



**P6 THINK**

### 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"...

**P7 THINK**

### 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

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,



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

**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 ALG (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, 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 Bashaat 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 Kellar received information • More On P10

**Jal Shakti Minister 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.

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## 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 grueling rate of 21.6 per cent. According to the CMIE's "30

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, 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

## Slain Principal, Teacher Given a Tearful Adieu

Agencies

**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 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 Aloochoi Bagh area and took out a protest march from there, carrying her mortal remains on a stretcher.



KO Photo: Abid Bhat

The protesting members of the community -- both old and young alike -- covered the distance from Aloochoi 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**

As 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-Kashmiri Pandit families who have also left. It is 1990 revisited," said Sanjay Tikku, president of Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti (KPSS). "It may seem invisible but migration is going on and I was • More On P10

## LG Flying To Delhi For Meeting With HM

**NEW DELHI:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to hold discussions with Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha 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 make a detailed review of

the prevailing law and order situation and how to check escalating militant attacks in the Kashmir valley, the sources said.

Top officials of the Union Home Ministry, intelligence agencies and the Jammu and Kashmir administration are expected to attend the meeting.

At a high level meeting Thursday, Shah was briefed

about the latest modus operandi of the terrorists in carrying out attacks on soft targets and the steps taken to tighten the security, the sources said.

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

The Central government • More On P10

## 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 Yousof 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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## 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 per cent of the population [● More On P10](#)

## Govt. Winds-up Gazetteers Unit Srinagar

Observer news Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of winding up the Gazetteers Unit, Srinagar.

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.

The decision has been taken to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee headed by the Administrative Secretary, Higher Education Department, which was constituted to evaluate the functioning 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. [● More On P10](#)

## 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 deterioration 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 scientifically maintaining the J&K's gross road length [● More On P10](#)

## Monsoon Completely Withdraws From J&K: MeT

'10 Districts In J&K, Ladakh Received Deficit Rain'

**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

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 [● More On P10](#)

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# Nobel Laureate Abdulrazak Gurnah

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**A**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

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was shortlisted for the 2021 Orwell prize for political fiction and long-listed for the Walter Scott prize for historical fiction.

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#### Influence and style

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 range of references to literary sources.

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 of Joseph Conrad.

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 between 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 narratives 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.

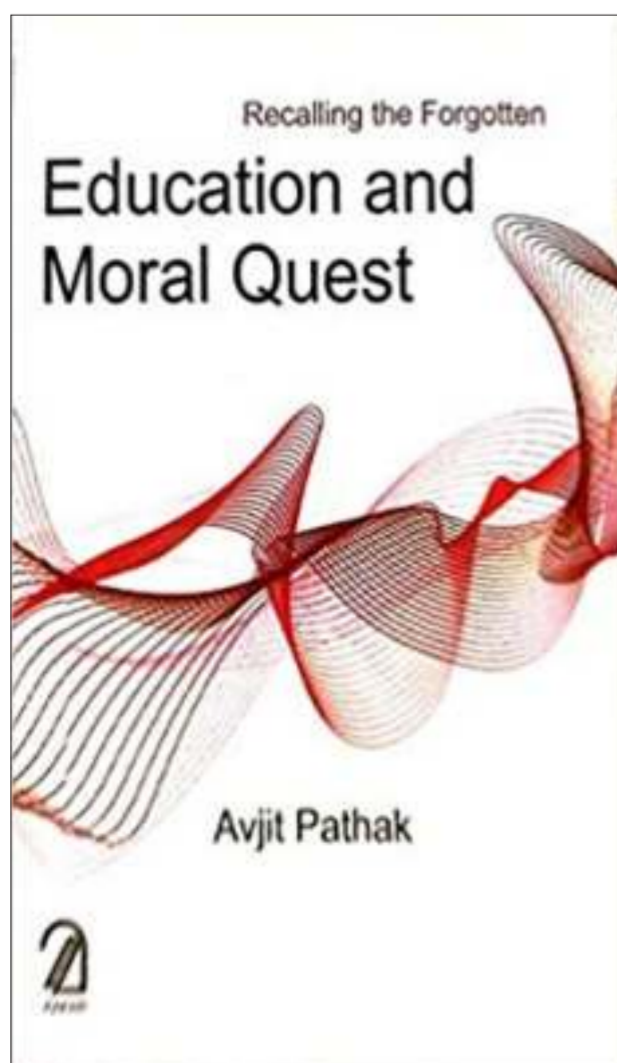
Gurnah's work continues this conversation about the long shadow of colonialism and employs a diversity of textual traditions in the process of commemorating erased narratives.

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## Book Review

### Education Factory And Its Impact On Moral Development

"Recalling The Forgotten: education And Moral Quest" By Avijit Pathak



Mukhtar Ahmad Farooqi

**T**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 JNU. 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 'autono-

mous 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 inquisitiveness. 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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## IUST VC's Employees Cricket Tournament Concludes

School of Health Sciences wins title



Observer News Service

**AWANTIPORA:** School of Health Sciences led by Dr. Rais Ahmad Ganai won the 2nd Vice Chancellor's Employees Cricket tournament by beating School of Humanities & Social Sciences 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. Assistant Director Physical Education, Dr. Hilal Ahmad Rather who was the main organiser of this tournament while presenting the final proceedings said, "This is for the first time that such a mega event for employees have been organised at IUST in which more than 120 employees took part. The aim of the tournament was to curtail the psychological stress caused due to Covid-19 pandemic." This initiative has been applauded by the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, staff and students of the university. Dr. Hilal further added that 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 Memorial College of Nursing & Medical Technology Prof. Mehmooda Regu, I/C Director ITSS Dr. Kaiser Javeed Giri, Media Advisor to HVC Dr. Monisa Qadiri and Deans/Heads of various Schools/Departments. Besides others varsity staff/students also graced the occasion.

## Russell Likely To Be Available For IPL 2021 Playoffs: KKR

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**DUBAI:** Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) swashbuckling injured 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 Thursday. They are set to play against the third-place team of the league phase in Qualifier 1 on Sunday. "He (Russell) had a fitness test on Wednesday, and I think he's 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. "(His availability) will be a huge boost not only for us but the competition. He's world-class 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 with 14 points from 14 games with an impressive net run rate of 0.587.

He admitted that there has been a change in fortunes for the KKR in the UAE after struggling in the Indian leg. "At the halfway mark, we weren't playing 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, taking wickets, and fielding exceptionally well. "So, the break probably did us a world of good -- we got to re-fresh, recharge our batteries and re-plan -- and come to Abu Dhabi. Abhishek Nayar did a great training session, all the boys got a lot of volume and (were) ready to go," explained Hussey on how the change occurred in the group. 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 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-year-old former Australia cricketer also lavished praise on his players for putting up a team performance.

## PCB Can Collapse If India Wants: Ramiz Raja

Says ICC gets 90 per cent of its funds from India

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**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," the PCB Chief said, adding that 50 per cent of PCB's budget comes from ICC funding. "In a way India's business houses are running Pakistan cricket and if tomorrow the 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.



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 unacceptable because till now they have not shared any information with us on what led them to abandon the series in Pakistan. But they are now trying to reschedule the series," he said. Ramiz hinted that there could be some good news regarding the postponed New Zealand series in a week's time. He indicated that New Zealand cricket board was working on a new schedule to tour Pakistan. Senior Senator Raza Rabbani suggested that Pakistan should now not play against New Zealand and refuse any series but Ramiz pointed out that this would not be possible as the country is part of a larger international cricket community. "The good thing is they are working on something which means they want to mend things with us." The New Zealand cricket team had arrived in Pakistan on September 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 agencies cited security concerns. Ramiz, in a candid briefing to the Senators, also said he would unveil his plans for Pakistan cricket and the board in a week or 10 days' time. "To me it is simple if the national team cannot do well and win matches it means that everyone in the board from the tea man to the top official have failed in their duties," he said.

## Premier Division: ARCO FC Beat Novelty FC 3-1



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**SRINAGAR:** One match of the JKFA Khyber Premier Division Football League 2021 was played on Friday at Synthetic Turf TRC Srinagar. The Tournament is being telecast live for the first time by Frisk Film Production on ANN News Channel. In the Premier Division match between ARCO FC and Novelty FC, ARCO FC won by 3 goals to 1. The match was expected to be 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 scoring the first goal through Ishaq Teli in the 13th minute. The team then added another in the 18th minute through Waseem Haroon. The first half ended 2-0 in favour of ARCO FC. In the second half, Novelty FC players created several attacking moves but were thwarted by the ARCO FC boys. However, in the 79th minute a penalty kick was awarded to Novelty and Alok converted it into a goal. With a life line, Novelty FC went looking for an equaliser but Owais Ahmad of ARCO FC managed to score his team's 3rd goal in the 88th minute to seal the fate of the match. At final whistle, the score line read 3-1 in favour of ARCO FC.

In today's fixture, Food & Supplies XI will take on Sports Council Football Academy at 4:00 PM. **A-Division League Results** In the ongoing A-Division Annual League football Tournament one match was played at Gindun Ground Rajbagh. The match was played between Pandrathan FC and Manzoor elty FC players created several attacking moves but were thwarted by the ARCO FC boys. However, in the 79th minute a penalty kick was awarded to Novelty and Alok converted it into a goal. With a life line, Novelty FC went looking for an equaliser but Owais Ahmad of ARCO FC managed to score his team's 3rd goal in the 88th minute to seal the fate of the match. At final whistle, the score line read 3-1 in favour of ARCO FC.

## Pakistan Announce Revised T20 WC Squad, Sarfraz Recalled

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**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 Sarfraz Ahmed replacing the young Azam Khan. The national selectors made three changes to the team announced last month "after taking into consideration player performances and form", the PCB said in a statement.

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 from October 17 to November 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 performances in the highly competitive National T20 and in consultation with the team management, we have decided to include Haider Ali, Fakhar Zaman and Sarfraz 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 talent, and provide further stability, balance and strength to the side". "It must be tough for Azam, Khushdil and Hasnain for missing out but they still have a lot



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, Mohammad Hafeez, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Sarfraz Ahmed, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Sohaib Maqsood. **Traveling reserves:** Khushdil Shah, Shahnawaz Dahani and Usman Qadir. **Player support personnel:** Mansoor Rana (manager), Saqlain Mushtaq (interim head coach), Shahid Aslam (assistant head coach), Matthew Hayden (batting consultant), Vernon Philander (bowling consultant), Cliffe Deacon (physiotherapist), Driku Saaiman (strength and conditioning coach), Abdul Majeed (fielding coach), Talha Ejaz (team analyst), Col (retired) Muhammad Imran (Security Manager), Ibrahim Badesee (media and digital manager), Dr Najeeb Soomro (team doctor) and Malang Ali (Masseur).

## Saudi Arabia-Led Consortium Completes Newcastle Takeover



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**LONDON:** English Premier League club Newcastle United was sold to Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund on Thursday after a protracted takeover and legal fight involving concerns about piracy and rights abuses in the kingdom. The 300-million-pound (\$409 million) takeover by the Saudi Public Investment Fund initially collapsed last year over concerns about how much control the kingdoms leadership would have in the running of Newcastle. PIF has had to offer assurances to the Premier League that its chairman, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and in turn the state will not have any control of the running of Newcastle. A rapid sequence of events reignited the deal after Qatar-

based broadcaster beIN Sports, a Premier League rights holder, said on Wednesday that Saudi Arabia would lift a ban on it and also shut down illegal streaming services, removing a major obstacle behind the collapsed takeover. "We are extremely proud to become the new owners of Newcastle United, one of the most famous clubs in English football," PIF governor Yasir Al-Rumayyan said. "We thank the Newcastle fans for their tremendous loyal support over the years and we are excited to work together with them." The PIF will be the majority partner alongside wealthy British-based Reuben brothers and financier Amanda Staveley. The Premier League said the club has been sold to the consortium with immediate effect following the completion of its owners and directors test.

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

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**JAMMU:** Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Virendra Kumar on Friday met with a delegation of para-athletes (judokas) and their coaches here. The two judokas, Vishal Khajuria and Rakhshinda Mehak, will compete in the 1st World Deaf Judo 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 extraordinary performance of Indian sportspersons at the recent Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics have filled the nation with pride and given

greater hopes for future events. The Government has been giving significant attention to improve sports infrastructure, facilities and culture in the country," the Minister said. "The recent feat of 19 Para athletes winning medals in the Tokyo Paralympics games is a result of development in sports," he added. 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 and encouraged them to up their game and garner accolades internationally. He assured extended support and facilities from the UT 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 Carolyne 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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**SÃO 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 by 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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