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NEWS DIGEST

LG Grooms People On Dussehra

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday greeted the people on the auspicious occasion of Vijaya-dashmi, also celebrated as Dussehra. In a message, **More On P10**

Arms Cache Recovered In Kupwara

SRINAGAR: A cache of arms and ammunition was recovered in a joint operation carried out by the BSF and Jammu and Kashmir Police at Dardssun in North Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said on Thursday. The Border Security Force (BSF) said the **More On P10**

Ladakh Reports 5 Fresh Covid Cases

LEH: With five fresh cases, Ladakh's COVID-19 tally has climbed to 20,861, while the number of active cases of the infection has gone up to 42 in the Union Territory, officials said on Thursday. No death due to the coronavirus **More On P10**

Man Falls From Tree, Dies

SRINAGAR: A man died on Thursday after falling from a tree in Handwara town of north Kashmir's Kupwara district. Nazir Ahmad Chard, son of Ghulam Mohammad Chard, a resident of Yemlar Zachaldara in Rajwar **More On P10**

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At 7.39 Percent, J&K Has Highest Inflation Rate, Says NSO

Zaid Bin Shabir

After hogging headlines for housing the highest number of unemployed population, Jammu and Kashmir has now recorded the highest inflation rate as per the latest National Statistical Office (NSO) report.

According to the report, the erstwhile state registered an inflation rate of 7.39 percent for the month of September.

The report noted an inflation rate of 8.16 percent in rural J&K and 6.05 percent in urban J&K.

The erstwhile state is preceded by the states of Telangana (7.07 percent), Karnataka (5.90 percent), Himachal Pradesh (6.01 percent) and Andhra Pradesh (5.66 percent).

The national average inflation rate, the report noted, was recorded at 4.35 percent for the month of September.



Notably, this is for the fourth consecutive month (June-September quarter) that the inflation rate in J&K is

recorded above 7 percent.

In the given four month quarter, the highest inflation rate in J&K was recorded in the month of July at 7.81 percent.

Notably, as per the Federal Reserve Banks (FRB), an acceptable inflation rate should be around 2 percent or a bit below.

"The Federal Reserve has not established a formal inflation target, but policymakers generally believe that an acceptable inflation rate is around 2

percent or a bit below," the FRB has said on its official website.

Reacting to J&K's red hot inflation, Kashmir's noted economist Ejaz Ayoub said, "While all India average eased at 4.35, there's no respite for J&K which is already grappling with a backbreaking unemployment ratio of 21.6%."

Pertinently, J&K is already going through a severe unemployment rate of 21.6 percent that is the **More On P10**

Poonch Encounter Rages On; JCO, Another Soldier Killed

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: Two Army personnel were killed on Thursday in an encounter with militants at Bhata Dhurian in Mendhar tehsil of Poonch district. The deceased include a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) and a jawan, reports reaching here said.

Defence spokesman, Jammu, Lt Colonel Devendra Anand told Kashmir Observer over phone that the combat and search operation in the forest area of Dera Ki Gali (DKG) continued for the fourth consecutive day Thursday.

He said a contact was established with the militants leading to an encounter.

The gunfight, he said, took place around 30-35 kms from last Monday's spot where five army men, including a JCO were killed in the gunfight.

"During the ensuing exchange of fire, one JCO and one soldier have been critically injured. The operations are under progress. Update follows."

Earlier, gunshots were heard on Thursday during the search and cordon operation started by the army in Surankote area



File Photo

of Poonch district.

Police sources said the army started a cordon and search operation involving several villages adjacent to Dhera Ki Gali in Surankote area.

Thursday's operation was started by the army three days after five soldiers, including a JCO, were killed by militants in the same area.

The encounter on October 11 was the deadliest the area had witnessed in 17 years, the last being in 2004, when four soldiers had been killed.

Reports said vehicular traffic on Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch highway has been suspended

between BG and Surankote amid ongoing anti militancy operation in Bhata Dhurian.

Notably, in order to check any such escape, the security agencies have asked the security forces in the border hinterlands to maintain the highest mode of alertness. Surprise naks and patrols have also been started in the range.

Terming the operation in the forest area as a very difficult operation, the defence spokesman said, "It was in an open area with thick forest cover and vegetation. The security forces are carrying this operation by taking a lot of caution." **More On P10**

93 New Covid Cases, 104 Recoveries In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Thursday 93 new cases of coronavirus while 104 more patients recovered from the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, 72 fresh cases of novel coronavirus were detected in Kashmir Valley and the remaining 21 from Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 330834.

Giving district wise details of cases, the **More On P10**

J&K Achieves 100% Coverage Of 1st Vaccine Dose

SRINAGAR: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday achieved the milestone of 100% coverage of first dose Covid vaccine for the age group of above 18 years old across all 20 districts.

As per the government figures, an estimated population of 93,03,842 souls was covered during the vaccination drives which was seen as a hard task keeping in view the topography of Jammu and Kashmir, an official spokesperson said.

The vaccinators, he said, left no stone unturned till they vaccinated **More On P10**

President Kovind In Ladakh To Perform Sindhu Darshan



LEH: The President of India Ram Nath Kovind who is on two day visit to Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir Thursday reached Leh and performed Sindhu Darshan Puja at Sindhu Ghat in the region.

The president was Thursday received by the Lieutenant Governor of

Ladakh RK Mathur at the Leh air field and was accorded the guard of honor.

Official sources said that President Kovind is scheduled to celebrate the Dussehra with the Army Jawans at Drass in the Ladakh region on Friday. They said **More On P10**

Will Take Cities, Villages To New Heights Of Dev: LG

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that his administration is steadfast to take the cities and villages of the Union Territory to new heights of development and prosperity.

Sinha made these remarks while discussing a variety of issues with Mayor Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Junaid Azim Mattu at Raj



Bhavan here on Thursday, an official spokesperson said. The LG and Mayor, he said, among other issues discussed safe and secure **More On P10**

More Surgical Strikes If Pakistan Transgresses: Shah

KO web Desk

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah warned Pakistan of more surgical strikes if it did not stop its transgressions and sponsoring the killing of civilians in Kashmir. "The surgical strikes proved that we don't tolerate attacks. More will come if you transgress," Home Minister Amit Shah warns Pakistan.

Remembering former Goa chief minister and India's former defence minister Manohar Parrikar, Amit Shah on Thursday said the surgical strike was a new chapter in India's defence.

"The surgical strike under



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former defence minister Manohar Parrikar was an important step. We sent out a message that no one can disturb India's borders. There was a time for talks, but now is the time to reciprocate," the report **More On P10**

Pakistan Reacts To Amit Shah's Veiled Threat

Pakistan on Thursday said it is a peace-loving country but will not spare any effort to thwart any 'aggressive design' of India. The comments came after Union Home Minister Amit Shah referred to surgical strike in his speech in Goa. "This delusional statement only goes to further demonstrate the BJP-RSS combine's propensity to stoke regional tensions" **More On P10**

Will Complete Rail Projects In Kashmir On Time: Minister

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav on Thursday said that the railways will complete its project of Kashmir and North East on time despite all the challenges. The Railway Minister addressed a press conference regarding the role of Railways in the GatiShakti Project.

Ashwini Vaishnav said, "There are many challenges in the ongoing rail projects in Kashmir, the topography of Kashmir is such that we have to change the plan while designing the tunnel. Despite all these challenges, the work of railway project in Kashmir will be completed". He said, "There is good progress in the rail project of the North East. There are many challenges in it, but we are working while overcoming those challenges, there is good cooperation from the Chief Ministers of the north-eastern states, the MPs there are also cooperating."

The minister further added that the work of rail projects of both the states would be completed on **More On P10**

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Interview for Engagement of Business Correspondents (BCs)

Further to our notifications dated 30.07.2021 it is informed to all those eligible candidates, who have applied for engagement as Business Correspondents (BCs) for specified locations, to appear for interview at Zonal office J&K Bank Leh as per below mentioned schedule. The list of eligible candidates and specific dates of interview are available on website of the Bank (www.jkbank.com).

For any clarifications please contact the nodal officer at Zonal office J&K Bank Leh.

Serial Number	Name of villages / BC location	District	Zonal office	Nodal Officer	Date/s of Interview
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2.	a. Skiumarkha b. Kumgyam c. Kharnak d. Kanji	Leh	The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. Zonal office Ladakh Opposite tourist information centre main Bazar Leh, Pin Code 194101	Mr. Tsewang Dorje 9419269536	01.11.2021 to 02.11.2021

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The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education,
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Dated 12/10/2021
Assistant Regional Transport officer
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR
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My personal details has been wrongly mentioned in my passport bearing No: L1914753 as Abdul Altamash Majeed Wani while my correct name is Altamash Majeed Wani and my Mother's name has been wrongly written as Tasneem while her correct name is Yasmeen Koonser which needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
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S/o Abdul Majeed Wani
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Public Notice
I have applied for the issuance of Date Of Birth Certificate from Municipal Committee Handwara . If anybody haiving any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the MC Handwara within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
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S/o Late Masroor Ah Bhat
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Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
of RnB-Sopore of 2021-2022 e-tendering DATED- 12.10.2021.
NIT No- 135
For and on behalf of the L.T. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ DOC (In Rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M. H of Account	Position of AAA
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01	Construction Of veterinary room at Pazzalpura Rafiabad	7.00 lacs	300/-	25 days	21.10. 2021	DEE/ CEE		Accorded

Position of funds: Available
1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other detail's can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	12.10.2021
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 12.10.2021 (10.00 A.M) to 20.10.2021 (4.00P.M)
03.	Bid submission start date	12.10.2021 from (04.00P.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	20.10.2021 upto (4.00 P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	21.10.2021 at (04.10 P.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) and Bid security Declaration as per format given in SBD. The EMD has to be submitted by the lowest bidder L1 (3% of quoted cost) within the period as specified in SBD.
3. All Bidders have to submit Bid security Declaration form instead of Earnest money as per circular of Finance Department (Bid Security declaration from is as per Annexure "A" below.
4.The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work/DLP.
5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Tender receiving authority).
6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids.
7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
7.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.
7.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
1.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic form with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
7.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1
7.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.
20. All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No: 2 of 2020-21 issued under No- 641-61 dated: 22.4.2020 PWD form 25 (Double agreement form)
21. If the contractor/HMPO quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be rejected out rightly For and on behalf of the, Lt. Governor of J&K UT,
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Dated:- 12.10.2021

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B ELECTRIC DIVISION
SGR
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
FRESH NIT No: 136/e-tendering of 2021-22/R&B DATED: - 12.10.2021
For and on behalf of the LT Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Electrical Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost (In Rupees/lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1	Electrification to new District Court Complex at Shopian Three Storied Main Building	108.00	2600.00	Side by side civil works	22.10.2021	"A" class Electrical

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-10-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	13/10/2021 10.00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	13/10/2021 from 10.00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	22/10/2021 upto 4.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	22/10/2021 at 6.00 P.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Srinagar

02. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division , Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).
03. All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below) . The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of adv. Cost as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/ within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
04. Bidder must read term/condition in tender document carefully.
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No.136/e-tendering/ERB/2881-88

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Kashmiri Pandits Perform Ramnavmi Puja In Sgr



Agencies

SRINAGAR: After a delay amid tension, Kashmiri Pandits on Wednesday performed Ramnavmi puja at Durga Nath temple in Sonwar area of Srinagar.

Talking to news agency, Manager of the temple, Makhan Lal Koul said that due to the untoward situation in the city for the past two weeks the administration didn't allow the puja earlier.

"The puja was supposed to be conducted on 12 October as per the calendar but due to the circumstances, the administration didn't allow it earlier," Koul said. He said that though the puja took

place today, presence of devotees are less as compared to the previous year.

"Despite all odds, we are happy that the puja has finally taken place," he said.

A devotee Ram Pal Kapoor from Orissa said that he and his family come every year from last nine years to perform Ramnavmi Puja.

"We have never felt insecure here. Kashmir is safe to visit," Kapoor said.

Another devotee from Kishtwar said that the spree of the killings in the valley should stop and people from all the communities should live in peace and harmony—(KNO)

Div Com Inaugurates IEI Webinar On World Standards Day

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole inaugurated Webinar organized by the Institution of Engineers (India) J&K State Centre, Srinagar on World Standards Day.

Those who spoke during the Webinar included Er. Aamir Ali, Chairman IEI, Er. Aaquib Deva, Honorary Secretary IEI, Nisha Bura, Scientist 'D', Head Bureau of Indian Standards, Branch Office for J&K and Mohammed Muzaffar Wani, Deputy Controller, Legal Metrology Department, Govt. of J&K.

The Webinar was organized in collaboration with the Divisional Administration Kashmir, the Bureau of Indian Standards, Department of Legal Metrology, NIT Srinagar and SSM College of Engineering Parihaspora. Kewal Krishnan, Deputy Controller Legal Metrology Jammu also participated.

Speaking on the occasion, the Divisional Commissioner Kash-



mir said that Standards play a very important part in our daily lives, when we buy our daily consumables.

He said that standardisation is essential when measuring our land and property, and Standardisation plays a vital role in the infrastructure development of the Nation. He said that over the years, the complexity of

Lily Extraction From Dal Lake Outsourced: Govt

Div Com Kmr Takes Part In Dal Deweeding Drive

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole Thursday visited Dal Lake and participated in the ongoing cleaning drive by the Department of Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA).

The Divisional Commissioner was later on joined by President KCCI, Sheikh Ashiq who also participated in the cleanliness drive. He urged the people to take part in this drive as this is the endeavour of all citizens. The Divisional Commissioner at the occasion was accompanied by officers from LDA and Joint Commissioner SMC.

The KCCI President also later visited lily extraction sites and saw for himself the extraction process which has been taken up on a large scale this year.

Pertinently the cleanliness drive which was inaugurated by LG Sinha on 2nd oct 2021 under Swachhta Pakhwada has been running successfully till date. The drive has been supported by all stakeholders including Houseboat owners, Shikara unions, university students, college students, various volunteer groups including NCC, NSS & NGO's.



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The LDA is engaging about 350-400 laborers per day for de-weeding the periphery of Dal Lake which is about 1.32 sq km area. In the process the LDA has also pressed into service it's own machines which are 7 in number. These machines are used for de-weeding and skimming in inner parts of Dal Lake. "The drive will end on October 16".

Elderly Woman's Body Retrieved From Jhelum

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR- The body of an elderly lady from Abi Guzar area of Srinagar, who was missing from last three days, was retrieved from river Jhelum in Nawa Kadal on Thursday.

Official sources said that a 70-year-old lady identified as Rehti, wife of Abdul Aziz Kaloo of Abi Guzar went missing on Monday (October 11) evening.

They said that the family had expected that the lady has drowned following which a rescue operation was launched by SDRF and River Police Srinagar to trace her.

However, they said after three days, the body of the lady was retrieved from river Jhelum in between Safa Kadal and Nawa Kadal today morning.

Man Dies After Hit By Speeding Tipper Near Lasjan

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Head of a family was killed and his wife and son were injured after a tipper rammed into their car in central Kashmir's Srinagar district on Thursday afternoon.

Reports reaching GNS said that a tipper bearing registration number JK014A 7011 collided with an i20 car bearing registration number DL4RJ6921 near Lasjan Bypass resulting in on spot death of a person and injuries to two others. The deceased was identified as Gulzar Ahmad Zargar and the injured duo as Dilshada Begum and Rameez Gulzar of Bijbehara, Anantnag.

The injured mother son duo was taken to SMHS Hospital for treatment.

Confirming the incident, a police official told GNS that the tipper driver Aijaz Ahmad son of Abdul Rehman Malla involved in the act has been arrested. (GNS)

JKRTC Starts Bus Service From Srinagar To Qadir Abad Kupwara

Agencies



SRINAGAR: The Residents of various areas of Kupwara district has appreciated J&K Road Transport Corporation (RTC) management for starting bus service from Qadir Abad Kupwara to Srinagar via Gushi area.

The bus service would cater to the areas of Block Qadir Abad, Awora, Laderwan, Trehgam, Hayen, Bategam, Gulgam, Kunan, Poshpora, Gushi, Hatmula, Kawari, Jagarpora and Nagri.

The residents of these areas have expressed their gratitude to Managing Director RTC, Angrez Singh Rana; General Manager, Habibullah and Manager RTC Kupwara, Akbar for starting the RTC bus service on the route.

Complementing the RTC management, the residents said that it is a great step of the authorities to connect the far flung areas of district Kupwara with Srinagar.

They added that the bus service will prove economic, time efficient and comfortable to the general public particularly students.(KNS)

Workshop On Molecular Biology Techniques Held In City

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR : As part of CSIR-Skill development initiative, a three-day workshop was conducted on "Molecular Biology Techniques" for faculty members, Ph.D and PG students of biotechnology at Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Division of CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Branch Srinagar, from 12.10.2021 to 14.10.2021. In this workshop a total of 17 participants have undergone hands-on-training on different molecular biology techniques like gene cloning, conventional PCR and real time PCR. The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the research fraternity of the Kashmir valley in terms of knowledge and skills.

On the first day of the workshop Dr. Muzamil Ahmad, Deputy Head and Principal Scientist, in his welcome address stressed on the need to conduct such workshops for exchange of ideas and learning new techniques. Dr. Qazi Parvaiz, Principal scientist, gave a detailed report about research mandate

of the institute whileas Dr. Nazia Abbas, Scientist, delivered a lecture on, "Molecular cloning and its applications" which was followed by a practical session.

On the second day, Dr. Nasheeman Ashraf, Senior Scientist delivered a lecture on "Principle and applications of Real Time PCR". This was followed by practical sessions and data analyses.

On the third day of the workshop, the participants were taken to visit different labs where they interacted with the Scientists & Students to get an overview about the research activities going on in the institute.

This workshop was organized by Dr. Nasheeman Ashraf and Dr. Nazia Abbas, the two women scientists of CSIR-IIIM branch lab. Srinagar, under the patronage of Dr. D Srinivasa Reddy, Director CSIR-IIIM and under supervision of Er. Abdul Rahim, Head RMBD division and Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Head branch laboratory Srinagar. The programme concluded with distribution of certificates to the participants.

DHSK Celebrates Vaccination Success Across Kashmir Hospitals

SRINAGAR: Directorate of Health Services Kashmir on Thursday celebrated the achievement of 100% Covid vaccination in the first dose of 18 above age group in all the hospitals across Kashmir division.

A spokesperson of the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir said there were celebrations across Kashmir hospitals and health care institutions that were illuminated from Wednesday evening. The day coincided with the one billion vaccination mark across India.

In this regard a function was organized at Kashmir Nursing Home for the appreciation of health care workers, which was headed by Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, Vivek Bhardwaj (IAS).

Bhardwaj appreciated the efforts of the administration and health care workers. He said it was the joint effort by the administration and health department which resulted in the vaccination success. He said Kashmir is a hilly region and the vaccination was a difficult job and played a pivotal role in the Covid-19 vaccination.

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) which is under the administrative control of Ministry of Consumer Affairs GOI lays down standards for the products and services. So, far BIS has laid down standards for about 21000 products and services out of which about 300 products fall under the purview of manda-

tory certification.

Some of the products which fall under mandatory certification are food additives, mineral/ packaged drinking water, cement, LPG stoves, electrical devices like switches, medical devices like Sphygmomanometers, Clinical Thermometers etc.

The purpose for laying the standards is to ease the living

of general masses and to ensure the durability and sustainability of products. The field officers of LMD were directed to seek the compliance of the standards of the products which fall under the purview of Legal Metrology Department. The event was graced by the senior officers of the department Joint Controllers/Dy. Controllers and other staff.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

This Day in History

- 533 - Byzantine General Belisarius makes his formal entry into Carthage, having conquered it from the Vandals
- 1522 - Emperor Karel I names Hernán Cortés governor of Mexico
- 1552 - Khanate of Kazan is conquered by troops of Ivan Grozny.
- 1756 - Saxon army surrenders to Prussia
- 1815 - Napoleon Bonaparte arrives on island of St Helena to begin his exile
- 1842 - Karl Marx becomes editor-in-chief of Rheinische Zeitung
- 1888 - German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche decides to write his autobiography "Ecce Homo" on his 44th birthday
- 1904 - The Russians are driven back by the Japanese in the Battle of Shaho; both sides suffer high casualties: Japanese (16,000) and Russians
- 1914 - Battle of Warsaw, begins (ends Oct 21)
- 1924 - US President Calvin Coolidge declares Statue of Liberty a national monument
- 1932 - Tata Airlines (later to become Air India) makes its first flight.
- 1940 - Heavy German air raid on London, 400 killed
- 1941 - Hideki Tojo appointed Prime Minister of Imperial Japan
- 1946 St Louis Cards beat Boston Red Sox, 4 games to 3 in 43rd World Series
- 1948 - China's Red army occupies Chinchov
- 1949 - Administration of territory of Manipur taken over by Indian government
- 1949 - Tripura accedes to Indian union
- 1951 - First synthesis of an oral contraceptive (norethindrone) made by Luis E. Miramontes under direction of Carl Djerassi and George Rosenkranz at Mexican drug company Syntex
- 1958 - Tunisia drops diplomatic relations with Egypt
- 1963 - Ludwig Erhard succeeds Konrad Adenauer as Chancellor of West Germany
- 1967 - The Motherland Calls, a monumental statue commemorating the battle of Stalingrad completed in Volgograd, Russia, then the World's tallest statue designed by Yevgeny Vuchetich
- 1969 - Vietnam Moratorium Day; millions nationwide protest the war
- 1970 - Russian passenger flight hijacked to Turkey
- 1970 - Anwar Sadat elected 3rd President of Egypt, succeeding Gamal Abdel Nasser
- 1973 - Tanks attack Thailand demonstrating students, 300 killed
- 1980 - Nobel Prize in Economics awarded to Lawrence R Klein.
- 1985 - Nobel prize for economics awarded to Franco Modigliani
- 1985 - Shuttle Columbia carries Spacelab into orbit
- 1987 - The Great Storm of 1987 hits France and England.
- 1993 - Nelson Mandela and South African President F. W. de Klerk awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- 1997 - US launches nuclear powered Cassini to Saturn
- 1997 - Nobel Prize for Chemistry awarded to Jens Christain Skou, Paul D. Boyer and John E. Walker for their work on enzymes in the body
- 2001 - NASA's Galileo spacecraft passes within 112 miles of Jupiter's moon Io.
- 2003 - China launches Shenzhou 5, its first manned space mission.
- 2005 - Iraqi constitution ratification vote
- 2011 - Global protests break out in 951 cities in 82 countries
- 2017 - 500 wildfires occur in Portugal and Northern Spain fanned by winds from Hurricane Ophelia, killing at least 35

From KO Archives

EU Envoys Conclude Fact Finding Mission To Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The four member European delegation, headed by French ambassador Bernard De Monteferrand, wound up its three-day visit to Kashmir valley today with a meeting with representatives of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industrial (KCCI).

The KCCI representatives apprised the European envoys of the economic situation in the state and appealed to them to lift the restart inns imposed by foreign embassies on their nationals visiting Kashmir.

Later, KCCI president Ghulam Mohammad Dagga told reporters that they had informed the envoys that Kashmir is a political issue and needs a political solution. Peace which has eluded the state for all these years could be restored only when the Kashmir issue is resolved.

State secretary of CPI(M) Muhammad Yousuf Tarigami, who had an hour-long meeting with the envoys, said he briefed them about the prevailing situation in the valley. India should take some bold political initiative on the Kashmir issue. Pakistan also should create an atmosphere for initiation of talks, he said.

The visiting envoys also called on the corps commander Lt. Gen. J R Mukherji at Badami Bagh. They also had an hour-long meeting with the chairman of the State Human Rights Commission (SHRO Justice (Retd) G Q Parray.

Earlier soon after their arrival here on Monday,the team had a detailed meeting with the APHC leaders. They also met Shabir Shah and Fazl Haq Qureshi.

(Kashmir Observer, October 15, 2000)

World Standards Day Celebrated At LMD

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR; The world Standards day was celebrated in the office of Legal Metrology Department Bemina Srinagar with great zeal and fervor. The day is celebrated globally every year on 14th October to highlight the importance of standards concerned with the day to day

lives of human beings.

The theme of this year's world standards day was "Standards for sustainable development goals-shared vision for a better world".

On this occasion, Controller Legal Metrology J&K Mr. Majid K.A. Drabu threw light on the importance of standards that play vital role in day to day ac-

tivities of common people.

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Tuberculosis Deaths On Rise Again Globally Due To Covid: WHO

Agencies

Geneva: Tuberculosis is on the rise again globally for the first time in a decade, linked to disruptions in access to healthcare because of the Covid pandemic, the World Health Organization said Thursday.

The setback has erased years of progress toward tackling the curable disease, which affects millions of people worldwide.

"This is alarming news that must serve as a global wake-up call to the urgent need for investments and



innovation to close the gaps in diagnosis, treatment and care for the millions of people affected by this ancient but preventable and treatable disease," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a statement.

In its annual TB report for

2020, the WHO said progress toward eradicating the disease has been made worse thanks to a growing number of cases going undiagnosed and untreated.

The organisation estimates that around 4.1 million people have tuberculosis but have not been diagnosed or officially declared, up sharply from 2.9 million in 2019.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made the situation worse for people with tuberculosis, as health funds have been redirected toward tackling coronavirus and people have struggled to access care because of lockdowns.

There was also a drop in the number of people seeking preventative treatment, it added, from 2.8 million people in 2020, down 21 percent from 2019.

"This report confirms our fears that the disruption of essential health services due to the pandemic could start to unravel years of progress against tuberculosis," Tedros said.

Some 1.5 million people died from TB in 2020, including 214,000 among HIV positive people, according to the report. That was up from 1.2 million in 2019, 209,000 of them HIV positive.

The increase in the number of TB deaths occurred mainly in the 30 countries with the highest burden of tuberculosis, it added.

PIA Suspends Kabul Flights Over 'Unprofessional' Taliban

Agencies

Islamabad: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) suspended flights to Kabul on Thursday after what it called heavy-handed interference by Taliban authorities.

The suspension took place as the Taliban government ordered

Afghans.

With most airlines no longer flying to Afghanistan, tickets for flights to the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, have been selling for as much as \$2,500 on PIA, according to travel agents in Kabul, compared to \$120-\$150 before.

The Afghan transport minis-



the airline, the only international carrier operating regularly out of the Afghan capital, to cut ticket prices to the levels of before the fall of the Western-backed Afghan government in August.

"We are suspending our flight operations to Kabul from today because of the heavy-handedness of the authorities," a PIA spokesman said.

Earlier, the Taliban warned PIA and Afghan carrier Kam Air that their Afghan operations risked being blocked unless they agreed to cut prices that have spiralled out of the reach of most

try said in a statement prices on the route should "be adjusted to correspond with the conditions of a ticket before the victory of the Islamic Emirate" or the flights would be stopped.

It urged passengers and others to report any violations.

Flights between Afghanistan and Pakistan have been severely limited since Kabul airport was reopened last month in the wake of the chaotic evacuation of more than 100,000 Westerners and vulnerable Afghans following the Taliban victory.



Hezbollah fighters taking positions after their march came under heavy fire in Downtown Beirut

Firing On Hezbollah Demonstration in Beirut Rocks Lebanon

Sarah Dadouch | Nader Durgham
Washington Post

BEIRUT — Gunmen opened fire on a Hezbollah-organized demonstration on Thursday in the Lebanese capital killing at least six people and raising the specter of renewed violence and revenge attacks across the city.

The brazen assault on Lebanon's most powerful party, both militarily and politically, represented a dangerous escalation in a country that has been teetering on the edge of collapse for the past year.

Hezbollah, which held the demonstration to call for the removal of the judge investigating a blast that tore through Beirut last year, has accused the rival Lebanese Forces, a right-wing Christian movement, for the attack, setting up a showdown between the two heavily armed groups.

Hezbollah and its ally the Amal Movement said its Christian supporters "faced an armed aggression by groups from the Lebanese Forces party which had spread out in nearby neighborhoods and on building rooftops, and started its direct sniping operations to purposefully kill."

After hours of shooting and rocket propelled grenades, which spread from the Tayyooneh roundabout — a fault line during the civil war decades ago — to several other parts of the city, the normally traffic-choked streets were eerily quiet, save for the distant sound of ambulances.

The Red Cross, which sent teams to the scene, said six people were killed and more than 30 wounded. It was the fiercest clash in the city since 2008, when tensions between the U.S.-backed government and Hezbollah escalated into pitched street battles in which dozens died.

While the Lebanese Forces did not claim the attack, Imad Wakim, a lawmaker for the group, said in a tweet that the

confrontation is not between parties or sects but "between Hezbollah and what is left of free Lebanon from all sects, preserving what has remained of government institutions."

Schools were evacuated as panicked parents flocked to pick up their children. Local media reported that residents on buildings' higher floors were descend-

Mufti Blames US Embassy

Grand Shia Mufti Sheikh Ahmad Qabalan has held the US embassy in Beirut and the judge who is probing the Beirut port explosion accountable for its sedition and bloodshed in Lebanon.

"The responsibility for any bloodshed, sedition, threats to domestic peace, and turmoil in Lebanon lies with the US Embassy and Tarek Bitar, who should be removed from the probe and interrogated," he said in a statement.

ing to avoid gunshots targeting the snipers believed to be on the rooftops. Many families were evacuated from buildings in the area by the army and the Lebanese Red Cross.

The demonstration had been originally to protest Judge Tarek Bitar after Lebanon's highest court rejected a petition to replace him. He is the second judge to lead the investigation in the face of formidable opposition by various political parties in Lebanon, including Hezbollah, a U.S.-designated terrorist group.

In its joint statement, Hezbollah and Amal called on authorities to "arrest those who caused the killing operations whose

names are known, and the aggressors who ran this purposeful operation from black rooms."

During a news conference from the airport, U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland expressed condolences for the day's events, and said of the blast investigation that "terrorists and thieves have robbed [the Lebanese] of hope for far too long."

Local television channels stressed a need for de-escalation to avoid a repetition of the civil war that destroyed much of the country between 1975 and 1990. Residential streets and the area around the Palace of Justice, where the protest was based, were stained with blood and littered with shell casings and shattered glass.

Calls for vengeance filled the air at al-Sahel hospital, just 10 minutes from the heart of the clashes, and the air was heavy with anger. Tall bearded men in baseball caps and with Kalashnikov assault rifles slung across their bodies cried freely outside the ER, clutching each other's shoulders. Many yelled about fighting back.

"I'm going to kill them one by one, I swear on my children," said one man sitting on a motorcycle, bent over crying. Men lined up to offer him condolences near the parking lot, which was littered with bloodstained pieces of cloth.

At one point, the brother of one of the deceased burst out of the hospital and screamed at the assembled television cameras, "may what happened to us happen to you!" he said as the tears streamed over his face mask.

Lebanon's politics is characterized by a tense power sharing agreement between its many communities that has left decision-making deadlocked while the economy and basic infrastructure has gradually deteriorated.

Israeli warplanes attack Syria's Homs for 2nd time in a week, kill 1 soldier

Agencies

Damascus: "A soldier of the Syrian Arab Army was martyred and three others were wounded as a result of an Israeli air raid on the Palmyra area in the eastern countryside of Homs," the official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) reported, referring to Homs' capital that bears the same name as the province itself.

The attack took place from the direction of the al-Tanf area, wounded "six soldiers" and resulted in "some material losses," the agency re-

ported at the time.

The Israeli regime has been conducting such attacks against the positions that belong to the Syrian military and its allies since 2011, when the Arab country found itself in the grip of all-out foreign-backed militancy and terrorism.

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Iraq, Syria Terrorists "Actively" Entering Afghanistan: Vladimir Putin

Agencies

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that battle-hardened terrorists from Iraq and Syria are "actively" entering Afghanistan.

"The situation in Afghanistan is not easy," Putin said during a video conference with security service chiefs of ex-Soviet states.

"Militants from Iraq, Syria with experience in military operations are actively being drawn there," he said.

"It is possible that terrorists may try to destabilise the situation in neighbouring states," he added, warning that they could even try "direct expansion".

Putin has repeatedly warned about members of extremist groups exploiting political turmoil in Afghanistan to cross into neighbouring ex-Soviet countries as refugees.

While Moscow has been cautiously optimistic about the new Taliban leadership in Kabul, the Kremlin is concerned about instability spilling over into Central Asia where it houses military bases.

In the wake of the Taliban takeover, Russia held military drills with ex-Soviet Tajikistan — where it operates a military base — and in Uzbekistan. Both countries share a border with Afghanistan.

Tajikistan's national security chief, Saïmumin Yatimov, for his part told the video conference that he had registered an "intensifica-

tion" of attempts to "smuggle drugs, weapons, ammunition" from Afghanistan into his country.

Afghanistan has long been the world's largest producer of opium and heroin, with profits



from the illicit trade helping fund the Taliban.

Earlier Wednesday French President Emmanuel Macron hosted Tajikistan's leader Emomali Rakhmon in Paris, vowing to help the Central Asian state maintain stability.

While the Taliban has said it does not pose a threat to Central Asian countries, the ex-Soviet republics in the region have previously been targeted by attacks attributed to allies of Afghan Islamists.

Last week the Kremlin's envoy to Afghanistan, Zamir Kabulov, said Russia will invite the Taliban to Moscow for international talks on Afghanistan scheduled for October 20.

'Hindu Temples Attacked In Bangladesh During Durga Puja, 3 Killed'



Press Trust of India

Dhaka: Hindu temples in Bangladesh have been vandalised by some unidentified miscreants during Durga Puja celebrations, prompting the government to deploy paramilitary force in 22 districts after three people were killed and many others injured in riots, media reports said on Thursday.

The bdnews24.com news website reported that after allegations of blasphemy, a local temple in Cumilla, about 100 kms from here, became the centre of a social media storm on Wednesday.

As clashes broke out, the administration and the police tried to bring the situation under control, it said.

Incidents of vandalism have also been reported from Hindu temples in Chandpur's Hajiganj, Chattogram's Banshkhali and Cox's Bazar's Pekua, the report said.

The Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported that at one stage, the situation went out of control and riots started spreading to a number of Durga Puja venues.

The local administration and the police came under attack as they tried to maintain law and order, it said.

The Daily Star newspaper reported that at least three people were killed and many others injured on Wednesday as a mob and the police clashed in Chandpur's Hajiganj upazila following the incident in Cumilla.

Later, the elite anti-crime and anti-terrorism unit of the Bangladesh Police Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and paramilitary force Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) were deployed to bring the situation under control, the report said.

The religious affairs ministry issued an emergency notice, urging members of the public not to take the law into their hands as it reiterated calls to maintain communal harmony and peace, it said.

Norway bow-and-arrow suspect was flagged for 'radicalisation'

A Danish man suspected of a deadly bow-and-arrow attack on a small Norwegian town was a Muslim convert who was flagged as having being radicalised, police said.

Wednesday's attack, which is being considered an act of terrorism, saw five killed — four women and one man between the ages of 50 and 70 — and two people were wounded as the suspect walked around shooting people with arrows.

The attack took place in the evening in the town of Kongsberg, home to about 28,000 people, which lies about 68km (42 miles) southwest of the capital, Oslo.

The suspect, who was apprehended 20 minutes after the attack began and is now in custody in Norway, is believed to



have been acting alone, police said earlier.

He is being held on preliminary charges, which is a step short of formal charges. He will formally face a custody hearing Friday. Police believe

he acted alone.

Norway's domestic security agency, known by its acronym PST, cited various aspects of the assault in explaining its belief that the suspect's actions "currently appear to be an act

of terrorism."

"Attacks on random people in public places are a recurring modus operandi among extremist Islamists carrying out terror in the West," the domestic security agency said.

The agency said that "the most probable scenario of an extremely Islamist terrorist attack in Norway is an attack carried out by one or a few perpetrators with simple weapon types, against targets with few or no security measures."

It added that the suspect "is known to PST from before, without PST being able to provide further details about him."

"The investigation will clarify in more detail what the incidents were motivated by," PST said in a statement.

Trump stars in Madame Tussauds branch in Dubai 1st Mideast

In the United Arab Emirates, home to the only Trump-branded golf course in the region and rulers who for years cultivated warm ties with the former US president, Donald Trump is back in the spotlight.

Not the real Trump, who has kept a relatively low profile since losing re-election last year, but a wax versions of Trump and his wife Melania. The two are some of the stars of Dubai's new Madame Tussauds, the tourist-friendly wax statue museum known for its celebrity likenesses that ceremonially opened its first Middle East branch here on Wednesday.

The lavish waxworks temple located on a small artificial island off Dubai unveiled 60 celebrities and leaders, from a sul-



try Kylie Jenner to a beaming Chinese President Xi Jinping, along with a handful of Bollywood dance stars in various dance poses.

Trump's figure, sporting his signature red tie, is seated at a desk with the former president looking down and checking out his smartphone, while a sleek wax figure of former first lady Melania stands by his side in a cobalt blue dress, her classic look during the 2016 presiden-

tial campaign.

"He looks very real but he's not quite orange enough," said 27-year-old visitor Marwa al-Haddad after snapping a selfie.

The wax figures at Dubai's Madame Tussauds were each created over six months by a team of 20 artists at the London studio, where wax was poured into metal frames, then sculpted with clay. Each strand of real human hair was methodically implanted using needles.

Massive Campaign To Double Oilseed Cultivation Area Continues

Farooq Khan, Navin Choudhary take stock of the progress



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SRINAGAR: On the second day of Agriculture Department's massive campaign under "National Mission on Edible Oils" to double the area under oilseeds, (Mustard), Advisor to LG, Farooq Khan on Thursday chaired a meeting to take stock of the progress made during this massive drive.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Khan said that the Government is determined to give thrust to the agriculture sector to boost the production and to improve the socio economic status of the farmers of UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal gave a detailed presentation of various activities organized during this valley wide massive campaign including awareness programs, interactive sessions, field visits, participation in sowing programs, bike and car rallies etc.

Meanwhile, Principal Secretary Agriculture Production and Farmer's Welfare Department (AP&FWD), Navin Kumar Choudhary visited Kangan and other areas of district Ganderbal on Thursday to take stock of the massive oilseed drive held by the Department of Agriculture.

During the visit, the Principal Secretary monitored the sowing operations at some places and interacted with the farmers. Principal Secretary said that earlier after harvesting the paddy crop only a small percentage of land was brought under oilseed cultivation, but now the Department has held a drive to ensure that more and more area is brought under the cultivation of oilseeds in the Valley.

The Principal Secretary said that the Prime Minister's vision to minimize the dependence on the import of edible oils is the actual idea behind this massive campaign to double the area under the cultivation of oilseeds.

Navin Choudhary said that we are importing a large quantity of edible oils from other countries and by organizing such drives we could increase our own edible oil production to a large extent. He said this drive will not only increase our local edible oil production but it will also increase the income of our farming community and will help in the socio economic transformation which is the ultimate goal. He said the present massive drive is on, from last ten days. He ensured the farmers that every kind of technical support would be provided to them from the Department.

Baramulla Achieves Milestone In Covid-19 Vaccination

100% 18+ eligible beneficiaries vaccinated

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA: District Baramulla on Thursday achieved the 100 % Covid-19 vaccination of first dose in the above 18 age group milestone. On this achievement, a grand function cum felicitation ceremony was held at Dak Bungalow under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf.

Frontline healthcare workers of the district were felicitated for achieving this feat in Covid-19 vaccination on this occasion.

Speaking on the achievement, ADDC Baramulla said that the sufficient availability of vaccine doses, strong efforts from the administration along with the health and other line de-

partments is the reason behind achieving this milestone.

On this achievement, CMO Baramulla informed that a total of 764541 people were covered in this nationwide campaign of above 18 age group and health department teams zealously participated in it, vaccinating people in the far-flung areas that included hilly and mountainous regions, schools and colleges besides making door to door vaccinations.

Pertinently, the Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Bhupinder Kumar who has been personally monitoring the progress on a real time basis complimented the general public of Baramulla for their cooperation and appealed to them to participate in vaccination drives with the same energy in future also.

Untimely Rain Affects Maize Cultivation In Kashmir, Farmers Worried

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: After apple and paddy, significant number of maize farmers have expressed their concern at the low yield of the crop which is mostly grown in hilly areas.

As per the data available maize is grown on around 0.77 lakh hectare land in Kashmir which produces millions of quintals of maize. However, this year farmers

in hilly areas of Kashmir said that yield is very low as there was untimely rainfall in summer this season, news agency KNO reported.

Farmers from Kokernag, Pahalgam, Shadab Kareva, Shadimarg and many other areas of Kashmir said that due to untimely rains, maize production was very low this year. Farmers said that their land is directly dependent on rains for irrigation purposes as there are no irrigation facilities available to them.

Metro Rail Project In J&K To Be Approved By Next Week: Minister

LPG Gas Pipeline for J&K to be given a top priority: Puri

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JAMMU: Metro Rail Project in J&K will be approved by next week and the demand of LPG Gas pipeline for J&K will also be given a top priority by the Government, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Development, Hardeep Singh Puri said here on Thursday.

Puri who is here as part of ongoing 'Public Outreach Programme' in J&K said this while e-inaugurating and laying e-foundation stones of many development projects of Jammu city at Convention Centre.

Puri further said that there is no compromise on the development agenda and timelines are set before for the completion of projects like the deadline for Central Vista Project has been set which will be completed before 26th January, 2022. He also mentioned that the projects are being completed before their deadlines under the current government.

Saying that many schemes under the present government are reaching their saturation points, the minister said that under PM Ujjwala Yojana 1.0, eight crore LPG connections have been provided to the beneficiaries. He also said that timely implementation of all schemes has been stressed by this Government.

The Minister also said that after the abrogation of Article 370, the development projects that were languishing from years in J&K, have been taken up and many have been completed in these years. He further mentioned that the development paradigms have now changed in J&K which is evident from the fact that



the development works have achieved a pace under the new administration and are now completed within a timeline in J&K.

On the occasion, the Minister distributed assistance to beneficiaries under various Government schemes - PMAY, MUMKIN, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), PM Ujjwala and PM Svanidhi (Street Vendor Card Distribution).

Puri also e-inaugurated 800 LPM Oxygen Generation Plant at Government Hospital, Sarwal, Jammu, Integrated Solid Waste Management System in 78 ULBs, Façade Lighting & Illumination of Bahu Fort, 164 KLD Septage Treatment Plant at Bhagwati Nagar, Revamping of Urban Infrastructure in 76 ULBs. The Minister also laid e-foundation stone of Facade Lighting at four Tawi Bridges & Construction of R.C.C Nallah & Development of Park (phase-II) in lower Roop Nagar.

Earlier, Union Minister chaired a meeting to review the implementation of flagship

schemes and initiatives taken by Housing and Urban development Department for implementation of these schemes.

Principal Secretary, HUDD Dheeraj Gupta, during the power point presentation, apprised the Minister regarding the flagship schemes including AMRUT, SBM(U), Smart Cities Mission, PMAY-U, PM-SVANidhi.

It was apprised to the Minister that there are total 62 projects have been completed out of 83 projects under AMRUT and other 21 projects are going to be completed soon. Under Swachh Bharat Mission 51246 individual household toilets have been constructed so far. Under PMAY-U, more than 55 thousand houses have been sanctioned and 11 thousand houses have already been completed.

It was further informed that there are 133 projects under Jammu Smart City out of which 35 stands completed and 45 are in process where as Srinagar Smart City has 137 projects out of which 42 have been completed and 33 are in progress. Under PM-SVANidhi 14311 cases were sanctioned and 13311 cases have been disbursed.

J&K Will Be Power Surplus In Coming Times: Union MoS

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR: Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy Raj Kumar Singh during a day-long tour to Kishtwar on Thursday, inspected Dul Hasti Hydro electric power project besides taking stock of the construction of other power projects with a total generation capacity of 2554 megawatts in Kishtwar.

General Manager (In-Charge), Dulhasti Power Station Nirmal Singh and DC Kishtwar Ashok Sharma welcomed the minister, along with senior officers and employees of Dulhasti Power Station. Thereafter, Minister was accorded ceremonial Guard of Honor by Central Industrial Security Force personnel.

Singh was accompanied by J&K Power Secretary Rohit Kansal, CMD NHPC, Abhay Kumar Singh; Union additional Secretary Power, S K G Rahate, and others.

Earlier he took an aerial survey of coming up HEPs in the district Viz. the dam site of the 1000 MWs Pakal Dul hydroelectric project at Dangduru



Dachhan, 540 MW Kwar project, and 624 MW run-of-the-river Kiru hydroelectric project.

During his visit at 390 MW Dul-Hasti Dam site at Dool he reviewed the generation capacity of the power project besides assessing related aspects of the venture. He was also briefed about the power scenario in the district.

Speaking on the occasion he said that the government has taken commendable initiatives to harness the hydroelectric power generation in the district and the people will witness a sea of change in the power sector as Kishtwar is going to be a hub of HEP that

would make Jammu and Kashmir power surplus.

Later he inspected the power house site of the 1000 MWs Pakal Dul hydroelectric project at Arzi that is jointly being built by the Chenab Valley Power Ltd, NHPC and J&K Power Development Corporation. The minister took part in a Puja and inaugurated the concreting of the power house concrete block there.

Showing satisfaction on the pace of the construction work at 1000 MWs Pakal Dul power-house, he stressed to the concerned officers to ensure completion of all ongoing works in a stipulated time to fulfil the power generation demand.

GoI Releases Rs 140 Cr To SED For Year 2021-22

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SRINAGAR: Under the centrally sponsored scheme Samagra Shiksha, the Government of India (GoI) has released more than 140 crore rupees to the School Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir for the financial year 2021-22.

In this regard, an order was issued by the School Education Department on Wednesday, a copy of which lies with the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

According to the order, the Ministry of Education (MoE) for the Government of India (GoI), it has released at least Rs. 14040.82 lakh under the Samagra Shiksha for its utilization during 2021-22.

The School Education Department said that the funds shall be utilized strictly for the purpose these have been released and there should be no diversion of funds at any level.

The department directed the

Jammu and Kashmir Samagra Shiksha project director to forward the utilization certificates till March-31-2022 to GoI with a copy to the finance department and administrative department.

"Red account or the utilization certificates of the funds shall be submitted by Project Director, Samagra Shiksha to the administrative department for onward submission to accountant general," reads the order.

It also reads that the advance drawl should be as per actual and urgent need and should not result in parking of funds.

The order further reads that "The Scheduled Castes Component, Scheduled Tribes Component and General Component-wise details need to be incorporated in the utilization certificate separately."

"The Project Director, Samagra Shiksha shall incur expenditure strictly as per the guidelines of schemes and conditions laid down by the Ministry of Education, GoI," it reads

Advisor Khan For Eco Friendly Development Of Hazrat Baba Reshi (RA) Shrine

Chairs a meeting to discuss the plan for the development of the shrine

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Advisor to LG, Farooq Khan on Thursday chaired a meeting of officers to discuss the development and beautification plan of Ziyarat of Hazrat Baba Payam Din Reshi (RA) (Baba Reshi) at Tangmarg.

The meeting was attended by Chief Executive Officer Wakf Board, Mufti Fareed-ud-Din, Chief Executive Officer Gulmarg Authority, Zahoor Ahmad Raina, Executive Engineer Wakf Board, and other concerned officers.

The meeting had a detailed discussion on the plan of development and beautification of shrine, landscaping of the area, construction of various utilities for the convenience of the devotees, creation of additional parking facilities and other related issues.

The Advisor directed the Wakf authorities to immediately call proposals through RFP from consultancies for preparing a master plan for the overall development of the shrine area

spread over an area of 7500 Kanals. He also called for involving professionals from Department of Archives, Forest, INTACH, Town Planning etc.

Farooq Khan impressed upon the officers that while going for new constructions in the area the fragile environment of the area be taken into consideration and all the new constructions should be given heritage touch. He also called for best land utilization while going for new constructions and asked the Wakf and Gulmarg Dev Authority to construct good number of sanitary complexes for the convenience of the devotees.

The Advisor also called for ban on carrying polythene within the premises of the shrine and directed the Wakf Authorities to make biodegradable alternative carriage bags available in the vicinity of the shrine. He also asked the CEO Gulmarg Dev Authority to make available sufficient number of dustbins in the vicinity and within the premises of the shrine.

Samoon Reviews Construction Progress Of GPC Ramban

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN: Principal Secretary, Skill Development, Dr. Asgar Samoon, on Thursday inspected the progress of ongoing construction work on Government Polytechnic College, Ramban at Chanderkote. He also visited the Industrial Training Institute, Banihal.

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam, Joint Director Technical Education Jammu, Farooq Ahmed Khan, Principal GPC, Ramban, Suket Gupta and various concerned officers were present on the occasion.

After inspecting construction work of Government Polytechnic

College, Ramban, the Principal Secretary directed the construction agencies and Principal of college to complete construction work of Academic Block on priority basis to start class in the new building.

He also reviewed the plan of power and water supply for the institution, and directed the Principal of the college to submit a proposal for constructing a Hostel and Bus facility for both girls and boys students. Samoon also reviewed the status of staff strength of all technical institutions in the district.

Earlier, Dr. Samoon also visited ITI Banihal and inspected trades and workshops there.



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Reference: Notification No.01-BOTE of 2021 dated 09-08-2021

NOTIFICATION No: 03-BOTE of 2021 Dated 13-10-2021

In pursuance of Notification No. 01-BOTE of 2021 dated 09-08-2021, it is hereby notified for information of all eligible concerned candidates that the Board shall conduct physical round of counselling of candidates who figure in the list (As annexure "A") available on official website www.jksbotelive.com. The schedule for counselling is as under:

DATE	COUNSELLING SCHEDULE	REMARKS
16/10/2021	RANK 1 TO 500	ALL CATEGORIES CANDIDATES
17/10/2021	RANK 501 TO 1000	ALL CATEGORIES CANDIDATES
18/10/2021	RANK 1001 TO 1500	ALL CATEGORIES CANDIDATES
19/10/2021	RANK 1501 TO 2000	ALL CATEGORIES CANDIDATES
20/10/2021	RANK 2001 TO 2500	ALL CATEGORIES CANDIDATES
21/10/2021	RANK 2501 TO 3000	ALL CATEGORIES CANDIDATES
22/10/2021	RANK 3001 TO 3500	ALL CATEGORIES CANDIDATES
23/10/2021	RANK 3500 ONWARDS	ALL CATEGORIES CANDIDATES

The eligible candidates are advised to report at Govt. Polytechnic Bikram Chowk Jammu for Jammu based candidates and at K. G. Polytechnic Gogji Bagh Srinagar for Kashmir based candidates on respective date of counselling as mentioned above from 10.00 AM

No: SBOTE/Adm21/5087-93

Dated:13/10/2021

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(Er. Firdose Ahmad Itoo)

Secretary

J&K, BOTE Srinagar

SRINAGAR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Fresh e-TENDER NOTICE NO: 04/EE of 2021 -22

For and on behalf of the Srinagar Development Authority, The Executive Engineer, Srinagar Development Authority, invites tenders by e-tendering system on item rate basis from Registered PWD contractors of J&K UT for below mentioned works:-

S.no	Name of work	Amount of work	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion
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Position of Funds (Available)

- Date of Publishing 12/10/2021.
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K O V I E W

Recovering Economy

India is poised to grow at 9.5 percent in 2021 and 8.5 percent in 2022, according to the latest projections by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Last year, India's economy had contracted by 7.3 percent following the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic. In its World Economic Outlook, India's projected growth is way ahead of that of the global economy which is forecast to grow at 5.9 percent in 2021 and 4.9 percent in 2022 respectively.

However, the IMF has cautioned that the rapid spread of Delta and the threat of new variants have increased uncertainty about how quickly the pandemic can be overcome. "Policy choices have become more difficult, with limited room to manoeuvre," the financial body said, warning that the pandemic was darkening prospects in developing countries.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has also expressed confidence in the economy saying India is looking at near close to double-digit growth this year making the country one of the fastest-growing economies. During a conversation at Harvard Kennedy School, the minister said she expects the economic growth next year to be in the range of 7.5-8.5 per cent, which will be sustained over the next decade. She said that the World Bank, IMF and rating agencies have all come nearer to this kind of growth number for India. The Finance Minister also expressed confidence that India will attract investments and have the purchasing power to demand the best of things from whoever produces it.

Such positive tidings for the Indian economy are likely to buoy the markets. Over the past few years, Indian economy has been performing well below even some sub-saharan countries. The advent of the pandemic last year and the consequent lockdown dealt a body blow to what was then a nascent recovery. A year on, the world is still struggling with the pandemic. The world economy has been battered. More so, Indian economy which has been worst hit, losing one-fourth of its GDP in the first quarter of the last year to the Covid-19 lockdown. The extended lockdown has hit the economy hard leaving millions of people jobless. It also disrupted the supply lines and forced migrant workers to head home. This subsequently forced the government to open up the economy.

Kashmir economy also suffered. According to an estimate by the local business bodies, the Valley's suffered a loss of over Rs 50,000 crore. Its fallout on the ground has been grim. Sectors of the economy like tourism, handicrafts, hotel industry, IT, transport etc were crushed. People were forced to shut down their old unviable businesses and start new ones. Here's hoping that the recovery continues. Double-digit growth is what is needed to lift the millions of people out of poverty and bring lost jobs back.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Bring Them To Heel

Five years after the Panama papers exposed the vast scale of offshore banking and business services via the activities of the wealth management specialist Mossack Fonseca, hundreds of billions of pounds are still being secreted away in tax havens. The leak of almost 12m documents, known as the Pandora papers, reveals that 35 current or former heads of state are among the customers of secrecy jurisdictions where huge sums of money are hidden in order to avoid tax and transparency. King Abdullah II of Jordan, Czech prime minister Andrej Babiš and Azerbaijan's ruling Aliyev family are among those with serious questions to answer, along with more than 100 billionaires and rich individuals from all over the world.

Beyond any specific acts of venality, as outrageous as these are, looms a system whose existence is a global disgrace. As a matter of course, and in spite of their immense personal advantages, the ultra-rich are ripping off everyone else. They do this by refusing to pay their share towards the services and resources (health, education, energy, water and governance) on which everyone depends. And they are facilitated and encouraged in this by an industry whose purpose is to shield their wealth and conceal what they are up to.

Underpinning this international tax avoidance infrastructure is the idea that rich people and companies should be allowed to do what they want; that governments' claims on their money are in some sense unreasonable or unjust. How deeply antisocial this belief and its adherents are has never been better illustrated than now, in the middle of a pandemic and on the brink of climate disaster. Rarely, if ever, has the pooling of global resources to solve our collective problems been more necessary. And yet, the Tax Justice Network reported last year that governments are losing \$245bn (£180bn) annually to corporate tax abuse, and \$182bn (£134bn) to tax evasion by individuals.

The Guardian

Judiciary Groaning Under
The Weight Of Cases

Sama Zehra

What Good Is A
System If It Stum-
bles While Serving
Its Purpose?

The trust of people with the justice system has reached rock-bottom, the reason being delay in Justice, the growing influx of undertrials, and the prejudiced and seemingly lax behavior of Judges. There is a scarcity of human and technological resources, a lack of proper infrastructure, and most importantly, a dire need to fill vacant positions.

The government and the Judiciary often play a blame game to veil the flaws and lacunas of the judicial system, thereby, allowing matters of concern to grow gently in dark.

Since the Covid-induced lockdown, the pendency of cases has risen precipitously, making the institution of Justice slow and sluggish. Statistics submitted by the National Judicial Data Grid states that the Judiciary has to grapple with a massive backlog of 45 million cases. On analyzing the data, it was found that around a 5.75 million cases are pending before the HC's and 39 million before District courts. Even though the rate of case disposition has grown over years, pendency still remains, owing to newer cases out-spacing the disposed ones.

The legal maxim "Justice delayed is justice denied" forms one of the bedrocks of the Judiciary. Unfortunately, the maxim exists solely as an essential literary piece, with limited practical applicability. Pendency of cases and non-availability of staff has worsened yet another malady called the "undertrials". An increase in case backlog over years has led to a sudden upsurge in the number of undertrials. The accused persons awaiting trial are more than double the number of convicts present in jail. According to the NCRB report, 70% of prisoners in India are undertrials.

Sometimes, the undertrials serve more time in jail than they would have received if found guilty. Accused persons outnumber the guilty, undertrial incarcerations exceed the guilty punishments, innocent serve more time in jail than known criminals, where is our Justice system heading towards?

The disappointing data of undertrial and case pendency often shapes a negative public opinion towards Judges, who are blamed for not deciding cases expeditiously and for their sloppy behavior. However, the pendency of cases as an issue which has brought groan and crumble to the judiciary, has Judges playing a minor part in it.

With 17 judges per million, the ratio of judges to the population is woefully inadequate. Therefore, handling the daunting case backlog becomes increasingly difficult and stressful for Judges. Reports state that more than 400 positions of Judges are vacant across various High courts while the subordinate judiciary has 5,000 vacant positions. Many analysts have suggested an increase in the appointment of Judges as a remedy to the long-standing problem. However, no step has been taken in that direction. Filling up the judicial vacancies has



Image for representation

THE PICTURE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR JUDICIARY is not much different. It is as crumbled and burdened as the ones at top of the pyramid. According to NJDG data, 147000 cases have clogged the high court and subordinate courts of Kashmir. Lack of infrastructure and facilities has added fuel to the fire. Rampant internet shutdowns, curfews, and lockdowns have kept the courts from working at a standard pace

proved to be an uphill task in India, given the procedural wrangles and the prejudiced and dithered nature of their nomination. Numerous nominations have been rejected due to gender bias or due to influential support given to some judges. In 2017 Saurabh Kripal was unanimously nominated as a permanent judge of Delhi High Court. However, the Centre failed to clear him as a judge due to his sexual orientation. Moreover, with the government showing its real colors through increased executive interference into the judiciary, lawyers have become quite reluctant to accept Judgeship.

Additionally, it is a glaring reality that subordinate courts receive the least attention. Despite being the primary interface of people with the Judiciary and burdened with the highest number of litigations, subordinate judiciary has received minimal infrastructural and technological developments. Lack of infrastructure serves as an impediment to the effective functioning of courts. These impediments not only act as stumbling blocks in the procedure of delivering justice but also add to the humongous number of pending cases.

The picture of Jammu & Kashmir judiciary is not much different. It is as crumbled and burdened as the ones at top of the pyramid. According to NJDG data, 147000 cases have clogged the high court and subordinate courts of Kashmir. Lack of infrastructure and facilities has added fuel to the fire. Rampant internet shutdowns, curfews, and lockdowns have kept the courts from working at a standard pace. With courts going virtual since March 2020, delivering justice has become a herculean task for the members of the legal fraternity.

Post abrogation of article 370, there has been a massive increase in habeas corpus petitions filed before the courts. Within a week, after 5th August, more than 250 petitions of Habeas corpus challenging detention under PSA were filed. Sadly, it has been seen that these cases are needlessly dragged on for years.

Pointless postponement of cases has worsened the state of undertrial incarceration in the valley. According to the data furnished by the prison department Jammu, 90% of inmates in jails are undertrials.

The transfer policy followed by the

Indian Justice Department is partly responsible for the chaotic situation in Kashmir. According to the current policy, judges have to at least work once in a far-flung area. These courts are usually far behind the backlog number and thus negligible cases are to be heard. This policy has two loopholes. Firstly, judges who have proven their worth and somewhat cleared the backlog, are forced into areas with a little or negligible amount of work. For instance, the total number of pending cases in Anantnag Court is around 1000, whereas the court in Karna has less than 100 pending cases and Kargil has 10-15 cases. This transfer policy sometimes hits a judge when some cases are at the point of closure, consequently causing unnecessary delays as the next judge has to repeat the

THE RATIO OF JUDGES TO THE population is incongruous. The two-tier procedure for the appointment of judges is lengthy and slow. According to the research conducted by Vidhi Centre, J&K HC could not complete the cycle of recruitment within the stipulated time of 153days rather, 742 days were taken. Given the problems stated above, it would not be erroneous to say that the Judges in Kashmir are comparatively under greater burden than judges from the rest of India

whole procedure once again. Sending a meritorious judge to courts with negligible amount of work causes wastage of public and court time.

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Hence, it is quite clear that the Judiciary is compressed under the

heavy load of cases and problems. J. Katju astutely summed this up, when he said, "about 33 million cases are pending in the Indian courts today, and it is estimated that if no fresh case is filed, it will take about 360 years to clear the backlog". We cannot wait for 360 or more years to clear the case pendency. It is high time to introduce immediate and appropriate remedies to counter this problem.

Reforms must start from the bottom of the pyramid; subordinate judiciary should be strengthened by appointing more judges and filling the vacancies. District courts across the nation are plagued with defective infrastructure and poor working conditions, the need for improvement has grown considerably drastic, given the digital expectations raised by the higher judiciary. Strengthening the lower courts also entails providing administrative and technical assistance, as well as opportunities for advancement, and growth. With growing awareness and education, new techniques to hear cases and serve justice have been introduced. In the USA barely 7% of cases are decided by the courts and the majority of cases are heard through ADR mechanisms, thereby, shifting and distributing the caseload. The mechanism exists in India as well, however, people are ignorant about the presence of these institutions.

An enormous load of pendency has weakened the judiciary and it makes a person skeptical about the justice system as a whole. However, this skepticism has not weakened public faith in judiciary. "Judiciary has no influence over either the sword or the purse" however, it has enormous backing of public faith and confidence. This firm relationship should be kept intact by introducing reforms whenever necessary. It goes without saying that the judges have held the judiciary strongly and have managed to prevent a crisis scenario. However, if necessary reforms and amendments are not implemented, it will be difficult to predict how long judges will be able to work against these odds.

In this increasingly influence-based world, the judiciary is the best hope of citizens against dogmatist leaders, arbitrary use of power, and repression. The members of legal fraternity have a heavy load of justice delivery on them — they are the torchbearers of justice. This pious position should be protected and should not be jeopardized at any cost.

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Let's Pledge To Wear Kashmiri Fashion This Winter

EVERYDAY newspapers are abound with editorial and opinion pieces about the crashing economy of Kashmir. If data is to be trusted, we're in a deep mess. While the economic fall-out is essentially a result of the political, social and health milieu; there are certainly some individual steps that we as a community can take to ensure that we shop in a manner that is not only ethical but also instrumental to safeguard the economic health of Kashmir.

To this end, we need to shop from local stores and endorse indigenous products. It is true that Kashmir has not been the only host for globalisation. Fashion, food, culture and con-

sumption in general has been affected by the larger changes that the world has seen collectively.

However, as Kashmiris, we've had the bitter privilege of knowing the significance of being mindful of culture and heritage. We're also painfully aware of the absence of any system that seeks our true benefits. In this schema, it becomes all the more important for us to look for community efforts to ensure that we leave no stone unturned for our own benefits.

As far as fashion is concerned, we have to ensure that we promote trends that lead to an increase in the sales of designs that are made within Kashmir. This could begin with each of us tak-

ing a conscious step to include as many Kashmiri garments in our closet as we can. This does not necessarily mean that we've to compromise on our style statements. Infact, for each one of us, it will be an opportunity to redefine style for ourselves.

With the winter round the corner, one can easily pledge to include as many winter garments as possible. Sure, one has to be an ethical buyer and keep in mind the environmental fallout of shopping excessively; but this makes Kashmiri garments all the more viable. Pherans are of different kinds. They are affordable and if one likes investing in quality pieces one can also spend a little extra.

The attempt to include Kashmiri clothes doesn't imply some puritan disdain for fashion from other places. However, ignoring our own designs and forgetting our artisan's livelihood is an absolutely careless and callous approach to our own people.

This winter, resolve to wear Kashmiri clothes and make an attempt to prefer local stores for non-Kashmiri garments as well. This small change can definitely bring some positive change. If nothing, atleast, we'd see some people walking confidently on the Residency Road in a beautiful pheran styled to stun!

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Mindful Fridays

The Science Behind Non-Suicidal Self-Injury

Wasim Kakroo

SSI is an increasing concern among teenagers and young adults, and it can be an indication of sadness, loneliness, despair, low self-esteem, or a sense of being unwanted

Non-Suicidal Self-Injury is one of the growing health problems among

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adolescents and young adults. The International Society for the Study of Self-Injury defines Non-Suicidal Self-Injury as the deliberate, self-inflicted damage of body tissue without suicidal intent and for purposes not socially or culturally sanctioned. Self-harm is a symptom, not a diagnosis, of mental illness. Some people may do self-harm as a result of a mental illness such depression, anxiety, an eating disorder, or psychosis, however, self-harm isn't always indicative of a mental illness, but rather of

a lack of healthy coping methods to deal with emotions.

NSSI does not include risky activities that may end in harm, such as not wearing a seatbelt while driving or accidental harm that may occur when participating in dangerous sports.

Suicidal thoughts or behaviors, in which people want to terminate their life, are not the same as self-injury. When people self-injure, they frequently say they have no expectation or goal of killing themselves.

Self-injury does not include activities that may cause physical harm but are acceptable in our culture or are part of a recognized cultural, spiritual, or religious practice. Thus, body modification, nose/ear piercing, and tattooing are not commonly regarded as forms of NSSI.

What are the common methods of self-harm?

Common methods of NSSI include Self-cutting or self-burning, Self-punching, attempting self-poisoning, eating too much or too little, biting oneself, Over-exercising, pulling your hair out and skin picking.

Why does a person do NSSI?

It is a complicated issue, and many people have no idea why they do NSSI. NSSI isn't always triggered by a major event; it can also be triggered by a slew of minor events.

The following are some of the most common reasons why people participate in NSSI: Pressure at school or work, bullying, worries about money, abuse of any kind (physical, emotional or sexual), bereavement, uncertainty about one's gender or sexuality, break-up from a relationship, loss of employment, Illness or a health issue (physical or mental such as depression, anxiety, OCD, Borderline Personality Disorder etc), low self-esteem, difficulty in handling stress, difficulty in handling emotions.

Individual factors (e.g., emotional dysregulation, psychiatric disorders etc.) and environmental factors (e.g., abuse, neglect, childhood maltreatments, attachment disruption) are two primary types of causative factors for NSSI. Childhood maltreatments were revealed to be a predictor of NSSI in



adolescents and college students in the majority of studies that focused on early childhood traumatic events.

Exploration of environmental variables have found a substantial relationship between NSSI development and childhood sexual abuse. Researchers have emphasized the importance of parental relationships as causative agents of self-injurious behaviours, finding that insecure paternal attachment and both maternal and paternal emotional neglect were significant predictors of NSSI in women, while childhood separation was the main predictor of NSSI in men (usually from father).

Recent research has looked into the role of stressful life experiences in the development of NSSI. Adverse life events were linked to moderate and severe NSSI in Chinese teenagers. Researchers also found a lower likelihood of engaging in NSSI in those who had strong emotional stability.

NSSI is most typically used to relieve (temporarily) overwhelming negative emotion. NSSI is preceded by intense negative emotions, and its execution results in lessened negative emotions as well as sensations of calmness and relief. Slightly more than half of persons say they self-injure as a kind of self-directed rage or self-punishment. NSSI can serve a variety of additional

purposes, such as influencing others or producing a physical indicator of mental pain, but each of these purposes is only relevant to a small percentage of persons who self-injure.

What are Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how do Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) lead to NSSI?

Childhood experiences can have a life-long impact on one's health. Children who have had a stressful and poor-quality childhood are more prone to engage in health-harming behaviors during adolescence (such as NSSI), which can lead to mental problems and also diseases later in life, such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. Individuals who have been exposed to ACEs are more likely to struggle in school, become involved in crime, and ultimately be less effective members of society.

The various forms of ACEs are physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, drug abuse in the family, depression or any other mental illness in the family, suicide in the family, incarceration of a family member, domestic violence, parent separation or parental divorce, death of parent(s), emotional neglect, physical neglect, bullying and community violence.

Suicidal ideation and suicidal or

NSSI are disproportionately common in people who have experienced childhood trauma or maltreatment because ACEs affect the emotional stability and distress tolerance of an individual and hence such individuals use NSSI as a means of dealing with emotions such as depression, anxiety and especially shame and guilt that they acquire because of ACEs.

What's the Connection Between Non-suicidal Self-Injury and Attempted suicide?

When compared to suicide attempts, NSSI is more common, includes different means (for example, cutting and burning rather than weapons, hanging, or self-poisoning), resulting in bodily harm that is less medically serious and produces less deadly damage. More importantly, those who participate in NSSI do not intend to commit suicide. In fact, NSSI is most often performed in the absence of suicidal ideation.

Common myths about NSSI

Self-harm has a lot of myths and stigma attached to it. Common myths include:

1. Only girls do NSSI. This has been proven false in studies. It's likely that boys and girls employ distinct means of self-injury.
2. NSSI is a form of attention-seeking behaviour. People who do NSSI frequently attempt to hide their behaviour. NSSI can be a cry for help in some situations.
3. People who do NSSI are suicidal. Some people use NSSI as a coping method. Some people but not all, who do NSSI, have suicidal thoughts.

The next article will discuss mental health first aid for someone who does Non-Suicidal Self Injury.

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Let's Reclaim The Spirit Of Eid-E-Milad

Wajahat Qazi

In the deserts of Arabia, about 15 centuries ago, in 570 AD, a supremely creative and paradigm shattering historical (even trans-historical) event with eschatological implications happened. The consequences of this event were far reaching: a world historical civilization was borne-one that transformed not only the environs of Arabia but the whole world. This event was the birth of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Prophet Muhammad (SAW). The day that the Great Prophet of Islam was born was later called the Eid Milaad un Nabi. Eid Milad un Nabi(SAW)will be celebrated with fervor and gaiety on the 24th of December, 2015. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was rahma(t)(mercy) for the entire mankind. The message that he brought from God through Arch Angel Jibraeel was that of monotheism, peace, amity and a value system defined and characterized by truth equality, equity, and justice. He (SAW) taught mankind these values by example and deed. Belief in One God (monotheism) and His Messenger (SAW), Peace, Justice, Equality, Compassion for all Creation, a metaphysical dimension, were and are the essential and defining characteristics of Islam.

Because of the personality, attributes, spiritual dynamism and savoir faire of the Prophet(SAW) and the inherent appeal of Islam, the religion spread beyond Arabia to all corners of the world-gradually and inexorably. The appeal of Islam and its tour de force also reached Kashmir (roughly in the 13th century through Sufi Masters). The rather austere and spiritual but at the same time simple message of Islam and the Prophet (SAW) met with a fertile reception in Kashmir. Kashmiris or the people of Kashmir, in the 13th century were ripe for a spiritually uplifting and a socially and culturally redemptive message and

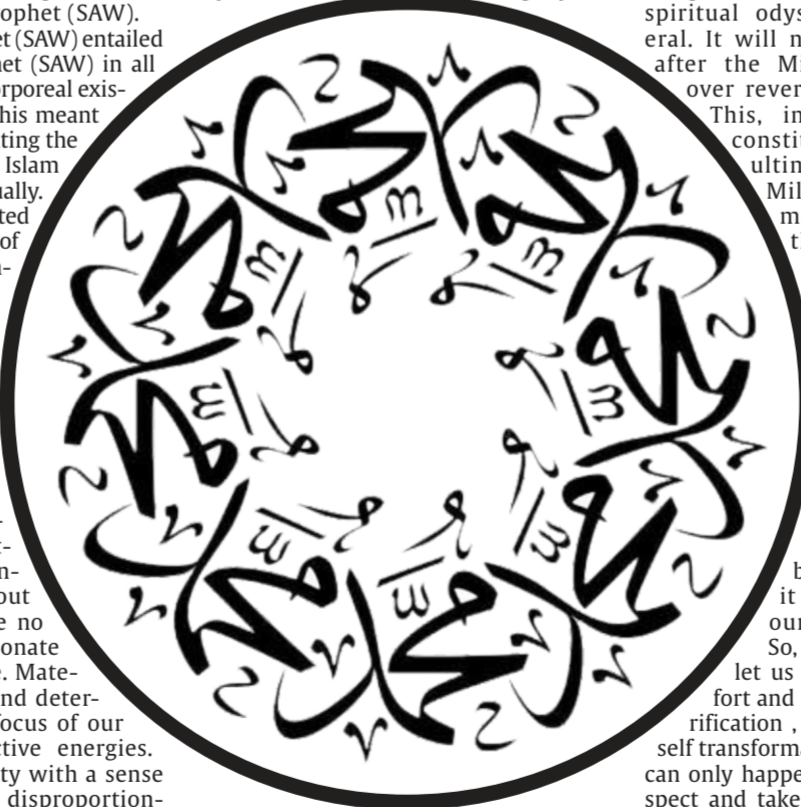
appeal of Islam. The people of Kashmir almost converted en masse to Islam. Central to the Sufi ethos of Islam that percolated to and in Kashmir, besides the essential message of Islam was devotion to the Prophet (SAW).

Devotion to the Prophet (SAW) entailed emulation of the Prophet (SAW) in all aspects and details of corporeal existence. In other words, this meant imbibing, and incorporating the essential teachings of Islam socially and individually. Islam in Kashmir gyrated to the Sufi dimension of Islam with great intensity.

Fast forward a few centuries.

We have morphed into a self absorbed, materialistic and vulgarly capitalist society (read distorted version of capitalism). Our selves are the centre and locus of our attention. Our nobler instincts are crowded out by baser ones. We are no longer as compassionate and caring as we were. Materialism motivates us and determines the locus and focus of our individual and collective energies. We are an angry society with a sense of entitlement that is disproportionate. Me, mine, mine has, by and large become our motto. All this is in sharp contradistinction to the ethos of Islam and the teachings of the Holy Prophet. All this is not a self flagellating exercise aimed to demean and distort but to put our social and collective selves into perspective. We, Kashmiris, by and large, are still a fine people. There's, for instance, very few places in the world, where outsiders are treated so well; hardly any place in the world can demonstrate such fine traditions of hospitality that we are im-

bued with; very few places are as non-violent as we are(temperamentally). But, these fine attributes, are a legacy of the past- a past that was defined by the cosmogony of



Sufi Islam and the centrality of the Prophet(SAW) in our lives. We cannot really afford to rest on the residual legacy of these. We need to and must re-inculcate these fine values and value system in our collective and individual selves.

Now coming back to the theme of Eid Milad un Nabi: this day will be celebrated with great festivity, fervor and nobility of spirit in Kashmir. Thousands will flock to the Durgah at Hazratbal, and other shrines to remember the Prophet (SAW) and

make special devotional prayers. Many will endure the bitter cold wintry nights and pray. They will be spiritually uplifted but alas the enlightenment accruing from this spiritual odyssey will be ephemeral. It will not last long. We will after the Milad celebrations are over revert to our usual selves.

This, in the final analysis, constitutes a travesty. The ultimate meaning of the Milad prayers and remembrance of God and the Prophet (SAW) should enable us to reorient ourselves towards enduring nobler and spiritual dimensions. But, given that most of us will revert to quotidian lives and forget the spiritual dimension of the Milad, our devotion and prayers will cease to be meaningful, unless it affects a change in our orientations.

So, on this Milad un Nabi, let us all make that extra effort and resolve to make self purification, self transcendence and self transformation our end goals. This can only happen if we seriously introspect and take to heart the teachings of our Great Prophet(SAW). To repeat, the essential components of his(SAW) message were Compassion, Honesty, Truth, Equality and Justice- ideas and themes that have over time become largely notional for us. This notional fidelity to these great moral and spiritual ideas and ideals has meant that we, as both society and individuals, have to a degree, lost our compass and bearing. The saving grace is that all is not lost. We can reclaim the spirit and essence of the Prophet's teachings. Key here is sincerity of purpose and fidelity.

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This would constitute real love for the Prophet (SAW); not mere mechanical and ritualistic incantations and behavior. So, on the Milad un Nabi, let us disavow the cosmetic and focus on the real and the substantive.

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Hail A Taxi, It Flies, Lands On Top Of Your Office: It's Coming Soon

Agencies

London: Fed up with traffic jams? Imagine a world where your taxi takes to the skies and lands on top of your office building, recharges and sets off afresh.

That's the vision of Stephen Fitzpatrick, founder and CEO of Britain's Vertical Aerospace, which is set to raise \$394 million in a merger with a blank-cheque New York-listed company, and who says his aircraft will be flying by the mid-2020s.

And he's not alone. Some of the world's most high-profile engineers and airlines believe Vertical is onto something with its plan for zero-emission mini-aircraft to almost silently take four passengers through the skies for up to 120 miles (193 kms).

American Airlines, aircraft lessor Avolon, engineers Honeywell and Rolls-Royce, as well as Microsoft's M12 unit are investing in the merger, which is expected to complete by the end of the year.

Fitzpatrick, who also set up OVO Energy, Britain's no.3 energy retailer, said Vertical flights between London's Heathrow airport and its Canary Wharf financial district will take 15 minutes and cost 50 pounds (\$68) per passenger.

That potential is attracting airlines' attention. More than 1,000 VA-X4 aircraft have been pre-ordered by customers. Interest in the



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zero-emission aircraft comes at a time when aviation companies are under mounting pressure from investors to help decarbonize the sector and boost their environmental, social and governance scores.

"We are going to sign deals. We're finding the appetite and the

demand from airlines to be really strong," Fitzpatrick told Reuters.

The biggest challenge for Vertical is certifying its aircraft, which Fitzpatrick said it is on track to do by the end of 2024, funded by new money from the merger.

TEST FLIGHTS

Fitzpatrick first had the idea back in 2015 when he sat for hours in 10 lanes of gridlocked traffic in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Back then, there weren't many competitors, he said, but today

analysts estimate there are more than 100 companies working on rival electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft.

The VA-X4 is still in construction and will start test flights early next year. Fitzpatrick believes Vertical's partnerships will help it emerge as a winner.

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Certification will depend on the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

"The process of certifying the aircraft is known. The technologies are new, but the steps we need to go through are relatively similar to other aircraft," said Fitzpatrick, who has recruited senior engineers from both Airbus and Rolls-Royce.

Developing a new mode of transport comes with other challenges such as the infrastructure, but Fitzpatrick is confident.

"We're already in discussions with, for example, Heathrow Airport," he said, pointing out of his office window to potential skyport locations on rooftops.

As for convincing passengers, that's where airlines come in.

"I think the brand association with trusted airlines is really going to help passengers embrace the new technology," he said.

از نیابت دیگام با اجلاس انگریزیو مجسٹریٹ درجاول۔ دیگام درخواست منجانب۔ سائید جان دریاض احمد نیکی اولاد گل محمد نیکیوساکنہ ہر دھن بغرض حصول بیک وارڈاریا RBA سرٹیفکٹ

اشتہار برادر آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سالیان نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈاریا سرٹیفکٹ دفتر بذائیں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹاری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سالیان کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

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۲۔	فاریدہ بانو زوجہ گل محمد نیکی	گھریلو کام	50 سال	
۳۔	شوکت احمد ولد گل محمد نیکی	پریوٹ ملازم	29 سال	LPC
۴۔	ایلیض احمد ولد گل محمد نیکی	دوکانداری	27 سال	5000/=
۵۔	ریاض احمد ولد گل محمد نیکی	زیر تعلیم	24 سال	
۶۔	سائید جان دختر گل محمد نیکی	زیر تعلیم	22 سال	
۷۔	شاہد گل ولد محمد نیکی	زیر تعلیم	20 سال	

سایل کا کنید 07 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار گذرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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02	شیرازہ بانو زوجہ شیم احمد بٹ	40 سال	گھریلو کام	
03	میٹر احمد بٹ ولد شیم احمد بٹ	18 سال	زیر تعلیم	
04	نوبہ احمد بٹ ولد شیم احمد بٹ	12 سال	زیر تعلیم	

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Subject: Conduct of second round of Physical Counselling for up-gradation / allotment of seats in B.E./B.Tech. Engineering Courses, 2021 in Government/Private Engineering Colleges of UT of J&K/ Ladakh.

Reference:
(i) Notification No. 036-BOPEE of 2021 dated 10-03-2021
(ii) Notice No. 039-BOPEE of 2021 dated 06.04.2021
(iii) Notice No. 041-BOPEE of 2021 dated 16.04.2021
(iv) Notice No. 044-BOPEE of 2021 dated 29-04-2021
(v) Notice No. 060-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09.08.2021
(vi) Notice No. 063-BOPEE of 2021 dated 19.08.2021
(vii) Letter No. SC/491-CET/271-74 dated 16.06.2021
(viii) Notification No. 081-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01.09.2021
(ix) Notification No. 093-BOPEE of 2021 dated 23.09.2021

Notification No: 103-BOPEE of 2021 Dated: 12-10-2021

Consequent upon receipt of shortfall from Engineering Colleges and the seats, that, remained un-filled during 1st Round of Counselling in various Disciplines of B.E/ B.Tech. (Engg.) courses-2021 in Government / Private Colleges of UT of J&K, it is hereby notified for information of the desirous / eligible candidates that the Board shall fill up the same by conducting second Round of Physical Counselling for allotment / up-gradation of seats tentatively w.e.f 18.10.2021 as per the schedule given below:

S.No.	Date	Rank	Remarks
1.	18.10.2021	001-650	All Open Merit and Reserved category candidates.
2.	19.10.2021	651-1400	All Open Merit and Reserved category candidates.
3.	20.10.2021	1401-2177	All Open Merit and Reserved category candidates.

The following procedure shall be followed:

- The eligible and desirous candidates have to report at the BOPEE offices Jammu/ Srinagar for registration/attendance & fulfillment of all formalities, from 08:30 AM upto 10:30 AM on their day/date of counselling.
- The candidates who have not joined the college on allotment of seat in the first physical round of counselling shall not be eligible to participate in the up-gradation/ second physical round of counselling.
- Candidates who have opted for C.N.A/S.N.A or who could not attend 1st counselling due to unavoidable circumstances are eligible to attend the second round of Physical Counselling for allotment of seats in B.E/B. Tech. (Engineering) courses.
- The Board has received three applications from the students having rank 658, 704 and 1284 regarding change of their category from EWS to TFW. On examination of these representations, it has been found that these candidates have inadvertently mentioned their category as EWS but uploaded the certificate of TFW. Since the EWS category is act applicable to the B.H/B.Tech Engineering courses, the Board has accordingly considered their applications and decided to allow them to participate in the second round of upgradation/ allotment counselling as TFW category candidates instead of EWS.
- The applicant namely Raghav Sanmotra having CET application No.22103602486 has represented before the Board that he has obtained 460 marks out of 500 in 12th class examination but due to typographical error his marks have been mentioned 416 out of 500 in the merit list. The board has examined his representation and keeping in view his marks of class 10+2 (i.e. 460) he is accordingly placed below rank 384 and above rank 385.
- The Board reserves the right to notify such changes as may become necessary in view of any technical difficulty or the reasons beyond its control.
- The candidates reporting for up-gradation are advised to bring fee deposit receipt of the concerned college / institution for check and verification purpose.

- All the candidates reporting at BOPEE offices Jammu/ Srinagar shall strictly adhere to COVID-19 Advisories issued by the UT Government of J&K from time to time.
- Seat matrix shall be Uploaded separately within due course of time before the counselling.

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

E&OE

DIPK-NB-4208/21

No. BOPEE/Exam-04/2021 Date: 12-10-2021

(Dr. Sunil Gupta)
Controller of Examinations
BOPEE

Office of the Joint Commission (Works) Srinagar Municipal Corporation

Central Office, Karan Nagar Srinagar, 190010

TENDER NOTICE
FOR

SNOW CLEARANCE OF CITY ROADS AND MUNICIPAL WARDS FOR THE WINTER SEASON 2021-22

(Two Cover System)

NIT No. e-NIT/03/SMC/JCW/SE of 2020-21,

Dated: -11-10-2021.

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar, e-tenders (in Two Cover System) are hereby invited for "Snow Clearance of City Roads and Municipal Wards for the Winter Season 2021-22" as per the details given below: -

S.No.	Name of the Zone	Municipal Wards	Cost of Tender Document (in Rupees for each work)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	Zone I to IX	1-35	3000	AAY & BEE	Internal Resources/ Devolution Grants

The tender document containing qualifying information/eligibility criteria, terms and conditions, BoQ etc. can be downloaded by the prospective bidder from Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the time table given below: -

Date of Issue of Tender Notice	11.10.2021 4:00 PM
Download Start Date/End Date	From 12.10.2021 4:00 PM to 21.10.2021 upto 4:00 PM
Bid submission Start Date	16.10.2021 from 10:00 AM
Bid Submission End Date	21.10.2021 upto 4:00 PM
Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids (Online)	22.10.2021 at 11:00 AM in the Office of the Joint Commissioner (Works), Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Karan Nagar, Srinagar.

No.SMC/JCW/SE/4308-16,
Dated: - 11.10.2021.

Sd/-
Joint Commissioner (Works)/
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

DIPK-NB-4195/21

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Estates Department .Civil Secretariat J&K, Srinagar.

e-NIT No. 2-J- Est of 2021 Dated : 12 -10-2021

Short term Tender Notice

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are re-invited, due to poor response of e- Tender invited vide e-NIT 1-J/ Estt of 2021 dated 24-09-2021, from the registered reputed contractors/ dealers/firms/MSME units or registered suppliers for supply of various items and execution of various jobs in Civil Secretariat and other offices at Jammu as per details enclosed as Annexure- A.B.C.D & E.

S.No.	Particulars	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document
1.	Carpentry Repair/Upholstery of old furniture	Rs. 0.20 lacs	Rs. 1,000/-
2.	Fire proof/fire retardant re-polishing of existing/old furniture items	Rs. 0.30 lacs	
3.	Chemical Washing/Dry cleaning of furnishing items	Rs. 0.05 lacs	
4.	Supply of Sanitary/ Sundry items	Rs. 0.20 lacs	
5.	Supply of Furnishing Items	Rs. 0.20 lacs	

Date of Publishing of tender	12-10-2021
Period of Down loading of documents	13-10-2021 from 02.00 P.M to 20-10-2021 upto 4.30 P.M
Bid submission start date	13-10-2021 from 2 P.M
Bid submission end date (online documents)	20-10-2021 upto 4.00 P.M
Date & time of opening of Bids (online)	21-10-2021 at 11:00 A.M or subsequent date in the office of Director Estates, J&K State Estates Department, Jammu

The tender documents along with other Terms and Conditions of the NIT and relevant documents can be downloaded from the State website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. The tender shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

The bidders shall have to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents CDR/PAN/GST No./Demand Draft (Tender Fee) Registration certificate duly renewed The cost of tender documents shall be in the form of Bank draft drawn n favour of Chief Accounts Officer Estates Department J&K payable at Srinagar/Tmmu Earned money as mentioned above in the shape of CDR pledged to Director Estates Department.

DIPK-10536/21
No:-Est/Acctts/ 61828

dated 12-10-2021

Sd/ Director Estates,
Jammu & Kashmir

Petrol, Diesel Prices Hiked Again



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: After two days of lull, petrol and diesel price on Thursday was again hiked by 35 paise per litre, sending retail pump prices to their highest ever level across the country.

The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of Rs 104.79 a litre and Rs 110.75 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

In Mumbai, diesel now comes for Rs 101.40 a litre; while in Delhi, it costs Rs 93.52. This is the 13th time that petrol price has been hiked in two weeks while diesel rates have gone up on 16 times in three weeks.

There was no change in rates on October 12 and 13.

While petrol price in most of the country is already above Rs 100-a-litre mark, diesel rates have crossed that level in a dozen states including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Kerala, Karnataka and Leh.

Prices differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes.

Shedding the modest price change policy, state-owned fuel retailers have since October 6 started passing on the larger incidence of cost to consumers.

This is because the international benchmark Brent crude has jumped to near USD 84 per barrel for the first time in seven years.

On September 13, Brent was trading at USD 73.51.

Being a net importer of oil, India prices petrol and diesel at rates equivalent to international prices.

The surge in international oil prices ended a three-week hiatus in rates on September 28 for petrol and September 24 for diesel.

Since then, diesel rates have gone up by Rs 4.9 per litre and petrol price has increased by Rs 3.9.

Prior to that, the petrol price was increased by Rs 11.44 a litre between May 4 and July 17. Diesel rate had gone up by Rs 9.14 during this period.

Finance Ministry Asks PSU General Insurers To Rationalise Branches, Cut Expenses

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: The finance ministry has asked public sector general insurance firms to rationalise branches and cut avoidable expenses to improve their financial health.

Of the four public sector general insurers, National Insurance, Oriental Insurance and United India Insurance are loss-making. The outlier in this segment is New India Assurance.

The advisory of the ministry follows Parliament's approval to a bill to allow privatisation of state-owned general insurers in August in line with the Budget announcement.

The finance ministry has asked these companies to rationalise branches and also trim administrative layers wherever possible, sources said.

Besides, sources said, they have been asked to expand their business through a cost effective digital medium.

"Public sector general insurance firms are implementing various government schemes. Rationalisation of branches should not lead to hardship for the poor as they may have to travel long distances for settlement of their small claims for example cattle insurance or fasal bima," General Insurance Employees All India Association general secretary K Govindan said.

As a stakeholder, the union raised these issues before the management of various companies, he said, adding, there should be presence of a branch in each district headquarter so that the poor don't have to face any issue.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget 2021-22 had announced a big-ticket privatisation agenda,



including privatisation of two public sector banks and one general insurance company.

As part of the divestment strategy for the financial sector, the government has decided to go for a mega initial public offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and residual stake sale in IDBI Bank during this financial year.

The government has budgeted Rs 1.75 lakh crore from stake sale in public sector companies and financial institutions during 2021-22.

Last year, the Union Cabinet decided to halt the merger process of three state-owned general insurance companies due to weak financial positions of these three companies.

Instead, the government approved a fund infusion of Rs 12,450 crore to meet regulatory parameters.

As part of capital infusion exercise, the government approved raising authorised share capital of National Insurance Company Ltd to Rs 7,500 crore and that of United India Insurance Company Ltd (UIICL) and Oriental Insurance Company Ltd (OICL) to Rs 5,000 crore each.

The Rs 12,450 crore capital infusion approved by the Cabinet in July includes Rs 2,500 crore provided to these companies during 2019-20.

During this year, the government infused Rs 3,475 crore while announcing infusion of the balance Rs 6,475 crore in one or more tranches.

WPI Inflation At 6-Month Low Of 10.66 Pc In Sep; Food Prices Ease

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: The wholesale price-based inflation eased to a six-month low of 10.66 per cent in September, helped by moderating food prices even as crude petroleum witnessed a spike.

WPI inflation has remained in the double-digit for the sixth consecutive month beginning April, and a lower rate of inflation was recorded in March at 7.89 per cent.

The high rate of inflation in September 2021 is primarily due to rise in prices of mineral oils, basic metals, non-food articles, food products, crude petroleum & natural gas, chemicals and chemical products etc. as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement.

Inflation in August was 11.39 per cent, while in September 2020, it was 1.32 per cent.

Inflation in food articles eased for the fifth straight month, recording (-) 4.69 per cent in September, against (-) 1.29 per cent in August, helped by easing vegetable prices. Spike in prices continued in pulses and egg, meat & fish at 9.42 per cent and 5.18 per cent, respectively.

Inflation in vegetables was (-) 32.45 per cent, with onion at (-) 1.91 per cent and potato at (-) 48.95 per cent.

Fuel and power basket witnessed a 24.91 per cent inflation in September, against 26.09 per cent in the previous month. In crude petroleum and natural gas, it was 43.92 per cent, against 40.03 per cent in the previous month.

In manufactured products, inflation stood at 11.41 per cent.

Icra Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said the sequential decline in the WPI inflation in September 2021 relative to August



2021 benefitted from primary food items slipping into a deeper disinflation of 4.7 per cent, and a base-effect led to easing in the inflation for fuel and power. However, the inflation for the other categories either hardened or remained unchanged in September 2021, with a renewed surge in the global prices of many commodities.

"After four months of consecutive moderation, we expect the WPI inflation to rise in October 2021 and remain in double-digits in Q3 FY2022. While a favourable base will moderate the WPI inflation during Q4 FY2022, it is nonetheless likely to average around 10 per cent in FY2022," Nayar said.

The MPC members are unlikely to choose to sacrifice growth at a time when inflation is being driven up by global supply-side issues. We remain convinced that monetary policy normalisation will commence only after demand-side pressures start dominating inflation, she added.

The RBI, which mainly takes into account retail inflation, in its monetary policy last week kept

interest rates unchanged at record lows.

Data released earlier this week showed retail inflation slowed to a five-month low of 4.4 per cent in September on moderating food prices.

Suman Chowdhury of Acuite Ratings & Research said the gap between CPI and WPI inflation indicates that the current inflationary risks are primarily emerging from the impact of commodity prices on the manufacturing sector, where further pass-through is likely as demand continues to improve.

Although the food category may continue to provide relief in the near term, such transmission of production costs may keep core inflation at elevated levels. WPI core inflation has continued to be firm amidst an increase in input prices, he said.

"While we believe that the peak in the headline wholesale inflation is behind us, continuing supply-side bottlenecks, raw material shortages and high commodity prices are likely to maintain the core inflation at such high levels, Chowdhury added.

After Air India, Govt To Disinvest BPCL, Float LIC IPO by Last Quarter Of FY22

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NEW DELHI: Following the successful completion of the disinvestment of Air India, the government expects to carry out the divestment of BPCL in the current financial year. The government will also come up with Initial Public offerings (IPO) of Life Insurance Company (LIC) during the last quarter of this financial year.

Talking to news agency ANI, Secretary of Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Tuhin Kant Pandey said: "LIC IPO will be a very major event. We are preparing hard for it and hopefully, we will be able to bring it out in the last quarter of the year."

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) is another company that is on the divestment list of the government. Pandey said that the government is expecting disinvestment of BPCL in the last quarter as well.

The DIPAM Secretary said, "Due diligence process of BPCL is on. It is a very large company. So a lot of work is going on in the due diligence there, and we hope to conclude it as well."

Pandey said we have received financial bids for strategic divestment of Central Electronics Ltd (CEL) which can be the next company to be disinvested.

Pandey said "We have got the financial bid and the process now moves to the concluding stage. We do not know yet what are the offers or whether the offers would be good enough for us to disinvest. It is still sealed in the envelope. But, yes, the process has reached that stage of disinvestment."

Highlighting the disinvestment target of the Central government, Pandey said, "We have a number of transactions which are ongoing. Strategic disinvestment has basically two parts. One is the first stage in which we invite the expression of interest and qualify people based on certain criteria, which are specified in the Expressed



sion of Interest. And after that the qualified bidders do in detail the due diligence on the companies through, you know, looking at the contracts, looking at the companies in greater detail, looking at their assets, and also the share purchase agreement which is a draft share purchase agreement which is given to them. Then the conditions are specified and final conditions are agreed upon, and thereupon everyone gets to see. Having seen the essence and seeing the data about the company, having done the due diligence and having agreed upon the final terms and conditions, we invite the bids in the RFP. After the bids are there, then we will determine the reserve price. And then we will open the bids to get it, and based on the highest bid we will choose the winning bidder. Thereafter the conditions will be satisfied and things will be closed. So this is the broad process. We have several transactions which are in an advanced stage, advanced stage of due diligence, and once the financial bids are obtained from them, thereafter we will move towards the concluding stage. So this is broadly it. We have got several transactions like Shipping Corporation of India, BEMIL, Nilanchal Ispat, Pawan Hans, Central Electronics. In fact, we have received their bid day before yesterday. So there, we hope that we would be able to close the transaction and transactions just carry on like a pipeline. And advanced stage... it can be done in April or May and June as well. So this is depending upon where the transaction is."

Passenger Vehicle Dispatches Drop 41% In September As Chip Shortage Impacts Production



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Passenger vehicle wholesales in India witnessed a 41 per cent year-on-year decline in September as semiconductor shortage hit production leading to a drop in supplies from manufacturers to dealers, auto industry body SIAM said on Thursday.

Last month, passenger vehicle (PV) sales stood at 1,60,070 units as compared with 2,72,027 units in the year-ago period.

As per the latest data by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), two-wheeler despatches to dealers also witnessed a dip of 17 per cent to 15,28,472 units, compared with 18,49,546 in September 2020.

Motorcycle despatches declined 22 per cent last month to 9,48,161 units as against 12,24,117 in the year-ago period.

Scooter sales were also down seven per cent to 5,17,239 units, from 5,56,205 units a year ago.

Three-wheeler sales, however, witnessed a 54 per cent year-on-year last month at 29,185 units.

Vehicle sales across categories last month declined year-on-year by 20 per cent to 17,17,728 units from 21,40,549 units.

Last month, the total production of passenger vehicles, three-wheelers, two-wheelers and quadricycles stood at 2,125,304 units, a drop of 19 per cent as compared to September 2020.

In the July-September quarter, passenger vehicle wholesales, however, witnessed a marginal increase of 2 per cent to 7,41,300 units as compared with 7,26,232 units in the same period of last fiscal.

Two-wheeler despatches during the September 2021 quarter stood at 41,13,915 units, down 12 per cent from 46,90,565 units in the second quarter of the financial year 2020-21.

"The Indian automobile industry continues to face new challenges. While on the one hand, we are seeing a revival in vehicle demand; on the other hand, shortage of semiconductor chips is causing a major concern for the industry. Many members have curtailed their production plans," SIAM President Kenichi Ayukawa said.

Sensex, Nifty Continue Record-Setting Spree On Upbeat Macro Data

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MUMBAI: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty raced to fresh record highs by notching their sixth straight session of gains on Thursday as participants cheered improving macroeconomic data and positive global cues.

Going past the 61,000-mark for the first time ever, the BSE Sensex soared 568.90 points or 0.94 per cent to finish at a new closing

peak of 61,305.95. The index also marked its fresh intraday record of 61,353.25 during the day's trade.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty surged 176.80 points or 0.97 per cent to a new lifetime closing high of 18,338.55. Intraday, the gauge touched a new record of 18,350.25 before easing some gains towards the flag-end of the session.

On the Sensex chart, ITC was the top gainer with around 3 per cent rise, followed by HDFC Bank, PowerGrid, ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank and NTPC.

On the other hand, TCS, HCL Tech, Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints and Bharti Airtel were among the laggards.

Of the Sensex constituents, 22 closed with gains and 8 ended with losses. In the past six trading sessions, the Sensex has added over 2,116 points or 3.57 per cent, and the Nifty has gathered more than 692 points or 3.92 per cent.

Exports Rise By 22.63 Pc To USD 33.79 Bn In Sept

New Delhi: India's merchandise exports rose by 22.63 per cent year-on-year to USD 33.79 billion in September on better performance by key sectors like engineering goods and petroleum products, according to official data released on Thursday.

Merchandise imports stood at USD 56.39 billion in September, an increase of 84.77 per cent compared to the year-ago period.

The trade deficit in September widened to USD 22.59 billion as against USD 2.96 billion in the same month last year, the data showed. (PTI)

Panasonic Life Solutions India Launches 'Ziva' In Kashmir

SRINAGAR: Panasonic Life Solutions India, one of the largest manufacturers of electrical construction materials (ECM) in the country, announces the Shubharambh of 'Ziva', in Kashmir.

"An elegant range of affordable modular switches targeted at consumers who are looking to upgrade to a new and defining lifestyle. The introduction of the Ziva range is a breakthrough in the category for customers who are looking for state-of-the-art and attractive modular switches at afford-

able rates," said company in a statement.

"With the increase in momentum in the Kashmir valley for the new housing sector developments, there has been a growing demand in the real estate sector.

The new homeowners are increasing in number and are expanding consumption demands for smart and energy-efficient electricals and electronic products. Further, this has attracted large number of home buyers to invest in buying products that ensure affordability and quality.

Gold Rallies Rs 455, Silver Jumps Rs 894

NEW DELHI: Gold prices rallied by Rs 455 to Rs 46,987 per 10 gram in the national capital on Thursday following firm trends in global markets, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had settled at Rs 46,532 per 10 gram.

Silver also jumped Rs 894 to Rs 61,926 per kg from Rs 61,032 per kg in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,795 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 23.20 per ounce. "Gold prices traded higher with spot gold prices at COMEX trading 0.12 per cent up at USD 1,795 per ounce on Thursday.

Gold prices held firm trading range supported by weaker dollar and inflation worries," according to HDFC Securities, Senior Analyst (Commodities), Tapan Patel. (PTI)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, J&K, (CHAIRMAN, STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY) RAIL HEAD COMPLEX, JAMMU

Sub: Fixation of Transportation Charges for Minor Minerals in UT of J&K.
Ref: i) Record Note of Meeting issued vide No.TRPT-MVDON/76/2021-02-TPT, dated 07/10/2021.
ii) Report of Committee Constituted Vide TC Office Order No.73-TC of 2021, dated 08/10/2021.

ORDER NO.74-TC OF 2021 DATED: 13/10/2021.

In terms of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act. 1988 (Central Act No.59 of 1988) the State Transport Authority (STA) hereby fixes the Transportation Charges for Minor Minerals in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with effect from the date of issue of this order:

JAMMU PROVINCE:

S. No.	Quantity	Rate per ton per km	
		Plain	Hilly
1.	600 Cft (27 tones)	Rs.4.50/- with a minimum of Rs.2200/-	Rs.5.00/- with a minimum of Rs.2300/-
2.	285 Cft (13 tones)	Rs.5.00/- with a minimum of Rs. 1500/-	Rs.5.50/- with a minimum of Rs.1600/-
3.	200 Cft (9 tones)	Rs.5.50/- with a minimum of Rs. 1000/-	Rs.6.00/- with a minimum of Rs.1100/-
4.	100 Cft (4.5 tones)	Rs.6.00/- with a minimum of Rs.700/-	Rs.6.50/- with a minimum of Rs.800/-

KASHMIR PROVINCE:

S. No.	Quantity	Rate per ton per km	
		Plain	Hilly
1.	600 Cft (27 tones)	Rs.4.80/- with a minimum of Rs.2300/-	Rs.5.00/- with a minimum of Rs.2400/-
2.	285 Cft (13 tones)	Rs.5.30/- with a minimum of Rs. 1600/-	Rs.5.50/- with a minimum of Rs.1700/-
3.	200 Cft (9 tones)	Rs.5.90/- with a minimum of Rs. 1100/-	Rs.6.40/- with a minimum of Rs.1200/-
4.	100 Cft (4.5 tones)	Rs.6.40/- with a minimum of Rs.800/-	Rs.6.90/- with a minimum of Rs.900/-

Note:

- In case vehicle has to cross the Toll Plaza(s) then Toll Tax has to be paid as per actual by the Purchaser in addition to the above rates.
- Regional Transport Authorities (RTAs) shall issue the district-wise, location-wise & point-wise list of Transportation Charges for carrying Minor Minerals from the source to the destination keeping in view the condition of road which may be plain, hilly or mix of both.

No. TC/JK/Freight/2021/3004-3020
Dated: 13/10/2021
DIPK-10643/21

Sd/- (Pardeep Kumar) JKAS
Transport Commissioner,
(Chairman, State Transport Authority)

Akhilesh Yadav wishes 'Ram Navami' on 'Maha Navami' Day, BJP Calls Him 'Naya Hindu'

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Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav attracted the ire of the BJP on Thursday over his tweet wishing people on the occasion of 'Ram Navami' on a day when Hindus worldwide celebrate 'Maha Navami', with the ruling party describing him as "naya naya Hindu".

In the tweet, Yadav extended his greetings to people on 'Ram Navami'.

Prominent among those who were quick to respond was Amit Malviya of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), who pointed out that Ram Navami is celebrated in the month of 'Chaitra' in the Hindu calendar, which falls in March-April, and during this period, people celebrate "Maha Navami", which is a day of worshipping goddess Durga.

"This is what happens when those who open fire on kar sevaks put up the drama of being Hindus with elections approaching," he said in a tweet in Hindi.

The official Twitter handle of the Uttar Pradesh BJP posted two pictures side by side—one of Yadav and another of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath performing "kanya puja"—and said "the difference is clear -- naya naya Hindu (new Hindu) and Sanatani Hindu".

"Akhileshji, who does not know the difference between Ram Navami and Maha Navami, talks about Ram and Parashuram. Do not fool the people (maat pehnaye topi), it looks better on you," it said.

SP workers often wear red caps. The SP had announced that a 108-foot-tall statue of Lord Parashuram will be installed in Lucknow.



The BJP has claimed that the SP president has withdrawn his tweet and his Twitter handle now conveys his wishes to people on Maha Navami.

BJP leaders also retweeted a similar tweet by senior Congress leader Anand Sharma, who wished people on Ram Navami.

Pune Police Issues Lookout Circular Against Man In Viral Selfie With Aryan Khan



AGENCEIS

Pune Police have issued a lookout circular against K.P. Gosavi, one of the independent witnesses of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in the cruise ship drugs seizure case, in connection with a 2018 cheating case. A lookout circular is a notice that prevents a person from leaving the country.

"We have issued a lookout circular notice against K.P. Gosavi, who has been absconding in a 2018 cheating case registered against him with the Faraskhana police station," Pune Police Commissioner Amitabh Gupta said.

Gosavi is one of the nine independent witnesses in the cruise ship raid and alleged recovery of drugs, in which Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan was arrested earlier this month.

According to police, Gosavi was booked for allegedly duping a Pune-based man on the pretext of offering a job in Malaysia.

Chinmay Deshmukh, who was allegedly cheated to the tune of Rs 3.09 lakh by Gosavi, had registered the complaint against him. The complaint said that Deshmukh had contacted Gosavi, who had put up an advertisement on social media about some vacancy in hotel industry in Malaysia.

"While promising a job in Malaysia, Gosavi collectively took Rs 3.09 lakh from him in instalments. However, he neither offered any job to him nor paid his money back," an official from Faraskhana police station said.

The complaint against Gosavi was registered in 2018 under various IPC sections, including 420 (cheating), and relevant sections of the Information Technology Act.

Term-1 Board Exams For Classes 10, 12 To Be Conducted Offline; Date-Sheet On October 18: CBSE



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NEW DELHI: The first-term board examinations for Classes 10 and 12 will be conducted offline in November-December and the date-sheet for the same will be announced on October 18, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) said on Thursday.

The board said the exams will be objective-type and the duration of the tests will be 90 minutes.

The exams will start from 11.30 am instead of 10.30 am, keeping in view the winter season.

All examinations will be

conducted in offline mode.

Bifurcating the academic session, holding two term-end exams and rationalising the syllabus were part of the special assessment scheme for Classes 10 and 12 board exams in 2021-22 announced by the CBSE in July in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"After the conduct of the term-1 exams, the results in the form of marks scored will be declared. No student will be placed in the pass, compartment and essential repeat categories after the first term. The final results will be announced after the first and the second-term examination," CBSE

Examination Controller Sanyam Bhardwaj said.

"Practical exams or internal assessment will be completed in schools before the first-term exams are over. The marks allotted will be 50 per cent of the total marks and mentioned in the syllabus. The schools will be informed separately about the full scheme so that they can make the necessary preparations," he added.

Bhardwaj further said the second-term examination would be conducted in March-April, 2022 and whether it will be objective or subjective-type will depend on the Covid situation in the country.

Poverty-Stricken Afghans Marry Off Underage Girls In Exchange For Weapons, Livestock

Poverty, unemployment and the economic meltdown Afghanistan is experiencing has led some families to wed their underage daughters to middle-aged men in exchange for money, weapons or livestock, an Afghan news agency reported on Tuesday.

Afghanistan's economy is under immense pressure, with prices of food and fuel rising sharply amid a shortage of cash, triggered by a halt in foreign aid and a drought.

"Some families have sold their one-year-old daughters for money, livestock and weapons," Raha news agency cites sources as saying.

The report added that an underage girl is valued between 100,000 to 250,000 Afghanis - equivalent to range of \$1,108 to \$2,770 - in the remote districts of Ghur province.

If the buyer doesn't have the cash, he will give the girl's family weapons or livestock instead.

The report noted that while the practice of selling underage girls is not a new occurrence, it has become more prevalent after the Taliban seized control of



Afghanistan on August 15.

News of families trading their underage daughters for material gain comes at a sensitive time for the Taliban's government which is trying to gain international recognition.

There is widespread global skepticism of the group's ability to ensure the country doesn't become a haven for terrorists and for the Taliban to protect the rights of women.

Since seizing control of Afghanistan, he Taliban launched a charm offensive to rehabilitate their headline image from their 1996-2001 era when they performed public executions, men who didn't pray in mosques where whipped, women's every

day movements were restricted and an extreme interpretation of Islamic law, Sharia, was enforced.

However, it seems the Taliban are not changing much of their core values. Instead of forming an inclusive government, the group's cabinet consisted only of senior group members.

The group also disbanded the Ministry of Women Affairs and brought back the Ministry of Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice. It disbanded a lot of women's protests with violence and delayed the return of female students to schools when male students already started classes.

India Takes Note Of China-Bhutan Pact On Boundary Negotiations

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NEW DELHI: India on Thursday reacted cautiously to Bhutan and China signing an agreement on a "three-step roadmap" to expedite negotiations to resolve their festering boundary dispute.

The signing of the pact came four years after the Indian and Chinese armies were locked in a 73-day stand-off at the Doklam tri-junction after China tried to extend a road in the area that Bhutan claimed belonged to it.

"We have noted the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Bhutan and China today. You are aware that Bhutan and China have been holding boundary negotiations since 1984. India has similarly been holding boundary negotiations with China," Spokesperson in the Ministry of External Affairs Arindam Bagchi said.

He was replying to a question on the agreement.

In a statement, Bhutan said its Foreign Minister Lyonpo Tandi Dorji and China's Assistant Foreign Minister Wu Jianghao signed on Thursday the MoU on the "three-step roadmap" for expediting the Bhutan-China Boundary negotiations.

"The MoU on the three-step roadmap will provide a fresh impetus to the boundary talks," the Bhutanese foreign ministry said.

It is expected that the implementation of this roadmap in a spirit of goodwill, understanding and accommodation will bring the boundary negotiations to a successful conclusion that is acceptable to both sides, it said.

The India-China stand-off in the Doklam plateau in 2017

even triggered fears of a war between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. Bhutan said the area belonged to it and India supported the Bhutanese claim.

India too had strongly opposed construction of the road at the Doklam tri-junction as it would have impacted its overall security interests.

The India-China face-off was resolved following several rounds of talks.

Bhutan shares an over 400-km-long border with China and the two countries have held over 24 rounds of boundary talks in a bid to resolve the dispute.

The two countries also held 10 rounds of negotiations at the 'Expert Group' level.

"The negotiations which have been conducted in a spirit of understanding and accommodation have been guided by the 1988 Joint Communiqué on the Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the Boundary and the 1998 agreement on the maintenance of peace, tranquillity and status quo in the Bhutan-China Border areas," the Bhutanese foreign ministry said in a statement.

"During the 10th Expert Group Meeting in Kunming in April this year, the two sides agreed on a three-step roadmap that will build on the 1988 Guiding Principles and help to expedite the ongoing boundary negotiations," it said.

Bagchi did not reply to a question on whether the Bhutanese government kept India informed about the MoU with China.

The signing of the pact came amid continuing standoff between Indian and Chinese troops in several friction points in eastern Ladakh.

India To Attend Moscow Format Meet On Afghanistan On Oct 20: MEA

NEW DELHI: India has got an invite for the Moscow Format meeting on Afghanistan on October 20 and it will participate in the deliberations, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Thursday.

This will be the first Moscow format dialogue since the take-over of Afghanistan by the Taliban in August. While India had its first formal contact with the Taliban in Doha on August 31, the Moscow Format is likely to be the first formal contact between New Delhi and the Taliban government after an interim Cabinet was announced by them.

Asked about the meeting, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "We have received an invitation for the Moscow Format meeting on Afghanistan on October 20. We will be participating in it."

"I don't have a final confirmation as to who would be

attending but it is likely that we will have (participation) at the joint secretary level," he said.

Russia has been holding the 'Moscow Format' of talks since 2017 to address Afghan issues. Several rounds of talks have been held in Moscow since 2017. On any humanitarian assistance India is extending or has extended to Afghanistan, Bagchi said India's policy towards Afghanistan is guided by its friendship with the Afghan people.

India has in the past provided assistance both for infrastructure as well as for humanitarian purposes, he said.

"Coming specifically to humanitarian assistance you would recall that the UN secretary general had convened a meeting on the subject on September 13 in which External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar participated.

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At 7.39 Percent

highest unemployment rate in India. Though J&K's unemployment rate, as per Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (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 rate of 6.86 percent.

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

JCO, Another

"The operation in DKG has been continuously going on since yesterday. As per inputs it is believed that 3-4 militants are still holed up inside the area." PRO Defence Jammu, Lt Col Devendra Anand said.

When asked whether the security forces have used any drones to locate the hiding militants, the official said that when the last update came, no drones were deployed in the area.

"There's only a heavy deployment of the personnels from Rashtriya Rifle and J&K." The Defence spokesperson said.

93 New Covid

officials said that Srinagar reported highest 47, followed by Baramulla with 12, Kupwara 5, Budgam 4 and Anantnag and Bandipora 2 new cases each. No new cases were reported from Ganderbal, Kulgam, Shopian and Pulwama districts.

In the winter capital, officials said, a maximum of 19 cases were reported from Doda, six from Jammu and 5 from Reasi. Seven districts of Udhampur, Rajouri,

Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar, Poonch and Ramban reported no new case of virus.

Also, the officials said that 104 more patients have recovered—28 from Jammu Division and 76 from Kashmir. They also said that there was no Covid-19 related fatality reported from J&K. So far 4426—2174 in Jammu and 2252 in Kashmir—have died due to the pathogen, they said.

The officials also said that one more fresh case of mucormycosis (black fungus) was reported on Thursday, taking the number of confirmed cases in J&K to 48.

J&K Achieves 100%

the last eligible soul. "Keeping with the pace of vaccination, the government administered 82,229 doses of COVID vaccine in the last 24 hours across the UT. As per government data, around 13,494,675 doses have been administered with COVID vaccine here till date," the official spokesperson said.

President Kovind

that the president on Thursday performed the Sindhu Darshan at Sindhu Gath at Leh in Shey village.

In the evening they said that the president will travel to Jammu and Kashmir and interact with the troops stationed at Udhampur, the northern command headquarters of the Indian army.

Officials said that on the final day of two days visit to the twin UTs, the president will travel back to Drass in the Ladakh region know as the world's coldest place, and pay tributes to the 1999 Kargil war heroes at the famous Kargil war memorial.

Officials further said that the president will celebrate the Dussehra festival with the Indian Army jawans at Drass

Meanwhile, the official tweeter handle of the Rashtrapati Bhawan informed that "President Ram Nath Kovind performs Sindhu Darshan at Sindhu Ghat Leh (sic)."

Will Take Cities

accommodation for elected corporators of SMC, empowerment of elected public representatives, ensuring continued success of public welfare schemes, and the ongoing developmental initiatives in Srinagar City.

The LG, he said, appreciated the suggestions put forth by the SMC Mayor and impressed upon him to continue his endeavours for the welfare of people.

The Lt Governor assured him of all possible support for the holistic development of Srinagar city. He said that the UT Government is steadfast to take the cities and villages of J&K to new heights of development and prosperity," the official spokesperson said.

More Surgical Strikes

quoted Shah as saying. According to India Today, Shah — who was addressing the foundation laying ceremony of a university in Goa's Dharbandora — also added: "The surgical strikes proved that we don't tolerate attacks. More will come if you transgress."

Will Complete Rail

the stipulated time. Prime Minister Modi on Wednesday launched PM GatiShakti -- National Master Plan for

multi-modal connectivity -- at Pragati Maidan in the national capital.

PM GatiShakti is the result of the Prime Minister's constant endeavour to build Next Generation Infrastructure, which improves Ease of Living as well as Ease of Doing Business. The multi-modal connectivity will provide integrated and seamless connectivity for the movement of people, goods, and services from one mode of transport to another. It will facilitate the last mile connectivity of infrastructure and also reduce travel time for people.

Pakistan Reacts

for both ideological reasons and political expediency, based on enmity towards Pakistan," FO spokesperson Asim Iftikhar Ahmad said in a statement.

LG Greets People

the Lt Governor said that Vijayadashmi symbolises the victory of good over evil.

"This auspicious occasion inspires the humanity to lead a pious, virtuous and noble life. It is an occasion to promote peace and harmony in the society. The celebration of Vijayadashmi marks the hope of a bright future," the LG said, as per an official spokesperson.

"May this season of festivities bring peace, happiness, prosperity, and a brighter future to all," he added.

Arms Cache

operation was carried out on the basis of a specific intelligence input in a forested area. A large quantity of arms and

ammunition, including one AK-47 rifle and three grenades were recovered.

"On the specific info of @BSF_Kashmir Troops of 172 Bn @BSF_India & A @JmuKmrPolice launched a joint search Ops in general area Dardssun forest, Kupwara & recovered 01 AK 47 Rifle with 790 Rds, 01 Silencer, 08 Detonator, 03 Chinese grenade, 03 Wireless set with antenna & 01 Compass," BSF tweeted.

Ladakh Reports

infection was reported in Ladakh in a 24-hour period, they added.

The death toll due to the viral disease in Ladakh stands at 208 -- 150 in Leh and 58 in Kargil. Nine coronavirus patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Leh, thereby taking the tally of cured patients to 20,611 in the Union Territory, the officials said.

All the five fresh cases were reported from Leh, they added.

A total of 996 sample reports were found to be negative in a 24-hour period, the officials said. The number of active COVID-19 cases in Ladakh has gone up to 42 -- 39 in Leh and three in Kargil.

Man Falls From

Handwara fell from a deodar tree and sustained serious injuries, reports said. The injured man was taken to a nearby health facility where from he was referred to District Hospital Handwara for treatment. However, he succumbed on way to the hospital.

Confirming the incident, a police official said that the body has been handed over the family after conduct of necessary formalities.

IPL FINAL

KKR Spinners Hold Aces, As CSK Await Dhoni 'Magic'



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Mahendra Singh Dhoni's astute captaincy in canary yellow will be Chennai Super Kings' biggest weapon against a clinical Kolkata Knight Riders, whose troika of top-notch spinners promise to hold the aces in the high-octane Indian Premier League final here on Friday.

If numbers are anything to go by, then CSK, in their astonishing ninth final appearance in 12 editions (they were suspended in two), are certain to start favourites against Kolkata Knight Riders on 'Dussera' day but in terms of trophies, there isn't much of a difference.

CSK have three titles with five final defeats while KKR have won both their finals under the mercurial Gautam Gambhir. No team has mastered the art of reaching finals like Dhoni's CSK.

But KKR will definitely be in the hunt since they won one of the most exciting high-scoring summit clash back in 2012 where they chased a target of 190 with two balls to spare.

On Friday, CSK's chances of winning a fourth title will depend on how well they handle the 12 overs from KKR's spin trio of Varun Chakravarthy (economy rate 6.40), Shikib Al Hasan (ER:6.64) and Sunil Narine (ER:6.44), who have been outstanding in this tournament.

In fact, Shikib's all-round abilities have provided more balance to KKR during the business end once Andre Russell sustained a hamstring injury.

However, the final match comes with its own set of pressures and how these three perform when put under the pump will be the key against a team of battle-hardened "been there done that" professionals.

Dhoni's captaincy mantra is simple -- rely on experience as IPL is not a finishing school or place to groom youngsters however talented they may be.

He groomed Ruturaj Gaikwad when the pressure of qualification was off his back in 2020 and the Pune lad has played freely.

He has scored three half-centuries and with his rise, Dhoni laid the groundwork for not just next year but many more to come for his franchise.

It shouldn't surprise anyone if Gaikwad becomes the next CSK captain once Dhoni calls time on IPL, which could be next year or the year after that.

No one knows the drifts and patterns of IPL more than India's most revered white-ball captain. He understands that for IPL

consistency, one needs experienced players primarily along with one or two talented youngsters.

Therefore, the job that Suresh Raina used to do during his initial years, is now being done by the young Gaikwad, who has scored an astounding 600 plus runs in the tournament with a match to go.

Hell or high water, CSK's batting will revolve around Gaikwad, who if all goes well, will surely be one of the biggest all-format batting stars in the post Virat Kohli-Rohit Sharma era.

There is abundant experience in the CSK ranks. The skipper himself is on the other side of 40 with Dwayne Bravo at 38, Faf du Plessis at 37, Ambati Rayudu (36) Robin Uthappa a few weeks short of his 36th birthday along with Moeen Ali (34) and Ravindra Jadeja (32).

Add to it, three mid-level experienced internationals like Josh Hazlewood, Deepak Chahar and Shardul Thakur, who understand the pressure situations well and CSK seem immune to big match pressure.

Dhoni is a master at maneuvering resources. An example of it this IPL was his "right-hand man" and a true-blue IPL legend Raina being dropped.

The former India player looked distinctly overweight and completely out of touch and the ruthless operator replaced him with Uthappa, who had a big role in winning the game against Delhi Capitals with that resounding start to the chase.

The Knight Riders, on the other hand, also have a captain who has won a World Cup and has been at the heart of England team's transformation as white ball captain.

Many believe that Russell the batter should replace Morgan, who has had an awful IPL with the willow.

But it's the leadership that has stood the test of time as he has marshalled his available resources well. He stuck with Shubman Gill as an opener and the youngster has had a decent run.

The faith shown in Venkatesh Iyer will also benefit the Indian white-ball team while Narine the bowler found his mojo under him with constant support after remodelled action.

Morgan is as quiet and as unexpressive as Dhoni even in testing times and it would be a contest of two ticking brains trying to gauge the next move in what promises to be a mouth-watering three-hour battle.



Premier League: Two Matches Played On Thursday

Avengers draw 2-2 with SCFA, F&S draw 1-1 with ARCO

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Two matches of the JKFA Khyber Premier Division League 2021 were played on Thursday at Synthetic Turf, TRC here.

The first match of the day was played between Kashmir Avengers FC and Sports Council Football Academy (SCFA) which ended in a 2-2 draw. An exciting match up, many fans expected a goal fest and were not disappointed.

Favourites, Kashmir Avengers FC took the lead in the 16th minute through a goal by Kelvin. Ten minutes later, Saqib scored the second goal for the Avengers in the 26th minute. At half time whistle, Kashmir Avengers FC led 2-0 against SCFA.

However, in the second half of the game, a completely rejuvenated JKSC Football Academy team managed to draw level with the Avengers. SCFA pulled one goal back in the 65th minute and then in the 69th minute managed to equalise through Parvez. The match ended 2-2 and Parvez of SCFA XI was named man of the match.

In the second Premier Division match, Food & Supplies XI played a 1-1 draw with ARCO FC. The match up between

two equally balanced teams was always going to be a tight affair, and the game lived up to its expectations with end to end drama.

F&S XI took an early lead in the 8th minute of the match. While ARCO created opportunities to score the leveller, the first half ended 1-0 in favour of Food & Supplies.

The second half saw a repeat as F&S astutely defended its lead, while ARCO launched attacks looking for the equaliser. And it came in the dying moments of the match as ARCO's Nayeem Ahmad found the net in the 89th minute. The match ended 1-1 with Aijaz of F&S XI named man of the match.

Over in A-Division League, two matches were played on Thursday at Gindun Ground, Rajbagh.

In the first match, Madina Sports FC defeated Al-Qudus FC by a solitary goal. While in the second match, Tengpora FC



defeated Manzoor Towheed FC by 5 goals to 1.

'Pele of Kashmir' KO League

The eighth match of the tournament was played on Wednesday between Kashmir United FC and Safaloo FC. Both the teams played attacking football but failed to convert their chances. The match ended 0-0. The knockout league tournament is being played at Downtown Idgah Playfield in Idgah.

Kaloo Cricket Club Win Radapora T20 Tournament

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Kaloo Cricket Club on Wednesday defeated Bhat 11 Budgam by 9 runs to win the 3rd Edition Radapora Cricket Fraternity T20 Tournament.

Kaloo Cricket Club won the toss and elected to bat first. Scoring 196 in 20 overs with Irfan Lara playing a beautiful knock of 85 runs. In reply, Bhat 11 Budgam came agonisingly close to chasing down the huge target and lost the match by 9 runs.

Sufiyan was awarded man of the match for his performance, whereas Irfan Lara was awarded the man of the series award.



IND Vs PAK, ICC T20 World Cup

Javed Miandad Shares Wisdom As Pakistan Eye India Scalp

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

KARACHI: Former Pakistan captain Javed Miandad believes a fearless approach would be crucial to his country's chances of upstaging a star-studded India when the two arch-rivals clash in their highly-anticipated T20 World Cup opener on October 24.

India have never lost to Pakistan in an ICC World Cup, either 50-over or T20.

"The match against India will be crucial to getting momentum in the tournament. They are a strong side and have several top players but if we can play without fear and pressure and everyone does his bit we can beat them," he said.

Miandad believes that the Pakistan team has the capability of doing well in the event if it puts in a collective effort.



"T20 format is one where people think that one or two players can win you matches but I look at it this way that in this format everyone needs to contribute in some way or the other for a team to be a winning outfit," Miandad said.

The former batter retired from all cricket in 1997/98 before the T20 format was introduced internationally.

He said that Pakistan can't just rely on an in-form Babar Azam to steer them ahead.

"In this format even a small innings of 20 or a crucial catch or run-out or a good over can win you matches so everyone has to put in his bit. This format is about a collective effort from the team," he said.

Miandad also rejected talk of pressure, saying professionals are supposed to deal with it calmly.

"I don't understand at times this talk about rebuilding a team grooming players at top level. In the Pakistan team you are there because you are the best and are supposed to deliver for the country," he pointed out.

The master batsman also felt that T20 cricket is not only about hitting sixes and fours and, "You shouldn't try to go bang bang all the time, it is about waiting for the right ball and moment to execute your plans," he explained.

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T20 WORLD CUP

We Will Win: Azam Confident Of Pak Victory Over India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Pakistan skipper Babar Azam is confident that his side will defeat arch-rivals India in its opening clash of the T20 World Cup as it is more familiar with the conditions, having played mostly in the UAE for the past three-four years.

Pakistan will take on India at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on October 24. They head to the fixture on the back of an unbeaten record at the venue, having recorded six T20s wins here.

"We've been playing cricket in UAE for the past 3-4 years and we know the conditions really well," Azam was quoted as saying by the ICC.

"We know how the wicket will behave and the adjustments batters will have to make. On the day who plays the better cricket, wins the match. If you ask me, we will win," added the star batsman, who is set to play his first T20 World Cup and will make his debut as captain.

The side made UAE its home venue after international teams showed reluctance to tour Pakistan citing security concerns after the 2009 terror attack on the Sri Lankan team.

Pakistan have never won a World Cup match across both ODIs and T20s against India but Azam is unperturbed, saying that it is a thing of the past.

"We know the pressure and the high intensity of each game, especially the first one. Hopefully, we can win the match and carry the momentum forward."

"Your belief and confidence



as a group matter a lot before a tournament. As a team, our confidence and morale are really high. We are not thinking of the past but the future. We are preparing for that.

"I am fully confident that we are well prepared and will play good cricket on the day," he added.

Talking about his side which is a blend of youth and experience, Azam said "All the players have entered the side after a good domestic performance."

"We have a lot to learn from the senior players in the side because they have so much experience, they have played the World Cup and leagues before."

"7-8 players in our squad have also played the Champions Trophy before which brings out different confidence."

Pakistan will also have the services of former Australian opener Matthew Hayden and the South Africa pacer Vernon Philander, who have been appointed the side's batting and bowling consultants respectively for the tournament.

"Hayden and Philander bring a lot of experience. Our attempt will be to learn from them as much as we can and quickly. The boys have the ability to absorb quickly and mix with them."

Bubble Fatigue Could See Most Seniors Rested For NZ T20s

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: India are likely to rest most of their senior players during the T20 series against New Zealand that starts less than a week after the final of the T20 World Cup.

It is expected that a young team will play the three T20 matches at home and the squad will comprise mainly of IPL performers. India will play three T20s matches on November 17, 19 and 21 at Jaipur, Ranchi and Kolkata.

It will be followed by two Tests starting November 25 in Kanpur and December 3 in Mumbai.

Top Indian players like skipper Virat Kohli, his deputy Rohit Sharma, and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah have all been in bio-bubbles since the start of World Test Championship in Southampton in June.

While the bubble in England was a relaxed one, it also led to the fifth Test in Manchester being cancelled due to COVID-19 cases in the Indian camp.

"Most of the Indian players, the senior ones have now been in three back to back bubbles for four months. Possibly after T20 World Cup, you would want them to take a break and rejuvenate before the South Africa tour starting December end," a source tracking developments in the selection committee told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

It's a foregone conclusion that the likes of Kohli, Bumrah, and Mohammed Shami would be to give a break.

Even Rohit, who has been playing non-stop since the home series against England, would need rest but with Kohli stepping down from T20 captaincy, it's remains to be seen how the workload management is dealt with.

Such a scenario beings the likes of Ruturaj Gaikwad, Harshal Patel, Avesh Khan, and Venkatesh Iyer into contention for the short series.

NCA head Dravid may have U19 work during NZ series

Speculations has been brewing that Rahul Dravid will be interim coach during New Zealand series. Incumbent Ravi Shastri's tenure ends with this month's T20 World Cup.

However, with the NCA head might be required to chalk out the roadmap for the U19 World Cup next year with India Colts team, which would be selected for the Challengers and a four-nation junior meet slated after that.

The BCCI is confident that they will get a new coach in due course of time.

Before that they would have to remove Madan Lal from the Cricket Advisory Committee as he is above 70 and there is an age cap mandated by the Lodha committee reforms.



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