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## NEWS DIGEST

### LG Felicitates UPSC Qualifiers

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday felicitated Waseem Ahmad Bhat and Iqbal Rasool Dar who qualified the UPSC Civil Services examination this year. Congratulating the **More On P10**

### Soldier Shoots Himself Dead

**SRINAGAR:** An army man allegedly committed suicide on Saturday after shooting himself using his service rifle in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. P. Harish Kumar, serving in 21 Mahar shot himself fatally while on duty at Forward Post in Tsuntwari in the border district, official sources said. **More On P10**

### J&K Logs 82 New Covid Cases

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir reported on Saturday 82 fresh cases of novel coronavirus, while 122 more patients have recovered from the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, Kashmir Valley reported 67 new cases of Covid-19 while the **More On P10**

### IFS, 2 JKAS Officers Transferred

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday ordered transfer of IFS and two JKAS officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect. According to an order, Rahul Singh, IFS (AGMUT:2013), Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division, Kathua, has been transferred **More On P10**

### Senior J&K Officer Robbed In New Delhi

**NEW DELHI:** A deputy labour commissioner in the Jammu and Kashmir administration was allegedly robbed by members of a 'Thak Thak' gang in south Delhi's Khanpur area, police said on Saturday. **More On P10**

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## 2 Non-Locals Shot Dead In Srinagar, Pulwama



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**Auqib Javeed**

**SRINAGAR:** Suspected militants on Saturday shot dead two non-locals, including a street vendor in Eidgah area

of the old City here and south Kashmir's Pulwama district. 30-year-old Arvind Kumar Sah was killed after being shot in the head from point blank range by **More On P10**

### LG Vows To Punish Perpetrators

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday condemned the killing of two non-locals and vowed that perpetrators of these heinous attacks will be punished soon. Taking to his official Twitter handle, the LG strongly condemned the brutal killings of Arvind Kumar Shah and Sagir Ahmad by "terrorists". He expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones and asserted that the Union Territory government stands in solidarity with the bereaved families in this hour of grief. **More On P10**

## Securing All 'Soft Targets' Impossible: IGP

**SRINAGAR:** A senior Jammu and Kashmir Police officer on Saturday ruled out any security lapse behind the recent civilian killings in the Valley and said that it is not possible to provide security to all those who may be soft targets for militants.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said that none of the civilians killed last week had been



provided security by the police. Seven civilians, including four from minority communities, were killed **More On P10**

### 'In The Interest Of State' Govt Terminates Geelani's Grandson

**Zaid Bin Shabir**

**SRINAGAR:** Continuing its crackdown against the government employees allegedly involved in anti-national activities, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday terminated services of late Syed Ali Geelani's grandson and a teacher from Doda district of the Union Territory.

"Whereas, the Lieutenant Governor is satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of the case and on the basis of the information available that the activities of Mr Anees-ul-Islam, **More On P10**

### NC Leader's Scam Accused Son Joins Peoples Conference

**Hilal Rather Facing CBI Probe Into Rs 177 Cr Bank Loan Case**

**Press Trust Of India**

**SRINAGAR:** A day after the National Conference termed the rumours about resignation of senior leader and former finance minister Abdul Rahim Rather from the party as baseless and "far from reality", Rather's son Hilal



Rather joined the Peoples Conference (PC) today.

Hilal, who is out on bail in a case related to diversion of loan money taken **More On P10**

## JCO, Soldier Killed In Poonch Gunfight, Toll Reaches 9

Para Commandos Join Offensive As Operation Enters Day 6

**Zaid Bin Shabir**

**SRINAGAR:** Army on Saturday recovered bodies of two soldiers, including a junior commissioned officer (JCO) from a densely forested area in Poonch district; two days after two riflemen of army were killed in an exchange of fire with militants in the same area.

The bodies of Subedar Ajay Singh and Naik Harendra Singh were recovered from densely forested area of Nar Khas in Mendhar area of the district, two days after they lost communication with the search team after the outbreak of fierce firefight with militants on Thursday, a defence spokesperson said Saturday.

In the initial exchange of fire with militants, two riflemen Yogambar Singh and Vikram Singh Negi were killed. Their killing came three days after five soldiers, including a JCO were killed in an encounter with militants in Dera Ki Gali in Poonch on Monday.

There was another exchange of fire between the Army's search parties and the fleeing militants in the adjoining Thanamandi forest in Rajouri the same day but the ultras managed their escape.

"Relentless operations continued to neutralize the terrorists and to re-establish communication with the soldiers. Subedar Ajay Singh and Naik Harendra Singh were killed in action in the fierce fight **More On P10**



KO Photo: Abid Bhat

### 2 Militants Killed In Pampore Encounter

**Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Saturday claimed to have killed two Lashkar-e-Taiba militants, including the outfit's commander in an encounter in Pampore town of

south Kashmir's Pulwama district. LeT commander Umar Mushtaq Khandey and his associate Shahid Khursheed from Chanapora here, were killed by government forces in a gunfight that broke out Saturday morning **More On P10**

**RELENTLESS OPERATIONS CONTINUED TO NEUTRALIZE** the terrorists and to re-establish communication with the soldiers. Subedar Ajay Singh and Naik Harendra Singh were killed in action in the fierce fight and their bodies have been recovered in the evening of 16 Oct 21. The operations in the area are continuing."

### NSG To Guard Srinagar, Jammu IAF Bases

**Press Trust Of India**

**GURGAON:** Counter-terrorism commando force National Security Guard has been deployed at the IAF stations in Srinagar and Jammu to provide anti-drone security cover to these vital installations, the force's director general M A Ganapathy said on Saturday.

The first-ever drone attack took place on June 27 at the Indian Air Force (IAF) station in Jammu where two unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), which came from across the border, dropped bombs, injuring two airmen and damaging a portion of a building.

The two IAF facilities in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are located close to the Pakistan border and are categorised as "sensitive" installations.

The National Security Guard (NSG) chief said the federal **More On P10**



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# Myths about Hair Care



Shahnaz Husain

**W**e keep hearing so many beauty care solutions and claims that soon we start wondering which ones are true and which are not. A time comes when you have to separate the facts from the myths, so that we can care for our skin or hair properly. Yes, even regarding hair care there are many myths. So, let's explode some myths and deal with the facts.

**1---Myth: We should brush our hair 100 times a day.** There is one famous myth that has existed for many generations.....that we should brush our hair 100 times a day to make it healthy and lustrous. Actually, excessive brushing does the hair no good and can even damage the hair. Brushes with wire bristles can break the hair. Also, if the hair is oily, too much brushing can make it even more so, because brushing activates the oil

glands further. On the other hand, if the hair is dry, it can lead to too much static and "fly away" hair. Actually, it is best to use a wide toothed comb, especially if there is hair loss. If you use a brush, use one with natural bristles.

**2---Myth: Frequent washing of the hair is harmful.** This is, perhaps, one of the most common myths. We wash our faces several times a day, but neglect to wash the hair. Yes, as Hair Expert, Philip Kingsley has said, our face and hair go to the same places. But, we wash our faces several times a day, but neglect to wash the hair. The hair attracts dirt and pollutants too and these, along with stale oil and sweat tend to cling to the hair much more. Washing does not harm the hair, if you use a mild shampoo. Apply less shampoo and rinse well with water. Wash the hair more frequently in hot and humid weather and also if the hair and scalp are oily.

**3---Myth: Hair loss can be controlled with vigorous head massage** This is another common myth.....that vigorous head massage with oil can check hair loss. Actually, if there is hair loss, the roots are already weak and vigorous head massage can cause more hair to fall out. The hair should be treated gently. Avoid rubbing and vigorous massage. Using only the finger tips actually move the scalp in small rotary movements to stimulate the hair follicles.

**4---Myth: Henna colours black hair into red.** This is also a myth. It is true that henna imparts a reddish colour. However, it colours white hair a reddish brown. It does not colour black hair. On

the other hand, it can add shine and attractive highlights to black hair.

**5---Myth: Use "Black Henna" to make the hair black, instead of red**

There is no such thing as "black henna." The natural colour that henna imparts is reddish brown. What is known as black henna may contain chemical dye. So, one should be careful. Coffee and catechu added to the henna paste can provide a darker colour, but not black. We have formulated Colourveda, a 100% natural hair colour, which contains amla, henna, catechu and indigo. It is available in three colours brown, blackish brown and burgundy.

**6---Myth: People who colour their hair with chemical colourants should apply henna regularly for its benefits.**

This is not so. Those who colour their hair with chemical colours should not apply henna. Actually, henna coats the hair and therefore, it can coat coloured hair and disrupt the colour. One should wait for the chemical colour to wear off and then apply henna, if one wishes to.

**7---Myth: Frequent shampooing and conditioner makes hair brittle and leads to hair loss.**

Frequent shampooing does not make the hair brittle. It is the product one uses and amount of shampoo used that can make the hair dry and brittle. Conditioning does not make the hair brittle. It protects the hair by forming a protective film over the hair.

**8---Myth: Dandruff does not affect the skin**

Actually, dandruff not only affects the hair by clogging the pores of the scalp, but can also affect the skin and lead to acne. In fact, severe dandruff can cause acne on the back, shoulders and upper arms. If there is severe dandruff, combs, brushes, pillow covers and towels should be washed daily, in hot soapy water, adding a few drops of an antiseptic solution.

**9---Myth: Oiling the hair does not help the hair in anyway.**

This is not true. Oil does help the hair by softening and improving hair texture. It relieves dryness. Different oils also have specific benefits. For dandruff, apply warmed olive oil or til oil. For severely damaged and dry hair, heat two teaspoons each of castor oil and pure coconut oil. Heat and apply on the hair.

**10---Myth: Dry and dull hair can be cured only by deep root conditioning.**

Root Conditioning delivers greater amounts of caffeine and other active ingredients directly to the hair roots. The entire hair should be conditioned if it is dry and dull. Other therapies like hot oil therapy would also help. You can try deep conditioning. Mix one egg to one tablespoon mayonnaise and one teaspoon olive oil. Apply the paste on the hair. Then do the hot towel wrap. Leave on for half an hour and then wash the hair.

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**Subject: Updated Provisional Merit list of the candidates who have applied to B.Pharmacy Course 2021 for further allotment of seats.**

**Reference:- Notification No. 101-BOPEE of 2021 dated 08-10-2021.**

**Notification No: - 105-BOPEE of 2021**  
**Dated: - 13-10-2021.**

The Board vide Notification No:101-BOPEE of 2021 dated 08-10-2021 issued Provisional Merit list of the candidates who have applied to B. Pharmacy Course 2021 for objections thereof upto 12-10-2021(04:00pm).

The applicant namely Sameer Ahmad Wani having Rank103 mentioned in the Annexure A to the Notification No:-101-BOPEE of 2021 dated 08-10-2021 has represented before the Board that he has obtained 437 marks out of 500 in 12<sup>th</sup> class examination but due to typographical error his marks have been mentioned as 410 out of 500 in the merit list. The Board has examined his representation and keeping in view his marks of class10+2 (i.e 437) he is accordingly placed at Rank No: 48 in the updated provisional merit list which is annexed as Annexure: A to this Notification.

The candidates figuring in this updates Merit list are advised to visit BOPEE website daily for further provisional selection list on the basis of their rank mentioned in the updated provisional merit list.

The other terms & conditions shall remain same as notified in various Notification numbers issued in this regard from time to time.

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**DIPK-NB-4234/21**

No: BOPE/Exam-19/2021 Dated:- 13-10-2021

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**Subject: Result / Provisional merit list for admission to B.Sc. Nursing / B.Sc. Paramedical / B.Sc. Technology. Courses-2021 after conduct of Common Entrance Test on 19th September, 2021.**

**Reference:** (i) Notification No. 070-BOPEE of 2021 dated 08-07-2021.  
(ii) Notice No. 058-BOPEE of 2021 dated 26-07-2021.  
(iii) Notice No. 061-BOPEE of 2021 dated 13-08-2021.  
(iv) SC/491-B.Sc. Nursing / 7513 dated 11-10-2021.  
(v) Notification No. 087-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09-09-2021.

**Notification No :- 104-BOPEE of 2021**  
**Dated :- 13-10-2021.**

The provisional merit list of all the candidates, who had appeared in the Common Entrance Test conducted by the BOPEE in pursuance to Notification No. 087-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09-09-2021 for Admission to B.Sc. Nursing / B.Sc. Paramedical / B.Sc. Technology courses-2021 on 19th September, 2021 is hereby notified as Annexure "A" to this notification.

The sports rank wise list of candidates is annexed as Annexure "B" to this notification and those candidates who have applied under Sports category but their names have not been recommended by the J&K Sports Council, have been treated as Open Merit candidates by the Board.

The candidates, whose category certificate is deficient have to clear the same during the day of his/her counseling, if found eligible, failing which they shall be treated as open category candidate.

There are some candidates figuring in the Annexure "A" to this notification whose reserved category certificates were expired / invalid at the time of submission of online application forms were approved just to allow them to appear in the entrance test as reserved category candidates as, the Board is competent to reject such applications whose certificates were expired / invalid at the time of submission of online application form. All such candidates, if called, for counseling are hereby advised to produce the renewed / valid /deficient documents issued by the competent authority up to the prescribed date i.e.07-08-2021, the last date of filing of online application forms, at the time of counseling.

The candidates whose D.O.B./Domicile/12<sup>th</sup> class marks card certificates are deficient have been provisionally included in this list with the condition that they have to submit the same at the respective colleges/institutions, if he/she is provisionally selected.

In case two or more candidates have obtained the same number of marks in the entrance test, the inter-se-merit of such candidates have been resolved as per provision defined at point 13 page no 36 of information Brochure which is available on website of Board ( www.jkbopee.gov.in).

The eligibility / bench mark for conduct of physical round of counselling shall be notified by the Board separately in due course of time. However, the candidates are advised to remain in touch with official website www.jkbopee.gov.in of the board for daily updates.

The Annexures 'A' and "B" shall be available on BOPEE official website www.jkbopee.gov.in only.

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**DIPK-NB-4235/21**

No: BOPEE/Exam-06/2021 Dated:- 13-10-2021

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# LG Inaugurates Multi-Level Car Parking In City

Multiple Projects Will Encourage Socio-economic Growth: LG



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**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday dedicated key urban transformation projects to the public. These projects worth Rs 40.34 crore were executed by Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Srinagar Smart City Limited.

While speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor reaffirmed that the government is committed to urban renewal that mirrors the aspirations of J&K UT.

The Lt Governor said that multiple projects inaugurated under AMRUT and Srinagar Smart City will encourage socio-economic growth, and bring employment and utilities

closer to the residents.

The projects which were inaugurated include multi-level car parking at old SMG Lal Chowk; Dewatering station and Drainage Scheme at Indra Nagar; Highway Park-Green Space and Fountain at Bemina, built at the cost of Rs 26.91 crore, Rs 9.83 crore, and Rs 3.60 crore respectively.

During the inauguration of new multi-level Car Parking at old SMG Lal Chowk, the officials informed that the multi-level Car Parking has Ground plus three floors for 500 cars and 150 two-wheelers.

The new dewatering station and Drainage Scheme built above the highest flood level of

2014 equipped with submersible pumps and other electro-mechanic equipment, and creation of underground drainage network at Indra Nagar will provide solutions to the problem of water stagnation and flooding of streets in the area.

The project will reduce the damages caused to the roads due to water logging during monsoons and rainfalls.

Informing about the features and advantages of the Highway Park, Green Space, and Fountain at Bemina, the officials said that the development of the park and fountain will provide recreation space for residents, benefiting about 1,00,000 population.

## Div Com Inaugurates Paid Car Parking At Boulevard

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir inaugurated paid car parking belonging to Evacuee Property Kashmir here on Saturday.

According to a statement, the paid car parking was inaugurated by Pandurang Kondbarao Pole in presence of Tariq Hussain Naik, Custodian Evacuee Property Kashmir and other Officers of the Department besides the representatives of various stakeholders.

"Ab. Qayoom Qadri Dy. Custodian HQ Kashmir welcomed the Chief guests and other dignitaries. It was a long pending demand of various tourism stakeholders to make the piece of land owned by the department available for car parking," the press release reads.

"The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir congratulated the department for making the efforts for creating a facility so that the visitors shall benefit from the facility and

traffic flow on the busiest road of Srinagar gets eased out.

The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir directed the department to work tirelessly and give wide publicity of parking so that the maximum people shall keep their vehicle parked instead of parking vehicle on road side to avoid traffic congestion"

"The Custodian Evacuee Property Kashmir assured the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir that the department put their best efforts for utilization of parking on merits. The dignitaries requested cooperation from the General public and visitors to get the benefit of parking and help administration to make Srinagar free from traffic congestion. The creation of a parking facility shall help visitors to visualize the mesmerizing beauty of world famous Dal Lake. The creation of a parking facility shall significantly prove beneficial for the public as well as the department in future," it said. (KINS)

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- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Open)

## This Day in History

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- 1956 - Pakistan defeat Australia by nine wickets at 1st attempt
- 1960 - US & Britain sign accord for nuclear submarine bases
- 1961 - Battle of Paris-police kill 210 Algerians
- 1961 - NASA civilian pilot Joseph A Walker takes X-15 to 33,100 m
- 1969 - Soyuz 7 returns to Earth
- 1970 - Anwar Sadat sworn in as the 3rd President of Egypt
- 1973 - OPEC oil ministers agree to use oil weapon in Arab-Israeli War, mandate cut in exports, and recommend embargo against unfriendly states.
- 1975 - 1st Space Shuttle main engine test at National Space Tech Labs, Miss
- 1975 - UN passes resolution saying "Zionism is a form of racism"
- 1976 - China performs nuclear test at Lop Nor, PRC
- 1979 - Mother Teresa of Calcutta awarded Nobel Peace Prize
- 1983 - Nobel Prize in Economics awarded to Gerard Debreu
- 1984 - Nobel prize for chemistry awarded to Bruce Merrifield
- 1986 - Yitzhak Rabin forms Israeli government
- 1994 - Kapil Dev's final one-day international (v West Indies)
- 1998 - At Jesse, in the Niger Delta, Nigeria, a petroleum pipeline explodes killing about 1200 villagers, some of whom are scavenging gasoline.
- 2003 - Eunuchs in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh float the political party Jiti Jitayi Politics.
- 2006 - The United States population reaches 300 million
- 2007 - The Dalai Lama receives the United States Congressional Gold Medal
- 2012 - Exoplanet Alpha Centauri Bb discovered orbiting Alpha Centauri announced (later thought to be a false finding)
- 2013 - 59 people are killed in a wave of attacks on Shia Muslims in Iraq
- 2016 - Chinese spacecraft Shenzhou-11 launched from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northern China

## From KO Archives

## Albright To Make Sentimental Journey To Kashmir

Observer News Service

**NEW DELHI:** US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will make a "sentimental and personal" visit to Kashmir before her term runs out this year, a daily said Wednesday.

Quoting state department sources in Washington, the Business Albright was keen to visit the divided Kashmir where her diplomat father, Josef Korbel, served as a UN observer.

"All senior state department officials have to routinely submit their resignations on January 19, 2001 when the new US is sworn in," the daily said

"Whether she will get her job back if the Democrats return to power is an open question But before that hap-pens, Albright feels she owes it to the memory was the crowning glory of his career." Korbel was appointed Czechoslovak ambassador to Bel-grade when he was 36. Later in 1948, he was persuaded to take up the post of Czech representative to the UN commission which was supposed to mediate on the Kashmir question. Korbel found there was little the UN could do to solve the problem—which has led to two wars and a military conflict between arch-rivals India and Pakistan since their 1947 independence from British rule.

According to Michael Dobbs, Albright's biographer, Kor-bel also took up the job of her father to visit Kashmir presi-dent is sworn in, and the (UN) observers' office because it would enable him to cross the Iron Curtain with his family, which he did, choosing the United States as his new country.

Albright has been actively involved with the Kashmir issue in her present job. Dobbs said that Albright was very attached to her father and cherished his stint in Kashmir.

Dobbs claimed that when President Bill Clinton named Albright US envoy to the UN the first thing (she) did was to arrive in her office and unpack a framed photograph.

"It showed Josef Korbel and other members on the UN commission on; Kashmir, starting off for the Indian sub-continent in the summer of 1948." "In the winter of 2000, Albright will make a similar journey" the paper said.

(Kashmir Observer, October 17, 2000)

## Accidents Reported on Ishber Road After LAWDA Leaves Repaired Manholes Open

Observer City Desk

**SRINAGAR:** The residents of Nishat-Ishber stretch on Saturday slammed the J&K Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) for keeping the concrete manholes open on the road following repair work resulting in multiple accidents.

Residents called the Kashmir Observer office complaining that three days after the department completed the repair work of the drainage line, they kept the manholes open on the road.

"It's very unfortunate that they didn't even bother to erect caution signs for motorists on this busy road," said Aijaz Ahmad who witnessed two collisions on the road.

A Sumo and a Maruti car had a head on collision Saturday morning as according



to reports, the former tried to dodge the open manhole to avoid hitting a biker. Driver of the Maruti was badly injured.

He said that if the repair work was completed three days ago, the manholes should have been plugged in, keeping



in view of the rush on the road.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Executive Engineer, LAWDA Mohammad Ashraf Baba said that the work on the raising of concrete manholes was being executed from the department so it was necessary to keep the



holes open. He, however, said that they had put the big rocks around the hole to avoid any untoward incident.

When asked why were not the caution signs placed on the road, he said: "Let me check with the incharge officer".

## Aspirants Suffer Due To Hectic Driving Trail At Srinagar

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Regional Transport officer Kashmir has Completely failed to Manage the Smooth Trial of applicants for issuance of Driving Licence due to which the General Public is Badly Suffering.

Sources told news agency hat Applicants across district who were Waiting Since that MVD Srinagar has failed to take the test as per Central Motor Vehicle Rule 15 according to which an applicant is tested for almost 20 parameters on road but unfortunately are being deliberately failed and humiliated here.

Meanwhile Netizens and RTI Activists have also Shown their anger against the Trail adopted by MVD at Srinagar

An RTI and Social Activist Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat wrote on Social Media that More than one hundred Vehicles were waiting at Srinagar Since long until 09:45 No body from the department was reached there.

Aspirants alleged that there is need to adopt latest Concept for Conducting Trail of the applicants anr requested Secretary Transport Department look into the serious and Grave issue.(CNS)

## Food Dept. Rebuts Media Reports Of Inadequate Quantity Of Rice Distribution

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), has strongly rebutted the news item circulated in a section of media regarding distribution of inadequate quantity of rice by some FPS dealers and quality not being up to mark, in certain areas, among the ration-card holders.

Taking strong note of the news, the concerned authorities have given out that no such report has been brought to the notice of the Department and that no specific FPS has been identified or area flagged in the said news item where ration below entitlement is being provide to the beneficiaries. However, it has been advised that if any such activity is observed by the public or media, it needs to be brought to the notice of the department immediately, with specific details of the area, fair price shop or Sale Centre, assuring strict action against the dealers/salesmen involved, including cancellation of licenses or allotment. The public/media has also been advised to verify such reports from the authorities and take view of the department, so that correct

facts are brought to the fore for the benefit of the public at large.

It has been clarified that the public distribution system in Jammu & Kashmir operates through a network of Government Sale Centres, licensed FPS private dealers and the distribution is through PoS machines and nearly 95% of it is distributed in an online mode, drawn by the beneficiaries with Aadhar authentication. Further, the allocation of ration varies from category to category and the prices are as mentioned in the PoS Receipt. It is being pointed out for the information of the public that there is absolutely no shortage of any food item including rice, and in fact surplus always remains available with the department, that allocates ration, every month, for each family and each beneficiary as per their entitlement. The quality of rice that is received from FCI and distributed under PDS conforms to prescribed threshold parameters and no stock that does not conform to these threshold parameters is distributed under PDS and wherever any report of deviation in parameters is observed, the remedial measures are taken immediately so that such stocks are not distributed.

## Info. Dept Organises Nukkad Natak On Global Hand Washing Day At SMHS

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The Cultural Unit of the Joint Directorate of Information Srinagar in Collaboration with Angel's Cultural Academy & SMHS hospital organise a Nukkad Natak on Global Hand Washing Day and Covid-19 Awareness at SMHS Hospital Srinagar

The Nukkad Natak programme was organised to raise mass aware-



ness about the importance of Health Hygiene & COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour. On the occasion, Mask Distributions were distributed among the participants and others.

Besides, through the Act the artists advised the participants to keep following all the guidelines of the Health Department regarding COVID-19 and take vaccines to avert the third COVID-19 wave and guard themselves against the deadly virus.

## CUK Accords Warm Send Off To VC Prof. Mehraj Ud Din Mir

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The faculty and administrative staff of the Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Saturday accorded a warm send off to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Prof. Mehraj ud Din Mir on the completion of his term in office.

Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar, Finance Officer, Prof. Fayaz A Nikka, Controller of Examinations, Prof. Farooq A Mir, Director R&D, Prof Farooq A Shah, Director IQAC, Prof. Wali Mohammad Shah, Director MPRC, Prof. (Dr.) Shahid Rasool, Deans of Schools, Heads of departments, other faculty members and administrative staff were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the faculty members and administrative staff described Prof. Mehraj ud Din Mir as a man of conviction, integrity and repute. "After being appointed as the VC of the Central University of Kashmir, Prof. Mehraj ud Din Mir worked tirelessly for the overall growth, development and progress of the varsity on all fronts. He ensured that the university shifts from rented accommodations in Srinagar to Ganderbal. Hailing his personal involvement in the recruitment of quality teaching and non-teaching staff, the staff spoke at length about other contributions made by Prof Mehraj ud Din Mir towards the aca-

demie scenario of the varsity.

Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar, termed Prof. Mehraj ud Din Mir as a man of highest integrity with a great vision and dedication. "The university under the command of Prof Mehraj ud Din Mir has progressed well in the field of academics and this would prove to be a great asset to the state education sector in near future," said Prof Zargar. He further said that as a mark of a good administrator, Prof. Mir made quality recruitments in the Central University to ensure a good future for the university to grow and serve the society better. Prof Zargar also highlighted the employee friendly and humble nature of Prof Mir.



# 'ISI Chief Appointment Issue To Be Resolved In A Week'

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: Pakistan's Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed has said the issue of appointment of the new chief of spy agency ISI would be resolved within a week, amid widespread speculation that Prime Minister Imran Khan and the powerful Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa were not on the same page over the key posting.

The issue of appointment of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) director general has been in the news since last week after delay in the issuance of appointment

Earlier this week, Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry had said the prime minister has the right to appoint the spy chief and that the consultation process was completed and the notification would be issued.

According to a report published in The Dawn newspaper on Friday, Sheikh Rashid told a private TV channel that the issue has been amicably settled between the civil and military leadership of the country and "now the appointment (of ISI chief) will take place before next Friday".

When asked about the reasons



notification of Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum. The interior minister, however, was reluctant to give reasons for the delay.

The army in a statement on October 6 announced Anjum replacing Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, who was appointed as Peshawar Corps Commander, but the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) withheld the official notification. After initial silence on the issue, the government this week said PM Khan was not properly consulted while making the key appointment.

for the delay, the interior minister said though he knows the reasons, he cannot make them public as only prime minister Khan could apprise the people on the matter.

Responding to a question, Sheikh Rashid rejected the claims that the delay was being made by the PMO due to some "spiritual and saintly" reasons. "It is totally absurd that the issue is being delayed intentionally due to divine intervention. It is illogical that someone is casting a spell," he said.

## No Invitation For Myanmar Military Gov't Leader At Asean Summit

Agencies

Burma: Southeast Asian countries will invite a non-political representative from Myanmar to a regional summit this month, delivering an unprecedented snub to the military leader who led a coup against an elected civilian government in February this year.



The decision, taken by foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at an emergency meeting on Friday night, marks a rare bold step for the consensus-driven bloc, which has traditionally favoured a policy of engagement and non-interference.

On Saturday, Singapore's foreign ministry said the move to exclude military government chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was a "difficult but necessary decision to uphold ASEAN's credibility".

The statement noted "in-

sufficient progress" in the implementation of a five-point plan agreed by ASEAN leaders in April to end turmoil following the coup.

ASEAN's current chair Brunei said a non-political figure from Myanmar would be invited to the October 26-28 summit, after no consensus was reached for a political representative to attend.

"As there had been insufficient progress ... as well as concerns over Myanmar's commitment, in particular on establishing constructive dialogue among all concerned parties, some ASEAN Member States recommended that ASEAN give space to Myanmar to restore its internal affairs and return to normalcy," Brunei said in a statement.

It did not mention Min Aung Hlaing or name who would be invited in his place.

Zaw Min Tun, a spokesman for Myanmar's military government, blamed "foreign intervention" for the rare exclusion of Min Aung Hlaing from the summit, and told the BBC Burmese news service that the United States and representatives of the European Union had pressured other leaders of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to exclude the military leader from the summit later this month.



Relatives bury their dead after suicide attack on a mosque killed more than sixty people in Kandahar

## Sowing Discord Among Muslims Betrayal of Islam: Al Azhar

Trans Asia News

Kabul: Al-Azhar University, Sunni Islam's highest seat of learning, has expressed its "strong condemnation of the treacherous terrorist bombings" in Kandahar, Afghanistan saying that those who kill worshippers in God's homes have "sold their religion for a cheap price in the world, and that they will receive their fullest punishment in the hereafter."

Egypt based Al Azhar emphasized that "harping on the differences of Islamic sects, and exploiting them to shed blood and intimidate the innocent is a betrayal of the teachings of Islam."

"The pioneers of sedition in the fields of politics exploit the differences among schools of Islamic thought to sow discord and strife among Muslims. They forget that these Islamic sects have lived side by side under Islam for more than 14 centuries," it added.

More than 60 worshippers were killed in three back-to-back explosions that hit the Bibi

Fatima mosque during Friday prayers, one of the biggest blasts in Kandahar city.

It came just a week after a bomb attack claimed by the Daesh terror group killed more than 150 worshippers and left score of others injured during Friday prayers at a mosque in the north-eastern city of Kunduz.

Iran's Foreign Ministry condemned the attack stressing the need for Muslim unity to counter hostile divisive plots.

In a statement on Friday, the Iranian Foreign Ministry condemned the killing of Afghan worshippers in three back-to-back explosions during Friday prayers.

Iran warned of plots by the enemies to cause divisions and stressed the need for unity and solidarity among Shias and Sunnis and for rejection of violence and extremism in the name of Islam.

"This heart-wrenching incident and the past tragic events including the terrorist attack in Kunduz highlight more than ever before the need for beefing up security and boosting protec-

tion of Shia and Sunni worshiping places and other gatherings in Afghanistan. The Islamic Republic of Iran is confident that our Muslim brothers and sisters in Afghanistan will foil the divisive schemes of their enemies through solidarity, co-thinking and joint efforts."

In Lebanon, Hezbollah called on the Afghan authorities to secure the mosques and the worshippers, and not to leave them "an easy target to be preyed upon by the human wolves left behind by the United States to sow havoc and destruction in Afghanistan to avenge its failure after a long occupation."

It further expressed deep sorrow and regret for the pure blood shed by the terrorists, asking God Almighty to grant the righteous martyrs mercy, the wounded a speedy recovery, and the faithful Afghan people protection from every evil.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said the terrorist attack in Kandahar was aimed at fueling religious rift and political conflict in Afghanistan.

## "Heard Sound Of Firing"

# Shock At 2nd Mosque Attack In Afghanistan In A Week

Agencies

Kandahar: Sardar Mohammad Zaidi, imam of the Fatima mosque in the Afghan city of Kandahar, had almost reached the end of Friday prayers when gunfire and explosions signalled the start of the second attack on a Shi'ite mosque in a week.

The mosque, also known as the Imam Bargah mosque, is the largest of around 40 Shi'ite mosques in Kandahar, the second-largest city in Afghanistan in the south of the country near the border with Pakistan.

"We were almost done with the prayer, at the end of the prayer, I heard the sound of firing," Zaidi, who has been imam

of the mosque for 20 years, told Reuters by telephone.

Four suicide bombers tried to get into the mosque packed with some 3,000 worshippers but two were shot by guards at the entrance before managing to detonate their explosives, he said.

In the confusion, the two others were able to enter before blowing themselves up, killing at least 35 worshippers and wounding 68. Zaidi said the toll could have been much worse.

"If all four had managed to get inside, it would have been devastating, and you can imagine what would happen," he said.

Following last week's Islamic State attack on a Shi'ite mosque in the northern city of Kunduz that

killed as many as 80 people, the Shi'ite community, estimated to make up some 10-15% of the country's population, has been shaken.

Although there has been no public claim of responsibility so far, Zaidi said he has no doubt Islamic State was behind the attack. But the fact they had struck in Kandahar, heartland of the Taliban movement now ruling Afghanistan, was a shock.

"When the Taliban came, we did not think that such incidents would happen in Kandahar," he said. "Incidents had happened in Kabul, Kunar, but we never thought it would happen in Kandahar. No one warned us about any threat."

## Israel Quietly Advances Settlements With Little US Pushback

Agencies

JERUSALEM: Israel is quietly advancing controversial settlement projects in and around Jerusalem without making major announcements that could anger the Biden administration. Critics say the latest moves, while incremental, pave the way for rapid growth once the political climate changes.

On Wednesday, as Foreign Minister Yair Lapid met with US officials in Washington, a local planning committee in Jerusalem approved the expropriation of public land for the especially controversial Givat Hamatos settlement, which would largely cut the city off from Palestinian communities in the southern West Bank.

The same committee advanced plans for the construction of 470 homes in the existing east Jerusalem settlement of Pisgat Ze'ev. Authorities have scheduled a Dec. 6 hearing for another project in east Jerusalem to build 9,000 settler homes in the Atarot area, according to Ir Amim, an Israeli rights group that closely follows developments in the city.

A military body has, meanwhile, scheduled two meetings in the coming weeks to discuss a planned settlement of 3,400 homes on a barren hillside outside Jerusalem known as E1. Critics say it would largely bisect the occupied

West Bank, making it impossible to establish a viable Palestinian state alongside Israel. A two-state solution is still seen internationally as the only realistic way to resolve the century-old conflict.

Critics say projects around Jerusalem will largely bisect occupied West Bank

The fact that simultaneously all of these very controversial plans that have been longstanding international red lines have now been advancing ... is very indicative that the Israeli government intends to advance and ultimately approve these plans," said Amy Cohen of Ir Amim.

Jerusalem's deputy mayor Fleur Hassan-Nahoum downplayed the latest developments, noting that Givat Hamatos was approved years ago. Nothing's changed over the last few years, she said. We are a city and were providing for our residents." Spokespeople from the defense and housing ministries, which are also involved in approving settlements, declined to comment.

Construction is already underway in Givat Hamatos, where tenders for more than 1,200 homes were announced last November. The other projects are still progressing through a long bureaucratic process, and it could be months or years before shovels break ground.

## 2 Hindu Men Killed In Fresh Communal Violence In Bangladesh



Agencies

Dhaka: Two Hindu men have been killed in fresh communal violence in Bangladesh, police officials said Saturday, taking the number of deaths to six from recent unrest in the Muslim-majority country.

Protests began on Wednesday after footage emerged of a Quran being placed on the knee of a Hindu god during Durga Puja celebrations. The minority community make up about 10 per cent of the population.

Police said the latest violence occurred in the southern town of Begumganj when hundreds of Muslims formed a street procession after Friday prayers on the final day of Durga Puja.

More than 200 protesters attacked a temple where members of the Hindu community were preparing to perform the last rites of the 10-day festival, local police station chief Shah Imran told reporters.

The attackers beat and stabbed to death an executive member of the temple committee, he said.

On Saturday morning, another Hindu man's body was found near a pond next to the temple, district police chief Shahidul Islam told AFP. "Two men have died since yesterday's attack. We are working to find the culprits," he added.

The Anti-Hindu violence spread to more than a dozen districts across Bangladesh this week after footage emerged on social media of the Quran incident.

At least four people were killed late Wednesday when police opened fire on a crowd of around 500 people attacking a Hindu temple in Hajiganj, one of several towns hit by the disturbances.

## NEWS MAKERS

CAPE CANAVERAL: A NASA spacecraft named Lucy rocketed into the sky with diamonds Saturday morning on a 12-year quest to explore eight asteroids.

Seven of the mysterious space rocks are among swarms of asteroids sharing Jupiter's orbit, thought to be the pristine leftovers of planetary formation.

An Atlas V rocket blasted off before dawn, sending Lucy on a roundabout orbital journey spanning nearly 4 billion miles (6.3 billion kilometers). "I'm just elated," NASA's associate administrator, Robert Cabana, said following liftoff. "This is the coolest darn mission."

Lucy is named after the 3.2 million-year-old skeletal remains of a human ancestor found in Ethiopia nearly a half-century ago. That discovery got its name from the 1967 Beatles song "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," prompting NASA to send the spacecraft soaring with

## NASA's asteroid hunter Lucy soars into sky with diamonds

band members' lyrics and other luminaries' words of wisdom imprinted on a plaque. The spacecraft also carried a disc made of lab-grown diamonds for one of its science instruments.

In a prerecorded video for NASA, Beatles drummer Ringo Starr paid tribute to his late colleague John Lennon, credited for writing the song that inspired all this.

"Lucy is going back in the sky with diamonds. Johnny will love that," Starr said. "Anyway, if you meet anyone up there, Lucy, give them peace and love from me."

The paleoanthropologist behind the fossil Lucy discovery, Donald Johanson, said he was filled with wonder about this "in-



tersection of our past, our present and our future."

"That a human ancestor who lived so long ago stimulated a mission which promises to add valuable information about the formation of our solar system is incredibly exciting," said Johanson, of Arizona State University,

who traveled to Cape Canaveral for the launch.

Lucy's \$981 million mission is the first to aim for Jupiter's so-called Trojan entourage: thousands — if not millions — of asteroids that share the gas giant's expansive orbit around the sun. Some of the Trojan asteroids precede Jupiter in its orbit, while others trail it.

Despite their orbits, the Trojans are far from the planet and mostly scattered far from each other. So there's essentially zero chance of Lucy getting clobbered by one as it swoops past its targets, said Southwest Research Institute's Hal Levison, the mission's principal scientist.

Lucy will swoop past Earth next October and again in 2024 to get enough gravitational oomph to make it all the way out to Jupiter's orbit. On the way there, the spacecraft will zip past asteroid Donaldjohanson between Mars and Jupiter. The aptly named rock will serve as a 2025 warm-up act for the science instruments.

## Apple removes Quran, Bible apps in China at request of Chinese officials

Apple has taken down a Quran app and a Bible app in China at the request of Chinese officials, reports the BBC.

The apps, which are called 'Quran Majeed' and 'Bible App by Olive Tree', were first reported as having been taken down by Apple Censorship — a website that monitors Apple's App Store globally, it said.

The Quran app was removed for hosting illegal religious texts, the BBC report said before adding that the Chinese government has not responded to its request for comment.

"According to Apple, our app Quran Majeed has been removed from the China App store because it includes content that requires additional documentation from Chinese authorities," it quoted a statement by the app's

developer PDMS. "We are trying to get in touch with the Cyber-space Administration of China and relevant Chinese authorities to get this issue resolved".

The company said it had close to one million users in China.

China has been accused of human rights violations against the mostly Muslim Uyghur ethnic group in Xinjiang.

Developers of the Bible app, however, told the BBC they had removed the app themselves.

"Olive Tree Bible Software was informed during the App Store review process that we are required to provide a permit demonstrating our authorization to distribute an app with book or magazine content in mainland China," said a spokesperson. "Since we did not have the permit and needed to get our app update

approved and out to customers, we removed our Bible app from China's App Store."

The BBC report said that Apple declined to comment and directed it to its Human Rights Policy, which states: "We're required to comply with local laws, and at times there are complex issues about which we may disagree with governments."

China is one of Apple's biggest markets, and the company's supply chain is heavily reliant on Chinese manufacturing.

The New York Times reported earlier this year that Apple takes down apps in China if deemed off limits by the Chinese government. Topics that apps cannot discuss include Tiananmen Square, the Chinese spiritual movement Falun Gong, the Dalai Lama, and independence for Tibet and Taiwan.



## Chief Secretary Reviews Mining Operations



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Saturday chaired a meeting to review mining activities towards ensuring the availability of construction material at reasonable prices in Jammu and Kashmir.

Administrative Secretaries of departments of Revenue, Mining, Forest, Ecology & Environment, besides Director, Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, Member Secretary, Pollution Control Board (PCB), Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu, all Deputy Commissioners, District SPs, and concerned officers participated in the meeting.

While emphasizing the availability of various minor minerals at reasonable prices, the Chief Secretary directed the concerned to expeditiously complete the registration process of auctioned mines for their early operationalization so that the supply of these minerals is augmented and consequently prices are stabilized across all districts.

The Chief Secretary expressed concern over the failure of successful bidders of the e-auction of minor mineral mines in completing the requisite codal formalities. The Chief Secretary asked the Mining Department to initiate cancellation proceedings if they fail to apply for the statutory clearances within the stipulated time frame and consider re-auction of the defunct mines.

Reviewing the issue of pendency of departmental NOCs, the Chief Secretary directed the Divisional Commissioners to hold special reviews and facilitate time-bound issuance of the same.

The Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu were also directed to undertake regular market surveillance and ensure the availability of construction material at equitable rates across all districts. They were asked to analyze the difference in rates between districts and rationalize the same, besides ensuring enforcement of the notified rates by curbing any form of illegal mining or trade.

## COVID Vaccine For Children Will Help Reopen Schools: DAK

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**Srinagar:** With the approval of Covaxin for children, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday said the vaccine will pave way for reopening of schools.

"Vaccination will play an important role in getting children back to classrooms," said DAK President and influenza expert Dr Nisar ul Hassan in a statement.

He said prolonged closure of schools due to Covid-19 has impacted education at all levels. "Not only academic learning, school closure has resulted in loss of social and emotional learning which is important for holistic development of children."

"Now, we have the vaccine that would help children to return to classrooms and ensure safe learning in schools," he said.

The DAK President said subject expert committee on Tuesday recommended granting emergency use authorization to Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for children in the 2-18 years age group.



"The vaccine has been found to be safe and effective in preventing Covid-19 in children," he added.

"The pediatric vaccine can also prevent further waves of Covid-19," Dr Hassan said, adding that while children mostly get mild illness, they can spread the virus to others.

"It is hard to defeat Covid-19 pandemic without vaccinating children," Dr Nisar said.

He said we won't be able to achieve herd immunity until children are vaccinated. "Herd immunity is achieved when most of the population in a community is immune to the disease so that the virus can no longer spread easily from person to person."



Pic: Abid Bhat/KO

**INMATES OF THE HOUSE,** destroyed during the encounter at Drangbal, Pampore react after visiting the spot.

## NC Synonymous With Dignity, Identity Of J&K: Dr Farooq

Says J&K people determined to fight all malicious attempts aimed to fracture united voice

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** National Conference (NC) president and Member of Parliament from Srinagar Dr Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said NC is the only party that can restore dignity as well as protect the identity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The party president said this while addressing a gathering of party delegates here at Nawa-e-Subha, Srinagar.

According to a statement, the event marked the conclusion of the fourth phase of organizational elections in which party's senior leader and former minister Nasir Aslam Wani was re-elected as Provincial President (Kashmir) unopposed for the second consecutive term.

He has been holding the office since 2013.

On the occasion, his name for the post was proposed by senior leaders Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan, Mubarak Gul, Dr Bashir Veeri, Peer Afaq and seconded by all district, provincial functionaries and delegates present on the occasion.

The entire election exercise was officiated by Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan and Ali Muhammad Dar. Later party



functionaries felicitated the Provincial President elect Nasir Aslam Wani for his resounding and unopposed win.

Felicitating Nasir on his new stint as Provincial President, Dr Farooq said holding the party flag high is a daunting task and that NC's history is rife with such numerous men who held the party flag high facing many challenges.

He said that it was due to the efforts of numerous NC workers that the struggle which was launched in 1931 culminated in the restoration of democracy in JK.

NC, he added, on account of its struggle for the protection of identity and historical individuality of the people of JK, has been immortalized in the hearts and minds of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

NC, as a natural, legitimate and powerful voice, Dr Farooq added, espouses the efforts

and sacrifice of various workers, some celebrated and others whose names, despite being worthy of all the glory that there is, remain anonymous to the masses today.

"Since stepping into the shoes of his predecessors, Nasir has diligently guarded the party heirloom which it has inherited from Sher-e-Kashmir. I pass on my good wishes to him on his astounding victory. Elections reveal how favored a candidate is within masses and the ongoing organizational elections have made selection of widely favored candidates for the organization posts, leaving no room for prejudice," he said.

He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have always withstood all malicious attempts to engineer the breaking of their unified voice in the shape of NC.

"Regardless of intimidation, coercion and incessant contriving by anti-Jammu & Kashmir forces, the trust of people in it has been rising. From time-to-time people of JK have asserted their authority, ownership of JK by bringing NC to power. For us power is not the ultimate goal, it is a medium to serve our people," he added.

## Forest Department Conducts Trainings On Forest Rights Act



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** J&K Forest Department organized a weeklong orientation and capacity building programmes for implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 in different districts of Kashmir Region.

Dr. Arvind Jha, IFS (Retd), Former Commissioner, Tribal Research Institute, Pune Maharashtra was the expert resource person who conducted series of sessions for members of District Level Committees, Sub Divisional Level members of Gram Sabha & FRC committees constituted under the Forest Rights Act. A large number of people including BDCs and other grass root level PRI functionaries participated actively in these Training programmes.

A One day orientation and capacity building programme on Forest Rights Act, 2006 was organized at Town Hall Tangmarg by Spl. Forest Division Tangmarg. During the programme Dr. Arvind Jha, IFS (Retd) spoke about FRA

Implementation in J&K and interacted with stakeholders on the implementations of FRA 2006.

He also gave a power point presentation and addressed the queries of the stakeholders. The officials of Rural Development, Revenue, Forest and FRC members participated actively in the event. A ceremonial plantation under Green J&K Drive was also conducted on this occasion.

Two day sensitization and capacity building programme was organized at Town Hall Ganderbal by Sindh Forest Division, Ganderbal. The programme was attended by DDC members, BDCs, chairpersons of FRCs, representatives of Department of Forest, Rural Development & Revenue Department. Dr. Arvind Jha initially gave a detailed presentation on the FRA 2006 and its applicability at various levels. He explained the role of Gram Sabha in chalking out the eligibility of the prospective claimants and various provisions of the Act and rules made there under.

## Agriculture Department celebrates World Food Day

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The Agriculture Production and Farmer's Welfare Department organized a series of events in all districts of Kashmir division to celebrate world food day.

Principal Secretary Agriculture Production and Farmer's Welfare Department, Navin Kumar Choudhary, while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the importance of this day.

He said the world food day is celebrated annually to promote global awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger. He said organic food, free of pesticides, processing or additives is essential to one and all and it not only promises good health but also ensures a brighter future for the posterity.

Navin Kumar said that the primary focus of the government is to tackle global hunger and strive to eradicate hunger across the world. He said about 821 million people in the world are chronically undernourished, 99% of them live in developing nations.

Navin Choudhary said that on this World Food Day we should respect food and food development and finally support food related business and retailers.

Meanwhile, a training program was organized by the department at Tahab Pulwama as part of the program.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal, said that the department of Agriculture under the "National Mission on Edible Oils" has already initiated a massive campaign to double the area under Oilseeds (Mustard) in the valley.

Director said that in the honour of our farming community, the department has organized various events in all the districts of valley to celebrate the World Food Day. We are providing farmers with different types of farm machinery so that their labour expenses could be minimized in a scientific manner.

## Ready to sacrifice anything for people of Jammu: Rana Says don't need anyone's certificate on secularism

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**JAMMU:** Nearly a week after joining the BJP, former legislator Devender Singh Rana Saturday said the 'Jammu declaration', which is yet to take shape, forms the basis of his "political agenda" and he is ready to sacrifice anything for the people of Jammu region.

Rana also said he does not need to answer anyone or seek a certificate to prove his secular credentials. My people know me very well and I know them as well.

"I am grateful to the people including Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians who have come from different parts of



Jammu and showered their love on me this should serve as a referendum for the Jammu declaration," Rana, who quit the National Conference on October 10, told reporters at his residence after he was accorded a grand welcome on his return from Delhi.

Rana, younger brother of Union minister Jitendra Singh, had taken over the post of Provincial president of National

Conference in 2011 after relinquishing his office as political advisor to the then chief minister Omar Abdullah. He along with senior party colleague and former minister S S Slathia joined BJP in the Delhi on Monday.

"The Jammu declaration is my political agenda. Some people ask what the Jammu declaration is and for them, I want

to say it is a concept which is developing and whose base has been set up. Like the Gupkar declaration (an amalgam of various mainstream parties including NC and PDP who came together to seek restoration of Article 370) which is also a concept and the contours of which will be completed with consultations of the people," he said.

Rana said a declaration cannot be formed by one man. "When Jammu declaration will be formed, it will be the political, social, economic and cultural narrative of the whole J&K. Jammu has equal right to speak for the whole of J & K and God willing, we will raise a voice full of energy."

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING BARAMULLA. NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: -161/Xen/Rew/Bla/2021-2021

Dated. 16/10/2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for each of the following work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AA/TS	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	C/O Fencing of Graveyard at ward no-10 Chichlora, Pyt Chichlora, Block Tangmarg, under CD&PYT	2.50	200	30 days	DEE.	CD PYT	AAA Accorded	Allotted
2	C/O Footsteps From Alhadeed school to Jamia Masjid Tangmarg at mahayan, Pyt Maheyon Block Tangmarg, under CD&PYT	2.50	200	30 days	DEE.	CD PYT	AAA Accorded	Allotted
3	C/O Path with Drain/R-wall at gujar mohalla, mir mohalla dazna, Pyt halqa Pazzalpora -A, under CD PYT, Block-Kandi Rafiabab	2.44	200	30 days	DEE.	CD PYT	AAA Accorded	Allotted
4	C/O Road From Playground gadipora to onwards at Pandithpora under CD PYT, Block Tangmarg.	2.00	200	30 days	DEE.	CD PYT	AAA Accorded	Allotted
5	C/O Rangwar Road To Batdaji at Yarbugh under CD PYT, Block Rafiabab. 92	2.93	200	30 days	DEE.	CD PYT	AAA Accorded	Allotted
6	Construction of Passenger Shed at Tragpopra, Block Rohama under CD PYT 92	2.00	200	30 days	DEE.	CD PYT	AAA Accorded	Allotted

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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the scheduled date given below.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16-10-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 16-10-2021 to 22-10-2021 up to 4:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	16-10-2021
4	Bid Submission End Date	22-10-2021 up to 4:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 23-10-2021 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.
2.	The contractor could take part in the tendering process of only those works which are to be executed in Gram Panchayat (G.P) to which he/she belongs. Bids from bidder other than the concerned Gram Panchayat (G.P) will be rejected. (WITH REF. TO FINANCE DEPT ORDER NO. FD-CODE/327/2021-02 DATED:07.09.2021)	
3.	Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/ receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein name of work and NIT No. (Copy enclosed) in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender Inviting Authority).	
4.	The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site <a href="http://www.jktenders.gov.in">www.jktenders.gov.in</a> 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 at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.	
5.	All The Bidders has to submit Hard Copies of all documents uploaded with the bid and Bidder has to submit Bid Security Form instead of Earnest Money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration form is as per Annexure "A" below)	
6.	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms.	
7.	The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.	
8.	The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-	
a)	Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.	
b)	Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.	
c)	Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.	
9.	Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.	
9.1.	Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website <a href="http://www.jktenders.gov.in">www.jktenders.gov.in</a> to acquaint bid submission process.	
9.2.	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 vendors.	
9.3.	The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.	
9.4.	Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.	
9.5.	Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.	
9.6.	Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.	
9.7.	The earnest money in favour of un-successful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of Hard copies, failure of submission of tender document fee by the bidder using site shall entail him for blacklisting.	
10.	All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).	

No 11911-26  
Dated 16/10/2021  
DIPK-10767/21

Executive Engineer,  
REW Baramulla

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION OMPORA BUDGAM.

No: -

Date: -

(FINAL NOTICE-II)

Waza Construction,  
Prop. Javid Ahmad Waza,  
S/o Gh. Nabi Waza,  
R/o. Narbal Budgam.  
Regd. No. S.E/R&B/SB/C/171 of 2017-18

Subject:- Construction of L/w on Sofipora brach of Kha Khul near village Sehpora.  
Reference:- This Office 1<sup>st</sup> Final Notice No. 3051-55 dt:- 21-08-2021.

- Whereas the allotment for execution of the subjected work has been issued to you vide this office allotment No. 149 of 10/2020.
- Whereas, notices were served to you to resume the work but till date you have failed to resume the work.
- As per the conditions of the NIT you were supposed to complete the work within stipulated time.
- As the work is of urgent nature and needs to be complete within the stipulated time.

Now you are given the final opportunity to resume the said work within two days positively failing which the work shall be put to fresh tenders at your risk and cost, as this office can't wait further in view of urgency of work. In case of failure to start the work, you will be recommended for black listing.

Executive Engineer,  
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Twitter Talks



""Kaek", "tez" are the words used. To basically neglect everything that a woman has to say"

@ShahRuwa

"Just coz mental health is a hot topic,so many people masquerade as mental health specialists in Kashmir. Please note, only Medics with specialization in psychiatry & clinical psychologists are specialists who could prescribe any medication. Be aware of Instagram specialist"

@Shahidu\_mir

"J&K registers a red hot inflation of 7.39 for Sep21. Highest when compared with Indian states.4th consecutive month of above 7% inflation in J&K. While all India avg eased at 4.35, therz no respite fr J&K which is already grappling with a backbreaking unemployment ratio of 21.6%"

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Antibiotics In Animals  
Killing Humans

Maneka Gandhi

In lay terms, an antibiotic is a substance or compound that kills or inhibits the growth of bacteria. The discovery of antibiotics is considered the biggest medical advance of the twentieth century. Penicillin was the first antibiotic. Discovered in 1929, it

**WHY DOESN'T THE INDIAN government do something? Animal production is part of the Agriculture Ministry and defended as a way of earning money. Greedy intensive factory farmers who have replaced small scale farms manipulate greedy government officials into turning a blind eye. Antibiotics are pushed by both the drug as well as the meat industry and since human health has the lowest priority in India , so what if they pose a health hazard to humans.**

did not fully come into use until 1940 because when tested on animals, it failed completely—demonstrating how animal experimentation is not just cruel but useless. However these one-time miracle cures are losing their efficacy as bacteria develop resistance to them. The medical profession admits that "In the closing years of the last century, there is an uneasy sense that micro-organisms are getting ahead". We now face new, super diseases that are resistant to even the most powerful antibiotics .Part of the problem has been our own overuse of antibiotics. But the biggest culprit is the use of antibiotics in the factory farming method of animal production. Today most antibiotics are used on animals than on humans. The WHO says more than half of global production is used on farm animals. In the last 30 years the use of penicillin-type drugs in farm animals has increased by 600%, and of

tetracyclines by 1,500%. In America more than 70% of its antibiotics are fed to meat animals – not to treat illness, but rather to promote growth and to repair the illnesses caused by crowded, stressful, and unsanitary conditions. The antibiotics routinely given to livestock and poultry are identical to drugs that doctors rely on to treat sick humans. These include penicillin, tetracyclines, erythromycins, bacitracin, Carboxidox, Olaguindox, Avilamycin, Avoparcin, Efrotomycin, Flavophospholipol, Oleandamycin, Spiramycin, Tylosin and Virginiamycin. While antibiotics are available on a prescription-only basis for humans, 'growth promoters' are generally available to livestock producers without any prescription. These antibiotics administered at levels not high enough to kill bacteria, to stressed animals living packed close together in filthy conditions create prime breeding grounds for tough, drug-resistant bacteria . These resistant bacteria escape into the surrounding community through the air and water and cause infections in humans that do not respond to antibiotics. For more than 30 years, scientists have known that the large-scale use of antibiotics in healthy farm animals is creating antibiotic-resistant bugs but have failed to stop it because of the political pressure of the meat industry. Why doesn't the Indian government do something? Animal production is part of the Agriculture Ministry and defended as a way of earning money. Greedy intensive factory farmers who have replaced small scale farms manipulate greedy government officials into turning a blind eye. Antibiotics are pushed by both the drug as well as the meat industry and since human health has the lowest priority in India , so what if they pose a health hazard to humans. Where the government won't do anything, a consumer movement can. Ask hotels and meat-based fast food chains like McDonald's/ KFC/Pizza Hut/Dominos where they get their meat from and whether their suppliers are using antibiotics in the animal feed. Boycott them till they change. Even better, turn vegetarian and save your life.

Winds Of Change In J&K's  
Political Landscape

Desertions Of The Leaders From The PDP And Now The National Conference Isn't Just About Party-Hopping In Search Of Better Career Prospects But About A Political Makeover Of Kashmir



Davinder Rana sharing a table with Farooq Abdullah that he has now abandoned

RIYAZ WANI

In a recent statement, former union minister Saif-u-Din Soz said that "a knowledgeable source," in New Delhi told him that the exit of Devender Singh Rana from the National Conference was "a tip of the iceberg" of "Modi's Kashmir plan." Though Soz didn't elaborate, he nevertheless let on that Delhi had a "larger plot," and "a sub-plan of dealing with border areas like Karnah, Keran, Gurez, Tulail, Kargil and Ladakh areas."

What is this Kashmir plan? Or if at all there is one. Soz has given fewer specific details, while quoting his source. But whatever the merit of the information allegedly possessed by the Soz's source, the truth is that the far-reaching changes are certainly afoot in Kashmir over the last over two years. So much so that, in hindsight, the withdrawal of Article 370 seems but an event.

Ever since the Narendra Modi government stripped J&K of its semi-autonomous status in August last, the decision has invariably been explained as the outcome of the BJP's push to fulfill its long-standing ideological agenda and electoral promise. It was certainly about that but only in

**MORE THAN AN ORDINARY CAREER MOVE,** Rana's exit from the NC has a finer message written all over it: it is about Jammu's new-found political centrality in J&K politics which the anticipated award of more legislative seats to the division by the Delimitation Commission will reinforce and cement

a rhetorical sense. In its implementation on the ground since then, the decision has come across as an elaborate and minutely thought through plan of action that seeks to fundamentally alter the facts on the ground to end the lingering conflict on this side of the Line of Control'. And in that sense, the withdrawal of the former state's special status and the actions undertaken over the last year form an ambitiously envisioned alternative settlement formula for Kashmir.

This formula is not about resolving the Kashmir issue as we know it: a dispute between India and Pakistan going back to Partition and the one arising from a decades-long separatist struggle in the region. There is no plan underway to talk to Pakistan or to the dissenting political and militant groups in J&K to arrive at a solution. That is, except on New Delhi's terms. On the contrary, the effort is to enforce a solution - a merger of J&K into India - with-

out necessarily taking Kashmiris or Pakistanis on board.

The BJP has made no secret of its desire to enhance the number of Assembly seats to the Jammu region. Before J&K's bifurcation into two union territories - J&K and Ladakh - its Assembly had 87 seats of which predominantly Muslim majority Kashmir Valley had 47 seats, Hindu majority Jammu 37 and the now separated Ladakh with a slim Muslim majority 4 seats. Now according to the delimitation, that in the normal course was due to be held in 2026, seven new seats are being added to the Assembly, most of which, if not all, are expected to go to Jammu.

This has the potential to shift the region's political center away from Kashmir Valley to Jammu division. The latter could very well become an equal stakeholder in future J&K governance, unlike the existing Kashmir-dominated political structure that is largely perceived to be playing to separatist sentiment in

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the Valley and parts of Muslim dominated areas of Jammu.

These are ambitious aims and the BJP knows it. That is why it revoked the Article 370 within the first three months of its second term so that it gets sufficient time to implement the plan. Over the last year, Modi government has been in a hurry to bring one after another legislative and administrative measure to cast Kashmir in a premeditated image, the PM Modi has called Naya Kashmir.

So, contrary to expectations among some sections of people in Kashmir, the statehood for J&K may not be restored anytime soon. The reason is this gives the central government direct control over the region and, in turn, freedom to make any administrative or legislative changes to accomplish its goal within the time-frame of its ongoing tenure.

Desertions of leaders from the PDP and now the National Conference thus snugly slots into the new scheme of things. It isn't just about party-hopping in search of better career prospects and the parties that are perceived to somehow enjoy New Delhi's blessings. It is about an attempt at a political makeover of the place, not from the ground up but from the top-down. And in Rana's case, this intervention is seen to have moved to its second level. More than an ordinary career move, Rana's exit from the NC has a finer message written all over it: it is about Jammu's new-found political centrality in J&K politics which the anticipated award of more legislative seats to the division by the Delimitation Commission will reinforce and cement. And in this new J&K, instead of Abdullahs and Muftis, it is the Rana brothers that will hog the light and probably rule.

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Afghanistan: Will China Fill The US Void?

Mohammed Makram Balawi

In 2007, China signed a \$3bn deal with Kabul's US-backed government to develop the Mes Aynak copper mine over a period of 30 years. The Mes Aynak deposit reportedly holds 240 million tonnes of 2.3-percent-grade copper ore, "making it one of the largest untapped high-grade projects in the world", according to an industry publication.

This would have given a strong push to Afghanistan's ailing economy and helped to stabilise the country, had there been a good government. Afghanistan has deposits of lithium and other metals and minerals that experts estimate are worth about \$1tn. Copper and lithium are both very important for the Chinese economy and hi-tech industry. But China was unable to benefit from its deal with Kabul for security reasons.

Now, after the US departure from Afghanistan, China should feel more comfortable and hopeful, taking into consideration its history of positive relations with the Taliban. China has always feared the Afghanistan conflict could spill over into the troubled Muslim-majority province of Xinjiang and sidetrack Chinese development plans, thus benefitting the US and India.

Beijing has thus worked with neighbouring Pakistan to prevent armed separatists from crossing the Wakhan Corridor, a narrow strip of Afghan territory that extends to China, while also fostering good relations with the Taliban.

These relations are nothing new; China backed the Afghan mujahideen in the 1980s against the Soviet invasion. While Beijing did not establish relations with the Afghan government after the 1996 Taliban takeover, however, many things have changed since then.



**NO DOUBT, CHINA'S OBJECTIVES IN** Afghanistan have evolved over time. Its foreign policy is no longer security-driven, as the economy and geopolitics play a major role, especially when it comes to India and the US

Assertive foreign policy

In China, President Xi Jinping came to power, and the country's foreign policy became more assertive and proactive. In 2013, Xi introduced his game-changing Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), one of the biggest infrastructure plans in history, estimated to be worth between \$1tn and \$8tn. More than 140 countries and international organisations have joined the Chinese initiative.

The BRI's flagship project is the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, a \$60bn initiative connecting China with the Arabian Sea through the Pakistani port of Gwadar.

No doubt, China's objectives in Af-

ghanistan have evolved over time. Its foreign policy is no longer security-driven, as the economy and geopolitics play a major role, especially when it comes to India and the US.

Earlier this year, China signed an economic deal with Iran worth \$400bn. Afghanistan, being the shortest route between the two countries, presents a natural passage. Both Iran and China would benefit from stability in Afghanistan, in terms of the economy, countering narcotics and fighting terrorism. While both are treading cautiously in Afghanistan, the vacuum left by the US withdrawal would make their task much safer and easier, keeping in mind

that Pakistan and Russia are also on the same page.

Strategy to be tested

The Taliban, for their part, seem confident that China will play a pivotal role in rebuilding Afghanistan and stabilising the economy. In July, top Taliban leaders met China's foreign minister in the northern Chinese city of Tianjin. Chinese recognition of the new Afghan government seems imminent.

Meanwhile, the new US strategy of using international recognition and humanitarian aid to control the Taliban will be tested in the coming months. The US will surely rely on its allies, such as Qatar, Turkey and Pakistan, to advance its goals in Afghanistan. But its relations with the latter two are so complicated that they often butt heads on many issues, so this strategy may not be reliable.

While the US depends greatly on its partnership with India as part of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, which also includes Japan and Australia, to curb Chinese ambitions in the region, the US withdrawal from Afghanistan has harmed the image of the US as a reliable partner. It could put this partnership - and US relations with India - to a serious test.

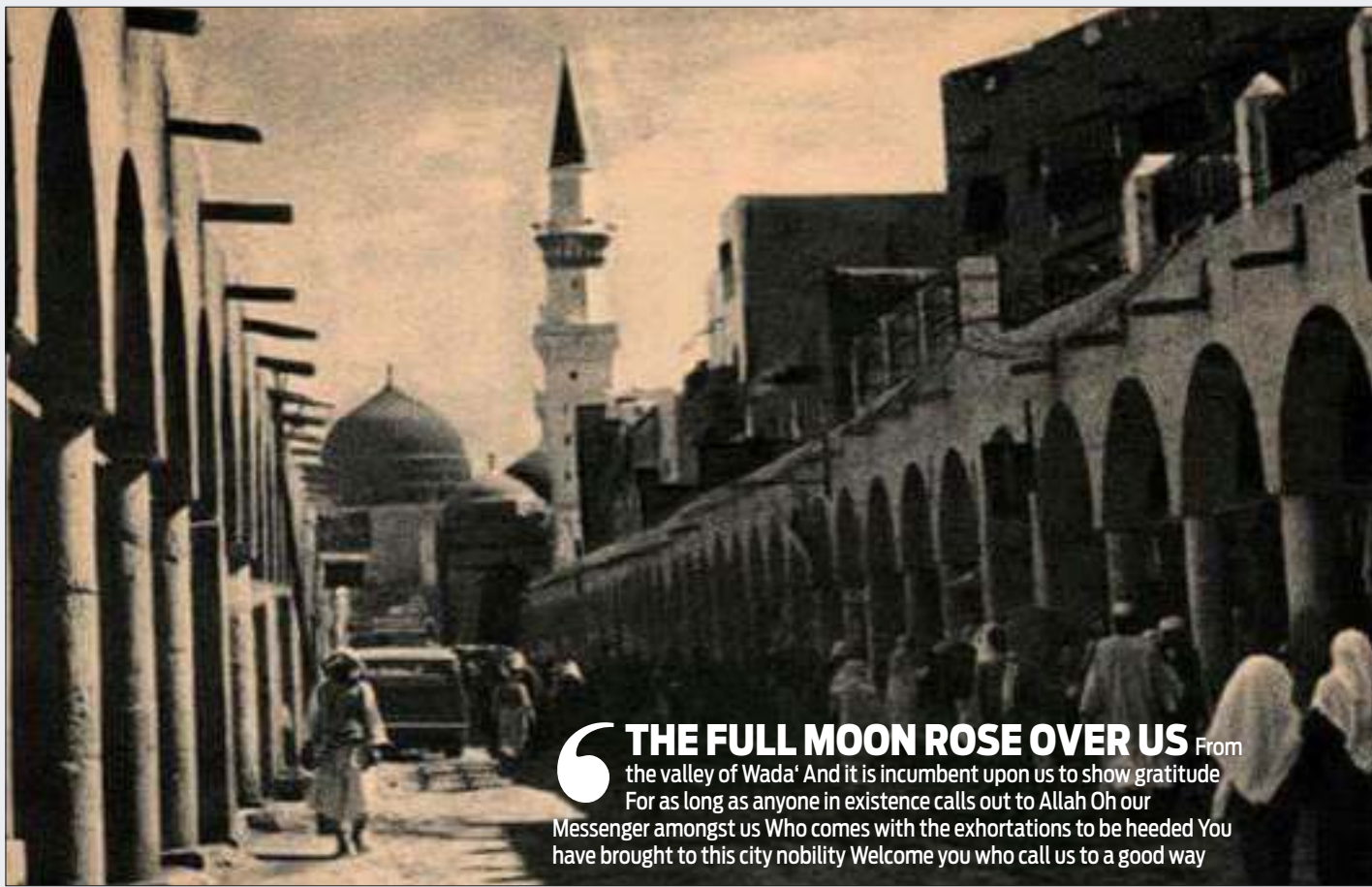
Washington's dented credibility could make many other countries, including Gulf states, reevaluate their relations with the US. The Afghanistan withdrawal has made it clear that the major power in the region is no longer the US, but China.

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# Indulge In Milad Spirit



**THE FULL MOON ROSE OVER US** From the valley of Wada' And it is incumbent upon us to show gratitude For as long as anyone in existence calls out to Allah Oh our Messenger amongst us Who comes with the exhortations to be heeded You have brought to this city nobility Welcome you who call us to a good way

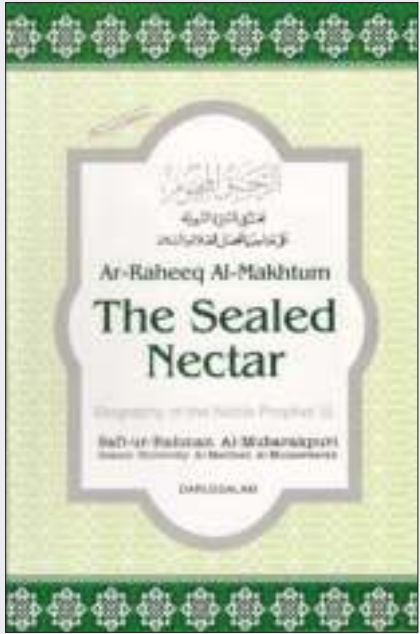
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Here are some things that you can do to get closer to the essence of the Prophet (pbuh) to commemorate the days of Milad. What better way but to remember him through accounts of his life and through a recollection of his praise over generations!

## Books To Read:

**The Sealed Nectar** by Safiur Rahman Al Mubarakpuri

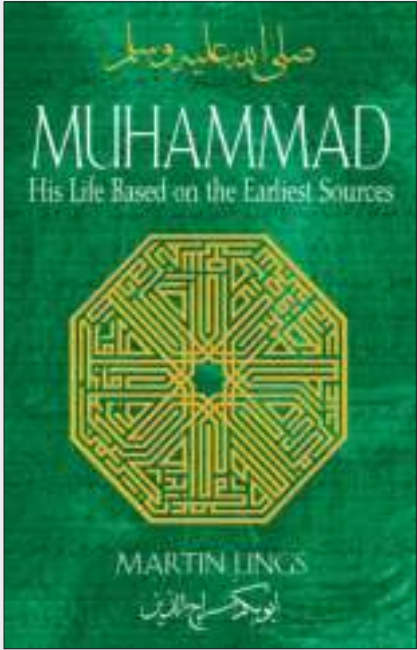
One of the most read books on the life of Prophet (pbuh). A complete authoritative book on the life of Prophet Muhammad (S) by Sheikh Safi-ur-Rahman al-Mubarkpuri. It was honored by the World Muslim League as first prize winner book. Whoever wants to know the whole lifestyle of the Prophet in detail must read this book.



**Muhammad: His Life Based on the Earliest Sources** by Martin Lings

Martin Lings' biography of Muham-

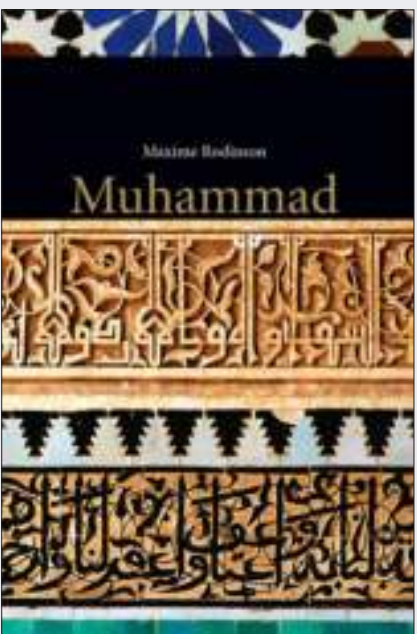
mad is an internationally acclaimed, comprehensive, and authoritative account of the life of the prophet. Based on the sira, the eighth- and ninth-century Arabic biographies that recount numerous events in the prophet's life, it contains original English translations of many important passages that reveal the words of men and women who heard Muhammad speak and witnessed the events of his life.



**Muhammad** by Maxime Rodinson

Maxime Rodinson's Muhammad has long been regarded as one of the touchstones of scholarship on the founder of Islam. Thirty years after its first publication in English, it remains the definitive introduction to the Prophet's life. Drawing on wide-ranging scholarship and imaginative insight into the Prophet's personality, family, background, and wider society, Rodinson's Muhammad offers a vivid account of how he spread the word of Islam, created a sect and state, and defeated his enemies, establishing the first great Muslim military power -- a

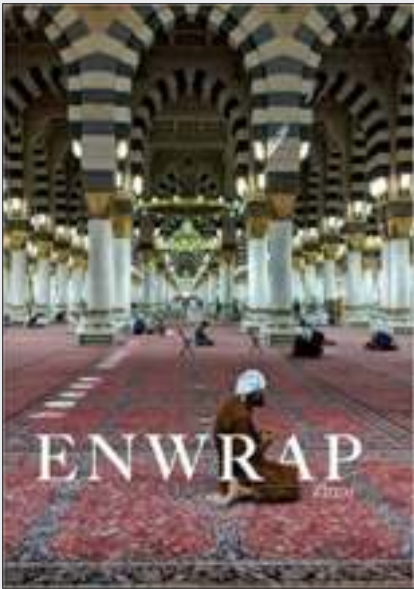
power that was soon to control territory stretching all the way from the Pyrenees to the borders of China. For anyone who wants to understand the historical roots of one of the world's great religions, Rodinson's Muhammad provides the ideal guide to a fascinating and timely subject.



**Enwrap** by Zirrar

A collection of poetry and prose, this book brings together conversations, reflections and supplications from man to his Creator and to his beloved Prophet Muhammad.

One thousand three hundred and eighty-seven years have passed since our beloved Prophet (pbuh) left us. Enwrap is the unfolding of our mantle. Enwrap is a request to our Mustafa to pull us in, to cloak and envelop us. Enwrap is an attempt to reflect our place on this caravan. Enwrap asks for hands to be clasped in supplication as the burden has become too weighty. For who is better to ask for intercession than our Mustafa, our al-Shafi (intercessor)?



Note: All book description are publisher's note or book descriptions from the authors

## Youtube Series to Watch:

**Meeting Muhamad** by Yaqeen Institute

A 33 episode series on all things about the Prophet (pbuh). From "his appearance", to "attending his Khutbah", "praying behind him", "sitting in his circles", "with him in the trenches", "his blessed demeanor" - This series covers it all. It is extremely detailed and makes one feel as though one were transported into the times when the Prophet (pbuh) lived.

**Seerah- Biography of Prophet (Pbuh)** by Yasir Qadhi

A very detailed series on the life of the Prophet (pbuh) which is easy to understand and detailed at the same time.

## Shuffle Play:

**Tala'Al Badru Alayna**

**ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND eighty-seven years** have passed since our beloved Prophet (pbuh) left us. Enwrap is the unfolding of our mantle. Enwrap is a request to our Mustafa to pull us in, to cloak and envelop us. Enwrap is an attempt to reflect our place on this caravan, Enwrap asks for hands to be clasped in supplication as the burden has become too weighty.

Tala'Al Badru Alayna is a nasheed which was reportedly sung by the Ansars upon the arrival of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) at Medina.

It goes thus:

The full moon rose over us  
From the valley of Wada'  
And it is incumbent upon us to show gratitude  
For as long as anyone in existence calls out to Allah  
Oh our Messenger amongst us  
Who comes with the exhortations to be heeded  
You have brought to this city nobility  
Welcome you who call us to a good way

## Qasida Burda

One of the most popular ode to Muhammad (pbuh) especially in South Asia. Qasidat al-Burda, or al-Burda for short, is a thirteenth-century ode of praise for the Islamic prophet Muhammad composed by the eminent Sufi mystic Imam al-Busiri of Egypt.

You may recognise it by the lines:

Mawla Ya Salli Wa Sallim Daa'iman,  
Abadan  
'Ala Habeebika Khaiyiril Khalqi Kullihimi.  
Muhammadun Sayyidul Kawnayni Wath-Thaqalayn  
Wal Fareeqayni Min 'Urbu-Wa Min 'Ajami

## Faslon ko Takaluf

Yet another classic in South Asia, this naat is a household tune. It was written by Professor Iqbal Azeem. Interesting trivia: It seems that Iqbal Azeem had written "Qafon" instead of "Faslon" and this oversight got a permanent living out of reciter Qari Waheed Zafar Qasmi's rendition of the naat.

Here are the iconic verses:

'Faaslon Ko Takalluf hay hum se agar,  
hum bhi bebas nahin bay-sahara nahin'.

If distance despises us, mind you that we are not powerless and helpless

Sana Noor

Born in a world where the Muslim community has been divided into two indefinite sects makes for a reality that we have come to accept and also overlook. The conflict between Sunnis and Shias is the news of everyday, but there has never been a proper, unbiased understanding of the real issue.

Where did all of this animosity really stem from? The Sunnis have their version and the Shias have theirs.

Lesley Hazleton is a British-American author whose work focuses on the intersection of politics, religion, and history, especially in the Middle East. She answers the question in an unbiased account of history, taking a neutral approach to what actually happened and why this turmoil between one of the major religions came to be.

Through her writing, you come to see her fondness for the people at heart of the story and just how politics and religion made the world we live in today. She acknowledges that her main source was

Muhammad ibn Jarir al-Tabari, generally known as the most prestigious and authoritative early Islamic historian.

The book of roughly 200 pages is clearly divided into three parts and recounts history in the most exquisite way possible, so much so that events begin to make sense and putting the book down becomes impossible. You see, we've solely grown up with a general idea of what the issues were that ultimately brought about the rift, but Hazleton brings more to the table. She brings an account of history that many of us haven't truly bothered to find out. We've only accepted circumstances and yet have never delved into the events that lead to our present.

It's fast paced, moving in a chronological manner starting from the death bed of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and ending with Karbala. Differences had started way back, small as they were, but as we know, events have a way of stemming from something small to something big. Hazleton takes intricate care not to let

## Why We Need To Read "After The Prophet"

**HAZLETON TAKES INTRICATE CARE** not to let biases narrate history, and instead brings both sides to the table. The way she describes each event with as much detail as she can muster, having cited all her sources at the end of the book, paints a history that many of us have been ignorant towards and explains with the general idea that at the end of the day everything has the power to become an excuse

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She writes, the most intense point comes not when Hussein is actually

killed but the moment he dons his white shroud. For all the terrible pathos of what has already happened, this moment, one of the least dramatic to Western eyes, is the most unbearable for the audience. It is the moment of calm in the face of death, the willing acceptance of the call to self-sacrifice (p 189).

At another point she writes: "Westerners finally need to stand back, to acknowledge the emotive depth of the Sunni-Shia split

and to accord it the respect it demands"

Among the stories of life and death, Hazleton weaves explanatory details and correctives -- Islam was spread, for instance, 'more by messenger than by the sword.' She stresses that the West shouldn't forget that 'what unites the two main branches of Islam is far greater than what divides them...' The vast majority of all Muslims still cherish the ideal of unity preached by Muhammad himself -- an ideal more deeply held for being so deeply broken (p 211). "Hazleton ties today's events to their ancient roots, resurrecting seventh-century Arabia with respect and vivid immediacy. Here are rich recreations of the lives of the Prophet Muhammad and his beloved wife Aisha; here are often overlooked details (why is green the color of Islam? why do some Muslim women veil?) filling in the contours of the narrative.

This book is a mandatory read for anyone trying to understand the sectarian war within Islam that refuses to end and for those who love history.

Sana Noor is an avid reader, travel enthusiast and writer. Her interests include poetry, history and music



## Office of the Executive Engineer, R & B Division Baramulla

### e-Expression of interest

For and on behalf of the Lt. Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT, EOI on percentage basis is invited from the approved consultants/ firms for Providing Consultancy Services for Architectural, Structural, Electrical, Mechanical Design/ Drawings & Soil Investigation for Construction of residential apartments (2BHK) for BDCs at Baramulla as mentioned in the BOQ.  
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, 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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the scheduled date given below.

1	Date of issue of EOI Notice	13.10.2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 14.10.2021 to 20.10.2021 4:00PM
3	Bid submission Start date	14.10.2021
4	Bid Submission End Date	20.10.2021 upto 4:00PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	21.10.2021 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla

Bids must be accompanied with cost of document in shape of treasury challan/receipt for and amount of Rs 200/- in favour of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla and Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below.

Instructions to Bidder (ITB)

- All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria/ qualification information with their bids
- Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of business.
  - Valid GST No. & Pan No. along with the latest GST Return form GST-3/GSTR-3B.
  - Bid Security form & document fee (TR) indicating name of work therein.
  - The firm shall have to upload the proof of experience for providing consultancy of Similar nature of Work

Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of Project.
- The quotations not affixed with revenue stamps worth Rs.5/- shall be rejected.
- The firm must have Architect registered with the statutory body and Structural Engineer registered with the statutory body on its panels and certificates to be submitted with the quotation.
- The firm should have valid GST/CGST registration and PAN registration. Tax shall be deductible as per norms.
- Successful bidder has to submit conceptual drawing duly vetted by the third party (Design Directorate or NIT Srinagar) and DPR & BOQ of whole project within 07days of issuance of LOI.
- Successful bidder here in after called consultant has to ensure site visits during execution of work as and when required.

The payments shall be paid in the following time frame:		
i	Submission of conceptual overall plan for approval of drawings complete as required by the competent authority.	10% of total fee
ii	Finalization of conceptual plan after approval of final drawings complete	10% of total fee
iii	After Completion of Civil Part	20% of total fee
iv	After Completion of Electrical Part	20% of total fee
v	After Completion of Mechanical Part	20% of total fee
vi	After successful commissioning of the Project	20% of total fee

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor J&K (UT)

No: 8450-51  
Dated: 13.10.2021

Executive Engineer,  
R & B Div. Baramulla

DIPK-10706/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

## Office Of The Mission Director ICPS J&K

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### Sub: Prohibition on disclosure of identity of a minor acid survivor.

CIRCULAR No. 03 -MD of 2021

Dated: 13 -10-2021,

It has been observed that various videos and photographs of a minor acid survivor are being transmitted, forwarded and circulated on social media platform by individuals as well as media institutions which is gross violation of Child Rights under Section74 of Juvenile Justice [Care and Protection Act], 2015

Sub Section (1) of Section 74 of Juvenile justice (Care and Protection Act), 2015 prescribes that "No report in any newspaper, magazine, news-sheet or audio-visual media or other forms of communication regarding any inquiry or investigation or judicial procedure, shall disclose the name, address or school or any other particular, which may lead to the identification of a child in conflict with law or a child in need of care and protection or a child victim or witness of a crime, involved in such matter, under any other law for the time being in force, nor shall the picture of any such child be published";

Any person contravening the provision of sub-section (i) of Section 74 shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to two lakh rupees or both;

Therefore, it is impressed upon all the individuals to adhere to the provisions of Section 74, Sub Section (i) of Juvenile Justice [Care and Protection Act],2015 and avoid circulation of such type of activities on whatsapp/facebook and any other forum of social media group as well as through media institutions. Any individual[s] found violating the circular instructions, action as warranted under Section74 Sub Section (i) shall be initiated against him/hem.

(Shabnam Shah Kamili),  
JKAS Mission Director IKCPS

No; PS/MD/CPS/22/2020/946-949  
Dated 13-10-2021

DIPK-10676/21

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT, (FLOOD SPILL CHANNEL), DIVISION NARBAL.

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### Notice inviting e-Tender

e-NIT No: - 15 of 2021-22, Dated: - 13/10/2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) on item rate basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors for the following work to be opened by the Executive Engineer, Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal.

S No	Name of work	Estt. Cost/AAA (Rs. in lakh)	Cost of T/ Doc. (in Rs.)	Earnest money in BDC	Tech. Sanction	Time of Comple- tion	Class of contract	M.H of Account
01	Clearance of bund slopes by way of removal of debris and un hygienic material and grass (Typha etc) clearance from Diversion channel D/S Head regulator upto Rawalpura Bridge RD 25m to RD 1100m at spots.	1.49		200	Bid Declaration Certificate	08 days	DEE	M&R
02	Clearance of bund slopes by way of removal of debris and un hygienic material and grass (Typha etc) clearance from Diversion channel D/S Head regulator upto Rawalpura Bridge RD 1100m to RD 1900m at spots.	1.32		200	Bid Declaration Certificate	08days	DEE	M&R

Position of funds

: Available

1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/ downloaded on e-procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	13/10/2021
2.	Date of start of downloading	13/10/2021 from 1800Hrs.
3.	Bid submission start Date Technical/Financial	13/10/2021 from 1800 Hrs.
4.	Bid Submission end date	20/10/2021 up to 1800 Hrs.
5.	Date & Time of opening of Tenders(online)	21/10/2021 at 11:00 AM.

2. a). Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non- Refundable/ Non- transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0701-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan/ receipt or e-Challan (mentioning therein NIT No. S No of work and Adv. Cost of work) to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department (Flood Spill Channel), Division Narbal and Bid Security declaration form duly self-attested instead of Bid Security (EMD) as per Finance Department J&K Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar Circular issued vide No. A/Misc (2018)-III-895/J, dated: 2/12/2020, issued under endorsement No. DB/9832-38, dated: 14/01/2021, b the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Irrigation & FC Department Srinagar and Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Budgam's vide No. SE/Hyd/CS/Bud/493-94, dated: 18/01/2021. However, in case of compelling circumstances the same shall be obtained from the successful bidder by this department. (Refer Appendix-I).

b). Performance Security upto 03% shall have to be furnished by the successful tenderer whenever asked by the department (Refer Appendix-I)

3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of Price bids.

4. The earnest money shall be forfeited if:

4.01 Any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

5. Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

5.01 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual form the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) acquaints bid submission process.

5.02 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.

5.03 The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

5.04 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in above at S. No.1.

5.05 Bidders must ensure to uploads scanned copy of all necessary Documents.

16. Specification / Quality Control: All items of works shall conform to specifications as per MORTH/ BBO/ CPWD/ SSR/ any other prescribed specifications.

17. Penalty for Delay on account of Contractor: In case of delay not justified & caused due to the faults of the Contractor a penalty upto max. of 10% of the contract value will be imposed. All other terms and conditions as laid down in the PWD Form 25 Double shall also remain in force.

No. FSCDN/CS/ 4653-67  
Dated: 13/10/2021.

DIPK-10687/21

Er. Javeed Ahmad Sofi  
Executive Engineer  
Flood Spill Channel Division  
Narbal.

## Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir

Scholarship Name 1: Schaeffler India  
Hope Engineering Scholarship 2021-22



Description: Schaeffler India invites applications from first-year engineering students (from states of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu) to provide them with financial support for their engineering studies. The scholarship is meant to support engineering students who belong to economically weaker sections of society and need financial assistance to pursue their education.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open for students from Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. The applicants must have scored more than 60% marks in Class 12 (Science) in the academic year 2020-21. Also, the applicants must be enrolled in the first year of engineering program at any recognized college in India.

The annual family income of the applicants should be less than INR 5 lakhs.  
Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 75,000 per year for the complete duration of engineering program  
Last Date to Apply: 31-10-2021  
Application mode: Online applications only  
Short Url: [www.b4s.in/observer/SIHE3](http://www.b4s.in/observer/SIHE3)

Scholarship Name 2: Nikon Scholarship  
Program 2021-22

Description: Nikon India Private Limited invites scholarship applications from students (Class 12 passed onwards) pursuing photography courses. The scholarship program is meant to support students from underprivileged sections of the society.

Eligibility: Open for students (Class 12 passed onwards) pursuing photography courses with duration of 3 months or more. Annual family income should be less than INR 6 lakhs.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 1 lakh  
Last Date to Apply: 31-10-2021

Application mode: Online applications only  
Short Url: [www.b4s.in/observer/NSP5](http://www.b4s.in/observer/NSP5)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

## Office Of The Executive Engineer PHE JSD Rural Water Supply Division, Ganderbal

H.Q: Cheki Duderhama Ganderbal.

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Notice Inviting e – Tenders:

**FRESH E–NIT No:- 26/PHE/JSD/RWSD/CIVIL OF 2021 – 22.**

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of UT of J&K e-tenders (Two cover System) on Turn Key Basis are invited including the maintenance cost for a period of Five years from reputed and resourceful contractors /Firms/companies/ joint venture of repute in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments for the following work:

S. No		Table (I)		Earnest Money Deposit (Rs in Lacs.)	Time of completion	Tender Call	Tender Opening Place and date (Technical Cover only)	Class of contractor
		Construction Part (Quotable)	Maintenance Part (fixed Cost)					
		192.91 Lacs	26.00 lacs	0.04 (Favouring Executive Engineer PHE JSD RWS Division Ganderbal under MH 0215)	07 months	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Office of the Superintending Engineer JSD Hydraulic Circle Srinagar/Ganderbal. (HQ Engineering Complex Silk Factory Road Rajbagh Srinagar) on 30.10.2021 at 11.30 AM	"A" Class - Reputed and resourceful contractors/ Firms/Companies/ Joint Venture of repute in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.

Position of Funds: - Available;

Major Head of Account: Languishing (JKIDFC)

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in> From 14.10.2021 (10:00 a.m.) To 28.10.2021 upto (04:00 p.m.)  
The Valid Registration certificate, & Latest GST clearance (NOT BEFORE Qtr – II of 2021 – 22) etc. along with Self Attested What's App Number and e-mail ID of the contractor must also be uploaded while uploading the tender. The tender document of the work may be referred to, for all other necessary / requisite documents, which are to be uploaded while uploading the tender.

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be viewed/ downloaded from the website: [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

The Schedule showing the critical dates is given below

TABLE (II)	
01	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice
02	Date of downloading of bidding documents
03	Date of Pre-bid meeting
04	Last date of submission bid Queries
05	Bid submission start date
06	Bid Submission end date
08	Date & time of opening Bids (Technical Cover)

PREVIOUSLY Advertised Vide This Office e-NIT No: 37 OF 2020-21 & e-NIT No. 09 OF 2021-22.

No: - PHE/JSD/RWSD/Corrs./6192 – 6216  
Dated:- 13.10.2021.

DIPK-10658/21

Sd/= (Er. Nazir Ahmad Bhat)  
Executive Engineer PHE JSD ,  
RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr.  
H.Q: Cheki Duderhama Ganderbal.

## Srinagar Municipal Corporation OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER LEFT RIVER WORKS DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE INVITING E- TENDERS

NIET NO: 34 e-Tendering/2021-22

Dated: 12-October-2021

For and on behalf of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors for the following work:-

S.No	Name of work	Est. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	Time of Completion in days/ Weeks	Class of Contract (Civil)	Head of Account
1.	Upgradation of Parking Area at Sector-06 at Bat-maloo, Srinagar	Rs. 75.00/-	Rs. 2200/-	15 Days Strictly	AAY	Capex Budget 2021-22

Position of AA = Accorded

Other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

**CRITICAL DATE SHEET**

1	Publish date	12-10-2021	04:00 PM
2	Document download	12-10-2021	04:00 PM To 27-10-2021 04:00 PM
3	Bid submission/uploading date	12-10-2021	04:00 PM To 27-10-2021 04:00 PM
4	Bid Opening date	29-10-2021	11:00 AM
5	Submission of hardcopy for bidder	28-10-2021	10.00 AM to 04.00 PM

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

1. The contractor shall have to furnish the performance security @ 3% in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer LRWD SMC of the value of contract valid till DLP before issuance of LOA. In case of L-1 failing to provide performance security @ 3% for the work within 7 days after being notified, his bid shall be cancelled and work shall be offered to L-2 for execution on L-1's rates at the discretion of the Execution Engineer concerned.

2. The successful bidders/tenders should submit the hard copies of their documents including DD after the opening of tenders.

3. In case of Holidays/office happens to be closed on the date of opening of bids. Bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue

3(a). The intending tenderer/bidder should attach sales tax clearance certificate with upto date

Validation without which no tenders/bids will be entertained.

4. The bid shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer LRWD, SMC at Old Funds office Building Karan Nagar near National School Municipal Park on 29-10-2021 11:00 AM.

5. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Demand Draft pledged in favour of Chief Accounts Officer SMC payable at Srinagar or Bank receipt of tender fee deposit in the Municipal Account No: 0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Brach Baggarden. Scanned copy of the same with mention of NIET No. & Serial no. to be uploaded along with all other documents including Bid Security Declaration with validity not less than 180 days from the Bid due date.

DIPK-NB-4241/21

No.SMC/ELRWDD/2312-2321

Dated: 12-10-2021.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Left River Works Division,  
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.



## India's Power Demand Rises This Month As Coal Shortage Lingers: Report



AGENCIES

**CHENNAI:** The country's electricity demand grew 4.9% during the first half of October, with supply falling short of demand by 1.4% despite a 3.2% rise in coal-fired generation and 30% rise in solar output, a Reuters analysis of government data showed.

Increased economic activity after the second wave of the coronavirus has driven up electricity demand, resulting in a supply deficit due to a coal shortage that has forced northern states to cut power this month for up to 14 hours a day.

The rapid surge in power demand and high global coal prices have left utilities scrambling for coal - the country's dominant source of power generation - despite record supplies from state-run Coal India, a near-monopoly in coal production.

Coal's share in electricity generation jumped to nearly 70% during the first fifteen days of October, compared with an average of 66.5% during the whole of September, an analysis

of data from central grid regulator POSOCO showed.

Nearly three-fifths of the country's coal-fired capacities currently have coal inventories that would last three days or less, union power ministry data shows.

The average coal inventory held by power plants would last four days, two-thirds lower than an average of 12 days two months ago.

The power minister had in early September asked officials to consider diverting coal to power plants with extremely depleted stocks, and reduce inventory targets to 10 days from 14 days, to allow coal to be moved to areas of greatest shortage.

A reallocation in coal supplies over the last two months has led to an increase in the number of power plants with 1-3 days of fuel, while the number of power plants with over a week of stock has declined, the power ministry data shows.

Still, the number of utilities with no coal left increased to 18 on Oct 12 from 1 on August 12.



## Govt Announces Operational Guidelines To Avail Export Subsidy

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** In a decision that is likely to arrest the decline of the exports of Handicraft and Handloom goods from Kashmir, the Government Saturday announced the operational guidelines to avail the Export subsidy after the same was cleared by the Administrative council recently.

The main objective of the Export subsidy is to provide promotional measures to boost the Handicrafts & Handloom exports from the UT.

Under the scheme, an incentive of 10% of the total volume of Handicraft/Handloom products exported to any country with maximum reimbursement of 5crore (which

ever is lesser) will be provided to the eligible exporters who are registered with the Handicrafts & Handloom Department.

The Export subsidy shall be applicable for GI products that will be certified by the quality control wing/ testing lab of the Handicrafts Department and shall not be entitled on machine made stuff.

Terming the development as positive, Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir Mahmood Ahmad Shah asserted that this step will help in restoring the quantum of exports of the Handicraft items that we used to export from this place and was a long pending demand from the Kashmir based exporters.

The subsidy shall be availed on the Handicraft exports whose origin is from J&K. In case the origin of exports is outside J&K, it shall have to be accompanied by e-way bill.

This all comes under the recently announced major developments where under various schemes such as Kharandar scheme, financial assistance to the Handicrafts & Handloom Co-operative societies and enhancing the limit under the Artisan Credit Card scheme were announced by the Government.

It is believed that all these steps will strengthen the Handicraft & Handloom eco system of the UT and will give a boost to the ground level artisan.

## Climate Financing Area Of Worry, Says Sitharaman

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**WASHINGTON:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that climate financing continues to be an area of worry as she flagged India's concerns over funding mechanism and technology transfer.

Her remarks came ahead of the upcoming COP26 Summit to be held at Glasgow in the United Kingdom. Leaders of nearly 200 countries, including India, will gather at the high-level summit on climate change, scheduled to be held from October 31 to November 12, to discuss the way forward to tackle climate action and submit their updated targets.

Sitharaman said it is unclear how the USD 100 billion per year commitment given in the wake of COP21 has been extended.

"From my side, of course, one of the issues that I did raise and it is also something which many people do take cognisance of, is we actually don't know if there were any measures given to measure if money spent on a particular project by somebody will be part of that USD 100 billion," Sitharaman said after the conclusion of her meetings at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank here on Friday.

"So, what constitutes USD 100 billion? How do we measure if



actually USD 100 billion has been given or only some of them has been given? So, not just that USD 100 billion per year is coming or not but how do we measure that it is indeed coming or not, is also one of the issues," she said.

Sitharaman said several participants, both in the IMF and World Bank meetings, highlighted this particular issue.

"So funding is continuing to be a question of worry for many countries, as much as even the transfer of technology," she said.

"The issue is, again, as much as it is in the fund, do we know which technology that we are asking for transfer? Do we know which are those things which have to be considered for the debate and transfer of technology," Sitharaman said.

Responding to a question, the finance minister asserted that her view on this was not a reflection of her dissatisfaction.

"I'm not stating it's a statement of this dissatisfaction because India's commitments are fulfilled. There are only six countries which kept the nationally determined commitments.

"India has more than done it, and also submitted a report to show that this is what we have done. What has to be achieved by 2030, we have achieved already...almost achieved, and now we've scaled up our expectations on renewable (energy), we are touching 450 GW (gigawatt)," Sitharaman said.

"So, I don't think I can be even for a moment, disappointed or dissatisfied, clearly from our side. We are moving with our own resources in fulfilling our commitments," the minister said.

There are things to be done, she acknowledged.

"It is reminding, because the level at which many countries are, the levels of development at which each one has to be able to comply with an even a nationally determined commitment itself means a lot," Sitharaman said.

She also expressed concern over growing oil prices.

"So even as I'm putting more money into renewables and trying to be cleaner in the energy that we produce, this price rise is something which is going to be of worry to me," Sitharaman said.

## Petrol, Diesel Prices Hiked For Third Straight Day

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** Petrol and diesel price on Saturday was hiked again by 35 paise a litre to take retail rates across the country to new record highs.

With this hike, petrol is now at Rs 100-a-litre mark or more in all state capitals, while diesel has touched the 100-level in a dozen states. Diesel is nearing Rs 100-a-litre mark in Goa and Bengaluru.

The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of Rs 105.49 a litre and Rs 111.43 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

In Mumbai, diesel now comes for Rs 102.15 a litre; while in Delhi, it costs Rs 94.22.

This is the third straight day of 35 paise per litre hike in petrol and diesel prices. There was no change in rates on October 12 and 13.

Since ending of a three-week long hiatus in rate revision in the last week of September, this is the 15th increase in petrol price and the 18th time that diesel rates have gone up.

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/UT including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Kerala, Karnataka and Ladakh.

In Panaji, diesel now costs Rs



99.56 a litre while in Bengaluru it comes for Rs 99.97 per litre and Silvassa for Rs 99.86.

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 is trading at USD 84.8 per barrel for the first time in seven years.

A month back, 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 5.6 per litre and petrol price has increased by Rs 4.30 a litre.

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 a litre during this period.

## CEO NITI Aayog Chairs Meeting Of Tourism Officers In Pahalgam



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**ANANTNAG:** CEO, NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), Amitabh Kant, Saturday visited Pahalgam where he chaired a meeting of tourism officers.

CEO had a detailed review of strategy, progress and steps being taken up for development of tourism sector in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Secretary, Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez, presented power point presentation detailing achievements, strategies being employed to attract tourists and develop new tourist destinations in the UT followed by a threadbare discussion on the same.

Secretary apprised the CEO NITI Aayog that several steps like organising summer and winter festivals at various locations, tourist festivals at religious places and sufi shrines, conducting food festivals, widespread publicity in print and digital media, conducting road shows, weekend festivals,

destination based festivals and connected events are being taken up to boost tourist footfall in the UT.

He added that several capacity building programmes have also been conducted by the department. Besides, several consultants and event management companies have been engaged aimed at exploring and utilizing the tourist potential of the UT. He also apprised the CEO about some issues like sanction of PMDP 2nd and PRASAD projects, sanction of new ropeway projects for Pahalgam and Shikharori besides special package for border tourism under BADP.

CEO NITI Aayog, while interacting with officers of the tourism department, said that the department should invite the film industry for shooting in picturesque locations, maximise usage of social media for publicity, focus on high value tourism and invite tourism experts to share their experiences for promotion of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

### SHORT TAKES

## India Most Cost-Effective In Rooftop Solar Power: Report

**MUMBAI:** A global study has found that India is the most cost-effective country for generating rooftop solar energy at USD 66 per megawatt-hour, while the cost in China is marginally higher at USD 68 per megawatt-hour.

Due to the lower cost, rooftop solar photovoltaics (RTSPV) technology, such as roof-mounted solar panels used in homes, and commercial and industrial buildings, is currently the fastest deployable energy generation technology. This, according to this global study, is projected to fulfil up to 49% of the global electricity demand by 2050.

Over the past decade, the massive drop in deployment cost coupled with policy-

driven initiatives has led to a rapid uptake of RTSPV globally. At the same time, RTSPV technology has shown a steep decline in deployment cost.

Between 2006 and 2018, the installed capacity of the RTSPV has grown from 2.5 gigawatts (GW) to 213 GW.

The study has been co-authored by Priyadarshi Shukla, a professor at Ahmedabad University and director of its global centre for environment and energy; Shivika Mittal from the Imperial College, London; and James Glynn from Columbia University. The team was led by Siddharth Joshi, researcher at MaREI, the SFI Research Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine in University College Cork. (PTI)

## FM Discusses Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery, Other Issues With WB Chief

**WASHINGTON:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman discussed the post-pandemic economic recovery, India's major role in the global fight against COVID-19 and preparations for the upcoming Climate Change Conference among other issues during her meeting with World Bank President David Malpass.

Sitharaman met Malpass at the World Bank headquarters in Washington DC on Friday.

"Both sides discussed various issues including #COVID #vaccination, #economic-recovery, preparations for #CoP26, initiative of #WBG for increasing lending space for India, IDA 20 replenishment, knowledge partnership with @WorldBank," Finance Ministry said in a series of tweets.

During the meeting, Sitharaman shared the measures being taken by India to contain the spread of the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic, including the major role played by India on the global COVID-19 effort, the ministry said.

She appreciated the World Bank Group for their initiative for increasing lending space for India to enhance availability of finance for development.

## IT Dept Detects Import Under-Invoicing, Tax Evasion By Laptop Firm

**NEW DELHI:** The Income Tax Department has detected "large-scale" under-invoicing of imports after it recently raided a trader of laptops and mobile phones, the CBDT said on Saturday.

The searches were carried out on October 10 at locations in the National Capital Region, Haryana and West Bengal.

"The evidences found and seized during the course of the search reveal that the payments for such under-invoiced goods to foreign consignees have been made through hawala channels.

"Almost the entire business has been found to be run through such modus operandi," the Central Board of Direct Taxes, the policy-making body for the tax department, said in a statement.

It said Rs 2.75 crore cash was seized during the operation.

The taxman found that the modus operandi of the trading group "involves import of goods in the name of shell entities at under-valued and/or wrongful declaration of description

of goods imported, with an intent to evade customs duty," it said.

"Upon clearance at port(s), such goods have been found to be distributed throughout India by way of out-of-books cash transactions," the statement said.

Though the value of imports, it said, declared at the port of entry by the use of such shell entities in the past three years is about Rs 20 crore, it is estimated that the actual value during this period could be more than Rs 2,000 crore, given the scale of "massive" under-valuation detected.

The CBDT said that a container kept at the Kolkata port was searched and the bill of lading declared the goods as "HDMI cables" valued at Rs 3.8 lakh.

"However, on de-sealing and searching the same, it has been revealed that the actual goods imported are high-value items like laptops, mobile phones etc. which are valued at Rs 64 crore," it claimed.

The statement alleged that the illicit wealth "has been used for acquisition of high-value immovable properties, disguising of cash introduced

## HDFC Bank Q2 Consolidated Profit Rises 18 Pc To Rs 9,096 Cr

**NEW DELHI:** HDFC Bank on Saturday reported an 18 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit at Rs 9,096 crore for the second quarter ended September 2021.

The country's biggest private sector lender had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 7,703 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago.

Total consolidated income during the quarter under review rose to Rs 41,436.36 crore from Rs 38,438.47 crore in July-September 2020, HDFC Bank said in a statement.

On a standalone basis, after providing Rs 3,048.3 crore for taxation, it earned a net profit of Rs 8,834.3 crore, an increase of 17.6 per cent over the quarter ended September 30, 2020.

The bank had earned a net profit Rs 7,513.1 crore on standalone basis in the same quarter a year ago, the statement said.

Total income (standalone) grew to Rs 38,754.16 crore in the second quarter of FY2022 from Rs 36,069.42 crore in the year-ago quarter. (PTI)



# Jaishankar On Israel Visit From October 17-21

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**NEW DELHI:** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will pay an official visit to Israel beginning Sunday during which he will hold talks with his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries.

This will be Jaishankar's first visit to the country as External Affairs Minister.

The Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement on Saturday that Jaishankar will pay an official visit to Israel from October 17-21 at the invitation of Alternate Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Lapid.

He will hold a bilateral



meeting with Lapid and will also call on President Isaac Herzog, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, and Knesset Speaker Mickey Levy during his visit.

India and Israel elevated bilateral relations to a strategic partnership during the historic visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Israel in July 2017.

Since then, the relationship between the two countries has focused on expanding knowledge-based partnership, which includes collaboration in innovation and research, including boosting the 'Make in India' initiative, the MEA said.

During his visit, Jaishankar will interact with the Indian-origin Jewish community in Israel, Indologists, Indian students who are currently pursuing their education in Israeli universities, and business people, including from the hi-tech industries, the statement said.

The visit will also be an occasion to pay tribute to the valiant Indian soldiers who laid their lives in the region, especially during the First World War, it said.

## Told To Pay For Cigarettes, 4 Beat Shopkeeper To Death In Madhya Pradesh

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**MADHYA PRADESH:** Four people allegedly beat a shopkeeper to death after they were asked to pay for the cigarettes they had taken, police in Madhya Pradesh's Shahdol said on Saturday.

The incident occurred in Deolond town, about 90 kilometres from the district headquarters, on Friday night, an official said, adding that the accused had been identified as Monu Khan, Pankaj Singh, Virat Singh and Sandeep Singh.

"The four went to Arun Soni's shop around 9 pm and asked for cigarettes. When



Soni asked them to pay for the cigarettes, the four assaulted him as well as two of his sons who tried to rescue their father," said Bhavishya Bhaskar, Sub Divisional Officer of Police (SDOP) of Beohari.

"Soni died some time after being taken to a hospital. Three of the four accused have been detained. Efforts are on to nab one of them who is on the run," he added.

## HDFC Bank Q2 Consolidated Net Profit Jumps 18% To Rs 9,096 Crore

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**MUMBAI:** HDFC Bank's net revenues (net interest income plus other income) increased by 14.7% to Rs 25,085.2 crore for the September quarter from Rs 21,868.8 crore in the corresponding quarter last year.

Net Internet Income (NII) (interest earned less interest expended) by 12.1% to Rs 17,684.4 crore in Q2FY22 from Rs 15,776.4 crore in the year-ago period.

"Advances grew at 15.5% reaching new heights driven through relationship management, digital offering and breadth of products. Core net interest margin was at 4.1%," said HDFC Bank in a regulatory filing.

Other income (non-interest revenue) at Rs 7,400.8 crore was 29.5% of net revenues for the quarter ended September 30, 2021 and grew by 21.5% over Rs 6,092.5 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Core operating profits came at Rs 15131.8 crore, up 18.24% YoY and 4.1% Q-o-Q. Provisions came at Rs 3924.7 crore, down 18.8% Q-o-Q (aids PAT, as per poll expectations).

The bank's loans grew 15.5% from a year ago, about three times the banking sector's rate. It set aside Rs 3,920 crore toward provisioning in the September quarter, down from 4,830 crore three months before.

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### 2 Non-Locals

suspected militants near Eidgah at around 6:30 pm Saturday, a police official said. Sah, a 'goll gappa' seller collapsed on the ground in a pool of blood.

A native of Banka in Bihar, Sah was removed to the SMHS hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there pronounced him dead on arrival.

"He was brought dead to the hospital. He had received a single bullet injury on his head," Medical Superintendent SMHS, Kanwaljeet Singh told Kashmir Observer.

Soon after the shootout, a contingent of police and paramilitary men reached the spot and launched a search operation to nab the attackers, reports said.

The attack, reports said, also created panic in the area prompting the traders to down their shutters while passerby were seen running towards the safer places. The attack also caused disruption in the traffic.

Barely an hour after Eidgah shooting, suspected militants shot at and critically injured Saghir Ahmad, a carpenter hailing from Uttar Pradesh, in Pulwama district, the police official said. "He was rushed to District Hospital Pulwama for treatment where the doctors declared him as brought dead," reports said.

The killings of non-locals came on a day when police claimed to have killed four militants in a span of 24 hours who it said were involved in last week's targeted killings in Srinagar.

The attacks have also triggered a series of encounters between security forces and suspected militants. According to the police, 13 militants have been killed in the past one week.

"13 militants have been killed in nine encounters after civilian killings. We have killed three out of five terrorists in Srinagar in less than 24 hours," Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar said.

The police have claimed that four militants responsible for four civilian killings in Jammu and Kashmir in the first week of October have been killed in these nine encounters.

Killings Condemned

Meanwhile, the killings of the non-locals evoked strong condemnation from mainstream political parties.

Reacting to the attack, former J&K chief minister Omar Abdullah said in a tweet, "Strongly condemn the killing of street vendor Arvind Kumar in a terror attack in Srinagar today. This is yet another case of a civilian being targeted like this."

"All Arvind Kumar did was come to Srinagar in search of earning opportunities & it's reprehensible that he was murdered," Omar Abdullah added.

Former J&K chief minister Mehbooba Mufti said in a tweet, "An innocent civilian on his way home to his wife & kids, a non local street vendor eking out a living or troops in Poonch. None of these people deserved to die."

"One wonders what will it take for GOI to realise that its policies have been a monumental failure in J&K & at what cost," the PDP leader asked.

People's Conference leader Sajad Lone tweeted, "This is pure terror. Yet again a non-local vendor was shot and killed in Idgah. What a shame. How cowardly can it get."

Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari also termed the killing of non-local labourer S in Litter area of Pulwama as extremely reprehensible.

In a statement issued here, Bukhari said these heinous attacks call for an unconditional condemnation from both social and political forums in the valley.

"Kashmiriyat can never be tainted with the blood of innocent and those elements who covet to destroy the historical ethos of Jammu and Kashmir have undermined the strength of our cultural roots that are enshrined in a Sufi-Rishi tradition. The fringe lobby can never define the majority public sentiment," he said.

Bukhari observed that such spineless attacks are a manifest display of the frustration and maniacal attitude of these nefarious forces which have utterly failed to break the unity of the people.

"They want another 90's like exodus but that is not going to happen anymore.

The numerous delegations that went to exhibit their solidarity with the recently killed innocents have maddened our enemies and failed their plots. These attacks are only aimed to create a panicked environment in the valley but the people have firmly resolved to stand united against it," he observed.

### LG Vows To Punish

"Perpetrators of these heinous attacks will be punished soon. We have intensified our efforts to crush terrorists & their ecosystem. They will have to pay a very heavy price for killing innocent civilians. I urge people to speak in one

voice & join hands in the fight against terror," he wrote in another Tweet.

### JCO, Soldier Killed

and their bodies have been recovered in the evening of 16 Oct 21. The operations in the area are continuing," the defence spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, the army's elite Para commandos have joined the combing operations to flush out the militants, who are believed to be constantly changing positions and engaging the joint team of police and army in firefights. Choppers have also been pressed into service to keep the area under surveillance.

According to reports, the Para commandos joined the offensive against the militants in the dense forests along the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, as the operation entered sixth day on Saturday amid reports of exchange of fresh fire near Bhata Dhurian village of Mendhar along highway in Poonch district.

The presence of militants in the forest area connecting Poonch and Rajouri was observed two and a half months ago and accordingly tactical operations were launched to track them down, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajouri-Poonch range, Vivek Gupta told reporters.

He said the area is mountainous and the forest is dense, which makes the operation difficult and dangerous.

The joint security grid was tracking different groups of terrorists but operations take time, depending on the topography of the area. The contact with the militants was established on three occasions this week, based on the intelligence inputs, the officer said.

Gupta said the forest area is being sanitised and once the operation is complete, a clear picture will emerge.

"The terrorists are holed up and the joint forces are on the job to take the operation to the logical conclusion as per the Standard Operating Procedure," he said.

However, he did not disclose the number of militants hiding in the forest area. He have the number and have formed our strategy accordingly.

The officials said gunshots were heard intermittently throughout the day as the joint search parties of the Army and the police resumed the operation in Poonch's Mendhar area.

They said the entire forest area from Mendhar to Thanamandi remains under a strict cordon and a massive search operation is on to neutralise the militants who are moving from one place to another in an attempt to escape the dragnet.

They said the traffic between Mendhar and Thanamandi along the Jammu-Rajouri highway remained suspended for the second day in the wake of the ongoing operation.

Rajouri and Poonch in the Jammu region have witnessed a rise in infiltration attempts since June this year, resulting in the killing of nine militants in separate encounters.

Earlier in the day, a defence spokesperson said the mortal remains of riflemen Negi and Singh were flown to Uttarakhand in a service aircraft Saturday morning after a wreath-laying ceremony.

The aircraft will reach the Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun by 11.30 am, he said.

From the airport, the mortal remains of the soldiers will be taken to their hometowns by road and their last rites will be conducted with full military honours, the spokesman said. (With PTI inputs)

### 2 Militants Killed

in Drangbal locality of saffron town, a police spokesperson said.

Giving details of the operation, he said, police, army's 50 RR and the personnel of CRPF 110 battalion during the intervening night of October 15-16, launched a joint cordon and search operation (CASO) in Drangbal, Pampore on the basis of specific input regarding the presence of militants in the locality.

During the search operation, he said, the militants were given the opportunity to surrender once their presence got ascertained.

"Instead they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party, which was retaliated leading to an encounter. In the ensuing encounter, two terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter," the police spokesperson said.

He identified the duo as Umer Mushtaq Khandey and Shahid Khurshid associated with LeT.

As per police records, the spokesperson said that both the killed militants were collaborators in recent killings in Srinagar City and were also involved in several other "terror crimes".

Khandey, he said, was also involved in the killing of policemen Mohammad Yousuf and Suhail Ahmad in Baghat area of Srinagar and figured among the list of top 10 most wanted militants.

"He was also responsible for creating terror among the locals and had been coercing innocent citizens to sympathise with anti-national elements," he added.

The police spokesperson further claimed that incriminating materials including arms & ammunition were also recovered from the site of encounter. He said all the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation.

"Police has registered a case under relevant sections of law and started investigation in to the matter. People are requested to cooperate with police till the area is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," he added.

The police spokesperson quoted IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar congratulating the joint teams working with great synergy and coordination on the ground for carrying out successful operations in professional manner without any collateral damage.

"IGP Kashmir said that, post recent civilian killings in City Srinagar terrorists Shahid Khurshid along with Shahid Bashir shifted to district Pulwama while as their other associate Mukhtar Shah shifted to district Shopian and all the three terrorists stands eliminated," he said.

Kumar, he said, also stated that police is committed to hunt down all the militants who try to create fear among masses and spread mischief & tumult in the valley and such elements & their names should be excised from society.

As per the police spokesperson, Kumar said that post recent civilian killings, so far 13 militants have been eliminated in 9 different operations including 3 out of 5 militants of Srinagar City who were killed within less than 24hrs.

"He also said that, as of now only two terrorists of Srinagar City namely Mehraan & Wasim are active and all efforts are on to nab them," he added.

### NSG To Guard

counter-terrorist and counter-hijack commando force is enhancing its "counter-terrorist profile" and preparing itself to meet emerging security challenges.

He said the forces' bomb disposal teams had neutralised improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and tiffin bombs, including those that were brought by drones from Pakistan and dropped in Indian territory.

The director general (DG) was speaking during the 37th raising day celebrations of the force, also known as the 'black cats', at its garrison in Manesar here.

Ganapathy said the NSG "has been deployed" at the Srinagar and Jammu IAF stations to provide security cover to the facilities keeping in mind drone attacks and added that this system is working "successfully".

A senior officer added that this deployment "will continue till a full-fledged and independent counter-drone system is deployed at these two bases".

The NSG has an array of anti-drone equipment, radars, jammers and drone killer guns that essentially work for perimeter security, the officer said.

Soon after the drone attack on the Jammu IAF base, he said, an NSG 'technical surveillance' team was sent to the station and it deployed its equipment there.

Later talking to the media, DG Ganapathy said drone warfare is a "new challenge" and all the security forces need to upgrade their capabilities and technology against such attacks.

"Drones are an easy way to create mischief, to drop bombs and payload like weapons and ammunition," he said.

All the security forces need to upgrade themselves vis-a-vis counter-drone technology and "I think we are capable to tackle this threat", the NSG DG said.

Asked why was the specially trained force not being involved in counter-terrorist operations being carried out in the Kashmir Valley, Ganapathy said the NSG has expertise in house intervention, hostage rescue and counter-hijack tasks and as and when they are requisitioned, the force will respond.

Officiating as the chief guest of the event, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai lauded the commando force for its operations and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought an "independent security policy" for the country.

The minister said security threats are continuously evolving including the threats of 'lone wolf' attacks and aerial strikes.

The NSG was raised as a federal counter-terrorist force in 1984 to undertake surgical commando operations to neutralise terrorist and hijack threats.

It is also a special squad that provides armed security cover to at least 13 high-risk VIPs at present. The NSG has five hubs in the country, apart from its main garrison here, and in each of them, a team of commandos is stationed in

readiness 24x7 to respond to any threat situation within a 30 minute mobilisation timeframe.

The five NSG hubs or bases are located in Gandhinagar, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Chennai and they were created post the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

### Securing All 'Soft

by terrorists in Kashmir last week, triggering fear among the people in the Valley and criticism of the security apparatus by political parties.

"There was no lapse in security... They (terrorists) chose soft targets, we had not provided security to them (civilians). It is not possible to provide security to all soft targets," Kumar said.

He said security forces acted swiftly and identified all five militants involved in the killings.

"Two of them have been neutralised and the other three will also be tracked down soon," he added.

Dismissing criticism of the security apparatus by politicians, Kumar said the police are dealing with the situation professionally.

"It is the job of politicians to make all kinds of statements. I am a professional and I know how to deal with it (situation). We are dealing with it professionally," he said.

"Two more are trapped (in an encounter at Pampore) and they will also be killed soon," he said.

Many political leaders had criticised the Centre and the security forces over the civilian killings in Kashmir. Some had also demanded that accountability be fixed for the "repeated security lapses" and security be provided to members of minority communities living in the Valley.

### Govt Terminates

Research Officer in Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), S/o Altaf Ahmad Shah R/o 119-MIG Green Park, Bemina, Srinagar A/P Bachpora, Srinagar are such as to warrant his dismissal from service," reads an order issued by the General Administration Department (GAD) on Saturday.

It further reads that the LG is satisfied under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution of India that in the interest of the security of the State, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in the case of Islam.

"Accordingly, the Lieutenant Governor hereby dismisses Mr. Anees-ul-Islam, Research Officer in Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre S/o Altaf Ahmad Shah R/o 119-MIG Green Park, Bemina, Srinagar A/P Bachpora, Srinagar from service, with immediate effect," reads the order.

The government also ordered dismissal of Farooq Ahmad Butt, a teacher (RRET) in GMS Kathawa, Doda, from services in a separate order.

According to security agencies, Farooq's brother, Muhammad Amin Butt is a militant operating from Pakistan controlled Kashmir (PcK).

### NC Leader's Scam

from Jammu and Kashmir Bank, joined the PC in the presence of party chairman Sajad Gani Lone.

Asked if he had consulted his father and NC leader Abdul Rahim Rather on joining Lone's party, Rather replied in the negative.

"I respect my father and he has been magnanimous in giving me space to take my own decisions. I have taken this decision on my own," he said.

Rather said he chose People's Conference as he wanted to work for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir who have immensely suffered due to the ongoing conflict.

Asked why he did not join the National Conference, he said he did not want to do negative politics .

"I want to do positive politics," he asserted.

While welcoming Rather into the party, Lone said the People's Conference has arrived.

"Let there be no delusions...There are many who refuse to see reality as it exists and want to create reality as they want to see it.

"We have come, we have arrived and we will conquer for the betterment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Lone added.

Rather is facing the investigation by the CBI into the loan taken from the J&K Bank for his ambitious township project in 2012, when his father was the finance minister of the erstwhile state. The loan was allegedly sanctioned without submitting any collateral and the money was diverted from the bank account.

The account had turned a non-performing asset in 2017.

Earlier on Friday NC spokesman had tweeted: "Abdul Rahim Rather, party leader & former Finance Minister, strongly contradicts the rumors being circulated on some Social Media platforms about his resignation from JKNC and joining some other political party. The rumours

are BASELESS and are far from reality."

The rumours of Rather senior leaving the party and joining Lone led PC came a few days after the resignation of senior NC leaders Devender Rana and A S Salathia, who have now joined the BJP.

### LG Felicitates

UPSC qualifiers, the LG said that their commendable accomplishment will motivate many more youths from Jammu and Kashmir to follow their footsteps and inspire them to compete in the prestigious Civil Services Examination, an official spokesperson said.

Sinha, he said, observed that the government has been putting in efforts to promote the inherently capable youth of the UT by creating a conducive ecosystem for proper channelization of Youth energies through multi-faceted interventions.

"Sustained systematic interventions like Mission Youth, creation of Youth Clubs in all panchayats of UT, focused coaching programmes for meritorious students enables access to modern education, and a host of opportunities for youth engagement and empowerment," the LG said, as per official spokesperson.

The LG, he said, called upon the future civil servants to discharge their duties with honesty, integrity and utmost dedication, and strive to be the true makers of an advance and progressive society.

### Soldier Shoots

Kumar was shifted to 92 Base Hospital in Srinagar for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead.

It was immediately not known why the soldier took the extreme step. (GNS)

### J&K Logs 82

remaining 15 were detected from Jammu division thus taking the total number of people infected by the virus to 330967.

Giving district wise details, the officials said that Srinagar reported highest 37 cases, Baramulla 12, Budgam 7, Kupwara and Bandipora 5 each and Ganderbal 1 new case of coronavirus. No cases were reported from the four districts of Kulgam, Shopian, Anantnag and Pulwama.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported six fresh cases, Poonch 5, Doda 2, and Udhampur and Reasi 1 new case of Covid-19. The five districts of Rajouri, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar and Ramban reported no new cases.

Also, the officials said, 122 more patients have recovered—50 from Jammu Division and 72 from Kashmir.

There was no death due to the virus. So far 4426—2174 in Jammu and 2252 in Kashmir—have died due to the pathogen, they said.

### IFS, 2 JKAS Officers

and posted as Additional Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, on deputation basis, relieving Anup Kumar Soni, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division, Jammu of the additional charge of the post.

"It is further ordered that during the deputation of Rahul Singh, he shall be governed under the standard terms and conditions of deputation as contained in Schedule XVIII of J&K Civil Services Regulation (Vol. II), 1956 read with SRO-192dated 28.5.2007 and he shall retain lien and promotion prospects in his parent service," reads the order.

As per separate order, Aiyaz Ahmad Naisroo, JKAS, Secretary, J&K Lakes and Waterways Development Authority, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director, Tourism, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Malik Waseem Ahmad, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Power Development Department, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director, Tourism, Kashmir, against an available vacancy, the order, issued on the directions by Lieutenant Governor, added.

### Senior J&K Officer

The 47-year-old official is a resident of Vasant Kunj, they said.

According to the police, two to three days ago, when the victim was going to Faridabad in a car, two men on a scooter signalled her to stop at the Khanpur T-point and told her that the vehicle was leaking fuel.

As soon as she stopped the car to check it, one of the miscreants snatched her sling bag containing Rs 2,000, an ATM card, and her identity card and sped away, a senior officer said.

In a scuffle that ensued over the bag, the woman received minor injuries, he said.

A case under sections 392 (punishment for robbery) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the IPC has been registered against the unidentified robbers, and further investigation is underway, the police said.



## CSA Leaves Out Du Plessis, Tahir From Congratulatory Post On CSK

Issues another one after criticism



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**DUBAI:** Cricket South Africa (CSA) on Saturday drew sharp criticism, including from pace great Dale Steyn, after it congratulated Lungi Ngidi for winning the IPL title with Chennai Super Kings, but left out star batter Faf du Plessis and leg-spinner Imran Tahir from its initial social media post, which was deleted.

CSA eventually issued a tweet congratulating all South Africans playing for CSK. Du Plessis contributed immensely to the CSK winning their fourth IPL title in Dubai on Friday night.

"Congratulations to all the South Africans who competed in and claimed victory in the 2021 IPL Final with Chennai Super Kings. Notably Faf du Plessis who put in a Man of the match performance," was posted by CSA after a social media storm and criticism from some of its big players like Steyn.

Earlier, after the Super Kings' title triumph, CSA put out a post on Instagram, captioning: "Congratulations @lungingidi on claiming the 2021 IPL title with Chennai Super Kings."

This did not go down well with

Steyn and du Plessis himself, who was joined by many others in slamming the cricket body.

Du Plessis, who emerged as the second-highest scorer of the season with 633 runs for CSK, responded to the message saying: "Really???"

Not at all impressed by the CSA, Steyn also hit out at the cricket body on his social media handle.

"Who's running this account? Last I checked Faf isn't even retired, Imran isn't retired, both these guys have given years of service to CSA and they were not worth a mention? Disgusting," the former South Africa pacer wrote.

"CSA opening a can of worms for themselves with their Twitter and Instagram. Whoever's running those accounts needs a talking too," tweeted Steyn.

"CSA now blocked the comments section. Here's some advice. Do the right thing. Delete the post and add all the men involved, save yourself the embarrassment and ridicule," he added.

Joining Steyn, former South Africa player David Wiese termed it "shocking" and said du Plessis and Tahir deserved a bit more respect.



## Premier League: Draws Mark 3 Matches On Saturday

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

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

The first match of the day was played between Downton Heroes FC and Real Kashmir FC (R). The match ended in a 0-0 draw. Neeraj of Real Kashmir was named man of the match.

The draw was a disappointing result for Downton Heroes who expected to take full points from the tie.

The second Premier Division match of the day was played between Kashmir Maharaja FC and J&K Bank Academy. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

The goals came in the second half of the match, with Huzaif giving Bank Academy the lead. Kashmir Maharaja was

however awarded a penalty in the 75th minute, which Kaiser calmly slotted in. The match ended 1-1 with Owais Ayoub of J&K Bank Academy bagging the man of the match award.

The third match was played between Novelty FC and SPDC XI. The match ended in a disappointing 0-0 draw for both teams. Alok Chohan of Novelty FC was awarded man of the match award.

## Team India Has Talent, Needs To Show Maturity to win T20 WC: Ganguly

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**DUBAI:** BCCI President and former captain Sourav Ganguly on Saturday said the Indian cricket team under Virat Kohli has all the talent to be considered a legitimate contender for the T20 World Cup and it only needs to show a bit of maturity to claim the trophy.

India will open their T20 World Cup campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan on October 24.

"So, you don't become champions easily and you just don't become champions just by stepping into a tournament,



so they have to get through the process, they have to show maturity," Ganguly said when asked what India needs to do to win the title.

"...they all have the talent, they all have the skill to score runs and take wickets at this level. They just have to be

mentally in good space to win the World Cup," the flamboyant former left-handed batter quipped.

Ganguly said the side should focus on winning every game instead of targeting the title straight up.

"...(the) title is only won when the finals are finished. So, you have a lot of cricket to be played before that and I think India should focus (on) every game, India should focus on winning every game and just taking it from there and not think about the title at the start," he said.

## Saurashtra Cricketer Avi Barot Dead at 29

Suffers heart attack while watching IPL final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**RAJKOT:** Saurashtra batter Avi Barot, a former India Under-19 captain and a member of the Ranji Trophy winning team in the 2019-20 season, has died after suffering a cardiac arrest at a shockingly young age of 29, the Saurashtra Cricket Association (SCA) said.

The player, who also represented Haryana and Gujarat in his career, died on Friday.

"Everyone at Saurashtra Cricket Association (is) deeply shocked and saddened on (the) very shocking, untimely and extremely sad demise of Avi Barot, remarkable and notable cricketer of Saurashtra.

"He left for heavenly abode in the evening of 15th October 2021 due to severe cardiac arrest," the SCA stated in a media

release issued here.

He was a right-handed batter, who could also bowl off-breaks. Barot played 38 first-class matches, 38 List A matches and 20 Domestic T20 games. He was a wicket-keeper-batsman and scored 1,547 runs in first-class matches, 1030 runs in list-A games and 717 runs in T20s.

Barot was a part of the Ranji Trophy winning Saurashtra team, which had defeated Bengal in the summit clash.

For Saurashtra, he played 21 Ranji Trophy matches, 17 List A matches and 11 domestic T20 games.

Barot was India U-19 captain in 2011 and earlier this year, he grabbed attention with his stupendous 122-run knock in just 53 balls during a Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match against Goa.



## Rahul Dravid To Take Over India Head Coach

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** India's batting stalwart Rahul Dravid is all set to take over as the national cricket team's head coach following the T20 World Cup in the UAE, having agreed to the BCCI's offer after initial reluctance.

The 48-year-old Dravid, one of the greatest ever to have played for India, has been in charge of the India A and U-19 set-up for the past six years and a lot of players such as Rishabh Pant, Avesh Khan, Prithvi Shaw, Hanuma Vihari, and Shubman Gill have come through the system prepared by him.

He currently heads the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru.

"Yes, Rahul has agreed to coach the Indian team till 2023 World Cup. Initially, he was reluctant but it is understood that president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah had a meeting with Rahul on the sidelines of the IPL final where they were able to convince him," a BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity. "It won't be an interim role," he added.



## T20 World Cup: India 'Mentor' MS Dhoni Ready To Set Template For CSK, And Become Virat Kohli's Sounding Board

Mahendra Singh Dhoni has completed his primary assignment with distinction, leading Chennai Super Kings to their fourth IPL title but now comes the tricky one -- to be the 'Mentor' of the Indian cricket team at the T20 World Cup. (More Cricket News)

Dhoni the leader is very different from any of his predecessors or successors but whether in Team India blues or CSK's canary yellow, he has been an active voice on the field for the last 17 years in top-flight cricket.

The new role though will be a slightly trickier one where from active voice, Dhoni is expected to become an "actively passive voice" where it would depend on skipper Kohli and coach Ravi Shastri as to how they use the nuggets of information that they get from him.

The term 'Mentor' in Indian cricket has a broad domain -- strategist, motivator, sounding board, one can take his pick. In case of Dhoni, he is expected to be a sounding board as this Indian team, despite not winning big events, has been in auto-pilot mode for a long



time.

If one has watched Dhoni, he never fixes something that isn't broken. He will only speak when spoken to and will never encroach in Shastri or Kohli's domain. That's not the MSD style.

But he has been a captain for most of the senior players in this side, who made their debuts under him and also attained super stardom with his guidance.

So, in this month-long role with the Indian team, how does Dhoni benefit? He certainly does.

It will give Dhoni an idea about whether he can straightaway be a mentor and save CSK's retention money for the next Indian

Premier League.

Dhoni has been pretty ambiguous about his future as an IPL player. He made it clear that BCCI's retention policy will determine how he sees his role in the CSK set-up.

And this is where, his role becomes very important.

He is going to be a sure-shot presence in the dug-out and if he finds that he is able to help Kohli and his men execute any specific strategy that he wants in a particular game, it would certainly give him confidence of engineering CSK's transition without actually being present on the field.

One can be sure that Dhoni isn't an imposing personality. He has shown that he believes in decisions being taken by choice and not under compulsion.

**So what are the key areas where he could be captain Kohli's sounding board?**

KL Rahul or Ishan Kishan, who should be Rohit Sharma's opening partner:

Dhoni has maximised the potential of his resources with Ruturaj Gaikwad and Faf du Plessis playing a huge role in CSK's triumph.

If Kohli goes to him for advice, will it be the technically correct Rahul, who has been a great IPL player or Kishan, who has shown more attacking intent in Powerplay? How effective can be Kishan if he plays in the middle-order?

The answer to these questions is awaited.

**Should it be Hardik Pandya the batter or Shardul Thakur the all-rounder?**

Hardik Pandya has flattered to deceive during the past two IPL seasons but the problems didn't seem too big as Mumbai Indians won the title back in 2020.

However their disappointing show in the 2021 edition will also increase worries for the Indian team considering that he is unlikely to bowl in the Indian campaign at the World Cup.

Shardul hasn't set the stage on fire with his T20 batting in this IPL but he has had his moments of glory and India won't mind that.

Dhoni knows what to expect of Shardul and perhaps understand how to use Hardik. What will be his choice? Again, one will have to wait.

## Northern European Countries Oppose Biennial World Cup Plan

AGENCIES

**GENEVA:** The six-nation Nordic group of European soccer federations have detailed their opposition to FIFA's push to stage the World Cup every two years.

Increasing the number of World Cups would cannibalize existing competitions, make European Championships obsolete and marginalize women's tournaments, the federations wrote in a co-signed statement. It (the FIFA proposal) can fundamentally make it impossible to continue with our current model of national tournaments and national team matches, said the statement, which was released after a meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Nordic opposition wasn't unexpected with influential officials from the region working at European governing body UEFA, which has called for proper consultation before a decision is made. Karl-Erik Nilsson of Sweden is UEFA's first vice president and Danish soccer president Jesper Muller is a UEFA executive committee member.

Still, most of the Nordics meet

FIFA's target market of national teams which typically are not at the World Cup and might vote to get twice as many chances to qualify.

Finland and the Faeroe Islands have never qualified, Iceland's appearance in 2018 was its first and Norway has not played at the World Cup since 1998.

On Tuesday, Denmark became the second European nation to advance to the 2022 tournament in Qatar. Sweden leads its qualifying group ahead of Spain.

The Nordic group also said FIFA should not try to rush through such radical changes.

Outside Europe, the biennial plan has been publicly supported by soccer bodies most loyal to FIFA president Gianni Infantino in Africa and with Asian soccer federations allied with Saudi Arabia.

FIFA, which already expanded the World Cup to 48 teams starting in 2026, says biennial tournaments will raise money and fuel soccer development, help close the gap on European and South American dominance, and give players and fans more meaningful games to watch.

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