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WHY J&K'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS AT STAKE

When a very small change in the initial conditions, such as the flapping of butterfly wings, creates significantly large changes in the outcome, like the causation of tornadoes several weeks after the flapping, it is called "the butterfly effect"...

EDUCATION FACTORY AND ITS IMPACT ON MORAL DEVELOPMENT

The book Recalling the Forgotten: Education and Moral Quest has been written by Professor Avijit Pathak who teaches at the centre for the study of social systems, school of Social Sciences JNU. His areas of interest are sociology of modernisation,



P11 SPORTS

PCB CAN COLLAPSE IF INDIA Wants: Ramiz Raja





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If you judge people, you have no time to love them - Mother Teresa

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NEWS DIGEST

18 J&K Police Officers Transferred

SRINAGAR: Government on Friday ordered transfer of 18 police officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect. According to a Home department order, Gurinderpal Singh, IPS, awaiting orders of posting has been posted as AIG (P&T) • More On P10

IED Found In Anantnag, Defused

ANANTNAG: The Police and security forces on Friday detected and defused an Improvised Explosive Device in Achabal area of south Kashmir's Anantnag on, officials said here. An official said that the IED was found on the roadside near a stone quarry in Achabal, More On P10

Cop Hurt After Rifle Goes Off Accidentally

SRINAGAR: A police constable received injuries in foot after his service rifle went off accidentally this evening at DPL Pulwama, official sources said Identifying the injured as Head Constable Basharat Ahmad said that he was removed to District Hospital Pulwama • More On P10

Shopian Acid Attack Case Solved, Accused Held

SHOPIAN: The Jammu and Kashmir police on Friday claimed to have solved an acid attack case by arresting the accused person in south Kashmir's Shopian district. In a statement, issued to the news agency a spokesperson said that on October 5, Police Station Keller received information • More On PIC

Jal Shakti Minister

At 21.6 Percent, J&K Has Highest Unemployment Rate, Says CMIE

Zaid Bin Shabir

Revealing a shocking spike in the unemployment rate in Jammu & Kashmir, the newly unveiled survey by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) has noted that J&K has the highest unemployment figure in the country with a

the highest unemployment figure in the country with a grueling rate of 21.6 percent. According to the CMIE's "30 14.2 p

day moving average" survey for the month of September, J&K has recorded a 21.6 per cent unemployment rate preceded by the states of Haryana and Rajasthan where the unemployment rate stood at 20.3 per cent and 17.9 per cent respectively.

At the beginning of 2021, a J&K's unemployment rate was 21.9 per cent which dipped to 14.2 per cent in February, 11.4



per cent in April, 12.1 per cent in May and 10.6 per cent in the month of June.

Though the J&K's unemployment rate, as per CMIE, has witnessed a decline since January 2021 till June 2021, it took an ugly turn in the month of September when it surpassed the national average of unemployment.

Using Consumer Pyramids Household Survey machinery, CMIE has pegged India's unemployment rate at 6.86 per cent which itself ascertains the fact that J&K has much higher unemployment rate than the national average.

Besides these official figures, the other data sources accessed by Kashmir Observer indicate the severity of unemployment in J&K.

According to the 2020 employment • More On P10

Militant Killed In City Shootout, 1 Escapes: Police



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: An unidentified militant was killed in a shootout with the police at Natipora area in uptown

Srinagar Friday evening. During the shootout another militant managed to give police a slip and escaped from the scene, reports said. Kashmir zone • More On P10 JAMMU/SRINAGAR; A woman principal and a teacher who were shot dead inside their school in Srinagar were given a tearful adieu on Friday as protests erupted in many parts of Jammu and Kashmir over the recent spate of killing of civilians while Opposition leaders alleged that the "worsening" situation in the union territory was due to the Centre's "wrong measures". The last rites of Supinder

Agencies

Kaur -- the slain principal of the government school in Sangam-Eidgah were performed by the family and relatives at a cremation ground in Karan Nagar area in Srinagar. Hundreds of members of the Sikh community assembled at the residence of Kaur in Aloochi Bagh area and took out a protest march from there, carrying her mortal remains on a stretcher.



Slain Principal, Teacher Given a Tearful Adieu

The protesting members of the community -- both old and young alike -- covered the distance from Aloochi Bagh to Jehangir Chowk on foot, shouting slogans demanding justice for the victim shot dead by militants at the school along with

her colleague Deepak Chand. Chand was cremated at the Shaktinagar cremation ground in Jammu. A pall of gloom had descended as Chand's mortal remains arrived from Srinagar at his Patoli home around midnight with hundreds • More On P10

KP Employees Leaving Valley: KPSS

s the spate of targeted killings of minorities rocked Kashmir, a Kashmiri Pandit organisation said some employees from the community, who were provided government jobs under a rehabilitation package in 2010-11, have started moving to Jammu quietly fearing for their life, alleging the administration was unable to provide then a secure environment. The administration, meanwhile, has given a holiday of 10 days to employees from the minority community, official sources said. "Around 500 people or more have started leaving from different areas like Budgam, Anantnag and Pulwama. There are some non-Kashmir pandit families who have also left. It is 1990 revisited," said Sanjay Tiku, president of Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti (KPSS). "It may seem invisible but migration

"It may seem invisible but migration is going on and I was
More On P10

LG Flying To Delhi For Meeting With HM

telligence agencies and the

Jammu and Kashmir ad-

ministration are expected

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shahis likely to hold discussions with Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (IC) Manoi Sinha

about the latest modus operandi of the terrorists in carrying out attacks on soft targets and the steps taken to tighten the security the Celebrate Diwali _{with} J&K Bank Diwali Bonanza

e-inaugurates 15 projects

SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Jal Shakti Sh Gajendra Singh Shekhawat today e-inaugurated 15 projects and laid e-foundation of 15 new projects of Jal Shakti Department, Jammu and Kashmir here at Banquet Hall Srinagar. Saturday on the security situation in the union territory in the wake of recent targeted killings including those of Hindus and Sikhs. The home minister and the LG are expected to

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Top officials of the sources said. Union Home Ministry, in-

Shah has directed the officials to ensure that those involved in the killings are nabbed such incidents do not recur. The Central govern-

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Climate Of Fear Not Seen Since 1990s In Kashmir: PAGD

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) on Friday asserted that the recent killing of civilians has created a climate of fear that has not been seen in Kashmir since the early 1990s and held the "failure" of government policies responsible for the current situation.

A meeting of the PAGD was convened on Friday at the residence of its chairman Farooq Abdullah to take stock of the current situation prevailing in Jammu & Kashmir, PAGD spokesman M Y Tarigami said.

The meeting was attended by PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami and NC leader Justice (retired) Hasnain Masoodi. The spokesman said the PAGD unreservedly condemned the recent killings of innocent people in the valley.

These killings have created a climate of fear that has not been seen in Kashmir since the early 90s. The current situation prevailing • More On P10

Parties Denounce Killing Of A Youth in Anantnag

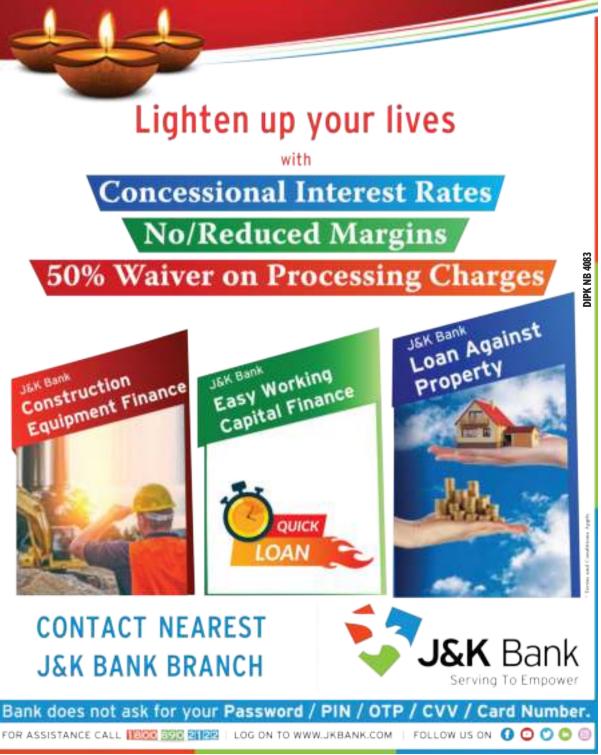
Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Former Chief Minister and National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah and Peoples Conference Chief Sajad Gani Lone have called for "sanity to prevail" after a 28-year-old youth, father of two-minor daughters, was killed in CRPF firing in Anantnag district of south Kashmir on Thursday evening.

PDP chief and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti called it a "knee-jerk" reaction and asked if "any action will be taken against the trigger happy personnel."

"Yasir Ali killed by security forces at a check point in South Kashmir last night. A heightened state of alert cannot be a reason to open fire like this. Senior officers of the security • More On P10







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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.

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.into acquaint

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

6.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically

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SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council

(AC), which met here under the chairman-

ship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of winding up the

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar,

Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr.

Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the

Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

to the recommendations of the Committee

headed by the Administrative Secretary, Higher

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tuted to evaluate the functioning of the Unit.

The Committee had found the Unit non-func-

tional, having outlived its utility, but entailing

an annual expenditure of Rs. 109 lakh. The

Administrative Council decided to close the Gazetteer Unit and transfer its record, office

equipment, and existing staff to the General

Administration Department.

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The decision has been taken to give effect

Highest Number Of Vaccine Doses Given Across J&K on Friday

JK Reports 100 New Covid Positive Cases

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Government on Friday said that the highest number of 1,82,863 doses of COVID vaccine were administered in the last 24 hours across the UT bringing the cumulative number of doses administered here to 12,708,865.

The Daily Bulletin also informs that 100 new positive cases of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), 08 from Jammu division and 92 from Kashmir division, have been reported today, thus taking the total number of positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir to 330352. Moreover, 91 more COVID-19



patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 25 from Jammu Division and 66 from Kashmir Division.

The Bulletin informs that no new case of Mucormycosis has been reported today. It adds that 94.53 percent of the population

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Road Maintenance Policy Approved

Scientific Management And Maintenance Of Approx. 42000Km Road Network To Be Taken Up

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded sanction to the proposal of the Public Works (R&B) Department for the adoption of Jammu and Kashmir Road Maintenance Policy, 2020-21 and along with the standard operating procedure for maintenance of road network in Jammu and Kashmir.

The new policy will help in timely maintenance of roads and repair of potholes before deterio-

ration of entire road stretches. The Department was also authorized to purchase requisite numbers of two-wheelers costing up to Rs. 2.00 crores during the current financial year. The decision aims at scientifi-

cally maintaining the J&K's gross road length
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SRINAGAR: Weatherman on Friday said that South West Monsoon has completely withdrawn from J&K and Ladakh.

"From now on, each spell of rain/snow will be due to westerly winds (Western Disturbances) which generally originate from the Mediterranean, Black and Caspian Sea," a Meteorological department official said.

He said the monsoon retreated from the entire Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, belated by nearly two

'10 Districts In J&K, Ladakh Received Deficit Rain' weeks as the normal withdrawal date was September 22.

"This year, the monsoon hit J&K on 13th June, 17 days ahead of its normal arrival on 30th June-1st July. During the course of 113 days of monsoon over J&K and Ladakh(13th June to 8th Oct.) Out of 10 districts, 4 received normal rain whereas 6 received deficit rain in Jammu," he said, adding, "In Kashmir, out of 10 districts, 7 received normal rainfall whereas

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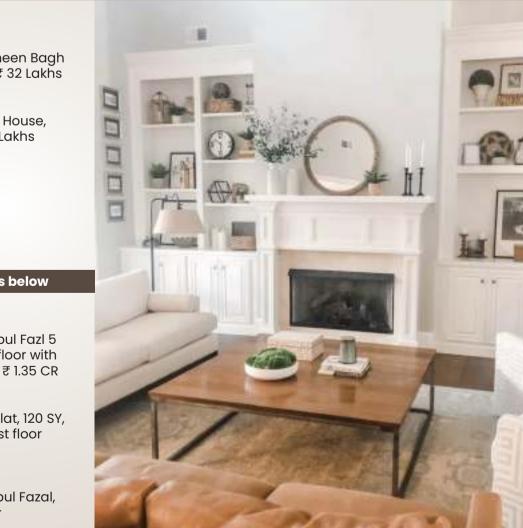
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Cash Airlifts Planned To Bypass Taliban, Help **Afghans: Report**

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Brussels/Frankfurt/Washington: As desperate Afghans resort to selling their belongings to buy food, international officials are preparing to fly in cash for the needy while avoiding financing the Taliban government, according to people familiar with the confidential plans.

Planning for the cash airlifts is going ahead against the background of a rapidly collapsing economy where money is short, although diplomats are still debating whether Western powers can demand that the Taliban make concessions in return, according to internal policy documents seen by Reuters.

The emergency funding. aimed at averting a humanitarian crisis in the face of drought and political upheaval, could see U.S. dollar bills flown into Kabul for distribution via banks in payments of less than \$200 directly to the poor - with the Taliban's blessing but without their involvement.

As well as flying in cash to stem the immediate crisis, donor countries want to set up a "humanitarian-plus" trust fund that would pay salaries and keep schools and hospitals open, two senior officials said.

Many Afghans have started selling their possessions to pay for ever scarcer food. The departure of U.S.-led forces and many inter-

Agencies

national donors robbed the country of grants that financed 75% of public spending, according to the World Bank. The West's unorthodox strategy reflects the dilemma it faces.

Still eager to help Afghanistan after two decades of war, and to prevent mass migration, it is also loathe to give money to the Taliban, who seized power in August and have yet to show significant change from the harsh way they ruled the country between 1996-2001.

CASH DROPS

The United Nations has warned that 14 million Afghans face hunger. Mary-Ellen McGroarty, U.N. World Food Programme Afghanistan director, said the economy could collapse in the face of the cash crisis.

"Many parents are foregoing food so that their children can eat," she has said.

In recent days, Western diplomats and officials have stepped up efforts to establish a cash lifeline. The United Nations World

Food Programme has distributed about 10 million Afghanis (\$110,000) in cash via a local bank and intends to disburse more soon, said one person with knowledge of the situation

The cash runs are a trial for larger air deliveries of dollars from Pakistan, the person said.



Dmitry Muratov and Maria Ressa won the Nobel Peace Prize for their fight for freedom of expression [File: Alexander Zemlianichenko and Aaron Favila/AP]

Journalists win Nobel Peace Prize for Defending Freedom of Expression

ournalists Maria Ressa, of the Philippines, and Dmitry Muratov, of Russia, have won this year's Nobel Peace Prize, recognised "for their efforts to safeguard freedom of ex-

Andersen, chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said on Friday. "At the same time, they are

freedom of the press face increascapital. Oslo.

nalists since German Carl von

propaganda," Reiss-Andersen said. Ressa, who founded investiga-

has focused much of her work on Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's controversial and violent war on drugs.

"I am in shock." Ressa told a live broadcast by Rappler after learning of the award.

newspaper Novaya Gazeta in 1993 nalists murdered during that time.

"We can congratulate Dmitry Muratov," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters. "He persistently works in accordance with his own ideals, he is devoted to them, he is talented, he is brave," he added.

Last year's prize went to the World Food Programme for its efforts to combat hunger and food insecurity around the globe. **INTERACTIVE-** Nobel Prize

Winners country The award is accompanied by

a gold medal and 10 million Swed

ish kronor (over \$1.1m). The prize money comes from a bequest left by the prize's creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel, who died in 1896

On Monday, the Nobel Committee awarded the prize in physiology or medicine to Americans David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian for their discoveries into how the human body perceives temperature and touch

The Nobel Prize in physics was awarded Tuesday to three scientists whose work helped explain and predict complex forces of nature, including expanding our understanding of climate change.

Benjamin List and David WC MacMillan were named as laureates of the Nobel Prize for chemistry on Wednesday for finding an easier and environmentally cleaner way to build molecules that can be used to make compounds, including medicines and pesticides.

The Nobel Prize for literature was awarded on Thursday to Tanzanian author Abdulrazak Gurnah, who was recognised for his "uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee"

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Palestinians Reject Israeli Ruling On Jewish Prayer At Al-Aqsa

attempts to impose a new real-

ity at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque,"

of Al-Aqsa was recognised in a

1994 peace treaty between Am-

man and Tel Aviv, called the de-

cision "a serious violation of the

historical and legal status of Al-

expert on Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa,

told Al Jazeera that "the Israeli

judicial system does not have any

legal jurisdiction to rule over the

sanctity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque

From a legal standpoint, the

While the verdict reached on

Wednesday by Israel's lowest ju-

dicial body amounts more to an endorsement than a legal ruling,

it has stirred Palestinian fears

of a Jewish takeover of the third-

tween Palestinians and Israeli

security forces have repeatedly

occurred as more and more Jews

have been entering the Al-Aqsa

compound, which they refer to as

Bloody confrontations be-

and to change the status quo."

decision is null, he said.

holiest site in Islam.

Khaled Zabarqa, a lawyer and

Aqsa Mosque"

Jordan, whose role as keeper

Shtayyeh said on Thursday.

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Jerusalem: A landmark ruling by an Israeli court in favour of Jews praying at the Al-Aqsa Mosque complex has stoked Palestinian fears of Jewish encroachment over Jerusalem's holiest site.

Palestinians denounced on Thursday a decision by an Israeli Magistrate Court not to regard prayer by Jewish worshippers as a "criminal act" if it remained silent, which upends a longstanding agreement whereby Muslims worship at Al-Aqsa while Jews worship at the nearby Western Wall. The judicial decision came

after an Israeli settler, Rabbi Aryeh Lippo, went to court to get a temporary ban order from entering Al-Aqsa lifted. The order was imposed on him by Israeli police after he performed prayers at the compound.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Ibrahim Shtayyeh has called on the United States to fulfil its pledge to preserve the status quo of the compound, and for Arab nations to stand in solidarity with Palestinians.

"We warn against Israel's Temple Mount, to pray,



US Deputy Secretary In Pak; Discusses Regional Security, Economic Ties

Agencies

Islamabad: Pakistan and the US have discussed regional security issues, including the situation in Afghanistan, and bilateral economic cooperation as America's Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman held talks with the country's NSA Moeed Yusuf here, the official media reported on Fridav.



The two countries expressed a de-

sire to promote their bilateral relations during a meeting between Advisor to Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on National Security Yusuf and the visiting US diplomat on Thursday.

was issued after the meeting but according to Radio No statem

Geneva: The UN Human Rights Council voted to end the mandevastating military offensive in date of experts investigating war support of internationally recog-

Agencies

tive journalism website Rappler,

'A Major Setback': UN Ends Yemen War Crimes Probe gate abuse nearly two years after the Saudi-led coalition launched a

The conflict erupted in 2014 when Houthi rebels seized the capital Sanaa, prompting a Saudi-led military coalition to intervene in support of the government [File: Khaled Abdullah/Reuters]

crimes in Yemen in a blow to Western nations who wanted the probe to continue

er council vote The 47-r

Houthi rebels. The Saudi-led

CIA's New Unit To Step nised President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who was toppled by the coalition has

pression", which the prize-giving committee described as being under threat worldwide The two were given the prestigious award "for their courageous fight for freedom of expression in the Philippines and Russia," Berit Reiss-

representatives of all journalists who stand up for this ideal in a world in which democracy and

ingly adverse conditions," she told a news conference in Norway's The prize is the first for jour-

Ossietzky won it in 1935 for revealing his country's secret post-war rearmament programme.

"Free, independent and factbased journalism serves to protect against abuse of power, lies and war

Muratov founded the Russian

and has been its editor-in-chief for 24 years. It is today one of the very few independent media outlets in Russia, and has seen six of its jour-

Soon after the announcement, the Kremlin congratulated the Russian journalist despite the fact that his newspaper has often criticised Russian authorities.

against renewing the mandate of the Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen (GEE) on Thursday, which in August 2018 reported evidence of possible war crimes committed by all sides, including a military coalition led by Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia has been in the past accused of attempting to shut down the investigation, with Human Rights Watch in September 2018 saving Rivadh was making a "blatant attempt to avoid scrutiny" of its conduct in Yemen.

The Human Rights Council in 2017 agreed to send a group of "eminent experts" to Yemen to investibeen accused of bombing schools hospitals and other civilian targets while the Houthi rebels, who control much of northern Yemen, were also accused of major violations.

Catherine Shakdam, former Security Council consultant on Yemen, told Al Jazeera that the vote was not a surprise.

However, she added, "A lot of people will be disappointed because it is a failure on the part of the UN, but from a political perspective ... finding a real solution to the ongoing crisis in Yemen, pointing fingers may not be the right way to reaching a peaceful resolution to the conflict.'

Up Spying Contest With China

creasingly adversarial Chinese government," Burns said.

Washington: The US Central Intelligence Agency announced Thursday a new China-focused unit that underscored its view of Beijing as the country's toughest long-term

adversary CIA Director William Burns said in a statement that the new China Mission Center will address the challenge China poses to all of the US spy agency's mission areas. "CMC will further strengthen our collective work on the most important geopolitical threat we face in the 21st century, an in-

The announcement parallels the broader shift of the administration of President Joe Biden to confronting China as its leading "strategic competitor."

In June Biden announced a new task force at the Pentagon to assess and respond to Beijing's military challenge.

Burns' announcement came after the CIA and FBI have unearthed dozens of cases of China recruiting US citizens to supply it classified or corporate proprietary information, and using Chinese cit-

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izens working in the United States as intelligence collectors as well. It also comes as US intelli-

gence sees their Chinese rivals making use of their strength in the global electronics market and in hacking to penetrate US government and private computer networks.

Underscoring the challenge from Beijing as well as other rivals like Pakistan, the CIA recently sent a memo to its arms around the world admitting that it had lost dozens of its own covert informants in other countries, some captured or killed, according to Pakistan, both sides discussed economic cooperation and the regional security situation.

In his talks with Sherman, NSA Yusuf said that the world must maintain contacts with the interim government in Afghanistan, which is now under Taliban rule since August 15 when the Afghan militant group ousted the elected government of President Ashraf Ghani, forcing him to flee the country and take refuge in the UAE.

The US Deputy Secretary of State arrived here from New Delhi on Thursday on a two-day visit to discuss various aspects of bilateral ties and the regional situation in the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.

According to the Foreign Office (FO), Sherman's visit follows a recent meeting between Pakistan foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in New York on the sidelines of the annual UN General Assembly.

During Sherman's visit, views will be exchanged on all issues of mutual interest, including the bilateral relationship as well as the regional situation.

Dubai Ruler Ordered Hacking Of Runaway Princess With Pegasus

ubai's ruler Sheikh Mo hammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum ordered the hacking of phones belonging to his estranged wife, using the controversial Pegasus spyware, a London court ruled.

The surveillance of Princess Haya Bint al-Hussein using the NSO Group Ltd. technology, took place with the "express or implied authority" of Sheikh Mohammed, Judge Andrew McFarlane said in a ruling made public Wednesday. The couple have been fighting over the welfare of their children after the princess flew to the U.K. with them in 2019.

Sheikh Mohammed is "prepared to use the arm of the State to achieve what he regards as right." McFarlane wrote in his Wednesday ruling. "He has harassed and intimidated the mother both before her departure to England and since," said the judge, and "is prepared to countenance those acting



on his behalf doing so unlawfully in the U.K.

Sheikh Mohammed denied the allegations in a statement to Bloomberg. The case concerns "supposed operations of state security" and "it was not appropriate for me" to provide evidence on such sensitive matters, he said.

"The findings are therefore inevitably based on an incomplete picture" and are also based

on evidence "not provided to me or my minders," said the sheikh. "I therefore maintain that they were made in a manner which was unfair.'

Lawyers for Princess Haya declined to comment.

The rulings by one of Britain's most senior judges add to the embarrassment facing the Dubai royal family. McFarlane ruled early last year that Sheikh Mohammed conducted a campaign aimed at "intimidating and fright-

ening" his estranged wife. NSO's software has been

found on phones belonging to journalists and activists with human rights groups accusing the Israeli firm of using the technology to eavesdrop on conversations and track messages. The firm says its product is sold to law enforcement and intelligence agencies of vetted governments only.

An NSO document previously published by security research-

ers describes Pegasus as a tool that can "remotely and covertly extract valuable intelligence from virtually any mobile device."

It can be installed on a phone by tricking a targeted person into clicking a link, according to the document, or by forcing a phone to download the spy tool without any user interaction, usually by exploiting security vulnerabilities on the device.

Sheikh Mohammed had stated that it was hard to see how the hacking allegations made a "substantial difference" to the issue of his contact with his children, according to McFarlane.

The judge said in Wednesday's ruling that he considered the matter to be of the "utmost seriousness," saying it may have a profound impact on his ability to trust the sheikh with anything but the "most minimal and secure arrangements" for contact with his children

Rare Mughal era eyeglasses to be auctioned

n auction in London later this month will sell a pair of rare diamond and emerald spectacles from an unknown Indian princely treasury.

The lenses were fitted in the Mughal-era frames around 1890, according to auction firm Sotheby's. The eyeglasses will be auctioned for £1.5m-



2.5m (\$2m-\$3.4m) each, said the auction house.

They will be shown for the first time in Hong Kong and London in October, ahead of the sale, reports the BBC.

The technical ability of the cutter and the genius of craftsmanship, as well as the vision of a patron who chose to construct two pairs of eyeglasses unlike anything ever seen before, are all intertwined in these extraordinary curiosities, said

Edward Gibbs, chairman of Sotheby's for Middle East and India.

The Mughals, a dynasty that controlled the subcontinent in the 16th and 17th centuries and was noted for its rich artistic and architectural achievements, may have commissioned these spectacles.

The lenses made with diamonds were thought to provide enlightenment Sotheby's

via The BBC A diamond and an emerald were molded into the two spectacles, according

to a statement from Sotheby's. The grade and purity of the

jewels are exceptional, and stones of this size would undoubtedly have been the reserve of an emperor, the report added.

The diamond lenses, which were cut as a pair from a single natural diamond, are believed to have come from the Golconda mines in southern India. A single natural Colombian emerald

was used to create the teardrop-shaped emeralds. While regular lenses help vision, these filters were aids for spiritual enlightenment, with diamonds thought to illuminate and emeralds thought to have supernatural powers to heal and ward off evil. according to Sotheby's.



Family, Relatives Of Slain School Principal Stage Sit-In Outside Civil Secretariat



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Family members and relatives of slain school principal Friday staged a sitin outside civil secretariat Srinagar and demanded justice.

Witnesses told news agency, members of Sikh community, the Civil Secretariat, they staged majority of whom were family members and relatives of slain school principal Supinder Kour, the spot and persuaded the fam- gans- "We want justice...Punwho was shot dead along with ily members of Kour to take her ish the culprits..."-(KNO)

her colleague Deepak Chand, at body to Batamaloo cremation Government Higher Secondary ground for last rites. However, School (GHSS) Sangam, Eidgah, the family members of slain Srinagar, walked on foot from Kour demanded "justice and Allochi Bagh to Civil Secretariat. stern punishment to the killers" "The family members of Kour before proceeding for cremation were carrying her body on a ground. Meanwhile, scores of stretcher and when they reached members from the Sikh community participated in the last rites a silent-sit-in," witnesses said. of Kour's cremation at Batamloo Senior police officers reached cremation ground amid slo-

WITNESSES TOLD NEWS AGENCY, MEMBERS OF SIKH community, majority of whom were family members and relatives of slain school principal Supinder Kour, who was shot dead along with her colleague Deepak Chand, at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Sangam, Eidgah, Srinagar, walked on foot from Allochi Bagh to Civil Secretariat.

Parimpora Fire Victims Seek Financial Assistance From Government



Agencies

SRINAGAR: The fire victims of ers did their best to control the Parimpora fire blaze on friday fire but when fire was brought appealed to the Government to under control 66 structures had

it worries us," they said. The victims said that firefight-

Mehbooba, Omar Visit **Family of Slain Sikh Teacher**

Say Aim Of Attacks Is To Drive A Wedge Between Communities, Push Them Out Of Valley

aimed to create a wedge be-Conference vice president peat of early 90's and not to leave their homes.'

the members of minority wedge between the communities and to push them out situation in Kashmir. of Kashmir. We can't let that

happen," Omar told reportprincipal Supinder Kour's Aloochibagh residence here. Omar said the attackers are

perhaps trying to ensure another exodus. "I appeal to the members of the minority com- Aloochibagh residence. munity don't allow a repeat of the early 90's and not to leave demning the killing of Kour your homes out of fear," he also denounced the killing said, adding that he and his party will continue to press for stating that "it's an irony security to be granted to protect minorities in the Valley.

SRINAGAR: Stating that the at- J&K administration's decision tacks on the minorities were of granting 10-day holiday to government employees between the communities, for- longing to Kashmiri Pandit mer chief minister of erstwhile community only and ignoring J&K State and the National members of Sikh community. "Why this selective ap-Omar Abdullah Friday made proach. Government must a fervent appeal to members reconsider its decision and of minority communities and include government emurged them "don't allow re- ployees belonging to Sikh community too," he said. Earlier PDP chief Mehbooba

"I can understand the pain Mufti took a jibe at BJP govand fear the families of slain ernment stating that it was are going through and also the Centre and their wrong policies adopted in Jammu communities. I believe these and Kashmir post August 5, attacks are aimed to drive a 2019, that are directly responsible for the fast deteriorating

"BJP government and its wrong policies adopted ers after visiting slain school since August 5, 2019 and before that as well, are directly responsible for the fast worsening situation in Kashmir," Mehbooba told reporters outside Kour's

The PDP chief while conof a civilian in Anantnag that it was stated by the government the slain youth was Omar also questioned the trying to attack forces.

Augaf Demands Opening Of Jama, **Dargah In Rabiul-Awwal**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar on behalf of its incarcerated President Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has extended heartfelt felicitations to the Muslims on the arrival of Rabi-ul-Awwal, the holy month in which the last messenger of Allah - Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was born.

The Anjuman in a statement said the arrival of the merciful Prophet (SAW) enlightened humanity.

"Even at the beginning of this blessed month. Kashmir's







extend all possible help to them turned into ashes. as they have lost everything to the devastated fire.

While talking to a news agency, the fire victims said that 55 hous- in hand right now. es and 11 sheds were gutted in the devastated fire incident that ing in these 66 structures. Some occurred in Sheikh Colony in Fruit labourers who were staying on Mandi Parimpora on Thursday.

The victims said that the fire their earnings. spread thick and fast, not giving people any time to save their government now. We appeal to the belongings. "We have lost everything. Winter is approaching and sistance to us," they said. (KNT)

One of the victims who had recently tied the knot said that he lost everything and has nothing

Over 100 families were residrental basis said that they lost

"We are pinning hope on the government to extend financial aslargest places of worship - the Central Jama Masjid Srinagar, Dargah Hazratbal and other major religious places continue to be closed on the directions of rulers due to which neither Muslims are able to perform such an important duty as Friday prayers nor is the Mirwaizbe under house arrest for the responsibilities, the Institution



of Mirwaiz enjoins upon him", the Anjuman said.

Protesting against what it termed as "dictatorial attitude" of the rulers, the Anjuman said such actions not only hurt the e-Kashmir, who continues to sentiments of the Kashmiri people but also amounted to it said was unacceptable.

The Anjuman said that in view of the arrival of the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal, the rulers should remove the undue restrictions imposed on all religious places, including the Jama Masjid Srinagar, Dargah Hazratbal so that the people, while last 26 months, allowed to ful- sheer interference in the reli- keeping in view the Covid SOPs. fill his religious obligations and gious affairs of Muslims, which are able to worship according to their religious beliefs.

Govt. Winds Up The Gazetteers Unit Srinagar



SRINAGAR: The Administrative and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Council (AC), which met here un- Secretary to the Lieutenant Govder the chairmanship of Lieuten- ernor attended the meeting. ant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of winding to give effect to the recomup the Gazetteers Unit, Srinagar.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieu- Secretary, Higher Education Demar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K ed to evaluate the functioning called Gazetteer.

The decision has been taken

mendations of the Committee headed by the Administrative

of the Unit. The Committee had found the Unit non-functional, having outlived its utility, but entailing an annual expenditure of Rs. 109 lakh.

The Administrative Council decided to close the Gazetteer Unit and transfer its record, office equipment, and existing staff to the General Administration Department. Pertinently, the Gazetteer

Unit was entrusted with the preparation of regional gazetteers after studying Jammu and Kashmir's geography, economy, society, education, and social welfare through the archival records, published works, and individual studies to publish the tenant Governor, Dr. Arun Ku- partment, which was constitut- findings in the form of a book

Commissioner SMC Visits Parimpora

hand to mouth.

Athar on the occassion di-

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Commissioner SMC Commissioner SMC assured to Athar Amir Khan today visited Parimpora where 40 structures fected families who live from were gutted yesterday in a devastating fire incident.

families where he listened to we will take every possible mea- near by Community facilitation the pleas and concerns of the sure to help the victim families," victims.

While expressing his sym- rected PHE officials to keep accommodated for a time being.

pathies and grief to the fire drinking water facility availvictims over the incident , able to the victims.

He also directed Chief Saniextend all possible help to af- taion Officer to keep available Mobile Toilet vans at the affected site for the fire victims. He termed the incident as

He also passed on directions He visited the affected tragic and painful and said that to the concerned to identify centre of SMC or SDA where these victims can be shifted and

Mufti Ismail Menk In Srinagar, Performs Nikah **Of Ex- Minister's Son** couple and also gave a sermon

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on the occasion. Notably, the Zimbabwean SRINAGAR: Noted Muslim scholar Mufti Ismail Menk who scholar Mufti Menk, who has was on a two-day visit to Kash- over 3.4 million followers on mir, performed Nikah of son of social media, had informed the former minister and senior through his Instagram handle leader of Apni party, Moham- on Thursday that he was on a mad Dilwar Mir on Friday. Kashmir visit.

The purpose of the visit of He has been honoured as one Mufti Menk, who is popular on of the 500 most influential Mussocial media, was to perform lims in the world. He delivers his Nikah of Yawar Dilawar Mir son speeches on his YouTube chanof Mohammad Dilawar Mir. nel which are shared worldwide

Reports said that Mufti through various social media Menk performed Nikah of the platforms by his followers.

Bukhari Visits Slain Principal Residence

SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Altaf Bukhari along with Party General Secretary Rafi Ahmad Mir and others on Friday visited the residence of late Supinder Kaur, principal who was killed at her school in Srinagar on Thursday. Bukhari asserted that the onus of providing security to the minority

communities as well as majority community lies on the government which is responsible for maintaining peace and harmony in the society.

"The Government must identify and nab the culprits behind these ominous incidents that have created an atmosphere of fear, animosity and distrust. I also urge the religious and civil society members to come forward to thwart the plans of mischief-mongers who seem to be hellbent on creating a communal discord," he added.

Bukhari expressed solidarity with the bereaved family while terming her killing as extremely barbaric and aimed at breaking the social-fabric of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rs 4 Cr Spent Over 20Yrs To Build 1-Km 'Road' Stretch!

RAJ1NDER SINGH

RAJOURI : History of sorts was created in this far-flung border district when the state government last year handed over a major road construction project to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) after having squandered an astro-nomical Rs four crore on 'creating' just a kilometre of an improvised fair-weather path- over a period of 20 years. In sharp contrast, the BRO's Project Sam-park had completed 20 km stretch of the road, by September 10 this year

According to reports, the pate's very own public works department (PWD) had taken up the construction of 35-fcm Ghambir Tarkundi road in Rajouri district in 1980 While its physical execution went on at a snail's pace, the department displayed a mad haste in the booking of expen-diture It spent a neat Rs four crore till the time the project was finally entrusted to the BRO last year

Locals told Observer News Service that road proved to be a goldmine for the executing agencies It was first entrusted to the PWD and subsequently to its 'notorious cousin', the rural development department. With politi-cal blessing, the "worthies' of the two hyper-active' state outfits managed an apology of a small 1-km stretch which defies the description of road. Even light motor vehicles cannot ply-on it. Sources alleged fictitious drawls were made, on a massive scale to swindle the crores provided by the government. Apprehending cognizance of the huge scam, all the records pertaining to the road project were al-legedly consigned to flames in a mysterious- fire. With the entire evidence destroyed thus, they alleged, the sea maters managed their escape from the vigilance dragnet.

Construction of the road had been conceived to provide connectivity to 20 villages in areas close to the line of control (LoC). Even after 53 years of independence, nearly 80 per cent of population in the isolated villages remains landlocked for want of roads. Absence of roads has also retarded the overall development of the chronically back-ward areas As a result, the funds provided for them under various welfare programmes have allegedly been swindled by officials and their political patrons.

Fictitious drawls are believed to be common in most development departments in the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri. Sources alleged various PWD and rural development offices had drawn balls for bridle paths and other works executed by the security forces. Likewise, works executed by one agency were charged by more than one department defrauding the state exchequer to the extent of crores of rupees.

The state vigilance organisation (SVD) had, in 1988, es-tablished a case pertaining to construction of a water tank at Sari in Poonch district. It had been built by the public health engineering (PHE) department. However, two more departments - PWD aand rural development - also have allegedly drawn bills for the scheme even after 12 years, no action has been taken against the accused.

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"Am always wary of liberals who think they're criticising bigotry and violence as a favor to Muslims. You really don't deserve a medal for doing the bare minimum, and you really don't get to be offended when your own biases are questioned. Don't patronise us, grow up"

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What fresh hell is this attitude?" @WrathofTatars

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Why J&K's Healthcare **System Is At Stake** The "Now Or Never" Situation



The government's decision to pool its MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery) seats in the All-India Quota (AIQ) from the current session continues to trigger protests in the Kashmir Valley/ File Photo by KO

Murtaza Ahmad Shah

significantly large changes in the out-

come, like the causation of tornadoes

several weeks after the flapping, it is

called "the butterfly effect". And yes, it

is a real phenomenon occurring in our

everyday lives. Simply put, "small un-

noticed actions with serious large con-

sequences' ' is what it all means. And

this phenomenon is all in operation

nowadays in our healthcare apparatus

- the "butterfly flap" being a recent no-

tification by the Medical Counselling

Committee (MCC) and the predictable

outcome being a disastrous tornado for

the UT's healthcare setup. The ongoing

protests for the past few days by MBBS

students of various medical colleges of

the UT are meant to prevent the po-

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Pandora Papers: Mega-Thieves And Their Enablers he world once again investigations or lawsuits.

got a glimpse into the shady activities of mega-thieves and those that enable them to stash away huge sums of money into "offshore" accounts.

Conducted by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICII), the investigations make startling revelations.

Known as the Pandora Papers, a treasure-trove of more than 11.9 million documents reveals how money is moved around the world into properties and other assets concealed in the offshore financial system.

What has emerged is not only the names of 338 politicians, monarchs and ministers, both former and current, that own properties worldwide through shell companies but also those who facilitate such illegal activities.

Two separate aspects are involved. First, political leaders, tycoons

etc, shield their ill-gotten wealth from scrutiny by hiding it in offshore companies This way, they present them-

selves as being 'clean' and 'honest'. Second, they do not pay tax on such wealth.

Among those names by the Pandora Papers include King Abdullah II of Jordan, President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan, Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis, President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, members of the inner circle of Russian President Vladimir Putin, and several cabinet ministers in Pakistan.

Some countries, including Australia, Britain and Pakistan have vowed to investigate the revelation The Kremlin rejected the allegations saying the materials did not prove that members of President Putin's inner circle stashed assets in overseas tax havens. Similar denials were issued by the Czech prime minister saying he had done nothing "illegal or wrong". The Jordanian royal family also issued a statement on October 4 that luxury real estate in the United States and Britain was paid for with the monarch's personal fortune and not by public funds. The name of US law firm Baker McKenzie has also emerged in the investigations. With 4,700 lawyers in 46 countries and revenue of \$3.1 billion. Baker McKenzie bills itself as "the original global law firm." With its tentacles spread worldwide (together with British law firms), it is among a dozen firms that operates large international networks. Baker McKenzie is an architect and pillar of a shadow economy, often called "offshore," that benefits the wealthy at the expense of nations' treasuries and ordinary citizens' wallets. Leaked documents reveal that the law firm helped arrange shell companies in Cyprus for food and tobacco giant RIR Nabisco. For Nike, it helped set up a Dutch tax shelter.

STUDENTS HERE, COMPARED TO THE REST OF India, have inequitable access to resources. Our students don't have hen a very small change in the initial access to the same resources of learning and education which conditions, such as students outside of J&K enjoy. How can anyone ignore that? How can the flapping of butpolicy makers completely forget this variable?

> is likely to participate in the All-India Quota (AIQ) for NEET-PG seats this year and onwards. This means that 50% of PG seats each from GMC Srinagar and GMC Jammu, and 100% of PG seats from SKIMS Srinagar will pool into AIQ, rendering very few seats reserved for the local doctor PG aspirants of J&K. Had the decision been for any other state or UT, it wouldn't have mattered and would have rather proven to be fruitful. Because after all, this is what competition is all about - letting all competitors compete for the same opportunities and ensuring the best quality of skillful minds to get through. Right? Wrong!

> For J&K, the equation is not that simple. It has many variables which all complicate the picture.

> MBBS undergraduate students, like other students of J&K, suffer academically most of the time given the

a direct result of the inevitable fact that ours is a politically volatile region. We recently experienced the world's longest internet shutdown in a democratic country post-Abrogation of Article 370. It was 213 days of continued internet blackout. Before that, we experienced the 2016 internet blockade. According to Internetshutdowns.in, Kashmir accounts for nearly half of the total 413 internet outages that India has seen since 2012. This is worsened by the fact that almost all of the preparation for NEET-PG is done online.

Therefore, students here, compared to the rest of India, have inequitable access to resources. Our students don't have access to the same resources of learning and education which students outside of J&K enjoy. How can anyone ignore that? How can policy makers

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would be our UT losing its large chunk of local medical specialists who were trained as doctors in our own medical colleges. What a huge waste of resources, both human and material, that would be!

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Doctors trained in their own state/ UT should preferably serve that state/ UT as during the training course, they get to know the pattern of illnesses in a given population (epidemiology). Medical experts know that such a pattern varies from place to place. Thus, when doctors serve the region where they were trained, their training would pay off more aptly and people would be served.

Consequently, flocking non-locals into our healthcare setup would adversely affect patient care here because of one peculiarity: our population is mostly rural who rarely know non-local languages. The resulting language barrier between a non-local doctor and a local patient would impact patient-care, as diagnosis directly depends on the clinical history a doctor extracts. Some would argue that compromising on language barrier for better competitive doctors isn't that high a stake but you forget to account for the already low doctorpatient ratio in J&K. According to a 2019-report, it is 1:1880, one of the lowest in the country. It is still lower in the peripheral areas of the UT. Adding to it, the compromise you did in patient-care in the tertiary institutes over language, epidemiologic training and local specialists, it translates into literal demise of the system.

Our healthcare system has had this experience of suffering irreparable damage due to the same decisions when they were implemented in the super-speciality courses (DM, MCh). We are facing a serious dearth of super-specialists in J&K due to the very same reason that we allowed pooling of super-speciality courses into AIQ earlier, and now the same is being done with the specialty courses (PG courses).

The solution to this abused equation is, therefore, simple enough. Unless the decision is revoked, it would be the final nail in the coffin of our already crumbling healthcare system.

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The British capital, London seems to be a destiny of choice for parking money in expensive properties.

Who is not aware of Avenfield flats in Mayfair, London, owned by Nawaz Sharif, the former Pakistani prime minister, and his equally thieving sons?

Most properties are within earshot of the British parliament! Zardari and combine own Surrev Estates in England.

These are mere tips of the iceberg. The Pandora Papers focus mainly on politicians and tycoons from the third world

Not naming American or British politicians appears to be a deliberate attempt to keep the focus on third world politicians as if they are the only crooks in the world.

What the ICIJ investigations reveal is that several states in the United States have emerged as willing accomplices in this grand larceny.

Delaware (yes, you guessed it right, the home state of President Joe Biden) has always been known for its lax tax laws.

The Pandora Papers have also highlighted South Dakota as another destination of choice for parking ill-gotten wealth.

South Dakota-based trust companies are responsible for hiding some \$360 billion in assets of billionaires, oligarchs and their relatives.

These are not small sums, by any stretch.

While successive US regimes and their Western allies have made much fuss about money laundering, their own institutions are in the forefront of facilitating such corruption.

The Pandora Papers expose how money and other assets have been moved from international tax havens to even more secretive American trust companies, including those in South Dakota. The records also show how a firm in Central America became a one-stop shop for American clients, allowing them to conceal

their assets while facing criminal

According to a US government court brief, its lawyers helped Facebook route billions of dollars

in profits to low-tax Ireland. Baker McKenzie says it is committed to the rule of law and the highest international standards for ethics, human rights, and anticorruption policies.

"We are truthful and transparent," the firm says in its code of business conduct.

"We don't do business with disreputable characters."

Baker McKenzie is to "offshore" money laundering what Rudy Giuliani, Donald Trump's former lawyer, is to sleaze in politics.

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The direct consequence of forcing us into such an unequal competition

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The West And The Taliban Can Find **Common Ground On Aid**

Sultan Barakat

hile Afghans have finally seen a glimpse of stability for the first time in decades, they now face a major humanitarian and developmental catastrophe. In order to prevent this outcome, it is essential that all stakeholders in Afghanistan and within the international community open a dialogue on how to get aid to the struggling Afghan population.

Though the country made significant strides in development over the last 20 years, its humanitarian situation was dire even before the Taliban takeover in August. In its aftermath, the majority of humanitarian activities ceased, which brought Afghanistan closer to the edge. In recent weeks, the Afghan healthcare system has been described as "on the brink of collapse". The World Food Programme has warned that only 5 percent of households in Afghanistan have enough to eat. The UN forecasts that, during the next fiscal year, its GDP will shrink by somewhere in the range of 3.6 percent to 13.2 percent. If no action is taken, the country will face near-"universal poverty", with poverty rates rising to 97-98 percent.

First, the Taliban must overcome its instinctive rejection of the West. Despite the tremendous temptation and desire for vengeance, its leadership must also ensure that humanitarian aid is not siphoned off to its fighters and is not used to exert pressure on the international community at any time. In extensive consultation with Western diplomats that I have had over the past month, it has been made clear to me that the vast majority of Western governments do not want the Taliban to fail. Rather than seeking to under-

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mine the Afghan state, Western powers perceive a strategic self-interest in a stable Afghanistan, given the risk of mass migration, terror threats, and a resurgent narcotics trade. While no governments have rushed to recognise the Taliban, the necessity of some form of cooperation with the group is widely acknowledged.

The Taliban may perceive non-recognition as a snub, but it should be aware that Western governments are constrained by their own electorates appalled by media reporting on human rights abuses and mistreatment of women and minorities.

Second, leading Western donors should recognise that a business-asusual approach will not work in Afghanistan today. The country under a Taliban government is very different from postdisaster or state collapse zones in which the UN and others can step in to provide aid outside of the framework of the state. Whether or not it is recognised internationally, the Afghan government is functioning within the Afghan state

and its national institutions, which have been built up at a great cost in resources and effort over the past 20 years. They may have some deficiencies and suffer from corruption, but they work.

Yet large-scale development without engaging state institutions is unlikely to go ahead. There is an urgent need to explore potential means of coordination that would allow some form of development assistance to proceed short of full recognition of the de facto Taliban government.

Education and health are two sectors in which Western aid can open channels of communication and coordination with the Taliban without the need for formal recognition. National institutions with a demonstrated record of effective collaboration are already in place with a wide network of community-based governance structures, non-governmental organisations, and private firms able to lead a whole-ofsociety approach to development. One example is the Citizen's Charter, which replaced the National Solidarity Programme, one of the largest and most successful community-based reconstruction schemes globally.

It is crucial that international aid builds up rather than replaces local capacities. The Taliban lacks the resources, knowledge, and skills to effectively govern Afghanistan on its own. Financing local priorities, utilising untapped resources, and investing in developing local capacity and public administration would build confidence and make the Taliban more cooperative.

Despite the fact that 120,000 people have fled Afghanistan, including many highly skilled and educated individuals, there is still a large pool of specialists and workers there that can be mobilised for development projects. The recent post-evacuation "brain drain" should not be used as an excuse by internationals for continuing longstanding and harmful practices of importing human resources.

Third, life-saving humanitarian aid should not be used as a bargaining chip

to win political concessions. The West has often tried to utilise humanitarian aid as leverage against the Taliban. This counterproductive approach must be avoided at all costs, to prevent the Taliban from taking desperate measures to pursue close relations with non-traditional donors not equipped to effectively support development in Afghanistan.

Western donors should recognise that there are important political dynamics within the Taliban that affect its decision-making. In particular, there is a split between military leaders and the political or peace wing that negotiated with the US in Doha. Over time, lack of engagement with the Taliban will only reinforce the position of the hardline military elements. If the West does not revise its approaches, Afghanistan could easily become a breeding ground for insecurity and a thriving narcotics trade, regionally and globally.

In conclusion, humanitarian assistance is one of the only common languages shared by Kabul and the West today. On all sides there is a strong will to communicate yet what is missing is an effective medium for dialogue. One immediate step in the right direction would be to establish an independent council of nationally-respected Afghans who could act as an intermediary and facilitate communication between the Taliban and outside parties. At first, this would enable a shared understanding on lifesaving aid delivery and over time, it could open up the potential for the West to constructively engage the Taliban on a range of other issues.

Direct or indirect dialogue is vital to not just preventing a humanitarian crisis but also enhancing opportunities for more effective ways of working across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus.

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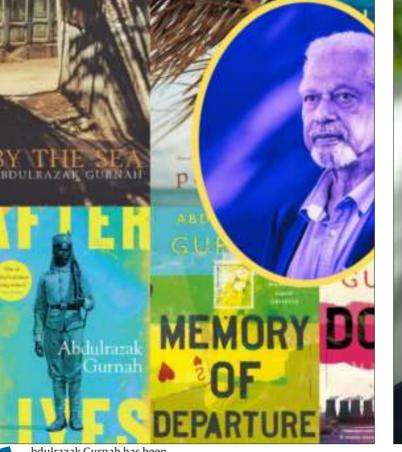
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Nobel Laureate Abdulrazak Gurnah

GURNAH'S WORK, WITH

Misha Ketchell

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bdulrazak Gurnah has been awarded the 2021 Nobel prize for literature. The Tanzanian novelist, who is based in the UK, was awarded the prize for his "uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents". Migration and cultural uprooting

along with the cultural and ethnic diversity of east Africa are at the heart of Gurnah's fiction. They have also shaped his personal life.

Born in Zanzibar in 1948, Gurnah came to Britain in the 1960s as a refugee. Being of Arab origin, he was forced to flee his birthplace during the revolution of 1964 and only returned in 1984 in time to visit his dying father. Until his retirement, he was a full-time professor of English and postcolonial literatures at the University of Kent in Canterbury.

Gurnah has written ten novels to date, including the Booker-nominated Paradise in 1994 and By the Sea in 2001. His most recent novel, Afterlives, was described by the Sunday Times as "an aural archive of a lost Africa", and indeed the opening pages of this and many of his other works take the reader directly into the realm of oral storytelling.

Afterlives is set against the backdrop of German rule in east Africa in the early 20th century. It tells the story of a young boy sold to German colonial troops. The novel range of references to literary sourc-

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was shortlisted for the 2021 Orwell prize for political fiction and longlisted for the Walter Scott prize for historical fiction.

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His writing is heavily influenced by the cultural and ethnic diversity of his native Zanzibar. Shaped by its geographical location in the Indian Ocean off the coast of east Africa, it was at the centre of the major Indian Ocean trade routes.

The island attracted traders and colonists from what was then known as Arabia (modern-day Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and the UAE), south Asia, the African mainland, and later Europe.

Gurnah's writing reflects this diversity with its many voices and its es. Most of all, it insists on hybridity and diversity in the face of Afrocentrism, which dominated the east African independence movements in the 20th century.

His first novel, Memory of Departure, published in 1987, is set around the time Gurnah left Zanzibar. A coming-of-age story in the form of a memoir, it follows the protagonist's attempts to leave his birthplace and study abroad.

Consequences of colonialism

His novel Paradise is similarly conceived as a coming-of-age narrative, though set earlier in time, at the turn of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century, when Europeans were beginning to establish colonies on the East African coast. Paradise also addresses domestic slavery in Africa, with a bonded slave as the main character.

Above all, Paradise highlights the great diversity of Gurnah's literary repertoire, bringing together references to Swahili texts, Quranic and biblical traditions, as well as the work

Gurnah's work, with its diverse textual references and its attentiveness to archives, reflects and touches on wider concerns in postcolonial literature. His novels consider the deliberate erasure of African narratives and perspectives as one major consequence of European colonialism.

In highlighting conversations be-tween the individual and the record of history, Gurnah's work has similarities to Salman Rushdie - another postcolonial writer who is equally attentive to the relationship between personal memory and the larger nar-ratives of history. Indeed, alongside his novels, Gurnah is also the editor of the Cambridge Companion to Salman Rushdie, published in 2007.

Gurnah's books ask: how do we remember a past deliberately eclipsed and erased from the colonial archive? Many postcolonial writers from diverse backgrounds have addressed this issue, from the aforementioned Rushdie to the Jamaican writer Michelle Cliff, both of whom pitch personal memory and story against a collective history authored by those in power.

Gurnah's work continues this conversation about the long shadow of colonialism and employs a diversity of textual traditions in the process of commemorating erased narratives.

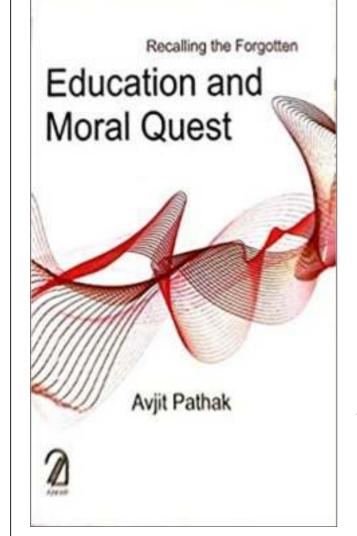
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Education Factory And Its Impact On Moral Development "Recalling The Forgotten:education And Moral Quest" By Avijit Pathak



Mukhtar Ahmad Farooqi

he book Recalling the Forgotten: Education and Moral Quest has been written by Professor Avijit Pathak who teaches at the centre for the study of social systems, school of Social Sciences INU. His areas of interest are sociology of modernisation, social theory and sociology of education. In this book, Professor Pathak discusses the emancipatory ideals of education and the need to recall the forgotten wisdom, fight the present pathology and move towards a better future. From school education to higher learning, this book throws light on classification and dissemination of knowledges, texts and practices, pedagogical interventions and creative possibilities for shaping the educational scenario at different levels of education. Commodification of Education and its impact on shaping capitalist ethos in learners, right from the tender age, has been widely discussed in the book.

This book starts with explaining the myriad ways in which capitalist ethos has contributed to the 'commodification' of education. Explained in a hermeneutic methodology, the author warns us that under the garb of techno-capitalist modernity, our education system today seems to dwarf our subtle sensibilities which would have otherwise made us be more capable of appreciating the simple joys of 'everyday life.' A clear genealogy of his thoughts can be traced to Durkheim's analysis of anomic social order, Marx's preoccupation with the 'estrangement' beset by bourgeois individualism and the 'one dimensionality' of man as espoused by Herbert Marcuse. Still, it ought to be noted that the author seems to be in no mood to enter the age-old philosophical debate between the materialists and idealists. The work also questions the goals pursued by

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the educational systems today. Even though education is still reckoned as a means of socialisation, the desired products of the education factory today are supposed to deliver the license to 'occupational mobility and material success.' Quoting heavily from the writings of John Dewey, Rabindranath Tagore, Emile Durkheim and even the Upanishadic, the author hints at a dire need for the rediscovery of what he calls the four core principles of education, namely 'critical consciousness, inner awakening, aesthetic imagination and sensitivity to vocation'. The author argues for stemming the tide of the spiritual void that techno-savvy education tends to exacerbate. Such a short vision ignores, what Guha calls, the 'autonomous domain' of the individual.

Having detected the symptoms of the disease that afflicts education today, the author does not let his critics dismiss his concerns as mere utopian effusions. The agenda of 'reflexive pedagogy' that Pathak so religiously argues for is systematically given a tangible shape in his neatly segmented take on the three core subjects, i.e., Science, Mathematics and Social Sciences. The underlying agenda or main motive of the author is the insistence that academic discourses today have let their 'utilitarian' components overwhelm the 'cognitive' ones. There is excessive adoration of selected careers which has nipped at the bud the individual's 'inner calling.' The author therefore, gives the clarion call for an initiative to see beyond textbooks, regimented examination patterns and homogenised aspirations.

To sum up, the author visualises an educational system that unshackles itself from the 'delinguistified steering media of money and power.' It visualizes a culture of learning capable of contributing to the making of a spiritually elevated/ecologically sensitive/ egalitarian society with philosophic contemplation, dialogic interaction and sociological reflection.

This book is a must for all educationists, academicians, philosophers, students, university and college faculty as it will help them in honing critical thinking skills and inauisitiveness. Moreover, this book will guide educators in inculcating moral values that are lacking in our young generation as commodification of education, despite hollow sloganeering of societal development by educational institutions across the country, has a direct impact on moral development.

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LIFE & TIMES **Rapport with co-travellers impacts** 'One in three kids with food allergies overall tourist satisfaction: Study are bullied'

Agencies

ccording to a new study by researchers at Simon Fraser University, getting along with the tourists you are co-travelling with leads to a more satisfying group experience.

The findings of the study were published in the journal 'Tourism Management'

While building rapport has been well-studied between service employees and customers, little has been studied in terms of its role in group tourism.

How do you measure rapport?

SFU researchers, together with a team of European researchers, conducted interviews with managers, tourists and tour guides representing various types of guided group activities--from wine and restaurant tours to recreational and educational activities-- on North America's west coast

They identified four aspects of rapport among tourists: personal connection, enjoyable interaction, service congruity (whether tourists felt the same as others in the group about the experience) and group attentiveness (whether others in the group showed consideration and interest towards each other).

Based on the four criteria, the researchers recorded videos showing high, moderate and low levels



As we start travelling again, our research offers evidencebased advice for how tourism businesses could develop rapport among groups of customers to increase satisfaction, word-ofmouth, and repeat visitation

of rapport among tourists in the context of a group food tour.

Study participants watched and rated the perceived rapport among the tourists. Their results showed that high tourist rapport increased satisfaction with the experience while low tourist rapport decreased satisfaction

The researchers also conducted field experiments during guided food tours, focusing again on conditions of low, moderate and high rapport, and this time included four actors among the tour participants. Participant ratings of satisfac-

tion showed that even when other

aspects of the guided tour are firstrate (such as organisation, physical space, having an excellent tour guide and great food) that having moderate to high levels of rapport within the group matters and can increase overall satisfaction with the tour experience.

With the demand for travel

and social experiences, such as guided group tours, likely to increase as global vaccination numbers continue to rise, tourism businesses can take this opportunity to rebuild and redesign their services and deliver a more enjoyable experience for all, said SFU Beedie School of Business professor Ian McCarthy.

"As we start travelling again, our research offers evidencebased advice for how tourism businesses could develop rapport among groups of customers to increase satisfaction, wordof-mouth, and repeat visitation," added McCarthy.

To increase rapport, researchers suggested designing group activities that:

1. Schedule time for tourists to share what they enjoyed the most about an experience

2. Empower guides to highlight 'peak events' that build group enthusiasm (such as stopping the bus so tourists can see wildlife)

3. Plan icebreaker exercises and games that allow group members to chat and cooperate on tasks

4. Provide opportunities for one-on-one conversations between tourists after some group-based interaction

tion through having tourists share information about themselves such as their reason for participat-

Agencies new study has attempted to determine the size and scope of bullying that kids with food allergies experience by offering them a multi-question assessment. The findings of the study were

published in the 'Journal of Pediatric Psychology' Living with a food allergy can

greatly impact a child's everyday life -- from limiting participation in social activities to being treated differently by peers. When asked a simple "yes" or

"no" question about food allergyrelated bullying, 17 per cent of kids said they'd been bullied, teased or harassed about their food allergy. But when asked to reply to a multi-item list of victimisation behaviours, that number jumped to

31 per cent. Furthermore, Children's National Hospital researchers found that only 12 per cent of parents

reported being aware of it. The reported bullying ranged from verbal teasing or criticism to more overt acts such as an allergen being waved in their face or intentionally put in their food.

Researchers said identifying accurate assessment methods for 5. Develop personal connecthis problem are critical so chil-

dren can get the help they need. "Food allergy-related bullying can have a negative impact on a child's quality of life. By using a ing in the activity

more comprehensive assessment, we found that children with food allergies were bullied more than originally reported and parents may be in the dark about it," said Linda Herbert, PhD, director of the Psychosocial Clinical and Research Program in the Division of Allergy and Immunology at Children's National and one of the study's researcher.

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"The results of this study demonstrate a need for greater food allergy education and awareness of food allergy-related bullying among communities and schools where food allergy-related bullying is most likely to occur," Herbert added.

The study looked at food allergy-related bullying among a diverse patient population and evaluated parent-child disagreement and bullying assessment methods. It included 121 children and 121 primary caregivers who completed questionnaires.

The children ranged in age from 9 to 15-years-old and were diagnosed by an allergist with at least one of the top eight IgE-mediated food allergies -- peanut, tree nut, cow's milk, egg, wheat, soy, shellfish and fish.

Of the 41 youth who reported food allergy-related bullying:

1. 51 per cent reported experiencing overt physical acts such as an allergen being waved in their face, thrown at them or intentionally put in their food.

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FRESH SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS.

NIT No: - E-NIT/52/CRD/SMC/SGR/2021-22 DATED: 06-10-2021.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders (in Single cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for below mentioned work:-

S.No	Name of Work	Advt. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Doc.	Time of comple- tion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	6	7	8
1	Upgradation of road surface at Shah Wilayat Colony Sector 8 Shalteng Narbal road by way of providing and laving of WBM Grade 2 nd .	7.68	300/-	7 Days	CEE/ DEE Class	M&R (Savings)
2	Upgradation/ Restoration of Rose lane at Gulabbagh Hazratbal Srinagar by way of providing and laying of GSB, WBM Grade 2 nd .		200/-	6 Days	DEE Class	M&R (Savings)
3	Upgradation of road at Kawoosa/ Abu Bakar Sidiq lane sector 10 Hokersar Srinagar by way of providing and laying of 75mm thick compacted wet mix, 50mm thick compacted bituminous macadam, 25mm thick compacted semidense with premixed seal coat "Machine mix laid mechanically"	8.51	600/-	7 Days	HMPO/ AAY CLASS Refer condition "18 r"	M&R (Savings)
4	Upgradation of road at Chinar Avenue Colony Habak Naseembagh by way of providing and lay- ing of 50mm thick compacted bituminous macadam, 25mm thick compacted semidense with premixed seal coat (Renewal coat) "Machine mix laid mechanically"	8.00	300/-	7 Days	HMPO/ AAY CLASS Refer condition "18 r"	M&R (Savings)
5	Improvement/ Upgradation of road near Chek bagh behind NIT by way of providing and laying of 50mm thick compacted bituminous macadam, 25mm thick compacted semidense with premixed seal coat "Machine mix laid mechanically"	9.92	600/-	7 Days	HMPO/ AAY CLASS Refer condition "18 r"	M&R (Savings)
6	Improvement/ Upgradation of road near Alamdar Masjid to CRPF Camp Darbagh Harwan by way of providing and laying of 75mm thick compacted wet mix, 50mm thick compacted bituminous macadam, 25mm thick compacted semidense with premixed seal coat "Machine mix laid mechanically"	10.81	600/-	7 Days	HMPO/ AAY CLASS Refer condition "18 r"	M&R (Savings)
7	Improvement/ Upgradation of Shah Anwar Colony Hyderpora by way of providing and laying of WBM Grade 3 rd , 25mm thick compacted semidense with premixed seal coat "Machine mix laid mechanically"	6.22	300/-	7 Days	HMPO/ AAY CLASS Refer condition "18 r"	M&R (Savings)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, Drawings, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental websitewww.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given below:

1		Date of Issue of Tender Notice	<mark>06-10-2021.</mark>					
	2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	FROM	07-10-2021 10:00 A.M	ТО	12-10-2021		
	3.	Bid submission Start Date	07-10-2021		FROM	10:00 A.M		
	4.	Bid Submission End Date	12-10-2021		UPTO	4:00 P.M		
5	5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	13-10-2021 at 11:	:00 A.M in the				
ΙL			Office of the Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar.					

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of introducing Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar (tender receiving authority) by simply uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan Receipt and bid security Declaration as per format attached.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.iktenders.gov.in and conveved to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar,. (Tender receiving authority).

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

 As per the circular issued by the Govt. of Union Territory of J&K Finance Department vide No.A/Misc(2018)-III-895/J dated 22.12.2020.
 (a) All the bidders have to submit bid security declaration instead of bid security deposit (Earnest money) on court stamp paper (100 rupees) which shall be duly signed by the bidder with full residential address, Card registration details & active Phone / Cell Nos. Form of bid security declaration attached as Annexure-A.

(b)The lowest bidder (L1) also called the successful Bidder has to produce a performance security amount equal to 3% (Three percent) of the contract value in the shape of CDR / FDR immediately after the opening of financial bids, but prior to fixation of contract. The same shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP)

(c)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.

6. If any bidder / tendere withdraws/ modified his bid during the period of validity etc, the Department is at liberty to suspend the bidder for one year or as shall be deemed suitable by the tender inviting Authority. Same shall hold good if the bidder fails to produce performance security within the specified time.

The successful bidder (L1) shall have to furnish hard copy of the uploaded documents viz Registration card duly renewed, Valid GST Registration, PAN Card, GSTR-3B etc. along with Treasury Challan Receipt & Bid security declaration form (Annexure-A) on court stamp paper (Rupees 100) in original.

(j) The defects noticed in the work during execution or maintenance period shall be corrected by the Contractor within the length of time specified by the Engineer. If the contractor does not correct the defects pertaining to maintenance period to the satisfaction of the Engineer within the time specified, the same shall be got rectified at his risk and cost.

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

NIT/52/CRD /SMC/SGR/2021-22/e-tendering/

DATED:- 06-10-2021.

DIPK-10202/21

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PCD (PHQ) J&K SRINAGAR. INVITING E-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/90/2021-22 Dated: - 06-10-2021

Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGR 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.

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S.	Name of Work	Name of Divi-	Estimated	Cost of	Time Al-	Time and date	Class of
No		sion	Cost	document	lowed for	of opening of	Contrac-
			(Rs. In lacs)	(In Rs)	completion	tender	tor
1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9
1	0, 11, 1,	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Srinagar	8.04 lacs	700/-	45 days	16-10-2021	Electrical
	worn out main and sub panels at I G office building						
2	at ZPHQ Srinagar. Providing, supply, Testing and commissioning of	PCD (PHQ) J&K,	5.96 lacs	500/-	45 days	16-10-2021	Electrical
	chemical earthing with replacement of damaged / worn out main and sub panels at ADGP (Security)	Srinagar					
	office building at ZPHO Srinagar.						
3	Internal Electrification of toilet cum bathroom unit	PCD (PHQ) J&K,	0.55 lacs	100/-	15 days	16-10-2021	Electrical
	06 No's for Nafri of IRP 12 Bn Guarding the Police	Srinagar					
	complex at Gulshan Ground Jammu.	_					

Date of Publishing 06-10-2021 at 1700 hours.

The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 1730 hours on 06-10-2021

The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://iktenders.gov.in from

07-10-2021 to 15-10-2021 upto 1600 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1100 hours on

16-10-2021 on line.

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Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division,

Srinagar

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 16-10-2021 at 1100 iii. 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 05 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 PHO J&K Jammu/Srinagar. If the office happens to be 4 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 5 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 of 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.

DIPK-10206/21

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

No:-e-NIT/EE-PCD/PHQ/2021-22/4758-64
Dated: 06-10-2021.

STATE

Officers with law degrees to be taken on deputation; Retired prosecutors, registered law firms to be engaged

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The J&K Adminis- tors shall be for period of one tration has unveiled a policy for augmentation of manpower availability in the prosecution department to effectively supervise prosecution of criminal necessary steps to prepare cases in different courts and to details of willing persons, unprovide legal assistance to police in different matters.

cers serving in various depart- Home department for further ments having law degree shall be taken on deputation on standard terms and conditions by invoking relevant provisions of the years, shall be considered for Civil Service Regulations, 1956.

The deputation of officers consolidated remuneration. would be done on the basis selection process, which will necessarily include interview, law firms with a proven track reto be conducted by a fourmember panel comprising sultation with DG prosecution, Director General of Prosecu- on mutually agreeable terms and tion, one officer of the rank of conditions, subject to approval by Director(prosecution) and one the Home department. representative each from Home

tary Affairs departments.

of retired prosecutors of and Home department in consultaabove the rank of senior prose- tion with DG Prosecution.

cuting officers. "The contractual engagement of retired prosecuyear, extendable as per need thereafter," read the policy,

According to the document, the DG Prosecution will take dertake consultation with the Director General of Police, J&K, According to the policy offi- and forward the details to the

appropriate action. It also states that lawyers, with a practice of at least two contractual engagement on a

The policy also calls for considering engagement of registered cord on case to case basis, in con-

According to the document, and Law, Justice and Parliamen- the desirability for continuation of the policy shall be The policy seeks engagement reviewed periodically by the

Ministry Of Tribal Affairs Agrees Various Projects In J&K

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI: Union Minister IT initiatives and development for Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda projects among others. on Friday reviewed project proposals and various initiatives submitted by Jammu and ditious processing of proposals Kashmir Tribal Affairs Depart- for approval in order to ensure ment aimed at socio-economic required facilities and services and welfare planning for tribal are extended to tribal populacommunities in J&K.

Discussion was held on vari- ing under Art 275(1) was also ous proposals and decisions discussed for early resolution. taken for many projects. On intervention of the Lieuten- fairs, Anil Kumar Jha assured ant Governor Sh Manoj Sinha a approval of majority of projects number of flagship programmes under various schemes and are being extended to J&K the proposals for which were sub- of migratory tribal population.

Tribal Affairs, Anil Kumar Jha; migratory population which Union Jt Secretary Navaljit Kapoor; Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department J&K, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Director in Ministry hary projected the proposal for of Tribal Affairs, Dr Anil Kumar implementation of Integrated and other senior officers were Village Development Scheme present in the meeting.

Minister for Tribal Affairs villages in addition to central list

schemes, farming, infrastructure, transit accommodations,

He asked the concerned divisions in the ministry for expetion in J&K. The issue of fund-

Union Secretary, Tribal Afspecial focus on unique needs mitted by the Tribal Affairs Dept. He appreciated the compre-Union Secretary, Ministry of hensive survey conducted for will help in long term planning. Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department J&K, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudand inclusion of additional 65

held through discussion on pro- of 302 villages and also notifica-



Anantnag Vaccinates 100% Eligible (18+) Population

First Kashmir district to achieve the feat

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE ANANTNAG: District Anantnag on Thursday achieved the milestone of 100 percent Covid vaccination of above 18 year population with 7.42.043 beneficiaries

in this category having received the first dose of the vaccine. With a mammoth figure of 7,46,666 inoculations in 18 plus

population, the district became the first district from Kashmir Division to achieve this feat. Besides, 297804 jabs as 2nd doses are administered to the eligible population. Sufficient vaccine availability

and robust supply chain, strong efforts from administration along with the health and other line departments, a well thought out IEC campaign besides the public cooperation have been some of the important factors behind this massive achievement. Use of social media by the offi-

cers and authorities wherein they

and latest research regarding im- for the district and complementportance of vaccination via a vis ed the health care and front line combating the pandemic has been workers in this regard. He informed that massive awareness another hallmark and feature of and IEC campaigns were launched this success story. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) to address the vaccine hesitancy

Anantnag, Dr. Piyush Singla has besides inoculations were carried been personally monitoring the out both at designated sites and progress on a real time basis and remote and far off places by dedihourly updates are being shared cated vaccination teams. with him. The daily targets are being chased with full commitment the immunisation programme and periodic updates are sent to with full momentum till all the eligible population is covered with the concerned quarters. the 2nd dose as well.

The vaccinators on ground have been the real force behind this success who have been vaccinating people at designated sites, hilly, remote and difficult to reach areas, fields and orchards, gardens and public parks, slums, brick kilns and construction sites, schools and colleges besides making door to door vaccinations in other areas while taking all precautions into consideration.

Speaking on the achievement, bilizing and vaccinating such a huge invoked the scientific literature the DC said it is a proud moment chunk of population.

Admin Clears Decks For New Terminal At Jammu Airport

▶ Free transfer of 974 kanals of land in favour of AAI

Decision to give major boost to tourism and regional economy

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

(AC) which met here under the Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secernor, Manoj Sinha, gave nod to nor attended the meeting.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieu-SRINAGAR: In a significant deci- tenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar promote the growth of Indian aviasion, the Administrative Council Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and tion sector in a significant manner chairmanship of Lieutenant Gov- retary to the Lieutenant Gover- on the economy. The Government transfer of State land measur- Establishment of new

The decision comes in line with the policy of the Government to so as to ensure a multiplier effect aims to provide an ecosystem for harmonised growth of various avia-

Dr. Singla called for continuing

The DC hailed the general public

for their cooperation and appealed

to them to participate in vaccination

drives with the same energy. He also

appreciated the senior officers of

Health, Civil and Police administra-

tion, Tehsildars, BDOs, BLOs, Offi-

cials from Municipalities, Revenue,

Education and other departments

besides Media, PRI and ULB mem-

bers and other stakeholders for mo-

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav Visits Bandipora



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA: Union Minister for Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Labour and Emdistrict as part of the Union Outreach Programme.

The Minister inspected the restoration and conservation works, e- inaugurated and laid foundation of several developmental projects besides meeting public delegations.

Union Secretary Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Rameshwar Prassad Gupta, District Development Council Chairman Abdul Gani Bhat, Additional Climate Change, Ravi Agarwal. Sanjeev Verma, PCCF Dr Mohit Giri, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad, Ad-Additional Deputy Commission-

that has been constructed at a cost of Rs 1.53 Cr and will benefit a population of about seventy nine thousand.

The Union Minister also inployment, Bhupender Yadav augurated Development of Ruon Friday visited Bandipora ral Road Connectivity by way of roads, tile paths and culverts in Government's ongoing Public Bandipora district at a cost of Rs 2.62 Cr under Back to Village Pro-

gramme, MGNREGA and 14th FC. The Minister reviewed the status of the works being executed in the Wullar Lake with physical and financial achievements, progress of dredging and development of tourism infrastructure around Wullar Lake.

Yadav said that the Wullar Lake has a huge potential for tourism besides being the biggest fish pro-Secretary Environment, Forest, duction source and if exploited, it can change the socio economic Commissioner Secretary Forest condition of the local population. The Minister was informed that the works under the Wullar Conservation Project have been ditional District Development taken up on large scale after the Commissioner Ali Afsar Khan, government sanctioned the Wular Action Plan of Rs 200 crore for er Zahoor Ahmad Mir and other conservation and management of senior officers were also present. the lake. He also informed about The Minister later laid founda- the nature of catchment, consertion stone of Public Park at Hi- vation works, bio-diversity conlalabad Nesbal in Sumbal to be servation and development of constructed at a cost of Rs 3.00 cr. eco-tourism, besides construction He also inaugurated Filtration of Boulevard road and other tour-Plant at Arampora Bandipora ist attractions.

Union MoS Panchayati Raj Visits Poonch

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

POONCH: Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Kapil Moheshwar Patil on Friday visited Poonch. During the first day Naz and Deputy Commissioner, of his tour, Moheshwar met var- Poonch, Inder Jeet. ious officials and delegations.

by PRI and locals during the Public outreach programme. gali Sahib Poonch. Gurudwara tened to their demands. management honoured the

Tourist Arrival centre at Budha Amarnath Ji Mandi in presence of MP, Sh. Yougal Kishore, DDC Chairperson, Tazim Akhter, DDC Member, Chowdhary Riaz

People gathered at different Various demands were raised locations on the way to Loran to welcome the MoS. People tied the traditional Turban and During the tour, the Minister thanked MoS for coming to paid obeisance at Dera Nan- such a far-flung area and lis-

The Minister told the public Minister with Siropa and gave that all their grievances have a memorandum of various de- been documented and the same shall be redressed with

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posals submitted by the Jammu tion of Dhoks (highland pasture and Kashmir Government un- habitations) as villages under the der various sectors including scheme in view migratory popueducation, essential services, lation residing in these locations tribal health plan, livelihood needing various facilities.

Rakh Raipur, in Jammu, in favour capacity of the Jammu Airport of Airport Authority of India (AAI) free of cost for establishment of new terminal at Jammu Airport.

ing 974 Kanal 02 Marla at village nal will significantly enhance the tion subsectors, including Airlines, in handling air traffic which will pairs and Overhaul services (MRO), boost tourism, economy and generate employment opportunities. facturing and Skill Development.

Airports, Cargo, Maintenance Re-General Aviation, Aerospace Manumands. The Minister assured them to fulfil their demands. Thereafter the Minister visited Amarnathji Shrine Mandi

where he performed pooja.

the intervention of the concerned quarters. The visit is as a part of the on-

going Centre's Public Outreach The Minister inaugurated the Initiative to Jammu and Kashmir.

DWP J&K, WD Kashmir Organise 'Bird Watching' Event

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: A 'Bird watching' event was organised on Friday by the Department of Wildlife Protection (DWP) J&K Government, Wetlands Division Kashmir at Hokersar Wetland Reserve (RAMSAR-site).

The event was organised in technical collaboration with Wildlife Research and Conservation with an aim to raise awareness and to inculcate bird watching among Students.

The event started at 7:30 a.m and was participated by Intesar Suhail, Wildlife Warden, Shopian Division, Ifshan Dewan, Wildlife Warden, Wetlands Division Kashmir, Suhail Yusuf Qazi, Range Officer, Wildlife Protection Range Lakes (Hokersar), students of Sheikh Ul Aalam Degree College Budgam, bird lovers and various officers and officials of the department.

Before the start of the event, Wildlife Warden, Wetlands Division Kashmir and Wildlife Warden, Shopian Division briefed the students about different techniques of bird watching and identification.

Further, the students were also briefed about the importance of Wetlands especially (RAMSAR) sites.

Bandipora Youth Dies After Collapsing During Gym Workout

AGENCIES

BANDIPORA: A-23-year-old youth died of heart attack during a workout at a local gym here on Friday sending shockwaves across the area.

Reports said Mohsin Ahmad collapsed all of a sudden during work-out at a gym centre in Bandipora town Friday evening.

"Following the incident he was rushed to district hospital Bandipora where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival," reports said.

Meanwhile, authorities at the hospital confirmed that the youth died of cardiac arrest.

Webinar Held On 16th Anniversary Of 2005 Earthquake

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The National Institution of Disaster Management (NIDM) and Department of Disaster Management Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR) organised a Webinar titled 'Building Back Better-Lessons Learnt from 2005 Earthquake' on

the occasion of the 16th Anniversary of the 2005 Earthquake.

The Webinar was organised in collaboration with Divisional Administration, Institution of Engineers (India) J&K State Centre, Srinagar, SSM College of Engineering Parihaspora, University of Kashmir North Campus and NIT Srinagar.

The Webinar was inaugurated by Nazim Zai Khan, Secretary to Government Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR).

Speaking at the event, the Sec-Dar, from Civil Engineering Department of NIT Srinagar, Dr Amir retary said that preparedness is A. Khan Faculty NIDM, Professor the key to ensure safety from disasters. He assured that the Govt. Parvez Ahmed Director North Campus University of Kashmir, is taking all necessary measures to ensure a professional approach Professor Amit Kumar Bose Con-

sultant NSRMP, Er. Pushpendra towards Disaster Mitigation. He Iohari Vice President RMSI, Er. said that J&K is vulnerable to natural disasters but the prepared-M. Aaquib Sultana Waheed Deva ness level as compared to the year Honorary Secretary IEI JKSC. The program was moder-ated by Mohmad Suhail Wani, 2005 has improved many fold as the capacities of the stakeholder

Bilquees Dar Consultants Disaster departments has improved. He said that the State Disaster Management and coordinated Response Force (SDRF) is bet- by Yogita Garbyal, Young Profester prepared and equipped to sional, NIDM, assisted by Ishfaq respond in any disasters and the Ahmed Dar and Ammanullah Emergency Operation Centre will from IEI JKSC.

Residential **House Gutted** In Kokernag Village



AGENCIES

ANANTNAG: A residential house was gutted in a fire incident at Watrihall Perrtakiya Village of Kokernag in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Friday.

Reports reaching GNS said that a massive fire broke out around 3 am in the residential house of one Mohammad Igbal Malik son of Abdul Rashid Malik at Watrihall Peertakiya Kokernag. Later on, locals immediately rushed towards the spot and with the help of fire tenders doused off the flames.

In this mishap, the onestorey house was completely damaged. However, no loss of life or injury was reported. The cause of the fire was not known immediately and the same is being ascertained, officials said.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir, e-tenders (double cover) under EPC mode are invited from interested contractors, firms/agencies duly registered under Indian Partnership Act or Registered Companies under Companies Act having expertise in the job, for the work IOT Driven Smart Farming for water harvesting & micro irrigation of Dryland Agriculture at DARS Budgam SKUAST-K at advertised cost Rs. 400.00 lakh to include following components:

- Site-visit, discussion with concerned scientists/engineers 1.
- 2. Site Plan of the area alongwith contours (E.T.S)
- Underground pipeline system for supply of irrigation water at different points 3.
- Drip irrigation system for orchard area 4.
- 5. Sprinkler irrigation system for vegetable and pulses
- Rain-port irrigation system for nursery, vegetables and pulses 6.
- Smart irrigation system (Automation) 7.
- 8. Bore-well
- Rain water harvesting 9.
- 10. Sumps
- 11. Complete designing of the project
- 12. Any other requirement deemed necessary by the agency for completion of the project.

Technical Bid (cover-1) shall include:

- Eligibility Criteria(As per Annexure-1) a)
- **Conceptual Plan** b)
 - Underground pipeline system for irrigation at different points
- Rain-water harvesting
- Construction of sumps iii)
- Production type bore-well iv)
- Networking of the complete project

Financial Bid shall include:

- Details of each item of work (Civil/mechanical/electrical, etc.) with specification i)
- Tendered price per unit of each item of work including all taxes and extra charges, whatsoever.

Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be viewed/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule given below::

1. Date of issue of Tender Notice	05.10.2021					
2. Date of start of downloading tender document	05.10.2021					
3. Bid submission start Date	05.10.2021					
4. Bid submission end date (on-line)	25.10.2021 (up to 6.00 P.M)					
5. Date & Time of opening of Technical bid	27.10.2021(11.00 am)					
6. Date & Time of opening of Financial Bids of qualifying bidders (online) 01.11.2021 at 11.00 am					
Further information can be had from the Office of the undersigned						
No. Au/Estates/E-NIT(25)/321 Sd/-						
Dated: 06.10.2021	Estates Officer					
DIPK-NB-4054/21	SKUAST-K					
Dated: 06.10.2021 Estates Officer						

unteers in each district will be identified and trained to respond to disasters and will also be provided with personal safety equip-

Mitra Scheme at least 200 vol-

soon be equipped with State-of-

the-Art Decision Support System

(DSS), under JTFRP with World

Bank Funding. He urged volun-

teers from the community to

come forward and learn life-sav-

ing skills, to deal with any emer-

Khan said that under Aapda

ment. He said that the National Seismic Risk Mitigation Project has also been launched which will considerably help in reducing our vulnerability to earthquakes and

identified life-line buildings will be retrofitted under this Project. The Webinar was addressed by Er. Aamir Ali, Chairman Institution of Engineers. The experts

who spoke included Professor AR

gencies.

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Lassipora Unit-Holders Seek LG's Help In Registration Renewal

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Industrial Association Lassipora (IAL) Friday appeals to Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir for extension of expired provisional registration of industrial unit-holders at IGC Lassipora.

"It's very well apparent and clear that the business fraternity had a great fall off over a decade,' the IAL said in a statement.

"Post floods of 2014, the losses are beyond the imagination. Among other parts of UT of J&K, Pulwama stands one of the most unstable and volatile districts. In order to set up a manufacturing unit at a far flung area of Lassipora Pulwama, it once became quite difficult for entrepreneurs to overcome such hard times especially for unit holders travelling for a far distances."

maintain Notably, to

provisional registration, one must continue to demonstrate the effective steps taken and to obtain all NOCs/clearances etc required in the pre-production stage.

Initially, the provisional registration for setting up a new industrial unit issued by the concerned district industries centre (DIC) was valid for the period of two years. "Due to continued lock-

downs and unwanted closures

over a decade most of the en-

trepreneurs both existing and

aspiring suffered financial cri-

sis and couldn't complete their

construction on time which led

them towards expiry of their

provisional registration certifi-

tries centre," the IAL said.

46th meeting of Apex Project clearance Committee (APCC) of the J&K State Industrial development Corporation Ltd. (SIDCO) in July 2020 did not seem to be sufficient for those who wanted to seek for financial assistance from financial institutions.

Since it takes time to approve for a bank loan and complete all other for formalities including construction and installation of machinery, the IAL said, it was almost an unachievable task for maximum industrial unit holders to start their operations within such a short duration of time.

cate issued by district indus-"With more than 140+ applications for pending The previous extension of vaextension of revalidations within the industrial area, lidity of provisionally expired industrial units for varying Lassipora is itself a big loss for periods of up to 6 to 9 months our growth and prosperity," by the Chief Secretary in the the industrial body said.

in Jammu & Kashmir is the result of the failure of the policies of the government that have brought Jammu & Kashmir to this point, he said. Tarigami said whether it was demonetisation or the removal of Article 370, these decisions were sold to the country as a solution to the problems of militancy and alienation in Kashmir.

Today, it has been shown that without any doubt that neither demonetization nor the removal of Article 370 have contributed to improving the security situation in J-K. In fact, some recent decisions of the J-K administration have only served to heighten differences between the communities that otherwise were living peacefully amongst each other, he said.

The PAGD spokesman said while the onus to create a conducive security environment lies with the Government of India, we as responsible political parties of Jammu & Kashmir will play our role to the best of our ability to reduce the levels of suspicion and fear.

While it is true that the majority of the civilian deaths in Kashmir have been Muslims, it does not absolve us of our responsibility to do everything in our power to help those who belong to religious minorities feel secure and we appeal to those who may be considering fleeing the Valley to reconsider their decision, he said. Tarigami said in the meeting of the political leaders with the Prime Minister on June 24 this

year, the Prime Minister acknowledged "Dil ki doori aur Dilli sey doori while promising to correct this distance. Unfortunately, nothing has been done in this

regard since that meeting. Arbitrary detentions and excessive use of force continue to be the norm in Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

Referring to the killing of Yasir Ali in CRPF firing in Anantnag on Thursday, Tarigami said it is the direct result of the heightened state of alert

ings like Yasir Ali will only serve to worsen the situation in Jammu & Kashmir. The administration must do everything possible to ensure that shoot at sight policy is not adopted by the secu-rity forces, the PAGD spokesman said.

Parties Denounce

forces need to ensure calmer heads prevail & nothing happens to worsen the situation," Omar Abdullah said in a tweet.

"While condemning this tragic killing, I send my condolences to the family of Yasir. Allah marhoom ko magfirat farmaye, Ameen."

PC chief and former minister in erstwhile state government on BJP quota, Sajad Lone said in a tweet: "In what seems to have tell-tale signs of Excessive use of force by security forces— one person has been killed. Ominous signs. Hope sanity prevails."

Reacting to the killing, Mehbooba Mufti took to twitter: "This appears to be the start of a knee jerk reaction to what has transpired during last two days. Disproportionate force has been used by CRPF which has resulted in this innocent civilian's death. Will there be any action against the trigger happy personnel?"

Meanwhile Hurriyat conference led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq Friday said that it deeply grieves the 'cold blooded murder' of youth in the forces firing in Anantnag last evening.

APHC in a statement said that such brutal killings have been the norm in J&K for the last more than three decades and thousands of Kashmiris have been killed in this causal manner with impunity.

"When militarisation to repress is pursued as a state policy to handle a live and lingering conflict, rather than seeking conflict resolution, bloodshed and loss of precious human lives -are the consequence APHC reiterated that a just resolution through peaceful means of the Kashmir conflict is the key to end bloodshed in all its manifestations and usher lasting peace- not the lull before every new storm for the people of Kashmir, that is trumpeted as peace in J&K by the rulers." APHC also grieved the shocking killing of two teachers Supinder Kaur Ji and Deepak Chand in Srinagar on Thursday. APHC said that it shares the grief and pain that the families of the victims are going through and extended its heartfelt condolences to them. APHC also said that it believes as do the people of Kashmir, that each and every life lost in the conflict matters equally. "No victim is seen through the religious prism as each and every one is an equally important part of our society. Irrespective of our faith, all in this land have suffered, and together all the people of J&K press for early resolution of the conflict," the statement reads. The killing comes amid spate of civilian killings in last few days in Kashmir Valley. While police is yet to officially identify the deceased, initially reports identified him a Yasir Ali but more authoritative identification suggests that slain was a tribal man-Parvaiz Ahmed son of Noor Din of Rajkang Block Larnoo in Kokarnag tehsil of Anantnag. Police in a tweet late last evening said that CRPF personnel fired in "self defence" but did not reveal if any fire was opened at them at a Naka near Monghal Bridge. "A Naka was established by 40Bn CRPF at Monghal Bridge. A suspected vehicle without number was signalled to stop by the Naka party, however, it rushed towards the Naka party. It was then challenged by the on duty troops,' police said, adding, "Troops fired upon in self defence in which one person died. But the driver of the vehicle managed to escape from the spot. Identification & credentials of the deceased person is being verified. Investigation is going on.'

Ravi Kant, Commandant2 Border Bn. shall hold the additional charge of the post of Commandant, Women Bn. Kashmir, till further orders, reads the order, a copy of which lies with GNS.

Arun Gupta, Principal PTS Kathua, has been transferred and posted as SSP Cyber Crime Investigation Center for Excellence (CICE), against an available vacancy.

Abdul Hakim Munshi, SSP, awaiting orders of posting has been posted as Commandant IR-3rd Bn., against an available vacancy.

Rajinder Kumar Katoch, SSP, awaiting orders of posting has been posted as Commandant IR-22 Bn., against an available vacancy.

Mukesh Kumar Kakkar, SP, awaiting orders of posting has been posted as Dy.CO IR-18" Bn., against an available vacancy.

Raja Adil Hamid Ganaie, SP, awaiting orders of posting has been posted as Dy.CO IR-14 Bn., against an available vacancy.

PerbeetSingh, SP, awaiting orders of posting has been posted as Dy.Co IR12th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Mubasher Hussain, SP, awaiting orders of posting has been posted as Dy.co IR-11hBn., against an available vacancy.

Mushim Ahmad, SP, awaiting orders of posting has been posted as SP Security Workshop.

Gawhar Ahmad Khan, Dy.CO IR-23d Bn. has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Budgam, against an available vacancy.

Pardeep Singh, Addl. SP Traffic City Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Kupwara, against an available vacancy. Brijesh Kumar Sharma, Dy.CO JKAP-14th

Bn. has been transferred and posted as Joint Director SSF, headquartered at Srinagar. "One post of SP is transferred from the overall reserves to SSF for the purpose of drawing his salarv

Raj Paul Singh, Joint Director SSF, has been transferred and posted as Addi. SP Traffic City Jammu.

IED Found In

following which Traffic was temporarily halted along the Kokernag-Achabal road.

He said that later, a bomb disposal squad reached to the spot and defused the IED and traffic was restored on Kokernag-Achabal road

Cop Hurt After

for treatment following the incident. He is responding well to the treatment and his overall condition is said to be stable, they further said.

Shopian Acid Attack

that one person namely Waseem Ali Shah son of Ali Mohammad Shah of Aadoo Keegam had attacked a girl with acid, which resulted in severe burn injuries to her body.

"She was immediately shifted to hospital for treatment. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 84/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Keller and investigation was set into motion," the statement reads.

It reads that during the course of investigation, all legal and medical required formalities were completed.

Jal Shakti Minister

The total cost of the completed projects is Rs 59 crore and the cost of the new projects is Rs 54.87 crore.

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar was present on the occasion.

The inaugurated projects include water supply scheme for Jandrore, Charie Mittal in Udhampur, WSS In Kanger, Chak Kirpalpur in Jammu, WSS Kunsow Nolie (Shopian), WSS (Shonian) WSS Nowgam Ramgarg Jarpora

coverage by 2022 to accomplish the ambitious target of providing tap connection to every rural household of the UT.

The Union Minister praised the government of Jammu and Kashmir in their progress towards the implementation of IJM.

He also said that there has been unparalleled change and people are witness to it due to the focussed implementation and strategy adopted by the Prime Minister of India.

He said that the government is committed to take along all the sections of the society so that no section remains behind to ensure equitable development.

He said that to provide clean water, field testing kits are being provided to the Paani Samitis and a laboratory will be constructed in every block to ensure pure water reaches every household

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Highest Number

above the age of 18 years has been vaccinated across Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Coronavirus (Covid-19), out of 330352 positive cases, 1099 are Active Positive (300 in Jammu Division and 799 in Kashmir Division), 324827 have recovered and 4426 have died; 2174 in Jammu division and 2252 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 15246990 test results available, 330352 samples have tested positive and 14916638 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 55,581 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 3605493 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 7717 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 1099 in isolation and 461810 in home surveillance. Besides, 3130441 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases reported today, the Bulletin said that Srinagar reported 47 cases, Baramulla reported 10 cases, Budgam reported 14 cases, Pulwama reported 02 cases, Kupwara reported 04 cases, Anantnag reported 01 case, Bandipora reported 01 case, Ganderbal reported 13 cases, Kulgam and Shopian reported no fresh case for today.

Similarly, Jammu reported 04 cases, Udhampur reported no case, Rajouri reported 01 case, Doda reported no cases, Kishtwar reported no case, Poonch reported 01 case, Samba reported no case, Kathua reported no cases, Ramban reported 01 case and while Reasi also reported 01 fresh case.

The bulletin further informs the general public that they can contact helpline numbers 0191-2520982/2674444/2674115/2674908/2549676 in Jammu Division and 0194-2440283/2430581/2452052/2457313/2457312 in Kashmir Division for any kind of guidance and assistance.

In case of emergency, people can avail free ambulance services 24x7 by calling toll free number 108 while pregnant women and sick infants can avail free services by dialing toll free number 102, the bulletin reads.

It also informs that the public can reach the national helpline by dialing 1075.

Further the bulletin also informs the public that for any kind of COVID-19 query, logon to www.covidrelief.jk.gov.in

Govt. Winds-up

Pertinently, the Gazetteer Unit was entrusted with the preparation of regional gazetteers after studying Jammu and Kashmir's geography, economy, society, education, and social welfare through the archival records, published works and individual studies to publish the findings in the form of a book called Gazetteer.

At 21.6 Percent

registration carried out by the Directorate of Employment, J&K witnessed 3 lakh registrations by Postgraduates and PHD degree holders.

As per the National Statistical Office (NSO)'s latest report, "Annual Report, Periodic Labour Force Survey(PLFS)," for the Quarter 3 of Financial year 2020-21, J&K had the highest unemployment rate followed by Kerala at 16.7 percent and Jharkhand at 16 percent.

The report has also revealed that the unemployment rate in J&K was highest among the women compared to the men.

For women, the report noted, the rate was recorded at 13.1 per cent whereas the unemployment rate among men in the region was recorded at 9.5 per cent during October-December Financial year 20-21.

The report also revealed that last year the unemployment rate for women in J&K was recorded at 9.8 per cent and 7.3 per cent for men.

"In the July-September 2019 quarter the unemployment rate in urban J&K was recorded at 4.8 per cent, October-December 2019 at 7.3 per cent, January-March 2020 at 9.2 per cent and April-June 2020 at 10.1 per cent," the report says.

It is pertinent to mention here that NSO has surveyed 231 villages of rural J&K where more than 8900 persons were surveyed and in 1400 households of 175 blocks in Urban J&K, where over 6300 persons were surveyed for the compilation of the report.

Militant Killed

police tweeted: "Militants fired at Srinagar Police team (at Natipora). Police also retaliated. During the ensuing chance #encounter, one militant got neutralised but one escaped. Arms & ammunition recovered. Identification being ascertained."

Police later issued a statement saying that the entire area has been sealed and the manhunt has been launched to nab the second militant who managed to escape from the spot.

Pertinently, the attack on the police te comes at a time when security forces are maintaining the highest level of vigil in the wake of recent spate of killings in the city.

urged the Centre to take effective measures to ensure the safety of the residents. During the day, several organisations staged

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi

protests in Jammu over the killings and said such violence was the result of frustration among separatists as the region was seeing fast development and peace.

Thousands of people took part in a rally, held under the banner of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Forum (JKPF). Raising anti-Pakistan slogans, the protesters blocked traffic on the Tawi bridge in Jammu and congregated under the statue of Maharaja Hari Singh, the last King of Kashmir.

Besides the JKPF, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, the Bajrang Dal, the Shiv Sena, and the Jagran Manch also held demonstrations against the incidents, while members of the Kashmiri Pandit community protested in Purkhoo, Butanagar and Muthi

"We are holding protests to express our anger over the selective and systematic killing of minorities (Sikhs and Hindus) in Kashmir during the past few days. The terrorists of TRF (The Resistance Front) selectively targeted two teachers belonging to minority communities and shot them dead," JKPF member Rajiv Pandita said.

BJP's Jammu and Kashmir vice president Yudhvir Sethi said those responsible for killings will be punished and will not be allowed to go scot-free.

The Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industries also took out a protest march and condemned the spate in killings. Led by its president, Arun Gupta, hundreds of

businessmen, traders and industrialists raised anti-Pakistan slogans and demanded immediate security to minorities in the Valley. Jammu and Kashmir National Panther party

(JKNPP) activists, led by their chairman Harsh Dev Singh, staged a demonstration in Jammu, and condemned the violence and the government for failing to prevent it from happening.

Kashmir Director General of Police Dilba Singh had Thursday said the targeted killing of civilians, particularly minorities, in Kashmir is aimed at creating an atmosphere of fear and damaging age-old communal harmony. PTI

and justification for the use of force. Harassment of innocent civilians and the kill-

Slain Principal

of people waiting outside. Kaur and Chand were shot dead at point blank range, taking to seven the number of civilians killed by militants in Kashmir Valley in five days. On Tuesday, a prominent Kashmiri Pandit pharmacy trader Makhan Lal Bindroo and a street vendor Virendra Paswan from Bihar were killed in Srinagar and civilian Mohammad Shafi Lone in Bandipora. Militants shot dead Majid Ahmad Gojri in Srinagar and Mohammad Shafi Dar at Batamaloo on Saturday. According to DG Police Dilbagh Singh militant group TRF was behind the killings. TRF, according to national media reports, have accused all the slain of acting against the 'Kashmiri struggle'.

KP Employees

anticipating this. We had requested an appointment from the Lt Governor's office in June, but have not been given time till now," Tiku, who has never migrated out of the valley, said.

Opposition leaders, meanwhile, slammed the government over the killings and called for strong action.

Wrong measures taken by the Centre are responsible for the "worsening" situation in Jammu and Kashmir, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said after visiting the family of Kaur.

"The situation is worsening day by day and the BJP government is responsible for it. Its wrong steps and measures taken since August 5, 2019, (abrogation of Article 370) and before that as well, are directly responsible for the fast worsening situation in Kashmir," she said.

Taking to Twitter, she said heads must roll as officials at the helm should be held accountable for repeated security lapses.

National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah also visited the residence of Kaur and later said the recent attacks on civilians were aimed at creating a wedge between communities and it is the responsibility of the majority community to give a sense of security to "our brothers".

He criticised the administration for failing to apprehend the attacks and appealed to members of the minority communities in Kashmir to not allow a repeat of what happened in the 1990s by leaving their homes.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra condemned the killing of innocent people in Jammu and Kashmir and said the central government should take immediate steps for ensuring the safety of all citizens.

LG Flying To Delhi

has already dispatched a top official of the Intelligence Bureau to Srinagar to coordinate operations against terrorists.

A female principal and a teacher were shot dead at point blank range on Thursday. Of the seven killed in last five days, four were from minority communities and six of the deaths took place in Srinagar.

Supinder Kaur, the principal of the Government Boys Higher Secondary School at Eidgah in Srinagar, and Deepak Chand, were gunned down around 11.15 am at the school premises.

There were no students in school at the time of the incident.

Makhan Lal Bindroo, a prominent Kashmiri Pandit and owner of Srinagar's most famous pharmacy, was shot dead at his shop on Tuesday.

A 'chaat' vendor, Virendra Paswan from Bihar, and another civilian, Mohammad Shafi Lone, were also killed on Tuesday in Srinagar and in Bandipora respectively .

On Saturday, terrorists shot dead Maiid Ahmad Gojri in Srinagar and Mohammad Shafi Dar at Batmaloo.

According to official statistics, a total 28 civilians were killed by terrorists so far in 2021.

Out of the 28 killed, five persons belong to local Hindu or Sikh communities and two nonlocal Hindu labourers.

Officials said due to the killings of a large numbers of terrorists of all outfits specially their leaderships and the destruction of their support systems, terrorists' Pakistan-based handlers have got frustrated and changed their strategy and started targeting unarmed policemen, innocent civilians, politicians and innocent civilians from minority communities.

In all such cases, militants have been using pistols which they can carry easily, the officials said.

Most of these acts are committed by newly recruited militants or those who are about to join their ranks, they said.

According to the official data, till date, 97 militant attacks have been reported in Jammu and Kashmir this year so far --71 on security forces and 26 on civilians.

In 2020, a total of 105 attacks were reported -80 on security forces and 25 on civilians.

Climate Of Fear

18 J&K Police

PHO with additional charge of AIG (Tech) PHO.

Altaf Ahmed Shah, SSP Security Workshop, has been transferred and posted as SSP Security, J&K, against an available vacancy.

Rajinder Gupta, SSP, AIG(P&T) PHQ, has been transferred and posted as AIG (Welfare) PHQ, against an available vacancy

Mohd Shabir, SSP, awaiting orders of posting has been posted as SO to ADGP Railways.

Roop Raj, SO to ADGP Railways, has been transferred and posted as Principal PTS Kathua.

(Shopian), WSS Shirmal Sharepathri (Shopian), WSS Karewa Safnagri, (Shopian), WSS Filtration Plant Ajas Bandipora, storage tanks at Lolab and other schemes.

The new schemes include WSS in Utterbehni (Samba), Balode (Saman), Harsarth (Samba), Channi (Reasi), Dharmari (Reasi) Saddal and Panjar (Udhampur), Achabal (Anantnag), (Anantnag), Ichigam (Budgam), Nambal Zinpanchal (Budgam), improvement of existing Rajal Canal (Rajouri) and other projects.

Commissioner Secretary Shakti Ial Department, M Raju gave a brief of each completed project and said that the new projects will be completed within the set deadline.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Muhammad Ajaz Asad; Mission Director Jal Jeevan Mission, Dr Sved Abid Rasheed Shah; Chief Engineer PHE Kashmir. Iftikhar Ahmad and other officers were present on the occassion.

While speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister directed the officers to work with dedication and responsibility for securing water security for the future generations. He said that water will be posing a big challenge in the times to come but together we will be able to bring functional tapped water connection to every household. He said the government is working on a mission mode taking along the aspirations of the locals to secure for them a prosperous life.

As part of public outreach programme, the Union Minister also visited the 10 Million Gallons per Day (10 MGD) Tangnar Water Supply Scheme, Pantha Chowk where he held an interactive session with Panchavat representatives and Paani Samiti members to discuss the status of Jal Jeevan Mission in their respective areas

He also inspected different sections of the water filtration plant including Alum Tanks, Chlorination unit, and water testing laboratories.

The Union Minister said that Government of India is committed to provide assured basic services to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and said that the UT is moving swiftly towards progress and development adding that JK will become a manufacturing hub of various products.

Regarding the drinking water supply, he said it is a service delivery, wherein the quantity, quality of water supplied and periodicity of water supply has to be ensured for which the flagship programme, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is under implementation. The objective of the Mission is universal coverage i.e. every family in the village gets tap water connection in their household. Jammu & Kashmir is planning 100%

Road Maintenance

of 41,600 km. Moreover, with the completion of PMGSY I & II, as well as other projects under the languishing project scheme, the road network is expected to reach 46,000 km length by 2022 which would require dedicated maintenance.

The new road maintenance policy will provide a guiding framework for establishing objectives, making arrangements for, and establishing a set of procedures for undertaking maintenance and repair works by PWD. It lays down norms for maintenance of roads covering routine, periodic, and emergency maintenance by respected provincial RMMC.

The policy provides for upgrading cross drainage systems of roads; ensuring timely clearances and repair works for proper maintenance of roads; getting repair works done during and after the completion of defect liability period; implementing audit of roads and bridges besides ensuring road safety measures on critical spots; and regular inspection of roads by the field staff through visits as per a standard schedule.

Additionally, the policy also includes provisions for empowering the field staff to ensure fortnightly site inspections and reporting: restoring potholes and craters having within 7-days by mobile teams, and introducing the latest technology and gadgets including digital survey vehicles for speedy and precise assessment of road conditions.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar. Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

Monsoon Completely

3 received deficit rainfall."

In Ladakh, Kargil received normal rain whereas rainfall was deficit in Leh district, he added.

"The Calculation was done on the basis of average of actual rainfall recorded by various rain gauges of IMD, I&FC, CWC etc. and it's comparison with Climatological normal's available with IMD," the official added.

Meanwhile, the official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 9.2 degrees Celsius against normal of 7.3 degree Celsius for this time of the season

He said Qazigund, the gateway town of Kashmir, recorded minimum of 8.1 degrees Celsius against 6.3 degrees Celsius.

SPORTS

IUST VC's Employees Cricket Tournament Concludes

School of Health Sciences wins title



Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: School of Health the psychological stress caused Sciences led by Dr. Rais Ahmad Ganai won the 2nd Vice Chancellor's Employees Cricket tournament by beating School of staff and students of the univer-Humanities & Social Sciences sity. Dr. Hilal further added that led by Dr. Shanawaz Mantoo. The week-long tournament organised by the Directorate of Physical Education IUST began on 27th of last month.

Chief Guest, Registrar IUST Prof. Naseer Iqbal who captained one of the teams of the tournament, expressed his satisfaction over the successful completion of the tournament which contributed to a sporting fervour within the University and a received lot of appreciation.

He also acknowledged the active support of media in highlighting this significant event.

who was the main organiser of Regu, I/C Director ITSS Dr. Kaithis tournament while presenting the final proceedings said, to HVC Dr. Monisa Qadiri and "This is for the first time that Deans/Heads of various Schools/ such a mega event for employ-ees have been organised at IUST ers varsity staff/students also in which more than 120 em- graced the occasion.

ployees took part. The aim of the tournament was to curtail due to Covid-19 pandemic." This initiative has been applauded by the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, more such programs are starting very soon for students of University as well.

During the presentation ceremony, Man of the Match award was given to Tabashir Bashir from the School of Health Sciences team and Man of the Series was given to Dr. Showkat Hussain Bhat from BVOC team. Others present on the occasion were Chairman Sports Committee and Finance Officer IUST Sameer Wazir, Associate Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences Dr. Munejah Khan, Principal Alamdar Memo-Assistant Director Physical Ed-ucation, Dr. Hilal Ahmad Rather cal Technology Prof. Mehmooda ser Javeed Giri, Media Advisor

Russell Likely To Be Available For IPL 2021 Playoffs: KKR

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) swashbuckling injured gling in the Indian leg. "At the all-rounder Andre Russell is likely to be available for the playoffs stage of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 beginning on Sunday, the team's chief mentor David Hussey said.

KKR have virtually assured themselves of a playoffs berth in the IPL 2021 after their 86-run win over Rajasthan Royals on Thurs- a world of good -- we got to reday. They are set to play against fresh, recharge our batteries and the third-place team of the league phase in Qualifier 1 on Sunday.

"He (Russell) had a fitness test ing session, all the boys got a lot Wednesday, and I think he's

PCB Can Collapse If India Wants: Ramiz Raja

Says ICC gets 90 per cent of its funds from India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

KARACHI: Pakistan Cricket Board chief Ramiz Raja says the PCB can "collapse" if India wants as 90 per cent of the ICC's funding comes from that country, which effectively means that the sport here is being run by "India's business houses"

Appearing before the Senate Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial affairs on Thursday in Islamabad, Ramiz said it was time for the PCB to reduce its dependence on funding from the ICC and start tapping the local market. "The ICC is a politicised body

divided between the Asian and Western blocs and 90 per cent of its revenues are generated from India. It is frightening,'

50 per cent of PCB's budget comes from ICC funding. houses are running Pakistan

cricket and if tomorrow the to reschedule the series," he said. Indian PM decides he will not allow any funding to Pakistan, this cricket board can collapse," he added but did not elaborate on the specifics.



things with us."

The New Zealand cricket team

had arrived in Pakistan on Sep-

tember 11 for the first time in 18

years to play three ODIs and five Twenty20 Internationals but

left on September 19 without

playing any match after their

government and security agen-

Ramiz, in a candid briefing

to the Senators, also said he

would unveil his plans for Paki-

stan cricket and the board in a

tional team cannot do well and

win matches it means that ev-

"To me it is simple if the na-

week or 10 days' time.

cies cited security concerns.

Ramiz said the ICC had become more of an event management company and the PCB would have to make its voice heard if it does not want a repeat of the cancellation of confirmed series by New Zealand and England on security grounds.

"What New Zealand did was the PCB Chief said, adding that unacceptable because till now they have not shared any information with us on what led "In a way India's business them to abandon the series in Pakistan. But they are now trying Ramiz hinted that there could be some good news re-

garding the postponed New eryone in the board from the Zealand series in a week's time. tea man to the top official have He indicated that New Zea- failed in their duties," he said.

Premier Division: ARCO FC Beat Novelty FC 3-1



R. Elahi

SRINAGAR: One match of the thwarted by the ARCO FC boys. JKFA Khyber Premier Divi- However, in the 79th minute 1st Positive Kashmir KO Toursion Football League 2021 was a penalty kick was awarded to **nament** played on Friday at Synthetic Novelty and Alok converted In the quarter final stage of Turf TRC Srinagar. The Tourna- it into a goal. With a life line, the First Edition Positive Kash-

elty FC players created sev- Towheed FC. Pandrathan FC eral attacking moves but were won by 2 goals to nil.

ment is being telecast live for Novelty FC went looking for mir KO Tournament I&K Police

Pakistan Announce Revised T20 WC Squad, Sarfaraz Recalled

KASHMIR OBSERVER **11**

AGENCIES

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Friday announced an altered squad for this month's Men's T20 World Cup 2021, with former captain Sarfaraz Ahmed replacing the young Azam Khan.

The national selectors made land and refuse any series but three changes to the team announced last month "after takwould not be possible as the country is part of a larger interperformances and form", the PCB said in a statement. "The good thing is they are

In the other two changes, Haider Ali has replaced Mohammad Hasnain, while Fakhar Zaman, who was originally named as a travel reserve, has swapped places with Khushdil Shah.

The T20 World Cup will be held in the United Arab Emirates 14. Pakistan is in Group 2 and will open its campaign against India on October 24 at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. "After reviewing player per-

formances in the highly competitive National T20 and in consultation with the team management, we have decided

to include Haider Ali, Fakhar Zaman and Sarfaraz Ahmed in the squad for the... World Cup," chief selector Muhammad Wasim was quoted as saying by the PCB on Friday.

He said the three in-form players would bring with them a "wealth of experience and tal-ent, and provide further stability, balance and strength to the

Khushdil and Hasnain for miss-ing out but they still have a lot Malang Ali (Masseur).



ing into consideration player to offer in their careers," Wasim said, adding that trio was in the PCB's future plans for post-World Cup cricket.

PAKISTAN SQUAD FOR T20 WORLD CUP

Babar Azam (captain), Shadab Khan (vice-captain), Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Imad Wasim, from October 17 to November Mohammad Hafeez, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Sohaib Maqsood

Traveling reserves: Khushdil Shah, Shahnawaz Dahani and Usman Qadir

Player support personnel: Iansoor Rana (manager), Mansoor Saglain Mushtag (interim head coach), Shahid Aslam (assistant head coach), Matthew Hayden (batting consultant), Vernon Philander (bowling consultant), Cliffe Deacon (physiotherapist), Drikus Saaiman (strength and conditioning coach), Abdul Majeed (fielding coach), Talha Ejaz (team analyst), Col (retd) Muhammad Imran (Security Manager), Ibrahim Badees (media "It must be tough for Azam, and digital manager), Dr Na-

Saudi Arabia-Led Consortium **Completes Newcastle Takeover**



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English Premier

based broadcaster beIN Sports, a Premier League rights holder, said on Wednesday that Saudi League club Newcastle United Arabia would lift a ban on it and was sold to Saudi Arabia's sov- also shut down illegal streamereign wealth fund on Thursday ing services, removing a major after a protracted takeover and obstacle behind the collapsed takeover

just maybe a game away. So, I think he'd be pushing hard over the next few days to get back in for the final (play-offs)," Hussey said at the post-match press conference on Thursday.

huge boost not only for us but the competition. He's worldclass and he provides lots of entertainment."

With three playoffs spots already sealed by Delhi Capitals, Chennai Super Kings and Royals Challengers Bangalore, KKR consolidated their position for the fourth and final spot, finishing league engagements old former Australia cricketer also with 14 points from 14 games with lavished praise on his players for an impressive net run rate of 0.587.

of volume and (were) go," explained Hussey on how the change occurred in the group.

He admitted that there has

been a change in fortunes for

the KKR in the UAE after strug-

halfway mark, we weren't play-

ing the type of cricket that we

wanted to play. We are all about

playing entertaining cricket -hitting fours, sixes -- and with the ball, hitting the stumps, tak-

ing wickets, and fielding excep-

re-plan -- and come to Abu Dhabi.

Abhishek Nayar did a great train-

"So, the break probably did us

tionally well.

He credited head coach Brendon McCullum for the way KKR were playing. "He (Brendon) is so cool and calm that he's got this plan "(His availability) will be a and vision for the team to go forward. He believes in every player to play their best. He makes everybody feel that they are the most

important person in the team. "Brendon should take a lot of credit for the way everybody's playing here tonight. Great for him, because he's been through a lot," Hussey said. The 44-yearputting up a team performance.

duction on ANN News Channel. In the Premier Division his team's 3rd goal in the 88th

match between ARCO FC and Novelty FC, Arco FC won by 3 goals to 1. The match was expected to be

ARCO FC. a high voltage encounter and it lived up to the expectations of the spectators, who had thronged the venue in thousands. ARCO FC succeeded in scor-

:00 PM.

ing the first goal through Isha- A-Division League Results faq Teli in the 13th minute. The team then added another in 18th minute thhrough Waseem Haroon. The first half ended 2-0 in favour of ARCO FC. In the second half, Nov-

the first time by Frisk Film Pro- an equaliser but Owais Ahmad XI on Thursday defeated Posiof ARCO FC managed to score tive Kashmir FC by 3 goals to nil. The Police team scored minute to seal the fate of the through a penalty in 15th minmatch. At final whistle, the ute via Nainjot. They then addscore line read 3-1 in favour of ed another in the 70th minute

of second half through Faisal. In today's fixture, Food & I&K Police scored the third Supplies XI will take on Sports goal in the last moments of Council Football Academy at the match via Faisal to win the game 3-0

Pele Of Kashmir Tournament The fourth match of the Pele In the ongoing A-Division Annual League football Tournaof Kashmir KO Tournament was ment one match was played at played on Thursday at Eidgah Gindun Ground Rajbagh. The Playfield in which Old City FC match was played between Pandrathan FC and Manzoor and Hamdaniya FC played a 0-0 goalless draw.

legal fight involving concerns about piracy and rights abuses in the kingdom.

LONDON:

300-million-pound The Saudi Public Investment Fund concerns about how much conwould have in the running of Newcastle.

PIF has had to offer assurances to the Premier League that its partner alongside wealthy Britchairman, Saudi Crown Prince ish-based Reuben brothers and Mohammed bin Salman, and in financier Amanda Staveley. turn the state will not have any control of the running of Newcastle.

A rapid sequence of events following the completion of its reignited the deal after Qatar- owners and directors test.

to become the new owners of Newcastle United, one of the (\$409 million) takeover by the most famous clubs in English football," PIF governor Yasir Alinitially collapsed last year over Rumayyan said. "We thank the Newcastle fans for their trementrol the kingdoms leadership dously loyal support over the years and we are excited to work together with them."

"We are extremely proud

The PIF will be the majority

The Premier League said the club has been sold to the consortium with immediate effect

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J&K Deaf Judokas Call On Union MoS SJ&E

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JAMMU: Union Minister for Friday met with a delegation of para-athletes (judo- Minister said. kas) and their coaches here.

Mehak, will compete in games is a result of developthe 1st World Deaf Judo ment in sports," he added. Championship at Versailles France, scheduled from October 27 this year. Both the players have been gold medallists for 8 and 10 times respectively. Vishal has also been 3-time National Best Judo Player, while Rakhshinda was awarded Best

Judo Player in 2019. "The performance of Indian sportspersons at the recent Tokyo Olympics and Para-

greater hopes for future events. The Government has been giving significant Social Justice and Empow- attention to improve sports erment, Virendra Kumar on infrastructure, facilities and culture in the country," the

"The recent feat of 19 Para The two judokas, Vishal athletes winning medals Khajuria and Rakhshinda in the Tokyo Paralympics The judokas were encouraged to give their best in their upcoming championship and were told that the entire nation has their hopes pinned on them.

Advisor Farooq Khan was also present on the occasion. He lauded the achievements of the two athletes

extraordinary and encouraged them to up their game and garner accolades internationally. He assured extended support lympics have filled the na- and facilities from the UT tion with pride and given government for the sport.

Gold No. 10 For India **At Junior Shooting** World C'ship

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LIMA: The Indian pair of Rhythm Sangwan and Vijayveer Sidhu clinched the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Mixed Team gold medal as the country's total haul soared to 23, consolidating its position at the top of the table in the ISSF Junior Shooting World Championships here.

Sangwan and Sidhu defeated Thailand's Kanyakorn Hirunphoem and Schwakon Triniphakron 9-1 to fetch India's 10th gold of the ongoing event.

The country also claimed the bronze medal in this event with Tejaswani and Anish triumphing 10-8 against another Thai team in Chawisa Paduka and Ram Khamhaeng.

In the junior women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions, Prasiddhi Mahant, Nishcal and Ayushi Podder clinched the silver medal after going down to the American trio of Elizabeth McGhin, Lorraine Zaun, and Carolvnn Tucker.

The Indians were beaten 43-47. India's total haul now stands at 10 gold, 9 silver and 4 bronze medals.

Brazil Win, Argentina Draw In **World Cup Qualifiers**

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SAO PAULO: Leaders Brazil and second-place Argentina had uninspiring performances in their World Cup qualifying matches on Thursday, but gained key competition points as they try to secure their direct spots for Qatar next year.

Playing without suspended Neymar and injured Casemiro, Brazil won 3-1 at Venezuela, and Argentina had a goalless draw at Paraguay.

Brazil trailed bottom-of-the-table Venezuela until the 71st minute, when Marquinhos leveled the match in Caracas. Gabriel Barbosa scored the second goal from the spot in the 85th minute and substitute Antony scored the third from close range in added time.

Lionel Messi was not enough for Argentina to break Paraguay's powerful defensive line. The two goalkeepers, Argentina's Emiliano Martinez and Paraguay's Antony Silva, were the best on the pitch. The match ended 0-0.

Brazil leads with 27 points and



Argentina has 19 in nine matches their clash in September was suspended after seven minutes due to COVID-19 protocols.

Ecuador and Uruguay have 16 points after 10 matches, but the Ecuadorians have more wins and hold third place after a 3-0 win against Bolivia. All goals in the match came between the 14th and the 19th minutes; the first with Michael Estrada and then two by Enner Valencia.

Hours earlier the Uruguayans had been held to a 0-0 draw at home with Colombia, which is in fifth place in the 10-team round robin competition with 14 points.

Mbappé Inspires Comeback As France Beats Belgium 3-2



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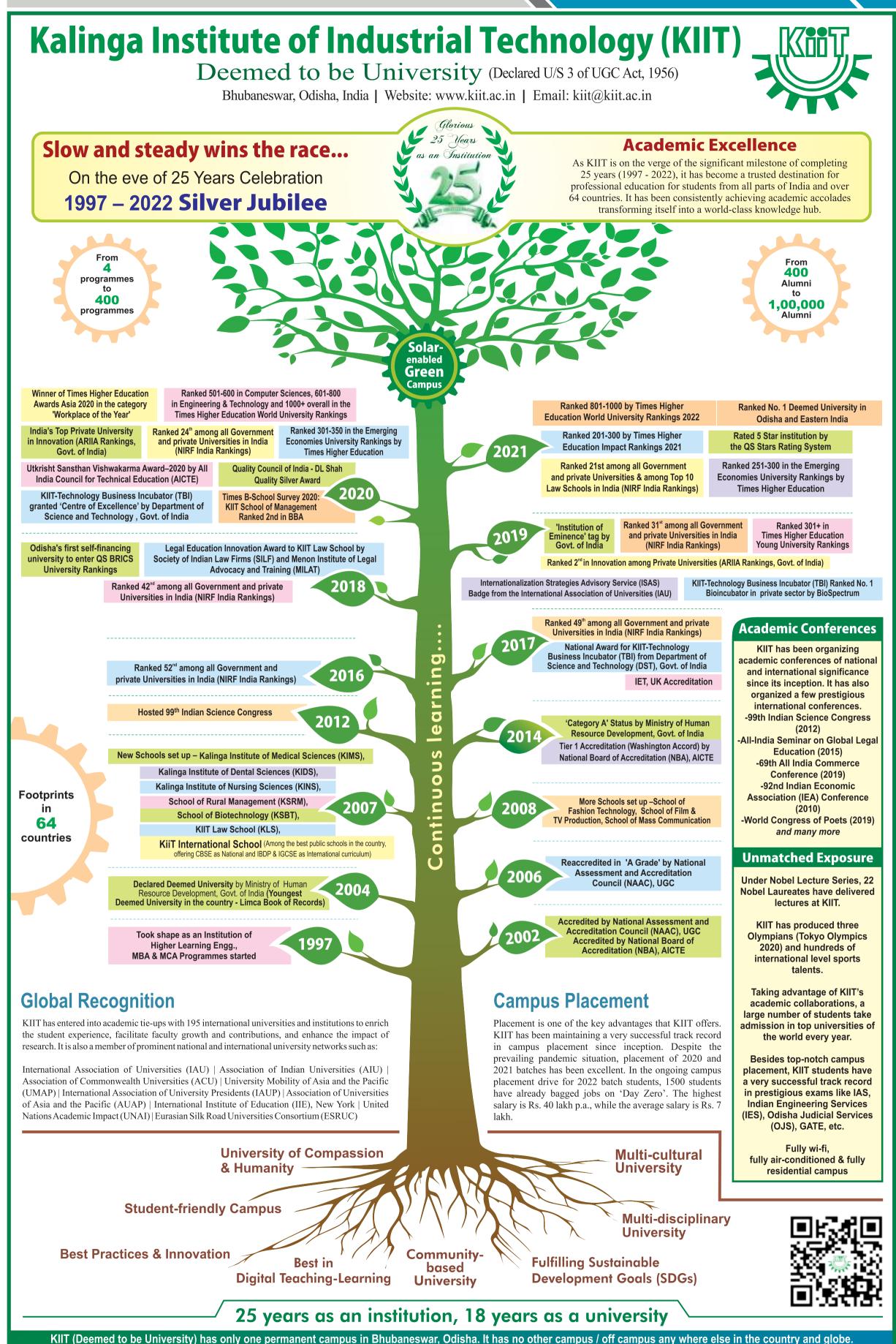
TURIN: Kylian Mbappé redeemed himself with a goal and an assist as France came from two goals down to beat Belgium 3-2 Thursday and reach the Nations League final.

Theo Hernández scored the last-minute winner to complete the comeback and send world champion France through to Sunday's final against Spain. It was only his second appearance for his country and came the day after his 24th birthday.

Two quickfire goals at the end of the first half had given Belgium a seemingly comfortable lead but Mbappé, who became the youngest player to reach 50 caps for Les Bleus, set up Karim Benzema's goal in the 62nd minute and converted a penalty seven minutes later. Belgium took control shortly before halftime. Yannick Carrasco broke the deadlock in the 37th minute when he cut inside from the left, turned a defender and drilled into the near bottom corner.

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