



P6 THINK

UNITES STATES' IMPERIALIST FEMINIST PROJECT AND THE CURRENT REALITY OF AFGHANISTAN

As the failed Global War on Terror (GWOT) completed twenty years, and the American government brought home its occupying forces, it leaves behind a heavy human toll of this war...

P7 THINK

IN HISTORY AND MEMORY: HADOWUN HOSPITAL

In Shah Mohalla, there was a big orchard that belonged to the Syed family and partly to the Kanji family of Suleiman Kanji, located on the left bank of Sonnar Koll. In addition, there were three graveyards on elevated portions.



P11 SPORTS

JOE ROOT WINS ICC PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD FOR AUGUST

England captain Joe Root pipped Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and Pakistan's Shaheen Afridi to claim the International Cricket Council's Player of the Month honours



Widom Quote!
I would rather risk wearing out than rusting out.
- Theodore Roosevelt

NEWS DIGEST

Annual Gangbal Yatra Takes Off

SRINAGAR: The annual yatra to high-altitude Harmukh-Gangbal lake, which Kashmiri Pandits consider as the abode of Lord Shiva, was flagged off by district administration in **More On P10**

4.2 Magnitude Earthquake Hits Leh

LEH: An earthquake of magnitude 4.2 on the Richter scale hit Leh's Achi on Monday, informed the National Centre for Seismology. According to NCS, the tremors were felt in 89 kilometres **More On P10**

6 Grenades Defused Along Highway

SRINAGAR: Government forces on Monday averted a major tragedy by detecting and defusing six hand grenades placed by militants on the busy Parimpora-Panthachowk axis in Srinagar, officials said here. **More On P10**

Four JKAS Officers Transferred

SRINAGAR: The J&K government on Monday ordered transfer of four JKAS officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect. According to separate orders, Ms. Vivek Sharma (JKAS), Director, Animal Husbandry, Jammu, has been transferred **More On P10**

B'pora Lady Councillor Receives Burn Injuries

BANDIPORA: A lady Councillor of National Conference received serious burn injuries in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Monday evening, while police have started the investigation. A Councillor of National Conference (name withheld) from **More On P10**

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Srinagar Turns Covid Hotspot Again; Admin Mulls Curbs

25 Micro-Containment Zones, Curbs To Be Imposed In These Areas; Covid Violators To Face FIR, Say Officials

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Following a sudden spike in Covid-19 cases, district administration in the capital city has notified and sealed around 21 Micro Containment Zones as per the Covid protocols.

Srinagar administration is also intensifying the drive against the Covid violators and may slap FIRs under relevant laws for violation of SoPS, official sources said on Monday.

As there is a spike in the Covid positive cases in the district Srinagar from the last few weeks, the district administration has notified around 21 micro containment zones and have placed the Covid restrictions in those areas to prevent the further spread of the virus.

The official said that despite fines, there has been a complacent approach from some sections of the people who do not adhere to the Covid protocols, the district administration Srinagar is going to act tough against the Covid violators and may face FIR.

"District administration had directed the families to seek

necessary permission for wedding functions as there are standing CAPs on the marriage gatherings and funerals, but many people have stopped to take the permission from the district administration and are organising big gatherings

reported they will be dealt with according to the law," they said.

On being asked about the re-opening of schools in the valley along with the district Srinagar he said, district administration Srinagar has sought the data of vaccinated students, teachers



making the invitees vulnerable to infection," the official said, adding that "Starting this week the drive will be intensified across Srinagar. "Wherever the Covid violators will be found or

and other staff from the institutions which will be verified and mapped with the vaccinated data.

"Following the authentication of data, a formal permission will be issued to open **More On P10**



Students attending their classes at a govt run school in Srinagar on Monday after a long pandemic break. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Militant Killed In Rajouri Gunfight: Police Agencies

JAMMU: Police on Monday claimed to have killed an unidentified militant in a gunfight in Rajouri district of Jammu division.

A police spokesman here said that a joint search operation was launched by the Indian Army and Police in Gambir Mughlan area of Rajouri on September 11.

"During the search, hiding (militants) opened fire on the search party which was retaliated effectively, in course of which one **More On P10**

Tribals Were Exploited, Used As A Vote Bank: LG Says J&K Govt Will Work In Mission Mode For Their Development



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the administration is working continuously at different levels to safeguard the rights of tribals and will work in a mission mode for their development and betterment.

The LG was speaking at a ceremony for implementation of the 'Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights Act)' in J-K where he handed over individual and community right certificates to the beneficiaries of Gujjar-Bakerwal and Gaddi-Sippi communities.

Describing the occasion as "historic", Sinha expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making it possible to implement the Act in the Union Territory, and said the move will usher a new era of empowerment and prosperity

for the deprived tribal population here.

"I thank the PM Modi because of whom on December 1, 2020, we implemented the Forest Rights Act. Before 2019, many central laws were not implemented here.

"The J-K administration, especially the Forest Department and the Tribal Affairs Department, has started the endeavour to do something for the development of these communities," he said.

The LG said about 20,000 applications were received and while several people have been given the certificates, all those eligible will be given the rights.

"Apart from the Forest Rights Act, the J-K administration has programmes for their education and health, and I am satisfied that we will be successful in joining the community with the mainstream," he said.

"It is not just **More On P10**

Train Service To Kashmir Before 2024: Minister

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Asserting that the government's mission is to reach 'every last person in line', The Union Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnav on Monday assured that the rail link with Kashmir would be open to the public before 2024.

Vaishnav, who is also Minister of Communications and Electronics & Information Technology, made these remarks while visiting Jammu Railway Station and a Community Service Centre, CSC, in Janipur, Jammu where



he took stock of the facilities being provided to the public, an official spokesperson said.

Speaking on the occasion the Railways minister assured that rail link with Kashmir

would be open to the public before 2024.

Regarding Jammu-Poonch railway link, the minister assured that work on the same has been expedited and would be completed after addressing viability issues of the area.

Earlier, the Minister also inspected Jammu Railway Station and studied the upgradation plan for Jammu and Kathua railway stations.

He assured that appropriate steps would be taken to facilitate pilgrims and tourists reaching Jammu and beyond through railways. **More On P10**

Mantriji Impressed By 'Peaceful Atmosphere'

Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs, John Barla on Monday said that he was impressed by the peaceful atmosphere and supportive and cooperative attitude of the people claiming that some vested interests were misleading the rest of the country about the situation in Kashmir. The Minister, who reached here this morning for a two day tour under the Union Government's public outreach programme, was addressing a joint meeting of District Development Council (DDC) Members, Chairpersons of Block Development Council (BDC), PRIs and the administration here, an official spokesperson said. Barla, he said, maintained that the PM Modi-led government has a good dream for development of Jammu and Kashmir and said that the **More On P10**

Kashmiri Student Found Hanged In Punjab

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: A 20-year-old youth, a student of 3rd semester of BSC Radiology, from central Kashmir's Budgam district was found hanging at his hostel terrace in a college in Punjab.

Family members of the student, Umer Dev son of Abdul Ahad Dev of Chewdara Beerwah Budgam, said they received information that he was found hanging from a solar plant atop terrace of the hostel of the college— RIMT University Ludhiana Road Gobind Gand Mandi Punjab. The last FB post of the student reads "By by".

A police officer said that some family members of the youth have left for Punjab while police are collecting further details.

Court Rejects Bail Plea Of Facebook 'Reporter'

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A court in Baramulla on Monday rejected bail application of Shahid Imran over lack of jurisdiction.

While Imran's counsel said that his client has not "indulged in any case whatsoever but merely on some enmity has been put behind the bars", AAP Javid Manzoor Sheikh on behalf of prosecution said that nature of the case was glaring and the facts "send chills down the spine as to how the fourth state has not only breached the trust of one particular individual but the entire public."

He said the facts of the case point out the very heinousness of the crime as to how one lady complainant reposed her entire trust in particular individual with the object of only saving her

brother from the menace of drugs and how that the individual broke the trust and abused his position and used the helplessness of the victim to his own advantage.

"The extortion, cheating, forgery, intimidation and criminal conspiracy are not minor offences especially by the person who has gained public faith and if such person is enlarged on bail it will send a negative message in the society and public who are keenly watching the outcome from the court," the AAP said. Imran, he said, is involved in a very heinous offences, "which endangers not only the individual but the whole society."

"No doubt, freedom of press is a constitutional guarantee placed within Part III of the constitution pertaining to fundamental rights. However, freedom of press **More On P10**

Death Toll In Rafiabab Cloudburst Mounts

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Body of an elderly man, head of the nomad family, who was killed along with four other members of the relation in a cloudburst in Rafiabad area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district, was found on Monday.

Official sources said that body of Mohammad Bashir Khari (80) of Nowshera Rajouri was found by a team of police and SDRF to wrap up the rescue operation which was launched soon after the calamity struck the nomad family putting up in a tent at Hamam Marcoot during the intervening night of September 11 and 12. While bodies of the four family members were recovered on Sunday, one member of the family, Naseema Begum (30), was rescued in injured condition and was the only person to **More On P10**

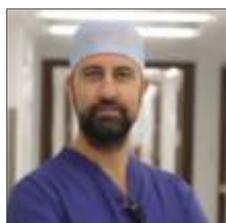
Kashmiri Surgeon Saves Israeli Conjoined Twins

Press Trust of India

JERUSALEM: A world-renowned Indian-origin pediatric neurosurgeon in the UK has helped a group of Israeli doctors to successfully operate on a pair of twins conjoined at the head, with the babies now likely to lead normal lives, a media report here said.

This is for the first time that Dr. Noor Ul Owase Jeelani, who was born in Kashmir and works at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital, agreed to carry out such a surgery outside the UK when contacted by doctors at Israel's Soroka hospital, according to a report in The Times of Israel (TOI).

He and his colleague, Professor David Dunway, are globally seen as experts on such cases. Jeelani said, from a doctor's point of view, we're all



one and that medicine transcends all divisions. "He said that the fact that a Kashmir-born Muslim doctor scrubbed up alongside an Israeli team to help a Jewish family was a reminder of the universal nature of medicine," the report quoted him as saying. It was a fantastic family that we helped, Jeelani said, adding, as I've said all my life, all children are the same, whatever colour or religion. The distinctions are man-made. A child **More On P10**

Charges Filed Against Ex- BOPEE Chairman

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Crime Branch Kashmir Monday produced a chargesheet against the then BOPEE chairman, Mushtaq Ahmad Peer before the court of special judge anti-corruption Srinagar.

In a statement, a spokesperson said that the Crime Branch Kashmir produced the Charge-Sheet in case FIR No. 42/2017 U/S 420, 409-RPC r/w 5(2) PC Act of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir against Mushtaq Ahmad Peer (the then Chairman BOPEE) before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption, Srinagar.

"The brief facts of the case are that the accused person while being posted as Chairman BOPEE from the year 2009 to 2012, transferred Govt. money amounting to RS. 2.73 crores into his personal bank account with the object that the same will be utilized for various official activities," reads the statement. **More On P10**



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03	6 th to 8 th	450	450
04	9 th	750	750
05	10 th	800	800

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TABLE (I)

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In)	Time for completion	Class of contractor	Major Head of account	Tender Call
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2	Installation of pipes PHE Jal Shakti in various Halqas in DDC Constituency Ganderbal-A by way of providing/ laying/ fitting of 40/ 25/ 20 mm dia G.I. Pipes at various Halqas	3.00	300.00	10 days	DEE	DDC GRANTS	1 st
3	Installation of water supply pipes at Faqir Gujri-A by way of Providing/ laying/ fitting of 25/ 20 mm dia G.I. Pipe line for WSS Faqir Gujri	3.00	300.00	07 days	DEE	PRI Grants	1 st
4	Improvement/ Extension of distribution system at Wakoora-B Wampora and Adjacent areas by way of providing/ laying/ fitting of 40/ 20 mm dia G.I. Pipe lines	1.00	100.00	05 days	DEE	DDC GRANTS	1 st
5	Providing water supply facilities to Dr. Farooq Abdullah Environmental Park at Manigam by way of providing/ laying/ fitting 20 mm dia G.I. Pipes	0.76	100.00	05 days	DEE	Other Deposits	1 st
6	Providing/ laying/ fitting of 20 mm dia G.I. Pipe line at Wani Mohalla Khalmulla for WSS Takiya Khalmulla	0.50	100.00	05 days	DEE	DDC GRANTS	1 st

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Departments Asked To Display Hoardings Highlighting Achievements

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The administration of Jammu and Kashmir has directed departments to display banners/hoardings in major towns and cities of the Union Territory to highlight their plans, policies and achievements.

Documents lay bare that these directions were passed to the departments during a meeting chaired by chief secretary Arun Kumar Mehta in July this year.

"The Chief Secretary asked all the administrative secretaries to display banners/hoardings in all the major towns/cities highlighting various development plans, policies and works



accomplished by the government with due prominence to prominent projects," read the document. The exercise, according to the document, will provide ad-

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equate visibility and outreach to government initiatives and will facilitate awareness generation among the public. "Information department shall coordinate with all departments for this purpose," the document further states.

The directive was passed by the CS on July 26, 2021 during a meeting of the Committee of Secretaries (CoS). The CoS comprises all administrative secretaries of departments.

A senior official said that this

exercise will generate awareness about different welfare schemes and projects being undertaken by UT administration for the public.

"Various government-sponsored schemes do not reach the needy due to lack of awareness. There is hardly any awareness among the public about different schemes. This initiative will definitely help us to create awareness about different schemes and projects," he said. With inputs from KNO

AMK Grieved Over Hajini's Demise

KO NEWS SERVICE



SRINAGAR:- Adbee Markaz Kamraz, J&K is shocked at the departure of its Patron, Dr. Aziz Hajini who passed away after a brief illness on Sunday.

In a statement, Kamraz said, Dr. Hajini shall be remembered for literary contributions and tremendous love for Kashmiri language and culture. The statement further noted, dozens of

Raja Muzaffar Condoles Hajni's Death

SRINAGAR- Chairman J&K RTI Movement Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat has condoled the death of Dr. Aziz Hajini former Secretary J&K Cultural Academy. In a statement Dr. Raja Muzaffar said that Dr. Aziz Hajini's death is a great loss to Kashmir as whole particularly to Kashmir's literary Society.

"Dr. Hajini has played a great role in the promotion of Kashmiri language and literature, especially bringing this into school curriculum. RTI Movement Jammu & Kashmir offers deepest condolences to the bereaved family particularly to his son Azhar Hajini" reads the statement.

AMK members and office bearers who participated in the funeral of its patron Dr. Hajini paid rich tributes to Dr. Hajini on Monday.

AMK president M Amin Bhat while paying tributes described Dr. Hajini a pillar

of Kashmir's cultural scenario and his departure an irreparable loss for AMK.

"Markaz shall be holding a formal tribute session at Hajini House KP Bagh Srinagar on 15th of Sep 2021, 10.30 am," It further added.

Even After 5 Decades, CRP Sgr Hasn't Seen Even 50 Percent Completion: Report

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Authorities have said that even after the passing of nearly fifty years, the Circular Road Project (CRP) has not been even 50 percent completed in Srinagar city.

According to the approved report of Srinagar Metropolitan Region (SMR) 2035, the Circular Road Project was a proposal for widening of roads in the centre of the city.

The documents available with the news agency reads, "The Circular Road Project (CRP) is not even 50 percent complete after the elapse of almost five decades."

It further states that the Circular Road Project which preceded the first master plan was subsumed in the master plan with the proposals for widening of roads in the core city involving the acquisition of structures, adversely affecting the urban design and the built heritage of the city.

Besides, the SMR 2035 further states that it was impossible to construct the habitable dwelling unit also it is becoming impediment in preservation of the existing structures and the byelaws which should never have been applied to the heritage core city as they provided for

limited ground coverage and fixed building line were applied to the core city leading to its dilapidation.

"This was compounded by persistent neglect, two decades of turbulence, absence of heritage policy incentivizing the conservation of heritage in the core city," it reads.

According to SMR-2035, the Master Plan 1971-91 and the development norms prescribed by the master plan discouraged the conservation of the built heritage and the repair and reconstruction of dilapidated structures, might have been the reasons for slowly converting the city into a slum—(KNO)

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

This Day in History

- 1901 - Theodore Roosevelt is sworn in as the youngest man to serve as US President, after William McKinley finally dies after an anarchist shoots him in Buffalo
- 1914 - German troops withdraw from Aisne/invent trenches
- 1918 - WW I: Austria-Hungary sends a note to the Allies requesting peace discussions, but the Allies reject the offer
- 1938 - Graf Zeppelin II, world's largest airship, makes maiden flight
- 1939 - World's 1st practical helicopter, the VS-300 designed by Igor Sikorsky takes (tethered) flight in Stratford, Connecticut
- 1940 - German bomb hits shelter in Chelsea; hundreds die
- 1942 - Battle of Edson's Ridge (Japanese assault) at Guadalcanal
- 1949 - India's Constituent Assembly adopts Hindi as an official language. Celebrated today as Hindi Day.
- 1950 - Western allies rearm West Germany
- 1953 - Nikita Khrushchev appointed First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, succeeding Malenkov
- 1957 - Great Britain performs nuclear test at Maralinga, Australia
- 1957 - UN resolution deplores & condemns USSR invasion of Hungary
- 1958 - Two rockets designed by the German engineer Ernst Mohr, the first German post-war rockets, reach the upper atmosphere.
- 1959 - Soviet Union's Luna-2 is 1st spacecraft to land on the Moon
- 1960 - Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi-Arabia & Venezuela form Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
- 1972 - West Germany & Poland establish diplomatic relations
- 1973 - Israel shoots down 13 Syrian MIG-21s
- 1974 - Charles Kowal discovers Leda, 13th satellite of Jupiter.
- 1978 - The Provisional Irish Republican Army explode over 50 bombs in towns across Northern Ireland over the next 5 days, injuring 37 people
- 1979 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk USSR
- 1982 - Bomb at Lebanese Phalange party HQ kills President-elect Bachir Gemayel and 26 others
- 1998 - Telecommunications companies MCI Communications and WorldCom complete their \$37 billion merger to form MCI WorldCom.
- 2003 - Sweden rejects adopting the Euro in a referendum
- 2012 - 21 people are killed after a ferry sank in Indonesia
- 2015 - 14 yr old Texan Ahmed Mohamed arrested at school when home-made clock assumed to be a bomb - Mark Zuckerberg and US President Barack Obama send supportive tweets



HIJRI CALENDAR

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PRAYERS

- FAJR 4:48
- ZUHR 12:30
- ASR 4:52
- MAGRIB 6:46
- ISHA 8:09

Lyceum Public School, Mattan Anantnag

The list of the members of Managing Body of LYCEUM PUBLIC SCHOOL, MATTAN, Anantnag, is published for the information of all concern.

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Subject: Conduct of Mop-up Round of upgradation / allotment Couns (Physical) for admission to 10th based Paramedical (FM/MMPHW) Courses 2021.

Reference: i) Notification No. 069-BOPEE of 2021 dated 05.07.2021
ii) Notification No. 074-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09.08.2021

Notice No. 067-BOPEE of 2021
Dated: 11.09.2021

Consequent upon receipt of shortfall in respect of Notification 074-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09.08.2021 and the seats, which have remained unfilled after conclusion of second round of physical counselling held on 07.08.2021 to 09.08.2021 at BOPEE Office, Srinagar/ Jammu, it is notified that the Board shall conduct mop-up round of physical counselling/ allotment of seats to the eligible candidates for admission to 10th based Paramedical (FMPHW/MMPHW) Courses on 15.09.2021 at J Office, Srinagar/ Jammu simultaneously through Video Conferencing as per following:

Date	Rank	Remarks
15.09.2021	01 to 1338	All reserved category candidates come for counselling in the morning 9.30 AM to 11.30 PM.
15.09.2021	01 to 1338	All Open Merit and reserved category candidates shall be called for couns after conversion of category seat if remaining unfilled.

The candidates are advised to report to the BOPEE Office, Srinagar on 15.09.2021 at 8.30 AM to 10.30 AM for registration subsequent counselling.

Note: 1) One seat in Govt. AMT School, Gandhi Nagar Jammu under RBA category has been reserved as per the direction of the Hon'ble High Court, Jammu till final out of the main writ petition filed by one candidate.

2) Candidates who have been allotted seats during 1st/2nd round of physical counselling and have joined the respective Colleges/Institutions and are interested to participate in the mop-up round of counselling for upgradation are directed to bring along with the fee deposition receipt of the concerned College/ Institution positively.

The following shall be eligible to participate in the mop-up round of counselling:

- The candidates who have been allotted seats during second round of counselling and have joined in their respective allotted colleges/colleges.
- The candidates who have been allotted seats during the 1st round of counselling but could not join the respective Colleges/Institutions for one or other reason.
- The candidates who could not participate in the first and second round of up-gradation/allotment counselling for one or the other reason.
- The reserved category seats, if any, which shall remain unfilled after conclusion of counselling of the candidates, shall be converted into open merit and accordingly allotted to the eligible candidates in order of merit and choice.
- The reserved category candidate(s) if any, not upgraded due to non availability of his/ her choice of seat/ institution under reserved category, can participate in further counselling as an open merit candidate on the same date as per his merit.

The following shall not be eligible to participate in the mop-up round of counselling:-

- The candidates, who have been allotted seat(s) in the second round of counselling but failed to join the allotted institution within the prescribed time limit fixed by the Board.
- The candidates who have been provisionally upgraded during second round of counselling.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the e-Information Brochure/ Notifications/ Notices issued by the Board from time to time on the subject.

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Tender Reference No: 71 of 2021
Dt:11-09-2021

For and on behalf of Managing Director, JKHPMC Ltd., e-Tenders under "Two Cover System" are invited from Firms/Companies/Proprietary Agencies (Registered with UT of J&K/Other State Govts./PWD/CPWD/PDD) for the following Work :-

Name of Work	Cost of Document	Estimated Cost of Work in Lakhs	Time of Completion	Date of Opening of tenders (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
Construction of Boundary Wall and Chowkidar Hut/Site Office Building at Behrampora, Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir	Rs 1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) NON-REFUNDABLE Demand Draft drawn in favour of JKHPMC Ltd Rajbagh, Srinagar	60.5	2 Months	27.09.2021	Class Aay Contractors registered with UT of J&K/Other State Govts. PWD/CPWD/

The Bidding Documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the JK Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 11-09-2021 to 27-09-2021.

Sd/-
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From KO Archives

Accession Conditional: NC

SRINAGAR: In a significant departure from its known stance vis-a-vis Kashmir issue and centre-state relations, the National Conference today appealed to Indian and Pakistani leaders "to settle Kashmir issue without any delay so that the on-going mas-sacre should be stopped".

"The long pending issue may be settled according to the will of Kashmiri people who are the real masters of Kashmir", a National Conference press release issued by the provincial president of the party and MLC G N Shaheen read. He demanded that all 'innocent detainees languishing in many jails should be released without any delay'.

Expressing 'great concern', the NC leader said Kashmiri youth were not being provided central jobs which was "totally against norms". He demanded that Muslims as well as people from other communities should be given jobs.

NC leader also expressed concern that the central government had not so far released the annual plan for development works to the state and said "the fundamentalist Hindus are wholly and solely responsible for demolishing historical Babri Masjid as/well as one portion of Golden temple in Amritsar". He said it was the golden chance to restore peace and restore autonomy in the state.

Talking to Observer News Service this evening, Shaheen said the state's accession to India was conditional: Even at that time, a solemn pledge had been made to ascertain the final opinion of the state people. "That pledge was never redeemed as the people's opinion was never ever sought", he asserted.

On the denial of central government jobs to Kashmiri Muslims, Shaheen said he endorsed the views of Shiv Sena supremo, Bal Thakarey that he would never allow any non-Maharashtrian get a job in his state. He asserted locals should be given representations in the state administration.

He described the People's Democratic Party (PDP) of Mufti Muhammad Sayeed as that of the former state governor and BJP leader, 'Jagmohan, as the former was responsible for sending the latter to Jammu and Kashmir'.

(Kashmir Observer, September 14, 2000)

First Foreign Commercial Flight Since Taliban Takeover Leaves Kabul

An international commercial flight left Kabul on Monday, the first since the Taliban retook power last month, offering some hope to Afghans still desperate to leave the country. The Afghan capital's airport was left trashed after US-led forces finished a chaotic evacuation of more than 120,000 people, and the Taliban have since scrambled to get it operational with technical assistance from Qatar and other nations. On Monday morning, a Pakistan International Airlines jet touched down in Kabul, before making a return flight to Islamabad. Around 70 people were on the flight to the Pakistani capital, mostly Afghans who were relatives of staffers with interna-

and happy. Sad about the country, but happy to leave for some time," he said. The resumption of commercial flights will be a key test for the hard-line Islamist group, who have repeatedly promised to allow Afghans with the right documents to leave the country freely. As passengers prepared to board, airport staff went about their duties, although working under the new regime is marred by fear and confusion for women. "I don't know if we will be killed or not for working here," one of two women handling the security scanning machine told AFP. **'Great moment'** Many Nato nations admitted that they had run out of time to evacuate thousands of at-risk



Siblings who arrived from Afghanistan with their families are seen at their makeshift tents as they take refuge near a railway station in Chaman, Pakistan on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 strong>Reuters



tional organisations such as the World Bank, according to airport ground staff. "I am being evacuated. My final destination is Tajikistan," said a 35-year-old World Bank evacuee, who did not want to give her name. "I will come back here only if the situation allows women to work and move freely." A 22-year-old university student said he was taking a one-month trip to Pakistan. "It's like a vacation. I am sad

Afghans before the withdrawal deadline -- agreed between the United States and the Taliban. A PIA spokesman said at the weekend that the airline was keen to resume regular commercial services, but it was too soon to say how frequently flights between the two capitals would operate. Jawad Zafar, the head of operations at PIA, told AFP on Monday: "This is a great moment for me after a long time since the change of the establishment in Kabul."

Taliban Says Women Can Study In Gender-Segregated Universities

Agencies Women in Afghanistan can continue to study in universities, including at the postgraduate level, but classrooms will be gender-segregated and head coverings will be compulsory. Higher Education Minister Abdul Baqi Haqqani laid out the new policies at a news conference on Sunday, a day after the Taliban raised their flag over the presidential palace, signalling the start of work of the new, all-male government announced last week. The Taliban's rise has stoked fears the group would turn back to the draconian rule that defined its first stint in power in Afghanistan 20 years ago. That included the denial of education for girls and women, as well as their exclusion from public life. "We will start building on what exists today," Haqqani said, maintaining the Taliban's position that its attitudes, particularly towards women, have shifted in the past 20 years. The most recent statement comes as the group has sought international legitimacy following its lightning-fast offensive across the country as the United States prepared to withdraw troops by an August 31 deadline. The Taliban took Kabul on August 15. Despite the Taliban's posturing, women have been banned



from sports and the Taliban has used violence in recent days against female protesters demanding equal rights. **'Will not allow co-education'** On Sunday, Haqqani said female university students will face restrictions that include a compulsory dress code. He said hijabs will be mandatory but did not specify if this meant compulsory headscarves or also compulsory face coverings. Gender segregation will also be enforced, he said. "We will not allow boys and girls to study together," he said. "We will not allow co-education." He said female students would be taught by women wherever possible. "Thanks to God we have a high number of women teachers. We will not face any problems in this. All efforts will be made to find and provide women teachers for female students," he said. Haqqani said the subjects being taught would also be reviewed. While he did not elaborate, he said he wanted graduates of Afghanistan's universities to be competitive with university graduates in the region and the rest of the world.

UN Seeks \$600 Million To Avert Afghanistan Humanitarian Crisis

Agencies The UN is convening an aid conference in Geneva on Monday in an effort to raise more than \$600 million for Afghanistan, warning of a humanitarian crisis there following the Taliban takeover. Even before the Taliban's seizure of Kabul last month, half the population -- or 18 million people -- was dependent on aid. That figure looks set to increase due to drought and shortages of cash and food, UN officials and aid groups warn. An abrupt end to billions of dollars in foreign donations following the collapse of Afghanistan's Western-backed government and the ensuing victory of the Taliban has heaped more pressure on UN programs. Yet UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres says his organization is struggling financially: "At the present moment the UN is not even able to pay its salaries to its own workers," he told reporters on Friday. The Geneva conference, due to begin on Monday afternoon, will be attended by top UN officials including Guterres, the head of the International Committee of the Red Cross Peter Maurer, as well as dozens of government representatives including German foreign minister Heiko Maas. About a third of the \$600 million being sought would be used by the UN World Food Program which found that 93% of the 1,600 Afghans it surveyed in August and September were not consuming sufficient foods, mostly because they could not get access to cash to pay for it. "It's now a race against time and the snow to deliver life-saving assistance to the Afghan people who need it most," said WFP deputy regional director Anthea Webb. man foreign minister Heiko Maas. About a third of the \$600 million being sought would be used by the UN World Food Program which found that 93% of the 1,600 Afghans it surveyed in August and September were not consuming sufficient foods, mostly because they could not get access to cash to pay for it. "It's now a race against time and the snow to deliver life-saving assistance to the Afghan people who need it most," said WFP deputy regional director Anthea Webb. The World Health Organization (WHO), another UN agency that's part of the appeal, is seeking to shore up hundreds of health facilities at risk of closure after donors backed out.

As West Ponders Aid For Afghanistan, China And Pakistan Quick To Provide Relief

Agencies As international donors gather in Geneva on Monday to discuss humanitarian relief for Afghanistan under Taliban rule, neighbours China and Pakistan have already reached out with aid and discussions of future assistance. The economy in the war-torn country is in crisis and a humanitarian crisis is looming, experts say. Yet the United States and other Western nations are reluctant to provide the Taliban with funds until the Islamist militant movement provides assurances that it will uphold human rights, and in particular the rights of women. The country's roughly \$10 billion in foreign assets, held overseas, are also frozen. "The understandable purpose is to deny these funds to the defacto Taliban administration," Deborah Lyons, the UN Secretary General's special representative for Afghanistan, told the UN Security Council this week. "The inevitable effect, however, will be a severe economic downturn that could throw many more millions into poverty and hunger, may generate a massive wave of refugees from Afghanistan, and indeed set Afghanistan back for generations." Another possible effect could be to drive Afghanistan closer to its neighbours and close allies Pakistan and China, who have already sent plane loads of supplies to Afghanistan. They have also signalled they are open to ramped-up engagement. China announced last week it would send \$31 million worth of food and health supplies to Afghanistan, among the first foreign aid pledges since the Taliban took power last month. Pakistan last week sent supplies such as cooking oil and medicine to authorities in Kabul, while the country's foreign minister called on the international community to provide assistance without conditions and to unfreeze Afghanistan's assets. **Minerals and militancy** Pakistan has had deep ties with the Taliban and has been accused of supporting the group as it battled the US-backed government in Kabul for 20 years - charges denied by Islamabad. China, with a strong alliance with Pakistan, has also been engaging with the Taliban. Some analysts said it was enticed by the country's mineral wealth, including large reserves of lithium, a key component for electric vehicles. China has also expressed concern about militancy that could spill over from Afghanistan across its border, which it wants the Taliban administration to help contain.



Iran, Iraq Agree To Waive Travel Visas For Nationals

TEHRAN, IRAN : Iran and Iraq on Sunday agreed to abolish mandatory travel visas for their nationals, in a significant confidence-building measure between the two neighbors. The announcement came during Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi's visit to Tehran, where he held wide-ranging talks with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi. "Visa waiver for citizens of both countries was the prime minister's good news," Raisi said at a joint presser, without giving any timeline. The issue had come up for discussion many times between the officials of the two countries in recent years. The announcement came a day after the Iraqi government announced that 60,000 Iranian pilgrims would be allowed to embark on the annual Arbaeen pilgrimage in Iraq, starting in two weeks. Flanked by Kadhimi, Raisi said the Iraqi premier has promised to "accept as many as possible" pilgrims for Arbaeen, while acknowledging the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The two top officials also agreed to develop Shalamcheh-Basra railway corridor, which they said will be "done quickly". Raisi said the development of relations between the two countries can "strengthen the role of Tehran and Baghdad in regional, global and international relations". Kadhimi, for his part, said Iraq attaches importance to expanding ties with Tehran. According to sources, the issue of potential normalization of ties between Iran and Saudi Arabia also figured in the discussions. Iraq has played a mediator in multiple rounds of Tehran-Ri-



than those receiving standard care. The majority of those events were an increased need for oxygen and worsening respiratory failure, they said. However, the rate of fatal incidents was not significantly different from the control group of patients who did not receive the blood. The clinical trial, called CONCOR-1, included 940 patients at 72 hospitals in Canada, the US, and Brazil. The trial found that convalescent plasma had highly variable donor antibody content due to the highly variable immune response to the virus. Different antibody profiles in the convalescent plasma were observed to significantly impact whether or not patients experienced intubation or death. Unfavourable antibody profiles, meaning low antibody titres, non-functional antibodies or both, was associated with a higher risk of intubation or death. "These findings may explain the apparent conflicting results between randomised trials showing no benefit, and observational studies showing better outcomes with higher titre products relative to low titre products," said study co-principal investigator Jeannie Callum, an associate scientist at the Sunnybrook Research Institute in Canada. "It appears that it may not be that high-titre convalescent plasma is helpful, but rather that low-titre convalescent plasma is harmful," Callum said. The researchers noted that the harm may come from the transfusion of convalescent plasma containing poorly functioning antibodies.

Blood Plasma Therapy Doesn't Help Seriously Ill COVID-19 Patients: Study

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA TORONTO: Convalescent plasma does not reduce the risk of intubation or death in COVID-19 patients, according to a study which found that people receiving the therapy experienced more serious adverse events than those getting standard care. Intubation is a procedure where a tube is inserted into the windpipe to make it easier to breathe. The research, published in the journal Nature Medicine, also found that the antibody profile in the blood of people who have had the virus is extremely variable and this may modify the response to the treatment. Convalescent plasma therapy uses blood from people who have recovered from an illness to help others recover. "It has been thought that the blood plasma of COVID-19 survivors would help those seriously ill from the virus but, unfortunately, it does not," said co-principal investigator of the study, Donald Arnold, a professor at McMaster University in Canada. "We are cautioning against using convalescent plasma to treat COVID-19 hospitalised patients, unless they are in a closely-monitored clinical trial," Arnold said. The research team also found that patients receiving convalescent plasma experienced significantly more serious adverse events



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Taliban Make Themselves At Home In Abdul Rashid Dostum's Kabul Mansion

Agencies KABUL: Taliban fighters have taken over the glitzy Kabul mansion of one of their fiercest enemies -- the warlord and fugitive ex-vice president Abdul Rashid Dostum. Now in the hands of rank and file Taliban fighters, the opulent villa has given the austere group a peek into the lives of Afghanistan's former rulers, and they say the luxury is the proceeds of years of endemic corruption. Along an endless corridor with a thick apple-green carpet, a young fighter sleeps slumped on a sofa, his Kalashnikov rifle resting against him, as exotic fish glide above him in one of seven giant tanks. The fighter is part of the personal security detail of Qari Salahuddin Ayoubi -- one of the new



regime's most powerful commanders -- who installed his company of 150 men in the mansion on August 15, the day Kabul fell. The luxury this news agency saw on a tour of the mansion would be unimaginable for most ordinary Afghans. Huge glass chandeliers hang in cavernous halls, large soft sofas furnish a maze of lounges and an

indoor swimming pool is finished with intricate turquoise tiles. It even boasts a sauna, a Turkish steam bath and a fully equipped gym. It is an out of this world experience for the new occupants, who for years sacrificed creature comforts for rebellion -- living on their wits in the plains, valleys and mountains of rural Afghanistan.

But the new head of the household -- now the military commander of four provinces -- makes it clear his men will not get used to the luxury. "Islam never wants us to have a luxurious life," Ayoubi said, adding luxury comes in paradise, "the life after death". The mansion's owner, Dostum, is a notorious figure woven into the fabric of Afghanistan's recent history. A former paratrooper, communist commander, warlord and vice president, he was the very definition of a cunning political survivor who weathered over four decades of conflict in war-torn Afghanistan. Despite a series of war crimes linked to Dostum's forces, the former Afghan government hoped his military acumen and seething hatred of the Taliban would help them survive.

A Billionaire, A Cancer Survivor: Who Will Be On The Next SpaceX Mission

Agence France-Presse WASHINGTON: For the first time on Wednesday, SpaceX is due to send into orbit a crew made up entirely of complete novices, without a professional astronaut on board. The four passengers are supposed to embody the opening-up of space to everyone, giving the mission its name: Inspiration4. A billionaire, Jared Isaacman, is behind the project. It was he who chartered the mission, at his own expense, inviting three anonymous people to join him, via a rather original selection process. Each seat has been assigned to represent a specific value. Jared Isaacman, billionaire pilot Isaacman is the mission commander.

The 38-year-old American is the founder and CEO of Shift4 Payments, which offers stores and restaurants a service for processing bank card transactions. He created it when he was 16, from the basement of the family home. Passionate about piloting, he holds a record for flying around the world in a light jet and is qualified to fly several military aircraft. In 2012, he founded a company providing training to US Air Force pilots, called Draken International. A married father of two daughters, he has always been passionate about space exploration. In 2008, he witnessed the take-off, aboard a Russian rocket in Kazakhstan, of one of the first private tourists to visit the International Space Station, Richard Garriott. It

was after that experience that he contacted SpaceX. His seat represents "leadership." Hayley Arceneaux, cancer survivor Arceneaux was treated for bone cancer as a child at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, for which Jared Isaacman organized a fundraiser. She works there today as a physician assistant. At 29, she will be the youngest American to be sent into orbit around the Earth, and the first person with a prosthesis to go into space. She will be the medical manager for the mission. Her seat represents "hope." Sian Proctor, professor and astronaut candidate Proctor, 51, teaches geology at a small college in Arizona.

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For The Sake Of Peace

Thousands attended the funeral prayers of Arshad Ahmad Mir, 25, a police sub-inspector, who was killed by militants at Khanyar in downtown Srinagar on Sunday. In his native village at Kalmuna, a large number of people went to his house to pay their last respects. According to Police, the officer was killed when he had taken a detained person for a medical check-up to a hospital at Khanyar in downtown Srinagar. Mir had been recruited as a sub-inspector in J&K police only last year. He had been posted at the Khanyar police station only recently. The killing has been caught on CCTV. A militant can be seen coming from behind and firing at the officer from point blank. He falls down. Subsequently, when rushed to the hospital he was declared brought dead.

One more Kashmiri has died, an addition to thousands of lives lost in the last three decades. Most of these killings don't make an international or even a national headline which a single death in other conflict spots like Palestine does. But it does affect the people in Kashmir who are angry about them.

More tragically, the deaths in Kashmir mean little beyond the Valley. Let alone in the rest of India where the media largely pretends as if nothing has happened - unless it could use some killings to polarize the public opinion - even around the world. This raises a larger question about the truth of the diverse unfolding realities in the world: that is, their interpreted truth and the intrinsic truth. More so, in the domain of news. Whether we like it or not, the news follows its own caste system. News about a particular issue, subject or a people is more a function of power than the reflection of reality. And Kashmiri lives matter least here, on every side of the ideological, political or religious divide.

In an environment of impunity that prevails in Kashmir, it is unlikely that such killings will ever stop. If at all this vicious cycle has to be stopped, something fundamental has to change about this place. We need to grapple with the demons of history and put them to sleep. But as of now there is little hope that things are going to change. Least of all now. All we can do is hope against hope. Sooner or later New Delhi has to wake up to the suffering in Kashmir, see it for what it is rather than through political lens only, and then go about sincerely addressing it. This alone will usher in durable peace and prosperity.

O T H E R O P I N I O N

Intersection of Caste and Gender

On Sunday, while fetching water from a crematorium cooler, a nine-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly raped and murdered, and later, hastily cremated, in Purani Nangal village in Delhi. The same night, four men were arrested after the girl's parents (who are rag-pickers) and others from the village staged a protest. The accused were identified as Radhe Shyam, the 55-year-old priest of the crematorium, and three employees, Kuldeep Kumar, Laxmi Narayan, and Mohammad Salim. Relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act have been invoked. A judicial inquiry has been ordered. While several politicians visited the family and demanded action by home minister, Amit Shah, the Centre has not made a statement on the crime so far.

But make no mistake. This is a caste-based crime. In many ways, even after seven decades of pledging a democracy based on equality, fraternity, and individual rights, caste-based identities remain a crucial determinant of one's place in society. Dalit women confront a "triple burden" as they face caste discrimination, gender bias, and economic deprivation — with the worst form of oppression being sexual assault. When a 19-year-old girl in Hathras, Uttar Pradesh, was left to a similar fate last year, it brought to the fore a familiar pattern that follows caste atrocities against young girls. To be sure, laws have become stronger and punishment more rigid. But this has had the unintended consequence of perpetrators not just raping and assaulting young girls, but killing their victims to avoid a scandal. While there must be a swift, thorough investigation and conviction in this case, the fate of India's girls rests on a transformation in social attitudes. Without this, as the Delhi incident shows, merely having a more robust legal architecture won't be enough to tackle violence against women and girls.

Hindustan Times

Unites States' Imperialist Feminist Project and The Current Reality of Afghanistan



The image is a photo from an ad campaign by a German NGO (IGFM) which represents the Afghan women as the Other who needs to be saved. Intended here to show how Imperial Feminist agenda operates



Idrisa Pandit

While this war was termed as a war against men of these societies, the victims of this failed war have primarily been women, and their children. It was, and continues to be, a war on the dignity of Muslim women, especially women of Afghanistan.

As the failed Global War on Terror (GWOT) completed twenty years, and the American government brought home its occupying forces, it leaves behind a heavy human toll of this war, and a world far more unsafe than it was twenty years ago. The impact of GWOT on the women of targeted countries, is incalculable. Limited research is available on women's lives during war and war on terror in Muslim societies. While this war was termed as a war against men of these societies, the victims of this failed war have primarily been women, and their children. It was, and continues to be, a war on the dignity of Muslim women, especially women of Afghanistan.

The US Central Intelligence Agency used imperialist feminism to advance its war, and seek support from its allies. There is documented evidence of how Afghan women were exploited to sell the war in Europe, and to garner support for militarism among European sceptics. The WikiLeaks report suggested that the "Afghan women could serve as ideal messengers in humanizing" the war, and "their aspirations for the future and fears of a Taliban victory," would help garner support for the war. "The prospect of the Taliban reversing hard-won progress on girls' education could provoke French anger and become a point of support for France's largely secular public opinion. This gives voters a reason to support the good and necessary cause despite the casualties." The devastation of Muslim women's lives was presented as a "good and necessary cause." It reminds one of Madeleine Albright's statement that sacrificing half a million Iraqi children in America's Iraq war was a "justified" price. I guess someone else's women and children who have been demonized and dehumanized to serve the hegemonic military machine are easily dispensable. Add to that the sanitized drone wars where people sitting in their office sipping coffee just go on a killing spree in a remote corner of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia or Yemen.

Twenty years later, with the last American soldier having left Afghanistan, and the Taliban back in power, I wonder how the United States, or their European Allies can in all honesty express concern about the future of Afghan women, their education, and well being. Where is the responsibility for actively destroying the lives of the Afghan women? Yet the US state Dept issued a statement, backed by forty countries, stating their concern about "Afghan women and girls, their rights to education, work and

freedom of movement." Twenty years too late, the American President Joe Biden is admitting US's failure stating, "the idea that we're able to deal with the rights of women around the world by military force is not rational. Not rational." What the Mr. Biden fails to recognize though is that it was irrational, immoral, and criminal, all along, even when he was supporting the war as the Vice President of the United States. The civilizing mission of former first lady of the US, Laura Bush, was an Orientalist project, not a humanitarian effort, one that unleashed terror and death for the Afghan women. Defending the War on Terror she claimed Afghan women were no longer "imprisoned in their homes" and they could "listen to music and teach their daughters without fear of punishment." What was also missed in this popular militaristic discourse of saving Afghan women, and their freedoms, were the stories of the suffering Afghan women, seventy percent of whom live in rural Afghanistan, and the reality of lives of Afghan war widows. By 2015, there were estimated 50,000 to 70,000 war widows in Kabul alone. This 2015 United Nations Report gives us a glimpse into violence against women in Afghanistan, family violence, sexual violence, and impact of underage marriages all of which increased as a result of war. In this 2020 study based on lived experiences of Afghan women, the researchers concluded that, "not only does conflict contribute to domestic violence, but domestic violence contributes to conflict through justifying armed intervention, separating women from economic and public life, and perpetuating patriarchy." Given the reality of this failed imperialist war, even the much touted agenda to promote and improve education did not fully succeed during the twenty years of occupation.

The costs of the Afghan war extend to the United States as well, albeit mostly financially, because it was a war fought on borrowed money.

It is abundantly clear that despite assurances by the Taliban of protection of women's lives and education, as well as their public participation, indications are that perhaps not everyone in the Govt. upholds that promise. Women's lives are at risk, and their education and participation in public life is at peril. Afghanistan now joins the ranks of a few other nations with no women in top government positions. Even the Ministry of Women has been disbanded in the new set up. Syed Zekirullah Hashmi, the spokesperson of the Taliban government thinks that by leaving women out

of government ranks, the Taliban are doing them a favour, and preserving the resources of the government. In his mind, having a woman in position of power is clearly a useless thing, because women would be, in his words, unable to carry out these responsibilities. The only role fit for Afghan women, he believes, is producing children. Even women's participation in sports is likely under threat.

What should be the response of people of conscience to the state of Afghan women? How should those who really care offer solidarity and collaboration based on conscience, not convenience? What can women of the world, especially Muslim women, do to highlight the misery of Afghan women? The picture is not quite clear yet. Many people have offered different solutions. A new era of displacement and dispossession has begun, but not all can escape to greener pastures, and should they really have to? The common solution to take all women activists out of Afghanistan, is a solution that does not serve those women, or their country, well. No one should have to escape their homeland to breathe freely. There seem to be no simple solutions currently. I think it is time to watch and listen, especially listen to what our Afghan sisters, both from urban and rural areas, tell us. There can be no external fixes to a problem that has been thrust upon the women of Afghanistan for decades. The solutions lie within, and the brave women of Afghanistan will surely rise to the occasion and overcome their challenges. Meanwhile, it is important to not allow the dignity of Afghan women being snatched away by those who hijack Islam and present falsehoods to justify misogyny and patriarchal systems of oppression.

Muslim women around the world need to ask the question, what is the best way to stand in solidarity with Afghan women, all Afghan women, not just those who identify as "liberal left" of Afghanistan? The other equally important question to ask is, how do we negotiate the imperialist feminist project of "saving" the Muslim women through militarism?

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Looming Threat and Carelessness

Kashmir has seen a minor uptick in the number of covid-19 cases and authorities have started sealing hotspots and marking red zones. In such a scenario, it may seem as though everyone else is also staying alert and ready. However, the matters on the ground tell a different story.

The devastation that the second

wave of Covid-19 caused seems to have drawn fear out of people or it might just be pandemic fatigue. We can see people thronging markets, offices and public places without masks.

It is true that vaccination has given people hope but it too is not a full proof solution to the threat of coronavirus. Many variants have been seen to bypass the protection that the vac-

cines gives. Nonetheless, they're important in preventing the severity of the infection.

We should stay more alert and quickly switch back to staying responsible and honestly following SOPs. When cases rises, there is no escaping the virus as we have more callous people around. When the cases have risen, we take extra precautions. So even as the cases may

seem low, we must still wear masks, maintain proper hand hygiene and observer physical distancing. Better still, double mask and keep indoors very well ventilated.

Attend marriage functions responsibly and avoid putting yourself at risk.

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In History and Memory

Hadown Hospital

Dr Khan Khawar Achakzai

In Shah Mohalla, there was a big orchard that belonged to the Syed family and partly to the Kanji family of Suleiman Kanji, located on the left bank of Sonnar Koll. In addition, there were three graveyards on elevated portions.

Sir Hadow (also called Heedo), an Austrian merchant and philanthropist much revered by Kashmiris, purchased 237 Kanals of land from grandfather of Syed Ehsanul Haq in silver coins. Mr. Hadow initially established a carpet factory, Hadow Mills carpet factory, encompassing around 450 looms on the land.



On the backside, a garden was decorated in which rare trees were grown, brought from world over: 'jamalgota', woolly cherry, flowery oak, figs from Iraq, special walnuts and French pear. On the back of the factory, an artificial forest was grown which was later demolished during the construction of the Medical College. This jungle was very dense with trees, some of which exist till date; snakes had found their abode in it and summer migratory birds would feel safe in the darkness and greenery of the 'Kiker' trees.



Photograph of a huge Kashmiri Carpet being made ready for export to a store in Chicago in 1900 by Weyford Tynes Crawling.

There is a folklore associated with this hospital. It is said that Sir. Hadow had a son who had some rare congenital anomaly. After years of treatment by the best doctors in the world, his son could not be saved. This incident moved Sir Hadow and he donated the location for the hospital along with raising funds for it. The foundation stone of the hospital was laid by the Marquess of Linlithgow, the Viceroy of India in 1940 at the estate of the Hadow Mills Carpet Factory. The carpet factory was shifted to present Shireen Bagh.

A big 'deodar' tree planted by the founder of Hadow factory was extracted along with the portion of land, but it could never retrieve to life at the new place. This dry tree existed in the Shireen Bagh complex until 1975 till final closure of Hadow factory.



Not many people know about this story of why the hospital is called 'Hadown' (Hadow's).

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No-Mobile Phobia?

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Smartphones have become an integral technology to the fabric of modern society. The concept of nomophobia oversimplifies both how these devices are used and the potential treatments for this device-related anxiety. Smartphones clearly extend a level of convenience, communication and utility that not only allows us to operate within society but to impose ourselves on it

Through social distancing mandates, lockdown measures and restrictions on gatherings and services, the pandemic has brought about widespread changes to how modern societies function. And everyone has become more reliant on smartphones.

One study found smartphone use increased by 70 per cent during the first few months of the pandemic. And a recent Canadian survey found more than 40 per cent of respondents are spending even more time on their phones this year. The reliance on digital technologies, including smartphones, has increased tremendously because of the need to do everything from home — working, studying, staying connected, reading the news and interacting with services, like food and grocery delivery.

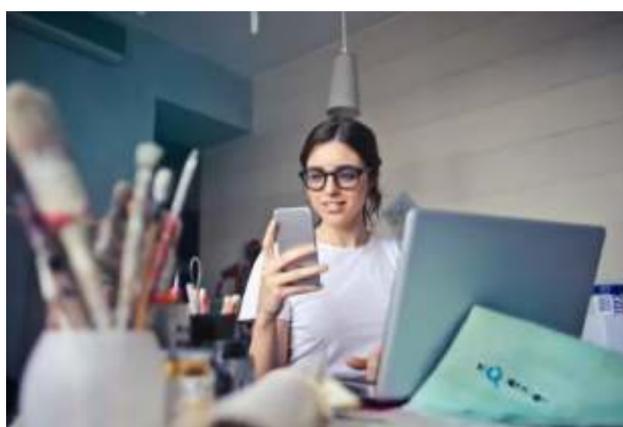
The relationships we form with smartphones have recently become of interest to researchers, especially the potential negative impacts when it comes to overuse and attachment.

One relationship in particular concerns the anxiety felt when people are unable to use or be in contact with their smartphones, known as nomophobia. Nomophobia, or no-mobile phobia, is thought to be a product of the intense attachments to our devices, and is believed to be strongest among people who use their phone the most, like teens and young adults.

Some researchers have gone so far as to argue that nomophobia should be introduced into the DSM-V (the manual for diagnosing psychiatric illnesses), or be treated through cognitive behavioural therapy and other psychological and pharmaceutical treatments. But these claims are rooted in a de-contextualized idea of nomophobia, which ignores many real-life interactions that necessitate the use of smartphones.

Smartphones make us accessible 24/7

As digital health researchers who have conducted (and are currently conducting) several studies examining problematic smartphone use in post-secondary students, we argue that treat-



ing nomophobia as a mental illness or a medical condition in need of treatment is flawed and potentially harmful.

In a recently published study, we suggest that nomophobia, or the anxiety associated with not being able to access one's smartphone, has less to do with how often one uses their phone and more to do with the context in which the phone is used. The existence of smartphones has modified social and work expectations so that 24-hour availability is now often considered the norm.

There's no question that smartphones have become an important and arguably irreplaceable part of everyday life. Just as the automobile became irreplaceable because of urban sprawl that prioritized roads over walkways, the smartphone has become irreversibly embedded into our globalized and fast-paced lives. Unlike the automobile, which is typically used for a single function, smartphones can be used in many ways — some which are beneficial to the user.

Anxiety comes from the implied demands

During the pandemic, smartphones enabled remote grocery pick-up and

food delivery, facilitated friend and family check-ins and allowed services like banking and doctor's appointments to continue. This kind of smartphone use demonstrates clear utility and convenience.

Comparatively, some aspects of smartphone use are products of larger social and occupational norms. Modern work demands such as promptly answering e-mails and attending calls have been largely supported by smartphone functions and apps (like email, video conferencing, modifying documents). This means many employers expect their workers to be available beyond 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the anxiety associated with smartphones (or lack thereof) stems more from these implied demands than the device itself.

Similar anxieties stemming from "smartphone use" have been associated with social media consumption. Specifically, research (including our own) has documented that the more time you spend on social media apps, the higher the nomophobia. Meaning the anxiety associated with being unable to use your phone stems from how it's being used rather than the device itself.

Part of our everyday worlds

The complicated relationship we have with our phones is clearly demonstrated through how they're marketed to us, and their features. Our phones are positioned as "creative outlets" and are reflections of our self-expression through customization and usage.

The commercial for the iPhone 12, for example, focuses on how it's the right gadget for everyone regardless of interests and use. The commercial goes so far as to visually suggest that the phone never needs to leave your hand and can perform any function you would need throughout your day.

The addition of features such as Apple or Google Pay, face ID and digital assistants like Siri exemplifies the way in which smartphones are no longer a simple and passive device, but rather a way by which we interact with our everyday worlds.

Smartphones have become an integral technology to the fabric of modern society. The concept of nomophobia oversimplifies both how these devices are used and the potential treatments for this device-related anxiety. Smartphones clearly extend a level of convenience, communication and utility that not only allows us to operate within society but to impose ourselves on it.

We must be critical and consider how and when these devices are helping us, harming us and changing us. The potential harms of treating nomophobia as a clinical condition ignores the complex and various ways we use our smartphones. What we use our devices for and how much we use them are often constrained by external factors, like employer demands.

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2.	Installation of Drinking Water Pipes at Ward 6. S. No: 149 (at Qumroo)	1.00	150/-	2,000/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
3.	Improvements of water pipe lines at village Rawalpora from filtration plant to Gulam Nabi Mir. (Under DDP)	1.74	150/-	3,480 /-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP/ DDC)	2nd
4.	Repairment of PHE Pipe Line in Village Yegbug. (Under DDP)	1.98	200/-	3,960/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
5.	Development of Water Tanky at Banderpora. (Under DDP)	1.99	250/-	3,980/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
6.	Impptt. Of Water supply Pipes at Halqa Parnewa. (Under DDP)	2.29	250/-	4,580/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
7.	Installation of PHE water pipeline from Mulnag to Razmarg via check mohallah and others at Sitharan-B. (Under DDP)	3.00	300/-	6,000/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
8.	Installation Of Pipe Lines at Peth Latina. (Under DDP)	3.30	300/-	6,600/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
9.	Repairment of Water Pipe Lines Bodhpora at Kremshore. (Under DDP)	3.39	300/-	6,780/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
10.	Water pipes on Different Spots of Halqa Hardapanzoo. (Under DDP)	3.80	350/-	7,600/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
11.	Repairment / Laying of New water Pipe lines at ward No. 7.8 & 10 and Syedia Colony at Nunner. (Under DDP)	3.80	350/-	7,600/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
12.	Installation of Water Pipe Line from Vaternie to Bakerwall Mohalla at Zoogu B S.No: 153	3.80	350/-	7,600/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
13.	Name of Work: Installation of water Pipes on Different Spots at Rakhyee & Arizal on Different Mohallas. (Under DDP)	4.00	400/-	8,000/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
14.	Restoration Of Water Pipe Lines From Shop Of Mohd Shafi Khan Onwards, Khan Mohalla, School, Mohalla Rahim Baba Mohalla, Mukdam Mohalla. (Under DDP)	4.00	400/-	8,000/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
15.	INSTALLATION OF PHE WATER PIPELINE IN DIFFERENT WARDS AT SITHARAN-A. (Under DDP)	4.00	400/-	8,000/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
16.	Restoration Of Water Pipe Lines From Shop Of Mohd Shafi Khan Onwards, Khan Mohalla, School Mohalla Rahim Baba Mohalla, Mukdam Mohalla. (Under DDP)	4.47	450/-	8,940/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd
17.	Installation of Pipes 2" & 300 3/4 "500 Nos Pipes 1" 200 Nos Pipes at Kacwari-B. (Under DDP)	4.99	500/-	9,980/-	15 Days	DEE	(PRI Grants / DDP)	2nd

Note:- Fresh for NIT No. 38 of 2021-22 (Document Fee already submitted previously for these works under e-NIT No. 38 of 2021-22 shall remain valid for the corresponding work exclusively in this e-NIT)
Position of AAA:- Accorded (DDC Budgam's Order No. 60/DDCB of 2021 Dated 07.07.2021;
Position of funds:- Assured; Position of TS:- Under Process;
The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>
From 13.09.2021 (10:00 a.m) 18.09.2021 (04:00 p.m)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: www.jktenders.gov.in As per schedule of dates given below

TABLE (II)	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	13.09.2021
01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	13.09.2021
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 13.09.2021 10:00 a.m. To 18.09.2021 04:00 p.m.
03	Bid Submission Start Date	13.09.2021 10:00 a.m.
04	Bid submission End Date	18.09.2021 Upto 04:00 p.m.
06	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	20.09.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam)

- Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money, CDR/FDR and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam) on 20.09.2021 at 11:00a.m. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
No:- PHE/Bud/3619-53
Dated: 11.09.2021

(Er. Najeeb A Tramboo)
Executive Engineer,
PHE Division Budgam.

DIPK-8463/21

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ANANTNAG
PWD(R&B) DIVISION KHANABAL**

FRESH NIT NO 139(2nd Call of NIT11) OF RNB/KHANABAL/2021-22 /E-TENDERING/9865-75 DATED 10/09/2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs)	Time of Completion	Major Head of Account	Position of AA	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Footpath and drain from Gull Mohd Lone to Gh Hassan Shastri (Ward NO 1 M C Pahalgalam)	2.00	200	10 Days	14 th FC	Accorded Vide No. MC/ PGM/21 / 831-34 Dated 19.05.2021	DEE Class Only
2.	Construction of path from main road to house of Mushtaq Ahmad Siraj via Jamia Masjid (Ward NO 2 M C Pahalgalam)	1.97	200	10 Days	14 th FC	Accorded Vide No. MC/ PGM/21 / 831-34 Dated 19.05.2021	DEE Class Only
3.	Construction of lane from H/O Mohd Yousef Wani To H/O Abdul Gani Wani Ward NO 3 M C Pahalgalam)	1.50	200	10 Days	14 th FC	Accorded Vide No. MC/ PGM/21 / 831-34 Dated 19.05.2021	DEE Class Only
4.	Construction of drain from hotel muskaan to H/o Ab Gani haji Ward NO 4 (M C Pahalgalam)	1.47	200	10 Days	14 th FC	Accorded Vide No. MC/ PGM/21 / 831-34 Dated 19.05.2021	DEE Class Only
5.	Construction of lane from H/O Raja Begam to back side of HSS School Pahalgalam Ward NO 3 M C Pahalgalam)	1.40	200	10 Days	14 th FC	Accorded Vide No. MC/ PGM/21 / 831-34 Dated 19.05.2021	DEE Class Only
6.	Repair of path from House of Ab Rehman Bhat to H/O Ab Ahmad Bhat (Ward NO 1 M C Pahalgalam)	1.00	200	10 Days	14 th FC	Accorded Vide No. MC/ PGM/21 / 831-34 Dated 19.05.2021	DEE Class Only
7.	Construction of Footpath from Main Lane to Mohd Ismail Lone (Ward NO 1 M C Pahalgalam)	0.96	200	10 Days	14 th FC	Accorded Vide No. MC/ PGM/21 / 831-34 Dated 19.05.2021	DEE Class Only

- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-09-2021
2.	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 10-09-2021 (12:00PM) To 20-09-2021 (04:30PM)
3.	Bid submission Start Date	From 10-09-2021 (12:00PM)
4.	Bid Submission End Date	To 20-09-2021 (04:30PM)
5.	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	21-09-2021 (10:30AM)

In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal (Tender Inviting Authority) (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt. 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal (Tender receiving Authority).
 - All the Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below).
 - The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of DLP.
 - The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal
 - The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid
 - Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
 - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.
- Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
 - Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document) and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.
 - Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
 - Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
 - Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
 - All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

(Er Qazi Javeed Amin)
Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Khanabal

DIPK-8476/21

**GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR DISTRICT
EMPLOYMENT AND COUNSELLING CENTRE, SRINAGAR**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TEJASWINI-THE RADIANT

(A customized Livelihood Generation Scheme For Young women Of Jammu & Kashmir)

The "TEJASWINI" scheme proposes to provide financial assistance to young women for setting up gainful self-employment ventures, suited to their skills, training, aptitude and local conditions. The scheme aims at empowering and encouraging young women for income generation activities either in manufacturing, service, trading or small businesses. Besides financing for the new units/enterprise, the scheme provides financial assistance to the existing units for expansion and modernization.

Eligibility for Registration:

- Any female domicile of District Srinagar, essentially registered with Mission Youth, J&K.
- All the unemployed young women of the district between the age group of 18-35 having qualification of 10th and above. Provided that CEO Mission Youth shall be competent to relax the educational qualification criteria for deserving candidates on a case to case basis, based on proper justification.
- Any individual woman/ women entrepreneur (s)/ enterprise where women entrepreneur(s) hold not less than 50% of financial holding. Preference will be given to the categories of women entrepreneurs trained in R-SETI/ Skill Development Institutions etc. any other training institute.
- The applicant should not have availed any kind of financial assistance/incentive/subsidy under any self-employment scheme run by the Government and should not be a defaulter to any Bank/ Financial institute.
- The applicant must be Unemployed and registered with District Employment and Counselling centre Srinagar.
- Any person or any, existing units and the units which have already availed any incentive or subsidy under any government scheme shall not be eligible for assistance under the scheme
- Re-payment of Financial Assistance provided under this scheme shall be interest-free.
- No criteria regarding the income of the family would be considered for eligibility under this scheme.
- One woman can seek the assistance under this scheme only once.

Activities covered under the scheme:

Under the scheme, the eligible potential female entrepreneur can seek financial assistance for the below-listed activities.

- Canteen and Restaurant
- Computerized Desktop publishing
- Creche
- Cyber Cafe
- Beauty Parlour
- Daycare centre
- Laundry & Dry Cleaning
- Mobile Repairing
- Photocopying (Xerox) Centre
- Boutique/ Tailoring
- Training Institute
- Fitness Centre
- Yoga Centre
- Any other profitable activity/ Micro Start-up/ Small busi-

ness unit of similar nature

Mode of Financial Assistance:

- Under the scheme, the eligible potential female entrepreneur shall be facilitated to avail financial assistance under a Mudra loan from J&K Bank to the extent of Rs 5,000 lakh.
- The Scheme Banking Partner shall extend the loan facility to the extent of 100% of the project cost under the scheme.
- Mission Youth, J&K shall provide an amount of Rs. 50,000 or 10% of Project cost (whichever is minimum) as a special incentive (subsidy) towards the loan account of the beneficiary under the scheme which shall be adjusted towards the monthly installment of the loan for the first six months.
- The interest subsidy so provided under the scheme shall be limited to an aggregate of Rs 0.60 lakh per beneficiary only.
- The interest subsidy, however, shall be provided only on the production of necessary documents (including Bank statement/ Income Tax statement/ certificate by DLIC) testifying the sustainability of the activity.
- The amount of self-assistance provided by Mission Youth (MY) has to be compulsorily utilized for self-employment generation only.
- If the total project cost of the self-employment unit to be set up by the beneficiary exceeds Rs 5.00 lakh, the amount over and above shall have to be self-financed by the applicant.

How to Apply:-

- In order to avail the benefits under the "TEJASWINI" scheme, the candidate has to visit official portal by entering the URL <https://www.jkyouthportal.in/register.aspx>. Once registered with the portal, keep your Registration No. for future reference. The eligible desirous candidates can also submit the form via offline mode at District Employment & Counselling Centre, Srinagar. Following documents need to be submitted/uploaded by the applicant along with the application form:
i) Ration card/Domicile certificate/Aadhaar Card.
ii) D.O.B Certificate.
iii) Project report of the activity intended to be financed.
iv) Unemployment Certificate.
v) The applicant will submit an affidavit to the effect that applicant will continue the trade for a period not less than 5 years or till the liquidation of loan amount in full, whichever is later. Desirous eligible candidates are further advised to register with the District Employment & Counselling Centre Srinagar online at <http://jakemp.nic.in> before applying for the scheme.

For Further Details Contact:-

Deputy Director, District Employment & Counselling Centre, Srinagar
Email: deandccsgr@gmail.com

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No: DE&CC/Sgr/Tejaswini/2021/ 580-84
Dated:- 11.09.2021.

Mohd Rouf Rahman (KAS)
Deputy Director Employment
(Nodal Officer, DLIC-Tejaswini)
District Srinagar

Retail Inflation Dips To 5.3 Pct In August



Pres Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Retail inflation fell marginally to 5.3 per cent in August mainly due to easing food prices, official data showed on Monday.

The retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 5.59 per cent in July and 6.69 per cent in August 2020.

As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), inflation in the food basket was 3.11 per cent in August compared to 3.96 per cent in

the preceding month.

The Reserve Bank had kept the key interest rate unchanged in its monetary policy review in August. It focuses mainly on the CPI while deciding its bi-monthly monetary policy.

The RBI has projected the CPI inflation at 5.7 per cent during 2021-22 -- 5.9 per cent in the second quarter, 5.3 per cent in third, and 5.8 per cent in the fourth quarter of the fiscal, with risks broadly balanced. CPI inflation for Q1 2022-23 is projected at 5.1 per cent.

KIA To Strengthen Sales In Indian Market; Release New Cars, Raise Price



SEOUL: KIA is going to solidify its upward sales trend in the Indian market, the world's fourth-largest automobile market. It is planning to strengthen profitability by raising the prices of some models and releasing new models.

According to the industry on the 10th, KIA India will expand its lineup starting with the release of 'Seltos X Line' in the early of this month. Seltos X Line is the new model that emphasizes its sporty body design. 7 factors including matt granite-pattern colour and Indigo-fer leather are differentiated from previous Seltos models.

It was first unveiled as a concept car at the LA Auto Show in 2019, but the X Line model that was released this time is somewhat different from the off-road one displayed at the show. It was released only in the Indian market.

It is expected that KIA will also release MPV (Multi-Purpose Vehicle) models next year. The industry predicts that the MPV model will be based on Seltos models. KIA Soul is also expected to be released in the Indian market.

According to a global automobile media Autocar India, KIA has the registration of Soul trademark rights with the Indian Patent Office in June. It has not been officially confirmed to release, but it has completed a preliminary stage for the local sale.

Starting with the introduction of a new Seltos trim, KIA is expected to speed up its growth in the Indian market. KIA has been growing significantly, surpassing cumulative sales of 300,000 units as of July. It is an achievement made by KIA in less than 2 years of its entry into India. It is the fastest record achieved among carmakers entering India.

KIA sold 16,750 units last year, up 54.3% year-on-year. Seltos was sold the most with 8,619 units, followed by 7,752 units of Sonet and 379 units of Carnival. The production of carmakers has been stagnant due to the automobile semiconductor shortage, but KIA increased its sales by 11% from the previous month and showed a unique growth rate. Both India's top automobile brands, Maruti Suzuki and Hyundai Motor showed a decrease in sales.

In the last month, the market share of KIA increased 0.22% from the previous month to 6.44%. The sales ranking also rose from 5th to 4th in July, overtaking Mahindra.

The sales of Seltos played a major role in KIA's rapid growth in India. Seltos is the flagship model that has been sold more than 200,000 units in 2 years since it was first launched in the Indian market in August 2019, accounting for more than 2/3 of all KIA India's current sales. **ANI**

J&K Gaining Pace Towards Achieving Financial Inclusion Under Digital Payment: Dulloo



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Additional Chief Secretary Finance Department, Atal Dulloo Monday attended a day-long workshop on Digital Payments under Government of India 'Digital India Mission' organized by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Government of India and Finance Department, J&K Government here at SKICC.

Addressing the participants, Financial Commissioner Finance (Additional Chief Secretary), Atal Dulloo, who was also the chief guest on the occasion, said that the country has moved far ahead in Digital Payments and J&K too is gaining pace towards achieving financial inclusion.

He said that Digital India Mission has a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy with 'Faceless, Cashless and Contactless transactions among the people and other partners of the economy.'

He said that India is on the path of digital revolution and there is an increased degree of collaboration among various agencies like fintech players, payment service providers and banks.

While commenting on the increased transactions during COVID-19 Pandemic, Dulloo said the pandemic has presented a massive opportunity for the digital payment industry to flourish.

Termining the digital mode of transaction as the most convenient way of transaction, he said there is more transparency, accountability besides secrecy and

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privacy during digital payments. He further highlighted the role of digital payments and said that the main goal is financial inclusion and economic growth of people, especially for economically deprived people. He added that in this regard several measures have been taken by the Government of India where there is vast scope for everyone and will benefit all.

Director General Budget, MY Itoo; Director General Audit & Inspection, Fayaz Ahmad Lone; Commissioner State Taxes Department, Showkat Aijaz Bhat; State Nodal Officer (NPCI) J&K, Vikas Sirohi, senior officers from Finance Department, representatives from various departments, J&K Bank officers, representatives of Trade Bodies and other concerned participated in the one-day workshop.

Earlier giving an overview of the workshop, Director General Budget, MY Itoo while addressing the participants said J&K is on reformative path from past few years while it has successfully implemented PaySys, EMPOWERMENT and other digital payment systems in the Union Territory.

While delivering a detailed presentation over Digital Payments, State Nodal Officer (NPCI) J&K, Vikas Sirohi underlined the role of NPCI while developing digital payment platforms viz

UPI, IMPS, RuPay, NACH, NETC, CTS, AePS, BHIM, *99# etc.

He gave detailed information of different modes of electronic transfer of funds and also highlighted various benefits and advantages of cashless transactions.

Besides, Sirohi highlighted the role of digital payments like benefits of transactions to citizens and other stakeholders, regulatory push for adoption of technology and automation among other things.

He also talked about the digital payment initiatives being taken in J&K which include smart card and 100 percent digitalization in smart cities (Jammu and Srinagar); RuPay NCMC card and UPI-QR in transport for acceptance of fares; DBT and Non-DBT transactions processing via NACH; account validation and Aadhaar lookup services for departments; UPI and RuPay option for all online payments acceptance by the government departments among 12 initiatives.

During the workshop several sessions were held where various presentations were delivered with respect to the digital payment system and was moderated by Joint Director Budget, Shafat Yehya.

During the different sessions several discussions and deliberation were also held where resource persons replied to queries of the participants.

RBI Cautions Public Against KYC Updation Frauds

Pres Trust Of India

MUMBAI- The Reserve Bank on Monday cautioned people against frauds in the name of KYC updation and advised them not to share key information like account details or passwords with unidentified persons or agencies.

In a release, the RBI said it has been receiving complaints/reports about customers falling prey to frauds being perpetrated in the name of KYC updation.

"The usual modus operandi in such cases include receipt of unsolicited communication, such as, calls, SMSs, emails, etc., by custom-

sters get access to his/her account, the central bank noted.

"Members of public are hereby cautioned not to share account login details, personal information, copies of KYC documents, card information, PIN, password, OTP, etc. with unidentified persons or agencies," RBI said.

Also, such details should not be shared through unverified or unauthorised websites or applications. In case they receive any such requests, customers should get in touch with their bank.

The RBI further said that while the Regulated Entities (REs) are required to undertake periodic



updating of KYC, this process has been simplified to a large extent. REs have also been advised that in respect of customer accounts where periodic updation of KYC is due, no restrictions on operations of such accounts shall be imposed till December 31, 2021 for this reason alone, unless warranted under instructions of any regulator, enforcement agency or court of law.

Such communications are also reported to carry threats of account freeze, block or closure. Once the customer shares information over call/message/unauthorised application, fraud-

Jet Airways To Start Domestic Operations In Q1 2022



NEW DELHI: Jet Airways will start domestic operations in the first quarters of 2022, the Jalan Kalrock consortium, the successful resolution applicant of the airways said on Monday. The airline intends to start its first flight from New Delhi to Mumbai by Q1 2022.

"The process of reviving the grounded carrier is on track with the existing Air Operator Certificate (AOC) already under process for revalidation. The Consortium is working closely with the relevant authorities and airport coordinators on slot allocation, required airport infrastructure, and night parking," the consortium said in a statement.

The airline aims to launch short-haul international flights by the third-fourth quarter of 2022.

Elaborating on details, Murari Lal Jalan, Lead Member of the Jalan Kalrock Consortium and the proposed Non-Executive Chairman of Jet Airways said "We received the National Companies Law Tribunal (NCLT) approval in June 2021, and since then we have been working closely with all concerned authorities to get the airline back in the skies. Jet Airways 2.0 aims at restarting domestic operations by

Q1-2022, and short-haul international operations by Q3/Q4 2022."

He said that the plan is to have more than 50 plus aircraft in three years and over 100 plus in five years. "The aircraft is being selected based on competitive long-term leasing solutions," Jalan said.

"It is the first time in the history of aviation that an airline grounded for more than two years is being revived and we are looking forward to being a part of this historic journey. The brand Jet Airways has a huge loyalty base and we are confident that with industry stalwarts like Captain Gaur, we will be able to capitalize and create new benchmarks. We would like to assure all our loyal Jet Airways guests that your favourite airline will soon be back in the skies," said Jalan.

Representatives of the consortium and the airline's new team, led by Captain Sudhir Gaur, visited crucial airports in August.

Captain Sudhir Gaur, the new Accountable Manager, and acting CEO of the carrier said the airline has already hired more than 150 full-time employees and is looking to onboard another 1,000 employees in FY2021-22 across categories. **ANI**

Agri Dept Working For Promotion Of Vegetable Sector: Director

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- As part of farmers outreach program, the Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal Monday visited different areas of vegetable cluster Narkara, Budgam.

The Director on the occasion interacted with some of the farmers and sought their feedback with respect to different interventions put forward by the department during the present scenario.

Talking to some of the progressive vegetable growers, the Director said that the department is working for the promotion of the vegetable sector by introducing exotic varieties of different crops besides strengthening the organic way of farming in this sector.

The Director instructed the officers to highlight the remunerative nature of vegetable cultivation so that more areas are brought under vegetable cultivation.



He said that the large-scale commercial vegetable cultivation is being done in Narkara, Budgam of district Budgam. The department in collaboration with JKHPMC and NAFED has already taken up the process

of multilevel marketing within and outside the UT of J&K so that the farmers could get maximum returns for their produce and their socio economic transformation could be achieved.

Later Director Agriculture paid a surprise visit to Seed Multiplication Farm, Harran Budgam and inspected various sections of the farm.

SHORT TAKES

RLG Launches Clean To Green On Wheels

SRINAGAR- RLG India, a subsidiary of Munich-headquartered Reverse Logistics Group (RLG) - a leading global service provider of comprehensive reverse logistics solutions, has announced the company's awareness and collection strategy for FY21-22 by introducing Clean to GreenTMOon Wheels programme under its flagship campaign, Clean to GreenTM (C2G). The coveted awareness program is unique not only in its approach, but also in its coverage!

Under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and in line with the Digital India movement, the Clean to GreenTMOon Wheels would see nine mini commercial vehicles (cho-thahatti) covering the expanse of 100,000+KMs across India; they have distinct beat plans in place and shall holistically



cover about 110 cities and 300 towns across the country. The main objective of the program is to reach out to a diverse audience including school students, corporations, bulk consumers, retailers, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), dealers, informal sector, and healthcare providers, spreading the word about the Dos, Don'ts and hazards associated with E-Waste. Clean to Green on Wheels shall be spreading awareness to the end users with an objective of 'Organic E-wasteCollection'. It aims to cover a total of 326

schools, 188 RWAs, 134 office clusters/bulk consumers, 176 retailers, 156 informal sectors, and 4 healthcare camps via on ground workshops apart from 4000+ collection program activities.

The collection drive was flagged off on September 13th, 2021. Under this program, among the various e-waste awareness initiatives that would be adopted to influence e-waste related decisions and change consumer behavior as well as encourage adoption of sustainable practices, RLG would conduct a PAN India Student Videography Competition, inviting the various students and schools across the country, to create a video highlighting the current e-waste problem and offer possible best practices to deal with the same. The contest winner video will be used as Clean to Green Brand video for FY21-22.

Rupee Dives To Over 2-Week Low Of 73.68, Drops 18 Paise Vs USD

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Indian rupee dropped 18 paise to hit an over two-week low of 73.68 against the US dollar on Monday, tracking weaker Asian peers against the greenback and a muted trend in domestic equities.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 73.63 and dropped to a low of 73.73 in the day trade.

The domestic unit finally settled at 73.68 against the greenback, down 18 paise over its previous close.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.19 per cent higher at 92.75.

"The Indian rupee depreciated against the US dollar

as the greenback extended gains this Monday amid expectations of an earlier-than-expected bond taper by the Federal Reserve," said Sriram Iyer, Senior Research Analyst at Reliance Securities.

Moreover, weak equities also fuelled demand for the safe-haven dollar, while most emerging market and Asian currencies were weak this Monday afternoon trade and weighed on the local currency, he added.

"Importers hedging their near-term payables also contributed to the rupee's weakness this Monday," Iyer said, adding that the USD/INR Spot pair could trade in a range of 73.45-73.85 levels in coming session.

According to Jateen Trivedi, Senior Research Analyst at LKP Securities, the rupee

traded down on back of higher dollar prices and minor sell-off in capital markets in the financial sector.

"Crude prices above USD 73.50 also kept the rupee weak. The range for rupee can be seen between 73.60-74.00," he noted.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 1.12 per cent to USD 73.74 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 127.31 points or 0.22 per cent lower at 58,177.76, while the broader NSE Nifty declined 13.95 points or 0.08 per cent to 17,355.30.

Foreign institutional investors were net buyers in the capital market on Monday as they purchased shares worth Rs 1,419.31 crore, as per exchange data.

Gold Gains Rs 82; Silver Tumbles Rs 413

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Gold in the national capital on Monday rose by Rs 82 to Rs 45,952 per 10 gram in line with the firm global trends and rupee depreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had closed at Rs 45,870 per 10 gram.

"Spot gold prices for 24 carat in Delhi rose by Rs 82 in line with firm COMEX gold prices and rupee depreciation," according to HDFC Securities, Senior Analyst (Commodities), Tapan Patel.

In contrast, silver tumbled Rs 413 to Rs 61,907 per kilogram from Rs 62,320 per kilogram in the previous trade.

The Indian rupee depreciated 18 paise to 73.68 against the US dollar in opening trade on Monday.

In the international market, gold was trading with gains at USD 1,790 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 23.66 per ounce.

"Gold prices kept a higher trading range, halting the previous decline despite a stronger dollar," he added.

Pak always desired good relations with its neighbours, but India took this wish as weakness: President Alvi

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Islamabad: Pakistan always desired good relations with its neighbours, but India took this wish as a weakness, President Arif Alvi said on Monday as he accused New Delhi of trying to derail Islamabad's relations with Beijing.

Alvi made the remarks while addressing a joint session of Parliament to mark the start of the fourth parliamentary year of the National Assembly, the lower chamber of the bicameral parliament, amid protests from the Opposition parties.

Pakistan always desired good relations with its neighbours, but India took this wish as a weakness, Alvi said, recalling the Indian air strike on a terror camp in Pakistan in 2019.

India's war planes pounded a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorist training camp deep inside Pakistan on February 26, 2019 in response to the Pulwama

terror attack in which 40 CRPF jawans were killed.

India has told Pakistan that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Islamabad in an environment free of terror, hostility and violence. India has said the onus is on Pakistan to create an environment free of terror and hostility.

Alvi also alleged that India was doing immense injustice to the people of Kashmir. "I want to make it clear to India to stop the oppression in India and fulfil the promise of self-determination (in Kashmir), he said.

Alvi said Pakistan wants peace in Afghanistan and has been playing a positive role in the war-torn neighbouring country.

Last week, the Taliban announced a hardline interim government led by Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund, chief of the Taliban's powerful decision-making body 'Rehbari Shura', in Kabul. At least 14 members of the Cabinet,

including acting Prime Minister Mullah Akhund, are listed on the UN Security Council's terrorism blacklist.

The Taliban announced the formation of the government just three days after the visit of Pakistan's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed to Kabul where he met the top leadership of the insurgent group.

Alvi also appreciated China's "significant" role in Pakistan's progress, adding that the country held its relations with Beijing in great esteem, despite India trying to derail these relations.

"We look at relations with China with great respect and want to strengthen them. I want to make it clear to India that it will never be successful in its goals and Pak-China friendship will keep strengthening, he said.

On the domestic front, Alvi said that the government in its

three-year tenure put the country on a prosperous and shining future by its performance in economy, social and human development sectors as well as in the foreign policy arena.

Alvi also highlighted that a growing population was a threat and asked the people to pay attention to population control and requested the government to increase funding for this sector.

He also talked about trend of increasing violence against women: "In recent days, incidents of sexual violence against women emerged due to which everyone is sad and I think it is a national responsibility to take steps to curb such incidents, he said.

Alvi, who is an ardent member of the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, said that due to the efforts of the government, Pakistan's exports increased to USD 25.3 billion in 2020-21 and the national bourse, the Pakistan Stock

Exchange, "broke all past records and became Asia's best-performing market and world's fourth-best".

When the protest by the Opposition grew louder, Alvi told them: "Despite you making noise, you will have to accept the reality."

The Opposition had announced to boycott his address due to various government policies including efforts to introduce electronic voting machines in the next election.

The Opposition lawmakers were also angry as the government had announced to introduce media related laws, including Media Development Authority, which both the media organizations and opposition parties have termed an effort to muzzle free press.

The Opposition leaders staged a walk out of the session and joined a sit-in by the media in front of the parliament building to protest against the government.

Bi-annual board exam for Class 12 students begins in winter zone Jammu

BHADERWAH: The bi-annual board examination of Class 12 students started on Monday in the winter zone Jammu with all the students and invigilators subjected to Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) here before being allowed entry into the examination centres, officials said.

This was the first offline examination being conducted by the J-K Board of School Education Department (JKBOSE) in the winter zone of Jammu, comprising several districts including Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban.

The bi-annual examination of Class 10 is scheduled to start in the winter zone on Tuesday. While the Class 12 examination is scheduled to end on September 22, the matriculation examination of private students will conclude a day earlier.

The schools in snow-bound areas of Kashmir and parts of Jammu fall in the category of winter zone, while the rest of the areas falling in the Jammu province are covered under the summer zone.

To ensure safety of the students participating in board exams physically for the first time in two years in the aftermath of the coronavirus outbreak, the authorities decided to go for RAT of all students and invigilators before allowing them entry into the examination halls, Nodal Officer, Covid Control room, Rana Arif told PTI.

A total of 126 students, including 52 girls, appeared in the first paper of education subject at different centres set up at government girls higher secondary schools and their RAT report returned negative, Arif said.

He said a total of 2,274 private students are appearing for Class 12 examinations across Doda district. Among them, 1,138 are enrolled in additional

district Bhandarwah.

Likewise, 1,190 private students are taking part in the Class 10 bi-annual examination and 417 among them are in Bhandarwah, he said, adding 96 examination centres have been set up to ensure smooth conduct of the examination in the district with focus on social distancing and Covid appropriate behaviour.

The outbreak of coronavirus pandemic last year forced suspension of the physical classes and exams in all the schools across J-K. However, the studies and the examination continued through virtual mode.

After aggressive vaccination drives and strict implementation of all SOPs which resulted in containing the spread of pandemic to a large extent, the administration allowed JKBOSE to conduct bi-annual exams of Classes 10 and 12 students.

Nodal Officer (examination) Aarif Haleem Khateeb said additional district administration Bhandarwah decided to conduct RAT of all the students besides ensuring Covid appropriate behavior in the examination halls for the safety of the students and invigilators.

"All the students cooperated and happily volunteered themselves for the necessary RAT. We are happy to inform you that all the students turned negative in the RAT and appeared in a safe environment without any stress or fear of getting infected," the officer said.

Students also expressed their happiness over the conduct of the offline examination amid all necessary measures.

"We are feeling great after returning to our school to appear physically in the examinations. We missed our school environment terribly and are thankful to authorities for letting us return to our institute," Sangeeta Bhagat, a student of Class 12, said.

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Lawmakers From Ruling, Opposition Parties Should Maintain Good Relations: Azad

JAIPUR: Veteran Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday called for good relations between ruling and opposition party legislators, recalling his own interactions with former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Speaking at the inaugural session of a seminar on 'Parliamentary System and People's Expectations' in the Rajasthan Assembly, the former leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha said understanding is an important factor in the legislature and good work can get support only when there is a good understanding among the members.

"Ruling and opposition party legislators should have a working relationship. There should be enough understanding that



if there is good work, then it gets support. If there are distances, even good work will not get the support. Therefore, there is a need to make working relationships," he added.

Sharing his experience with the leaders of opposition parties, Azad said when he was the Union parliamentary affairs

minister, he used to share a strong bond with then leader of opposition Vajpayee and they used to have lunch together every two to three days.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said differences should only be seen during elections.

The veteran Congress leader

said in election rallies, he never used to refer to the name of the rival candidate.

"During poll rallies, we have to tell people what we will do," he said.

Azad is part of the G-23 group which wrote a letter to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi last year seeking organisational overhaul.

Speaking on the role of the members of the legislature, he said the legislature, judiciary and executive have their roles and responsibilities well defined in the Constitution. However, the legislature is the first among the equals.

He said in India, apart from making laws, legislators have to look after their constituency and address various demands of the people be it related to

water or electricity.

Azad also asked the legislators to maintain the dignity of the House by understanding and following rules.

The senior Congress leader rued that public representatives get so engaged and engrossed in work that they leave behind their families and children.

He advised them to spare some time for their family and friends. The seminar was organised by the Rajasthan chapter of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

Assembly Speaker and CPA Rajasthan president CP Joshi, leader of opposition and vice president of CPA Gulab Chand Kataria and independent MLA and CPA secretary Sanyam Lodha also addressed the inaugural ceremony.

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Srinagar Turns

any institution in the district", he added. According to the official figures, district Srinagar has so far reported 73,159 Covid Positive cases, out of which 837 have died while the district's current active case load is 604.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir on Monday reported 86 Covid positive cases, out of which 48 are reported from district Srinagar. The fresh cases have taken the infected number of people to 3,26,990, while no death was reported in the last 24 hours, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, eight were from the Jammu division and 78 from the Kashmir division, they said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 39 cases followed by nine cases in Budgam district.

There are 1,247 active cases in the Union Territory, while the number of recovered patients was 3,21,329, they said.

The death toll due to the pandemic stands at 4,414.

Meanwhile, there were 46 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) in J&K as no fresh case was reported since last evening, they said.

Militant Killed

unidentified (militant) was neutralized," he said.

One AK-47 with two magazines and thirty-two rounds and one grenade has been recovered, he said.

"In this regard, a case FIR No. 141/2021 U/S 307/120-B IPC, 13 ULA, 7/27 Arms Act has been registered at Police Station Manjakote and investigation initiated," he said Search operation is still ongoing.

Yesterday, one soldier was injured in the gunfight and treated in a hospital, officials said.

Tribals Were

the Forest Rights Act that has been implemented, but I want to tell you that you will also get job reservations and political reservations," he added.

Sinha said the tribals in J-K had waited for a long time for their rights.

"It has been a long time. Your emotions were played with, you were used as a vote bank, but no care was taken about your needs.

"It is not a political issue for me, but when I came here from Delhi, the PM told me two-three important things, one of which was to ensure the total implementation of the Forest Rights Act with honesty and giving rights to everyone. I can say today that it is a good start," he said.

He said the UT administration is continuously working at different levels to safeguard rights of tribals.

"In the areas where community rights are being given, an amount of Rs 10 crore will be provided immediately for the development of infrastructure in those areas," he said.

He said forests and tribals have co-existed for generations and empowering the tribal community through the Forest Rights Act will certainly change the condition of their lives.

"They will become self-reliant with access to resources for their development," he added.

He asked the officials to keep in mind that only those eligible get the rights.

Sinha however, urged the tribal population in Jammu and Kashmir to also fulfil their responsibility to protect the wildlife, protect the forests like a member of their family and maintain the biodiversity.

The LG said the current administration in J-K has taken it upon itself to realise the dreams of the tribal community and "we will do whatever has to be done in a mission mode for their development and betterment".

"I think to empower the tribals is a more sacred job than to pray in any mosque or temple," he said.

The Lt Governor also announced that hostels for tribal boys and girls will be built in every district and their culture will be promoted.

"We have also decided to construct transit accommodations for tribals at eight places at the cost of Rs 28 crore. More such accommodations will be built in the future. Every transit accommodation can accommodate 150-200 people and a special mechanism will be built to keep their animals as well," he said.

Mantriji Impressed

present out-reach programme has been initiated by the Government to know the basic problems of the people at ground level for its timely resolution.

"The Minister said that he was feeling great happiness while talking one to one to the public representatives of the frontier district Kupwara. He assured that the requests, issues and grievances projected by PRIs, deputations and the public have been taken note of and the same would be put up with Government at Union level as well as with Lieutenant Governor for redressal," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, the Minister said that he was very much impressed by the peaceful atmosphere and supportive and cooperative attitude of the people here, adding that some vested interests are misleading the rest of the country about the situation in Kashmir.

"John Barla said that he will tell the people across India about the peaceful environment and hospitality of the Kashmiri people. Congratulating the PRIs and administration for successful establishment of three tier Panchayati Raj system, the Minister said that the three tier system of government was available to the people of Jammu and Kashmir first time in the history of independence, adding that it was the joint responsibility of Administration and PRIs to boost the developmental tempo of rural economy," he said.

Court Rejects Bail

will not arm and authorize the media person to misuse and exploit the illiterate and rustic people of the country," Sub Judge/Judicial Magistrate Baramulla, Mansoor Ahmad Lone said in the order. "While weighing the allegations leveled against the accused which are so heinous and serious that if the discretion is exercised in his favour surely there will be a cry in the society besides the

other similarly situated persons will get enhanced at the hands of unscrupulous and dishonest press man/ media persons."

The presiding officer said that while the court is not supposed to swap the evidence at the stage of the consideration of the bail, at the same time there is no bar to make a passing reference to the incidents reported in the case of the past conduct of the accused.

"Besides, the custody of the accused has been changed from the instant FIR (FIR No.145/2021 Police Station Dangiawacha Offences: 384,385,506-II,420,120- B,468/IPC) to case FIR No. 194/2021 U/S 420/IPC of P/S Baramulla by this court.

Further, the application in hand has been transferred to this court wrongly and against the provisions of Section 410 of Cr.P.C which warrant that the case can be transferred to a magistrate competent to enquire and try the same," the court said. "In the instant case, the occurrence is stated to have taken place within the territorial limits of JMJC Dangiawacha and not within the territorial limits of this court. As such, this court lacks the jurisdiction upon the subject matter of the application in question and this court is debarred to pass any order with respect to the same."

From the totality of the circumstances, the court said that the application was bereft of any reason and the same is as such rejected. (GNS)

Death Toll

survive the calamity, reported news agency GNS.

The four persons whose bodies were recovered include Shahnaz Begum (30) wife of Mohammad Farooq Khari, daughter Nazia Akhtar (14), son Arif Hussain (5) and Tariq Ahmad Khari (8), all residents of Nowshera Rajouri. They were buried in the area later, the officials added.

Kashmir-Born

is a child. From a doctor's point of view, we're all one, he emphasised.

The doctor found the family's delight at the success of the operation "deeply moving".

There was this very special moment when the parents were just over the moon. I have never in my life seen a person smile, cry, be happy, and be relieved at the same time. The mother simply couldn't believe it, we had to pull up a chair to help her to calm down, Jeelani told the news portal.

Jeelani is said to have also worked for months on the surgery of the Israeli twins.

We've been involved right from the start, talking to the team in Israel and planning it with them over a period of six months, he said. This latest surgery fulfills a key objective of our charity, namely, to empower local teams abroad to undertake this complex work, successfully utilising our experience, knowledge, and skills gained over the past 15 years with our previous four sets of twins, the neurosurgeon stressed.

It is also a major achievement for the medical team at Israel's Soroka hospital that managed this complex operation despite having never performed such a surgery.

It involved complicated on-the-spot decisions regarding which blood vessel to give to which twin, and assessing in real-time the impact that immediate decisions were having on the functioning of the brains, the report said.

Jeelani has performed four other such surgeries on twins who were conjoined at the head with fused skulls, intertwined brains, and shared blood vessels.

His involvement with conjoined twins started in 2017 when a neurosurgeon from Peshawar, Pakistan, asked him to operate on identical conjoined twins, Safa and Marwa, born three months earlier to a woman from rural northern Pakistan.

He raised the money for the surgery from a Pakistani oil trader called Murtaza Lakhani and, with Dunaway, successfully performed the operation after hundreds of hours of preparation.

Following the success, he went on to establish Gemini Untwined, a nonprofit organisation, to plan and perform such operations, the report said.

Charges Filed

It reads that the accused person with a criminal intent put the money to his own use by investing in smart saver accounts, raising cash certificates and liquidation of his personal loan.

"During the course of investigation, it has been established that the accused person in violation of BOPEE Act and Financial rules in vogue, has misappropriated an amount of RS. 3,49,352/- as interest accrued on Smart Savers/ Cash Certificates were also misappropriated by the accused person by abusing his official position, as Chairman BOPEE," it reads.

It reads that the accused person was also convicted by Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, Anti Corruption, Srinagar in Case FIR No. 24/2013 U/S 420, 406, 201, 120-B-RPC, r/w 5(1) (d), 5(2) PC Act of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir, vide judgement dated 25.04.2018.

Annual Gangbal

central Kashmir's Ganderbal on Monday.

The annual pilgrimage from Naranag temple was flagged off by The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Kritika Jyotsna on Monday, an official spokesperson said. He said a group of about thirty Kashmiri Pandits left for the Gangabal Lake from Naranag temple for three days amid security and other arrangements.

"After performing Puja at Naranag temple, devotees set on a 36-km journey on foot to Gangabal Lake, which is located around 14,500 feet above sea level in the Harmukh mountain range," he said.

He said that the pilgrimage organized under the banner of the Harmukh Ganga (Gangabal) Trust (HGGT) and All Parties Migrants' Coordination Committee (APMCC) will conclude on 15 September 2021.

"The District Administration has made all arrangements including accommodation, medical and security arrangements for the pilgrims," the official spokesperson added.

4.2 Magnitude

of SW of Alchi at 9:16 am on Monday. "Earthquake of Magnitude: 4.2, Occurred on 13-09-2021, 09:16:46 IST, Lat: 33.65 and Long: 76.50, Depth: 5 Km, Location: 89km SW of Alchi (Leh), Jammu and Kashmir, India," tweeted NCS.

6 Grenades Defused

road opening exercise along National Highway 44, alert troopers of the 73 Battalion of the CRPF recovered six Chinese grenades from a sandbag placed on a divider of the road," a spokesperson of the force said.

He said the troops averted a major incident on the busy highway.

"Since there was a lot of rush on the highway, the grenades were not demolished in situ. They were handed over to the police for disposal," the official added.

The anticipation exercise along the busy arterial road connecting south Kashmir with north led to a traffic snarl on the highway as well as in other parts of the city.

The stretch where the grenades were found is used by government forces to reach places in remote border districts, including Kupwara and Bandipora.

The same road is also used to reach Ladakh.

Four JKAS Officers

and posted as Director, Social Welfare, Jammu, against available vacancy.

Krishan Lal (JKAS), Director, Sheep Husbandry, Jammu, has been asked to hold the charge of the post of Director, Animal Husbandry, Jammu, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Deepika Kumari Sharma (JKAS), Executive Director, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Society, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Chief Operating Officer, Himayat, against an available vacancy.

According to the order, Vivekanand Rai, IRS, Director, Tourism, Jammu, has been asked to hold the charge of the post of Executive Director, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Society, Jammu, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

As per another order, Muzamil Maqbool Beigh (JKAS), Personnel Officer in the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Collector Land Acquisition, Special Army (Budgam and Srinagar), with immediate effect.

Meanwhile, as per a separate order, Ravinder Kumar Anand (JKAS), Tehsilidar, Relief Organization (Migrants), Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Samba, against an available vacancy, with immediate effect.

B'pora Lady Councillor

Bandipora received serious burn injuries at her home, reports said.

They said the lady Councillor was immediately taken to district hospital Bandipora where she was rushed to Srinagar hospital for further treatment.

A police official said that they are ascertaining the actual matter and investigation into the matter is on. (KDC)

2-Day Throwball Coaching Camp & Championship 2021 Concludes

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2-day Throwball Coaching Camp cum Championship 2021 in which more than 50 boys of different schools, clubs and institutions took part concluded on Monday at Girls Higher Secondary School, Rainawari.

Final match was played between Al-Aqsa Sports Club & Madina Throwball Club which was won by Al-Aqsa Sports Club by 3-2.

Principal, Girls Higher Secondary School, Rainawari, Kousar Jabeen was the chief guest on the occasion, while members of J&K Throwball

Association including Ahsan Ali, Vilayat Hussain, Zahid Hussain, Javeed Akhoun, Aqib Sofi and Shayista Akhter were among guest of honours.

The chief guest distributed medals among the winner and runner up teams as well as certificates to all participants. The Principal lauded the participants and encouraged the organizers for holding such sports events.

The Coaching Camp and Championship was organised by J&K Throwball Association in collaboration with Legends School of Education and under the aegis of Throwball Federation of India.

Zonal Inter-School Level Tournament Begins At Banihal

Observer News Service

RAMBAN: Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Banihal, on Monday kick-started its Inter-school Zonal level tournament and trials at Government Higher Secondary School, Banihal here.

The tournament cum trials are being held in the disciplines of Kho-Kho, Volleyball, and Kabaddi for Boys and Girls in the age group of under 19, 17 and 14 years.

Abdul Rashid Giri was the chief guest on the occasion. The competitions were organized under overall supervision of the District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Dharamvir Singh.

According to the ZPEO Banihal, Abdul Majeed as many as 138 students from different government and private schools of Banihal Zone participated in the competitions.

The matches were officiated by qualified PEMs, PETs and REKs of Zone Banihal.

ARCO FC Defeats Kashmir Avengers In Exhibition Match

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: ARCO FC defeated Kashmir Avenger FC 2-0 in an exhibition match of the First Ozil Invitational Cup 2021 organised by FC Blues Sopore.

The match was played at

MET Higher Secondary School grounds in Sopore.

ARCO FC took the lead through Mehraj in the 34th minute of the match. In the 49th minute of the second half, the left wing attacker Mehraj scored again to double ARCO FC's lead.

Joe Root Wins ICC Player Of The Month Award For August

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: England captain Joe Root pipped Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and Pakistan's Shaheen Afridi to claim the International Cricket Council's Player of the Month honours for August following his batting heroics in the recent Test series against India.

Among women, Ireland all-rounder Eimear Richardson picked up the award for the last month.

Root scored 507 runs in three Tests against India in August, including three important centuries and the form propelled him to the top of the Test Rankings for batters. The five-match series ended abruptly when the final Test had to be cancelled because of a COVID-19 outbreak in the Indian camp.

"With the expectation and



responsibility on his shoulders as the captain, I was really impressed with how he led from the front with the bat, and become the number one ranked Test batter in the world," former South Africa all-rounder JP Duminy, one of the panellists in the ICC Voting Academy, said in a statement.

Two Matches Played In Srinagar Super Division League



Observer News Service

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

The first match was played between Views FC and Jhelum FC. The first goal of the game was scored by Dawood for Jhelum FC in the 4th minute. Views FC players however quickly responded with a goal by Muneeb in the 7th minute. The Views team then took a 2-1 lead in the 23rd minute via another goal by Muneeb.

However, the Jhelum FC boys responded in kind minutes later when Arman scored to level the game at 2-2.

Although the fans were expecting more goals in the second half of the match, the game ended 2-2 at the final whistle.

The second match of the day was played between Old City FC and IFC Kashmir. The first goal of the game was scored in the 10th minute by IFC Kashmir's Hanan, who scored a magnificent free kick. The Old City players soon equalised through Ubaid in the 15th minute.

The IFC team, however, doubled their lead in the 27th minute via a goal by Ishfaq to take the 2-1 lead at the half time whistle.

The second half began with both team looking to create goal scoring opportunities. In the dying moments of the match, IFC Kashmir earned a penalty kick which was converted by Ishfaq.

The match ended 3-1 in favour of IFC Kashmir.

The DFA Srinagar Super Division League is organised by Jammu and Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

DFA Srinagar 'A' Division Football League Begins

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 'A' Division of DFA Srinagar's Annual League Football Tournament 2021 kick started on Monday at Gindun Ground Rajbagh, here.

Two matches were played on the opening day of the tournament which began with an inauguration ceremony led by chief guest, Mushtaq Ahmad Zaragr, Manager Gindun Ground, Rajbagh. Tariq Madni, Secretary DFA Srinagar was also present on the occasion. In the first match of the 'A' Division League, Yahya Warse FC, Ompora took on Sporting FC Khanmoh in which Yahya Warse FC defeated Sporting FC by 2 goals to nil.

In the second played



between Eleven Star FC, Hawal and Kashmir Stars FC, Anchar which was won by Eleven Star FC by a 4-2 margin.

Former Pakistan Skipper Ramiz Raja Elected As PCB Chairman

Press Trust of India

LAHORE: Former captain Ramiz Raja was on Monday unanimously elected as the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for a three-year term, succeeding Ehsan Mani who stepped down from the post last month.

This is Raja's second stint with the PCB. He had served as the Board's chief executive from 2003 to 2004.

The special meeting was presided by PCB election commissioner, Justice (retd) Sheikh Azmat Saeed at the National High Performance Centre.

Raja was nominated for the position by Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is also the patron-in-chief of the Board. Addressing a media conference after taking over, Raja promised to empower the national captain.

"I am not going to be that Chairman who will deflect responsibility to others. I am prepared to face everything. There

Javed Burki (1994-1995) and Ijaz Butt (2008-2011).

Raja, who played more than 250 international matches for Pakistan from 1984 to 1997 and scored 8,674 runs, replaces the country's veteran cricket administrator Mani.

Raja said one of his biggest aims is to bring back the glory days of the Pakistan men's team that was once a force to reckon with in the international arena.

Addressing the Board of Governors (BoG) following his election, Raja said: "I am thankful to all of you for electing me as the PCB chairman and look forward to working with you to ensure Pakistan cricket continues to thrive and grow stronger, both on and off-the-field."

"One of my key focuses will be to help introduce in the Pakistan men's cricket team the same culture, mind-set, attitude and approach that once made Pakistan one of the most feared cricket playing nations.



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are two things on which I am not going to be on the back-foot, cricket and broadcasting because I have ample experience in both areas," he said at a media conference here after taking over.

"I am very clear in my mind that cricket may have changed over the years but one thing remains the same and that is total authority must be with the team captain because he is the one who has to make the team fight on the field and get results," Raja added.

The 59-year-old commentator, who was part of Pakistan's triumphant campaign in the 1992 World Cup, has become the fourth international cricketer to head the PCB after Abdul Hafeez Kardar (1972-1977),

"As an organisation, we all need to get behind the national team and provide them the desired assistance and support so that they can produce that brand of cricket, which the fans also expect from them each time they step on to the field of play."

In 2003-04, he had also served as the CEO of the Board under the chairmanship of Shahryar Khan.

The former opener added, "Obviously, as a former cricketer, my other priority will be to look into the welfare of our past and present cricketers.

"The game has and will always be about the cricketers and, as such, they deserve more recognition and respect from their parent institution."

Impossible Right Now: PCB Chief Ramiz Raja On Bilateral Cricket With India



Press Trust of India

LAHORE: Newly-elected Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ramiz Raja on Monday said resumption of bilateral assignments with India is "impossible right now" and he is "not in a hurry" for it either, as his focus is solely on his country's domestic circuit at this point.

The 59-year-old, who formally took over on Monday after being elected unanimously, also acknowledged that being chairman of the PCB is one of the toughest jobs in cricket.

"It is a very big challenge and a lot of boxes had to be ticked before the prime minister (Imran Khan) decided to give me this tough job," he said in a press conference here.

Asked about the possibility of revival of bilateral series between Pakistan and India, Raja said, "Impossible right now..." "because the sporting model has been spoiled by politics and right now it is a status

Big Spending Teams Out To Upset Champions League Hierarchy

Agencies

BERLIN: The Champions League group stage starts Tuesday with a match between traditional heavyweights Barcelona and Bayern Munich, but big-spending upstarts elsewhere are the title favourites this season after a summer of eye-catching transfers.

Paris Saint-Germain bolstered its ranks with the arrivals of superstar Lionel Messi from Barcelona, former Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos, Italy's European Championship-winning goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma, Netherlands midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum, and wing backs Achraf Hakimi and Nuno Mendes — the latter arguably the most exciting player in Portugal last season.

PSG, which has been backed by Qatar Sports Investment since 2011, reached the Champions League semifinals last season and the final the year before that, but has never won the title.

Perhaps it's no coincidence that the club's spectacular recruitment campaign comes with a view to winning Europe's premier club competition before Qatar hosts the World Cup next year.

PSG begins its bid Wednesday in Group A at Club Brugge, where Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappé could play together for the first time, a fearsome attacking lineup for the Belgian champion to contend with. Messi warmed up for the game with a hat trick for Argentina in World Cup qualifying.

PSG rejected an offer of about \$188 million from Real Madrid for Mbappé, despite knowing he can leave without a transfer fee when his contract expires next year.

SPLASHING THE CASH

Premier League clubs have been displaying a similar tendency toward recruitment. Last season's Champions League finalists Chelsea and Manchester City spent



club-record fees on marquee signings.

Attacking midfielder Jack Grealish joined City for \$139 million, a record fee for a British player, and striker Romelu Lukaku moved back to Chelsea from Inter Milan for \$135 million. That strengthened already-deep squads at both clubs that helped them reach the final in Porto in May.

City hosts German club Leipzig in Group A on Wednesday, a day after Chelsea welcomes Zenit St. Petersburg in Group H for its first game as defending champion.

Manchester United trumped its domestic rivals by signing England forward Jadon Sancho, France defender Raphael Varane and Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo from Juventus for a combined cost in transfer fees of more than \$150 million.

Ronaldo's first Champions League game for United since losing the 2009 final to Barcelona is at Swiss champion Young Boys on Tuesday in Group F.

The big spenders have been bucking

the recent trend across Europe, where the coronavirus pandemic has had an adverse effect on most clubs, including Juventus, which is struggling without Ronaldo before its visit to Malmö on Tuesday in Group H.

NEW ERA AT BARCELONA

Six-time champion Bayern has a new coach, Julian Nagelsmann, but had a very quiet offseason, giving young home-nurtured players such as Jamal Musiala and Josip Stanišić a chance to establish themselves in the team.

Barcelona endured a difficult summer, with the pandemic and years of big spending playing a role in the exits of Messi and Antoine Griezmann. Ansu Fati inherited Messi's No. 10 jersey, and Barça supporters are also hoping another 18-year-old, Pedri, can help usher in a new successful era after his brilliant performances for Spain at the European Championship.

The Group E match at Camp Nou comes after Bayern trounced Barcelona 8-2 in their last meeting in the 2020 quarterfinals.

TOUGH TEST FOR MADRID

Inter Milan hosts 13-time champion Real Madrid in another intriguing opening-round game on Wednesday in Group D. Although Mbappé did not move to Spain, Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti has succeeded in reviving an attack that had shown signs of stagnation in the final months of Zinedine Zidane's tenure. Vinicius Júnior has found his scoring touch to add to the speed that creates more space for Karim Benzema.

Another big match sees six-time champion Liverpool host seven-time champion AC Milan on Wednesday in Group B. Liverpool, which last won the competition in 2019, can call upon defensive stalwart Virgil van Dijk again after a serious knee injury.

Indian Players Refused To Play Fifth Test Against England, Says Ganguly

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KOLKATA: Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President Sourav Ganguly said their players refused to play the fifth and final Test against England due to Covid-19 concerns and denied that the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) had played any part in the decision.

The Old Trafford Test was cancelled last Friday barely two hours before its scheduled start as the tourists, who were leading the series 2-1, failed to field a side after their physiotherapist tested positive for Covid-19.

"The players refused to play but you can't blame them," Ganguly told Indian newspaper The Telegraph on Monday.

"Physio Yogesh Parmar was such a close contact of the players ... he mixed freely with the players and even performed their Covid-19 tests. He also used to give them a massage, he was part of their everyday lives."

"The players were devastated when they came to know that he had tested positive for Covid-19. They feared they must have contracted the disease and were dead scared," he said.

Former England captain Michael Vaughan has suggested that India's players were "petrified" of testing positive ahead of the IPL, which resumes on September 19 in the United Arab Emirates.

But England and Wales Cricket Board CEO Tom Harrison has said the cancellation had nothing to do with the IPL and Ganguly echoed those comments.

"The BCCI will never be an irresponsible board. We value our boards too," he said, adding that the match is likely to be held as a one-off match next year.

New Aligarh University To Be Named On BJP Demand

Press Trust of India

ALIGARH (UP): Seven years after the local BJP first demanded renaming the AMU after Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, who had donated the land for it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Tuesday lay the foundation stone of a new university nearby in the freedom fighter's name.

Modi is scheduled to arrive in the city to lay the foundation of the Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University.

Chief Minister Adityanath visited the venue on Monday to oversee the preparations for the event at Lodha town, about 40 km from the district headquarter of Aligarh.

A controversy had erupted in the district in 2014 when local BJP leaders demanded the Aligarh Muslim University be renamed after him as the "AMU had been built on the land donated by the late Raja".

The issue first cropped up as the lease of the 1.2 hectares of land at the City School, under the AMU, was expiring then, and the legal heirs of the late Raja "were reluctant to renew this lease".

Last year, however, the issue had largely been resolved when the AMU authorities offered a proposal for rechristening the school after the late Raja.

However, an AMU official told PTI on Monday: "Certain technicalities are still to be worked out".

The prime minister will also visit the exhibition models of Aligarh node of Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor and Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University.

The new university, to be named after the noted freedom fighter who belonged to the district, also aims to fulfil a longstanding demand for a state university in the region. All the colleges in Aligarh division and some neighbouring districts will be affiliated to it, the chief

minister had said recently.

It is being set up in a total area of over 92 acres at village Lodha and village Musepur Kareem Jarouli of Aligarh's Kol tehsil. Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh was an alumnus of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and was also the president of India's first provisional government-in-exile established on December 1, 1915, in Kabul.

Belonging to the royal family of Mursan, he had left his home and family in Aligarh in December 1914 and escaped to Germany and remained in exile for about 33 years as he was wanted by the British authorities.

He returned in 1947 only after India gained independence. He was elected to Lok Sabha from Mathura in 1957, defeating the then Jan Sangh candidate Atal Bihari Vajpayee, contesting as an Independent.



"Raja Mahendra Pratap is one of the most remarkable figures of India's freedom movement and his commitment to the cause of a secular democratic India marks him as a giant of his times," said noted scholar and political historian professor Shan Mohammad. "His commitment to the cause of secularism is comparable to Gandhi's and Nehru's. He fully deserves to be honoured but his legacy should be fully respected," he added. — PTI

UN: Environment Threats Greatest Challenge To Human Rights



Environmental damage usually hurt the poorest people and nations the most, as they often have the least capacity to respond, UN rights chief said.

The UN's rights chief warned on Monday that environmental threats were worsening conflicts worldwide and would soon constitute the biggest challenge to human rights.

Michelle Bachelet said climate change, pollution and nature loss were already having a severe impact but that countries were consistently failing to take action to curb the damage.

"The interlinked crises of pollution, climate change and biodiversity act as threat multipliers, amplifying conflicts, tensions and structural inequalities, and forcing people into increasingly vulnerable situations," Bachelet told the opening of the 48th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

"As these environmental threats intensify, they will constitute the single greatest challenge to human rights of our era."

The former Chilean president said the threats were already "directly and severely impacting a broad range of rights, including the rights to adequate food, water, education, housing, health,

development, and even life itself."

She said environmental damage usually hurt the poorest people and nations the most, as they often have the least capacity to respond.

Bachelet said recent months have unleashed "extreme and murderous climate events", while drought was potentially forcing millions of people into misery, hunger and displacement.

"Set the bar higher"

Bachelet said tackling the crisis was "doable," suggesting that spending to revive economies after the Covid pandemic could be focused on environmentally friendly projects.

But she said countries had not taken this approach consistently -- and were even failing to fund and implement commitments made under the Paris climate accords.

"We must set the bar higher -- indeed, our common future depends on it," the UN rights chief said.

Bachelet said that at the 12-day COP26 climate talks in Glasgow, set to begin on October 31, her office would push for more ambitious, rights-based commitments.

Bachelet also said environmental activists were threatened, harassed and killed often with impunity.

No Xinjiang access

In her opening global update, Bachelet touched on the human rights situations in several countries, including Chad, the Central African Republic, Haiti, India, Mali and Tunisia.

On China, she said no progress had been made in her years-long efforts to seek "meaningful access" to Xinjiang but that her office planned to assess the claims about violations.

Rights groups believe at least one million Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim minorities have been incarcerated in camps in the northwestern region, where China is also accused of forcibly sterilising women and imposing forced labour. Beijing has strongly denied the allegations.

In the West Bank, Bachelet said she deplored "continued and increasing instances of excessive or entirely unwarranted use of force" against Palestinian civilians by Israeli security forces.

She said 54 Palestinians, including 12 children, had been killed so far this year -- more than double the figure for 2020 -- with more than 1,000 people injured by live ammunition.

"I am also deeply concerned by crackdowns on dissent by the government of the State of Palestine in recent months," she added.

Plea Filed In Bihar Court Over UP Chief Minister's "Abba Jaan" Remark



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MUZAFFARPUR: A petition was filed before a court in Bihar's Muzaffarpur today against Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over his controversial "Abba Jaan" remark he made in one of his speeches.

The petition was filed before the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Muzaffarpur, by Tamanna Hashmi, a local social activist who alleged that the Muslim community, to which he belongs, was insulted by the remarks of the BJP leader.

Yogi Adityanath had

reportedly said on Sunday at an event in Kushinagar that it was only after his ascent to power in 2017 that the public distribution system became effective in Uttar Pradesh where ration meant for poor used to be eaten up by "those who say 'Abba Jaan' (a term used by Muslims to address their fathers)".

Tamanna Hashmi, a litigant who has filed petitions against many politicians in the past, has asked for a trial of Yogi Adityanath under IPC sections relating to hurt caused to religious sentiments.

The petition is likely to be taken up for hearing in due course.

Blood Plasma Therapy Doesn't Help Seriously Ill COVID-19 Patients: Study

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TORONTO: Convalescent plasma does not reduce the risk of intubation or death in COVID-19 patients, according to a study which found that people receiving the therapy experienced more serious adverse events than those getting standard care.

Intubation is a procedure where a tube is inserted into the windpipe to make it easier to breathe.

The research, published in the journal Nature Medicine, also found that the antibody profile in the blood of people who have had the virus is extremely variable and this may modify the response to the treatment.

Convalescent plasma therapy uses blood from people who

have recovered from an illness to help others recover.

"It has been thought that the blood plasma of COVID-19 survivors would help those seriously ill from the virus but, unfortunately, it does not," said co-principal investigator of the study, Donald Arnold, a professor at McMaster University in Canada.

"We are cautioning against using convalescent plasma to treat COVID-19 hospitalised patients, unless they are in a closely-monitored clinical trial," Arnold said.

The research team also found that patients receiving convalescent plasma experienced significantly more serious adverse events than those receiving standard care.

The majority of those events

were an increased need for oxygen and worsening respiratory failure, they said.

However, the rate of fatal incidents was not significantly different from the control group of patients who did not receive the blood.

The clinical trial, called CONCOR-1, included 940 patients at 72 hospitals in Canada, the US, and Brazil.

The trial found that convalescent plasma had highly variable donor antibody content due to the highly variable immune response to the virus.

Different antibody profiles in the convalescent plasma were observed to significantly impact whether or not patients experienced intubation or death.

New Bill Could Help Indians Get US Green Card By Paying Supplemental Fee

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WASHINGTON: Millions of people stuck for years in the employment-based Green Card backlog in the US, including a sizable number of Indians, can hope for a lawful permanent residency in America by paying a supplemental fee if a new House bill is passed into law.

The move, if included in the reconciliation package and passed into law, is expected to help thousands of Indian IT professionals who are currently stuck in an agonising Green Card backlog.

A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a document issued to immigrants as evidence that the bearer has been granted the privilege of residing permanently in the US.

According to the committee print released by the US House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over immigration, an employment-based immigrant applicant with a "priority date that is more than 2 years before" can adjust to permanent residence without numerical limits by paying a "supplemental fee of USD 5,000."

The fee is USD 50,000 for the EB-5 category (immigrant investors). The provisions expire in 2031, the Forbes magazine reported.

For a family-based immigrant who is sponsored by a US citizen and with a "priority date that is more than 2 years before", the fee for getting a Green Card would be USD 2,500.

The supplement fee would be USD 1,500 if an applicant's priority date is not within two years but they are required to be present in the country, according to the committee print. This fee would be in addition to any administrative processing fee paid by the applicant.

However, the bill does not contain permanent structural changes to the legal immigration system, including eliminating country caps for green cards or increasing the annual quotas of H-1B visas.

Before becoming law, the provisions would have to pass the Judiciary Committee, the House of Representatives and the Senate and be signed by the president, the report said.

According to a report in CBSNews, if successful, the legislation plan would allow undocumented immigrants who came to the US as children, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) beneficiaries, farmworkers and other pandemic-era essential workers to apply for permanent US residency, or green cards.

Reacting to the bill, David J Bier, Immigration policy analyst at Cato Institute, said, "employment-based applicants can adjust just if they have waited 2 years from their priority date... this is almost like abolishing the EB caps for adjustment applicants who can pay \$5K. Awesome!"

"For EB5, it's \$50K fee. Even those who can't afford the fees or who are abroad would benefit from freeing up this cap space for others. It's unfair that the bill maintains the country caps as is, so Indians and Chinese will be the only EB applicants required to pay the \$5K/50K," he said in a series of tweets.

He said that the base caps for diversity, family, and #H1B all remain the same.

"Since H1B is the feeder for most EB, that's basically like

keeping the EB cap the same. No reforms to #H2A, #H2B, or other work programs, so nothing to help unskilled workers/address the border," he said.

"Basically, this bill will help a few legal immigrants abroad indirectly, but the main purpose is integration of existing immigrants. That's a noble cause, but the immigration/migration part of immigration reform is just left out. No new pathways for workers, same system," he tweeted.

US Congressmen, including Indian-American Raja Krishnamoorthi had last month urged their Congressional colleagues to support their move to employment-based Green Card backlog as part of budget reconciliation.

A group of 40 US lawmakers, led by Krishnamoorthi, had written to Speaker of House Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, saying the budget reconciliation package provides relief to these individuals stuck in the employment-based Green Card backlog, thereby strengthening the economy in the process.

They argued that under current law, the American economy is unable to access the full international talent pool of high-skilled workers already present and working in the United States today--indeed, the very scientists, inventors, health care workers, entrepreneurs, and other professionals that give the US its edge over its global competitors today.

"This is because there is effectively a Green Card ban on high-skilled immigrants from India, China, and other countries with large populations of workers eager to remain in America and power forward our economy and social safety net programs for generations to come," they said.

This arbitrary cap is keeping some of the world's most talented individuals from permanently calling America home, encouraging them to take their inventions, expertise, and creativity to other countries instead.

Most workers in the employment-based Green Card backlog are already in the United States on temporary nonimmigrant visas such as the H-1B visa for workers in specialty occupations that are renewable but greatly restrict beneficiaries from reaching their full potential. Right now, no more than seven per cent of employment-based green cards are available to individuals from a single country, which has created a decades-long backlog for would-be immigrants from India and China.

"Indian nationals face a particularly daunting backlog of 80 years, and an anticipated 200,000 will die before achieving lawful permanent resident status," the lawmakers said.

H-1B holders are unable to change jobs or start their own businesses--despite the fact that they have been shown to boost overall productivity, wages, and new patents, they said.

The temporary nature of the H-1B visa forces beneficiaries to live in a constant state of uncertainty, preventing them from becoming entrepreneurs, buying homes, employing more Americans, or otherwise fully establishing themselves as permanent fixtures within the American economy. PTI

NEET Is Against Social Justice, Says DMK's Kanimozhi



Chennai: Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MP Kanimozhi on Monday said that the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) is against social justice and the state wants its students to be given a fair chance and equal opportunity.

Speaking about the bill, DMK MP said, "We are against the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), we don't want NEET. We want our students to be given a fair chance and equal opportunity. This is

against social justice."

Earlier in the day, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin tabled a bill seeking a permanent exemption to the state from NEET in the Legislative Assembly.

NEET is the all-India level entrance examination for undergraduate medical courses. This year, the exam was held on September 12 across the country.

The NEET 2021 examination was delayed due to the second wave of the COVID-19 outbreak.

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