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P4 THINK

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A SILENT MALADY

Looking at "domestic crimes" through the lens of misogyny and patriarchy, it was commonly considered in the 1970s that guilty or violent acts committed under wedlock were too inappropriate to be prosecuted or brought to societal notice. This

P5 THINK

ISRAEL'S PEGASUS: IS YOUR PHONE A '24-HOUR SURVEILLANCE DEVICE'?

Between June 2020 and February 2021, the iPhones of nine Bahraini activists – including two dissidents exiled in London and three members of the Bahrain Centre for Human

P8 SPORTS

ROHIT BACKED TO REPLACE KOHLI AS INDIA'S T20 CAPTAIN

NEW DELHI: Opener Rohit Sharma has demonstrated his leadership qualities in the Indian Premier League (IPL) and is an obvious choice to



Widom Quote!
Give light and people will find the way
-Ella Baker

NEWS DIGEST

LG Wishes PM On Birthday

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday wished Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 71st birthday, and said his efforts towards development of the country have been a source of inspiration. Warm Birthday wishes to Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji. I pray for his long & healthy life. ● More On P6

Man Falls From Walnut Tree, Dies

SRINAGAR: A man died on Friday after falling from a walnut tree in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. 40-year-old Farooq Ahmed Mir of Andoo, Nowgam Shangus lost control and slipped from a walnut tree on Friday evening, reports said. In the fall, Mir received serious injuries. He was reportedly taken to the Sub-District hospital Shangus for treatment. However, the ● More On P6

Pistols Found During Search Operation

SRINAGAR: The government forces on Friday recovered arms and ammunition from a village in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Army and police on Friday morning launched a search operation in Telangam village of the district and recovered four pistols and other ammunition from a militant hideout, officials said. "Further probe in the matter is underway," the official said.

Teen Biker Hits Pole, Dies

SRINAGAR: An 18-year-old motorcyclist was killed while another was injured in a road accident near Lowdara crossing on Bandipora-Srinagar highway in North Kashmir's Bandipora district, officials said on Friday. An official said that the motorcyclist identified as Asgar Ahmad (18) son of Ghulam Nabi a resident of Saderkoot lost control over his bike and collided with an electric pole, resulting in critical injuries to him. ● More On P6

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Policeman, Bihar Resident Shot Dead In Kulgam



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A railway policeman and a non-local resident on Friday were shot dead by militants in two separate attacks in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. Railway constable Bantu Sharma was fired upon by unidentified militants near Shemford School in Wanpoh area of the district on Friday evening, officials said. In the militant attack, Sharma sustained serious injuries. He was removed to a nearby hospital in critical condition. However, the doctors there declared him dead on arrival, officials said.

Soon after Sharma's killing, a joint team of police and paramilitary reached the area and

launched a manhunt to nab the assailants, reports said.

According to the reports, the joint team questioned many passerby about the identity of the militants involved in the attack.

In a statement issued here this evening, a police spokesperson said that preliminary investigation has revealed that "terrorists" had fired indiscriminately upon police personnel Bantu Sharma son of Trilokinath Sharma resident of Wanpoh Kulgam near Shemford School Wanpoh around 6:00pm Friday.

"In this terror incident, he had sustained grievous bullet injuries and was shifted to hospital for the treatment, where he succumbed to his injuries," he said.

"Police has registered a case in this regard ● More On P6

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Wazir's Murder Was Planned For 2 Months: Police

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The accused in National Conference leader Trilochan Singh Wazir's murder case were planning his killing for the past two-three months and planted fake evidence to mislead the police, taking inspiration from Bollywood movie Drishyam', officials said on Thursday.

The body of 67-year-old Wazir with the head wrapped in a plastic bag was found on September 9 in a washroom of a flat in Moti Nagar in west Delhi, which was taken on rent by his acquaintance Harpreet Singh (31), a native of Amritsar.

Police said they have arrested two people from Jammu -- Rajender Chaudhary alias Raju Ganja (33) and Balbir Singh alias Billa (67) -- while two suspects Harpreet Singh and Harmeet Singh are absconding. Several police teams have been formed to trace the absconding accused.



The four accused had planned to dump the body at a metro station or IGI airport and visited the places but couldn't succeed in their plan, police said.

Elaborating on how it all happened, police said that Harpreet had called his classmate Chaudhary to Delhi from Mumbai on August 14, assuring him of the job of a taxi driver here.

On the directions of Harpreet, he left Delhi on September 1 from Basai Darapur and went to Punjab and ● More On P6

J&K Logs 155 More Covid Cases

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Friday 155 fresh cases of novel coronavirus, most of them from Srinagar city, while the deadly infection claimed one more life in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, 133 cases of Covid-19 were reported from Kashmir Valley and the remaining 22 from Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 327621.

In Valley, Srinagar reported the highest 96 new cases of coronavirus followed by Baramulla and Budgam with 8 each, Ganderbal 7, Kupwara 6, Pulwama and Bandipora 3 each and one each case from Anantnag and ● More On P6

Govt To Build Rs 40 Cr Transit Camp For KPs In Baramulla

Rehabilitation Of Kashmiri Migrants Our Core Concern: Sonowal

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced on Friday that a transit camp at a cost of Rs 40 crore will be constructed for accommodation of 336 Kashmiri Pandit migrant families here as part of efforts to rehabilitate them in the Kashmir Valley.

Sonowal made these remarks after laying the foundation stone of Transit Accommodation Camp at Khawjabagh here, an official



spokesperson said. The transit camp, having the accommodation facility for about 337 families, shall be constructed at an

estimated cost of Rs 4032 lakh with a cost of Rs 12 lakh on each flat. About 50 kanals of land has been acquired for the purpose. ● More On P6

Munda Hails Forces For Fighting Multi-Front Wars

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda on Friday lauded Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Jammu and Kashmir Police for fighting successful multi-front wars simultaneously including measures taken against militancy, crime and drugs. Munda, who is on two-day visit to Bandipora, made these remarks during his interaction with the CRPF personnel of 3rd Battalion during his visit to District Police Lines (DPL) at Kaloosa here, an official spokesperson said Friday. The Minister, he said, was briefed by Commandant CRPF 3rd battalion Rakesh Sharma about various measures taken in maintaining peace and harmony in the district. "The Union Minister appreciated ● More On P6

J&K Best Among Country In Terms Of Health Facilities: LG



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that the Union Territory is one of the best performing regions in the country in terms of health facilities and his administration has developed

state-of-the-art health infra to ensure the best medical facilities for our citizens

Sinha made these remarks during the inauguration of the first batch of BUMS at Government Unani Medical College, Ganderbal with Union Minister of AYUSH, and Ports, Shipping. ● More On P6

Launches 'Elderline' For Senior Citizens

The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday launched a national helpline for senior citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and announced that J&K maintenance and welfare for Parents and Senior citizens Rules 2021 will be notified in a few days. The LG launched the Senior Citizens National Helpline "Elderline"-14567 in J&K, at Raj Bhavan here on Friday, an official spokesperson said. The LG, he said, also distributed motorized ● More On P6

ACB Nabs Cop While Accepting Bribe

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A policeman was arrested by authorities of the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday while accepting a bribe from a person in connection with a case registered against the members of his family in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said.

The ACB received a written complaint alleging that Head Constable Bashir Ahmed, who is posted in Surankote police station, was demanding a bribe of Rs 10,000 from the complainant, they said.

The constable was the investigating officer in a case registered against the father, brother and ● More On P6

Tarigami Urges Govt To Review Sacking Order 'A Person Is Innocent Until Proven Guilty'

Press Trust of India

SRINAGAR: CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami on Friday said the latest orders of the Jammu and Kashmir administration regarding termination of a government employee's service for alleged involvement in terrorism and subversion and mandating vigilance clearance



for getting passports were arbitrary decisions that are not good in a democracy. ● More On P6

Art 370 Will Be Restored In Future: Mehbooba

Observer News Service

Slamming the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti on Friday said a time will come when Article 370 and 35A will be restored in Jammu and Kashmir and the government will be compelled to say that it ● More On P6

Leopard Mauls Minor In Budgam

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A minor boy on Friday was mauled to death by a leopard in Soibugh, area of central Kashmir's Budgam district.

7-year-old Arhan Showkat Mir of Haran village of Soibugh was outside his home on Friday evening when a leopard appeared there and pounced upon him,

reports said. The mutilated body of the minor was recovered by his family and neighbours around 60 meters from his home.

The killing of Arhan comes over three months after a minor girl was mauled to death by a leopard in a similar incident. On June 5, five-year-old Ada Yasir's mutilated body was recovered near a nursery in Ompora area of the district after nightlong search by her frantic family members. ● More On P6



How Kitchen Blast Consumed Family Dinner, Daughter In Handwara

Auqib Javed

Hours after sundown on 16 September 2021, Aadil Wani ambled towards home after hanging out with his friends in the village souk. He was in jolly mood and looking forward to have a dinner with his family. They had already huddled around Dastarkhwan and were calling him home for the last shared-meal of the day.

But he had no hunch that he would be soon attending a massive crisis created by a mysterious blast in his family kitchen.

Unlike his routine homecomings, he was rattled by the blast at his doorstep. Before a brief brain-fade moment numbed him, he

had seen an orange fire ball emanating from his kitchen. After regaining his posture, he ran inside. In the darkness which had to be driven out by his cellphone torch, he spotted something that skipped his heartbeat.

He yelled as his kid-sister lying in a pool of blood, but there was no response. "I took her in my arms and rushed her to the hospital within no time," Aadil told Kashmir Observer.

"I was desperately praying for her recovery, but she had bled profusely and couldn't survive." Saying this, Aadil wept bitterly over what he called a rudest shock of his life.

A Humanities student, his



seventeen-year-old sibling, Shabnum was the "brightest student and the most caring person" he had known.

"I had never imagined that she would die in-front of me," Aadil sobs. "I was helpless and couldn't even console her for the last time."



What happened at Handwara's Tarapora area at the twilight of Thursday might well be a case of a cryptic blast triggered

by some 'scrap' explosive—the fatal sounds of which are quite familiar in Kashmir—but the devastated scenes, many say, make it Kashmir's "regularized ruin".

As voiced by one of the witnesses, the blast which police is saying "took place in scrap materials consisting of unexploded shell and grenade" had left behind the war-torn scenes.

"The scene at the house was horrible," recalls Mohammad Yaseen, a neighbour who rushed to the Wani house soon after the blast.

"The food was scattered and the utensils in the kitchen were dotted with holes. The floor was awash with blood, while the blast-rattled comatose bodies were strewn all over the room."

After Yaseen and other neighbours took the blast victims to the hospital, Aadil was already mourning over his dead sibling's body. He was shocked to see his other family members being admitted in grievous injured state.

"I had no idea that my other family members were also injured in the blast," Aadil, struggling for words, says. "I was grappling with many emotions in one go and took time to make sense of the things."

With her family members admitted in different hospitals for treatment, Aadil was told that during his family dinner on September 16, the blast rocked the house soon after the electricity went off. ● More On P6



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06	05th Class	380=00	1600=00	1700=00
07	04th Class	350=00	1600=00	1700=00
08	03th Class	330=00	1600=00	1700=00
09	02nd Class	320=00	1500=00	1600=00
10	1st Class	300=00	1500=00	1600=00
11	U.K.G.	270=00	400=00	800=00
12	L.K.G.	260=00	400=00	800=00
13	Nursery	220=00	400=00	800=00

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05	1st Class	300=00	870=00	1100=00
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Subject: Interview for the post of Assistant Professor, Home Science in Higher Education Department.
NOTICE
DATED: - 16-09-2021

The following candidates are hereby shortlisted for interview for the post of Assistant Professor, Home Science in Higher Education Department to be held on 20-09-2021 at J&K Public Service Commission Office Complex, Solina, Srinagar.

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- All the documents must be published/accepted upto cut-off date.
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He said last year flu season was mild due to mitigation measures in place because to Covid-19 pandemic.

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He said everyone 6 months and older should get the annual flu vaccine before the start of flu season which begins in October and can last as late as May. Since it takes two weeks for flu vaccine to become fully effective, it is best to get the vaccine now. However, vaccination should continue to be offered throughout the flu season.

"While the vaccine is recommended for all, it is especially needed in young children, elderly, pregnant women and people with medical conditions," he added.

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This is significant in view of making aware the tourists and the general public about the latest water quality, depth, temperature, chemical parameters etc. of Dal Lake at such places.

For this purpose on the directions of Chief Secretary, J&K UT the detailed analysis of the water samples is being regularly carried out by the J&K Pollution Control Board in close coordination with the Research and Monitoring wing of LWDA for displaying it on LED Display Boards.

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Dr Hassan said you can catch the flu and Covid at the same time and that increases your risk of ending up in ICU or on a ventilator.

"Flu can weaken your immune system, which could make you susceptible to getting Covid and make it harder for you to fight off," he said.

The DAK President said getting a flu shot will decrease a person's risk of getting Covid-19. It will also limit the confusion over the two viral infections, which

have similar symptoms, and free up hospital beds to treat patients with Covid-19.

He said last year flu season was mild due to mitigation measures in place because of Covid-19 pandemic.

However, as we participate in more in-person activities, we expect that influenza could circulate at much higher levels this fall and winter.

"Flu vaccine is the single best way to protect you and people around you from getting flu. It reduces the chances of serious illness, hospitalization and death," Dr Nisar said.

He said everyone 6 months and older should get the annual flu vaccine before the start of flu season which begins in October and can last as late as May. Since it takes two weeks for flu vaccine to become fully effective, it is best to get the vaccine now. However, vaccination should continue to be offered throughout the flu season.

"While the vaccine is recommended for all, it is especially needed in young children, elderly, pregnant women and people with medical conditions," he added.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

FOR MACADAM WORKS

DATED: 16-09-2021.

NIT No. 45 of 2021-22/8056-72

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Ref. to T.S	Ref. to Auth. /A.A	M.Head
1	Restoration of road Pot holes at Syedpora Hamchi to Batpora by way of providing and laying 50mm thick bituminous macadam in patches/steatches and 40mm dense bituminous concrete in steatches (Machine mixed to be laid with paver).	4,50,000/- Incl. C/o tar	200/-	02 Days	AAY (Civil)/ (HMPO) & Regd. HMPO	SE PWD (R&B) Sgr-Bud/436 of 2021-22 dtd.14-09-2021	Auth. No. CE/R&B/K/Plg/21785-94 dtd.15-09-2021	3054 (M&R) Potholes 2021-22

Position of Funds:- Available. (Formal LOI /AOC will be issued after funds are released on BEAMS).

1. 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 dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16/09/2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	17.09.2021 from 10.00 AM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	17.09.2021 from 10.30 AM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	22.09.2021 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	23.09.2021 at 11:00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Construction Division No. 1st Sgr.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Construction Division No. 1st Sgr. (tender inviting authority) and Bid security Declaration as per format given in SBD. The Performance Security Deposit has to be submitted by the lowest bidder L1 (3% of quoted cost) within two (2) days from the date of Opening of Bids which will be released after successful completion of work with DLP.

3. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Construction Division No. 1st Sgr. (tender receiving authority).

4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

5. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-

a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws 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.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

6.1. 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 to acquaint bid submission process.

6.2. 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.

6.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.

6.6. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

7. The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT and SBD.

8. All other terms and conditions shall be strictly as per SBD circulated vide letter No. CE/R&B/HD/29158-88 dated 10-02-2018

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LAWDA Initiates Process Of Installation Of LED Display Units In Dal Lake

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Lakes and Waterways Development Authority, Srinagar, through its Mechanical Engineering Wing, has initiated the process of installation of LED Display Units on various prime locations on the periphery of the Dal Lake.

The LED Display Units at Oberoi Ghat, Nishat, Makai Park, Nehru Park and Hazratbal shall be displaying the latest Chemical Characteristics of the Water quality and rest of the parameters of Dal Lake at such places which is of paramount im-

portance as being quite often visited by the tourists and the public.

This is significant in view of making aware the tourists and the general public about the latest water quality, depth, temperature, chemical parameters etc. of Dal Lake at such places.

For this purpose on the directions of Chief Secretary, J&K UT the detailed analysis of the water samples is being regularly carried out by the J&K Pollution Control Board in close coordination with the Research and Monitoring wing of LWDA for displaying it on LED Display Boards.

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From KO Archives

4 Teenagers Die In LoC Blast

Jawan, 5 Militants Among 10 Killed

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Four teenagers were blown to pieces after a live artillery shell they were fiddling with in a village in Uri sector of the line of the control (LoC) exploded today. Elsewhere, 10 people including a jawan and five militants were killed even as security forces arrested a militant across the state since yesterdays. Some shops in Tral bazaar were damaged in an IED blast near the bus stand last night.

According to reports received from Uri, 4 teenagers including a brother and a sister in the age group of 12 and 14 were killed at Garkot village on the Wednesday afternoon in a Shell explosion.

Three teenagers were out grazing the cattle when one of them found some unexploded shells in the field. When one of the boy started fiddling with a shell it exploded killing all three of them on spot, police sources in the Baramulla said. The village has been witness to intermittent exchange of artillery shells and mortar firing between India and Pakistani troops during recent weeks.

Lance Naik Gian Singh of 14 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) was killed when a group of militants ambushed an army patrol in Panar forests in Bandipora area of Baramulla district in north Kashmir, earlier an official spokesman said.

He said troops returned the fire but the militants escaped. Reinforcements had been rushed to the forest area to flush out the militants. The operation was going on when the reports last came in.

In another incident, a militant identified as Muhammad Asgar Khan alias Waheed s. o. Gulsham Rabhani of Chak Arsal Khan was killed in an armed clash with the troops of 14 Rashtriya Rifles a at Chek Arsalan khan in Bandipora last night, the spokesman said. Some arms and ammunition were recovered from the spot.

Unidentified gunmen shot dead Ab Razak Lone s/o Gulsham Ahmad Inside his house at Waterkhani Drugmulla in Kupwara district early last night.

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"A 35 year old man died of COVID in Srinagar today. He was unvaccinated. Please follow COVID appropriate behaviour, wear masks, maintain social distancing and please GET VACCINATION DONE"

@DrSalimKhan

"I think one of the biggest misfortunes for our generation is that entertainers are paid millions to momentarily appease us while academics and researchers are paid peanuts"

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"Journalism degrees should not cost a bomb, anywhere in the world. If they do, you are going to have mostly rich kids joining. Rich kids not necessarily dumb but if you have kids predominantly from privileged backgrounds, you are not going to get perspectives of the vulnerable"

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Inflexion Points And Carbon Price

Arunabha Ghosh

India's economic future is severely threatened by the climate crisis. With the rapid rollout of renewables, its energy transition is well underway. But two other aspects need closer attention: reducing industrial emissions and removing atmospheric carbon dioxide. Both are laden with uncertainties and risks, yet require more attention from policymakers, innovators and investors.

Renewables, alone, will not suffice. Heavy industries need high-intensity heat. Industries will account for nearly a third of India's emissions in 2050, at which time nearly two-thirds of industrial energy would still be derived from fossil fuels. Without CCS/CCUS, the path to decarbonising the industrial sector becomes that much harder. The push for green (renewables-derived) hydrogen is certainly helpful, but CCS would play a role in bending the emissions curve.

Some Indian private and public enterprises are putting up CCS pilots. Dalmia Cement has a carbon footprint of 546 kgCO₂/tonne (40% lower than the global average). In order to drop to 30 kgCO₂/tonne by 2040, it plans to use CCUS starting with a 0.5 MtCO₂ per annum facility. Tata Steel just commissioned a CO₂ capture facility of 5 tonnes per day at Jamshedpur. BHEL, NALCO and ONGC are also in the CCUS fray.

Despite decades of development in fits and starts, CCUS continues to face three key challenges: It is still too expensive, risky (public concerns about safe carbon storage), and not enough to solve the climate crisis. Critically, even if carbon could be embedded in products like synthetic fuels, CCUS does not remove atmospheric CO₂. While emissions would be reduced, the climate would continue changing.

Hence, the other controversial set of technologies is carbon dioxide removal (CDR), or pulling carbon out of the atmosphere and storing it for long periods. The options range from nature-based solutions, like forests and regenerative farming, to converting biomass, burning it in power plants and capturing carbon, to more engineered solutions like direct air capture via mechanical processes, or enhanced weathering of rocks or ocean alkalinisation.

CDR cannot substitute for hard emission mitigation efforts. As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change noted recently, CDR can deal with the residual emissions to reach net-zero. Some might even consider CDR only after complete decarbonisation

to remove legacy carbon in the atmosphere.

Moreover, CDR options vary not only in costs but also social and environmental impacts. For instance, a marginal farmer practising agroforestry is able to sequester atmospheric carbon and retain soil carbon. Her impact on land, water or infrastructure would be very different from a solution that converts farmland for foodgrain into growing plants merely to capture carbon without considering consequences for food security or biodiversity. Ocean-based CDR has some advantages over terrestrial options, particularly because of the vast areas available. But these might also adversely impact marine ecosystems and the high seas are almost entirely ungoverned. Each CDR technology should be carefully assessed across several dimensions lest new crises emerge in solving for the climate one.

Despite the technological uncertainties, both CCUS and CDR are likely to gain in prominence. The imperative of responding to a rapidly changing climate is evident. There will be rising threats of trade barriers related to climate action or inaction. Countries and companies would have to demonstrate that they are capturing or removing carbon and storing in order to access export markets. Tens, perhaps hundreds, of billions of dollars are likely to flow.

Carbon prices cover about a fifth of global emissions. Some firms are already experimenting with internal carbon prices before choosing technologies. But the values are generally too low to budge the needle. India will need a carbon price of \$57-\$68/tCO₂ for CCS to kick in depending on whether the net-zero target year is 2050 or 2070. To have just 10% CCS in fossil plus biomass in the primary energy mix, these values jump to \$108-\$119 (\$239-\$271 for 25%). This is assuming that hydrogen also plays a role.

Variations in carbon prices create trade uncertainties for firms operating in different geographies. Greater transparency of prices imposed and actions taken (with credible verification) will be needed.

The transition to a low-carbon future is both necessary and complicated. After renewables, industrial emissions reduction and atmospheric carbon removal will be frontiers of climate technologies. As climate targets evolve, investment criteria change and trade barriers emerge, India would do well to start seriously considering its technological options for business competitiveness.

Financial Express

Domestic Violence: A Silent Malady

Sama Zehra

Looking at "domestic crimes" through the lens of misogyny and patriarchy, it was commonly considered in the 1970s that guilty or violent acts committed under wedlock were too inappropriate to be prosecuted or brought to societal notice. This pointless belief was held by both, men and women equally, and a non-interventionist approach was adopted towards crimes committed behind the veil of marriage. The popular perception towards "domestic violence" was it being an internal or private matter of the family, therefore, the plight of married women was completely neglected and she was left at mercy of God. The male chauvinistic beliefs were firmly held, the wife was regarded as a literal property of the husband under law.

However, with the education and involvement of women in activism, the voice of this patriarchal and archaic ideology was gradually throttled.

The society of the 1970s was in total mayhem and chaos; social evils like Sati were still put into practice despite its abolition in 1827. Females were subjected to violence, ruthless demands of dowry were continuously being made, countless cases of dowry death were reported, the greater value was put on money than on a female life, women were treated as second class citizens; these reasons became a precursor to the right's movement of women and rise of woman activism in India. Chipko movement of 1973, marked the inception of women's activism in India, for the first-time women stood against all odds for their beliefs and rights. Since then, there has been no looking back. Women's oppression in society became more visible as they became increasingly active in activism. Women from diverse castes and classes came together, co-operated, and protested against domestic violence and the male-oriented society. This upsurge in activism led to addressal of significant historical, moral, and legal inequalities faced by Indian women. They began breaking the shackles of abusive relationships, advocating for their "right to life" and gradually, these measures provided the impetus for the introduction of Laws against Domestic Violence and dowry.

Dowry prohibition Act was passed in 1961. However, the act did not bring the desired outcome. Countless dowry deaths were reported but many would go unreported. There was a dire need for stringent provisions to punish abusive husbands. This led to the introduction of sec. 304B IPC and 498AIPC.

Section 304B talks about "dowry death" and states that, if a woman dies during the first seven years of her marriage and it is shown that "soon



WILL SHE GO THROUGH SECONDARY victimization? Will it leave a scar on the family honor? Will she be held responsible for the abusive behavior of her husband? Why do we always teach women to have patience? Why aren't women taught to stand firm for their rights?

before" her death, she was exposed to cruelty either by her husband or his family or in connection with any kind of dowry demand, such death shall be considered a dowry death. Courts have time and again, strengthened the provisions regarding women's protection. Recently, the Supreme court widened the scope of sec. 304B by replacing the stringent and narrow interpretation of the phrase, "soon before" with a wide and detailed analysis. The court held that the phrase should not be misinterpreted as "immediately" or "exactly before her death", rather a "proximate and live link" should be made out.

Similarly, in the year 1986, sec. 498A was passed to curb the menace of "domestic abuse" against married women. This section penalizes the husband or his relatives who willfully subject the wife to cruelty, incite or abet her to commit suicide, or coerce her to fulfill unlawful demands. The definition of cruelty is defined under subsection (a) of s. 498A and over the years, the courts have expanded its scope drastically. While demonstrating a zero-tolerance policy towards cruelty against women, Madhya Pradesh HC held that coercing a married woman to live in her parental home after marriage also amounts to cruelty. In a case of dowry death before the Madras High Court, the victim's in-laws lived separately from her, yet pushed the husband to

make illegal dowry demands; inflicting extreme mental agony to the victim, who eventually committed suicide. The court held that in-laws cannot escape culpability merely because they did not reside with the victim. Often called a tool of "legal terrorism", this section has faced harsh criticism for being misused by women however, the allegation is baseless and without any backing by concrete data or proof.

Gaps and loopholes were present in both, 304B and 498A, which allowed patriarchy to stand firm and somewhat paralyzed the Justice delivery system.

Finally, it was the year 2005 when Domestic Violence Act was introduced. It filled the gray areas left by the earlier provisions and provided protection to all members living in a domestic relationship. DVA not only protects married women, but it also acts as a guard to the rights of divorced women, or any other member of the family, related by blood, marriage, or adoption. Under this Act, a person can be penalized for an act, omission, or commission. In the earlier acts, emphasis was put on physical abuse however, DVA gives equal importance to mental, sexual, and economic abuse. From name-calling, ridicule, humiliation to violating the dignity of women, everything has been addressed clearly in the Act.

Even after the introduction of numerous provisions and acts, the sad reality remains. Women are still suffering

from domestic violence and living life at the behest of their husbands. The influx of such cases is higher in rural and underdeveloped areas of India, where there is a lack of proper awareness.

Sadly, the cases of domestic abuse and violence, have reached their apex during the Covid lockdown. The situation is even worse in disturbed places like Kashmir.

Statistics state that Gender-based violence has been on the rise in the conflict-torn area, which has suffered back-to-back lockdowns that have restricted residents to their houses over more than two years. The lockdown has badly impacted the lower strata of society e.g., the daily wagers, laborers; it has not only barred the door to livelihood but has also cursed this segment of society with psychological disorders like anxiety and depression.

Issues of gender violence, prejudice, and discrimination are almost ingrained in our society. Women are told not to raise their opinions or voices against male chauvinistic beliefs. In our superficial society, a woman is taught that she must "preserve her marriage" and "family honor" even if it means risking her life. In a society where marriage is seen as the "start and end" of a woman's life, a woman who tries to break free from patriarchal obstacles and ideas or from an unhappy marriage, is deemed an outcast.

Before filing for a divorce, a woman suffering in an abusive relationship has to think millions of times about the views of the next-door neighbor, about comments that will be passed by family members and friends, and about how her divorce/separation will be perceived by the society. Will she go through secondary victimization? Will it leave a scar on the family honor? Will she be held responsible for the abusive behavior of her husband? Why do we always teach women to have patience? Why aren't women taught to stand firm for their rights?

A person who abuses, hits, emotionally abuses, and ridicules deserves a place behind the bars. No level of patience will humanize such a rotten soul, no amount of time will heal the mental wounds inflicted on the wife.

It is the 21st century, how long will women hide their bruises and scars? It is high time for society to realize that a divorced daughter is better than a dead daughter. The malady of domestic violence is silently poisoning the very foundation of our society, the sooner we understand the better.

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Cost Of America's Longest War

Waseem Shahzad

The US lost the war in Afghanistan. It was a stunning defeat at many levels, not least that a self-proclaimed superpower had its nose rubbed in the dust by a rag-tag band of Afghan fighters armed with Kalashnikovs and Imaan (faith). Only the Washington warlords are in denial. They made tons of money from America's longest war. That also explains why

WEDDING PARTIES, funerals, school functions as well as hospitals were all bombed by the trigger-happy Americans. No compensation or apology were ever offered. They were not deemed necessary since the Americans—and indeed Western oligarchs in general—consider other people as subhuman

they chastised US President Joe Biden for pulling American troops out of the country after 20 years of blood-letting. If the war had continued, it would not have led to a different outcome. It is, however, not a different outcome the warlords are after. For them, war is a money-making racket and they wanted it to continue even if the result would be more deaths and destruction—of others as well as some Americans.

America's warlords have never cared for other peoples' lives. In his address on August 16, not once did Biden mention the hundreds of thousands of Afghans murdered by America's war machine. He only talked about US casualties and why he was not willing to send more "American sons and daughters" to die in distant lands or return home maimed and disfigured. "American troops cannot and should

not be fighting in a war and dying in a war that Afghan forces are not willing to fight for themselves... We gave them every chance to determine their own future. What we could not provide them was the will to fight for that future," Biden said. Missing from this narrative was the fact that it was the US that imposed the war on Afghanistan. The Afghans did not start it.

Let us briefly compare US/NATO casualties with those of the Afghans. These include Taliban fighters, Afghan army soldiers and civilians killed in US/NATO's relentless bombardment from the air and ground. Wedding parties, funerals, school functions as well as hospitals were all bombed by the trigger-happy Americans. No compensation or

US-NATO war on Afghanistan, estimates that in all, between 171,000 and 176,000 people were killed in the war. It put the Taliban death toll at nearly 51,000. Even these figures do not accurately reflect the reality of Afghan suffering.

There are other figures that are seldom, if ever mentioned or acknowledged by the US: casualties suffered by Pakistan. General Pervez Musharraf's disastrous decision to surrender to US demands resulted in more than 70,000 Pakistani deaths (military and civilian) and financial losses of more than \$150 billion. Successive Pakistani governments—Asif Ali Zardari and Nawaz Sharif—allowed American drones to continue to kill Pakistani civilians including children in dereliction of their

Pentagon's Overseas Contingency Operations (War)	\$933 billion
Pentagon's War-related base budget increases	\$443 billion
Veterans' Care	\$269 billion
State Department War budget	\$59 billion
Interest to date	\$530 billion
Total cost to date	\$2.26 trillion

responsibility to protect Pakistani lives. They were also murdered by the Tehrik-e Taliban terrorists (TTP) that were and are still sheltered in Afghanistan.

Let us turn to the financial cost of the US war on Afghanistan. The Pentagon says its cost was \$1 trillion. Technically, this is correct because the Pentagon only takes into account the cost of equipment and salaries of the nearly 800,000 troops rotated through Afghanistan over 20 years. What is missing from this figure is "reconstruction costs", costs of hiring private contractors and "training" of Afghan soldiers and police as well as interest on borrowed money. Brown University's Costs of War Project has provided a much more realistic figure of \$2.26 trillion.

It gives the following breakdown based on estimated Congressional appropriations and spending for FY2001 – FY2021: Staggering as the above figure is, it "does not include funds that the United States government is obligated to spend on lifetime care for American veterans of this war, nor does it include future

interest payments on money borrowed to fund the war," says Brown's study.

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Inflexion Points And Carbon Price

Arunabha Ghosh

India's economic future is severely threatened by the climate crisis. With the rapid rollout of renewables, its energy transition is well underway. But two other aspects need closer attention: reducing industrial emissions and removing atmospheric carbon dioxide. Both are laden with uncertainties and risks, yet require more attention from policymakers, innovators and investors.

Renewables, alone, will not suffice. Heavy industries need high-intensity heat. Industries will account for nearly a third of India's emissions in 2050, at which time nearly two-thirds of industrial energy would still be derived from fossil fuels. Without CCS/CCUS, the path to decarbonising the industrial sector becomes that much harder. The push for green (renewables-derived) hydrogen is certainly helpful, but CCS would play a role in bending the emissions curve.

Some Indian private and public enterprises are putting up CCS pilots. Dalmia Cement has a carbon footprint of 546 kgCO₂/tonne (40% lower than the global average). In order to drop to 30 kgCO₂/tonne by 2040, it plans to use CCUS starting with a 0.5 MtCO₂ per annum facility. Tata Steel just commissioned a CO₂ capture facility of 5 tonnes per day at Jamshedpur. BHEL, NALCO and ONGC are also in the CCUS fray.

Despite decades of development in fits and starts, CCUS continues to face three key challenges: It is still too expensive, risky (public concerns about safe carbon storage), and not enough to solve the climate crisis. Critically, even if carbon could be embedded in products like synthetic fuels, CCUS does not remove atmospheric CO₂. While emissions would be reduced, the climate would continue changing.

Hence, the other controversial set of technologies is carbon dioxide removal (CDR), or pulling carbon out of the atmosphere and storing it for long periods. The options range from nature-based solutions, like forests and regenerative farming, to converting biomass, burning it in power plants and capturing carbon, to more engineered solutions like direct air capture via mechanical processes, or enhanced weathering of rocks or ocean alkalisation.

CDR cannot substitute for hard emission mitigation efforts. As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change noted recently, CDR can deal with the residual emissions to reach net-zero. Some might even consider CDR only after complete decarbonisation

tion to remove legacy carbon in the atmosphere.

Moreover, CDR options vary not only in costs but also social and environmental impacts. For instance, a marginal farmer practising agroforestry is able to sequester atmospheric carbon and retain soil carbon. Her impact on land, water or infrastructure would be very different from a solution that converts farmland for foodgrain into growing plants merely to capture carbon without considering consequences for food security or biodiversity. Ocean-based CDR has some advantages over terrestrial options, particularly because of the vast areas available. But these might also adversely impact marine ecosystems and the high seas are almost entirely ungoverned. Each CDR technology should be carefully assessed across several dimensions lest new crises emerge in solving for the climate one.

Despite the technological uncertainties, both CCUS and CDR are likely to gain in prominence. The imperative of responding to a rapidly changing climate is evident. There will be rising threats of trade barriers related to climate action or inaction. Countries and companies would have to demonstrate that they are capturing or removing carbon and storing in order to access export markets. Tens, perhaps hundreds, of billions of dollars are likely to flow.

Carbon prices cover about a fifth of global emissions. Some firms are already experimenting with internal carbon prices before choosing technologies. But the values are generally too low to budge the needle. India will need a carbon price of \$57-\$68/tCO₂ for CCS to kick in depending on whether the net-zero target year is 2050 or 2070. To have just 10% CCS in fossil plus biomass in the primary energy mix, these values jump to \$108-\$119 (\$239-\$271 for 25%). This is assuming that hydrogen also plays a role.

Variations in carbon prices create trade uncertainties for firms operating in different geographies. Greater transparency of prices imposed and actions taken (with credible verification) will be needed.

The transition to a low-carbon future is both necessary and complicated. After renewables, industrial emissions reduction and atmospheric carbon removal will be frontiers of climate technologies. As climate targets evolve, investment criteria change and trade barriers emerge, India would do well to start seriously considering its technological options for business competitiveness.

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Domestic Violence: A Silent Malady

Sama Zehra

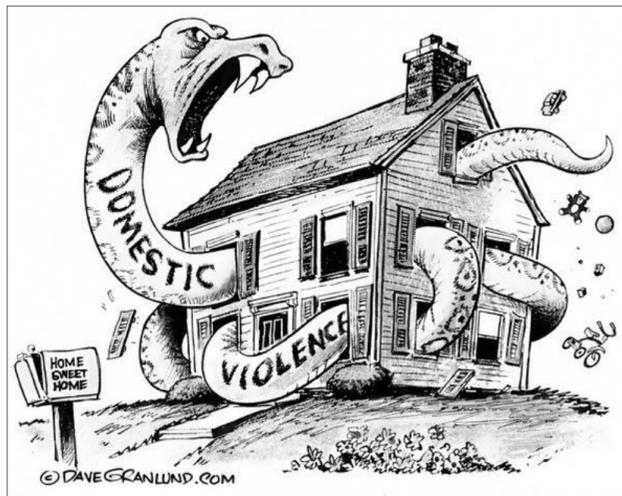
Looking at "domestic crimes" through the lens of misogyny and patriarchy, it was commonly considered in the 1970s that guilty or violent acts committed under wedlock were too inappropriate to be prosecuted or brought to societal notice. This pointless belief was held by both, men and women equally, and a non-interventionist approach was adopted towards crimes committed behind the veil of marriage. The popular perception towards "domestic violence" was it being an internal or private matter of the family, therefore, the plight of married women was completely neglected and she was left at mercy of God. The male chauvinistic beliefs were firmly held, the wife was regarded as a literal property of the husband under law.

However, with the education and involvement of women in activism, the voice of this patriarchal and archaic ideology was gradually throttled.

The society of the 1970s was in total mayhem and chaos; social evils like Sati were still put into practice despite its abolition in 1827. Females were subjected to violence, ruthless demands of dowry were continuously being made, countless cases of dowry death were reported, the greater value was put on money than on a female life, women were treated as second class citizens; these reasons became a precursor to the right's movement of women and rise of woman activism in India. Chipko movement of 1973, marked the inception of women's activism in India, for the first-time women stood against all odds for their beliefs and rights. Since then, there has been no looking back. Women's oppression in society became more visible as they became increasingly active in activism. Women from diverse castes and classes came together, co-operated, and protested against domestic violence and the male-oriented society. This upsurge in activism led to addressal of significant historical, moral, and legal inequalities faced by Indian women. They began breaking the shackles of abusive relationships, advocating for their "right to life" and gradually, these measures provided the impetus for the introduction of Laws against Domestic Violence and dowry.

Dowry prohibition Act was passed in 1961. However, the act did not bring the desired outcome. Countless dowry deaths were reported but many would go unreported. There was a dire need for stringent provisions to punish abusive husbands. This led to the introduction of sec. 304B IPC and 498A IPC.

Section 304B talks about "dowry death" and states that, if a woman dies during the first seven years of her marriage and it is shown that "soon



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before" her death, she was exposed to cruelty either by her husband or his family or in connection with any kind of dowry demand, such death shall be considered a dowry death. Courts have time and again, strengthened the provisions regarding women's protection. Recently, the Supreme court widened the scope of sec. 304B by replacing the stringent and narrow interpretation of the phrase, "soon before" with a wide and detailed analysis. The court held that the phrase should not be misinterpreted as "immediately" or "exactly before her death", rather a "proximate and live link" should be made out.

Similarly, in the year 1986, sec. 498A was passed to curb the menace of "domestic abuse" against married women. This section penalizes the husband or his relatives who willfully subject the wife to cruelty, incite or abet her to commit suicide, or coerce her to fulfill unlawful demands. The definition of cruelty is defined under subsection (a) of s. 498A and over the years, the courts have expanded its scope drastically. While demonstrating a zero-tolerance policy towards cruelty against women, Madhya Pradesh HC held that coercing a married woman to live in her parental home after marriage also amounts to cruelty. In a case of dowry death before the Madras High Court, the victim's in-laws lived separately from her, yet pushed the husband to

make illegal dowry demands; inflicting extreme mental agony to the victim, who eventually committed suicide. The court held that in-laws cannot escape culpability merely because they did not reside with the victim. Often called a tool of "legal terrorism", this section has faced harsh criticism for being misused by women however, the allegation is baseless and without any backing by concrete data or proof.

Gaps and loopholes were present in both, 304B and 498A, which allowed patriarchy to stand firm and somewhat paralyzed the Justice delivery system.

Finally, it was the year 2005 when Domestic Violence Act was introduced. It filled the gray areas left by the earlier provisions and provided protection to all members living in a domestic relationship. DVA not only protects married women, but it also acts as a guard to the rights of divorced women, or any other member of the family, related by blood, marriage, or adoption. Under this Act, a person can be penalized for an act, omission, or commission. In the earlier acts, emphasis was put on physical abuse however, DVA gives equal importance to mental, sexual, and economic abuse. From name-calling, ridicule, humiliation to violating the dignity of women, everything has been addressed clearly in the Act.

Even after the introduction of numerous provisions and acts, the sad reality remains. Women are still suffering

from domestic violence and living life at the behest of their husbands. The influx of such cases is higher in rural and underdeveloped areas of India, where there is a lack of proper awareness.

Sadly, the cases of domestic abuse and violence, have reached their apex during the Covid lockdown. The situation is even worse in disturbed places like Kashmir.

Statistics state that Gender-based violence has been on the rise in the conflict-torn area, which has suffered back-to-back lockdowns that have restricted residents to their houses over more than two years. The lockdown has badly impacted the lower strata of society e.g., the daily wagers, laborers; it has not only barred the door to livelihood but has also cursed this segment of society with psychological disorders like anxiety and depression.

Issues of gender violence, prejudice, and discrimination are almost ingrained in our society. Women are told not to raise their opinions or voices against male chauvinistic beliefs. In our superficial society, a woman is taught that she must "preserve her marriage" and "family honor" even if it means risking her life. In a society where marriage is seen as the "start and end" of a woman's life, a woman who tries to break free from patriarchal obstacles and ideas or from an unhappy marriage, is deemed an outcast.

Before filing for a divorce, a woman suffering in an abusive relationship has to think millions of times about the views of the next-door neighbor, about comments that will be passed by family members and friends, and about how her divorce/separation will be perceived by the society. Will she go through secondary victimization? Will it leave a scar on the family honor? Will she be held responsible for the abusive behavior of her husband? Why do we always teach women to have patience? Why aren't women taught to stand firm for their rights?

A person who abuses, hits, emotionally abuses, and ridicules deserves a place behind the bars. No level of patience will humanize such a rotten soul, no amount of time will heal the mental wounds inflicted on the wife.

It is the 21st century, how long will women hide their bruises and scars? It is high time for society to realize that a divorced daughter is better than a dead daughter. The malady of domestic violence is silently poisoning the very foundation of our society, the sooner we understand the better.

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Cost Of America's Longest War

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The US lost the war in Afghanistan. It was a stunning defeat at many levels, not least that a self-proclaimed superpower had its nose rubbed in the dust by a ragtag band of Afghan fighters armed with Kalashnikovs and Imaan (faith). Only the Washington warlords are in denial. They made tons of money from America's longest war. That also explains why

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they chastised US President Joe Biden for pulling American troops out of the country after 20 years of blood-letting. If the war had continued, it would not have led to a different outcome. It is, however, not a different outcome the warlords are after. For them, war is a money-making racket and they wanted it to continue even if the result would be more deaths and destruction—of others as well as some Americans.

America's warlords have never cared for other peoples' lives. In his address on August 16, not once did Biden mention the hundreds of thousands of Afghans murdered by America's war machine. He only talked about US casualties and why he was not willing to send more "American sons and daughters" to die in distant lands or return home maimed and disfigured. "American troops cannot and should

not be fighting in a war and dying in a war that Afghan forces are not willing to fight for themselves... We gave them every chance to determine their own future. What we could not provide them was the will to fight for that future," Biden said. Missing from this narrative was the fact that it was the US that imposed the war on Afghanistan. The Afghans did not start it.

Let us briefly compare US/NATO casualties with those of the Afghans. These include Taliban fighters, Afghan army soldiers and civilians killed in US/NATO's relentless bombardment from the air and ground. Wedding parties, funerals, school functions as well as hospitals were all bombed by the trigger-happy Americans. No compensation or

US-NATO war on Afghanistan, estimates that in all, between 171,000 and 176,000 people were killed in the war. It put the Taliban death toll at nearly 51,000. Even these figures do not accurately reflect the reality of Afghan suffering.

There are other figures that are seldom, if ever mentioned or acknowledged by the US: casualties suffered by Pakistan. General Pervez Musharraf's disastrous decision to surrender to US demands resulted in more than 70,000 Pakistani deaths (military and civilian) and financial losses of more than \$150 billion. Successive Pakistani governments—Asif Ali Zardari and Nawaz Sharif—allowed American drones to continue to kill Pakistani civilians including children in dereliction of their

Pentagon's Overseas Contingency Operations (War)	\$933 billion
Pentagon's War-related base budget increases	\$443 billion
Veterans' Care	\$269 billion
State Department War budget	\$59 billion
Interest to date	\$530 billion
Total cost to date	\$2.26 trillion

responsibility to protect Pakistani lives. They were also murdered by the Tehrik-e Taliban terrorists (TTP) that were and are still sheltered in Afghanistan.

Let us turn to the financial cost of the US war on Afghanistan. The Pentagon says its cost was \$1 trillion. Technically, this is correct because the Pentagon only takes into account the cost of equipment and salaries of the nearly 800,000 troops rotated through Afghanistan over 20 years. What is missing from this figure is "reconstruction costs", costs of hiring private contractors and "training" of Afghan soldiers and police as well as interest on borrowed money. Brown University's Costs of War Project has provided a much more realistic figure of \$2.26 trillion.

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This can all be done via "zero-click" technology, meaning that one does not have to click on a compromised link or do anything else for one's phone to become infected.

As if Bahraini human rights campaigners didn't already have enough on their plates in a torture-happy kingdom before, you know, the full obliteration of the right to privacy.

And yet the Citizen Lab report is merely the latest episode in the dystopian science fiction thriller that we are presently inhabiting on earth.

In July, the Pegasus Project – a consortium of 17 media outlets working with Amnesty International and the Paris-based NGO Forbidden Stories – revealed a leaked list of more than 50,000 smartphone numbers from across the world. The majority of the numbers were concentrated in countries known to have been clients of NSO, suggesting that the list was a compilation of potential surveillance targets.

The Washington Post, one of the affiliated outlets, explained that 37 of the listed phones had thus far been confirmed as targets of attempted or successful hacking by Pegasus spyware. Among the phones' owners were journalists, activists, and "the two women closest to Saudi columnist" Jamal Khashoggi, who was murdered by agents of the Saudi state on October 2, 2018.

Exactly one day before the murder, Citizen Lab had warned with "high confidence" that the phone of Omar Abdulaziz, a Saudi critic in Canada, had been infected by Pegasus. Abdulaziz, it turned out, was a close friend and frequent correspondent of Khashoggi.

And while NSO representatives vociferously deny complicity in any sort of wrongdoing ever, the list of coincidences goes on.

More than 15,000 of the 50,000 phone numbers, for example, were in Mexico – which holds the distinction of having been NSO's first international client-slash-guinea pig in 2011. Reflecting on the fate of Mexican freelance reporter Cecilio Pineda, who was shot to death in a hammock after his number appeared twice on the infamous list, the Washington Post threw in the disclaimer: "It is unclear what role, if any, Pegasus's ability to geolocate its targets in real time contributed to his murder".

According to Reuters, Mexican government agencies signed contracts worth upwards of \$160m with NSO Group between 2011 and 2018, primarily during the reign of right-wing President Enrique Peña Nieto. Thanks to the investment, Pegasus operators were able to target, inter alia, investigators looking into the forcible disappearance of 43 students in the state of Guerrero by Mexican security forces in 2014. Also targeted were the wife, children, and cardiologist of left-wing politician Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who has since succeeded Peña Nieto.

Back over in Bahrain, Citizen Lab has verified that five out of the nine recently hacked numbers appear on the Pegasus Project list. Although Bahrain and Israel only formally normalised relations last year, a bilateral affinity predated the official declaration of love, and the Bahraini government is believed to have added Pegasus spyware to its repressive arsenal in 2017.

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE), which also celebrated normalisation with Israel last year, has long been in bed with Israeli spying technology – as evidenced by a mass civil surveillance system called Falcon Eye installed in Abu Dhabi by an Israeli-owned company.

A 2015 Middle East Eye article quoted a source close to Falcon Eye on its functions: "Every person is monitored from the moment they leave their doorstep to the moment they return to it. Their work, social and behavioural patterns are recorded, analysed and archived".

As if that were not Big Brother enough, the phone of the author of that article went on to end up – where else? – on the Pegasus Project list.

In 2016, meanwhile, analysts documented a Pegasus hacking attempt against decorated Emirati human rights defender Ahmed Mansoor, who is currently imprisoned for such heinous crimes as insulting the "status and prestige of the UAE". What, after all, could possibly be criticised in a prestigious country where civil liberties have been wiped out and replaced with shopping malls and artificial islands – and where persons suspected of opposition to the arrangement are eligible for jail time,

torture, and disappearance?

So much for NSO's "Human Rights Policy", which appears on the firm's website and is said to entail "contractual obligations requiring NSO's customers to limit the use of the company's products to the prevention and investigation of serious crimes, including terrorism, and to ensure that the products will not be used to violate human rights".

Ostensibly as an additional safeguard, the Israeli defence ministry must approve all sales of NSO spyware to clients across the globe.

Of course, given that Israel's own definition of counterterrorism involves, like, bombing Palestinian civilians, it is not difficult to see how human rights might fall by the wayside.

Indeed, Israel's unique position as an apartheid state and violent occupying power has given it a significant advantage in the export of traditional armaments as well as cybersecurity products and other repressive expertise, all battle-tested on real live Palestinians.

As of 2016, Israel already possessed the most surveillance companies per capita anywhere on the planet. And as the case of NSO and Pegasus illustrates, the private surveillance industry is able to soar to ever greater heights courtesy of an abundance of ex-Israeli military

cyberspies keen to get in on the action in a lucrative and largely unregulated field.

In 2019, incidentally, Facebook-owned WhatsApp filed a lawsuit against NSO over hacking accusations – a legal fight that is ongoing and has since been joined by Microsoft and other tech giants. Never mind that several of these outfits have themselves been implicated in the censorship of Palestinian journalists and activists – or that Microsoft once invested in an Israeli facial recognition firm that was secretly surveilling West Bank Palestinians.

For similarly solid ethics, one need look no further than the August 4 Associated Press article specifying that the Oregon state employee pension fund was "one of the largest investors, if not the largest" investor in the private equity firm with majority ownership of NSO Group.

In its new report on Bahrain, Citizen Lab notes that "under the pretext of addressing COVID-19, the Bahraini government has imposed further restrictions on freedom of expression". It is no doubt less than comforting, then, that Naftali Bennett – the ultra-right-wing former Israeli defence minister who in 2020 proposed enlisting NSO to fight the coronavirus – is now the prime minister of Israel.

And as Israel's mission to normalise the annihilation of Palestinian rights proceeds alongside the normalisation of mass spying and the effective criminalisation of freedom of thought, we must not lose sight of the fact that none of this is really normal at all.

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Sustainable Female Health Products

Susan powers

Is there a more economical and environmentally friendly way? To find out, we asked Susan Powers, a professor of sustainable environmental systems at Clarkson University about her work comparing the environmental impact of tampons, sanitary pads and menstrual cups.

What is a menstrual cup?

A menstrual cup is a type of reusable feminine hygiene product. It's a small, flexible bell-shaped cup made of rubber or silicone that a woman inserts into her vagina to catch and collect menstrual fluid. It can be used for up to 12 hours, after which it is removed to dispose of the fluid and cleaned. The cup is rinsed with hot water and soap between each insertion and sterilized in boiling water at least once per period. A cup can last up to 10 years.

Although menstrual cups have been around for decades, they historically have been less popular than pads or tampons.

Are menstrual cups growing in popularity?

Yes, their popularity is growing as women, as well as men, become more comfortable dealing with and discussing menstruation. They have been a topic in news media ranging from Teen Vogue to NPR. Another part of their growing popularity stems from the general public's concern about solid waste associated with any disposable product, including disposable pads and tampons.

You have been researching the life cycle of different feminine hygiene products. What is a life cycle assessment and what have your studies shown?

A life cycle assessment provides a broad accounting and evaluation of all of the materials, energy and processes associated with the raw materials in a product, including their extraction, manufacture, use and disposal. Impacts considered include climate change, natural resource depletion, human toxicity and ecotoxicity, among others.

I have worked for several years on a range of these assessments for consumer products and energy and agricultural systems. When Clarkson Honors Program student Amy Hait approached me about her idea of completing a life cycle assessment on feminine hygiene products, I was intrigued and happy to work closely with her to complete the study and publish the results in the journal Resources, Conservation & Recycling.

We compared three products: a rayon-based tampon with a plastic applicator, a maxipad with a cellulose and polyethylene absorbent core and a menstrual cup made of silicone.

The assessment also included packaging materials and the processes to make and transport these materials. In order to make a fair comparison among products, we looked at the number of products used by an average woman in one year. Based on published average values, that

would be 240 tampons or maxipads. A menstrual cup has a 10-year lifespan, so its use for one year is the equivalent of one-tenth of the overall manufacturing and disposal impact.

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categories to evaluate the overall environmental impact. These include measuring the impacts on the environment and human health.

The life cycle impact assessment provides quantitative scores for the impacts

of each of these individually. We also used normalization factors for the United States to enable us to come up with a total impact score. Higher scores reflect greater overall impacts.

Is using a menstrual cup more environmentally sustainable?

The results of the life cycle assessment clearly showed that the reusable menstrual cup was by far the best based on all environmental metrics. Based on the total impact score, the maxipad we considered in our study had the highest score, indicating higher impacts. The tampon had a 40% lower score and the menstrual cup 99.6% lower. The key factor for the high score for the maxipad was its greater weight and the manufacture of the raw materials to make it.

Most people choose a reusable product because they believe it won't add waste to landfills. But our study shows that most environmental benefits are from the reduced need to prepare all of the raw materials and manufacture the product.

Taking the tampon as an example, the extraction and preparation of the raw materials used to make it contributed over 80% of the total impact. Disposal, which people often pay more attention to, really contributes substantially only to water pollution, which is a very minor component of the overall impact.

The life cycle assessment also identifies sometimes surprising sources of environ-

mental and health impacts, including dioxins from bleaching wood pulp for pads, zinc from rayon production for tampons and chromium emissions from fossil fuel energy sources. By not having to produce more single-use products, we can avoid emitting many of these pollutants.

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What is done to encourage the use of a more sustainable feminine hygiene product?

The taboo nature of talking about menstruation is changing with young women, at least in the United States. Women at Clarkson University, for example, worked with a cup manufacturer to provide a very public giveaway program to distribute free cups to over 100 college students. That would never have happened when I was a student decades ago. Many health-related web sites like WebMD and Healthline provide relevant and reliable information on the proper use and care of menstrual cups, which should help to reduce concerns over their use and encourage more women to try them.

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This can all be done via "zero-click" technology, meaning that one does not have to click on a compromised link or do anything else for one's phone to become infected.

As if Bahraini human rights campaigners didn't already have enough on their plates in a torture-happy kingdom before, you know, the full obliteration of the right to privacy.

And yet the Citizen Lab report is merely the latest episode in the dystopian science fiction thriller that we are presently inhabiting on earth.

In July, the Pegasus Project – a consortium of 17 media outlets working with Amnesty International and the Paris-based NGO Forbidden Stories – revealed a leaked list of more than 50,000 smartphone numbers from across the world. The majority of the numbers were concentrated in countries known to have been clients of NSO, suggesting that the list was a compilation of potential surveillance targets.

The Washington Post, one of the affiliated outlets, explained that 37 of the listed phones had thus far been confirmed as targets of attempted or successful hacking by Pegasus spyware. Among the phones' owners were journalists, activists, and "the two women closest to Saudi columnist" Jamal Khashoggi, who was murdered by agents of the Saudi state on October 2, 2018.

Exactly one day before the murder, Citizen Lab had warned with "high confidence" that the phone of Omar Abdulaziz, a Saudi critic in Canada, had been infected by Pegasus. Abdulaziz, it turned out, was a close friend and frequent correspondent of Khashoggi.

And while NSO representatives vociferously deny complicity in any sort of wrongdoing ever, the list of coincidences goes on.

More than 15,000 of the 50,000 phone numbers, for example, were in Mexico – which holds the distinction of having been NSO's first international client-slash-guinea pig in 2011. Reflecting on the fate of Mexican freelance reporter Cecilio Pineda, who was shot to death in a hammock after his number appeared twice on the infamous list, the Washington Post threw in the disclaimer: "It is unclear what role, if any, Pegasus's ability to geolocate its targets in real time contributed to his murder".

According to Reuters, Mexican government agencies signed contracts worth upwards of \$160m with NSO Group between 2011 and 2018, primarily during the reign of right-wing President Enrique Peña Nieto. Thanks to the investment, Pegasus operators were able to target, inter alia, investigators looking into the forcible disappearance of 43 students in the state of Guerrero by Mexican security forces in 2014. Also targeted were the wife, children, and cardiologist of left-wing politician Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who has since succeeded Peña Nieto.

Back over in Bahrain, Citizen Lab has verified that five out of the nine recently hacked numbers appear on the Pegasus Project list. Although Bahrain and Israel only formally normalised relations last year, a bilateral affinity predated the official declaration of love, and the Bahraini government is believed to have added Pegasus spyware to its repressive arsenal in 2017.

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE), which also celebrated normalisation with Israel last year, has long been in bed with Israeli spying technology – as evidenced by a mass civil surveillance system called Falcon Eye installed in Abu Dhabi by an Israeli-owned company.

A 2015 Middle East Eye article quoted a source close to Falcon Eye on its functions: "Every person is monitored from the moment they leave their doorstep to the moment they return to it. Their work, social and behavioural patterns are recorded, analysed and archived".

As if that were not Big Brother enough, the phone of the author of that article went on to end up – where else? – on the Pegasus Project list.

In 2016, meanwhile, analysts documented a Pegasus hacking attempt against decorated Emirati human rights defender Ahmed Mansoor, who is currently imprisoned for such heinous crimes as insulting the "status and prestige of the UAE". What, after all, could possibly be criticised in a prestigious country where civil liberties have been wiped out and replaced with shopping malls and artificial islands – and where persons suspected of opposition to the arrangement are eligible for jail time,

torture, and disappearance?

So much for NSO's "Human Rights Policy", which appears on the firm's website and is said to entail "contractual obligations requiring NSO's customers to limit the use of the company's products to the prevention and investigation of serious crimes, including terrorism, and to ensure that the products will not be used to violate human rights".

Ostensibly as an additional safeguard, the Israeli defence ministry must approve all sales of NSO spyware to clients across the globe.

Of course, given that Israel's own definition of counterterrorism involves, like, bombing Palestinian civilians, it is not difficult to see how human rights might fall by the wayside.

Indeed, Israel's unique position as an apartheid state and violent occupying power has given it a significant advantage in the export of traditional armaments as well as cybersecurity products and other repressive expertise, all battle-tested on real live Palestinians.

As of 2016, Israel already possessed the most surveillance companies per capita anywhere on the planet. And as the case of NSO and Pegasus illustrates, the private surveillance industry is able to soar to ever greater heights courtesy of an abundance of ex-Israeli military

cyberspies keen to get in on the action in a lucrative and largely unregulated field.

In 2019, incidentally, Facebook-owned WhatsApp filed a lawsuit against NSO over hacking accusations – a legal fight that is ongoing and has since been joined by Microsoft and other tech giants. Never mind that several of these outfits have themselves been implicated in the censorship of Palestinian journalists and activists – or that Microsoft once invested in an Israeli facial recognition firm that was secretly surveilling West Bank Palestinians.

For similarly solid ethics, one need look no further than the August 4 Associated Press article specifying that the Oregon state employee pension fund was "one of the largest investors, if not the largest" investor in the private equity firm with majority ownership of NSO Group.

In its new report on Bahrain, Citizen Lab notes that "under the pretext of addressing COVID-19, the Bahraini government has imposed further restrictions on freedom of expression". It is no doubt less than comforting, then, that Naftali Bennett – the ultra-right-wing former Israeli defence minister who in 2020 proposed enlisting NSO to fight the coronavirus – is now the prime minister of Israel.

And as Israel's mission to normalise the annihilation of Palestinian rights proceeds alongside the normalisation of mass spying and the effective criminalisation of freedom of thought, we must not lose sight of the fact that none of this is really normal at all.

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Sustainable Female Health Products

Susan powers

Is there a more economical and environmentally friendly way? To find out, we asked Susan Powers, a professor of sustainable environmental systems at Clarkson University about her work comparing the environmental impact of tampons, sanitary pads and menstrual cups.

What is a menstrual cup?

A menstrual cup is a type of reusable feminine hygiene product. It's a small, flexible bell-shaped cup made of rubber or silicone that a woman inserts into her vagina to catch and collect menstrual fluid. It can be used for up to 12 hours, after which it is removed to dispose of the fluid and cleaned. The cup is rinsed with hot water and soap between each insertion and sterilized in boiling water at least once per period. A cup can last up to 10 years.

Although menstrual cups have been around for decades, they historically have been less popular than pads or tampons.

Are menstrual cups growing in popularity?

Yes, their popularity is growing as women, as well as men, become more comfortable dealing with and discussing menstruation. They have been a topic in news media ranging from Teen Vogue to NPR. Another part of their growing popularity stems from the general public's concern about solid waste associated with any disposable product, including disposable pads and tampons.

You have been researching the life cycle of different feminine hygiene products. What is a life cycle assessment and what have your studies shown?

A life cycle assessment provides a broad accounting and evaluation of all of the materials, energy and processes associated with the raw materials in a product, including their extraction, manufacture, use and disposal. Impacts considered include climate change, natural resource depletion, human toxicity and ecotoxicity, among others.

I have worked for several years on a range of these assessments for consumer products and energy and agricultural systems. When Clarkson Honors Program student Amy Hait approached me about her idea of completing a life cycle assessment on feminine hygiene products, I was intrigued and happy to work closely with her to complete the study and publish the results in the journal Resources, Conservation & Recycling.

We compared three products: a rayon-based tampon with a plastic applicator, a maxipad with a cellulose and polyethylene absorbent core and a menstrual cup made of silicone.

The assessment also included packaging materials and the processes to make and transport these materials. In order to make a fair comparison among products, we looked at the number of products used by an average woman in one year. Based on published average values, that

would be 240 tampons or maxipads. A menstrual cup has a 10-year lifespan, so its use for one year is the equivalent of one-tenth of the overall manufacturing and disposal impact.

Our assessment included eight different

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categories to evaluate the overall environmental impact. These include measuring the impacts on the environment and human health.

The life cycle impact assessment provides quantitative scores for the impacts

of each of these individually. We also used normalization factors for the United States to enable us to come up with a total impact score. Higher scores reflect greater overall impacts.

Is using a menstrual cup more environmentally sustainable?

The results of the life cycle assessment clearly showed that the reusable menstrual cup was by far the best based on all environmental metrics. Based on the total impact score, the maxipad we considered in our study had the highest score, indicating higher impacts. The tampon had a 40% lower score and the menstrual cup 99.6% lower. The key factor for the high score for the maxipad was its greater weight and the manufacture of the raw materials to make it.

Most people choose a reusable product because they believe it won't add waste to landfills. But our study shows that most environmental benefits are from the reduced need to prepare all of the raw materials and manufacture the product.

Taking the tampon as an example, the extraction and preparation of the raw materials used to make it contributed over 80% of the total impact. Disposal, which people often pay more attention to, really contributes substantially only to water pollution, which is a very minor component of the overall impact.

The life cycle assessment also identifies sometimes surprising sources of environ-

mental and health impacts, including dioxins from bleaching wood pulp for pads, zinc from rayon production for tampons and chromium emissions from fossil fuel energy sources. By not having to produce more single-use products, we can avoid emitting many of these pollutants.

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What is done to encourage the use of a more sustainable feminine hygiene product?

The taboo nature of talking about menstruation is changing with young women, at least in the United States. Women at Clarkson University, for example, worked with a cup manufacturer to provide a very public giveaway program to distribute free cups to over 100 college students. That would never have happened when I was a student decades ago. Many health-related web sites like WebMD and Healthline provide relevant and reliable information on the proper use and care of menstrual cups, which should help to reduce concerns over their use and encourage more women to try them.

The Conversation

The Key Driving Force For The Future Is Knowledge: LG

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday presided over the closing ceremony of the year-long Golden Jubilee celebrations of the University of Jammu. On the occasion, he inaugurated 11 infrastructure projects worth Rs 43.91 crores at Main Campus & offsite campuses in Ramnagar, Reasi, and Kathua.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor lauded the University administration for achieving A+ grade in the recent NAAC report, besides

congratulating the students, faculty members, and Vice Chancellor for the newly inaugurated infrastructure projects.

Laying stress on the dynamics of contemporary education ecosystem, the Lt Governor said that Universities and colleges can no longer afford to produce ordinary students. Teachers will have to continuously evolve new mechanisms to enrich the syllabus and students will have to learn things beyond the prescribed curriculum.

"The key driving force for the future is knowledge. The rate at which we can adapt new

educational methods, new research programmes is increasing. The speed of scientific and technological innovations requires much faster, swifter adaptability from both the teachers as well as students", the Lt Governor asserted.

It is important to remember that Universities and Colleges have immense power and a small shift in curriculum can have a decisive impact on socio-economic environment, he added.

The Lt Governor noted that as J&K prepares for a new Industrial Revolution, our educational institutes need

to churn out skilled Human Capital commensurate with the demand of the Industry. I urge the educators to analyze, adapt to changing dynamics, and fill the gaps to keep up with the ever-changing Education ecosystem.

"The New Education Policy calls upon educators to move beyond reading, writing & arithmetic and lay emphasis on the development of the future builders who affect positive changes in the society through innovation creativity, compassion, decency, and sensitivity", he added.

Blood Donation Camp Held In North Kashmir's Yakmanpora

Observer news Service

SRINAGAR: A blood donation camp was held at Yakmanpora Singhpora area in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thursday.

The camp was organised by Idara Islamic Library Imam Khammaei Yakmanpora Singhpora in collaboration with Al Mustafa welfare trust and blood bank.

A specialized medical/Paramedical team from SMHS Hospital Srinagar conducted the blood collection process. About 50 pints of blood were donated by the youth of Yakmanpora and adjoining areas.



After the smooth and successful conduct of event, some of the worthy donors shared their valuable views about the

blood donation and appreciated the organizers and Hospital Staff and urged to conduct such events in near future.

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Policeman, Bihar

under relevant sections of law. Investigation is in progress and officers continue to work to establish the full circumstances of this terror crime," he added.

Meanwhile, barely hours after Sharma's killing, suspected militants shot dead a non-local labourer in Neehama area of the district.

35-year-old Shankar Choudary of Bihar was shot in the head by suspected militants in Neehama area on Friday evening, officials said. He was removed to the district hospital Kulgam where doctors declared him brought dead.

Dr Muzaffar Zargar, Medical Superintendent District hospital Kulgam, was quoted by a local news agency as saying that Choudary had received bullet injuries in his head.

"He was brought dead," Zargar said. Meanwhile, mainstream parties, including National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) condemned the killing of policeman.

In a statement issued here, NC President Dr. Farooq Abdullah condemned the "brutal" killing of a railway police constable and expressed heartfelt sympathies with his family and friends.

In a tweet, his son Omar Abdullah said, "I unequivocally condemn the militant attack in Kulgam. My heartfelt condolences to the family and colleagues of Constable Bantoo Sharma of Railway Protection Force who was killed in the line of duty. May his soul rest in peace."

PDP President Mehbooba Mufti also expressed anguish over the killing.

"Very sorry to hear about the terrorist attack in Kulgam today that claimed yet another innocent life. Deepest condolences & prayers with Bantoo Sharma ji's family. May his soul rest in peace," Mehbooba wrote on her official Twitter handle.

"Strongly condemn the killing of a police man in Kulgam. May Allah give patience to the family of Bantoo Sharma to bear this loss. And May the killers rot in hell," Sajad Lone, People's Conference Chairman wrote on his Twitter handle.

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Shopian, officials said. No fresh case of virus was reported from Kulgam district.

Six of the districts in Jammu division including Udhampur, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar, Poonch and Reasi reported no case of Covid-19 on Friday, they said. However, Doda district reported 12, Jammu 5, Ramban 3 and Rajouri 2 new cases of virus.

During the same time, officials said, 135 more Covid-19 patients have recovered—34 from Jammu and 101 from Kashmir.

Meanwhile, one more coronavirus related death was reported from the Valley on Friday thus taking the overall fatality count to 4416 in J&K— 2169 in Jammu division and 2247 in Kashmir.

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

Govt To Build

Asserting that Kashmiri migrants constitute part and parcel of Kashmir's composite culture, Sonowal, as per the official spokesperson affirmed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government is very keen towards the welfare of Kashmiri migrants.

"He said that several concrete measures have been taken in order to ensure their rehabilitation so that they live in their homeland with peace and harmony," he said.

The Minister, he said, termed the people of Kashmir having loving and accommodative nature and said that time has come when the people of different faiths and beliefs live with peace and prosperity.

"He said that unity in diversity, as envisaged in 'Azadi ka Amrut Mohatsav' initiative is the only unifying factor for a strong nation," the official spokesperson said.

He said that the Union Minister, accompanied by top functionaries, was on a two day's visit to Baramulla district as part of the Union Government's special public outreach programme which aims to evoke feedback from different stakeholders besides listening to their developmental aspirations and other concerns.

On the second leg of his visit, the official spokesperson said Sonowal met scores of delegations and deputations who apprised him about their demands and grievances.

"Representatives of different political parties called on the Minister wherein they highlighted several demands and grievances pertaining to socio-economic development of the society. Those include up gradation of basic infrastructure in AYUSH institutions, development of waterways wherever possible, amongst others," he said.

In his meeting with a delegation of PRIs, Sonowal as per official spokesperson said

that Union Government has a good dream for development of Jammu and Kashmir, adding that the present out-reach programme has been initiated by the Government to know the basic problems of the people at the ground.

"He assured that the demands and grievances projected by the delegations have been taken note of and the same would be put up with Government at Union level as well as with Lieutenant Governor for their timely redressal," he added.

Munda Hails Forces

CRPF and JK Police Jawans in fighting successful multi-front war simultaneously including measures taken against terrorism, crime and drugs. He said the JK Police plays an important role in bringing peace in the valley and remembered the Police martyrs who attained martyrdom in the line of duty," he said.

Earlier, the official spokesperson said that the Minister paid a visit to District Hospital Bandipora today to assess the healthcare facilities being provided at the hospital. He visited the vaccination centre at District Hospital and reviewed the arrangements made by district administration in tackling COVID19 pandemic.

Munda, he said, interacted with the hospital staff and doctors and discussed the healthcare facilities being provided to the people at the hospital besides getting information about the measures to be taken to improve the healthcare services.

"Minister was briefed about the COVID19 situation in the district and the facilities available in the district to tackle the pandemic. He got the first hand overview of the measures taken to fight COVID19 besides sampling, testing and vaccination process in the district," the official spokesperson said.

"Arjun Munda appreciated the role of healthcare workers and efforts of district administration in tackling the COVID19 pandemic and urged them to continue to work with extra zeal and zest," he added.

Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad and other officers of the District were present on the occasion.

J&K Best Among

Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal on Friday, an official spokesperson said. The LG congratulated the students and faculty members of the first batch of Bachelor in Unani Medicine and Surgery (BUMS) through virtual mode and wished for their bright future.

"Out of 60 students, 23 are girls. It is a matter of pride for us and I extend my best wishes to all the young boys and girls in their career. The 60-bed hospital has seven departments - Medicine, Surgery, ENT, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Dermatology, and Treatment by Non-medicinal lifestyle," Sinha said.

Lauding the efforts of the concerned officers and executing agency for arranging the comprehensive health facility at a very low cost, the LG, as per the official spokesperson said that the Ganderbal Unani Medical College and Hospital will provide basic health services to the population of other districts as well. The LG said that the first Unani Medical College was started in Jammu and Kashmir in 1962 but due to some reasons, it was closed down in 1967.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG termed the Unani Medical College as the first Government Unani College of modern times and said that like many projects, this college too was conceived 10 years back but only in the last two years has it been completed with a focused work.

"This symbolizes our resolve to build a strong infrastructure in healthcare sector," Sinha said.

The college constructed under the central government scheme at an estimated cost of Rs 32.50 crore, received the financial assistance of Rs 17 crore from the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.

The LG, as per the official spokesperson expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for liberal funding for the creation of infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir and said that the Ministry of AYUSH, under the guidance of the PM has done unprecedented work in indigenous systems of medicine, research and healthcare.

"I sincerely hope that Unani Medical College Ganderbal will play its important role in promoting indigenous system of medicine in J&K UT, especially in Kashmir Division", Sinha said.

Noting that J&K is one of the best performing UTs/states in the country in terms of health facilities, the LG as per the official spokesperson said that extensive interventions have been made in the health facilities to develop a state-of-the-art health sector in J&K under the directions of Prime Minister.

"The speed and scale at which the health sector transformation has taken place in J&K is remarkable and is now visible in

achievements," Sinha said.

Listing out the data of Health Sector, the LG said that according to the National Family Health Survey, the neonatal mortality rate came down to single-digit 9.8 in 2019-20, from 23.1 in 2015-16. Infant Mortality Rate today has come down to half i.e. 16.3 from 32.4 recorded in 2015-16 survey. The under-5 mortality rate was 37.6 in 2015-16, which has come down by half to 18.5 today.

According to the official spokesperson the LG said that for the first time in 2016-17, J&K got two new AIIMS and Seven Medical Colleges between 2016 and 2019. The first batch in AIIMS Jammu has started, and the construction of AIIMS Srinagar will start soon.

"Between 2015 and 2019, two State Cancer Institutes were given to Jammu and Kashmir. Before 2019, there were only 129 health and wellness centers across Jammu and Kashmir. 1275 new health and wellness centers have been set up in two years," the LG said.

Observing that there was no health insurance scheme in J&K before 2019, Sinha, as per the official spokesperson said that Prime Minister gave a scheme named Ayushman Bharat Sehat to UT in December 2020, in which health insurance of 5 lakh per family is being provided to all citizens without any discrimination. 49 lakh beneficiaries are registered and 45.48 lakh golden cards have been made available.

The LG, he said, also lauded the hard work of doctors, health workers, and other services and said that his administration has ensured that during the second wave in Jammu and Kashmir, no one faced any problem of oxygen beds.

"In August last year, the oxygen generation capacity in all our hospitals was only 15,000 LPM, which has been increased to 70,000 LPM within 8 months and will be increased to 90,000 LPM by the last week of September. Like Corona management, the UT is also leading in the whole country in vaccination," Sinha said.

According to the official spokesperson, the Union AYUSH Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal said that with the starting of the first BUMS course, Government Unani Medical College will help promote indigenous systems of medicine in J&K, and also act as a tertiary care health facility for the UT.

"He further said that the AYUSH Ministry is determined to provide basic healthcare services to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

Launches 'Elderline'

tricycles, prosthetic and other aids worth Rs 3.25 crore to divyangs from across the UT.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG observed that ElderLine will serve as a vital support system to comfort the distressed elderly through a dedicated Decentralized Call Center, extending emotional care and support, health services, and other aids to needy senior citizens.

"This toll-free helpline will fill a crucial gap in the institutionalized ElderCare Ecosystem in UT," Sinha said.

As per the official spokesperson, it was also informed that the J&K Maintenance and Welfare for Parents and Senior Citizens rules 2021 have been prepared and will be notified in a few days.

The LG, he said, lauded the efforts of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) for providing assistance to divyangs of the UT and making it specially-abled, inclusive and accessible.

"The Social Welfare Department shall be holding Panchayat level assessment camps in association with ALIMCO to identify all those in need of any kind of prosthetic aid and the J&K government shall ensure that all eligible persons are provided with requisite prosthetic and other aids within this year," the official spokesperson said.

He said that the LG stated that the J&K Social Welfare Department has conducted a survey of those in need of motorized tricycles and all those who are eligible for Old age, Widow, and Divyang pensions.

"The UT government shall be attaining saturation in the distribution of these benefits within this year," the official spokesperson said.

"He said about 9 lakh people have received funds under different pension schemes. Another, 2 lakh 72 thousand additional people have been added to our pension schemes, and for the first time in the history of UT, pensions have been provided to transgenders," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG noted that in line with the vision of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi calling for 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas', the UT government is determined to ensure welfare of all sections of the society.

"We are moving towards 100% saturation of all 55 public welfare schemes of the Central government so that the benefits reach out to the last needy person in the society", Sinha said.

The LG, as per official spokesperson said that the J&K government has ensured provision for reservation in jobs for specially-abled persons in the UT. Further, the Social Welfare Department has given reservation benefits to the needy at different levels and now 10% reservation in government jobs has been extended to the people living below the poverty line.

"In wake of COVID pandemic, SASCM/ Saksham scheme has been started by the UT government to provide financial help to the families who have suffered due to Corona. Under this, the families who have lost their breadwinners will be given a monthly pension of Rs. 1000 and special scholarship has been arranged for the children who have become orphaned due to Covid, besides extending benefits of other social welfare schemes to them," the LG said.

"The Social Welfare Department has constituted a special cell which will work properly for their help throughout their life," he added.

ACB Nabs

uncle of the complainant, they said.

Ahmed was threatening to prepare a strong case against the father, brother and uncle of the complainant if he did not pay the bribe, they alleged.

On receipt of the complaint, a case was registered by the ACB and investigation was taken up.

Ahmed was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe from the complainant as the ACB sleuths got hold of him, they said.

The bribe worth Rs 8,000 was also recovered on the spot. He was arrested and taken into custody by the ACB team, they said.

After the arrest, searches were also conducted in the premises of the accused.

Further investigation is in progress, the officials said.

Wazir's Murder

switched off his mobile number and start using another number in Jammu, they said.

On September 2, he collected Wazir's luggage from his house in Jammu and left for Delhi. He switched on his number again in Punjab and came to Basai Darapur on September 3 via a taxi, police said.

Chaudhary left the spot at around 11.30 am to collect his bag that was left in taxi (as per their planning) and returned from Kashmir Gate area at 5.30 pm, they said, adding that he remained at the spot with others co-accused Harpreet, Harmeet and Billa.

He, along with Harpreet and Harmeet went to the terrace and planned to kill Wazir.

Harpreet handed over one pistol to Harmeet. They came back and Harmeet allegedly shot Wazir who was already unconscious due to sedative given by them, police said.

Chaudhary, with Harpreet and Harmeet, cleaned the blood from the spot and the body was shifted to the washroom. Thereafter, they planned to dump the body at a metro station or IGI Airport and visited the places but couldn't succeed in their plan, the police said.

The accused planned the murder over the past two-three months on the lines of Bollywood movie Drishyam and created false evidence to mislead the police, a senior police officer said.

The call detail records analysis revealed that Harpreet called several numbers in Jammu after September 3, and one of the numbers was found registered in the name of Chaudhary's mother, the officer said, adding that later, Rajinder was arrested from his in-law's house on Tuesday.

During investigation, it had surfaced that in 1983, a triple murder took place in Jammu area in which one Kuldeep alias Pappi, who was Harpreet's maternal uncle, was killed using swords.

Wazir was arrested in that incident and was lodged in jail for around three-and-a-half-years, a senior police officer said.

The police said that facts are being verified, including whether Wazir's murder was related to that particular incident.

Tarigami Urges

"A government employee is a tool to implement policies of the government. If the same employee is made a suspect by doubting him and putting him in the basket of suspicion repeatedly, it will adversely affect his working and in turn affect overall functioning of the government," Tarigami said in a statement.

He said there was already a procedure laid down to deal with any employee involved in anti-national subversive activities and issuing new orders only created an atmosphere of suspicion.

"It seems, because of some ill advice, the J&K administration is resorting to such an unwarranted course and to targeting its employees and thereby putting them under constant fear. If an employee is violating the law, he

must be dealt with according to the already laid down procedures, but this type of an arbitrary approach is not good in a democracy," the former MLA added.

Tarigami said denying anyone a passport based on a vigilance case cannot be a substitute for being found guilty in a court of law.

"One of the most sacred principles of the justice system is that a person is innocent until proven guilty. How can the government deny a passport to an employee on mere registration of a case by vigilance?" he asked.

"The authoritarian orders issued by the administration are against the interests of the people of all the regions and communities. Instead of issuing such orders, the government must ensure that the rights of the people and their livelihood are protected," the Communist leader added.

Art 370 Will Be Restored

had done wrong.

Addressing a public meeting here, Mufti said, "We all need to unite because they want to divide us. There is so much corruption in Jammu and Kashmir government now. Peace cannot be achieved through force. The environment in Jammu and Kashmir after August 5, 2019, has become suffocating."

"We should not be disheartened. I believe that a time will come when not only Article 370 and Article 35A will be reinstated but the Government will be compelled to say that they did wrong and they will ask what more do we want for Jammu and Kashmir," the PDP chief added.

In August 2019, the Centre abrogated Article 370 which gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated the region into two territories- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Leopard Mauls

neighbours and the teams of police and wildlife department.

Her killing by the beast had triggered massive outrage against the alleged failure of wildlife department officials in checking the movement of wild animals into human habitations.

How Kitchen Blast

"They don't know how it happened," he says.

Apart from claiming the life of his minor sister, the blast injured his six family members including his father Gulam Muhammad Wani and mother Raja Begum. They're undergoing treatment in district and Srinagar's SMHS hospital.

Aadi's father was discharged on Friday morning but his whole body is wrapped with bandages.

"He's not able to sip a drop of water," Mohammad IqbalWani, Aadi's uncle told Kashmir Observer.

"Ye gow kahar(This is a disaster)."

LG Wishes

Your exceptional, tireless efforts towards development of New India have been a source of inspiration for all of us. May the nation continue to progress under your dynamic leadership & vision," Sinha tweeted.

The Kashmir unit of the BJP also wished the prime minister but said there would not be any gala celebrations or cake cutting.

"BJP is a party of poor. On the 71st birthday of PM Narendra Modi, no cake cutting, or gala celebrations, but to distribute food, fruit and edibles among needy, poor and destitute in Kashmir," party spokesman Altaf Thakur said.

He said 25,000 post cards filled with colourful birthday wishes from Kashmir have already been sent to the prime minister. (PTI)

Man Falls From

doctors there declared him dead on arrival. Mir's death is the third such fatality under similar circumstances in a week.

Three days ago on Monday, 55-year-old Gulam Mohammad Khokher of Balkota Uri fell from the walnut tree and died.

Before that, 37-year-old Nazir Ahmad Bhat of Agagam Rajwar lost his life in a similar incident last Saturday.

Teen Biker

according to news agency KNO.

He said that in the incident which took place yesterday evening, another youth identified as Basit Ahmad was also injured, while he was crossing the road.

He said that the injured were rushed to district hospital Bandipora, where from the duo were shifted to Srinagar Hospital for treatment.

"However, late last night Asgar succumbed to his injuries at the hospital, while the condition of another is said to be stable," he said.

The official said that a case has been registered and investigation has been started in this regard.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly mentioned in school records as Syed Masoma Rizvi D/o Syed Hussain Shah while my correct name is Syeda Masooma D/o Syed Hussain Shah R/o Chittergul Shangus Anantnag which need immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard He/She may file his /Her objection in the office of the Syed Mohammad Jaffar Mem.Edu.Inst.Chittergul (SMJM) Within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly mentioned in school records as Syed Sakeena Rezvi D/o Syed Hassan Rezvi while my correct name is Syeda Sakeena D/o Syed Hussain Shah R/o Chittergul Shangus Anantnag which need immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard He/She may file his /Her objection in the office of the Syed Mohammad Jaffar Mem.Edu.Inst.Chittergul (SMJM) Within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform general public that I have applied for pesticides license. In this regard any person having any objection He/She may contact office of the PPO Lal Mandi Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after that.

Name: Danishta Hassan
S/O: Gh Hassan Parrey
R/O: Kamad

**THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA, SRINAGAR.**

ATTENTION PLEASE.

The candidate whose photograph is above reports that he /she has lost his/ her qualification certificate/s having the following description:-

ROLL NO	104203
CLASS	10 th
YEAR & SESSION	OCT NOV 1996
REGISTRATION NO	A-95-00371-1006
NAME	GH NABI KHANDI
FATHERS NAME	MOHD ABDULLAH KHANDI
MOTHERS NAME	TAJA BANOO
DATE OF BIRTH	03-03-1981



Now the candidate has applied for issuance of DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE/S. Before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/ she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained. (Besides, the losted " QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE", bearing Serial No /s 650087 is / are be treated as " CANCELLED").

No:- F(Certs-I-DQC)/B/KD/20
Dated:- 17-09-2021

Sd/- Assistant Secretary
Certificates, KD

**THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
BRANCH OFFICE DOORU**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The candidate whose photograph is published in the daily news paper is claiming to have lost his original marks card of class 12th issued by board of school education with the following particulars.

NAME:- SUHAIB FAROOQ AHANGER
PARANTAGE:- FAROOQ AHMAD AHANGER
MOTHERS NAME :- FAHMEEDA BANOO
R/O:- HALSIDAR
ROLL NO :- 31185218
SESSION A/R 2020 YEAR 2020



Now the candidate has applied for its duplicate Anybody (if) having any objection may file the same before the office of the undersigned within seven days (07) from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card of the candidates is treated as cancelled.

Sd/-
Officer Incharge
Branch Office Doru

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,

SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL

email:mechanicalskims@gmail.com

Short term notice inviting E-tenders
Gist of NIT NO. 33 OF 2021-22 Dated.14.09.2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, invites online e-bids in two (02) cover system from OEM or his authorized representative/ Authorized Dealers or Registered/reputed/experienced Firms having expertise as detailed in the tender document for the following works:-

S.No	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)
1.	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of VRF/VRV system/air conditioning units to the newly extended portion of ICU, Labs and offices of SKIMS, MCH, Bemina	20.00

The complete tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders/tenderers may view, download the e-bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Tender Document contains qualifying criteria for bidders. Specifications, Bills of Quantities, & Terms and conditions of the contract and other relevant details.

I.	Date and time of downloading/Sale of tender documents (Starting Date)	18-09-2021 at 11:00 Hour
II.	Date & Time of Bidding Queries/clarification/Pre-bid meet	21-09-2021 from 10.30hours to 14:00Hours
III.	Last date & Time of Bid Uploading.	27-09-2021 upto 16:00 Hours
IV.	Date of submission of hard copies. (Original EMD / FDR & DD only) in the office of Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS	29-09-2021 upto 14:00 Hours
V.	Date & Time of Commercial/technical Bid (Cover-I) opening	30-09-2021 at 11:00 Hours (or next convenient day)
VI.	Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-II) Opening	Shall be intimated separately
VII.	Cost of e-bid Document	Rs.1000/=(Rupees one thousand only)
VIII.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit(CDR/FDR)	Rs.40000/=(Rupees forty thousand only)
IX.	Completion Time	30 days
X.	Budget Head	CAPEX Budget for the year 2021-22

No:- SIMS 139 EX/MECH/ 568 /2021-1408-19
Dated:- 14 /09/2021
DIP No:DIPK-NB-3577/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical, SKIMS

GOVERNMENT OF UT JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PCD (PHQ) J&K SRINAGAR

INVITING E-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/80/2021-22 Dated:- 16-09-2021

Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. / CPWD / Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following works.

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Modification of seating arrangement to pavilion of Parade ground at APC Zewan	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Srinagar	8.78 lacs	700/-	15 days	24-09-2021	"A", "C" & "D"

- Date of Publishing 16-09-2021 at 1630 hours.
 - The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1700 hours on 16-09-2021
 - The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 16-09-2021 to 23-09-2021 upto 1600 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1100 hours on 24-09-2021 on line.
 - The complete bidding process will be on line.
 - Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar on 24-09-2021 at 1100 Hrs.
 - In pursuance to Circular No. A/Misc(2018)-III-895/J dated. 22-12-2020 issued by Finance Department of J&K, there is no requirement of submission of bid security/ earnest Money deposit (EMD).
- However, every bidder has to furnish an undertaking/ declaration form accepting that if it withdraws or modifies its bids during the period of bid validity or if it fails to sign the contract or fails to submit a performance security within 03 days after opening of price bid, if they are awarded the contract, they will be suspended from participating in any tender process in future for a period of one year.
- Aforementioned undertaken/ declaration needs to be furnished as per format provided in Annexure "A" to this bid document duly attested by 1st class magistrate / Notary on stamp paper.
- The cost of tender documents should be submitted by the bidder in shape of treasury challan / receipt and upload the same.
 - In case of abnormally low bids, the tender inviting Authority reserves the right to ask from the bidder for additional performance security with the approval of the next higher Authority which shall be binding upon the bidder in such case.
 - Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.
 - The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to inspect the site of work before bidding.
 - Financial Bids will be opened on line in the office of the Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
 - The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
 - No Engineer or Gazetted rank or other Gazetted Officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the Government is allowed to work as a Contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without permission of the Government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the Contractor's Service.
 - Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
 - Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
 - The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendors. The Bidders, who already possess valid (DSC) Digital Signature Certificates, need not to procure new Digital Signature Certificate.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para 2(III).
 - Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.
 - The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids whatsoever reasons may be.
 - All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.
 - Bidders can contact the undersigned for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.
 - Original Registration certificate of GST No. shall be uploaded on line.
 - The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
 - No construction material shall be supplied by Police Construction Division, PHQ. However, the brands of the material will be approved by Engineer Incharge of the concerned site in consultation with Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K.

No:- e-NIT/EE-PCD/PHQ/2021-22/4448-54
Dated: 16-09-2021.
DIP No:DIPK-8834/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PCD (PHQ) J&K Srinagar.

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

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Subject: Conduct of 2nd Round of upgradation / Allotment of seats for admission to 12th based GNM (Lateral Entry) Paramedical Courses-2021.

**References: (i) Notification No. 075-BOPEE of 2021 dated 12-08-2021
(ii) Notification No. 077-BOPEE of 2021 dated 19-08-2021**

NOTIFICATION NO. 092-BOPEE OF 2021

DATED 17-09-2021

Consequent upon receipt of shortfall in respect of Notification No. 077-BOPEE of 2021 dated 19-08-2021 from various Colleges / Institutions and the seats, which have remained unfilled after conclusion of first round of counselling held from 17-08-2021 and 18-08-2021, it is hereby notified that the Board has decided to conduct second round of counselling (Physical) for up gradation/ allotment of seats to the eligible candidates for admission to GNM (Lateral Entry) 2021 on 18-09-2021 as per the following schedule:-

Date of Counselling	Rank
25-09-2021 (Saturday)	01 to 692

The candidates are advised to report at BOPEE office Srinagar/Jammu on 25-09-2021 at 8:30 am to 10:30 am for registration and subsequent counselling.

Note 1: The following shall be eligible to participate in this round of counselling
a) The candidates, who have been allotted a seat in first round of counselling and have joined the allotted School/ Institution.
b) The candidates, who could not participate in the first round of counselling for one or the other reason.
c) The candidates, who have opted CNA/ SNA during first round of counselling.

Note 2: The following shall not be eligible to participate in this round of counselling
The candidates, who have been allotted seat(s) in the first round of counselling but failed to join the same within the prescribed time limit fixed by the Board.

Note 3: The candidates who have joined the allotted Schools/ Institutions shall have to bring a copy of fee receipt deposited at their respective College/ School/Institution at the time of their Physical Counselling on that day for upgradation counselling.

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

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No. BOPEE/Exam-10/2021
Dated: 17-09-2021
DIPK-NB-3595/21

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

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website: <http://www.jkbopee.gov.in> / www.jakfaopee.org, email: helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com / coejakbopee@gmail.com

Subject: Provisional Select List of candidates for admission to 10th based Paramedical (FMPHW/MMPHW) courses-2021 after Mop-up round of physical Counselling.

Reference: Notification No.074-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09-08-2021.

Notification No: 090-BOPEE of 2021

DATED: 16-09-2021.

Pursuant to Notification No. 074-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09-08-2021, the Board conducted Mop-up round of up-gradation/ allotment (physical) counselling of eligible candidates for 10th based Paramedical (FMPHW/MMPHW) courses-2021 on 15-09-2021 simultaneously at BOPEE Office, Srinagar/ Jammu. The candidates who participated in the said counselling and have been allotted the seats as per their merit-cum preference are hereby provisionally selected for admission to 10th based Paramedical (FMPHW/MMPHW) courses-2021 in Govt. / Pvt. Institutions of at UT of J&K / Ladakh. The provisional selection list is annexed as Annexures "A" to this notification which is available on website of the Board (www.jkbopee.gov.in) only. The candidates are advised to report to their respective allotted Colleges/ Institutions w.e.f. 16-09-2021 to 27-09-2021 upto 03.00 PM along with following documents/ certificates:-

- Marks Card of 10th class.
- Date of birth Certificate of 10th Class.
- Domicile Certificate
- Category Certificate, if any
- Medical fitness certificate,
- Any other certificates/ documents required by the College Authorities.

The candidates are advised to report to the allotted Colleges/Institutions upto 27th September-2021 positively. It shall be sole responsibility of the colleges / Institutions concerned to ensure proper check and verification of documents/ eligibility as per Indian Nursing Council (INC) guidelines before the candidate is allowed for admission and in case of any discrepancy in the requisite documents the same shall be reported to the Board for further course of action under rules.

In order to complete admission process within the prescribed cut-off date (27-09-2021) the Colleges/ Institutions shall keep their admission counters open even on holidays/ off days and designate Nodal Officers to facilitate the candidates to complete their admission process well in time. However, the candidates should in their own interest avoid waiting for the last day to complete admission formalities since delay has the potential of causing hardships to the candidates only.

Further, due to non-availability of eligible reserved category candidates in the following Institutions against below mentioned categories, the Board, as provided under Proviso to Selection 9(2) of J&K Reservation Act, 2004, converted these seats into Open Merit and filled up the same from amongst the available eligible OM category candidates.

INSTITUTION (CLOSED)	DISCIPLINE	CAT. (46%)	SC (8%)	ST (10%)	OSC (4%)	ALC/IB (4%)	RBA (10%)	CDP (3%)	SP (2%)	JKPM (1%)	PSP (4%)	PWD
(JAMMU & KASHMIR) TOTAL (GOVT.)		285	54	70	26	27	40	24	16	7	21	1

The Heads of the Colleges/ Institutions are advised to furnish the shortfall, if any, to the Board through e-mail helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com / jakbopee@gmail.com / coejakbopee@gmail.com on 27th of September-2021 (upto 05.00 PM). Note:

- The Heads of Colleges are advised to release the documents and fee to the candidates who have been upgraded during this round of counselling without wasting their time to enable them to report to the upgraded college by or before 27-09-2021.
- The admission of the candidates is purely provisional and shall be cancelled in case any information furnished by any candidate proves to be false/ fabricated, and action as warranted under law shall be initiated against such candidate(s).
- The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in e-Information Brochure/ Notifications/ Notices issued by the Board from time to time on the subject.

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No. BOPEE/Exam-11/2021
Dated: 16-09-2021
DIPK-NB-3584/21

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

Srinagar Open Tennis Championship 2021 Enters Finals Stage



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Moazzam Rashid, Haider Hussain, Inayat Jehan-gir and Asif Nowsheri on Friday qualified for the semifinals of the ongoing Srinagar Open Tennis Championship 2021 being held at the Gindun Sports Complex, Rajbagh here.

Three of the semifinalists won their matches in straight sets, with Moazzam (vs Rouf Mir), Asif (vs Tahafuz Illahi) and Inayat (vs Jamil Mir) defeating their opponents by identical score-line of 6-0, 6-2. Meanwhile, Haider beat Mudasar 6-3, 6-1.

The singles semifinals will be played on Saturday at 3:30 PM. The final of the tournament

is scheduled to be played on Sunday.

The Doubles event of the Championship has also reached its semifinal stage, and will see the teams of Moazzam and Haider take on Jamil and Tahafuz in the first semifinal, while Tufail Bhat and Inayat will take on Danish and Wahab in the second. The final will be played on Sunday, as well.

The Srinagar Open Tennis Championship 2021 is being organised by District Lawn Tennis Association, Srinagar.

Sixty round-robin matches were played in both singles and doubles events with two top teams or players qualifying for the knock out stages.

Panchayat, Inter-Zone District Level Competitions Soon: DYSS

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) is all set to kick start sports activities in dozens of games at Panchayat, Inter-Zone District Level.

Both girls and boys will take part in good numbers in the sports competitions to be played in all 20 districts of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Director DYSS, Gazanfar Ali has asked his subordinate officers and officials in the Department to ensure that the Inter-Zone District Level Competitions is successful.

"He in his message to the field staff of the Department stressed upon following all the COVID-19 related SOPs during the conduct

of these competitions," a DYSS statement said.

Pertinent to mention that DYSS has made plans to involve non-students in sporting activities.

"The Department of Youth Services and Sports is the primary department for tapping and encouraging sports talent in the school children. However while sensing the importance of games and sports for non-students as well, the GOI and J&K's UT administration has taken up many initiatives in this direction. Participation of non school going children and uneducated youth is prioritised at every panchayat of the J&K UT," the Director said.

He also said that the move comes upon the guidelines received from the Principal Secretary To Government, DYSS J&K, Alok Kumar.

New Zealand Abandon Pakistan Tour Citing Security Threat

PCB says, move unilateral



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

RAWALPINDI: The New Zealand cricket team on Friday abandoned its ongoing tour of Pakistan just before the start of the first ODI here, citing a security threat which the host board insisted did not exist while declaring the pullout a unilateral move.

This was New Zealand's first tour of Pakistan in 18 years and the series comprised three ODIs and five T20 Internationals. Spectators were also to be allowed at 25 per cent of the stadium capacity keeping in mind the COVID-19 factor.

The Pakistan Cricket Board chief Ramiz Raja said New Zealand

will have to answer for the pullout at the ICC.

"Crazy day it has been! Feel so sorry for the fans and our players. Walking out of the tour by taking a unilateral approach on a security threat is very frustrating. Especially when it's not shared!! Which world is NZ living in?? NZ will hear us at ICC," he tweeted.

Trouble began when the first ODI of the white-ball series could not begin on time at the Rawalpindi stadium on Friday with both teams remaining in their hotel rooms.

New Zealand Cricket chief executive David White eventually issued a statement to say that it was simply not possible

to continue with the tour given the advice he was receiving from his government. The Black Caps have been here since September 11.

"I understand this will be a blow for the PCB, who have been wonderful hosts, but player safety is paramount and we believe this is the only responsible option," he stated.

The Pakistan Cricket Board, on its part, said that New Zealand had acted unilaterally by deciding to postpone the series.

The pullout is a major setback for Raja, who took over as PCB chief just a few days ago and promised to do his best to make international cricket regular in Pakistan.

4 Matches Played In DFA Srinagar League Tournament 2021



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Four matches were played on Friday in the ongoing DFA Srinagar Annual Football League 2021 here.

Two match of the Super Division League were played at the Synthetic Turf, TRC.

In the first match IFC Kashmir defeated Fort View FC by 3 goals to 1.

IFC Kashmir player Nadeem opened the scoring in 12th minute of the match. IFC's Umar Farooq then doubled his team's lead in the 34th minute of the first half. Fort View

FC came out stronger in the second half of the match and succeeded to pull a goal back in 43rd minute.

However, IFC Kashmir put the tie to bed by scoring their third goal in 69th minute via Umar Farooq.

In the second Super Division League match of the day, Towheed FC went head to head with Jehlum FC.

Jehlum FC scored the only goal of the match in 32nd minute through Rizwan. Even though both teams created several scoring opportunities, the match ended 1-0 in favour

of Jehlum FC.

Over in the 'A' Division League being played at Gindun Ground, Rajbagh, two first round matches were played.

In the first match between Manzoor Towheed FC and Alamdar FC, Alamdar FC won by a solitary goal. While in the second 'A' Division match, Tengpora FC defeated Pandrathana FC by 2 goals to nil.

The DFA Srinagar Annual League Tournament 2021 is organised by Jammu & Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

Extremely Disappointed With NZ Pullout: Pak Captain Babar Azam

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan cricket captain Babar Azam said he was extremely disappointed, while former pacer Shoaib Akhtar accused New Zealand of killing the game in his country after the Black Caps abandoned their ongoing tour without a ball being bowled due to a "security threat".

This was New Zealand's first tour of Pakistan in 18 years and the series comprised three ODIs and five T20 Internationals with spectators being allowed at 25 per cent of the stadium capacity keeping in mind the COVID-19 threat.

"Extremely disappointed on the abrupt postponement of the series, which could have brought the smiles back for millions of Pakistan Cricket Fans. I've full trust in the capabilities and credibility of our security agencies. They are our pride and always will be! Pakistan Zindabad," Babar tweeted.

Former Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar was more pointed in his attack on New Zealand cricket establishment where he provided five bullet points to counter the visitors' alleged threat perception claims.

"NZ just killed Pakistan cricket," he fumed.

Akhtar said New Zealand should have remembered that "nine Pakistanis were killed in the Christchurch attack."

"Pakistan stood strong with New Zealand. Pakistan toured New Zealand in the worst of Covid circumstances regardless of the crude treatment by NZ authorities on that tour."

Running a two-tweet thread, Akhtar further wrote, "This was just an unverified threat, it could have been discussed. Prime Minister Imran Khan personally spoke to his NZ counterpart and assured but it was still refused."

"Pakistan has safely hosted South Africa, Bangladesh, West Indies, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe & PSL."

Another senior player Mohammed Hafeez termed it a "sad news for the whole nation." Former West Indies captain

Darren Sammy, who has played in the Pakistan Super League (PSL), said that he never found the country to be unsafe.

"Disappointed waking up to the news of the cancellation of the Pakistan Vs New Zealand series because of security issues."

"Over the last six years playing and visiting Pakistan has been one of the most enjoyable experiences. I've always felt safe. This is a massive blow to Pakistan," Sammy tweeted.

Former overseas PSL players like Grant Elliott and current West Indies T20 free-lancer Sherfane Rutherford also expressed their sadness at the cancellation of the series.

International teams have avoided touring Pakistan ever since the 2009 terror attack on the Sri Lankan cricket team, while it was on its way to the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore for a Test match.

Six members of the Sri Lankan team were injured and six Pakistani policemen and two civilians were killed in that attack. Pakistan has been mostly playing its home series in the UAE as teams as a result.

The country is due to host England and West Indies later this year, while Australia are scheduled to be here early next year.

In a statement issued in London, the England Wales Cricket Board said it is monitoring the situation and will later take a call on whether to go ahead

with upcoming the two T20 Internationals on October 13 and 14. The matches are to be played in Rawalpindi.

"The ECB Board will then decide in the next 24-48 hours whether our planned tour should proceed," the ECB was quoted as saying by Sky Sports in London.

The West Indies tour of Pakistan is scheduled in December and will feature three ODIs and as many T20 Internationals.

The Australians are due here in February-March next year to play two Tests, three ODIs and an equal number of T20 Internationals.

Rohit Backed To Replace Kohli As India's T20 captain

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: Opener Rohit Sharma has demonstrated his leadership qualities in the Indian Premier League (IPL) and is an obvious choice to succeed Virat Kohli as India's Twenty20 captain, according to several former players.

Kohli, who has led India across formats, has decided to relinquish Twenty20 captaincy after the 20-overs World Cup scheduled in the United Arab Emirates and Oman from Oct. 17. Kohli has a 27-14 win-loss ratio as India's Twenty20 captain, while his Royal Challengers Bangalore team continue to chase their maiden IPL title.

While the Indian cricket board is not in any hurry to name a successor now, Rohit, IPL's most successful captain, is likely to be elevated as India's Twenty20 skipper.

For former India captain Dilip Vengsarkar, it is a no-brainer. "Rohit deserves to be India's next T20 captain because he has done well whenever he's been given an opportunity to lead India," Vengsarkar told a



newspaper on Friday.

"In 2018, India won the Asia Cup under his captaincy. Beside that, he's been an exceptional captain for the Mumbai Indians, having led them to five IPL titles."

Former player Sandeep Patil also backed IPL's most successful captain for the job.

"Rohit has proved his mettle," Patil, part of India's 1983 World Cup winning squad, told the same newspaper.

Kohli cited his "immense" workload as the reason behind his decision but Indian cricket board president Sourav Ganguly said the decision was made "keeping in mind the future roadmap."

Former captain Sunil Gavaskar said while Rohit was the best man to lead in 20-overs cricket, India should groom KL Rahul, who leads Kings XI Punjab in IPL, as a future white-ball captain.

NEWS MAKERS

Pep Guardiola Defends Plea For 'More Fans' At Manchester City Home Games

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MANCHESTER: For Pep Guardiola, it was a rallying cry ahead of what he expects to be a tough game.

For some Manchester City supporters, it was an ill-timed comment that questioned the loyalty of the club's fan base.

A clash has broken out between City's esteemed manager and a section of the team's followers after Guardiola's plea for "more people" to attend City's Premier League home match against Southampton on Saturday — three days after a hard-fought 6-3 win over Leipzig in the Champions

League at Etihad Stadium.

The attendance against Leipzig was 38,062. The Etihad's capacity is about 55,000.

One of the people unhappy with Guardiola's remarks was Kevin Parker, general secretary of City's official supporters' club, who accused the Spaniard of failing to understand the difficulties of attending games on a midweek evening and playing into the hands of opposition teams' fans who often taunt City for not having capacity crowds at some matches.

"He's absolutely the best coach in the world but, in the nicest possible way, I think maybe he should stick to that," said

Parker, who described Guardiola's comments were "disappointing and uncalled for."

Guardiola responded to Parker on Friday in a news conference ahead of the Southampton game, saying he would "definitely not" be apologizing for his comments and that there had been a "misunderstanding."

"Don't misunderstand or put words in my mouth that I didn't say," Guardiola said. "That's what I don't like. I never will be a problem for my fans. If I am a problem for my fans, I will step aside. Not a problem for me."

Guardiola said he had seen his players look "exhausted" in



the locker room after the end-to-end game against Leipzig and quickly realized they would

need fans to get behind them against Southampton, given the quick turnaround of the games and Southampton's pressing game and energetic style.

"When you play in the Championship League, it's so demanding on your physicality, and mentally, when they (Southampton) have a long week to prepare the game," Guardiola said. "So that's why we need to be all together — the players, the supporters, everyone, to help us to do our best. I know exactly our fans will be there tomorrow to support, and hopefully Mr. Parker can come to watch us."

"Mr. Parker," Guardiola added, should "review his comments."

City has struggled to fill the Etihad for some home games in the Champions League, especially in the first one of each season's group stage. It has led to some rivals fans using the nickname "the Emptyhad."

There are some reasons given for the lower European attendances — some fans' disaffection with the tournament organizer, UEFA, for what they perceive as unfair sanctions handed to, or affecting, City in the Champions League; City being involved in games in so many competitions that fans pick and choose matches; the pandemic affecting fans' finances; a digital ticketing sys-

tem that doesn't allow fans to transfer tickets to others if they can't attend a midweek game.

The fan bases of City's main rivals in English soccer, including Manchester United and Liverpool, are far bigger globally.

"We are who we are. We are proud of who we are," Guardiola said. "I know the history, I learned about the history of this club when it was in the lower division, and what it means to travel and follow the team. I respect it a lot."

City has had near-capacity crowds for its first two home matches of the Premier League season — 5-0 wins over Norwich and Arsenal.