIBTIAN	SIBTIAN HUSSAIN	OM	07-09-1979	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum Building Rambagh Srinagar
7	458238	013/03 of 2008	JAVAID AHMAD BHAT	MOHD SULTAN BHAT	RBA	01-02-1975	20-09-2021	
8	579565	013/03 of 2008	KHALID GULL	GHULAM NABI PAMPORI	OM	11-10-1980	20-09-2021	
9	252070	013/03 of 2008	MOHAMMAD ASSIF	SHEIKH ABDUL RASHID	ОМ	24-07-1978	20-09-2021	
10	392583	013/03 of 2008	MOHD AAMIR KHAN	MOHD ISHAQ KHAN	OM	11-10-1974	20-09-2021]
11	328975	013/03 of 2008	SHADI LAL PANDITA	RADHA KRISHAN PANDITA	OM	25-10-1973	20-09-2021	
12	251774	013/03 of 2008	SHAHEEN IQBAL	MOHD TUFFAIL HAMDANI	OM	24-03-1978	20-09-2021	
13	498724	013/03 of 2008	SHAIQ NAZIR	NAZIR AHMAD KHAN	OM	17-02-1973	20-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Service
14	597585	013/03 of 2008	SYED JAHANGIR BUKHARI	SYED SAD UD DIN BUKHARI	ом	20-10-1976	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Zum Zum Building Rambagh Srinagar
15	392638	013/03 of 2008	SYED TAJAMUL ISLAM ANDRAGI	SYED FAROOQ AHMAD	ом	10-01-1978	20-09-2021	
16	592256	013/03 of 2008	TAKHLIQ ALI	JAFFAR ALI	OM	04-06-1981	20-09-2021	
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1	988154	035/08 of 2010	ABDUL MOHAMIN BHAT	HAFIZ UL REHMAN	ом	01-03-1976	21-09-2021	
2	960552	035/08 of 2010	ASHIQ HUSAIN BHAT	MOHAMMAD SULTAN BHAT	OM	09-10-1982	21-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Service Selection Board, Zum Zum
3	851860	035/08 of 2010	BILAL AHMAD PARRAY	MOHAMMAD AKBAR PARRAY	RBA	21-03-1984	21-09-2021	Building Rambagh Srinaga
4	883514	035/08 of 2010	HAKIM RASHID MAQBOOL	HAKEEM MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL	ом	03-04-1982	21-09-2021	

[25	996705	035/08 of 2010	TARIQ AMIN SHAIKH	MOHAMMAD AMIN SHAIKH	OM	15-04-1982	21-09-2021	
[Under RBA Categor	y				
[1	795056	035/08 of 2010	JAVID AHMAD SHEIKH	GULAM MOHAMMAD SHEIKH	RBA	14-03-1978	21-09-2021	
[2	764613	035/08 of 2010	REYAZ AHMAD GANAI	ABDUL RASHID GANAI	RBA	10-01-1983	21-09-2021	
	3	630579	035/08 of 2010	SANJEEV KUMAR KOUL	DAMODAR KOUL	RBA	02-04-1975	21-09-2021	Camp Office of J&K Services Selection Board, Zum Zum
[4	857436	035/08 of 2010	SHABIR AHMAD DAR	GH NABI DAR	RBA	15-07-1986	21-09-2021	Building Rambagh Srinagar
	5	959792	035/08 of 2010	SHEEBA AMIN OURASHI	PEERZADA MOHAMMAD AMIN	RBA	01-01-1980	21-09-2021	

ally short list of candidates called for interview for the post of post of Assistant Information Officer, (Information Department), Divisional Cadre Jammu, Item No 004 (03 of 2006)

S_No	B_Code	Item_Advt	Name	F_H_Name	Cat	DOB_1	Date of Interview	Venue
1	578079	004/03 of 2006	DEVENDER KUMAR PADHA	D C PADHA	OM	25-06-1981	20-09-2021	Central Office of J&K Services
2	602533	004/03 of 2006	JATINDER SINGH	JASWANT SINGH	OM	28-05-1970	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Hema
3	576982	004/03 of 2006	NEERA RAJPUT	BALWANT SINGH	OM	19-08-1974	20-09-2021	Complex, Channi Himmat, Jammu
4	603468	004/03 of 2006	NIDHI BADYAL	ASHOK BADYAL	OM	10-06-1979	20-09-2021	3411114
5	606881	004/03 of 2006	RISHESH KHAJURIA	LEKH RAJ SHARMA	OM	12-03-1978	20-09-2021	Central Office of J&K Services
6	466538	004/03 of 2006	SANDEEP SINGH LAKHANPURIA	BASHISHAN SINGH LAKHANPURIA	OM	15-02-1978	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Hema Complex, Channi Himmat,
7	599123	004/03 of 2006	VIKAS SHARMA	AMRIT LAL SHARMA	OM	05-12-1975	20-09-2021	Jammu
Provis	ionally sho	rt list of candidates	called for interview for t	the post of post of Assistant Information	ation Offic	er, (Information	Department), D	istrict Cadre Udhampur Item No
S_No	B_Code	Item_Advt	Name	F_H_Name	Cat	DOB_1	Date of Interview	Venue
1	946309	006/06 of 2008	DEEPSHIKHA SHARMA	SH RAKESH KUMAR	OM	30-14-1978	20-09-2021	Central Office of J&K Services
2	236681	006/06 of 2008	RAJA AMIR KARIM	ABDUL KARIM TANTREY	OM	30-08-1981	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Hema
3	530760	006/06 of 2008	RAJEEV KUMAR PADHA	SHAM LAL SHARMA	OM	31-12-1982	20-09-2021	Complex, Channi Himmat, Jammu
4	442037	006/06 of 2008	RINKU ANTAAL	SH KRISHAN CHAND	OM	07-11-1978	20-09-2021	Central Office of J&K Services
5	549646	006/06 of 2008	SANJAY PURI	ASHOK PURI	ом	06-12-1975	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Hema Complex, Channi Himmat,
								Jammu
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S_No	B_Code	Item_Advt	Name	F_H_Name	Cat	DOB_1	Date of Interview	Venue
1	539001	008/06 of 2008	NEERA RAJPUT	DEVINDER SINGH	OM	19-08-1974	20-09-2021	Central Office of J&K Services
2	549648	008/06 of 2008	SANJAY PURI	ASHOK PURI	ОМ	06-12-1975	20-09-2021	Selection Board, Hema Complex, Channi Himmat, Jammu
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India's Economy Recovered More Strongly Than It Got **Impacted During Pandemic: PM**



reforms. When the global sup-ply chains were disrupted, we introduced the PLI (production-linked incentive) scheme to turn new opportunities in favour of India," Modi said.

This scheme has been extended to the textile sector now, he said, adding that the textile sector and cities like Surat can take maximum benefit of the scheme.

AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that India's economy recovered more strongly as compared to the impact it suffered due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

He said that when big economies of the world were busy defending themselves during the pandemic, India was engaged in reforms.

"Covid-19 affected the economies of the entire world, in- April-June guarter of 2020-21. cluding that of India. But our economy has recovered more strongly than it was halted by the pandemic," Modi said while virtually addressing a gathering country's economy recover after inaugurating Sardhardham faster after the pandemic. Bhavan here, a complex for providing training to job aspirants.

"When big economies of the world were busy defending does not have a scarcity of op-themselves during the pan- portunities to make it big," themselves during the pandemic, we were carrying out Modi said. PTI



As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Tuesday, India's economic growth surged to 20.1 per cent in the April-June quarter of this fiscal, helped by a low base of the year-ago period, despite a devastating second wave of COVID-19.

The gross domestic product (GDP) had contracted by 24.4 per cent in the corresponding The PLI scheme announced

for 10 key sectors, including textile and automobiles by the Centre, is aimed at helping the

"We should look upon ourselves as global economic leader as in the 21st century, India

Govt Committed Towards Developing Landscape In J&K To Boost Tourism Sector: MoS Tourism

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The central government is committed towards developing and improving the overall landscape in Jammu and Kashmir to boost the tourism sector in the Union Territory, Union Minister of State for Defence and Tourism Ajay Bhatt said here on Saturday.

As part of the Union government's public outreach programme for Jammu and Kashmir, the minister had a detailed interaction with officials of the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department at Royal Springs Golf Course here, an official spokesperson said.

Bhatt also met various stakeholders associated with the tourism sector of the Union Territory. A detailed overview was

presented by Secretary in J-K Tourism Department Sarmad Hafiz, Director Tourism Kashmir Ghulam Nabi Itoo and other officials of the department, the spokesperson said. Bhatt underlined the infra-

structure and measures in place as well as potential available. The minister highlighted the



wards developing and improv- associated with the tourism boost the tourism landscape of the Union Territory.

Addressing the gathering, Bhatt said the government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is making all out efforts to keep the essence of Jammu and Kashmir intact by ensuring holistic development of the region.

He assured that besides the existing avenues pertinent to the tourism in the region, border tourism, eco-tourism and horticulture tourism will be taken up on priority.

ing the overall landscape to sector of the UT. Representatives of travel and tour operators and hoteliers were present during the interaction.

During a meeting, various challenges and issues faced by the industry were put forth and Bhatt ensured the support and assistance of the Union government which is committed towards the betterment of the region.

All the measures are being taken to boost the tourism sector, he added.

Earlier, a mountain biking expedition was flagged off by the minister adding on to the diverse The minister had an interac- tourism options and capacities

Govt Further Cuts Custom Duties On Edible Oils To Check Prices In Festive Season

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- To control rising edible oil prices during the festival season, the base custom duties on palm, soyabean and sunflower oils have been reduced further, bearing a revenue loss of Rs 1,100 crore, the government said on Saturday. The move, industry said, could bring

down retail prices by Rs 4-5 per litre.

The custom duties have been

reduced on both crude and refined

variants of these three cooking oils,

according to a release by the Con-

sumer Affairs, Food & Public Distri-

bution. But the agri-cess on crude

palm oil has been increased from

17.5 per cent to 20 per cent, it said.

fied the cut in customs duties of

these oils effective from Septem-

As per the finance ministry notifi-

cation, the base import tax on crude

palm oil has been reduced to 2.5 per

cent from 10 per cent, while the tax

on crude soyabean oil and crude

sunflower oil has been reduced to

With this reduction, the effec-

soyabean oil and crude sunflower

oil will come down to 24.75 per

cent, whereas effective duty on re-

fined palm oil, soyoil and sunflow-

The move comes amid an unabated rise in edible oil prices in

India -- which imports 60 per cent

of its demand -- despite several re-

The Food and Consumer Affairs

Ministry said due to the interna-

tional prices, "domestic prices of

edible oils have been ruling high

during 2021-22 which is a cause of

serious concern from inflation as

Import duty on edible oils is one

of the important factors that im-

pacted landed cost of edible oils and

Import duty on edible oils was

reduced a few months back and has

further been slashed now to boost

domestic supply and check price rise.

According to the ministry, the cur-

rent cut in customs duty on these

cooking oils will result in an esti-

ed Rs 3,500 crore revenue loss from

thereby domestic prices, it said.

well as consumer's point of view."

er oil will be 35.75 per cent.

cent government measures.

2.5 per cent from 7.5 per cent.

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The finance ministry has noti-



earlier reduction of custom duties on these oils, the government will bear a total loss of Rs 4,600 crore which is expected to be passed on to the consumers, it added.

Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) executive director B V Mehta told PTI that the fresh round of cut "could bring down the retail prices by Rs 4-5 per litre."

It is also generally seen that prices harden in the international market after India reduces its import duty so the real impact could be Rs 2-3 per litre only, he said and added the government should have reduced import duty on mustard (rapeseed) oil as well to cool prices.

Retail edible oil prices in the country have increased in the range of 41 to 50 per cent in the last one year.

To control prices of edible oils, tive duty on crude palm oil, crude the ministry has not only directed states to take action against hoarding at the level of wholesalers, millers and refiners by asking them to disclose their stocks, but also asked retailers to display prominently the prices of all edible oil brands for the benefit of consumers.

.... Some states have already notified that they (retailers) have to simply display at what rate it is available. Then it is a consumer's choice to make a choice whether to buy x or y brand depending on his own preference," Union Food Secretary Sudhansu Pandey told media after a meeting with states officials and industry stakeholders held on Friday. Consumers can choose the cheaper one and brands will also be under pressure to reduce prices, he had said, adding that the state governments will enforce the requirement of displaying the prices. Total import of vegetable oils (edible and non-edible oil) during November 2020 to July 2021 fell by 2 per cent to 96,54,636 tonne. compared to 98,25,433 tonne in mated revenue loss of Rs 1,100 crore. the corresponding period of the And with an additional estimat- previous oil year (November-October), according to the SEA data.

Whatsapp To Offer End-To-End **Encryption Option For Backups Auto Sales In Aug**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

WhatsApp on Friday said it will allow users to backup their chat history with end-to-end encryption, after which the company has 53 crore users in content will be accessible only to them and no one will be able to unlock their backup.

The end-to-end encryption uses Google Drive to store backup feature for WhatsApp which has two billion users globally - will be available on iOS and Android in the coming weeks.

India is among the biggest markets for the Facebookowned company. As per data working on a feature that will cited by the government earlier allow backups to also be endthis year, the Facebook-owned to-end encrypted.



the country.

The move assumes significance as WhatsApp presently backups on the Android platform and the backed-up chats are not end-to-end encrypted

making them susceptible to attacks. To resolve this challenge, WhatsApp has been NEW DELHI: Automobile wholesales in India declined 11% yearon-year in August, as the semiconductor shortage hit production processes across the industry, SIAM said on Friday. The total wholesales across cat-

egories, excluding commercial vehicles, declined to 15,86,873 units last month, compared to 17,90,115 units in August 2020.

Press Trust Of India

According to the latest data by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), two-wheeler dispatches



month while passenger vehicle and three-wheeler wholesales witnessed an increase over August 2020.

Two-wheeler dispatches from the OEMs to dealerships declined from OEMs to dealers declined last by 15% to 13,31,436 units in August, across the auto industry," he added.

units in August 2020, down 20%.

clined 1% to 4,51,967 units last month from 4,56,848 units a year ago.

sales, SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said the Indian automobile industry is reeling under pressure due to supply chain challenges.

"The shortage continues and now it is having an acute impact on output

Industry Output Grows 11.5 In July On Low-Base Effect

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ase effect and good

NEW DELHI- Industrial month last year. The index growth in December 2020. production surged 11.5 per was at 131.8 points in July The IIP had recorded a NSO said in a statement. cent in July mainly due to 2019, as per the NSO data. Contraction of 0.6 per cent in The government had in The data showed that indusperformance by manufac- trial production recovered but February this year. In March, turing, mining and power was still slightly below the presectors but the output re- pandemic level of July 2019.

at 131.4 points compared then entered the positive unusual circumstances on to 117.9 points in the same territory with a 2.2 per cent account of COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020,"

The government had im-January and 3.2 per cent in posed a nationwide lock

The manufacturing sec-

government's commitment to- tive meeting with stakeholders already in place in the sector. **Semiconductor Shortage Derails**

compared to 15,59,665 units in the year-ago period.

Motorcycle sales were at 8,25,849 units last month as against 10,32,476

Similarly, scooter dispatches de-

global semiconductor

Commenting on the August

mained slightly below the pre-pandemic level.

The manufacturing sector, which constitutes 77.63 per cent of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), grew the COVID outbreak and 10.5 per cent in July, accord- remained in the negative ing to the data released by zone till August 2020.b the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Friday.

rose 19.5 per cent in July while power generation increased 11.1 per cent.

In July 2021, the IIP stood output fell 1.6 per cent and terpreted considering the year-ago period.

The IIP had contracted by 10.5 per cent in July 2020. Industrial production plunged 18.7 per cent in March last year following With the resumption of many states imposed re-

economic activities, factory strictions to curb the spread The mining sector output output rose 1 per cent in of coronavirus infections. September 2020 and grew

down to contain the spread it grew 24.2 per cent. of coronavirus infections on For the month of April, March 25, 2020. the NSO held back the release of complete IIP data.

tor had recorded a contrac-In May 2021. IIP rose 28.6 tion of 11.4 per cent in July per cent and in June, it grew 2020. Mining sector output 13.6 per cent. fell 12.7 per cent in the same The second wave of the month last year. The electricpandemic started in the ity generation had declined middle of April this year and

2.5 per cent in July 2020. The output of capital goods, which is a barometer of investment, grew "The growth rates over 29.5 per cent in July 2021.

4.5 per cent in October. In corresponding period of It had witnessed a contrac-November 2020, the factory previous year are to be in- tion of 22.8 per cent in the

'Govt Wants Tesla To Start **Production In India Before Considering Any Tax Concessions'**

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NEW DELHI: The heavy industries ministry has asked US-based elec- the social welfare surcharge of 10 tric car major Tesla to first start per cent on electric cars. manufacturing its iconic electric vehicles in India before any tax would boost the development of concessions can be considered, the Indian EV ecosystem and the government sources said.

to Tesla will not send a good signal to other companies that have invested billions of dollars in India.

Tesla has demanded reduction in import duties on electric ve- motive market as no Indian OEM curhicles (EVs) in India.

At present, cars imported as completely built units (CBUs) attract cus- and only 1-2 per cent of cars sold in toms duty ranging from 60 per cent India (EV or ICE) have ex-factory/custo 100 per cent, depending on engine toms value above USD 40,000.

size and cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value less or above USD 40,000. In a letter to the road ministry, the US firm had stated that the effective import tariff of 110 per cent on vehicles with customs value above USD 40,000 is "prohibitive" to zero-emission vehicles.

It has requested the government to standardize the tariff on electric cars to 40 per cent irrespective of the customs value, and withdraw

It has stated that these changes company will make significant di-They said that the government is rect investments in sales, service, not giving such concessions to any and charging infrastructure; and auto firm and giving duty benefits significantly increase procurement from India for its global operations.

The company has argued that these proposals would not have any negative impact on the Indian autorently produces a car (EV or ICE) with ex-factory price above USD 40.000

Forex Reserves Rise USD 8.895 Bn To Record High Of USD 642.453 Bn

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MUMBAI- The country's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 8.895 billion to reach a record high of USD 642.453 billion in the week ended September 3, RBI data showed.

In the previous week ended August 27, the reserves had surged USD 16.663 billion to USD 633.558 billion, mainly due to a rise in Special Drawing Rights (SDR) holdings. International Monetary Fund (IMF) had made an allocation of SDR 12.57 billion to India.

For the week ended September 3, the increase was on account of a rise in foreign currency assets (FCAs), a major component of the overall reserves, Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) weekly data released on Friday showed.

FCA rose by USD 8.213 billion to USD 579.813 billion in the reporting week, according to the data.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves were up by USD 642 million to USD 38.083 billion in the reporting week, as per the data.

The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the IMF rose by USD 29 million to USD 19.437 billion.

The country's reserve position with the IMF increased by USD 11 million to USD 5.121 billion in the reporting week, the data showed.

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THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

Subject: - Admission Notification for B. Arch. Course 2021-22.

Reference :- I) CA/5/2021/Academic-Eligibility dated 23-07-2021. ii) CA/5/Academic/2021/Circular dated 01-09-2021. iii) Letter No: GCET/SOA/21/188-189 dated 07-09-2021. IV) Letter No: GCET/21/923 dated 09-09-2021.

Notification No. 88 - BOPEE of 2021 Dated: 10-09-2021

Consequent upon the declaration of results by NATA, applications are invited from eligible candidates belonging to Union Territories of J&K / Ladakh for admission to B.Arch. Course at GCET, Jammu & GCET Safapora, Ganderbal for the academic session 2021-22. The selection of the candidates shall be governed by the J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examination Act, 2002 and the Rules and Regulations there under, JK Reservation Act, 2004 as amended vide J&K Reorganization Act, 2019, S.O 127 dated 20-04-2020, S.O 249 dated:- 23-07-2021 and subject to further amendments, if any, by the Competent Authority, issued from time to time.

Eligibility:

Candidate applying for above course shall be eligible, if he/she: a) has passed in 10 +2 examination with PCM subjects

b) has passed 10+3 Diploma with Mathematics as compulsory subject.

c) In addition to the above, the candidates who have qualified National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) 2021.

Submission of Application Forms:

The interested candidates have to submit Registration Cum Counselling Form physically at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar office alongwith the following self-attested certificates w.e.f. 13-09-2021 to 25-09-2021 (upto 04.00 P.M). The application Form shall be available at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinaga and also annexed as Annexure "A" to this Notification:-

Domicile of UT of J&K/UT of Ladakh as the case may be (Domicile Certificate, if not issued, at the time of submission of Application Form, the (i) candidate can submit an undertaking certifying that he /she shall submit /produce the same at the time of counselling/admission to respective institution). For Candidates of UT of Ladakh, ST certificate issued by the competent Authority of Ladakh shall be treated as Domicile Certificate.

Qualifying marks (12th class) certificate/10+3 Diploma with Mathematics as compulsory subject; (whichever is applicable). (iii) Score card of NATA 2021.

Date of Birth (10th Marks card/Diploma issued by the Board)

Valid Reserved category certificate; if any &

(vi) Fee of Rs 1200/= to be paid either through Net Banking or through POS machine

available at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar by debit/credit card.

However, it is for the information of all concerned that afore-titled documents as required for submission of application form shall be considered provisional and subject to change(s) vide any order as may be issued by the Government subsequently. Note:-

The eligibility is bare minimum/provisional and shall be subject to such changes/bench marks as may be fixed by the concerned University/ Authority. The Board shall on receipt of any such communication from the concerned authority/University notify the same; which shall govern the eligibility criteria

Instructions:

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a) No under process certificate will be accepted;

b) Original Documents as mentioned above required to be submitted in the concerned Institution at the time of Admission. Mode of selection/Admission:

There are tentatively 80 seats (40 seats at GCET; Jammu & 40 seats at GCET Safapora, Ganderbal; Kashmir). The Board has decided to fill up these seats on the basis of Merit scored in NATA Test cum Preferences as filled in by the candidates in the registration cum counselling form.

In case two or more candidates having same score in NATA; then their tie shall be resolved by considering Mathematics Marks scored in 12th class examination & in case of further tie; the D.O.B of candidate shall be taken into account for selection and first alphabet of candidate name shall be considered in case of tie among candidates in D.O.B. Note:-

The seats shall be filled by the Board in the above said institutions subject to the approval from competent authority whenever received by the Board.

Mere filling of application form shall not confer any right to the candidate(s) for admission. IIÍ)

The Board has right to select /reject any application form at any stage if found false without issuing any notice to the candidate.

ERRORS & OMISSIONS EXCEPTED.

DIPK-NB-3398/21

(Dr. Sunil Gupta) Controller of Examinations; J&K BOPEE

Dated: 10-09-2021 No: BOPEE/Exam-20/2021

NEWS

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Advisor Baseer Visits Banihal

Reviews RDD And Other Developmental Activities



AGENCIES

RAMBAN: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan, on Saturday conducted an extensive tour of Banihal Sub-Division of district Ramban to take stock of various ongoing development projects, winter preparedness made by JPDCL, Covid mitigation efforts and disaster management.

Advisor also interacted with several deputations led by the DDC Chairperson, Dr, Shamshad Shan, President MC, Beopar Mandal, PRIs who apprised him of their demands and grievances seeking an early redressal of the same.

Baseer Khan was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, BDC Chairperson, Rashida Begum, DDC members, Chief Engineer, JPDCL, AK Sachdeva, Director Rural Development Jammu, Kishore Singh Chib, Director Tourism, BDC Chairpersons, ADC Harbans lal, ACD Zameer Rishu and other senior officers of the district.

The Advisor inspected 10 MVA Receiving Station at Banihal with an additional capacity of 6.3 MVA. He also inspected various ongoing Rural development works.

He inaugurated Footbridge at Thachi -Wagan besides reviewing infrastructure being developed in the district to provide better facilities to the people.

Speaking on the occasion, the Advisor said that the Government is committed to provide adequate power supply to the people of UT by capacity enhancement in transmission, distribution and power generation. The aim is to reduce the power curtailment time especially in ensuing winters across the UT, he added.

The Advisor directed the Chief Engineer JPDCL to conduct survey in the district for the replacement of wooden and damaged electric poles, wires, conductors and other material required for smooth supply of electricity and in the process involve the PRI's also. He added that the funds have already been released in this behalf to create a robust electricity network in the UT. He also directed the Chief Engineer to replace all wires wherever required to improve power supply in the district besides electrifying the

uncovered areas. Responding to the demands of people, the Advisor directed the Director Tourism and Deputy Commissioner to explore the new tourist destinations and trekking routes in the district.

He also directed Director Tourism to renovate the way-side amenities and other facilities to boost tourism activities in the area. While talking to the members of three tiers system of Panchyati Raj, the Advisor asked them to work in coordination to ensure effective execution of development projects and implementation of other beneficiary oriented schemes.

He directed the Director RDD to identify development works to generate more man days to provide more job opportunities to locals besides ensuring training programmes for DDC and BDC members for their capacity building. He also directed the District Administration to identify state land at panchyat levels to be made available to RDD so that play fields in all the panchyats are developed. This would channelize the energy of youth in the development of the nation, he added.

Responding to the demand of Beopar Mandal to develop Bus Stand, the Advisor directed the District Administration to identify suitable land and prepare a plan for the construction of Bus Stand and submit the proposal to the concerned department. Regarding the issues of sanitation highlighted by the delegation, the Advisor directed the Urban Local Bodies and the Deputy Commisioner to have the sanitation concerns resolved and construct a community toilet complex in the Banihal town.

The Advisor also asked the PRIs to cooperate with Administration in implementing all preventive measures to prevent spread of 3rd wave of Covid infection. He said the threat of third wave of COVID is still there and proper measures need to be taken to prevent spread of virus. The Advisor highlighted the requirement of following proper COVID appropriate behaviour and the protocol set in this behalf especially in view of opening up of schools and other activities.

Earlier, PRIs expressed their satisfaction about the qualitative change in the national highway. They highlighted the improvement in maintenence of highway by means macdamisation and widening at critical places. The PRI further placed their demands before the Advisor which included opening up of Bus stand, Sanitation of the area, development of playfields, opening of AWAS PLUS portal for registration, clearance of pending payments in RDD for 2017-18 and 2018-19, Tourism Development Authority for Ramban district, funds for completion of TRCs, opening of more bank branches, augmentation of power receiving stations, up gradation of schools, snow cutter for district, shortage of staff in health and education institutions, additional funds for towns, establishment of new towns including Rajgarh, Ukhral, Gool, Sangaldan and Khari, issuance

of BPL ration cards. The Advisor gave directions to the officers to redress most of the grievances on the spot and assured the delegations that the other genuine issues shall be taken up with concerned authorities for early redressal.

National Lok Adalats Held Across Kashmir Districts

Thousands Of Cases Settled Amicably, Awards Of Compensation To MACT Victims, Others Distributed

SRINAGAR: The 3rd- National Lok Adalats were held today across all districts of Kashmir, where thousands of cases were settled amicably and awards of compensation to victims of MACT and other disputes were distributed.

The matters placed before the benches included Civil, Criminal Compoundable, Cheque bounce, bank matters, MACT, matrimonial, tenancy, electricity and pre-litigation matters, maintenance family disputes, civil disputes, land acquisition cases, revenue cases, traffic cases, cases under municipal act, grievances relating to women, children and disabled cases for settlement.

In Srinagar, Mr. Mohammad Akram Chowdhary Pr. District & Sessions Judge Srinagar inaugurated the National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Mominabad Srinagar, in which cases as per NALSA directions were fixed.

Ten Benches were constituted in which Bench No.1 was comprising of Special Judge Anti Corruption Mr. Jatinder Singh Jamwal and Mr. Pradeep Kumar Presiding Officer MACT Court Srinagar. Bench No.2 was comprising of Principal Judge Family Court, Srinagar Ms. Masrat shaheen and Sh. Mohammad Ashraf Bhat 2nd Additional District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar. Bench No. 3 was comprising of Ld. Special Judge Anti Corruption Kashmir, Srinagar Mr. C.L Bavoria and Ld. 3rd Additional Munsiff, Srinagar Ms. Shayesta Nazir, Bench no.4 was comprising of Additional District & Session judge, Srinagar Mr. Abdul Nasir and Judge small Causes, Srinagar Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi , Bench No.5 was comprising of Chief judicial Magistrate Srinagar Mr. Farooq Ahmad Bhat And Sub Registrar ,Srinagar Mr. Touseef Ahmad Magrey, Bench No.6 was comprising of Forest Magistrate ,Srinagar Mr. Iqbal Ahmad Masoodi and City Jugde Mr. Ajay kumar, Bench No. 7 was comprising of Special Mobile Magistrate TFC Srinagar Mr. Ahsanu Ullah Parvez Malik and PT & E Magistrate Mr. Sunil Kumar Bench No. 8 was comprising of Special Mobile Magistrate (Traffic) Srinagar Mr. Parvaiz Iqbal and Additional Special mobile Magistrate, Srinagar Mr. Shabir Ahmad Malik Bench No. 9 was comprising of Additional Special Mobile Magistrate (13th FC) Panthachowk ,Srinagar Mr. Tabraiz Ahmad and President Bar Association Panthachowk (Member) Bench No. 10 was comprising of Principal District & Sessions judge ,Ŝrinagar Mr. M. Chowdhary and 1st Additional District & Sessions Judge ,Srinagar Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta.

Mr. Noor Mohammad Mir Secretary District Legal Services Authority Srinagar Coordinated the National Lok Adalat at Srinagar.

A total number of 12,629 Cases were taken up for their amicable settlement out of which 12,003 Cases were settled. Beside this Rs 3,12,14,411/-was awarded as compensation by MACT Court Srinagar and Rs4,19,56,719 has been recovered as settlement amount by Additional District Bank Judge Srinagar and fine of Rs 47,94,250 has been recovered by different Courts, and in addition to this Rs2,31,79,903/- has been settled by different courts in Srinagar. Total Settled amount in district Srinagar is 10, 11, 45,283/-

In Baramulla, as part of ongoing "Azadi ka Amrut Mohatsav", District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Baramulla in collaboration with Tehsil Legal Services Committees today organized National Lok Adalat across the district. At Baramulla, it was organized at District court complex Baramulla and at concerned subordinate courts at tehsil levels.

The Lol Adalat were held under the Chairmanship of District Legal Services Authority (Principal District and Sessions Judge) Baramulla Mohammad Yousuf Wani who inaugurated the event at the District Court Complex in presence of Secretary DLSA Mir Sayeem Quyoom.

The lok Adalats were comprised of 14 benches in which 2351 different cases/ matters were taken up, out of which 1792 cases/ matters were settled amicably on spot. Furthermore, Rs 2.11 crore was realised as settlement amount comprising compensation amount of Rs. 3375000/ in MACT cases whereas an amount of Rs 10279581/ in bank recovery cases. Besides an amount of Rs 858610/ was realised on account of composition in traffic offences and Rs 3370000/ was realised in matrimonial cases. Moreover, an amount of Rs 3310000 was realised in N.I Act cases.

In Bandipora, A special National Lok Adalat was held at District Court Complex, Bandipora under the chairmanship of DLSA, Principal District and Session Judge Mohammad Ibrahim Wani in which 385 cases of different nature were taken up for settlement, of which, 818 cases were settled amicably.

A settlement amount of Rs 20.04 lac was realized as settlement amount at the spot.

According to the statement issued by the District Legal Services Authority Bandipora, the first bench of the Lok Adalat was presided over by Chief Judicial Magistrate Bandipora Abdul Qayoom Mir while Mufti Nazir Ahmad Qasmi acted as member of the bench while the second bench was presided over by Sub Judge Fariqa Nazir while Towfel Ahmad Mir acted as member of the bench. The third bench was presided over by Munsiff Zahoor Ahmad Ganaie at Sumbal while Advocate Tasleema Jan acted as member.

Officials said 1182 cases were taken up in the said National Lok Adalat out of which 818 Cases were settled amicably & settled amount of Rs 2003700.

In Kupwara, 3871 cases of different natures were put up, out of which 3769 cases were amicably settled and an amount of about Rs.2.30 crore was realized.

A total of seven benches were constituted by chairman DLSA, Mr. Tasleem Arief, (Principal District & Sessions Judge Kupwara) across the district including Sessions court Kupwara, Sub Judge/ Secretary DLSA Kupwara, Sub Judge Court Kupwara, Munsif Court Kupwara, CJM Handwara, Munsif Handwara, Sub Judge Court Trehgam, Munsif Court Sogam, Kralpora and Tangdar.

The Lok Adalats were held under the instructions of National Legal Services

Authority of India and supervision of JK legal Services Authority.

In Ganderbal, it was held under the Chairmanship of Ms. Shazia Tabasum Chairperson District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal.

The function was inaugurated at Court Complex Ganderbal by Chairperson District Legal Services Authority (Principal District and Sessions Judge), Ganderbal Ms. Shazia Tabasum in presence of Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Ganderbal, Ms. Tabasum.

Four benches were constituted for the amicable settlement of cases, wherein First Bench was presided by Ms. Shazia Tabasum Chairperson District Legal Services Authority, Ganderbal and Ms. Tabasum Secretary District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal as Bench Member, the Second Bench was presided by "Ms. Umi Kuloom" Chief Judicial Magistrate Ganderbal and Adv S.M Mustehseen as Bench Member, the Third Bench was presided by Ms. Fakhur Un Nissa Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Ganderbal and Advocate Ms. Chesfeeda as Bench Member, the Fourth Bench was presided by Shri Kartar Singh Munsiff/JMIC Kangan and Advocate Jamal Ud Din as Bench member in Munsiff Court Complex Kangan.

"Ms Tabasum" Secretary District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal made all arrangements and preparations for the said National Lok Adalat.

Overall 584 cases were taken up for settlement out of which 355 cases were amicably settled/Compromised on spot. Rs.27750/-(Rupees twenty seven thousand seven hundred and fifty only) was recovered as fine for violations under different statutes, Rs.6043983/-(Rupees sixty lakh forty three thousand nine hundred eighty three only) was awarded as Bank recovery amount, in other civil cases an amount of Rs1054546/- was settled and Rs 2450,000/-(Rupees twenty four lakh fifty thousand only) was awarded in MACT cases.

In Kulgam. A National Lok Adalat was held today in District Court Complex Kulgam, under the chairmanship of Pr. District & Sessions Judge kulgam Tahir khurshid Raina (Chairman District Legal Services Authority Kulgam).

Five Benches were constituted Three at Head quarter & one each at D.H.pora and Qazigund. Bench No. 1 was Presided by Mr .Tahir Khurshid Raina Chairman DLSA Kulgam (Ld. Pr. District and sessions judge Kulgam), assisted by Mr. Som Lal (Ld. Presiding Officer Fast Track Court Kulgam and Mr. Mohd Shafi Bhat (Bar President Kulgam). Bench No. 02 was presided by Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Zargar (Ld.Chief Judicial Magistrate Kulgam), assisted by Advocate Adil Hamid Lone (Panel Lawyer). Bench No.03 was Presided by Miss Mehreen Mushtaq (Sub Judge/ Secretary DLSA Kulgam), assisted by Mr. Vishal Bharti(Ld. Munsiff/JMIC Kulgam) and Advocate Arsalna Mubarak (Panel Lawyer). Bench No.04 was Presided by Mr. Altaf Hussain Mir (Ld. Munsiff/JMIC D.H.Pora), assisted by Mr. Farooq Ahmad (Bar President D.H.Pora) and Bench No.05 was Presided by Mr. Karan Bijyal (Ld. Munsiff /JMIC Qazigund), assisted by Mr. M. D. Shawal (Bar President Oazigund).

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3rd Wave? We

I urge people to get vaccinated and adhere to the guidelines", LG said.

Underlining the need to adopt a preemptive approach to overcome any future health challenges, the LG directed the District Administration to ensure proper functioning of critical care equipment, and set the timeline of 15 days for the submission of the report on asset utilization.

The Lt Governor instructed the Additional Chief Secretary Health and Medical Education to take a comprehensive review of the functioning of the health department and district hospitals.

The LG also complimented the District Administration and Healthcare workers of Samba District for achieving 100% saturation of the first dose of vaccination for all above 18 years of age. He instructed the other districts to mobilize the vaccination teams and urged people to get vaccinated.

Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department Vivek Bhardwaj gave a detailed briefing on various critical factors of the Covid management.

J&K Reports 146 Fresh

cases, 121 belong to Kashmir division while as 25 are from Jammu division, adding that the total number of positive cases in Kashmir division have reached to 203,514 including 200,197 recoveries and 2,245 deaths while as total number of positive cases in Jammu division have reached to 123,285 including 120,889 recoveries and 2,167 deaths.

The officials said that the total number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 1,301 including 1,072 from Kashmir division and 229 from Jammu division. With 138 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in Jammu and Kashmir has reached 321,086 which is 98.26 percent of the total cases.

"Cases tested positive in J&K include 72 from Srinagar, 15 from Baramulla, 09 from Budgam, 03 from Pulwama, 07 from Kupwara, 01 from Anantnag, 03 from Bandipora, 06 from Ganderbal, 05 from Kulgam and 00 from Shopian in Kashmir division while as 25 from Jammu division include 04 from Jammu, 03 from Udhampur, 00 from Rajouri, 13 from Doda, 01 from Kathua, 00 from Samba, 00 from Kishtwar, 01 from Poonch, 00 from Ramban and 03 from Reasi," officials disclosed.

Meanwhile, authorities on Saturday said that one fresh cases of Mucormycosis popularly known as black fungus was reported in the UT and the tally reaches to 46.

As per officials figures, 73,070 positive

cases including 837 deaths and 71,620 recoveries are from Srinagar, 24,069 including 282 deaths and 23,630 recoveries are from Baramulla, 23,344 including 23,004 recoveries and 207 deaths are from Budgam, 15,382 including 15,160 recoveries and 194 deaths are from Pulwama, 14,288 including 166 deaths and 14,088 recoveries are from Kupwara, 16,471 including 16,244 recoveries and 205 deaths are from Anantnag, 9,671 cases including 9,543 and 101 deaths are from Bandipora, 10,169 including 10,067 recoveries and 78 deaths are from Ganderbal, 11,448 including 11,302 recoveries and 117 deaths are from Kulgam and 5,602 including 5,539 recoveries and 58 deaths are from Shopian.

In Jammu division, 53,064 including 51,873 recoveries and 1.142 deaths are from Jammu district, 11,388 including 11,245 recoveries and 137 deaths are from Udhampur, 11,124 including 10,862 recoveries and 236 deaths are from Rajouri, 7,661 including 7,475 recoveries and 130 deaths are from Doda, 9,287 including 9.135 recoveries and 151 deaths are from Kathua, 7,138 including 7,013 recoveries and 120 deaths are from Samba, 4,797 including 4,737 recoveries and 44 deaths are from Kishtwar, 6,334 including 6,224 recoveries and 97 deaths are from Poonch, 6,005 including 5,926 recoveries and 67 deaths are from Ramban and 6,487 including 6,399 recoveries and 43 deaths are from Reasi.

As per the daily information bulletin 3,3676,795 persons in Jammu and Kashmir are under observation while 7,742 persons have been kept under home quarantine besides that 1,301 persons are in isolation.

According to the bulletin, 2,897,756 persons have completed the surveillance period and 465,584 persons are under home surveillance besides that so far results of 13,887,059 samples are available. Out of 13,887,059 the number of samples tested negative stands at 13,560,260 while as 326,799 have tested positive, among them 1,301 persons are active, 321,086 persons have recovered and 4,412

persons have died. **Reopening of Schools**

was taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary A.K. Mehta.

In an order issued after a review of the COVID-19 situation, Mehta, who is also the chairperson of the State Executive Committee (SEC), said classes for students of 12th standard would be permitted with in-person attendance not exceeding 50 per cent of capacity on a given day.

"Consent shall be obtained from the parents of all students who are willing to attend school. The school premises should be thoroughly sanitised, proper screening regarding vaccination should be done on the school gate.

"If any student or teacher or other school staff shows symptoms of cough, cold, or fever, they will not be allowed to enter the school. The head of the school must ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are strictly followed," the order said.

The Deputy Commissioners can allow inperson classes for students of 10th standard following all protocols.

"The schools, except for relaxations as provided for students of 12th and 10th classes, shall continue to remain closed for on-site/inperson teaching," the order said.

It said the coaching centres for civil services or engineering or NEET examinations would be permitted with limited in-person teaching for fully vaccinated staff and students.

It said the higher educational institutions would be permitted to commence limited inperson teaching subject to 100 per cent vaccination of staff and students and specific permission of the Deputy Commissioners. (KINS)

Car Falls Into

A police officer confirmed the death of the four persons and rescuing of as many others in the accident. He said that a case has been registered and further investigations taken up. **Truck Driver Killed**

fell into a 300-ft gorge near Chini Zojila pass. An official said that the truck was on its

pass. An official said that the truck was on its way to Srinagar from Kargil when it met with an accident.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the accident.

In Winters Electricity

than 20 percent of electricity was getting consumed in Kashmir in winter as compared to the summer season.

"The total consumption of power at a peak load during the winters is 1450 MWs while during summer season, the total consumption of electricity in Kashmir was 1200 MWs," the figures reveal.

Injured Army

Srinagar for advanced treatment where from he was shifted to Command Hospital Udhampur for further treatment, police said.

"Reportedly the Major has expired today in the Hospital at Udhampur," GNS quoting a police official said. The police have sought a postmortem report, the official added. (GNS) **Bukhari Says No**

with full understanding," he said.

Bukhari said that the Supreme Court has the power to restore the Article 370 and 35A and one expects the Court to restore it.

Kashmiri Shawl

seven years", said a family member. Some family members and relatives have left for Punjab to retrieve the body back home, they further said.

A senior police officer here said that as per initial enquiry at Haryana, "prima facie, it appears to be a natural death. "Moreover family members have gone there. Rest of the story will come out in a couple of days," the officer added. (GNS)

Rains Batter Kashmir

has surpassed the monthly average rainfall. The intermittent moderate rainfall since Friday evening has brought the temperature further down across the Valley.

According to the details available, Srinagar has recorded 22.2 degree Celsius temperature on Saturday while highest was recorded in Kupwara in northern Kashmir where mercury settled at 25.3 degree Celsius.

The lowest day temperature was recorded at world famous ski-resort, Gulmarg at 13.4 degree Celsius.

MeT spokesman informed that till 05:30 PM, Srinagar recorded 6.0 mm rainfall while Gulmarg received 16.0 mm. He further informed that Qazigund and Pahalgam in Southern Kashmir received 11.6 and 7.9 mm rainfall from 08:30 AM to 05:30 PM Saturday.

Kashmir's Islamic Geometrical

triangles, rectangles, squares, circles, etc., which are basic geometric figures, he explains.

"But the overall idea is how varied a pattern can be designed. It gives multiple opportunities for the craftsman. It's that variation in the pattern, that appeals to the human eyes and the sense of aesthetics to a large extent."

In the case of Kashmir, geometric shapes are omnipresent in pinjras, some of the most intricate ones to be found in shrines.

"If it's an octagonal star, you'll find that in eight different windows," the design director says. "You have eight different patterns."

But, because of that unified theme of geometry, he says, one doesn't seem to be different from the other visually, but what commands visual attention is how each pattern is unique to that one single window.

The understanding of geometry in Islamic design has been passed from generation to generation wherein artisans work with a certain basic module with most of them traditional and unchanged over time.

But with dwindling numbers of skilled artisans in Kashmir, there're doubts of whether hand-done pinjrakari or the traditional Khatamband will see through the test of time.

Atif Lone, 28, is a pinjrakari artist based in Downtown Srinagar who's one of the few young people willing to learn the craft and become its next generation of torchbearers.

Lone left his commerce degree to become a first-generation pinjrakari artist to introduce new designs and revitalise the art in local households.

While he may be using CAD for making some of his designs, his basis remains the grids of a graph paper, pencil, and a set of compasses for sketching out hundreds of innovative pinjrakari designs, further demonstrating how geometry makes for Islamic design's polestar.

While geometric shapes are sacrosanct to most Islamic religious institutions, the essence of its design remains universal and timeless.

Hamdani believes that geometry, being equivocal in nature, is open to any culture: "It's a basic arithmetic solution to a certain problem, so it's not religious, but very secular in its appeal."

Man Falls From

fell from the walnut tree and was immediately evacuated to a nearby hospital where from he was shifted to SMHS hospital Srinagar where doctors declared him brought dead on arrival.

A police official confirming the incident said that the body is being handed over to the family for last rites.

J&K, Ladakh Finance

The order has been passed by the government in exercise of powers vested in it under Section 10 (a) of the Financial Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2000.

Army Vehicle Falls

20-25ft down into the adjacent land this afternoon. Soon a rescue was launched and injured soldiers were removed to hospital.

Mystery Death

have been taken up to unravel the same, the officer added.





Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC), Nuzhat Gull on Saturday congratulated the trainees of JKSC's Cricket Academy for making it to the U-19 cricket team announced by the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) yesterday.

The Secretary congratulated Arveen, Sadiya Wani and Mehak who made it to JKCA U-19 Girls team, and Mohammad Hurrair, Akshit Gandral. Dhruv Parmar.

Yuvraj Saini and Aakash Ayoub for making it to JKCA U-19 boys team. In her congratulatory message she wished selected trainees of M. A Stadium Jammu and TRC Centre Srinagar all the best and hoped they continue with the good show during the competitions and come up with the flying colours.

Secretary Sports Council lauded the Sports Council Cricket Academy team from both divisions for their coaching and mentoring role and prayed for similar results in future as well.

India's IPL Stars Off To Dubai After Second Negative RT-PCR Report



Press Trust of India

MANCHESTER/DUBAI: The Indian cricketers, contracted to play the Indian Premier League (IPL), left for the UAE in chartered and commercial flights after returning negative RT-PCR tests for the second time in two days.

The travel arrangements were made by players' respective franchises.

The players began their early departures for the remainder of the IPL, starting September 19, after India's fifth Test against England was postponed indefinitely following COVID-19 out-break in the Indian camp. The players, led by Virat Kohli,

refused to take the field despite testing negative for the virus as they had apprehensions that playing members could contract the virus after assistant physio Yogesh Parmar tested positive just ahead of the final game.

The good news is that all the players and support staff members have now tested negative for the RT-PCR for the second time. The reports arrived late on Friday evening and most of them are already on their way to Dubai for the IPL," a senior BCCI official told PTI. "Two non-IPL players Abhimanyu Easwaran and Arjan Nagwaswalla will be flying out on Monday with the rest of the support staff. They will be flying to their respective Indian cities via Dubai and will take a commercial flight," the senior official said.

The players started departing in clusters -- some in charter flight arranged by their franchises like Mumbai Indians and Sunrisers Hyderbad while Chennai Super Kings cricketers took commercial flight. "Mumbai Indians flew in

three of its Indian contingent members, captain Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, and Suryakumar Yadav, to Abu Dhabi on a private charter flight. The trio, along with their families, arrived today morning and will now undergo six days of hard quarantine, starting today as per the IPL's guidelines," MI issued a statement.

"All members had returned negative RT PCR results before departure. A new RT PCR test was undertaken upon arrival at Abu Dhabi, which are negative as well." it also stated.

RCB captain Virat Kohli and his premier pacer Mohammed Siraj also took a charter flight from Manchester.

"Keeping the safety and security of our players as the utmost priority, Royal Challengers Bangalore have arranged a special charter flight for captain Virat Kohli and Mohammed Siraj to ensure their safe transit to the UAE. "The players will be flying out at 11.30 PM (UK time) on Saturday and will arrive in Dubai early Sunday morning. Both, Virat and Siraj will undergo 6-day quarantine in Dubai before joining the team bio-secure bubble." RCB said in a release.

JKCA To Hold Senior Women Trials From September 12



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association has announced that selection trials for J&K's Senior Women team will begin from September 12 till September 15 in Srinagar and Jammu simultaneously. The selection trials will be for Senior

Women team (One Day matches). "It is for the information of all Senior Women Cricketers that JKCA will be conducting Preliminary Trials for selection of Senior Women team (One Day matches) at JKCA grounds Jammu Srinagar w.ef. 12-09-2021 to 15-

09-2021," the JKCA said in a notice. The venue and timing for the

trials are as follows: Sher-i-Kashmir Cricket Stadium, Sonwar, Srinagar at 10:00 AM. Hostel Ground, GGM Science College, Canal Road, Jammu and 10:00 AM. "All those desirous of attend-

ing the trials must bring their original Date of Birth and 10th Pass Certificates." the IKCA notice added. "All players attending the trials

must have taken both doses of COVID vaccine and should carry proper Certificate," the notice concluded. The notice has been undersigned by JKCA Sub-Committee Member-Administration, Anil Gupta.

JKCA Regrets Error In U-19 Men's Team

In a press release issued on Saturday, Anil Gupta, Member Administration, JKCA informed that the name of Arnav Gupta, who was selected for the U-19 Men's junior team by the selectors, was missed erroneously while releasing the list of selected players yesterday. The error was brought to the

notice of the Sub-Committee by Arun Sharma, Chairman, Men's Junior Selection Committee. Anil Gupta has regretted the error on behalf of the Sub-Committee and apologised to Arnav Gupta and the selection committee. He has also assured that greater care would be exercised in future to prevent such errors.

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Super Division League 2021: Syed **Tajuddin FC, Qamarwari FC Win Matches**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two matches of the ongoing DFA Srinagar Super Division Football League 2021 were played on Saturday at the Synthetic Turf, TRC here.

In the first match Syed Tajuddin FC defeated Towheed FC with a 3-0 scoreline. Aftab scored the first goal for Syed Tajuddin FC in the 5th minute. Lucky doubled the team' lead in 32nd minute and Danish scored the last goal of the game in the 80th minute of the match. In the second game between



Bairstow, Malan & Woakes Pull Out Of IPL, **Citing Personal Reasons**

Press Trust of India

MANCHESTER:

Sunrisers Hyderabad opener Jonny Bairstow, Punjab Kings batsman Dawid Malan and Delhi Capitals all-rounder Chris Woakes have pulled out of the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) due to personal reasons. The England and India players were supposed to fly into UAE from Manchester together in a bubble to bubble transfer but COVID-19 cases in the visitors' camp forced IPL teams to make their own arrangements.

The fifth Test between India and England was also postponed indefinitely after a junior physio tested positive for the virus ahead of the game. Other members of India's support staff, including head Ravi Shastri, were already in quarantine after they tested positive for the virus during the fourth Test at the Oval.

All players arriving in Dubai now have to do a six-day quarantine and that could be the reason behind Bairstow and Malan pulling out.

A BCCI official told PTI that both the players won't be part of the IPL resuming September 19. The Guardian reported on Woakes' unavailability.

"They won't be boarding the flight to UAE. One of the reasons for their pull out is the six-day quarantine which they didn't need to do earlier," said the official.

While Bairstow is a regular in the Sunrisers line-up, world number one T20 batsman Malan made his IPL debut with Kings earlier this year.

Bairstow had made 248 runs at strike rate of 141 plus in seven games earlier this season. Bairstow, Woakes and Malan were part of England's Test squad in Manchester.

Bubble life has taken a toll on players and with the T20 World Cup to follow in UAE, not playing the IPL would allow more family time to Bairstow and Malan.

All three are also part of England's Ashes plans but the tour Down Under is also currently in doubt with Australia imposing some of the harshest restrictions in the world on incoming travellers in the COVID times.

New Zealand Cricket Team Arrives In Pakistan After 18 Years



Agencies

ISLAMABAD: The New Zealand cricket team arrived in Pakistan on Saturday for the first time in 18 years to play three One-Day Internationals and five Twenty20 Internationals.

The Kiwis landed at the Islamabad airport and headed to a hotel where they will undergo a mandatory isolation for three days before commencing a two-day practice session on Sept 15, according to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)

World Cup Super League fixtures due to the non-availability of the Decision Review System (DRS) – a requirement in the event playing conditions, a PCB press release said.

As New Zealand will return to Pakistan in the 2022-23 season to play two Tests and three ODIs, the two boards have agreed that these 50over matches will now count towards the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 qualification.



KASHMIR

Safalo FC and Qamarwari FC, team Qamarwari won the match 2-1. A fairly close encounter, Qamarwari's Firdous gave his team the lead in the 20th minute of the match. The Safalo boys, however, tried their best to find the net but it was Qamarwari



FC that doubled its lead through Faizan in the 26th minute.

Safalo FC managed to pull one back through Naveed in the dying moments of the match.

The match ended 2-1 in favour

of Qamarwari FC.

The Super Division League is being organised by DFA Srinagar, under the aegis of Jammu & Kashmir Football Association and in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

The ODI series against New Zealand will be played at the Rawalpindi Stadium, with matches scheduled for Sept 17, 19, and 21, while the Gaddafi Stadium will host five T20s scheduled to take place from Sept 25 to Oct 3. Meanwhile, the PCB and the

New Zealand Cricket have mutually agreed to change the status of the ODI series to a bilateral series from the ICC Cricket

Sept 11 – Arrival in Islamabad Sept 12-14 – Room isolation Sept 15-16 - Training/practice/ intra-squad match Sept 17 – 1st ODI, Rawalpindi Sept 19 – 2nd ODI, Rawalpindi Sept 21 – 3rd ODI, Rawalpindi Sept 25 – 1st T20I, Lahore Sept 26 – 2nd T20I, Lahore Sept 29 – 3rd T20I, Lahore Oct 01 – 4th T20I, Lahore Oct 03 – 5th T20I. Lahore

Reports: Afghan Board Signals Women Could Still Play Cricket

Agencies

KABUL: Women could still be allowed to play cricket, the chairman of Afghanistan's Cricket Board has claimed to an Australian broadcaster in an apparent backflip on the Taliban's hardline stance.

Azizullah Fazli said the governing body would outline how this would happen "very soon", adding that all 25 of the women's team remained in Afghanistan and had chosen not to leave on evacuation flights.

"We will give you our clear position on how we will allow women to play cricket," he told SBS Radio Pashto late on Friday, the broadcaster reported on its English-language website.

"Very soon, we will give you good news on how we will proceed."

His comments appear to contradict the deputy head of the Taliban's cultural commission Ahmadullah Wasiq, who told the same broadcaster on Wednesday that it was "not necessary" for women to play sport.

Those remarks saw Australia threaten to cancel a historic maiden men's Test between the two countries, set to take place in Hobart in November.

Australian Test captain Tim Paine turned up the heat on Friday, saying he believed teams could pull out of next month's



Twenty20 World Cup in protest, Council regulations, nations with or boycott playing Afghanistan. Test status must also have an ac-

In an overnight statement, the Afghanistan Cricket Board urged Australia not to punish its men's team over the Taliban's apparent ban, saying it was "powerless to change the culture and religious environment of Afghanistan".

"Do not isolate us and avoid penalising us," it added.

Cricket Australia said in brief many of the women's team were comments on Saturday that it rein hiding in Kabul and that memmained in regular dialogue with bers of the Taliban had come the Afghanistan Cricket Board and looking for them, Fazli insisted that "we made our position very they were safe.

clear in the statement". It was referring to a statement on Thursday in which it supported "the game unequivocally for women at every level", adding that it would have "no alternative" but to cancel the Hobart Test

if the Taliban banned women.

"Many countries have asked them to leave Afghanistan, but they have not left Afghanistan, and at the moment, they are in their places."

tive women's team.

Afghanistan's position as a full

member was set to be discussed

at the ICC's next board meeting in

November, but Australian media said

the governing body had brought it

forward to within the next fortnight.

Despite recent reports that

"The women cricket coach

Diana Barakzai and her players

are all safe and living in their

home country," he told SBS.

Football Legend Pelé Remains In Intensive Care After Surgery



Agencies

SAO PAULO: Legendary Brazilian football star Pelé remained in intensive care on Friday as he recovered from surgery to remove a tumour on the right side of his colon. Hospital Albert Einstein in Sao Paulo said in a statement that 80-year-old Edson Arantes do Nascimento was recovering "in a satisfactory manner," though still in intensive care. The hospital said on Monday that Pelé was expected to be

moved to a regular room on Tuesday. The hospital also said Pelé is "awake, actively talking and keeing his vital signs in normality."

The three-time World Cup champion also said on his Instagram that "each day I feel a little better."

He went to the hospital for routine exams at the end of August when the tumor was found. The hospital said in a statement then that the tumor was identified during routine cardiovascular and laboratory exams. It added it collected samples to be analyzed but has not released the results.

Pelé, the only male player to win three World Cups, has had mobility problems since a failed hip replacement surgery in 2012. He has been forced to use walkers and wheelchairs in public. He has also been admitted to several hospitals in recent years for kidney and prostate procedures.

Pelé won the 1958, 1962 and 1970 World Cups, and remains Brazil's all-time leading scorer with 77 goals in 92 matches.

Aiden Markram Hits 48, South Africa Beat Sri Lanka In T20 Opener

Press Trust of India

COLOMBO: Aiden Markram hit 48 off 33 balls to propel South Africa to a 28-run win over Sri Lanka in their Twenty20 opener.

Quinton de Kock and Reeza Hendricks gave South Africa a solid start by sharing 73 runs for the first wicket. Leg spinner Wanindu Hasaranga struck in quick succession, removing de Kock (36) and Hendricks (38) to reduce the visitors to 79-2.

Spinner Maheesh Theekshana trapped Heinrich Klaasen (2) lbw as South Africa fell to 87-3.

However, Markram and David Miller (26 off 15) rebuilt the innings, sharing 65 runs for the fourth wicket off 35 deliveries. Markram hit one four and two sixes in his innings.

Hasaranga had 2-23 in four overs.

South Africa's bowlers were tight from the start, preventing Sri Lanka from scoring freely.

Avishka Fernando and Dinesh Chandimal gave the home team a modest start with a 34-run opening partnership before Fernando (11) was run out in the sixth over.

In the next over Bhanuka Rajapaksa was out to the first ball, trapped lbw by left arm spin bowler and captain Keshav Maharaj. Charith Asalanka (6 off 19) tried to increase the scoring rate and was caught in the deep by Dwaine Pretorius off left arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shamsi.

Chandimal remained not out for his career-best 66. His 54-ball innings included five fours and two sixes.

Maharaj took 1-19 in four overs in his first T20I, claiming the wicket with his first delivery.

Shamsi, Pretorius, Bjorn Fortuin and Anrich Nortje all took a wicket each.

The second T20 is on Sunday.

OUTPOST

Tax Probe Attempt To 'Stifle' **Independent Journalism:** Newslaundry, Newsclick

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Online news platform Newslaundry on Saturday said it does business "honestly and with integrity" while another such portal Newsclick said investigation against it by various agencies including the latest Income Tax Department survey is an attempt to "stifle" independent journalism.

The tax department surveyed the office of Newslaundry located at Sarvodaya Enclave in south Delhi on Friday along with that of Newsclick in Saidulajab area (south Delhi) on charges of alleged tax evasion.

"We have nothing to hide and have done everything by the book and are not in any breach or violation of any law. We conduct our business honestly and with integrity," Newslaundry co-founder Abhinandan Sekhri said in a message posted on his Twitter handle.

He said the tax team told him he "cannot" speak to his lawyer and the law requires him to comply "without seeking legal advice" adding that the officials were courteous and professional.

He said "no signed hash value of the data copied" was provided to him and that he considered this as violation of his fundamental right to privacy.

A hash value is a numeric value that uniquely identifies data.

Hash values represent large amounts of data as much smaller numeric values, so they are used with digital signatures.

Sekhri said the tax team comprising 6-7 people arrived at their office around 12.15 pm and left around 12.40 am on Saturday.

"They searched and looked through all computer devices at the premises. My personal mobile phone, laptop and a couple of office machines were taken control of and all the data on them downloaded by the IT team," he said.

Sekhri said this was the second visit by the tax authorities to his office, the first being in June, and they had given "all documents related to our funding and accounts" to the officials then.

"We will cooperate in whatever way we are required to by the law.

We will also continue to practice public interest journalism which is why we exist," he said.

Our support comes from people who value public interest news and chose to subscribe to Newslaundry, not through government or corporate advertisements or public relation exercises, Sekhri said, adding that the online portal is proud of the model it has chosen and championed.

Tax officials had said that separate survey operations on the two news portals were conducted to verify certain tax payment details and remittances made by the organisations.

As part of a survey operation, carried out under Section 133A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, tax officials cover only the business premises of an assessee and those linked to it and not their residential addresses.

However, they are authorised to seize documents, computer and electronic devices as part of the surprise action.

Newsclick said the tax team "recorded the statement of its Editor-in-Chief Prabir Purkayastha; impounded his phone; and took away documents, what they called "loose papers from the premises".

"They also took email dumps of Prabir, editor Pranjal, and various administrative and financial accounts related to Newsclick," it said in a statement posted on its Twitter handle.

Around 30 employees and support staff of Newsclick were in the office throughout the survey and their phones were temporarily seized, and they were not allowed to use their computers and work, it said.

Newsclick said the latest action against them "appears to relate to the same false and unfounded allegations being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate and the Economic Offences Wing, Delhi Police. We have these alle-

gations challenged in the courts". "These investigations by various agencies, and these selective allegations, are attempts to stifle the independent journalism of media organisations, including

Newsclick," it said. Tax officials who reached the Newsclick office around noon on Friday left at midnight.

Newsclick, Purkayastha and other executives were raided by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) earlier in February under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and that investigation is linked to alleged dubious foreign funding received by its registered company, which runs the news portal.

Working To Build Entrepreneurial Thinking In Kashmir Youth: LG



We are making efforts to con-

tinuously improve the courses in

Universities and Colleges, incor-

porating students' feedback to

create a conducive environment

for learning and innovation, the

Our aim is to empower every

student with technical and social

skills to develop entrepreneurial

can contribute in making Jammu

Kashmir Aatma-Nirbhar, he added.

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analysis, the Lt Governor stressed

on the need to improve the stu-

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tive, public participation and

contribution to society in order

to inculcate a mix of skills and

The Lt Governor emphasized

to lay special focus on various

aspects of the modern educa-

values in the student, he added.

This feedback system needs to

scientifically analyzed system.

Pointing out some of the im-

Lt Governor said.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha released 'Analysis of Accreditation Reports of Union Territories-Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh' by National Assessment Accreditation Council and

(NAAC) at SKICC on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, the LG termed the Assessment and Accreditation process as an important factor to maintain the quality of education in Universities and Colleges.

our Academicians, Vice-Chancellors, Professors and students.

duce new reforms to meet the requirements of the rapidly transforming education system and the changing market dynamics, the LG said that the University and Colleges have immense power and a small shift in curriculum can have a decisive impact on the

quirements", observed the LG.

gest asset would be the Human Capital, a combination of talent, skill, and creativity.

tion system including introduction of interdisciplinary & Short-Term courses; promoting **Union Ministers Review**

SRINAGAR: As part of the Union underlined the infrastructure and measures in place as well as potential available. He highlighted the Union Government's commitment towards developing and improving the overall landscape to

On the occasion, Union Minister had an interactive meeting with stakeholders associated with tourism sector of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Representatives comprising of travel and tour operators and

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Marriages Can Be Registered In Virtual Presence Of Parties, **Rules Delhi High Court**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Marriages can be registered in the virtual presence of parties, the Delhi High Court has ruled, saying that in the present times, citizens cannot be prevented from exercising their rights because of a rigid interpretation of law which calls for "personal presence".

Hearing a plea by a US-based Indian couple seeking to register their marriage here through video-conferencing, Justice Rekha Palli opined that not treating physical presence as a mandatory requirement would also encourages parties to easily get their marriages registered.

"I have no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that the term 'personal appearance' in Clause 4 of the Registration Order has to be read to include presence secured through Video Conferencing. Any other interpretation, would not only frustrate the very purpose of this beneficial legislation, but, it would also undermine the use of this important and easily accessible tool of Video Conferencing," the judge said in

her order dated September 9. She said the Delhi (Compulsory Registration of Marriage) Order, 2014 is welfare legislation, promulgated at the instance the Supreme Court to encourage the registration of marriages. The insistence of physical

appearance even when their personal appearance can be easily secured through video conferencing, will definitely make it more cumbersome for parties to come forward for the registration of marriages. This will negate the very purpose of enactment of the Registration Order and cannot be permitted," the order further reads.

The court allowed the couple to mark their "personal appearance" before the Registering Authority through video conferencing after submitting their application for the registration of marriage through their counsel/Power of Attorney Holder in physical form alongwith copies of all supporting documents duly notarized, either by the notary public in the United States of America or by a notary public here

It directed that the two witnesses would appear physically before the Registering Authority with their original ID proofs on the date notified by the Registering Authority.

The Authority will then expeditiously register the marriage and issue the Marriage Registration Certificate within a period of two weeks' from the date of receipt of the application, the court added.

In the present case, the couple claimed that their marriage was solemnised in 2001 as per Hindu rituals, but they did not get the same registered as they moved abroad prior to the introduction of the Delhi (Compulsory Registration of Marriage) Order, 2014.

Considering that their application for a green card was now not being processed in the United States for want of a marriage certificate, the couple approached the local authority here for issuance of a marriage certificate, who maintained that physical presence of the parties was a mandatory requirement.

The couple, represented through senior counsel Vibha Datta Makhija, moved the high court after their representation to the authority concerned for virtual appearance remained unanswered.

The court observed that while the "universe has undergone a sea change" since the time when the Registration Order was notified, the Registering Authority was "refusing to recognize the reality that with the technology as is available today, web portals and Video Conferencing have become almost the norm".

Acknowledging the acceptance of video-conferencing even in the judicial system in this country, the court said that "these aspects appear to have been simply overlooked by the Registering Authority, who is continuing to insist on that the parties must remain present physically before him".

Rajasthan Asks Vodafone Idea To Pay ₹ 27.5 Lakh To **Customer Over SIM Fraud**

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IAIPUR: The Rajasthan government's IT Department has asked Vodafone Idea Ltd. to pay 27,53,183 to one of its customers who lost 68.5 lakh after the telecom company issued

within one month otherwise compound interest with a rate of 10 per cent annually will be levied," the order stated.

According to the order, Mr Nain's SIM card stopped working on May 25, 2017 and he contacted a Vodafone store in

NEET-PG Held Across gramme for Jammu and Kashmir, **Country; 1.6 Lakh Candidates** Union Minister of State for Defence and Tourism, Shri Ajay Bhatt today

Tourism Landscape of J&K Flag Off Mountain Biking Expedition; Meet Stakeholders Government's public outreach pro-

thinking. The UT Government is consistently reforming the educational system with new tools to produce required skill sets, observed the Lt Governor. He said that the publication will Also, critical thinking and lifework as an intelligent assistant for long learning process through offline and online mode is being promoted so that our youth

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socio-economic environment. "The future belongs to those students and teachers who can realize their full potential and adapt to rapidly changing re-

As we are heading towards an era which will be dominated by the knowledge economy, our big-

Appear For Exam



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The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) -Postgraduate was held at 679 centres in 270 cities of the country on Saturday with 1.6 lakh candidates appearing for it following COVID-19 protocols.

The exam was rescheduled twice in view of COVID-19.

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, in a tweet, claimed that some students have complained to him about a last-minute change of exam centre that has led to their inconvenience.

When asked about it, the Executive Director of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) Professor Pawanindra Lal said two centres each in Sonipat and Panipat were changed on September 8 and 9 respectively due to security issues and the candidates were moved to new centres in Delhi.

Tagging screenshots of a tweet about change in exam centre, Tharoor wrote on the microblogging site: "Over a hundred NEET-PG, 2021, aspirants have written to me because the government doesn't respond!

"The exam is tomorrow and they are in crisis. The latest complication: many students have been informed at the last

minute of a change of centre (one day before the exam); many haven't got admit cards,' he said in the tweet.

However, Professor Lal said. "All care was taken to inform each and every candidate individually by phone calls, emails and SMS to ensure they download and print the new admit card with new centres and are able to reach the venue on time.' Initially, the NEET-PG was scheduled to be held on January 10

but was rescheduled for April 18 because of the COVID-19 situation. "It was again rescheduled be-

cause of the second Covid wave on the orders by the PMO. In those orders, it was mentioned that the exam would be held after August 31. Then the earliest possible date was announced for September 11," Professor Lal said.

He said 1,66,259 candidates appeared for the NEET-PG on Saturday and all were provided protective gears comprising a face shield, mask and hand sanitiser for the safe conduct of the exam.

On the day exams were held, the Delhi-NCR region received heavy rainfall leading to waterlogging and traffic jams in several parts of the city.

National Eligibility The cum Entrance Test (NEET)-Undergraduate, 2021, will be held on September 12.

had a detailed interaction with the officials of Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Department at Royal

Springs Golf Course at Srinagar. Besides, Shri Bhatt met various stakeholders associated with the tourism sector of the UT of J&K. On the occasion, the Union

Minister reviewed the tourism scenario of the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir. A detail overview was presented by Secretary, J&K Tourism Shri Sarmad Hafiz, Director Tourism Kashmir Dr. Ghulam Nabi Itoo and other officials of the department. Shri Bhatt boost the tourism landscape of the Union Territory.

Addressing the gathering, the Union Minister of State, ShriAjay Bhatt said that the Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is making all out efforts to keep the essence of Jammu & Kashmir intact by ensuring holistic development of the region. He assured that besides the existing avenues pertinent to the tourism in the region, border tourism, ecotourism and Horticulture tourism will be taken up on priority.

hoteliers were present during the interaction. During a meeting, various challenges and issues faced by the industry were put forth. Shri Bhatt ensured the support and assistance of the Union Government which is committed towards the betterment of the region. All the measures are being taken to boost the tourism sector, he added.

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tutions to do an in-depth analysis

and know about their strengths

& weaknesses, and make further

Governor congratulated the au-

thorities, faculty members, and

students of University of Kashmir

and University of Jammu for se-

curing A+ grade. He called for

doubling the efforts on part of

the Universities across J&K to im-

prove their standings in NIRF and

other such ranking frameworks.

Chancellor, Central University of

Kashmir delivered the welcome

address and highlighted the

measures taken by the university

for implementation of National

Education Policy.

Prof. Mehraj-ud-Din Mir, Vice-

On the occasion, the Lt

improvements, he added.

multi-skilled human capital.

ing,

besides strengthening

Earlier, a Mountain Biking Expedition was flagged off by the Union Minister adding on to the diverse Tourism options and capacities already in place in the sector.

a duplicate SIM for his mobile number to another man without properly verifying documents.

The company has been given a month's time to make the payment, according to the September 6 order issued by Alok Gupta, adjudicating officer and principal secretary, IT Department.

While the accused returned 44 lakh to the complainant, Krishna Lal Nain, 27.5 lakh remained unpaid.

"Vodafone Idea Ltd. is directed to deposit 27,53,183 in the bank account of the applicant Hanumangarh. A new SIM card was issued to him the next day but it was activated on May 31.

Meanwhile, a duplicate SIM for Nain's number was issued to Bhanu Pratap in Alwar. When Mr Nain's SIM was activated, he came to know through text messages that 68.5 lakh had been withdrawn from his bank account using an OTP sent on his number.

An FIR was registered in the matter on June 2, 2017. Later, it became clear that a duplicate SIM card was issued by the telecom company.

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