



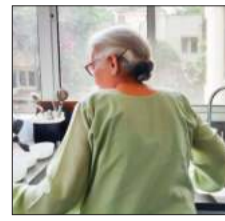
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RETHINKING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO ROHINGYA CRISIS: LIMITS OF WB'S PROPOSAL

Washington-based global lender the World Bank, through concessional lending arms, has gone to bat for Bangladesh to foster its development initiatives since 1972; committing more...

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It's a well-worn stereotype: the image of an elderly person fiddling with technology that leaves them completely bamboozled. The media often depict older people struggling to use or manage digital technology. While this is often designed to be humorous, it can...



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IPL 2021 TO HAVE LIMITED SPECTATORS IN THE STADIUM

Limited spectators will be allowed into the stadiums when the much-awaited Indian Premier League resumes in the UAE this weekend, the event's organisers announced on...



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Children Of Mountains: Why're Their Teachers Disappointed?

Umer Ahmad

At the break of day, Mohammad Ramzan comes out on a mountain mission. Rambling through a nippy air of peaks dotted with pines and shacks, the athletic man scales heights with an effortless ease, and starts knocking on the tribal doors for taking their children out. Soon trailed by an army of 'early birds'—some smiling, some sulking over the snapped sleep—the seasonal school teacher assembles them in the meadow atop mountains for

the open-air classes. Since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 and the ensuing twin Covid lockdowns, these children are mostly out of school. Even as the online classes were floated as an alternative to disrupted classes, these unprivileged students—bereft of smartphones and mobile connectivity—couldn't attend the pandemic tutorials. As per the 2011 census, Kashmir houses 11.1 per cent tribal population with 3.7 per cent literacy rate. This year, Ramzan is working in the picturesque



landscape of Tosamaidan in central Kashmir's Budgam district. Before his teaching outings, the meadow would

explode with shells. But now, as the guns have fallen silent in the erstwhile firing range, the likes of Ramzan are slogging

to educate and empower the tribal children. "We're doing this on our own, without getting any

support from the education department," Ramzan says as he disciplines a bunch of giggling kids. "There's no accommodation where we can start seasonal classes." Every summer the tribals move as gypsies from Jammu region towards the Kashmir valley with livestock. They also bring their children with them and engage them in the livestock rearing. To make education of the tribal children easy, government of India came up with Samagra. As per the scheme, tribal children can resume their education anywhere they go during their

summer migrations. Teachers from the local community are engaged seasonally for the job. They're to be provided with all the necessary logistic support to run the seasonal schools. "But except a tent in 2007," Ramzan says, "I've received no support from the department." Such hitches make Javid Iqbal, President All Jammu and Kashmir Seasonal Teachers Association, reckon that the scheme is scam-infested. "Even though there're funds available under Samagra, hardly 10 per cent of that reaches to the ground," Iqbal says. In Tosamaidan • More On P10

Quote!

It's hard to beat a person who never gives up. — Babe Ruth

NEWS DIGEST

One Held With Pistol In Jammu

JAMMU: Police have arrested a suspect with a pistol here, an official said. Sureshwar Singh Jammal alias "Vicky", a resident of Bantalab, was found moving in a suspicious manner near Bahu Plaza on Wednesday, when he was rounded up for questioning, the police official said. He said a pistol was recovered from • More On P10

SUV Mows Down Child In Anantnag

SRINAGAR: A six-year-old boy was crushed to death on Wednesday by an SUV in Mattan area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. According to reports, a Creta SUV (JK01AN-3368) mowed down Aadim Sajad Bhat in Tikbagh village of Mattan in the south Kashmir district. Aadim, a resident of Kralpora village, was instantly removed in unconscious • More On P10

Couple Injured In Bear Attack

SRINAGAR: A middle-age couple was injured in a bear attack at Nagsari Kalarose in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Wednesday, officials said. Abdul Aziz Khatana (50) and his wife Saiba Begum (45) of Paniwale baak Nagsari kalarose were critically injured in a bear attack and shifted by locals to PHC Kalarose for treatment. The wild beast attacked the couple in the dwelling in the upper reaches, they added.

Annual Gangabal Yatra Concludes

SRINAGAR: A group of around 30 Kashmiri Pandits concluded the two-day long trek and puja at the Harmukh-Gangabal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Wednesday. The 30-member group of Pandits had left for the Gangabal Lake from Naranag temple on September 13 amid security and other arrangements. The group had started the uphill trek to the Gangabal Lake • More On P10

4 Militants Active In Srinagar: IGP

Says Efforts On To Either Arrest Or Kill Them In An Encounter

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: Claiming that militancy in Jammu and Kashmir is on decline, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Vijay Kumar said Wednesday that only four militants are active in this capital city and efforts were on to either arrest them or kill them in an encounter. "Militancy is not increasing but is on decline. Police and security forces are fighting militancy," Kumar said, while speaking to journalists at the sidelines of a function here on Wednesday. "There are a total of four militants active in Srinagar," he said. The IGP Kashmir said that after declaring Srinagar militant free in August last year, the slain chief of The Resistance Front, Abbas Sheikh of Kulgam district,



moved his base to the city and first activated Saqib Manzoor and then 7 other militants. "Out of them, five have been killed while three are still there. We know all. Also, there are 10-15 OGWs. We are working it out. We will sooner arrest them or kill them in encounter. I think there's nothing to worry," he said. He also said that there have been no hit and run cases recently. • More On P10

Will Form Next Govt In J&K: BJP

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Wednesday said his party would fight the upcoming assembly elections on its own strength to form the next government in the Union Territory. He said the BJP is fully prepared for the polls, which would be announced after the completion of the delimitation exercise, and had set a target of 50-plus assembly seats. "The BJP will fight the upcoming assembly elections on its own strength and there will be no alliance with anyone," Raina told reporters after addressing a workers convention in Doda district. Raina, who is presently on a tour of various districts as part of the party's mass contact programme and mobilising its workers ahead of the polls, said the party had to stitch an alliance with the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) after the last assembly elections after it fell short of its mission of 44-plus seats. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government had worked tirelessly to mitigate the problems of the people over the past seven years. The welfare schemes launched by the BJP government have benefited every section of the society under the slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' and today we are witnessing that every child is moving with the BJP flag in hand everywhere," he said. He said the • More On P10

Govt Leading To Sweeping Changes In J&K's Agri Sector: LG

J&K Seeks Rs 800 Cr Support For Modified HD Plantation

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday that his government has created an enabling environment for transforming agriculture and allied sectors of J&K to increase the income of farmers in line with the national targets, create jobs, ensure food security, speed up the economy and enhance the contribution of agriculture and allied sectors in the Gross Domestic Product of the UT. The LG made these remarks while speaking at the LG's conference on agricultural sector organized by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on Wednesday, an official spokesperson said. The LG, he said, shared J&K's perspective on the broad approach of his administration taking agriculture and allied sectors on the path of sustainable and inclusive growth. "We have created an enabling environment for transforming Agriculture and allied sectors of J&K to increase the income of our farmers in line with the National targets, create jobs,



ensure food security, speed up the economy and enhance the contribution of agriculture and allied sectors in the Gross Domestic Product of the UT," Sinha said, as per the official spokesperson. Sinha, he said, expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar for extending liberal financial assistance to support efforts in widening the development of Agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the LG also highlighted the reformative interventions made by the government leading to sweeping changes in J&K's Agriculture sector during the past one year. "We are working on an

integrated approach. From reducing input cost & increasing quality at pre harvest stage, facilitation of our farmers to link them with domestic and international markets has become a new normal," the LG said, as per official spokesperson. "Consistent efforts are being made to diversify the agriculture by bringing in credit, technology, extension to step up present growth rate; besides building capacities of farmers together with creating entrepreneurship; encouraging High Density Plantation; extending agricultural mechanization support and developing Market infrastructure," he added. According to the official spokesperson, the LG said that the growth • More On P10

CIC Raps J&K Bank Over Denial Of Information

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: Reprimanding the J&K Bank for denying information under the Right to Information Act, the Central Information Commission (CIC) has warned of serious action under the relevant sections of law against the bank, if the information in connection with the financing of solar lights was not provided to the appellant by October 15, 2021. Aggrieved over non receipt of the information from the J&K Bank, the appellant had approached the erstwhile State Information Commission (SIC) in 2019 with a Second Appeal. The SIC in its interim order

dated 28-08-2019 directed the Public Information Officer (PIO) of J&K Bank to provide information to the appellant within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the order. Even though the J&K Bank failed to provide the requested information, the case was then transferred to the CIC which had issued a notice to both the parties. However, the PIO of the bank neither appeared nor sent any submission justifying absence during the hearing. In the final decision, Y.K. Sinha, the Chief Information Commissioner had observed that there was no question that the J&K Bank • More On P10

3-Tier System Of Govt Benefitting People Of J&K: MoS

Observer News Service

PULWAMA: Maintaining that the three tier system of government is highly beneficial to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, a senior Minister in Narendra Modi-led government on Wednesday stressed on the joint responsibility of administration and Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) to boost the developmental tempo of rural economy. These remarks were made by the Union Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan at Pulwama on Wednesday while addressing a joint meeting of District Development Council Members, Chairpersons of Block



Development Council (BDC), Urban Local Bodies (ULB), PRIs and the administration officials under the Union Government's public outreach programme, an official spokesperson said. The Minister, he said, expressed happiness while talking to the public representatives of the district Pulwama and assured

that public grievances have been taken note of and the same would be put up with Union Government as well as UT administration for proper redressal. "The Minister said that three tier system of government is highly beneficial to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and emphasized that • More On P10

Ex-Militant 'Absconding' For 12 Years Arrested

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A former militant was arrested on Wednesday after a long hunt of 12 years in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. Nazir Ahmed, a resident of Budhar-Bojwah, was wanted in an attempt to murder case registered against him at police station Kishtwar in 2009, a police spokesperson said. On a specific information received through • More On P10

1222 Cases Under NDPS Act Filed In J&K In 2020

Agencies

SRINAGAR: As many as 1222 cases were registered under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act -1985 in Jammu & Kashmir during the last year. The data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) reveals that 1222 cases were registered under • More On P10

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بغرض حصول ایک وارڈ اور/یا RBA سرٹیفکیٹ۔
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| ۲۔ | شیراز احمد وانی ولد فیاض احمد وانی | 42 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| ۳۔ | اولیس فیاض احمد وانی | 18 سال | تعلیم | |
| ۴۔ | مونس فیاض احمد وانی | 14 سال | تعلیم | |

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بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔
 اشتہار برآوردہ گا ہی ہر خاص و عام۔

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| ۱۔ | محمد شریف گورجی ولد محمد صادق گورجی | 42 سال | زمینداری | |
| ۲۔ | امیر بیگم زوجہ محمد شریف گورجی | 38 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| ۳۔ | ابراہیم گورجی ولد محمد شریف | 15 سال | تعلیم | |
| ۴۔ | تعمیر چان محمد شریف | 10 سال | تعلیم | |

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Office of The Regional Transport Officer Kashmir

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Whereas, a joint application has been received from Shri Mohammad yusuf Wani S/O Ghulam Mohammad Wani R/O Bemina Housing Colony Sgr (Transferor) and Shri Mushtaq Ahmad Mir S/O Abdul Rehman Mir R/o Brein Srinagar Srinagar (Transferee) for transfer of Taveera carriage route Permit No 6146/MC Covering Vehicle No JK01P-5085 Now, therefore, it is notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit / vehicle shall be filled in writing in the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir. Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer.

Seller and purchaser identified by the authorized representatives of M/S _____NKTC Namely Ferooz Ahmad Bhat
 NO: JK/RTOK /6542
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 Sd/- Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir
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Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Javed Ahmad Mir S/O Gh Qadir Mir R/o Chitragam Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle BEARING Regd. No. JK22-5364 And Aamir Yousuf Sofi S/O Mohd Yousuf Sofi R/O Akura Akura (Parti No 2nd) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd As well as HPA Cancellation with J&K Bank Arwani Anantnag Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned . No any representation/ objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.
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 Dated 14-09-2021
 S/D Asst Regional Transport Officer Shopian
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| ۲۔ | سرودہ بانو زوجہ غلام محمد گورجی | 55 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| ۳۔ | رفاقت احمد گورجی ولد غلام محمد گورجی | 25 سال | زمینداری | |
| ۴۔ | گلگوش احمد وانی ولد غلام محمد گورجی | 23 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| ۵۔ | عائیت جان دختر رفاقت احمد گورجی | 06 سال | سمن | |
| ۶۔ | چاہید احمد گورجی ولد غلام محمد | 22 سال | مزدوری | |
| ۷۔ | شیراز احمد وانی ولد غلام محمد | 21 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| ۸۔ | طوبیہ احمد گورجی ولد غلام محمد | 16 سال | گھریلو کام | |

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Sub: Selection list of the candidate for engagement on contract basis against the post of Pharmacist under Physically Handicapped Category advertised vide Notification No: 20-GS of 2021 dated: 20.05.2021 for establishment of (500) bedded temporary COVID Hospital, Srinagar.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas; on the basis of merit obtained in the written test held on 09-06-2021 this Office vide notification No. GS-MC/Dr/Pharmacist/ DRDO/1093-96 Dated. 10-06-2021 called (60) candidates for document verification held on 14-06-2021; And whereas, the following two candidates belonging to Physically Handicapped Category were also short listed for document verification:

- Peerzada Irfan Bashir and;
- Irfan Ahmad Khan

And whereas, one candidate namely Mr. Ajaz Jalal S/O. Jalal Ud Din Bhat R/o. Ganastan Pattan having secured (17) marks in the written test represented for consideration under Physically Handicapped Category on the ground that he too is disabled person and has a Physically Handicapped certificate issued by District Medical Board Bandipora;

And whereas, on the basis of having obtained higher marks in the written test than other two Physically Handicapped candidates, Mr. Ajaz Jalal S/O. Jalal Ud Din Bhat R/O. Ganastan Pattan was placed in the selection subject to authentication of his disability from the Standing Medical Board, SMHS Hospital, Srinagar;

And whereas; Mr. Peerzada Irfan Bashir S/O. Peerzada Bashir Ahmad R/O. Rednag Lolab Kupwara who has secured (16) marks in the written test informed this Office that Mr. Ajaz Jalal S/O. Jalal Ud Din Bhat R/o. Ganastan Pattan does not possess the required Degree of disability; And whereas; vide this Office letter No. GS-MC/DRDO/1161 Dated. 19-06-2021 both the candidates alongwith their disability certificates were forwarded to the Member Secretary Standing Medical Board SMHS Hospital Srinagar for fresh medical examination and ascertaining the Degree of disability;

And whereas; the Member Secretary Standing Medical Board SMHS Hospital Srinagar vide his letter Nos. MB/SMHS/4052 Dated. 04-08-2021 and No. MB/SMHS/4051 Dated. 04-08-2021 intimated that Mr. Ajaz Jalal S/o. Jalal Ud Din Bhat R/o. Ganastan Pattan has 31.66% degree of disability; while as Mr. Peerzada Irfan Bashir S/O. Peerzada Bashir Ahmad R/O. Rednag Lolab Kupwara has 59% degree of disability; And whereas, in terms of Section 2(p) of Jammu and Kashmir Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1998, "person with disability" means a person suffering from not less than 40% of any disability as certified by a medical authority; And whereas; the opinion of the Standing Medical Board SMHS Hospital Srinagar was placed before the Committee constituted for selection of Para Medical Staff for DRDO Hospital on 09-09-2021;

And whereas; the Selection Committee recommended that in view of the report/opinion furnished by the Standing Medical Board Mr. Peerzada Irfan Bashir S/o. Peerzada Bashir Ahmad R/O. Rednag Lolab Kupwara having secured (16) marks in the written test and possessing of the required Degree/percentage of disability be selected for engagement as Pharmacist under Physically Handicapped;

Now therefore, in light of above stated facts and circumstances, the selection of Mr. Ajaz Jalal S/O. Jalal Ud Din Bhat R/o. Ganastan Pattan under Physically Handicapped Category issued vide notification No. GS-MC/Sel/Pharma-AT/DRDO/1119-26 Dated. 15-06-2021 is hereby cancelled ab-initio;

Consequent upon the above, Mr. Peerzada Irfan Bashir S/o. Peerzada Bashir Ahmad R/O. Rednag Lolab Kupwara under Physically Handicapped Category is selected for engagement as Pharmacist in the said category

The above selected candidate is directed to report to the office of the undersigned within (03) days positively along with Verification Roll for verification of his Character and Antecedents before issuance of formal engagement Order.

No: GS-MC/Sel/Pharmacist/PHC/DRDO/1913-20
 Dated: 14-09-2021
DIPK-8640/21

Prof (Dr) Saima Rashid
 Principal/Dean

از نیابت لارو با اجلاس منظور احمد ہرہرہ تحصیلدار ایگزیکٹو جیسٹریٹ درجہ اول لارو درخواست منجانب:۔ رفاقت احمد گورجی ولد غلام محمد گورجی ساکنہ کوری درمن تحصیل لارو ضلع اشتریا

بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔
 اشتہار برآوردہ گا ہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملاً مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر ملاحظہ ہے۔ پنداری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا قبیلہ بڈیل افراد ہیں۔

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| ۲۔ | سرودہ بانو زوجہ غلام محمد گورجی | 55 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| ۳۔ | رفاقت احمد گورجی ولد غلام محمد گورجی | 25 سال | زمینداری | |
| ۴۔ | گلگوش احمد وانی ولد غلام محمد گورجی | 23 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| ۵۔ | عائیت جان دختر رفاقت احمد گورجی | 06 سال | سمن | |
| ۶۔ | چاہید احمد گورجی ولد غلام محمد | 22 سال | مزدوری | |
| ۷۔ | شیراز احمد وانی ولد غلام محمد | 21 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| ۸۔ | طوبیہ احمد گورجی ولد غلام محمد | 16 سال | گھریلو کام | |

اس طور پر سائل کا قبیلہ 108 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا اس سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر درودان دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار ڈگریٹس کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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بغرض اجراء تارنہ پیشہ سرٹیفکیٹ بنام مہدی علی
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DC City Assures Of All Possible Support To Revive Traditional Crafts

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: In order to formulate a comprehensive strategy to ensure sustainable livelihood to Artisans of traditional crafts, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Wednesday held an interactive meeting with Handicraft and Handloom Artisans at meeting Hall of DC Office here.



Addressing the participants, the DDC said that Handicraft of Kashmir has made its footprints globally and it is a collective responsibility to preserve centuries old traditional art and culture which is also the identity of our traditional society.

He said the objective of the meeting is to discuss and formulate a plan for handholding of the Handicraft sector and upliftment and welfare of the people associated with it.

The DC emphasized on the Artisans to incorporate the latest technological trends and innovations as per present market trends to explore various other non-conventional marketing methods and proper e-marketing of the products, so that the ambit of marketing of handicraft and handloom products is broadened.

He also directed the officers

to lay special emphasis on marketing strategy and said that success stories of some successful e-commerce sites should be replicated for increasing the marketability of the produce of the artisans to showcase their products for better market support to address market linkage issues.

The DDC said that the government has launched various schemes for the artisans and they should avail maximum benefits from such initiatives. He assured them all possible support from the administration so that artisans of the Srinagar district are benefitted from different government schemes.

The DC asked the Assistant Director Handicrafts to organize a workshop cum awareness programme for the awareness of Artisans of the district and invite resource persons from Handicrafts,

Handloom and Banking sector so that Artisans are sensitized about the government sponsored schemes.

On the occasion, the Assistant Director Handicrafts gave an overview of various schemes for Artisans. He informed that at present about 45000 Artisans are registered with the Handicrafts Department in Srinagar district.

The Lead District Manager also threw light on the various schemes for Artisans. He informed that under Artisan Credit Card and MUDRA schemes, Artisans do not require any guarantor for financial assistance from banks.

Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Assistant Director Handicrafts, Shariq Iqbal, Manager District Lead Bank, Abdul Majeed Bhat and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

MMU Warns Elements Trying To Harm Communal Harmony In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Muttahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU) Jammu and Kashmir, headed by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq Wednesday sternly warned elements trying to harm communal amity and unity in Jammu and Kashmir by stoking sectarian tensions here.

All the leading constituents of the MMU in a joint statement issued to the news agency said that it has come to their notice that two preachers from two sects are indulging in some kind of sectarian one upmanship by holding debates to disprove the other.

Responding sharply to such ac-

tivities, MMU said that no individual or organisation can be allowed to indulge in establishing sectarian hegemony and harm the centuries-old sectarian harmony here.

In this regard, on the directions of Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir, a high-level delegation of Majlis-e-Ulema will meet with these people to dissuade them from holding the meetings.

MMU said that it urged all Ulemas and scholars that they should focus on preaching and promoting the great teachings of Islam in their respective spheres and work on dealing with social issues seriously challenging our social fabric. (KNO)

AMK & HAS Holds Hajni's Condolence Ceremony

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR:- A joint condolence ceremony was held in the memory of Dr Aziz Hajini by Adbi Markaz Kamraz and Halqa e Adab Sonawari at Late Hajini's residence at Padshahi Bagh here. Thousands of people from the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir attended the ceremony to pay rich tributes to Late Dr Hajini. Towering personalities from cross sections of the Kashmir society prayed with moist eyes for the deceased and consoled with two sons of the deceased cultural and literary luminary Azhar Hajini and Amir Aziz for their irreparable loss.

The ceremony was attended by hundreds and thousands of intellectuals, writers, social activists, artists

and journalists. On this occasion, the elder son of Late Dr Hajini, Azhar hajini was also honoured and encouraged to take forward his father's mission.

The ceremony was thrown open with the recitation of the verses of Holy Quran followed by the presentation of a popular Naat by Waheed Jeelani which was written by Dr Hajini himself. It was the most emotional moment in the entire ceremony which left the people in moist eyes.

The notable personalities who threw extensive light on the life and achievements of Late Dr Hajini are Sheikh ul Hadith Qazi Mohammad Imran, Former Legislatures Haq Khan, Mian Altaf Ahmed, Alhaj Gh Nabi Dar, Abdul Ahad Hajini, Prof Abdul Hameed Nayeemi, Prof Manzoor Ahmed Rather and others.

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This Day in History

- 1970 - King Hussein of Jordan forms military government
- 1971 - West German chancellor Willy Brandt meets with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev
- 1974 - US President Gerald Ford announces conditional amnesty for US Vietnam War deserters
- 1974 - US General Haig becomes NATO supreme commander in Europe
- 1975 - The first prototype of the MiG-31 interceptor makes its maiden flight.
- 1976 - Egyptian president Sadat re-elected
- 1977 - Seattle beats Royals, 4-1, to end KC's winning streak at 16 games
- 1978 25,000 die in 7.7 earthquake in Tabar, Iran
- 1979 - Coup in Afghanistan under Hafizullah Amin
- 1982 - Massacre of 1000+ Palestinian refugees at Chatila & Sabra begins
- 1987 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalinsk USSR
- 1987 - Pope John Paul II's ends his Los Angeles tour with an interfaith meeting at Dodger Stadium with leaders of Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism
- 1988 - Javed Miandad completes 211, his 5th Test Cricket double, v Australia
- 1990 - Iraq televises an 8 minute uncensored speech from George H. W. Bush
- 1997 - Apple Computer Inc names co-founder Steve Jobs interim CEO
- 2007 - One-Two-GO Airlines Flight 269 carrying 128 crew and passengers crashes in Thailand killing 89 people.
- 2012 - 8 police officers are killed by a roadside bombing by Kurdistan Workers' Party militants in Turkey
- 2012 - 14 people are killed and 7 wounded by a roadside bomb Jandol, Turkey
- 2012 - Anti-Japanese protesters set fire to Panasonic plant in Qingdao, China

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It is for information of General Public that Child Welfare Committee, Srinagar vide their order:- 796/CWC/Srinagar of 2021 dated 09/08/2021, has reported that an abandoned new born baby boy was found in NICU ward of L. D Hospital on 27th of July 2021. The neonate was rescued however, despite efforts it could not be ascertained as to who had kept the neonate there. The neonate is presently being taken care of at the Cradle Baby Reception Centre Srinagar. Anybody having any information regarding the neonate may report to the office of the undersigned or before Child Welfare Committee, Srinagar within a period of 7 days after which further action as per law shall be taken.
Sd/-
District Child Protection Officer,
District Social Welfare Officer Srinagar
DIPK-8684/21

NOTICE
In school records I have wrongly mentioned my sons name as Mohammad Tayyib Khan Instead of Mohammad Mueed Khan. Now I want to correct it if anybody have any objection in this regard he/she may file the same In the office of the Principal Eden Park International School Anantnag with in the period of Seven(07) days no objection will be entertained after stipulated time.
Tabrez Ahmad Khan
F/o:- Mohammad Mueed Khan
R/o:-Sahibabad Achabal Anantnag
(RNA)

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION SRINAGAR LALMANDI SRINAGAR

TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. e-15/2021-22/REW/Srinagar

Dated: -14/09/2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works: -

| S.No | Name of Work | Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Cost of T/Doc. (Amt in Rs.) | Earnest Money/ Bid Security Amt (in Rs.) | Time of completion | Class of Contractor | Head of Account | Treasury challan account head |
|------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Construction of Road/Drain (BWO Spun pipes) from Main Road to Mohd Shafi Bhat and others at Lasjan B . | Rs. 5.00Lacs | Rs. 500/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 30 Days | "DEE/C EE" | DDC-Plan | 0515 |
| 2 | Construction of culvert near the H/O Jalal-u-din Mir at Panzinara B | Rs. 3.85Lacs | Rs. 500/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 30 Days | "DEE" | DDC-Plan | 0515 |
| 3 | Construction of Drain from Main Road to H/o Mohd Amin Mir and Others at Panzinara-A | Rs. 3.81 Lacs | Rs. 500/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 30 Days | "DEE" | B2V3-Plan | 0515 |
| 4 | Construction of Drain from Ziyarat Sharief Masjid Ahli Hadees and others at Panzinara-B | Rs. 2.00 Lacs | Rs. 500/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 30 Days | "DEE" | B2V3-Plan | 0515 |

Position of Funds: -Available.

Administrative approval:-Accorded.

Note:- The above mentioned work shall be mandatorily completed during the current financial year 2021-22. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, 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 date given below: -

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| 1. | Date of issue of Tender Notice | 14.09.2021 |
| 2 | Period of downloading of bidding documents | 14.09.2021 06.00 PM |
| 3 | Bid submission Start Date | 14.09.2021 from 06.00 PM |
| 4 | Bid Submission End Date | 22.09.2021 up to 04.00 PM |
| 5 | Deadline for receiving the Hard copy (Original e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt and EMD) | Hard copy to be submitted by the successful bidder (L1) only within seven days after financial evaluation. |
| 6 | Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) | 23.09.2021 at 11.00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Srinagar. |

Special Condition: As per Govt. Order No: 251-FD OF 2020 Dated : 17-09-2020. Allotments of works can be limited to members of Gram Sabha of each panchayat for B2V3 part.

- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division SRINAGAR (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-
a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
4.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.
4.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
4.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
4.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
4.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically / by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1.
4.6. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in soft copies with the technical bid and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained. However, the earnest money and tender document fee is to be submitted in both soft as well as hard copies. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arise.
4.7. The earnest money in favour of unsuccessful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document Fee in original, irrespective of Hard Copies, failure of submission of Tender documents fee by the bidder using the site shall entail him for blacklisting.

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From KO Archives

Fidayeen Storm RR Camp, 13 Killed 2 Militants In Army Fatigues Outwit Sentry

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a major pre-dawn strike against the security forces, the Lashkar-e-Taiba militants armed with sophisticated weapons stormed a heavily fortified camp at Benawah in the central district of Budgam today killing at least a dozen personnel, including a major, and injuring another 15 jawans, some of them critically. Helicopters carried out several sorties to evacuate the deceased and injured soldiers.

According to a CNS report, two Fidayeen (members of the suicide squad) of Lashkar-e-Taiba militant group stormed the heavily guarded 34 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) camp located just behind the police station at Beerwah around 2 a.m. last night. They were in army fatigues and donned the name plates of Sattam and Harbajan. (According to KPS, they looked like senior officers of the Sikh regiment. The unsuspecting sentry at the gate, taking them as army officials, let them into the premises.)

On entering the camp, the militants resorted to indiscriminate firing and lobbed grenades all over before slipping into a first floor room of a building within the camp. In the ensuing confusion, the army jawans fired at one another. At least 12 army personnel, including a major, were killed and 15 others were injured, some of them seriously, in the shootout. The deceased officer was identified as Major Mahesh Kumar Pandey. A civilian, Me'raj ud din Bandey, was also injured.

Both the Fidayeen were killed after the building they were holed in was flattened by heavy mortar shelling by the security forces early this morning. The deceased militants were identified as Muhammad Aslant alias Abu Bakr r/o Gaol Gulabgarh in Udhampur district belonging to Jamait-ul-Mujahideen and Abu Umar alias Abu Talha belonging to the Lashkar-e-Taiba group. Both the outfits have claimed responsibility for the attack.

Reports said helicopters carried out at least four sorties between 7 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. to evacuate the injured and those killed in the gun battle. They were brought to the Badamibagh cantonment where the condition of some of the injured was stated to be critical. Some 14 buildings, including some government offices and institutions, were reported to have been destroyed in the retaliatory shelling.

Fire services sources told Observer News Service the security forces did not allow any fire tenders to carry out any operations to control the massive blaze that consumed about a dozen buildings, some of them outside the camp. While half a dozen buildings were torched, as many were blasted. They said fire tenders had rushed to the spot from Budga m Magam and Srinagar besides the one stationed in the town.

The private houses belonged to Me'raj ud- din, junior engineer, Muhammad Yousuf Shah, Khazir Muhammad Bandey, Abdur Raheem Rather and Abdur Rasheed. The district institute of education and training (DIET) and the agriculture office were destroyed while the roof of the police station was blown off during heavy firing and shelling around 7 this morning.

(Kashmir Observer, September 16, 2000)

UAE, Israel Eye Trillion-Dollar Prize On Abraham Deal Anniv

Agencies

The United Arab Emirates marks one year since normalising ties with Israel on Wednesday, a move which drew Palestinian anger but that leaders hope could reap a trillion dollars in economic exchanges.

Watched by then US president Donald Trump, the UAE and Gulf neighbour Bahrain formally recognised Israel on September 15, 2020 in Washington, prompting Palestinian accusations of a "stab in the back".

The surprise step, under the US-brokered Abraham Accords, broke with decades of Arab con-

rael, who signed a series of deals ranging from tourism to aviation and financial services.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid made a landmark visit to the UAE in July, opening an embassy in Abu Dhabi and a consulate in Dubai, while the UAE established an embassy in Tel Aviv.

"After a year of the Abraham Accords, we have a story to say," UAE Minister of Economy Abdullah bin Touq Al Marri told a panel discussion by the Atlantic Council, a US think-tank, on Monday.

"We exchanged ambassadors, we have signed over 60 MOUs (memorandums of understanding). We have 600-700 million



sensus that ruled out formal ties while the Palestinian conflict was unresolved.

However, it marked a thaw in the region, with Morocco and Sudan soon following suit and regional power Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil producer, allowing some overflights from the Jewish state.

The economic benefits have come quickly for the UAE and Is-

of bilateral trade happening, we have funds of billions of dollars that has been announced.

"We're looking to create over a trillion dollars of economic activity over the next decade."

Further benefits will come if a major deal to ship Emirati oil to Europe via an Israeli pipeline clears objections from environmentalists, who fear damage to unique coral reefs in the Red Sea.

Dubious Of Donald Trump's Sanity, US General Secretly Dialed China: Book

Agence France-Presse

WASHINGTON: The top US general was so worried in early January that Donald Trump was out of control that he took secret action to prevent the outgoing president from sparking a war with China, according to a new book.

Joint Chiefs Chair General Mark Milley ordered aides to not act immediately on any move by Trump to use US nuclear forces, and he called a Chinese general to reassure Beijing, presidential chronicler Bob Woodward and co-author Robert Costa wrote in their soon-to-be-released book. The Washington Post -- Woodward's and Costa's employer -- and CNN on Tuesday reported excerpts from the book "Peril," depicting Milley as organizing the Pentagon and intelligence community to resist any move by Trump to ratchet up tensions with China after he lost the November 2020 presidential election.

Milley called Chinese counterpart General Li Zuocheng twice, on October 30 just before Trump's election defeat, and on January 8, two days after Trump supporters attacked the US Capitol, to reassure him that the Republican president's anti-China rhetoric could not translate into military action.

"General Li, I want to assure you that the American government is stable and everything is going to be okay," Milley told Li in the October call, Woodward and Costa write.

"We are not going to attack or conduct any kinetic operations against you," Milley said.

Nuclear Strike Worries

Two months later, Milley used the secret back-channel with Li again after the US Capitol riot, amid concerns both in Beijing and Washington that Trump was unstable.



"We are 100 percent steady. Everything's fine. But democracy can be sloppy sometimes," Milley told Li, according to the book.

To reassure the Chinese, Milley went so far as to have the Pentagon's Indo-Pacific Command postpone military exercises that Beijing might have viewed as a possible threat.

Separately, Milley told his top staff that if Trump sought to exercise his power to order a nuclear strike, that they had to inform him first. And Milley discussed with other top officials, including CIA director Gina Haspel and National Security Agency head Paul Nakasone, the need to be vigilant amid concerns Trump could act irrationally.

"Some might contend that Milley had overstepped his authority and taken extraordinary power for himself," the authors wrote.

But he believed he was acting correctly "to ensure there was no historic rupture in the international order, no accidental war with China or others, and no use of nuclear weapons," they said.



A nurse prepares a dose of the Soberana O2 vaccine during its clinical trials at a hospital amid concerns about the spread of the coronavirus disease in Havana, Cuba. Reuters file

WHO Reports Big Drop In New Coronavirus Infections

GENEVA: The WHO said there were about 4 million coronavirus cases reported globally last week, marking the first major drop in new infections in more than two months.

In recent weeks, there have been about 4.4 million new Covid-19 cases.

In its weekly update released on Tuesday, the UN health agency said every region in the world saw a drop in Covid-19 cases compared to the previous week.

Although the worldwide number of deaths decreased to about 62,000, with the sharp decline in Southeast Asia, there was a 7 per cent increase in deaths in Africa.

The highest numbers of cases were seen in the US, Britain, India, Iran and Turkey and the highly contagious delta variant has now been reported in 180 countries.

WHO also said children and teenagers continue to be less affected by Covid-19 when compared to adults, adding that deaths of people under 24 due to the disease account for fewer

VACCINES ARE NOW COMPULSORY for medical care, home care and emergency workers in France, and Wednesday is the deadline for such staff to have had at least one shot. Failing that, they face having pay suspended or not being able to work.

than 0.5 per cent of global deaths.

WHO has previously said children should not be prioritized for Covid-19 vaccinations given the extreme vaccine shortages globally.

Paris: Health care workers in France face suspension from their jobs starting Wednesday if they haven't been vaccinated against Covid-19. With about 300,000 workers still not vaccinated, some hospitals fear staff shortages will add to their strain.

Vaccines are now compulsory for medical care, home care and emergency workers in France, and Wednesday is the deadline for such staff to have had at least one shot. Failing that, they face having pay suspended or not being able to work. But a top court has forbidden staff to

be fired outright.

Phnom Penh (Cambodia): Cambodia will launch a campaign Friday to begin giving Covid-19 vaccinations to children between 6 and 11 years of age.

Prime Minister Hun Sen said Wednesday the action was being taken to allow children to return safely to school after a long absence due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In an audio message to province and municipality chiefs posted on his Facebook page, he said more than 1.8 million children were expected to get their jobs under the program, which will use Chinese-made Sinovac vaccine.

He also said he was considering having children 3-5 years-old be vaccinated soon. AP

Pakistan, Russia To 'Coordinate' Positions On Afghanistan

AL JAZEERA

The leaders of Pakistan and Russia have held telephone conversations to "coordinate" their position on the situation in Afghanistan, statements from both governments say, ahead of a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) later this week.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan spoke on Tuesday, the statements said.

"While exchanging views on the situation in Afghanistan, both parties voiced their interest in coordinating both countries' approaches for the sake of stabilising it," read a brief Russian statement.

The Pakistani statement on the meeting also said "close coordination and consultations between Pakistan and Russia on the evolving situation in Afghanistan were of crucial importance".

That statement offered further detail on Khan's comments during the meeting, which focused on the need for peace and stability in Afghanistan and what Pakistan expect-



ed from the international community in this regard.

"Prime Minister Imran Khan underlined the need for the international community to remain engaged in Afghanistan," read the Pakistani statement.

"He stressed that the Afghan people should not be abandoned at this crucial juncture."

Khan also called for an urgent dispatch of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan and for measures to be taken to avert an economic crisis.

On Monday, international donors pledged more than \$1bn in humanitarian aid to

Afghanistan to address hunger and poverty since the Taliban took over that country last month.

The World Food Programme has warned that more than 14 million Afghans could be pushed to the brink of starvation if immediate aid is not provided.

The US Federal Reserve, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, meanwhile, have continued a freeze on Afghan assets, a measure put in place after the Taliban seized power from the elected Afghan government in August.

Iran's First Humanitarian Flight Since Taliban Takeover Lands In Kabul

Agencies

An Iranian plane carrying humanitarian aid has landed in Kabul airport, in the first flight from the Islamic Republic to the Afghan capital since the Taliban takeover of the conflict-ridden country.

The Mahan Air flight, which landed in Kabul on Wednesday, was carrying over a dozen Iranian diplomats as well as humanitarian supplies.

Fars news agency reported that the flight took off from the northeastern Iranian city of Mashhad with 19 passengers on board. The flight, the report added, would return to Mashhad airport with 26 passengers.

Earlier this month, Afghanistan's

cluding fuel. According to customs officials, all Iranian borders with Afghanistan have reopened and goods are transiting safely.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei stressed last month that Iran would continue to support the Afghan people.

"We are on the side of the Afghan nation because governments come and go as in the past, but it is the Afghan nation that remains, and the nature of Iran's relationship with governments also depends on the nature of their relationship with Iran. We ask God for goodness and salvation from this situation for the people of Afghanistan," he said in a meeting with the new Iranian administration.



former president Hamid Karzai and head of the country's High Council for National Reconciliation Abdullah Abdullah had in a telephone conversation with Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahi-ah asked for humanitarian aid.

Abdollahian stressed that Iran would maintain trade and keep its borders with Afghanistan open.

Afghanistan relies on Iran for transit route and imports in-

The Islamic Republic has spent millions of dollars on development and reconstruction projects in Afghanistan. It has built hundreds of kilometers of highways and railroads.

Tehran was one of the largest donors at a 2002 Tokyo conference, pledging more than India, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Norway, Switzerland, Australia, and Pakistan combined.

In First, SpaceX To Send All-Civilian Crew Into Earth Orbit: Key Facts

Agence France-Presse

Kennedy Space Center: SpaceX is set to launch four people into space Wednesday on a three-day mission that is the first to orbit the Earth with exclusively private citizens on board.

Here are the key facts about Inspiration4.

The spacecraft
At the top of the Falcon 9 rocket, which is 70 meters high, sits the Dragon capsule, where the crew will be.

This spacecraft has already taken 10 astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS) on three separate missions.

The Dragon capsule, eight meters high and four meters wide, has been modified for this flight. A huge glass dome has been installed to offer passengers a 360-degree view of space.

The flight schedule
Take-off is scheduled on Wednesday beginning at 8:02 pm (0002 GMT Thursday) from the NASA Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The launch window is five hours.

The first stage will separate from the spacecraft at an altitude of about 80 kilometers and will automatically return to Earth for future use.

During manned flights, the second stage usually separates about ten minutes after take-off.

The Dragon capsule will orbit Earth for three days at an altitude higher than the ISS.

After that, it will descend back to Earth, landing off the coast of Florida

with the help of giant parachutes.

The crew
Heading and financing the mission is US billionaire Jared Isaacman, who invited three other people to join him through an original selection process.



Hayley Arceneaux, 29, is a nurse and a pediatric cancer survivor.

Chris Sembroski, 42, is a US Air Force veteran who now works in the aviation industry.

Geology professor Sian Proctor, 51, was a finalist to become a NASA astronaut more than a decade ago.

The training
The crew trained for just under six months, compared to years of preparation required for professional astronauts.

They learned to withstand the g-force by going on a spin in a centrifuge, and they experienced weightlessness. Finally, although the flight should normally be fully automated, the team has been trained by SpaceX to take control in the event of an emergency.

The research
The crew members' sleep, heart rate, blood and cognitive functions will be analyzed during the mission in order to study how rookies react in space.

NEWS MAKERS

Afghan Women Overseas Pose In Colorful Attire In Protest Against Taliban

Agencies

Afghan youth rights activist Wazhma Sayle says she was shocked to see a photograph online, apparently of women dressed in black all-enveloping niqabs and gowns, staging a demonstration in support of the country's new Taliban rulers at Kabul University.

The 36-year-old, who is based in Sweden, later posted a photograph of herself on Twitter dressed in a bright green and silver dress captioned: "This is Afghan culture & how we dress! Anything less than this does not represent Afghan women!"

"It's a fight for our identity," Sayle said in a telephone interview. "I don't want to be identified the way Taliban showed me, I cannot tolerate that. These clothes, when I wear them, speak for where I come from."

Other Afghan women overseas have



posted similar pictures, striking a chord in Kabul.

"At least they are able to tell the world that we, the women of Afghanistan, do not support the Taliban," said Fatima, a 22-year-old in the Afghan capital. "I cannot post such pictures or wear those kind of clothes here anymore. If I did, the Taliban would kill me."

Many women said they believed the purported protest, which has appeared on social media and in Western media, was staged and that several people dressed in the head-to-toe black burqa gowns were men. Reuters has not verified the authenticity of the pictures.

"It is good our women (overseas) were able to protest about it," said

Khatima, another young woman in Kabul. "The reality is, the burqa is not representative of women in Afghanistan."

When the Taliban was in power two decades ago, women had to cover themselves from head to toe. Those who broke the rules sometimes suffered humiliation and public beatings by the Taliban's religious police.

While the new Taliban regime has promised to allow women more freedoms, there have been reports of women being barred from going to work, and some being beaten in recent weeks for protesting Taliban rule. Universities have installed curtains inside classrooms to segregate men and women.

The online campaign with hashtags such as #DoNotTouchMyClothes and #AfghanistanCulture began when U.S.-based Afghan historian Bahar Jalali tweeted to criticise the black garments worn by the university demonstrators.

US Mosque-Bomber Gets 53 Years In Prison

Agence France-Presse

UNITED STATES: A transgender woman who led a militia called The White Rabbits has been sentenced to 53 years in prison for bombing a Minnesota mosque in 2017, the Justice Department announced. Emily Claire Hari, 50, was convicted last year on five counts including the bombing, destruction of religious property and using force to obstruct worship, the department said in a statement late Monday.

It said that Hari -- who at the time identified as a man, Michael Hari -- organized a "terrorist militia group" named The White Rabbits in Clarence, Illinois,



bomb inside, which exploded, causing heavy damage.

"Hari targeted DAF specifically to terrorize Muslims into believing they are not welcome in the United States and should leave the country," the department said.

In January 2019, McWhorter and Morris pleaded guilty to the bombing, while Hari fought the case at trial.

Hari's two accomplices have not yet been sentenced.

"Hari sought to terrorize an entire faith community. Today's sentence makes clear that such acts of hate-fueled terror will not be tolerated," said Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco in a statement.

Kulgam Girl's Innovation Wins National Award Invents Lid Opener For Chemical Bottles



Agencies

KULGAM: 19-year-old Mehvish Riyaz from South Kashmir's Kulgam district has earned a rare honour by winning national 'Inspire-Manak' award for inventing the lid opener for chemical bottles.

Mehvish, a resident of Akhran village of Kulgam in South Kashmir, received the award at the National Science Exhibition held recently.

A student of the local government school, Mehvish's success has brought cheers to her school teachers while making her parents proud.

Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Dr Jitendra Singh conferred award to Mehvish in the award function of 8th NLEPC-2021 for INSPIRE-MANAK.

Mehvish and her father Riyaz Ahmad while speaking with news agency KNO, gave all

credit to the school teachers for her success.

"My daughter and two other children were studying in a private school. I shifted them to the government school because of its reputation," Riyaz said.

"When you get ideas you do not know whether it is a hobby or an interest. I call it an interest because I like what I do. Since childhood, I was much aligned to all this stuff," said Mehvish, adding that it was all possible because of her teachers and parents.

Mehvish's model on bottle opener for chemicals won her the 'Inspire-Manak' National award.

Mehvish's invented lid opener for chemical bottles is useful and can solve problems of dealing with chemicals in a laboratory or in industry.

Her model was presented to and judged by various scientific innovation organizations at the exhibition.

ACB Chargesheet Against 3 Education Department Officials

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Anti-corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday produced a chargesheet against Sajad Hussain Mir, the then Warden Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyala, Bonyiar and others for misappropriation of the government funds.

According to a statement issued to the news agency KNO, ABC produced chargesheet in a case under FIR number 29/2014 before the Court of special Judge Anti-Corruption Baramulla for judicial determination against three accused public servants namely Sajad Hussain Mir, the then Warden KGBV Bonyiar; Mehraj-ud-din Ahanger, the then Head Clerk in the office of ZEO Bonyiar and Khalid Hussain Khan, the then ZEO Bonyiar for commission of offences under section 5(1) (C) (D) r/w 5 (2) J&K P.C Act Svt; 2006 and 120-B RPC.

The instant case was registered on the outcome of a verification conducted into the allegations that these public servants have abused their official positions and have misappropriated a huge amount of Government funds that were released during the financial year 2013-14 for meeting out necessary scholastic, non-scholastic, curricular and other infrastructural activities in KGBV Bonyiar, the statement said.

It added that the investigation conducted revealed that the government released an amount of Rs 62,18,767 under SSA Scheme for expenditure on account of purchase of uniforms, books, stationary items, medicines, bus fare, excursions and other necessary infrastructural activities in KGBV Bonyiar during the financial year 2013-14. Besides an amount of Rs 92,857 was also available as previous balance in the official account number 1766 of KGBV Bonyiar making the total as Rs 63,11,624.

The investigation revealed that only a meager amount of Rs. 8,26,620 was incurred for meeting out various requirements, activities in KGBV



Bonyiar while as the three accused public servants abusing their official positions and in league with one another and in furtherance of criminal conspiracy hatched among themselves have dishonestly and fraudulently misappropriated an amount of Rs 29,55,050 and thus caused a huge loss to the State exchequer.

The investigation also revealed that an addition amount of Rs. 20,00,000/- was also released in the official account of KGBV Bonyiar on account of salary arrears of the teachers of the school during the financial year 2013-14.

Instead of disbursement of said amount among the concerned teachers, the accused public servants namely Sajad Hussain Mir, the then Warden KGBV Bonyiar deposited the said amount into his personal accounts.

On the basis of facts and circumstances together with cogent and clinching evidence brought on record, the investigation established the commission of offences under section 5(1) (C) (D) r/w 5 (2) J&K P.C Act Svt; 2006 and 120-B RPC are made out against the above named accused public servants.

The next date of hearing has been fixed on 07-10-2021, the statement added

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PIB Srinagar Conducts Virtual IMPCC Meeting

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Press Information Bureau (PIB) Srinagar on Wednesday organised an online meeting of the Inter Media Publicity Coordination Committee (IMPCC), consisting of various units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB).

The meeting was chaired by Additional Director General (Region) PIB Northern Region, Yogesh Baweja, and the proceedings were conducted by Deputy Director (Media & Communications), PIB Srinagar, Ghulam Abbas. Representatives of various MIB units functioning in different parts of Jammu and Kashmir also attended the meeting.

Welcoming the participants, Baweja said that different media units under MIB have been regularly disseminating information about the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination drive, vaccine hesitancy and various other aspects of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.

Addressing the participants, Ghulam Abbas highlighted the importance of coordination between various media units and added that inputs shared amongst all the units will help in disseminating vital information among people.

Deputy Director News, Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar, Salman Qazi presented an overview of the initiatives undertaken by the Kendra with regard to programmes and bulletins related to COVID and other topics.

Ramesh Raina, Deputy Director News, Regional News Unit (RNU) AIR and DD Jammu, said that AIR aired programmes related to COVID appropriate behaviour and also focussed on vaccination drive, taking interviews of eminent doctors and citizens who got vaccinated.

Ramesh Chandra, Deputy Director DD and RNU AIR Leh, said

that the media units have been successfully relaying awareness campaigns in remote areas of the region. He added that there is no vaccine hesitancy in the region and Ladakh has recently achieved 100 per cent vaccination of first dose.

Programme Head, All India Radio (AIR) Jammu, Renu Raina spoke about the multitude of programmes related to COVID vaccination and precautions. She said that such programs are being aired in all the local dialects to maximise reach.

Satish Vimal, Programme Executive (Coordination) AIR Srinagar, said that the station has been regularly broadcasting up to date information about the COVID scenario in the form of daily updates and other awareness initiatives. He added that educational programmes for students, produced in collaboration with the Education Department, are also being broadcast regularly.

Ishaq Shah, News Editor, Regional News Unit AIR Srinagar, said that interviews of health officials and experts to clear doubts about COVID vaccination are being aired in different regional dialects.

Media and Communication Officer, PIB Jammu, Sheikh Mudasir said that the unit conducted awareness programmes on COVID vaccination and vaccine hesitancy and also roped in the services of doctors and other health experts to deal with the issue. He said that special impetus was given to conducting such activities in far flung areas and among tribal populations.

Khurshid Yousuf, Field Publicity Officer Udhampur, apprised the attendees about the various activities of the Regional Outreach Bureau (ROB). He said that ROB is actively using social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook to spread the message of COVID prevention among the masses.

CBK Chargesheets Non Local For Duping Shopian Man

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Crime Branch Kashmir (CBK) on Wednesday produced a charge-sheet against a non-local resident for allegedly cheating a resident from south Kashmir's Shopian district.

A CBK spokesman said that a charge-sheet was produced in a case under FIR number 33/2014 under section 420 RPC of Police Station CBK against Mohamed Shahid Khan, son of Mohamed Saleem Khan of B-38 Nazim-ud-Din West New Delhi before the Court of Judge Small Causes, Srinagar.

"The instant case was registered on the allegations of cheating committed by the said accused, by using fake & fictitious DO of the then Member Parliament, Moti Lal Vohra," it said.

"Crime Branch Kashmir had

received a communication from Sham Lal Sharma, the then Minister for Health, J&K State on 29-08-2012 alleging therein that the Minister has received the communication, in form of DO letter duly signed by the then Member Parliament regarding adjustment and engagement of relatives of one Muhammad Yousuf Bhat of Mochwara, Shopian and others in the Health Department as casual labours and nursing orderlies," it said.

Further it was alleged, that after making a correspondence with the office of Member Parliament, the said DO was found fake and fictitious, it said.

Accordingly, a probe was initiated in CBK. During enquiry, it was established that one Shah Ahmad Khan, son of Mohammad Saleem Khan of

Darya Gunj, New Delhi had by misuse of letter heads of All India Congress committee and after resorting to manipulation of documents, made fake recommendations attributed to Moti Lal Vohra Member Parliament for adjustment and engagement of beneficiaries etc.

On this count, a case under FIR number 33/2014 of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir under section 420 RPC against the said accused person was registered and the investigation set into motion.

During the course of investigation, it was established that accused had duped complainant and grabbed an amount of Rs 25 lakhs on the pretext of providing job in Health Department by issuing a fake DO letter of then Member Parliament Moti Lal Vohra.

Ban Petcoke Use By Khonmoh Cement Industries: Apni Party

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Apni Party Provincial President Kashmir, Mohammad Ashraf Mir on Wednesday demanded that the government of J&K should ban the use of health hazardous petcoke fuel after the government's fixed deadline of three years.

Quoting a recent study by University of Kashmir, Mir said that the study indicated that there was high level of air pollution beside high prevalence of diseases particularly, respiratory problems, eye irritations and dermatological problems among the population living in and around the industrial estate in Khonmoh area.

He said that the use of petcoke, a dark solid carbon material by the cement industries, has contributed immensely in emission of greenhouse gas causing a huge degradation of ecology and environment in the area.

"The central government had told the Supreme Court that petcoke would only be used as feedstock and not as a fuel by the cement industries. However, the government of J&K should ensure that wet scrubber technology used by the cement industries should not be accepted as an alternative and the use of petcoke should be completely banned after the government's own deadline of three years," he said.

Darning And Kalam Kari Will Be Given A Special Focus H&H Dept Kashmir Announces Major Reforms



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Taking note of the fact that certain redundant activities have crept in the running of the Training Centres of the Handicrafts & Handloom Department, Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir Mahmood Ahmad Shah on Wednesday ordered some major reforms.

The reforms pertain to the overall functioning of the H&H Department which includes the closure of Readymade Garment Centres, Cutting & Tailoring Centres and Toy & Doll Centres.

These activities were found to be in conflict with the departmental aims objectives and policy guidelines, therefore, with the approval of the Government such centres have been abolished and instead centres like Hand Spinning and Hand Weaving of Pashmina, Tweed and Putto have been introduced.

In addition activities like darning and kalam kari will be given a special focus and the languishing crafts Silver ware, Glazed Pottery and Filigree will be taken up for revival. It is observed that strengthening the activities from the ground level

shall help in strengthening of the GI Products and ensuring the quality of the Handicrafts.

It has also been observed that there was no clear cut policy in running of both the elementary and advanced centres as such centres used to stagnate at one place for longer period of time disrupting the skill dissemination. It was ordered that a centre can function at one place for a maximum of two terms and has to necessarily move to a new location after the completion of the term. In order to bring transparency in the running of these Training Centres, a dashboard type of software has been designed in collaboration with NIT to ensure real time monitoring.

Post merger of the Handicrafts & Handloom Departments, a Handicrafts & Handloom Policy has been announced which spells the road map for skilling people in various crafts and ensuring its long term survival. Vide Government order the stipend of the trainees was enhanced from Rs 500 to Rs 1000 in elementary course and 700 to 1500 in advanced courses ensuring that the offer becomes attractive to garner handicraft skills.

Miscreants Grab Apple Orchard In Yaripora, Threaten Victim

Observer News Service

KULGAM: Miscreants, taking advantage of a residents stay outside J&K, have grabbed his seven kanals of apple orchard at a village in Yaripora tehsil. The owner, who returned home after years of service outside, says when he tried to retrieve his land he was threatened with death by the land grabbers and has sought the intervention of higher authorities.

The victim Ashraf Ali said his orchard, measuring seven kanals situated at village Manchoo, Munadhp Gopha in Yaripora tehsil, was occupied by the miscreants, one of them an ex-militant, a few years back, but he found it only after his return following years of service outside J&K.

"They had trespassed my land and have been stealing the fruit for all these years", Ali said, alleging that some government officials were in cohorts with the trespassers as despite numerous applications and complaints made to the concerned authorities, no action has been taken so far.

The victims further says that in late 2015 he visited the Tehsil Headquarters situated at Yaripora and obtained latest revenue papers duly showing his ownership. However he says the headquarters was gutted in an arson attack adding he has reason to believe that the miscreants were behind the fire to destroy the record.

The victim says that in 2020 the Tehsildar on the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner recorded the statements of witnesses as Executive Magistrate clearly demonstrating the assertions made by the victim but nothing was done thereafter to evict the trespassers or stop the theft of the fruit of the said orchards.

Ali further said that he even filed a complaint bearing number PE 113, 2016, with the Crime Branch of the J&K Police. "They recorded the statements of various witnesses. All the witnesses testified to the claim of the victim but to my utter shock and disbelief even the Crime Branch slept over the matter", Ali alleged.

He also approached the Revenue authorities at various levels but of no avail, he claims.

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Notice Inviting e-Tenders

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Union Minister E-Inaugurates Projects At Pulwama

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PULWAMA: Union Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan, on Wednesday e-inaugurated various developmental projects in Pulwama. Projects inaugurated by the minister include: NTPHC's Lethpora, Zantrag, Wuyan; Sub Centre Chakoor; Doctors Residential Quarter project Kakapora; double story school building Gulzarpora; Girls Hostel Khrew; Water Supply Scheme Nehama Kakapora; Lift Irrigation Scheme Tral; Kadlabal Pampore Receiving Station; auditorium at GDC Boys Pulwama; R&B Sub Division Office Building Rajpora and roads connecting different areas of the district.

"Union Government headed by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, is stepping forward with added vigour and devotion to realize its vision of enhanced growth and development in Jammu and Kashmir," the MoS said. "The ongoing outreach programmes initiated by the government are yielding tangible results with speedy and timely redressal of issues and concerns of people of the UT," the minister added.

Chauhan also enquired about the achievements under MSME, Dairy, Poultry, Horticulture, Agriculture and Saffron, besides taking stock of targets set and achieved in sectors like Health, Social Welfare and Education. He also had a detailed feedback on flagship programmes like MGNREGA, Ayushman Bharat, NSAP, ISSS, PM-KISAN and other related schemes.

JKP 02 Border Battalions Candidates Asked To Produce Documents

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SRINAGAR: Candidates hailing from District Poonch, Rajouri, Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora who have applied for the post of Constable in 02 Border Battalions of J&K Police and have qualified in PET/PST, have been asked to produce their original valid reserved category certificates before the Police Recruitment Board.

The announcement was made by Chairman Police Recruitment Board (PRB) for 02 Border Battalions in a notification.

"Candidates belonging to Jammu province are advised to report in PRB section PHQ Gulshan Ground Jammu and the candidates belong to Kashmir province shall report in PRB section PHQ Pirbagh Srinagar w.e.f 17.09.2021 to 21.09.2021 (including Sunday)," the notification said. The notification further reads that the candidates can change their reserved category filled in by them while submitting their application forms and can now produce any certificate pertaining to their reserved category to which they actually belong. It further reads that the candidates have submitted their application forms under open merit but belong to any reserved category can also produce their valid original reserved category certificates possessed by them.

"It shall be the last and final chance for such candidates and no such claim shall be entertained after the stipulated time," the notification added.

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K O V I E W

Pre-empting third wave

On Tuesday, India recorded 27176 new Covid-19 cases, out of which 15876 cases came from Kerala which is still in the grip of the second wave. The total active cases in the country have dipped to 3.5 lakh. On a positive note, less than 50,000 cases have been reported for 80 consecutive days now.

Meanwhile, the government is looking to administer 100 cr Covid vaccines in the next 3 months. Vaccination is key to fight against the pandemic. If the government is able to meet the target of vaccinating the entire population within the next six months or so, it would help reigning in the pandemic. Delta strain of the Covid-19 has been a source of concern. Worldwide, the new surge is traced to the India-originated delta variant. It has been proven to be more infectious than the previous Covid strains.

In Kashmir, the last week has witnessed a fresh surge in infections. This has already forced the district administration in Srinagar to declare five more areas in Srinagar as containment zones. The public movement in these areas has been restricted to pre-empt the spread of the virus. Some of these areas are Nowpora, Sheikh Faisal colony at Bachpora and Sheikh Hamza Colony Lal Bazar. This followed a review of the rising cases of Covid19 in these areas.

The administration has also sealed five shops in downtown and uptown areas of Srinagar as they were found to be in breach of the Covid-19 SOPs. Similarly, the police registered nine FIRs under section 108 against the shopkeepers who repeatedly violated Covid protocols. In addition, Rs 15000 have been recovered as fine from the people who were not wearing masks. These are good measures and would go some way in forcing people to observe a Covid-appropriate behaviour.

However, the need for caution can't be overemphasised. In Kashmir too where on ground, the Covid protocols are generally observed in breach. The situation has, more or less, gone back to square one. The people seem to have concluded once again that the pandemic is all but over. And which is not the case – albeit, the second Covid-19 wave may now have waned.

As it is, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has already called for a strict adherence to Covid protocols to pre-empt the expected third wave. Sinha has also directed the Health and Information departments to come up with a comprehensive district-level plan for conducting awareness campaigns. He also asked the Deputy Commissioners and the district police officers to rope in religious leaders and community heads for spreading awareness regarding adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour. It is, however, important that not only awareness is created but the Covid protocol is also enforced. As things stand, the third wave could be seeding.

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

On Climate, the Delhi-DC Dynamic

India and the United States (US) launched a clean energy financing initiative — the Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue (CAFMD) — on Monday. US special envoy on climate, John Kerry, lauded India's leadership for setting a target of 450 GW of renewable energy by 2030, while nudging New Delhi to commit to net-zero carbon emission goals. Mr Kerry's visit, the second this year, comes on the heels of a string of high-profile visits to New Delhi, ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), which begins on November 1. The recently released Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change report said the world will miss its target of keeping global warming to under 1.5°C over pre-industrial levels. This threshold will be exceeded in the next two decades, resulting in a higher frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. India is seen as the world's third biggest emitter of greenhouse gases after China and the US, though with far lower emissions per capita than the other two countries.

While Washington's promise to facilitate the availability of finance and clean tech to India can help accelerate the energy transition, and restore the trust between the developing and the developed world, there is still lack of clarity on the quantum and timelines for such a roll-out. In fact, the \$100 billion/year (2020-2025) the developed world promised the developing world is still a work in progress, awaiting a clear delivery plan. While India recognises the need to curb emissions, the West, which is building up diplomatic pressure before COP26, also needs to take into account the country's development imperatives. It is simply unfair to have a uniform timeline for all countries on net-zero, and India must stay the course and not make unviable commitments. The largest polluters with historical responsibility should first transition by 2030 or 2040, and give the developing world latitude to reach the goal.

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Rethinking Sustainable Solution to Rohingya Crisis: Limits of WB's Proposal



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As the Rohingyas also want to return to Myanmar, integration into Bangladesh, following WB's recommendations, is like denial of their fundamental & human rights. Some local experts believe that integration may lead to a new "Palestine Crisis" by jeopardizing the sovereignty of Bangladesh and endangering the geo-political stability of South Asia

Washington-based global lender the World Bank, through concessional lending arms, has gone to bat for Bangladesh to foster its development initiatives since 1972; committing more than \$30 billion by backing priorities in economic, social and infrastructural development. Since 2018, this UN affiliated multilateral body, largest source of financial assistance to developing nations, has committed a total \$590 million grant to support Bangladesh to confront the challenges posed by the influx of the forcibly displaced Rohingyas. Recently, this bank has been extensively denounced both by policy wonks and mass people after its proposal, through "Refugee Policy Review Framework" (RPRF), on Rohingyas' integration in Bangladesh. How rational is this proposition of the World Bank?

Four years ago, in late August 2017, "breaking-news" across the world were dominated by the massive influx of Rohingyas to Bangladesh, a result of a military-backed bloody "clearance operation". A 444-page report of the UN's Independent Fact-Finding Commission substantiated that more than 7,25,000 Rohingyas fled to Bangladesh after this deadly crackdown. The degree of atrocities of this "campaign of terror" embarked on by the military was so intense that the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights referred to it as "a textbook example of ethnic cleansing" whilst other investigators dubbed it as "genocide". In the first three weeks of August 2017, Bangladesh received more refugees than entire Europe did in 2016 during the "Syrian crisis". Since then, Bangladesh has been generously hosting more than 1.2 million Rohingyas as short-term guests ensuring "safe haven" on humanitarian grounds. Now, Cox's Bazar based 13 Kilometers long Kutupalong "mega-camp", the largest refugee settlement camp in the world, is the home to this beleaguered community.

R Rohingyas, living in Arakan for thousands of years, have been actively involved in Burma's politics since independence. The recognition of Rohingyas as Myanmar's citizens by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) resolves their identity crisis by providing a legal base. Besides, in the hearing of ICJ, Aung San Suu Kyi defined Rohingyas as Arakan's Muslims. Myanmar signed two repatriation agreements with Bangladesh in 2018 and 2019 respectively giving consent to take back their citizens. Although these repatriation agreements were in vain due to reluctance of Myanmar, still these agreements are significant proof of Myanmar's official stance on Rohingyas' citizenship. Though there is no light at the end of the tunnel, still Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights, in response to the WB's framework, stated in point blank that they have no desire to receive Bangladeshi citizenship and would like to return

to Myanmar.

The WB has proposed to review the RPRF for 14 member states, currently hosting refugees, including Bangladesh, for gauging the effectiveness of the grants for the refugees and host communities under its "soft-loan window" International Development Assistance. This global framework, being reviewed triennially, undertaken in cooperation with UNHCR, suggests providing refugees the rights to procure land & property, choose place of residence & freedom of movement, have equal access to the nation's public service & the labor market etc. like the citizens of the host country. The WB offered \$2 billion to Bangladesh, if it integrates Rohingyas refugees with economic & social rights. The framework is germane for Bangladesh since this move will pave the way for the Rohingyas to become permanent citizens through integration into Bangladesh's populace. Bangladesh reiterated its stance, by rejecting the proposal outright, stating that Rohingyas are not "refugees" rather "forcibly displaced persons" to whom Bangladesh extended temporary shelter.

The study "Impacts of the Rohingya Refugee Influx on Host Communities" conducted by the UNDP expounded how the overcrowding of Rohingyas affected host communities. The major adverse impact includes price hike, increase of poverty, rise in housing cost, reduction in wage rate, deforestation, environmental casualty etc. Moreover, the rise of intragroup and intergroup conflicts in the Rohingya camps shrunk the space of coexistence between the host communities and refugees by recasting the social makeup. This month, August 2021, marks the fourth anniversary of the Rohingya exodus to Bangladesh, but a sustainable solution is yet to be found.

The 1951 Refugee Convention suggests three way-outs to the refugee crisis: integration; settlement to a third country; or repatriation. Approximately 166.65 million population of Bangladesh, 8th largest in the world, makes it one of the densely populated countries with 1,125 people in per sq. km. This small country, 92nd in terms of land size, with a total landmass of 147,570 sq. km, slightly smaller than the US Iowa state, is hosting 1.2 million Rohingyas which is higher than the total population of Bhutan. No country in the world is bearing the burden of so many refugees as by overpopulated Bangladesh. Bangladesh, with an unemployment rate of 5.30%, exports approximately 60,000 workers abroad every year which indicates the country's inability to create employment and struggle to generate employment for its gargantuan unemployed youths. This attracts pointed attention towards inadequate demand of labor in Bangladesh. So, the possibility of integrating the Rohingyas into the local community is nipped in the bud. As

the number of Rohingya refugees is gigantic, more than a million in Bangladesh and some more are living in 19 other countries and no country has shown interest in receiving them, the option to settle them to a third country seems impassable in the foreseeable future. The only way out of the Rohingya crisis lies in safe repatriation to Myanmar.

As the Rohingyas also want to return to Myanmar, integration into Bangladesh, following WB's recommendations, is like denial of their fundamental & human rights. Some local experts believe that integration may lead to a new "Palestine Crisis" by jeopardizing the sovereignty of Bangladesh and endangering the geo-political stability of South Asia. This kind of proposal from responsible global leaders like WB will motivate Myanmar to slacken the repatriation process by increasing complexities to this multifaceted dilemma. Instead of suggesting such an impracticable proposal, WB could create pressure on Myanmar to comply with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted in 1948 by the UN. It could offer financial incentives to Myanmar for expediting the repatriation in internationally monitored safe zones. Some international organizations are planning long-term programs for this "short-term emergency crisis" which will just linger the repatriation process.

Bangladesh is trying its level best to ensure decent arrangements for Rohingyas with its limited financial strengths. Despite not being a signatory of 1951 refugee convention, Bangladesh complies with its conditions, i.e., not forcing any Rohingya to go back to Myanmar. Accepting WB's proposal will add fuel to the fire by acting as a pull factor for other Rohingyas, around six lacs, to come to Bangladesh from restive Myanmar. Bangladesh has to bring substantial changes in its policy if it agrees to accept the framework, a complex & time-consuming process which will intensify the misery. Safe & dignified repatriation of Rohingyas to Myanmar is the only sustainable solution to come to an end to their plight. Bangladesh needs more support from international communities to resolve this crisis. The country may expect that the world communities will consider all the relevant issues including socio-economic conditions of Bangladesh before making any recommendations to resolve the protracted Rohingya refugee crisis by bringing light of hope to put an end to their struggling present.

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Stringent Laws for Violence Against Women

The latest incident of the IIT rape case has once again proved that we have failed to secure justice for our women. Despite evidence of sexual assault, the Guwahati High Court granted bail to the accused declar-

ing him as a "future asset" to the state. Sadly, this is not the first time we have failed to serve justice to our women. This should change; proper laws should arise for crimes and violence happening against women in our country. Until or unless stringent

laws arise and strict punishment are given to the accused, crimes and violence against women in our society will continue, and more "future assets" would continue to commit more crimes against women.

I would be very much grateful if

you could publish my letter and draw attention of your readers to this serious issue of crime and violence happening against women in our society.

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The Old with The New

How older people are mastering technology to stay connected after lockdown

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Designing technology for older people should be based on their experiences and offer continuity. Digital devices need to include familiar commands, buttons, screens, and add-ons to previous models. This will enhance the ability to get to grips with updates and developments. And in turn this will help foster social connections as well as boost independence and confidence

It's a well-worn stereotype: the image of an elderly person fiddling with technology that leaves them completely bamboozled. The media often depict older people struggling to use or manage digital technology. While this is often designed to be humorous, it can undermine them as users of technology. And that's a problem if it turns older people off from trying to engage with digital devices, as it can affect their wellbeing.

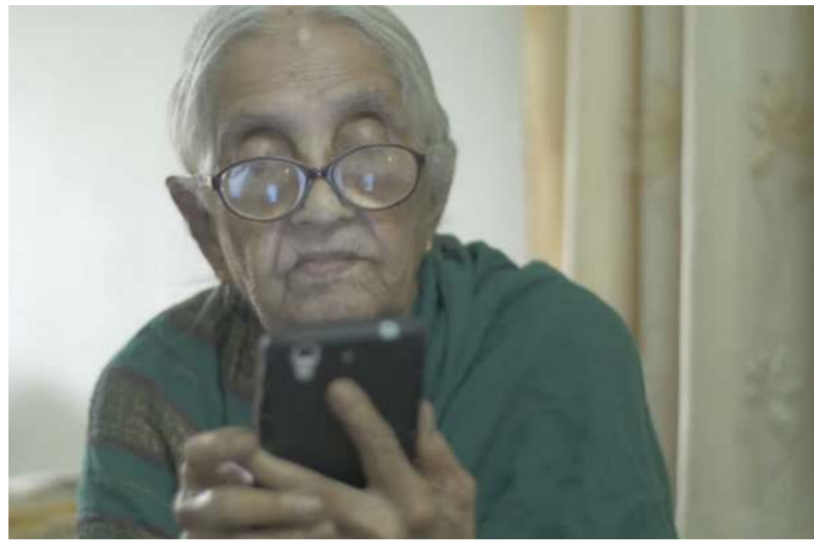
Older adults are already at a digital disadvantage: 18% of over-65s do not have internet access. Propelled by enforced isolation, older people increasingly turned to technology during the pandemic, but not all were able to connect or communicate with friends and family via the internet.

Of course some older people have less experience of digital technology than others, and unsurprisingly describe mixed emotions regarding the use of everyday devices such as smartphones, laptops, e-readers and tablets. They also report not having much confidence when it comes to using them. Lack of control, a sense of being overwhelmed, and poor product design can lead to feelings of being incompetent, alone and even trapped.

Yet for those who persevere, the rewards can be plentiful: completing tasks more easily, communicating more effectively, increased independence and a sense of achievement. These things are important if this growing part of the population is to experience ageing in a more positive and empowering way.

Through our research we wanted to examine these mixed emotions that older people have about using technology, and how they develop ways to combat the challenges they face. While digital technology has been shown to alleviate pressure on health and social care, until now there's been a limited understanding of how using technology influences the way older adults live.

Attitudes towards technology



While many see digital technology as a challenge to be conquered, there are different ways of overcoming or confronting the obstacles. Some may view the challenge as a personal goal, using instruction manuals or simply trial and error to prevail over software updates, unwanted viruses or junk mail.

Others view digital technology as a collective endeavour, asking friends and family for help. Not only is this the most successful strategy, it also fosters important interaction with others. For example, during the pandemic many younger people acted as IT support for older friends and relatives.

Not all elderly people have this kind of network, but arguably they can benefit most from greater use of the internet to feel connected and keep loneliness at bay. In these situations, there are useful schemes run by charities such as Age UK, where digital champions can help older adults master technology.

Adopting strategies

Understandably frustrations emerge when learning a new skill, but some older people have shown how they overcome their exasperation

by developing a relationship with their devices. Naming their tablet or humanising their phone helps to bond older people to technology.

In our study different devices were often referred to as having a personality, gender, or even a mind of their own. This strategy brings a little levity to a situation that could otherwise be stressful.

Once these people become more used to digital technology, familiarity can encourage continued use. With a new device, software and apps they know and understand can be downloaded so that it feels less alien. Similarly, if a touchscreen is problematic, some older people might decide to use a keyboard and mouse instead.

Breeding confidence

Using technology at any age can have its pros and its cons, but our research reveals that older adults can offer a unique perspective. Using life-long wisdom, they can take a step back and acknowledge that technology has its faults. If things go wrong, their judgement and experience is useful in helping to understand that the key to using technology is persistence. One participant, Christopher, 83, said:

There's one sure thing: life will

come to an end, and technology will always go wrong. My son's partner sends me texts from their holiday in Tunis. When I try to reply I keep getting 'no service' and my message is refused ... [but] I know they will be worried if they don't get a reply. When I was a kid, Tunis was a distant desert war zone, with cinema newsreels a week later ... and here's me now, whingeing about lack of instant contact.

These findings are significant for technology development, marketing and customer services. Designing technology for older people should be based on their experiences and offer continuity. Digital devices need to include familiar commands, buttons, screens, and add-ons to previous models. This will enhance the ability to get to grips with updates and developments. And in turn this will help foster social connections as well as boost independence and confidence.

Stereotyping of older people also needs to stop. Experience and perspective should be acknowledged, respected and reflected in marketing campaigns. Messaging should underscore the potential benefits of mastering technology, emphasising the importance of being connected and socially involved to a person's independence.

Finally, customer service should be easily accessible and well versed in issues older people face to provide the necessary support, building on schemes offered by Age UK's digital champions. Clearly there is a crucial role for friends, family, and communities to ensure that older people remain socially active, engaged and connected through technology. Their wellbeing may depend on it.

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What Will It Be Like To Live With COVID-19 Forever?

A new paper argues we can eradicate the coronavirus. But most experts believe that, thanks to the delta variant, COVID is here to stay.

Catherine Pearson

For 18 months, people around the world have been dreaming about an eventual end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for a moment this spring and summer it felt tantalisingly close in the United States. Then the delta variant emerged and began tearing through the unvaccinated, and now we are right back in the thick of it. Pockets of the country are crushing their previous case records. Entire states have run out of available hospital beds. The end of the tunnel, once again, feels very far away.

So when will the U.S. exit crisis mode? Are we destined to live through an endless loop of surges, followed by lulls, followed again by even greater surges?

Here's what experts think life with COVID-19 will be like in the future, now that the delta variant of the coronavirus has become the dominant strain.

A small group of experts think we still can eradicate COVID-19...

"We should not dismiss the possibility of eradicating COVID-19," a team of researchers argue in a recent paper, published in the British Medical Journal Global Health, that has been generating a lot of headlines for its hopeful message.

The researchers say it is still possible to get global COVID-19 cases to zero and keep them there until intervention measures are no longer needed. Up to this point, the World Health Organization has only declared one human disease officially eradicated: smallpox.

Based on a scoring system they developed for eradicability, the study's authors found it would be harder to eradicate COVID-19 than it was to eradicate smallpox, but ultimately easier to eradicate COVID-19 than polio. (It's worth noting is that polio isn't officially gone: Two of the three types have been eradicated, but the third still exists in Afghanistan and Pakistan.)

The researchers behind the study — which they emphasize is a "very preliminary analysis" — note that the primary challenges in eradicating COVID-19 globally are getting enough people vaccinated and ensuring the vaccines keep pace

Rounding out the message of hope, Bradley urged people to reflect on how the scientific community has, over the past 18 months, risen to an unprecedented challenge

with the virus as it evolves.

Those are, of course, massive obstacles, but the researchers argue that it is too soon to throw in the towel. They call for national health agencies and the World Health Organization to spend more time at least analyzing the feasibility and "desirability" of eradicating COVID-19 ("desirability" basically meaning whether the costs are worth it), especially because there is "unprecedented global interest" in making this virus go away.

... but most think the delta variant has made herd immunity impossible.

In the spring, HuffPost spoke to several experts about whether herd immunity was possible, and one emphasized that where we are this autumn would tell us a lot about where we're heading.

Well, fall is almost here, and the picture is not great: Only half the population of the U.S. is fully vaccinated, while some other countries have vaccination rates below 1%. The delta variant is said to be as contagious as the chicken pox.

Given all of that, "the vast majority of experts in the public health and epidemiology space really get the sense that at this point, with the contagiousness of the delta variant and how prevalent COVID remains herd immunity is not possible any longer," Iahn Gonsenhauser, chief quality and patient safety officer at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, told HuffPost this week. "We would likely need to achieve such a high percentage of public immunity that's

likely not possible to achieve or sustain."

Gonsenhauser hedged a bit, noting that some experts believe we could reach a point where COVID-19 basically fizzles out because everyone has either been vaccinated or caught the virus, conferring some level of immunity.

"If the virus continues to become more contagious, there's potentially a point at which it burns itself out by running through the population that's unvaccinated and leaving us with a very slim percentage of the population that's still susceptible to support ongoing replication of the virus and its prevalence in the community," Gonsenhauser said.

But he personally doesn't think that scenario is likely, nor does he think the delta variant is contagious enough to reach that point. And any version of that scenario would likely come with a profound human cost: thousands more people dead or with reduced quality of life, and further strain on a health care system that is already overwhelmed.

When we shift from 'crisis mode' to 'a new normal' depends on when people get vaccinated.

While most public health and infectious disease experts are coalescing around the idea that COVID-19 isn't going anywhere, they also think we'll eventually be able to get back to relative nor-

malcy.

"I think people will begin to think, 'Well, delta's not so bad,'" Bradley said — in much the same way that people tend to think the flu is not so bad, even though in the U.S. alone, it's killed anywhere between 12,000 and 61,000 people a year since 2010.

Peter Chin-Hong, a professor in the division of infectious diseases with the University of California, San Francisco, also predicted that we will eventually settle into "a new equilibrium" with "regional flares."

"I do think it's going to be around indefinitely, but that doesn't mean we can't live peacefully alongside it," he said. It will take a "multi-faceted, multi-pronged" approach to help get us there, Chin-Hong said, including medicines that people at risk for the virus can take to help with prevention, as well as better treatment options for those who get really sick.

But all three experts interviewed for this story said the absolute most important factor in when we'll exit crisis mode is how quickly we can get people in the U.S. and around the world vaccinated.

"Vaccination is our pathway out of this," Gonsenhauser said. "With increases in vaccine uptake will come decreases

The vast majority of experts in the public health and epidemiology space really get the sense that ... herd immunity is not possible any longer."

malcy.

"I think delta coronavirus is here to stay. We're not going to beat it — we'll beat it back," said John Bradley, medical director of the division of infectious diseases at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego.

Ultimately, Bradley believes COVID-19 is going to be a lot like influenza: It will continue to circulate around the U.S. and the world, and people will need regular boosters. For better or worse, people

in community prevalence, will come decreases in transmission, and will come a return to normalcy."

There are a few small positive trends underway

The prospect of living with COVID-19 indefinitely sounds bleak, but experts say there is plenty to feel hopeful about, both now and in the future.

Gonsenhauser, for example, pointed to communities in hard-hit areas of Texas and Florida where people are pushing back against mask politics that lack any

evidentiary basis. "We're starting to see communities take things into their own hands, because they're recognizing the risk," he said. "They're recognizing the impact."

"The response of the research and medical community to this brand-new virus — sequencing it, figuring out what it does, coming up with a vaccine and some treatment — has just been miraculous."

JOHN BRADLEY, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

And Chin-Hong noted that masking, while certainly still divisive in much of the country, has become an aspect of everyday life in a way that positions us to better adapt to other diseases when they arise. Children in particular, who've spent a good percentage of their lives now wearing masks and coping with major disruptions to their routines, might be quicker to respond to public health threats down the road.

"Right now we're arguing and throwing barbs at each other as adults, but our kids are actually very resilient and plastic," he said. "They will, when they grow up to be leaders in our society, have a very different paradigm about how to navigate the world."

Rounding out the message of hope, Bradley urged people to reflect on how the scientific community has, over the past 18 months, risen to an unprecedented challenge.

"This is a new virus. We see new viruses come out from time to time that's just life. That's Mother Nature," he said. "I want people to feel comfortable that the response of the research and medical community to this brand-new virus — sequencing it, figuring out what it does, coming up with a vaccine and some treatment — has just been miraculous."

Experts are still learning about COVID-19. The information in this story is what was known or available as of publication, but guidance can change as scientists discover more about the virus. Please check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the most updated recommendations.

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بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشتیہار برآدا کاغذی ہر خاص و عام۔

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| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | عمر | پیشہ | امدائی |
|-----------|---|--------|------------|--------|
| 1- | جنید احمد جوہر بوزگور ولد غلام محمد جوہر بوزگور | 46 سال | زمینداری | |
| 2- | گودی بیگم زوجہ جنید احمد جوہر بوزگور | 40 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| 3- | یاسر احمد جوہر بوزگور ولد جنید احمد جوہر بوزگور | 11 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 4- | عائیدہ جان دختر جنید احمد جوہر بوزگور | 09 سال | زیر تعلیم | |

اس طور پر سال کا کتبہ 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار کو رنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

تایمب تحصیلدار۔ RNA

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بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشتیہار برآدا کاغذی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سال کے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر پیش کیا ہے جو کہ ریکارڈ آئی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سال کا کتبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | عمر | پیشہ | امدائی |
|-----------|--|--------|------------|--------|
| 1- | محمد الطاف کوہر بوزگور ولد محمد صادق کوہر بوزگور | 40 سال | زمینداری | |
| 2- | شمسہ بی بی زوجہ محمد الطاف کوہر بوزگور | 39 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| 3- | جبریر جان دختر محمد الطاف | 7 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 4- | اویس احمد کوہر بوزگور ولد محمد الطاف | 05 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 5- | عظمی جان دختر محمد الطاف | 03 سال | سمن | |

اس طور پر سال کا کتبہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار کو رنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشتیہار برآدا کاغذی ہر خاص و عام۔

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| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | عمر | پیشہ | امدائی |
|-----------|--|--------|------------|--------|
| 1- | غلام محمد جوہر بوزگور بوزگور بوزگور | 71 سال | عمر رسیدہ | |
| 2- | رشید بیگم زوجہ غلام محمد جوہر بوزگور | 65 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| 3- | ارشید احمد جوہر بوزگور بوزگور بوزگور | 40 سال | مزدوری | |
| 4- | نسرین بیگم زوجہ ارشد احمد جوہر بوزگور | 36 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| 5- | ارشاد بوزگور ولد ارشد احمد جوہر بوزگور | 08 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 6- | اشرت جان دختر ارشد احمد جوہر بوزگور | 07 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 7- | نہال دختر ارشد احمد جوہر بوزگور | 06 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 8- | افزان احمد ولد ارشد احمد جوہر بوزگور | 04 سال | سمن | |

اس طور پر سال کا کتبہ 08 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار کو رنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

تایمب تحصیلدار۔ RNA

از نیابت ناگ با اجلاس ہر تحصیلدار انتظامیہ ناگ۔

مضمون درخواست نمائندگی: محمد عباس بٹ ولد غلام محمد بٹ ساکنہ سرسہ پورہ تحصیل انتظامیہ ناگ۔

بغرض حصول ایگلس ہیر سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشتیہار برآدا کاغذی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سال کے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ایگلس ہیر سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر پیش کیا ہے جو کہ ریکارڈ آئی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سال کا کتبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | رشتہ بہہ | پیشہ | عمر | آمدائی |
|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|------------|--------|--------|
| 01 | مسماۃ رابعہ بیگم زوجہ غلام محمد بٹ | بیوہ | گھریلو کام | 77 سال | |
| 02 | مسماۃ عطیہ بیگم زوجہ غلام محمد بٹ | دختر | گھریلو کام | 58 سال | |
| 03 | محمد عباس بٹ ولد غلام محمد بٹ | پسر | دوکانداری | 55 سال | |
| 04 | نذیر احمد ولد غلام محمد بٹ | پسر | دوکانداری | 45 سال | |

موتی کا کتبہ 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ سائل کو دفتر پڑا ایگلس ہیر سرٹیفکیٹ درکار ہے۔ نسبت سرٹیفکیٹ اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر اندر پیش کریں۔ بعد از معیار کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

(تقریر لیکچرر ایگلس ہیر سرٹیفکیٹ دہی اول) RNA

Government Of Jammu And Kashmir
Department of Culture
Civil Secretariat,
Srinagar/Jammu
NOTIFICATION,
Srinagar, The 12-14 August, 2021.

S.No 272 In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 3 of the Jammu and Kashmir Ancient Monuments, Preservation Act. Samvt. 1977 (1920-AD) read with amendment Act, 2010, the Government on the recommendation of Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums hereby declare the "old Mughal Era Mosque, Malshahi Bagh District Ganderbal" alongwith the land measuring 16 Kanals and 10 Marls falling under Khasra No. 192, as "Protected Monument" within the meaning of the said Act.

Further in pursuance to Sub-Section (3) of the said section, any person having objection to the issuance of this notification shall file his/her objection before the Secretary to Government, Department of Culture, J&K Within a period of two months from the date of fixation of this notification at a conspicuous place on the said site.

By order of the Jammu and Kashmir Government
Sd (Sarmad Hafeez) IAS
Secretary to the Government
Culture Department
No. Cul/Arch/05/2021
Dated 12-08-2021
DIPK-8659/21

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Higher Education Department
Civil Secretariat

Subject: Selection List for the post of Assistant Professor, Information Technology (IT) in Higher Education Department-reg.
Circular No: 06-JK(HE) Of 2021
Dated 14-09-2021

The J&K Public Service Commission vide letter No. PSC/DR/AP/Inf. Tech./Hr. Edu/2017 dated: 20-08-2021 has recommended the list of Assistant Professors (Information Technology) to the Higher Education Department for further appointment. In this regard, all the selected candidates are advised to submit their particulars in terms of Government Order No. 528-JK (GAD) of 2021 dated: 21-06-2021 for verification of Character and Antecedents roles/form (triplicate copies) to the Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar within 15 days positively, to enable the department to conduct Character and Antecedents verification from CID J&K before issuance of the appointment order in favour of recommended/selected candidates (Copy enclosed).

DIPK-8634/21

(Anil Sharma) 19/9/21
Under Secretary to Government
Higher Education Department
Dated: - 14-09-2021

No: - HED-estb/198/2021-04

List of Selected candidates for the post of Assistant Professor, Information Technology (IT):

| S. No. | Name | Category | Parentage | Address |
|--------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|---|
| 01. | Waseem Akram Zargar | OM | Mohammad Akram Zargar | 5 Mohallan Jadeed Near General Bus Stand |
| 02. | Khursheed Ahmad Dar | OM | Gh. Mohd. Dar | Ward No. 4 Dangar Mohalla Beerwah |
| 03. | Nisar Ahmad Malik | RBA | Ab. Rashid Malik | 36 Bungam KB Pora DH Pora |
| 04. | Vippan Kumar | SC | Kaka Ram | 277 Changi Marheen |
| 05. | Ameeq Rehman Chowdhary | ST | Abdul Rehman Chowdhary | Johar Niwas Ward No. 1 Near Sports Stadium Kheora |

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar); 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu)
Website: www.jkbopee.gov.in E-mail: coejakbopee@gmail.com/helpdeskjkbopee@gmail.com

Subject :- Updated Rank-wise Provisional Merit List of candidates eligible for admission to B.E/ B. Tech Engineering Courses-2021 for Govt./Pvt. Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K/Ladakh and counselling for these courses.

Reference :- i). Notification No. 036-BOPEE of 2021 dated 10-03-2021.
ii). Notice No. 039-BOPEE of 2021 dated 06-04-2021.
iii). Notice No. 041-BOPEE of 2021 dated 16-04-2021.
iv). Notice No. 044-BOPEE of 2021 dated 29-04-2021.
v). Notice No. 060-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09-08-2021.
vi). Notice No. 063-BOPEE of 2021 dated 19-08-2021.
vii). Letter No. SC/491-CET/271-74 dated 16-06-2021.
viii). Notification No. 081-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021.

Notification No. 089-BOPEE of 2021
Dated 14-09-2021

In pursuance of Notification No. 081-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021 where under the Tentative Merit List of the candidates, for admission to various Disciplines in CET (B.E/B. Tech.) Courses-2021 in the Government/Private Institutions of the Union Territories of J&K/Ladakh, was issued and made available on the official website of Board www.jkbopee.gov.in for objections, if any, from the eligible candidates upto 8th of September, 2021. The Board has received some objections which were considered and accordingly an Updated Rank Wise Provisional Merit List for CET-Engineering courses 2021 has been prepared which is annexed as Annexure "A" to this Notification and shall be available only on the BOPEE website www.jkbopee.gov.in.

The J&K Sports Council has also submitted the list of eligible candidate under Sports Category & Board has prepared Rank-wise list of candidates accordingly who have applied for the said course under Sports Category for their eligibility under Sports Category which is annexed as Annexure "B" to this notification.

It is hereby notified for information of all the eligible candidates who have applied for admission to CET-Engineering Courses 2021 as per Annexure "A" to this Notification that the Board shall conduct their Physical Round of Counselling at BOPEE Office Jammu / Srinagar simultaneously for allotment of seats as per the following schedule:-

| S. NO. | Day /DATE | FROM RANK | TO RANK |
|--------|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Monday 20-09-2021 | 001 | 400 |
| 2 | Tuesday 21-09-2021 | 401 | 800 |
| 3 | Wednesday 22-09-2021 | 801 | 1400 |
| 4 | Thursday 23-09-2021 | 1401 | Onwards |

Note:-

- All candidates who are willing to participate in counselling are directed to bring along following documents at the time of counselling:
 - 12th Class Marks Card.
 - Domicile Certificate of UT of J&K / Ladakh.
 - Category Certificate, including TFW, if any.
 - Date of Birth Certificate (Issued by J&K Board of School Education / Centre Board/other Boards)
- The Board has not included the names of those candidates in this updated Provisional Merit List (PML) who have failed to submit their deficient document i.e. 12th marks Card or any other deficient certificate upto the last date fixed by Board i.e. 08-09-2021.
- Candidates shall have to report to the BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar physically for registration/attendance & fulfillment of other formalities between 08:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. on the date of their counselling.
- The allotment of seats (discipline/Institution) shall be made in pursuance of S.O. 127 Dated 20-04-2020 and as per S.O. 249 dated 23-07-2021 to the eligible candidates in the Provisional Merit List.
- A candidate who misses his counselling on a particular (designated) day will be allowed by the Board to participate in the counselling on the next day provided that he/she does not stake any claim on a seat which has already been allotted to a candidate next in merit (to such candidate) on the ground that the candidate could not participate in the physical round of counselling earlier when the seat was available.
- The candidates who fail to join the allotted college after completion of counselling shall not be eligible to participate in the subsequent round of counselling i.e. up gradation rounds.
- The Board reserves the right to notify such changes as may become necessary in view of any technical difficulty or the reasons beyond its control.
- All the candidates who will report for physical counselling at BOPEE offices Jammu/ Srinagar are advised to adhere strictly to advisory issued by the Government of J&K from time to time for COVID-19.
- Seat matrix shall be uploaded separately in due course of time before counselling.
- The candidates must remain in touch with the official web site of the Board i.e. www.jkbopee.gov.in for any updates about the Counselling Process and Daily Based Seat Matrix.
- Any candidate who may not be able to attend counselling physically owing to a valid reason can authorize a person (through Authority Letter on prescribed format) from his/her family member to participate in the counselling on his/her behalf at BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar on day/date of counselling as per his/her Rank.
- The candidates provisionally selected for this course are advised to contact concerned College/Institute for their fee structure and other requisite documents.

However, the Board has kept one seat reserved under Sports Category on the direction of Hon'ble High Court of J&K vide CM No. 4843/2021 subject to final outcome of writ petition WP (c) No. 1170 of 2021.

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

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

DIPK-NB-3503/21
No. BOPEE/Exam-04/2021
Dated: 14-09-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name on electricity bill bearing Con. ID No: 0204010005186 from Ab Rehman Bhat S/O Mohammad Subhan Bhat R/o Daulatabad Miskeen Bagh Srinagar TO Manzoor Ahmad Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o Daulat Abad Khanyar. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Manzoor Ahmad Bhat
S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat
R/o Daulat Abad Khanyar
AB-KO

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Higher Education Department
Civil Secretariat

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Circular No: 05-JK(HE) Of 2021
Dated 14-09-2021

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DIPK-8643/21

(Anil Sharma) 19/9/21
Under Secretary to the Government
Higher Education Department
Date: - 14-09-2021

No: - HED-estb/197/2021-04

List of Selected candidates for the post of Assistant Professor (Urdu):

| S. No. | Name | Category | Parentage | Address |
|--------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 01. | Shahida Nawaz | OM | Munir Hussain | Vill Shiendra P/o Poonch Haveli |
| 02. | Ajaz Hussain Shah | OM | Maqbool Hussain Shah | Kallar Surankote |
| 03. | Barkat Hamid | OM | Hamidullah Khan | Achabal Sopore Watergam |
| 04. | Mohd. Ali Shahbaz | RBA | Mirza Karamit Hussain | Behrote Thenamandi |
| 05. | Liaqat Ali | ST | Abjul Hafiz | R/o Keri P/o Soulki Tehsil Kalakote |

Government Medical College Srinagar
Karan Nagar Srinagar - 190010

Subject: 2ND Selection/waiting list of the candidates for engagement as Staff Nurses contract basis for the newly established 500 bedded temporary COVID Hospital, Khonmoh, Srinagar.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, on the basis of merit determined in accordance with the notified criteria, a 2nd shortlist of the candidates was issued for document verification vide this office Notification No. GS-MC/DV2/SN/DRDO/1500-07, Dated: 14.07.2021 to fill up the vacant positions under Open Merit and RBA categories; and

Whereas, the physical scrutiny of all required documents of the shortlisted candidates was conducted on 16.07.2021; and

Whereas, during the course of document verification, it was found that two shortlisted candidates had submitted wrong information in the online application form with regard to their qualification/marks and they were not considered for selection in view of their lower merit than the notified cutoff merit; and

Whereas, some shortlisted candidates did not report for the document verification on the scheduled date and they were called on their mobile numbers given by them in their application forms; and

Whereas, majority of the absentees reported that they are engaged/working at other places, or are pursuing higher studies and are not interested to take up the contractual job in the COVID Hospital Srinagar; and

Now, therefore, on the basis of merit determined in accordance with the notified criteria, physical scrutiny of the documents and other facts and circumstances enumerated above, 2nd selection/waiting list of the candidates for engagement as Staff Nurses, on contract basis for the newly established COVID Hospital, Srinagar is hereby notified in annexure-A to this notification.

In the 2nd selection list the cut off merit under General/Open Merit category has dropped to 76.50, therefore, the following two candidates already selected/engaged under RBA category shall be deemed to have been selected/engaged under Open Merit.

| S.No | Name | Parentage | Address | Qualific. | Marks Obtd. | Max. Marks | %age | Pts. Out of 100 |
|------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | Suby Nisar | NISAR AHMAD MIR | R/O Hardpora Tehsil kokernag | Diploma in General Nursing (GNM) | 1114 | 1300 | 85.69 | 77.1 |
| 2 | IRTIZA BASHIR | BASHIR AHMAD MAGRAY | SHRAI TANGMAR G | Diploma in General Nursing (GNM) | 1108 | 1300 | 85.23 | 76.7 |

The selected candidates are directed to immediately report this office alongwith all required original documents and latest Character/Antecedents Verification Rolls in triplicate.

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Relief To Voda-Idea: Cabinet Approves Moratorium On Payment Of Levies, Other Reforms

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a big-bang relief package for the stressed telecom sector that includes a four-year break for companies from paying statutory dues, permission to share scarce airwaves, change in the definition of revenue on which levies are paid and 100 per cent foreign investment through the automatic route.



The measures, aimed at providing relief to companies such as Vodafone Idea that have to pay thousands of crores in unprovisioned past statutory dues, also include the scrapping of Spectrum Usage Charge (SUC) for airwaves acquired in future spectrum auctions.

Among procedural reforms, shifting from prepaid to post-paid connections and vice-versa will not require fresh KYC.

Briefing reporters on the decisions taken by the Union

Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said nine structural reforms for the telecom sector have been approved that are aimed at fostering healthy competition in the sector to provide choice to customers and pave the way for the entry of new players.

The government excluded non-telecom revenues from the definition of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) prospectively. Telecom companies have to pay a pre-fixed percentage of AGR to the government as statutory levies but this will apply prospectively.

The inclusion of non-telecom revenues had led to thousands of crores of dues piling up on companies like Vodafone Idea, pushing them to the verge of bankruptcy.

For the past dues, the Cabinet allowed a moratorium or deferment of up to four years in annual payments. But the telecom companies will have to pay a small interest during the moratorium period.

Also, the government will have an option to convert the due amount pertaining to the deferred payment into equity at the end of the moratorium/deferment period.

A moratorium on AGR-related dues will offer space to the cash-strapped firms to improve its business and clear dues over a longer period.

"The telecom relief package is revenue neutral for the government," the minister said.

CS Reviews Progress Under Various Employment Generation Schemes

Asks Concerned Departments To Sponsor All Cases By December 2021



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress achieved under various employment generation schemes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Administrative Secretaries of departments of Revenue, Rural Development, Housing & Urban Development, Skill Development, Social Welfare, besides, CEO Mission Youth, MD JKRLM, Chairman & MD J&K Bank, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and other senior functionaries of RBI, NABARD, and Banks were also present on the occasion.

The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, while reviewing the status of various employment generation schemes in Jammu and Kashmir, reiterated the Government's commitment of providing gainful employment opportunities to 1 lakh youth during this financial year.

While reviewing the credit disbursement by banks under various Government-sponsored livelihood schemes namely-National Rural Livelihood Mission, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, National Urban Livelihood Mission, and special loan for SC/ST/OBC, the Chief Sec-

retary directed the departments to sponsor all cases in line with the set targets by December, 2021. He also asked for ensuring required training and hand-holding for the entrepreneurs in the last quarter of the financial year.

While expressing dissatisfaction at the poor level of sanctions issued by the banks, Mr Mehta stated that RBI/UTLBC will devise a mechanism where under if a case sponsored to the bank is not decided within the set timeline, it shall be deemed to have been rejected and the concerned bank will have to give reasons for rejection.

He advised J&K Bank to operationalize a Helpline within a week for the borrowers whose cases are either delayed or rejected without adequate reasons by the banks so that they could be later examined by UTLBC/RBI for resolution.

He also advised RBI to issue an advisory to the banks operating in J&K to expedite the sanction of sponsored cases so that a large number of people could avail the benefit of the self-employment schemes.

Mr Mehta exhorted the departments to sponsor more cases under the self-employment schemes as there is huge untapped potential in these schemes.

While observing that the per-

formance with regard to self employment/Government sponsored schemes is unsatisfactory, the Chief Secretary directed Principal Secretary, RDD to direct the DCs to gear up the District officers while also increasing coordination with LDMs in the Districts for increasing the sponsorship of the cases to the banks.

The Chief Secretary advised the J&K Bank and SBI to set up dedicated youth desks in the banks so that the intended benefits of the youth centric self employment/government sponsored schemes are optimally realized.

Mr Mehta observed that credit disbursement to SC/ST/OBC was abysmally low and asked the SWD department to urgently take the steps necessary to increase the extent of credit disbursement to SC/ST/OBC sections of the population.

He also laid emphasis on increasing the awareness about the various self employment/Government sponsored schemes amongst the people in J&K by putting up 2-3 bill boards/hoardings displaying various employment generating schemes at the prominent places in the District headquarters, besides running advertisements in print, electronic and social media.

Mission Youth and JK Rural Livelihood Mission were asked to spearhead the awareness effort through mobilization of youth clubs and bank sakhis.

While emphasizing the importance of horticulture-based industries in generating employment in Kashmir valley, the Chief Secretary asked banks to prioritize sanctioning of cases under PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme based on 'One District One Product' model.

Financial Bids Received For Air India Disinvestment; Tatas Among Suitors



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Wednesday said it has received multiple financial bids for buying national carrier Air India.

Meanwhile, a Tata Sons spokesperson told PTI that it has put in a bid for the airline.

"Financial bids for Air India disinvestment received by Transaction Adviser. Process now moves to concluding stage," DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey tweeted.

The government is seeking to sell 100 per cent of its stake in the state-owned national airline, including Air India's 100 per cent shareholding in AI Express Ltd and 50 per cent in Air India SATS Airport Services Private Ltd.

The stake sale process, which begun on January 2020, faced delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2021, the government asked potential bidders to put in financial bids.

Wednesday (September 15) was the last day for putting in financial bids.

Tata Group was among the multiple entities that had put in initial expression of interest (Eoi) in December 2020 for buying the Maharaja.

With previous attempts since 2017 failing to get any signifi-

cant interest and after receiving feedback from potential investors, the government had in October last year sweetened the Eoi clause relating to transfer of Air India's debt to the new investor, giving bidders flexibility to decide on the quantum of humongous debt they want to absorb.

As per the Air India Eoi floated by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) in January 2020, of the airline's total debt of Rs 60,074 crore as of March 31, 2019, the buyer would be required to absorb Rs 23,286.5 crore. The rest would be transferred to Air India Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL), a special purpose vehicle.

Air India has been in losses ever since its merger with domestic operator Indian Airlines in 2007. The airline, which was formed by the Tatas as a mail carrier in 1932, will give the successful bidder control of 4,400 domestic and 1,800 international landing and parking slots at domestic airports, as well as 900 slots at airports overseas.

Besides, the bidder would get 100 per cent of the low-cost arm Air India Express and 50 per cent of AISATS, which provides cargo and ground handling services at major Indian airports.

Disregard Of Systems, Procedures Behind Large Number Of High Value Bank Frauds: CVC

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- A large number of high value bank frauds took place due to disregard of systems and procedures in lending as well as in general operation, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has observed.

In view of this, the commission has advised chief vigilance officers (CVOs), who act as its distant arm to check corruption, to give priority to the prevention of fraud at every level through the use of technology and discreet inquiries.

It also noted that big frauds reported from overseas branches necessitate a thorough analysis of the nature of issues involved therein.

The matter came up during a sectoral review meeting of the banking sector held with the chairman and managing directors (CMDs) and the CVOs of the State Bank of India, Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Central Bank of India, IDBI Bank, Union Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, United Bank of India, Allahabad Bank, UCO Bank, Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The CMDs and the CVOs of the



banks made presentations to the commission, bringing out the status of vigilance cases, progress made in them, preventive vigilance measures undertaken by the banks, initiatives taken to strengthen the whistle-blower mechanism, activities undertaken during observance of vigilance awareness week and the use of technology in the banking operation among others, the CVC said.

"Commission observed that a large number of high value frauds took place due to disregard of systems and procedures in lending as well as in general operation. Commission also noted that big frauds reported from overseas branches necessitate thorough analysis of the nature of issues involved therein," it said in its annual report 2020.

The commission has also observed that in the committee approach for financing, the same officer is made member in different committees, it said.

Benchmarks Surge To All-Time Highs; Telecom, Auto Stocks Rally On Reforms Push

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- The Sensex and Nifty vaulted to fresh lifetime peaks on Wednesday, boosted by telecom and auto stocks which saw brisk buying after the government announced packages for the sectors.

A rebounding rupee and persistent foreign capital inflows added to the momentum, traders said.

Rising for the second day, the 30-share BSE Sensex surged 476.11 points or 0.82 per cent to close at its new all-time high of 58,723.20. It touched an intraday record of 58,777.06.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty climbed 139.45 points or 0.80 per cent to its fresh closing record of 17,519.45. During the session, it touched an all-time peak of 17,532.70.

NTPC was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 7.16 per cent, followed by Bharti Airtel at 4.53 per cent.

HCL Tech, Titan, SBI, PowerGrid, TCS and IndusInd Bank also notched up gains.

On the other hand, Axis Bank, Asian Paints, UltraTech Cement, Nestle India, Sun Pharma and HDFC Bank were among the laggards, shedding up to 0.38 per cent.

In big bang reforms, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a relief package for the telecom sector that includes a four-year moratorium on payment of statutory dues by telecom companies as well as allowing 100 per cent foreign investment through the automatic route.

The Cabinet also approved a Rs 26,058 crore production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the auto, auto-components and drone industry to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities.

"The measures announced for the telecom and auto industry are sweeping with potential for far-reaching beneficial impact. A four-year moratorium on dues of the telecom sector which covers AGR, spectrum dues and interest payment will bring big relief to the cash-strapped sector. This is positive for banks, too, since

banks' exposure too will decline significantly," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

The Rs 26,058 crore PLI scheme for automobiles, auto components and drones is a major initiative to attract advanced auto technology and supply chains into India, he noted.

"This is a timely policy when global supply chains are looking for markets outside China for shifting supply chains. The PLI scheme's goal of investment of Rs 42,500 crore in 5 years is ambitious but achievable. In brief, bold reforms," he added.

All BSE sectoral indices closed in the green, led by telecom (3.45 per cent), utilities (2.29 per cent), power (2.01 per cent), tech (1.81 per cent), and consumer durables (1.62 per cent).

In the broader markets, the BSE midcap and smallcap gauges advanced up to 0.86 per cent.

On the global front, markets were weighed by weak China retail sales data amid a resurgence of Delta variant cases in the country.

SHORT TAKES

Pakistani Rupee Depreciates To All-Time Low At Rs 169.6 To US Dollar



KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee fell by over Rs 1, depreciating to its lowest-ever value at Rs 169.9 against the US dollar in the interbank trading on Wednesday.

Currency dealers said the US dollar's upward surge began on Wednesday from the onset of trading. The Pakistani rupee traded at Rs 168.94 against the dollar on Tuesday, which at the time was its lowest ever value.

Chairman of Exchange Companies Association, Pakistan Malik Bostan told the media that the surge in the US currency in the interbank and open market was happening as importers were booking dollars in advance, leading to an

increase in its demand.

The State Bank of Pakistan has so far not intervened to stabilise the local currency. Bostan warned that if it was not regulated the US dollar would continue its upwards surge and erode the value of the local currency.

Meanwhile, Mettis Global, a web-based financial data and analytics portal, posted that the rupee depreciated by 46 paisa against the US dollar and is being quoted at 169.40/169.60 while trades were reported at 169.50.

The Pakistani rupee which now has fallen behind other currencies in the region has been declared the worst-performing currency in Asia.

A financial expert said the erosion in the value of the Pakistani rupee would lead to more inflation in the domestic consumer market and affect the general public.

On May 14 this year, the dollar was trading at 151.83 but since then it has experienced a tremen-

Apple To Bring Iphone 13 Lineup To India From Sep 24

Apple enthusiasts will be able to get their hands on the latest line-up of iPhones-- iPhone 13, iPhone 13 mini, iPhone 13 Pro and iPhone 13 Pro Max -- with prices starting at Rs 69,900 onwards later this month.

"Customers in Australia, Canada, China, Germany, India, Japan, the UK, the US, and more than 30 other countries and regions will be able to pre-order iPhone 13 Pro and iPhone 13 Pro Max...availability beginning Friday, September 24," Apple said in a statement.

Customers can get iPhone 13 Pro for Rs 1,19,900 (onwards) and iPhone 13 Pro Max for Rs 1,29,900 (onwards) from Apple's online store, it added.

The iPhone 13 will be available for Rs 79,900, while iPhone 13 mini will be priced at Rs 69,900.

The phones will also be available through Apple Authorised Resellers and select carriers,



the statement said.

"Our Pro lineup pushes the limits with our most advanced technologies for users who want the very best iPhone. Best in class performance, best in class camera experience, great durability, larger displays and incredible design. This year, we build on that in a major way," Apple CEO Tim Cook said during the launch event on late Tuesday night.

The iPhone 13 Pro and iPhone 13 Pro Max also include 5G with more bands for better coverage.

According to Counterpoint Research Director Tarun Pathak, Apple now has a very aggressive entry point, starting with iPhone SE 2020, going till iPhone 13 Pro Max.

"However, we believe that it's the iPhone 12 series that is likely to gain traction in India and take on the baton from iPhone 11, that until last quarter captured around 60 per cent of the overall iPhone sales. Apple is likely to capture a 2.4 per cent share in the coming Q4 2021 and will end the year as its highest ever crossing 4 million shipments," he added.

Pathak noted that the share of the new iPhone within overall Apple sales during the launch quarter increases year-on-year and this year too, it will be the same - driven by iPhone 13.

Apple continues to go aggressive on trade-ins as well, he added.PTI

Ola Commences Sale Of Electric Scooter S1

NEW DELHI: Ola Electric on Wednesday commenced the sale process of its electric scooter S1.

The electric scooter, which comes in two trims -- Ola S1 and S1+, is available to purchase on the Ola App only currently, and not on the website.

While the sale was to start on September 8, it postponed the process by a week to September 15, as it faced "technical difficulties" in making the website for purchases live for customers.

Ola is starting the purchase in batches, and prioritising users based on their dates of reservation, the company said in a statement.

"You will need to pay an advance of Rs 20,000 for purchasing your Ola S1/Ola S1+, and the rest before shipment. You can also avail convenient EMI options when you make the rest of the payment.

"Your advance is completely refundable if you wish to cancel your booking. Cancellation is allowed only till the scooter is shipped from the Ola Futurefactory," it said in a blog post.

Deliveries will start from October 2021. Buyers will be notified of esti-



mated tentative delivery dates within 72 hours of purchase.

Once a person's purchase window opens, it will notify them through email, SMS, and/or push notification. They can visit the updated Ola app (latest version), click on the Ola Scooter banner on the home page, and initiate the purchase process, the blog said.

"Bring the revolution home! Ola S1 purchase is rolling out now! We're opening it in the order of reservation. Look for your invitation email or check the Ola app to know when it's live for you! #JoinTheRevolution," Ola co-founder Bhavish Aggarwal tweeted.PTI

India Looking At Creating Rocket Force: CDS Gen Rawat

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India is looking at "creating a rocket force", Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat said on Wednesday even as he underlined the need for extensive use of niche technology to deal with various national security challenges, including possible aggression along the northern border by China.

In an address at an event, Gen Rawat described Pakistan as a "proxy" of China, noting that Islamabad will continue its "proxy war" against India in Jammu and Kashmir and that it is now attempting to create trouble in Punjab and some other parts of the country.

"As far as our northern adversary is concerned, since we have unsettled borders with them and they have shown aggression on the east coast, on the South China Sea with nations in that area, are they (China) likely to show aggression on our northern borders?" Gen Rawat said.

"Whether it happens in the form of direct aggression or through use of technology, we have to be



prepared. This preparation can only happen if we work together," the Chief of Defence Staff said.

Referring to measures initiated to bolster India's air power, he said, "We are looking at creating a rocket force." Gen Rawat, however, did not elaborate on the plan.

On the situation in Afghanistan, Gen Rawat said nobody ever thought the Taliban will take over the country "so fast".

"Only time will tell what happens. Let us wait and watch. We do not know what is likely to happen in the future in Afghanistan. There could be still more turmoil and more changes which cannot be anticipated now," he said.

Talking about overall geopolitical developments, Gen Rawat said China is becoming more and more aggressive.

"We share a land border with them. Therefore, I think it is time for us to start looking at our strategies as how we are going to deal with two borders having aggressive neighbours, Pakistan on the western front and China on the north," he said.

"We need to start looking at transformation for the betterment and ensuring that the national security architecture that we want to evolve is capable of dealing with the kind of threats we are seeing," he added.

The Chief of Defence Staff said ensuring integration among the armed forces was key to confront future security challenges.

He said technology must be considered as the fifth pillar of national power after diplomacy, information, military and economic prowess. The Chief of Defence Staff said all the three forces must understand the importance of new technology to meet future challenges.

BJP-RSS 'Fake Hindus', Indulge In 'Brokerage' Of Religion: Rahul Gandhi

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Calling the BJP-RSS people "fake Hindus", Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday alleged that they use religion for their benefit and indulge in its 'dalali (brokerage)'.

Addressing an event on the foundation day of the All India Mahila Congress here, Gandhi said the ideology of the Congress is completely opposite of the BJP-Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and only one of the two ideologies can rule the country.

Asserting that Goddess Lakshmi stands for the power that helps one attain one's goals and Goddess Durga stands for the power that protects, the former Congress chief said while his party had strengthened these powers when in government, the ruling BJP dispensation have diminished these powers.

"Ye kis prakar ke Hindu hain? Ye jhoote Hindu hain. Ye Hindu dharm ka prayog karte hain, ye dharm ki dalali karte hain, magar ye Hindu nahin hain (What kind of Hindus are they? They are fake Hindus. They use Hindu religion, they indulge in brokerage of religion, but they are not Hindus)," Gandhi said attacking the BJP and the RSS.

The former Congress chief alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "shivers with fear" and on China's stern look says "no one has taken our land".

"They (Chinese) took thousands of kilometers of land, but the Prime Minister of India says that no one took the land. ... Whole life is a lie, he has run away from the truth. There is no power," Gandhi said attacking the prime minister.

The BJP lashed out at Gandhi, accusing him of being "disconnected from the ground", after his "fake Hindus" remark and attack at Modi.

BJP national general secretary Arun Singh hit out at Gandhi saying that no one takes him seriously.

"Rahul Gandhi should not make these statements. He is totally disconnected from the ground. He has no information. That is the main problem," he told reporters.

Gandhi said, as a Congress worker, he understands that he can compromise with other ideologies but not with that of the BJP and the RSS.

He said it is important to understand the difference between the ideology of the Congress and Mahatma Gandhi, and that of V D Savarkar and Nathuram Godse.

"The BJP-RSS people say they are a Hindu party. In the last 100-200 years if anyone has understood the Hindu religion in the best way and made it his practise, it is Mahatma Gandhi. We believe in this and so do the BJP-RSS people. So, if Mahatma Gandhi understood the Hindu religion and spent his whole life understanding it, then why did the RSS ideology pump three bullets in his chest," the Congress leader said.

Why did the RSS ideology pump bullets in a person who is considered an example by the whole world -- from Nelson Mandela to Martin Luther King -- and is regarded as the best teacher of 'Ahimsa' or non-violence, which is the foundation of the Hindu religion, he said.

Referring to Goddess Lakshmi as a power that helps one attain one's goals and Goddess Durga as the power that protects, Gandhi rhetorically asked that when Prime Minister Modi announced demonetisation or bring the GST and the farm laws, were those powers strengthened. Mahila Congress workers responded by saying the powers were diminished.

He also asked whether these powers were boosted by the Congress when it brought in policies such as MNRGA and

RTI, and 'One Person, One Vote', and the crowd shouted back that the powers were strengthened.

Later in a tweet in Hindi, Gandhi said, "Lakshmi's power -- employment, Durga's power -- fearlessness, Saraswati's power -- knowledge. The BJP is busy in snatching these powers from the people." On the Mahila Congress Foundation Day it is "our resolve that we will fight to ensure that these powers reach the people", he said.

In his address at the event, Gandhi attacked the BJP, saying they call themselves a Hindu party and in the whole country they "attack Lakshmi and Durga".

"Wherever they go, they kill Lakshmi or Durga and then say we are Hindus," Gandhi alleged.

The former Congress chief also alleged that the organisation of the RSS crushes "women power", while the Congress' organisation gives it a platform.

"Narendra Modi and the RSS did not make a woman prime minister, the Congress did. So, for us be it a woman, man, Dalit, adivasi, he or she may be from Bengal, Haryana or Punjab, they are all one. We only see one thing whether the person gets scared or not, if he or she does not get scared, they are a Congressi, if they get scared then we have to make them into a Congressi," he said.

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Children of Mountains:

area, some 25 seasonal teachers attend to 300 students, but "lack of classroom facilities" force parents to keep their wards at home.

"We conduct open-air classes despite harsh weather here," says Mohammad Iqbal, another seasonal teacher from Tosamaidan.

"When it rains we've to let children go. And during the clear skies, the searing sun gives them sunburn. Had we been provided any temporary shelter, it would've been easy to run the classes smoothly."

However, to teach the tribal kids, these seasonal teachers have rented a private Kotha—a wooden hut—of a shepherd and are paying the rent from their own pocket.

"Tosamaidan is far away from our homes and it's not possible to come and forth every day," Iqbal says. "So we come here for a month—bringing all the logistics, including ration and other basic necessity."

While Iqbal points out the painstaking efforts behind the open-air classrooms atop mountains and meadows of the valley, Ramzan plays a ramrod to make his class result-oriented.

But despite plodding on the peaks amid sun and shower, the seasonal teacher takes home a meagre monthly salary of Rs 4,000.

"After joining the department some 15 years ago with the hope that I'll get regularised in a few years, there seems no hope for me now," the teacher rues.

"Besides salary, study material and stationary for the tribal children has equally become an uphill task for me."

In Kashmir, the education department has engaged 1747 seasonal teachers. Many of them express disappointment over the trivial job remuneration as well as the telling treatment towards them from their parent department. Among them is Kameez Parveen.

Since 2015, Kameez — the 29-year-old Vice President of All Jammu and Kashmir Seasonal Teachers Association — is working as a seasonal teacher in DH Pora, Kulgam.

"This year after organizing many protests, I managed to get reading material for the students," Kameez says.

"Even as the department provided just two copies and a pencil to each tribal student, I believe something is better than nothing. Being a member of the Gujjar community myself, I can totally understand my tribe's ordeal. They can't afford smartphones and online education and therefore I'm playing my part to empower them through education."

Kameez teaches tribal kids in the forests, some 13 kilometres away from her home. Previously, she says, she was deputed to far-away places where the risk of man-wild conflict was high.

"We risk our lives by coming to these wild places," Kameez says. "One of our colleagues was attacked by a bear a few days ago when he was going back home after classes. He was lucky as his cries were heard by some nearby shepherds. But sadly, our department didn't come forward for his treatment. He's bearing all the expenses himself."

Despite this disparity, Ramzan says, the department conducts monthly surprise visits to check if teachers are attending their duties. Each visit, he says, comes at the cost of Rs 60,000.

"Rather than spending such hefty amount on those leisure trips, the department could've helped these lesser-fortunate children by buying stationary and other basic necessity for them," the seasonal teacher says.

This apathetic treatment persists despite seasonal teachers continuing their jobs in far-off places even after the abrogation of Article 370, when all the educational institutes were shut across Kashmir.

Performing his duty with the same sense of commitment in Lomarg Lopara, in the Dacchan area of district Kishtwar, Salim Ahmad, 32, embarks on the two-day tour journey to reach the pastoral area where his students keep waiting for him every summer.

"I'm teaching 34 students in Lomarg and getting Rs 4,000 monthly salary for it," Salim says.

active service experience, this feels a clear case of exploitation, but then I feel it's my moral obligation to serve my community. At the end of the day, the system might have disappointed the teacher, but he can't disappoint his students."

4 Militants Active

"You may have noticed cowardice acts. Someone is going and he's fired upon from behind. Whether it happened at Baghat or Khanyar. They (militants) should feel ashamed and not carry out attacks in such a manner," he said.

Expressing concern over the rising drug abuse, IGP Kumar said that reports keep on coming about the involvement of youth, including girls in drug abuse. He said police will seek help from society and parents to end this menace.

"This is not good for society. We have made a blueprint. From next month, we will take strong action against drug abuse. We will go a heavy hand against drug abuse," Kumar added.

Will Form Next

BJP's mass outreach campaign is underway, besides the district and ward level party workers convention.

"We are fully prepared for the assembly polls, which will be announced after the completion of the ongoing delimitation exercise. We have taken a pledge to cross 50-plus seats to form the next government with a thumping majority. The next chief minister will be from our party," he said.

Raina said BJP workers are full of enthusiasm waiting for the announcement of the assembly elections in the Union Territory.

In March 2020, the BJP-led government had constituted a delimitation commission to redraw Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The commission is yet to submit its report.

Asked about the anger among the youth against the BJP, the BJP president avoided a direct answer but said "we all know that during the last two years, the Covid-triggered lockdown caused recession around the world."

"Despite financial crunch, largescale recruitment was ensured in J-K Bank, police and civil services departments. The recruitment will continue to provide employment to the youth," he said.

Earlier, on his arrival in the district, Raina was accorded a warm welcome by party workers.

Later, addressing the party workers meeting after a rally in the town, the BJP leader said the party has become the first choice of masses owing to the dedicated work by its workers at the ground level.

"BJP workers are always present to help the needy through thick and thin and as a result the people have developed immense faith in the whole organisation," he said.

Asking the workers to keep up the momentum, he said with the dedicated selfless efforts of the party workers, the people have rejected the "opportunistic politics" of other political parties.

J&K Seeks Rs 800

potential of Agriculture and Horticulture sector has started finding interest among potential investors.

"Our progress in the sector has now attracting markets and entrepreneurs from outside J&K," Sinha said.

air cargo to various domestic markets," the LG said, as per official spokesperson.

"Rootstock is being imported from outside the country for developing High Density Plantation orchards. A new Scheme vis-a-vis 'Development of High Density Plantation Nurseries' has been introduced to make J&K Aatmanirbhar in the input support in terms of High Density plants," he added.

The LG, as per the official spokesperson said that enhanced focus is being laid to stabilize the fruit market of Horticulture produce of J&K and ensure round the year sale of the fruits like Apple on good prices, besides establishment of storage within J&K.

"During the last one year, 40,000 MTs of storage has been established thereby making available a total of 1.65 LMT of CA storage facilities in Jammu & Kashmir. Also, another 35,000 MTs of storage capacity is under construction," Sinha said.

On the occasion, the LG sought Rs 800 crore support from the Union Government for Modified High Density Plantation in J&K.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG also highlighted the need for special provisions under existing schemes for establishment of CA stores, more fruit and vegetable Mandis and electronic platforms for the market of Agriculture and Horticulture produce; extending the time period for return of the capital under KCC Scheme from existing one year to three years for Horticulture crop; establishing modern processing and extraction facilities for Walnut on large scale; establishing modern pesticides laboratories; developing irrigation facilities and rejuvenation of more than 1000 Ha of land under National Saffron Mission; establishment of Saffron Park at Kishtwar in Jammu division etc.

"He further requested the Union Government for making interventions for protected cultivation in the higher reaches of J&K; encouraging the Olive oil and other oil seed production; supporting the initiative 'PARVAZ' with at least 50% of subsidy under the scheme on all major crops and a special support package under Sub Mission on Agriculture Mechanisation (SMAM)," he said.

Addressing the conference, the official spokesperson said that the Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar stated that benefits of Central Government schemes for Agriculture sector should reach the correct farmers through better implementation in the UTs.

"Although funds are not a constraint, it is the implementation of the scheme which should be proper," Tomar said.

The Union Minister said that the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund will provide infrastructure facilities at farm gate for small farmers.

3-Tier System

it is the joint responsibility of administration and PRIs to boost the developmental tempo of rural economy," he said.

As per the official spokesperson, Chauhan said that Government of India has been already working on various flagship programmes aimed at uplifting socio economic status of the people and number of new schemes are also in the pipeline adding that the need of the hour is to generate a massive awareness regarding all welfare schemes so that the benefits of these schemes could reach the grassroots level.

"He urged PRIs to go through the compendium of the schemes for their proper and maximum utilisation," he said.

"The Minister said that the Government of India has a number of welfare schemes for every section of the society and insisted people to get benefits from these schemes properly," he added.

Principal Secretary PDD and Information, Rohit Kansal; District Development Council (DDC) Chairman, Syed Bari Andrabi; Vice Chairman DDC, Mukhtar Ahmad Bandh; Director, Information & Public Relations, Rahul Pandey; Deputy Commissioner Pulwama Baseer Ul Haq Chowdhary; Chairpersons of BDCs, Presidents of MCs and other concerned officers were also present in the meeting.

'Pulwama Is A Growth

during his exhaustive visit to Pulwama, the Minister asked the district administration to further step up their efforts towards holistic development of the district while describing Pulwama as growth engine of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Chauhan, while getting details about the status of development works being executed in the district during a meeting convened here in this regard, sought vital statistics pertaining to different government schemes and initiatives," the official spokesperson said.

He said that among the various developmental projects inaugurated by the minister are NTPHC's Lethpora, Zantrag, Wuyan, Sub Centre Chakoor, Doctors Residential Quarter project Kakapora, double story school building Gulzarpora, Girls Hostel Khrew, Water Supply Scheme Nehama Kakapora, Lift Irrigation Scheme Trial, Kadlabal Pampore Receiving Station, auditorium at GDC Boys Pulwama, R&B Sub Division Office Building Rajpora and roads connecting different areas of the district.

Chauhan, he said, enquired about the achievements under MSME, Dairy, Poultry, Horticulture, Agriculture and Saffron besides taking stock of targets set and achieved in sectors like Health, Social Welfare and Education. He further said that the Minister also had a detailed feedback on flagship programmes like MGNREGA, Ayushman Bharat, NSAP, ISSS, PM-KISAN and other related schemes.

"Chauhan exhorted upon the officers to maintain a good rapport with the people and focus on need based and area specific development projects for achieving optimum results on ground. He emphasized the need of working collectively in a total cohesive manner to ensure prompt public delivery system," the official spokesperson said.

He further said various delegations of BDC and ULB representatives and representatives of political parties called upon the Union Minister and apprised him of various issues concerning their respective areas.

"The Minister gave a patient hearing to the deputations and assured that all their genuine demands will be examined on priority and addressed accordingly," he added.

Ex-Militant 'Absconding'

reliable sources, a special police team was constituted which raided the suspected locations and arrested the absconder, he said.

He said the former militant has been lodged in judicial custody on the orders of sessions court Kishtwar where he was produced after his arrest.

1222 Cases Under

the law in different police stations of Jammu & Kashmir in 2020.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 is a central legislation to regulate production, consumption and transportation of such harmful substances as specified under the Act.

According to the NCRB data, of the 1222 cases registered in J&K, 289 were for lodged for possession of drugs for personnel use/ consumption and 933 for drugs for trafficking.

Among Union Territories, the NCRB data reveals that the highest number of cases were registered in Jammu & Kashmir. In total, 2206 cases were registered in eight Union Territories.

Jammu and Kashmir is followed by Delhi and Chandigarh where 748 and 134 cases under NDPS Act have been registered, respectively. The data reveals that only two cases were registered under the law in Ladakh Union Territory during the last year.

1400 persons are lodged in different jails of J&K under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, presently—(KNO)

CIC Raps J&K

is a Public Authority, in terms of the order dated 24-04-2012 passed by the SIC, J&K.

"But directions given by the SIC vide order dated 28.08.2019 to the J&K Bank have not been complied with as yet as per records," Y.K Sinha said "Perusal of records of the case and averments of the appellant reveal that

information sought by the appellant has been denied in blatant violation of the provisions of the RTI Act".

He further added that none is present on behalf of the J&K Bank during the virtual hearing despite service of advance notice of the hearing on 25-08-2021. "The absence of the concerned PIO during the hearing has thus vitiated the proceedings as such disregard of the RTI Act cannot be accepted."

Subsequently, considering the unexplained and willful denial of information in response to the filed RTI and the unexplained absence of the J&K Bank's PIO, the CIC issued a show cause notice to the J&K Bank PIO for his deliberate denial of information embarking a violation of the RTI Act.

The CIC has directed the PIO to submit a reply to the show cause notice to justify why no penal action should be initiated against him in terms of the RTI Act, 2005.

"The reply must reach the Commission by 15-10-2021 failing which action shall be initiated on the basis of available records," the commissioner ordered.

It is pertinent to mention here that the J&K Bank was declared as a Public Authority as per section 2 of the J&K RTI Act, 2009. The then State Information Commission had directed the Chairman and CEO of the Bank to designate First Appellate Authority, Public Information Officer and Assistant Public Information Officers to provide information to residents of the erstwhile state under the Act in the most transparent manner.

J&K Logs 156 New

and Kulgam 1 new case of Covid-19. No fresh case of coronavirus was reported from south Kashmir's Shopian district for the second straight day.

Similarly, Jammu district reported 10, Reasi 8, Doda 6, Rajouri 4, Kishtwar 2, and Poonch and Ramban 1 each new case of virus. Three districts of Udhampur, Kathua and Samba reported no fresh case of virus.

Moreover, officials said, 131 more Covid patients have recovered—32 from Jammu and 99 from Kashmir.

Also, officials said, the virus claimed one more life in Jammu division, thus taking the overall fatality count in J&K to 4415—2169 in Jammu division and 2246 in Kashmir.

There was one fresh confirmed case of mucormycosis (black fungus) reported today, they said. So far 46 black fungus cases have been confirmed in J&K, the officials added.

One Held With

the possession of Jamwal, who during questioning revealed that he had brought around 10 country-made pistols from outside Jammu and Kashmir.

The official said efforts are on to recover the pistols and some more arrests are expected based on his disclosure.

"Jamwal is a notorious criminal and was earlier also arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act," he said.

Meanwhile, the official said another 'hard-core' criminal Abdul Rashid of Gole Gujral was arrested after a long hunt of five years from Domana area of the city on Wednesday.

A case against Rashid was registered at Domana police station in 2016, the official said. (pti)

SUV Mows Down

condition to nearby PHC Mattan for treatment. However, the doctors there referred him to GMC Hospital Anantnag for further treatment.

The doctors there declared him dead on arrival, reports said.

Meanwhile, police have filed a case under relevant sections of law and started further investigations into the incident.

Annual Gangbal

situated at the foot of the Harmukh peak after performing the traditional puja at the ancient Narang temple.

Situated 16,870 feet above the sea-level, the Harmukh Peak is considered as the abode of Lord Shiva by Kashmiri Pandits.

Two Matches Played In DFA Srinagar 'A' Division League



R. Elahi

SRINAGAR: Two matches of the DFA Srinagar 'A' Division League were played on Wednesday at Gindun Ground, Rajbagh here.

The matches are part of the ongoing DFA Srinagar Annual Football League Tournament 2021. No Super Division matches were held on Wednesday as teams have now entered the second stage of the League.

In 'A' Division League first match, Baghi Hamdan FC took on Nishat FC.

Nishat FC took the lead through Zeeshan before scoring another through Mushtaq Ahmad. The match ended 2-0 in favour of Nishat FC.

The second match of the 'A' Division was played between Makhdoomi FC and Al-Rashid FC.

Al-Rashid scored two goals in the match courtesy Hatim and Kamran. Although, Makhdoomi FC created several chances they couldn't capitalise on any. The match ended 2-0 in favour of Al-Rashid FC.

Meanwhile, the Super Division League will restart from Thursday at Synthetic Turf, TRC. The ten teams that qualified for the 2nd Stage have been placed in two pools and will battle it out to reach the finals of the competition. In the first set of matches, Court Road FC will take on Qamarwari FC and in the other match, Syed Tajuddin FC will play FC Views.

The other teams to have qualified for the Super Division 2nd stage include: IFC Kashmir, Fort View FC, Real Kashmir U18, Galaxy FC, Towheed FC and Jehlum FC.

The top two team from the Super Division 2021 will be promoted to the Premier Division 2022.

Pertinently, JKFA has revealed to Kashmir Observer that J&K's top-most footballing league, the Premier Division 2021, will start from September 27.

The Premier Division 2021 is set to include J&K's best teams including J&K Bank FC, Real Kashmir FC, Lonestar Kashmir FC, Downtown Heroes FC, Hyderya Sports FC, and many others.

IPL In UAE Will Level T20 WC Playing Field: Maxwell

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Star Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell believes having the Indian Premier League in the UAE will level the playing field "a fair bit" in the T20 World Cup to be held at the same venue next month.

The IPL will resume on September 19 in the UAE after being suspended in May due to the second wave of COVID-19 in India, which led to multiple cases inside its bio-bubble.

It will be followed by the T20 World Cup from October 17.

"The tournament being in UAE probably levels the playing field a little bit," Maxwell, who plays for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL, told 'icc-cricket.com'.

"Probably makes it a little bit easier for there not to be as much of a home ground advantage. For the IPL to be there to have a lot of international players that are potentially going to be in that World Cup over there playing, I think it's probably levelled the playing field a fair bit."

Australia's top players,

including Steve Smith, David Warner, Aaron Finch and Pat Cummins, have not competed in the last few months and will be back in action at the IPL.

Maxwell said the IPL stint will help the preparation of the Australian players.

"The fact we've got a lot of guys going over for the IPL as a preparation, get a few games in those conditions, it's going to do wonders for our batters," he said.

"Our bowlers are going to be up and firing by the time the tournament starts. I can assure you everyone is looking forward to hitting the ground running over there."

Australia will have to battle it out against defending champions West Indies, world number one England and South Africa in a tough group in the Super 12 stage.

With their key players missing, Australia suffered 1-5 series losses against the West Indies and Bangladesh but Maxwell has no doubts they'll manage a better performance at the big competition.

IPL 2021 To Have Limited Spectators In The Stadium



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Limited spectators will be allowed into the stadiums when the much-awaited Indian Premier League resumes in the UAE this weekend, the event's organisers announced on Wednesday.

The IPL, which was suspended midway in May due to COVID-19 cases in its bio bubble, will resume from Sunday with defending champions Mumbai Indians taking on Chennai Super Kings at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

"This match will be a momentous occasion as IPL will welcome the fans back to the stadiums after a brief hiatus owing to COVID-19 situation," an IPL statement said.

"Matches will be played at Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi

with limited seating available keeping in mind the COVID protocols and UAE government regulations," it added.

It will be the first time since 2019 when the IPL will be played in front of an audience.

Last year, the lucrative league was played behind closed doors in the UAE while the first half of the 2021 edition was also played inside a strict bio-bubble across various venues in India.

Although the league organisers did not specify the exact number of fans who would be let in but sources said their presence would be 50 per cent of the stadium capacity.

"Fans can buy tickets starting September 16 for the remainder of the tournament on the official website www.iplt20.com.

Tickets can also be purchased on PlatinumList.net," the league organisers said.

After the COVID-19 pandemic had brought the sporting world to a standstill last year, competitive cricket slowly resumed inside strict bio bubbles.

The series between India and Australia from November last year to January was the first time that men's cricket witnessed spectators in-stadia since coronavirus outbreak in March 2020.

Only fully vaccinated fans have been allowed into the stadium, and all adults need to prove their vaccination status to gain entry to the ground.

UAE and Oman are also slated to host the T20 World Cup, two days after the IPL final on October 15.

JKCA Senior Team Trial Camp From September 16

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: With an eye on the upcoming domestic season, Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) on Wednesday said that selection camp for Senior Men's team will begin from September 16.

"JKCA is all set to organise a trial camp for Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (T20s) from Thursday, September 16 at Srinagar and Jammu," a JKCA statement said.

"The camp will feature about 45 probables each from both Jammu and Kashmir and will be held at Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium and GGM Science College Ground for Srinagar and Jammu



players respectively," the statement added.

Various media reports suggest that the 45 probables called

to attend the selection trial camp are J&K cricketers who have played at senior level for the past 4 years.

Afghan Female Footballers In Pakistan After Evading Taliban

Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: Thirty-two women football players from Afghanistan, who were facing threats from the Taliban, have reached Pakistan along with their families after the government issued emergency humanitarian visas to evacuate them, according to a media report on Wednesday.

The footballers belonging to the national junior girls' team had been originally due to travel to Qatar, where Afghan refugees have been housed at a facility for the 2022 FIFA World Cup, but were left stranded after a bomb blast at the Kabul airport that killed 13 US service members and at least 170 Afghans on August 26.

These women were facing threats from the Taliban due to their involvement in the sport, Dawn newspaper reported. The Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August. These women football players had since been in hiding to evade the Taliban, according to the report.

The move to bring the 32 footballers to Pakistan was initiated by British-based NGO Football for Peace in cooperation with the government and the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF), which is not recognised by FIFA.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino had visited the Afghan refugees during his trip to Doha last week, but the global football body has been criticised for its inaction in aiding the female footballers who were still in Afghanistan.

The footballers will proceed from Peshawar to Lahore where they will be housed at the PFF headquarters.

New Stars, Old Problems For Man United In Champions League

Agencies

BERN: With Cristiano Ronaldo back at Manchester United, missing out on the Champions League knockout rounds for a third straight season is unthinkable.

Yet the same kind of problems carried over from last season's failed campaign to the one that started badly Tuesday in Switzerland — errors in defense plus lapses of discipline leading to an ill-timed red card.

Even new signings Ronaldo and Raphaël Varane — four-time Champions League winners together at Real Madrid — could not save the stellar and expensively assembled Man United team from defeat against unheralded Young Boys.

Instead, it was another 2-1 loss at the lowest-ranked team in its group.

"We did that last year in Europe," United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said, recalling "two sloppy counter attacks against (Istanbul) Ba ak ehir. And we lost that game (Tuesday) in the last seconds."

A slack backpass in stoppage time by Jesse Lingard, a substitute who replaced Ronaldo, gifted the chance that American forward Jordan Siebatcheu took to win the game for Young Boys.

"That's football for you at the highest level," Solskjaer said. "Lack of concentration, make a mistake and you get punished."

The Premier League leaders had been under pressure from the 35th minute when defender Aaron Wan-Bissaka was sent off for a hard foul. Leading 1-0 from Ronaldo's 13th-minute strike, Man United failed to get a shot on goal the rest of the way.

The red card helped tilt the game away from the three-time European champions

just as it did last year when midfielder Fred was sent off against Paris Saint-Germain. That turned an evenly poised game into a 3-1 loss at Old Trafford last November, and gave back the gains from starting the group by winning in Paris.

"Everyone thought we were through after two games last year," recalled Solskjaer, whose team also routed Leipzig 5-0 last October then lost the decisive last group game in Germany.

The story of Solskjaer's managing in the Champions League has been highs and lows with little middle ground. His team was twice triumphant at PSG — including in the round of 16 in March 2019 — but has now lost seven of 11 matches.

"We know we have given ourselves a more difficult task than what we did last year," Solskjaer said. "You need 10, maybe 12 points. You need to win your home games. We have got two home games next and we have got to focus on them."

That next opponent on Sept. 29 is a Unai Emery-coached Villarreal team unlikely to be intimidated after beating Man United in the Europa League final in May. A switch to the second-tier competition was the consequence for placing third behind PSG and Leipzig.

Ronaldo has never played in the Europa League for Man United, Real Madrid or Juventus. He did play two games in its predecessor, the UEFA Cup, in 2002 as a 17-year-old youngster for Sporting Lisbon.

Now with a Champions League record 135 goals in a record-equaling 177 games, Ronaldo has time to steer his teammates back on course in a competition he helped the club win in 2008.

"It's fortunate that it is the first game of the group," United captain Harry Maguire said, "and we have loads of time to bounce back from it."

Grim Future: Loss To Bayern Exposes Barcelona's New Reality

Agencies

MADRID: Barcelona needs to brace for some tough times ahead while adjusting to the post-Lionel Messi era.

That message was clear after the 3-0 loss at home to Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Tuesday, the team's first defeat since Messi left amid the club's financial struggles.

"It is what it is, we are what we are now," veteran Barcelona captain Gerard Piqué said after the Catalan club was outplayed from the start at the Camp Nou. "It's a complicated season."

Looking nothing like the team that used to thrive when Messi was on the field, Barcelona couldn't get a single shot on goal the entire match and saw Bayern constantly threaten the other way.

"We would like to have competed better, but this is what we have right now," Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman said. "I can't complain about our attitude, we tried our best. But there is a difference in talent and a difference between a team that has played a long time together and our team with lots of young players. It is difficult to accept, but we have to keep working."

The loss came more than a year after the embarrassing 8-2 debacle against Bayern in the quarterfinals of the Champions League two seasons ago, a defeat that began exposing Barcelona's struggles on and off the field.

"Poor Barça," read a front-page headline from sports daily Marca on Wednesday.

"The sad reality," said the daily Sport.

T20 WORLD CUP 2021

Pakistan Capable Of Beating India In Opener, Says Hasan Ali

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Pakistan seamer Hasan Ali is confident that their team can beat arch-rivals India in the opening match of the ICC T20 World Cup replicating their convincing win in the 2017 Champions Trophy final at the Oval.

Since then, Pakistan has played India twice in the 50-over format and got thrashed both times -- at the 2018 Asia Cup in Dubai and the 2019 ODI World Cup in England.

Before every global event, there is always a lot of hullabaloo from the Pakistan corner but to date, they haven't beaten India ever in 50 or T20 over World Cup games. In fact, they have also failed to beat India in practice games.

"When we won the Champions Trophy (in 2017), it was a very good time for us and we will try to beat them again in the T20 World Cup. We will give our best. Playing against India is always a pressure game because of the expectations of fans from both countries," Hasan told a virtual media conference on Wednesday.

He pointed out that the Pakistan and India match are the most-watched ones at the global events. "Even those people who don't normally watch cricket follow the India vs Pakistan matches, so the pressure on the players is high but we will give it our best."

Hasan also feels that spinners would dominate in the dry conditions in UAE but it didn't mean that pacers couldn't do well in those conditions. "We know how to bowl in those conditions but yes you can see all teams have picked many spinners in their squads."

Disappointed At Misbah, Waqar's Resignations

Hasan also admitted that he was disappointed at the way Misbah-ul-Haq and Waqar Younis had resigned as head coach and bowling coach before the World Cup. "Honestly speaking, I was disappointed because the World Cup was coming and such a change happened and they left," he said.

"But it is not our domain as a player and this is something for the Pakistan Cricket Board and others to handle. Our job is to perform and try to win matches for Pakistan." Hasan said that Waqar was a role model for him and he would miss his guidance but as a professional one has to move on.

"I wish them the best. I will miss Waqar's guidance as I took up bowling after watching him bowl on screen," he added. Hasan also spoke on



the appointment of Vernon Philander as the bowling consultant with the Pakistan team for the World Cup.

"We all know that Philander is a great bowler and he has performed at the top level. We are looking forward to working with him but it is too early to say how much benefit we can get from him as this will only be clear once he joins the squad," Hasan added.

"New Zealand Will Give Us Tough Time"

Hasan stated that Pakistan would not underestimate the New Zealand squad in the home series in ODIs or T20 Internationals as any national team had to be respected. "I think their team has enough potential to give us a tough time and the thing is they have to come to Pakistan after playing a tough series in Bangladesh in dry conditions and they will not be easy to beat," he added.

Pakistan and New Zealand play their first ODI at the Rawalpindi Stadium on September 17 while the five-match T20 series will be held in Lahore from the 25th. New Zealand is playing on Pakistan soil after 18 years. Hasan said that presently he was not thinking about the World Cup.

"Right now, the focus is on the home series against New Zealand because my team needs me to deliver for them all the time," he said. Hasan also spelt out his ambition to become a proper all-rounder and said he was focussing on improving his batting day by day in the nets.

"I want to be a good all-rounder in all three formats. The presence of someone like Abdul Razzaq who has joined us recently has already been a big help to me. He is teaching me how to do power hitting while keeping a balance at the crease. He has been a quality all-rounder for Pakistan," Hasan concluded.



Koeman, who was hired shortly after the rout against Bayern, said it will take time for Barcelona to return to a top level.

"Our young players have a lot of potential, in two or three years they will be playing much better," Koeman said. "But right now, it is what it is."

Koeman also lost Antoine Griezmann in the transfer window last month, when the team's main addition was Netherlands forward Memphis Depay. The club added veteran Sergio Agüero but he is among the several players recovering from injury, along with youngsters Ousmane Dembélé, Sergiño Dest and Ansu Fati. Koeman used 18-year-old Yusuf Demir and 17-year-old Gavi on Tuesday. Pedri González, also 18, was a starter.

"I look at the positive fact that we had some 18-year-old players coming into the match," Piqué said. "It's our reality now."

Barcelona will have to rely a lot on its youngsters as it tries to recover from dire financial conditions caused by the pandemic and poor management. The Catalan club wasn't able to hand Messi a new contract and saw him leave for free to Paris Saint-Germain, one of the main contenders for the Champions League title this season.

There were signs Barcelona fans weren't too optimistic when they failed to buy all tickets available for Tuesday's match, something that rarely happened when Messi was still around, especially in a big Champions League match.

Piqué said it was "hurtful" to hear jeers from the Camp Nou crowd for Sergi Roberto, who was singled out for his poor performance while playing improvised on the right flank.

Piqué said the next few weeks will be key for Barcelona, a five-time champion in Europe's top competition.

SC Asks Centre To Make Appointments In Two Weeks In Tribunals Across Nation

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Centre to make appointments in two weeks in tribunals, which are facing a severe crunch of presiding officers as well as judicial and technical members, and apprise it of reasons if persons from the recommended list are left out in the process.

A bench headed by Chief Justice N.V. Ramana and justices D.Y. Chandrachud expressed unhappiness over the unfilled vacancies in the quasi-judicial bodies across the nation, and said the condition is pitiable and the litigants cannot be left in the lurch.

Attorney General K.K. Venugopal assured the bench that the Centre would make appointments in two weeks in the tribunals from the list



of persons recommended by the search and selection committee. There are around 250 posts lying vacant in various key tribunals and appellate tribunals.

The top court was hearing a clutch of petitions on the issue of vacancies in tribunals and the new law governing quasi-judicial bodies.

Average 77 Rape Cases Reported Daily In India In 2020: Report



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Nearly 77 rape cases were reported across India on an average every day in 2020, totalling to 28,046 such incidents during the year, the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data issued on Wednesday showed.

Overall, 3,71,503 cases of crime against women were reported across the country last year, down from 4,05,326 in 2019 and 3,78,236 in 2018, the NCRB, which functions under the Union home ministry, stated.

Of the total cases of crimes against women in 2020, there were 28,046 incidents of rape involving 28,153 victims, according to the NCRB data for the year, which witnessed COVID-19 outbreak and pandemic-induced lockdowns.

Out of the total victims, 25,498 were adults, while 2,655 were below the age of 18 years, it stated.

The number of rape cases, as defined in Indian Penal Code section 376, stood at 32,033 in 2019, 33,356 in 2018 and 32,559 in 2017. The figure for 2016 was 38,947, according to NCRB data

from corresponding years.

Among states and Union Territories, the maximum 5,310 rape cases were lodged in Rajasthan in 2020 followed by Uttar Pradesh (2,769), Madhya Pradesh (2,339), Maharashtra (2,061) and Assam (1,657).

National capital Delhi logged 997 such cases during the year, the data showed. Of the total crimes against women last year, the maximum 1,11,549 were under the category "cruelty by husband or relatives", while there were 62,300 cases of kidnapping and abduction also, it showed.

Besides rape, there were 85,392 cases of "assault to outrage modesty" and 3,741 cases of "attempt to commit rape", the NCRB data showed.

There were 105 cases of acid attack logged across the country during 2020, it added.

India also recorded 6,966 cases of dowry deaths with 7,045 victims last year, the data showed.

The NCRB, under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, is responsible for collecting and analysing crime data as defined by the Indian Penal Code and by special and local laws in the country,

We Don't Need Lessons From A 'Failed State' Like Pakistan: India at UNHRC



Agenceis

India on Wednesday hit out at Pakistan as well as the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for raising the Kashmir issue at the UN Human Rights Commission and said the grouping has "helplessly" allowed itself to be held "hostage" by Islamabad.

At the 48th session of the human rights council, India said Pakistan has been globally recognised as a country openly supporting, training, financing and arming terrorists including UN proscribed terrorists as a matter of state policy. India's response was delivered by Pawan Badhe, first secretary in India's permanent mission in Geneva.

Exercising India's rights to respond to comments made by Pakistan and the OIC on Kashmir, Badhe said it does not need lessons from a "failed state" like Pakistan which is the "epicentre of terrorism and worst abuser of human rights".

He said it has become a habit for Pakistan to misuse the platforms provided by the council to propagate its false and malicious propaganda against India.

"The council is aware of Pakistan's attempts to divert the council's attention from serious human rights violations being perpetrated by its government, including in the territories occupied by it," Badhe said.

"India, as not only the world's largest democracy but a robustly functional and vibrant one, does not need lessons from a failed state like Pakistan which is the epicentre of terrorism and worst abuser of human rights," he said.

The Indian diplomat said Pakistan has failed to protect the rights of its minorities, including Sikhs, Hindus, Christians and Ahmadis.

"Thousands of women and girls from minority communities have been subjected to abductions, forced marriages and conversions in Pakistan and its occupied territories," Badhe said in his statement.

"Pakistan has been engaged in systematic persecution, forced conversions, targeted killings, sectarian violence and faith-based discrimination against its ethnic and religious minorities," he said.

Badhe said incidents of violence against minority communities, including attacks on their places of

worship, their cultural heritage, as well as their private property have taken place with impunity in Pakistan.

"Pakistan is a country which has been globally recognised as a country openly supporting, training, financing and arming terrorists, as a matter of state policy," he said.

"The relevant multilateral institutions have been raising serious concerns on its failure to stop terror financing and lack of effective actions against terror entities," Badhe said.

He said dissenting voices from civil societies, human rights defenders, journalists are muzzled daily in Pakistan, with the support of the government.

"Enforced disappearances, extra-judicial killings, murders and abductions have been used as a tool for subjugation and to muzzle any form of dissent or criticism. The impunity with which such abuses have been carried out exposes the hollowness of Pakistan's commitment to human rights," Badhe added.

He also slammed the OIC for raising the Kashmir issue at the council, asserting that the group has no locus standi to comment on internal affairs of the country.

India Top Source Of Social Media Misinformation On COVID-19: International Study

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New Delhi: India produced the largest amount of social media misinformation on COVID-19 due to the country's high internet penetration rate, increasing social media consumption and users' lack of internet literacy, according to a new study.

The study, 'Prevalence and Source Analysis of COVID-19 Misinformation in 138 Countries', was published in Sage's International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions journal.

The study analysed 9,657 pieces of misinformation that

originated in 138 countries. They were fact-checked by 94 organisations to understand the prevalence and sources of misinformation in different countries.

"Of all the countries, India (18.07 per cent) produced the largest amount of social media misinformation, perhaps thanks to the country's higher internet penetration rate, increasing social media consumption and users' lack of internet literacy," the study said.

Also, the results also showed that India (15.94 per cent), the US (9.74 per cent), Brazil (8.57 per cent) and Spain (8.03 per cent) are the four most misinformation-affected countries.

Based on the results, the study said, it is presumed that the prevalence of COVID-19 misinformation can have a positive association with the pandemic situation.

"Social media (84.94 per cent) produces the largest amount of misinformation, and the internet (90.5 per cent) as a whole is responsible for most of the COVID-19 misinformation. Moreover, Facebook alone produces 66.87 per cent of the misinformation among all social media platforms," it stated.

Earlier, the World Health Organisation had also warned that false information on COVID-19 is spreading and putting people in danger.

Naseeruddin Shah On Bollywood's Khans: I Can Speak Because I Don't Have Much To Lose

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NEW DELHI: Known for speaking his mind, actor Naseeruddin Shah says he understands why the Khans of Bollywood don't voice their opinion but he supposes he can because he doesn't have that much to lose.

The "Ankur" and "Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron" star added that he wished the Khans, who have been at the top for 20-30 years, had "more confidence" in their own abilities.

"How much will they lose? They will lose an endorsement or two. It's not that... it's the harassment they will be subjected to. They find it difficult to take. And the fact that Aamir (Khan) and Shah Rukh (Khan) withdrew completely into a shell after making one harmless statement respectively illustrates this. I suppose I can speak because I don't have much to lose," Shah told India Today in an interview aired on Tuesday night.

The actor said the film industry has the power to stay independent and wished they had enough courage to do so.

"But they are giving in because their interests are too large and too varied and they have too much to lose and they're easy targets."

Shah, known for his forthrightness, also warned against "rising right wing fanaticism". He clarified that his comments about a section of Indian Muslims celebrating the rise of the Taliban were misconstrued by the community.

"Maybe I made a mistake by not speaking clearly enough and clarifying that I didn't mean the entire Muslim community, which is how it is being interpreted by interested parties... The Muslims have taken offense to it. The Hindus are celebrating it. Neither of this was my intention," the actor told India Today.

Shah, whose video earlier this month articulating his views on the Taliban and Indian Muslims was circulated widely, has been giving a series of interviews in the last few days to clarify his comments and also voice his concerns on fundamentalism in the world and in India.

Considered to be a pillar of the quality cinema movement in the industry and among India's most talented actors, he said in another interview that he is worried about hate messages and statements advocating violence against the Muslim community but does not believe India is heading towards Talibanisation.

The actor said he was surprised to be embraced by the right-wing for his statement which was misunderstood by the Muslim community.

"... I do not believe that we are heading towards Talibanisation



but what's happening is pretty much worrying where you openly have statements and lectures advocating violence against the Muslim community when you have hate messages being passed on the internet and on social media.

"But despite all that, I'm still not pessimistic about the future and I don't believe that we will end up going the way of the Taliban," he told Barkha Dutt's Mojo Story.

The veteran actor was scathing about Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's 'abba jaan' comment at a public speech earlier this week—that rations meant for the poor were gobbled up by those who say "abba jaan" before his government came to power.

Not all Muslims call their fathers 'abba jaan', he responded as the remark emerged centre of a polarising debate.

"I didn't call my father abba jaan. I called him baba, and so did my Hindu wife, who called her father baba. So this person is what he is, there's no point even reacting to him. But the fact is his 'abba jaan statement' is a continuation of the hate statements he has been spewing all along," he said in his India Today interview.

Shah also spoke on a Kerala priest's controversial remarks on "narcotics jihad".

"When we have absurd statements like love jihad and now 'narcotics jihad' being made by a priest... I don't know under whose influence he said things like that. But this is meant to alienate... or the 'abba jaan' statement made by the chief minister of UP recently which is beneath contempt, which is not even worth reacting to."

Asked what he had to say to Hindus who patted him on the back for warning the Muslim community against the Taliban, Shah said more Hindus should speak against rising right-wing fanaticism in India.

"Some moderate Hindus, this time, have spoken against it because it's really going a little too far."

Except for the occasional hate message on Facebook, by the fake accounts, Shah said he has not been a target but he worries about the future of his children. If they are confronted by a mob, they won't have an answer about which religion they belong to as they had no such teachings, he added. —PTI

'PM Modi Sent Me Money...': Bihar Man Refuses To Return Wrongfully Credited Funds



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PATNA: A man in Bihar's Khagaria district received Rs 5.5 lakh in his account by a bank error, but refused to return the amount, claiming the money "was sent by Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

The Gramin Bank in Khagaria had mistakenly sent the money to Ranjit Das, a native of Bakhtiyarpur village under Mansi police station, and despite several notices, Das refused to return the amount, saying he had spent it.

"I was very happy when I received the money in March this year. I thought as Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised every one of depositing Rs 15 lakh in their bank account, I thought that it could be the first installment of it. I have spent all the money. Now, I did not have money in my bank account," Das, who has been arrested, said in a statement to police.

Mansi Station House Officer Deepak Kumar said: "We have arrested Ranjit Das on the complaint given by the manager of the bank. Further investigation is on." IANS

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