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NEWS DIGEST

CRPF Man Held For Carrying Bullets

SRINAGAR: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) man was detained at the Srinagar International Airport on Thursday after security personnel recovered bullets from his luggage. Head Constable Mohammad Kabir of CRPF96 battalion was apprehended by the **More On P10**

IED Defused In Baramulla

SRINAGAR: A major tragedy was averted as government forces detected and defused an improvised explosive device (IED) in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, officials said. "Security forces detected an IED planted by militants from a passenger shed at a bus stop **More On P10**

J&K Adopts Kalij Pheasant As UT Bird

SRINAGAR: The administration of Jammu and Kashmir has adopted Kalij Pheasant as UT bird. Commissioner secretary, Forests, Environment and Ecology, Sanjeev Verma confirmed that Kalij Pheasant (Lophura leucomenos) has been adopted as UT bird. "J&K had to adopt new bird as UT bird because black-necked **More On P10**

Tight Security For HM's First Kashmir Visit After 2019

Amit Shah To Arrive In Kashmir For 3-Day Visit On Saturday Amid Spike In Violence

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Security was heightened in the Kashmir Valley on Thursday, two days ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Srinagar.

This will be Shah's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after the erstwhile state's semi-autonomous position was revoked on August 5, 2019. It comes against the backdrop of the series of killings including



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of five migrant workers and several minority community members. The violence has forced many migrant workers and the Kashmiri Pandits to

leave the Kashmir Valley. The Home Minister is likely to hold a series of meetings with J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha **More On P10**

Police Breaks Silence On Motorbike Crackdown

Seizure Of Some Bikes, Internet Shutdown Related To Terror Violence: IGP

Zaid Bin Shabir

A crackdown on bikers continued for the third straight day in this capital city. Police on Thursday defended its action saying that the seizure of some bikes and shutting down of internet in some areas was purely related

to militancy and has nothing to do with the visit of Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir. "Seizing some bikes and shutting down of internet of some towers is purely related to #terror #violences. It has nothing to do with visit of the Hon'ble HM," Kashmir Police quoted IGP Kashmir, Vijay

Kumar as saying. Even though the J&K Police has a regular social media presence and tweets about almost all of its activities on a daily basis, it remained tight-lipped for two days on providing any plausible reason behind the crackdown on two-wheelers before **More On P10**

Encounter Breaks Out In Srinagar

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: A gunfight broke out on Thursday between militants and government forces in Chanpora area of this capital city.

According to the officials, police and CRPF launched a search operation in Rose Lane locality of Chanpora area of the city on Saturday evening on the basis of inputs suggesting presence of two militants in the area. When the joint team zeroed in towards the suspected spot, the militants hiding in the area opened fire upon them.

The joint team, reports said, returned the fire settings off an encounter. **More On P10**

9 Youth Slapped With PSA, Shifted Outside

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The district authorities in south Kashmir's Shopian have booked at least 9 youth under the controversial Public Safety Act (PSA) and shifted them to different jails outside the Valley.

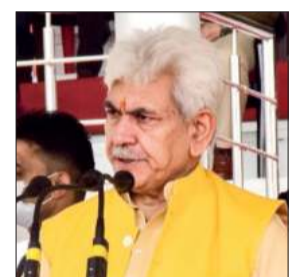
According to reports, PSA warrants were issued by District Magistrate, Shopian against 9 people hailing from different areas of Shopian district. Among the detainees, Sameer Ahmad Malla of Maldera Zainpora, Muzamil Ahmad Dar of Rai Kapren and **More On P10**

Will Not Rest Till Terrorism Wiped Out: LG

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Accusing Pakistan of making attempts to disrupt the process of peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that his administration will not rest till "terrorism is completely wiped out"

"Attempts are being made by the neighbouring country to disrupt the process of peace & development in J&K. Our brave Security Forces will neutralize every terror threat. We will strive to preserve the communal fabric of J&K and will not rest till terrorism is completely



wiped out," Sinha said. He made these remarks while speaking at the Police commemoration day parade at Zewan here on Thursday, an official spokesperson said. "We are committed to peace, strengthening the social fabric & maintaining cultural harmony. Befitting reply will be **More On P10**

Killings Aimed To Create Communal Fissures: DGP

Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh said on Thursday that the recent killing of civilians and minority community members in Jammu and Kashmir was **More On P10**

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Stop Hate To Win Polls, Befriend Pak: Farooq To BJP

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Describing "hate" as a weapon to win elections in India, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday alleged that the BJP is spreading it to win the assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh early next year.

Addressing party workers at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here at NC's first major meeting in Jammu after the resignation of provincial president Devendra Singh Rana and former minister and party's secretary Surjit Singh Salathia, Abdullah said efforts are made to destroy peace in the name of Hindu and Muslim.



Abdullah called upon people to fight hate to save Jammu and Kashmir as well as the country, and warned that if hatred continues to grow, India's **More On P10**

BJP's Policies Have Taken J&K Back By Decades: Mehbooba

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday alleged that the BJP government's policies on Jammu and Kashmir have taken the union territory "back by decades". The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister made the remarks in response to photographs and videos on social media in which security forces are seen frisking women and minors during surprise checking **More On P10**

Panel Asks Pvt Schools Not To Seek Tuition Fee In Advance

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee (FFRC) on Thursday directed all private schools in the union territory not to charge any money under refundable or deposit heads as it was in violation of the Supreme Court guidelines.

It also directed the schools not to pressure the parents to pay the tuition fee in advance.

"Unfortunately, some school managements despite it having been ruled by Hon'ble Supreme Court and it being an age-old fact that imparting education is not a business/commercial activity but is charitable work, are using this pious work as camouflage to satisfy the beastly instincts of having only this world's fortunes," chairman



of FFRC Justice (ret'd) Muzaffar Hussain Attar said in a four-page order.

The order was issued following several complaints from parents that the schools were charging money under refundable or deposit heads.

"Refundable fee/deposit **More On P10**

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6. Submission of hard copy end date 03-11-2021 Upto 3PM
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Advisory for Fruit growers of Kashmir Valley
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3. Don't remove the stakes from the fruit trees
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5. Prefer pruning of their orchards in view of weather alert.
6. In case of snow fall visit your orchards and shake fruit trees and their limbs so that snow does not accumulate on fruit trees.
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Instagram Announces New Feature To Let Users Co-Author Same Posts



Agencies

Facebook-owned Instagram on Wednesday announced a new 'Collab' feature that will allow users of the social media platform to collaborate with others on Feed Posts and Reels. The new Collabs feature will allow two accounts to co-author a post or Reel. The post or Reel will appear jointly to each user's followers and will share the same comment thread, as well as view and like counts.

"We are launching Collabs, a new way to co-author Feed posts and Reels. Invite an account to be a collaborator. Both names will appear on header, share to both sets of followers, live on both profile grids, share views, likes and comments," the company said in a tweet.

Instagram said that collaborating is a huge part of how people connect on the social media platform. "With 'Collab', you can invite a collaborator to your Feed Post and Reels and so they can share the content with their followers," the company noted.

Meanwhile, Facebook is testing a feature that would allow users on its platform to cross-post their posts, including photos or videos, over to their Instagram.

The company said the option is currently a global test that's only available to a small group of people who already have their Facebook profiles linked to a personal, creator or business account on Instagram.

Facebook already allows users to cross-post their Instagram Stories and Reels to Facebook.

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Subject: - Roll Number- wise list of candidates appeared in NEET PG-2021 of UT's of J&K/ Ladakh.

Notification No. 113-BOPEE of 2021
Dated: 20-10-2021.

The National Board of Examinations (NBE) in Medical Sciences, New Delhi declared the result of MD / MS / PG Diploma on 28th September 2021, and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt, of India have furnished the result of candidates belonging to the UTs of J&K/ Ladakh, who have appeared in the National Eligibility Entrance Test for admission to MD/MS/PG Diploma courses for the session 2021 on 19th of October, 2021 to the Board. The NEET-PG Roll Number wise list of such candidates is appended here with as Annexure "A" to this notification. The interested candidates can check their result on the website of the Board www.ikbopee.gov.in.

Further, the notification regarding online registration of eligible candidates shall be issued separately and the candidates in their own interest are advised to remain in touch with the BOPEE website regularly and to keep all relevant documents ready for registration, whenever asked for.

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SMART CITY: Authorities Mull To Digitize Office Address, Households, Other Premises

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Authorities are mulling to digitalize the addresses of offices, households and other premises in Srinagar under Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping system project launched by Srinagar Smart City Limited.

The news agency has learnt that the project is being carried out by Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), in collaboration with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, New Delhi, and GeoVista.

Top official associated with the SSCL, said that under this project of GIS mapping all the



households, establishments, shops, and other premises within Srinagar vicinity will have a GIS-based door numbering system, that is a unique digital address.

"Under GIS numbering system all the places will have QR based and GIS-based addresses. The areas falling under the project will be named and numbered and then a unique digital

UNDER GIS NUMBERING SYSTEM ALL the places will have QR based and GIS-based addresses. The areas falling under the project will be named and numbered and then a unique digital address will be allotted to the premises," official said.

He said that the GIS mapping project will be beneficial for emergency services also, apart from it the system would make the delivery system efficient in cases of whether drainage, sanitation, snow clearance, ration distribution, electricity supply, or road network.

"The project is going to change the work system in Srinagar with regard to doing and provid-

ing the service to the people. The GIS mapping system will help in providing quick response to any disaster as the address can be shared with the hospital, fire service, and other emergency departments," he said.

For the project, all the departments under the project will collectively conduct the survey to collect the data and accordingly digital addresses will be installed at every house and other premises in the city—(KNO)

Parimahal Illuminated To Mark 100 Cr COVID Vaccination Feat



Agencies

SRINAGAR:- Parimahal, a historical garden in the Zabarwan Hills here, was one of the 100 monuments illuminated on Thursday across the country to mark India crossing the 100 crore vaccine doses mark.

The Pari Mahal or Palace of

fairies, overlooking the famous Dal Lake, was illuminated in the colours of the national flag this evening, officials said.

They said the illumination of the seven-terraced garden was done as part of the country celebrating administration of 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses.

Dilapidated Road Conditions Irk Residents Of Safakadal

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The residents of Lattar masjid Safakadal in Srinagar's downtown area are irked with the dilapidated road and potholes in their locality.

Talking to the news agency, the residents said: "The condition of roads is deplorable with countless potholes making the purpose of the road a failure."

They further said "Things are getting worse during the rainy season when potholes are not visible due to the poor drainage system which makes the area



heavily accident prone".

The residents also said that they are facing inconvenience due to bad road conditions. "We appeal to the administration to look for our grievances at the earliest," they said—(KNO)

THE CONDITION OF ROADS IS deplorable with countless potholes making the purpose of the road a failure."

SKUAST-K's Student Welfare Deptt Conducts University Level Elocution Competition



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SRINAGAR: Department of Student Welfare in collaboration with IDP-NAHEP today conducted University level Elocution competition under the theme "Energy & Agriculture: Challenges in 21st Century" under the chairmanship of Prof. J. P. Sharma Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir. The competition forms part of the National Level competition being held at BHU, Varanasi in the ensuing month. Prof. M. A. A. Siddiqui, Dean Students Welfare welcomed the guests & the student participants who have been selected through a marathon activity conducted at all the faculties/colleges of SKUAST-Kashmir. He congratulated all the student participants for making it to the university level competition and appreciated the efforts of all the organizing committee members of the event. He commented on each presentation and gave useful advice to the students in

order to improve their presentations for future use. Director P&M Prof. N. A. Ganai motivated the students by highlighting the importance of the theme and the need to think out-of-box in order to ensure sustainable agriculture. Prof. J. P. Sharma in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of such competition for developing the soft skills of the students which are the highly desirable traits in today's world order. Prof. Sharma congratulated Dean Student Welfare & Director Planning for organizing such competition in an immaculate manner.

He also appreciated the performance of Girl students in particular as all the nominated students from different faculties/colleges of SKUAST-Kashmir were only Girl students. He attended all the presentations throughout the day. He appreciated the efforts students have put in preparing the presentations and presenting the same in front of the audience.

Free MBBS Admission Guidance Seminar Held

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SRINAGAR:- A free MBBS Admission Guidance seminar for all medical aspirants was organised by a known Consultancy—Iran Education Expo at different places across Kashmir.

The Counsellors who were present in the seminar include: Adil Sheikh

Dr Majid Ashraf, Rakib Fida, Nasir Ali Beigh, Syed Nadeem, Kumail Sheikh, Miss Soliheen, Miss Muneez, Miss Faiqa and others.

The students we appraised about the Govt Medical Universities in Iran, tuition fees, scholarships and more.

Free copies of University Prospectus and all the confusions were cleared by the experts. The experts maintain that over lakhs of universities around the world provide MBBS international degrees.

One of the best places around the world to study MBBS in Iran. Many students apply for MBBS in Iran as there are many opportunities provided at medical schools and universities in Iran.

They said, to start the procedure of MBBS in Iran admission, an application form of the university is required to fill with correct details. After filling the form of the university for MBBS in Iran admission, an invitation letter will be received from the Iranian university.

Once an invitation letter is



received, an applicant must pay MBBS in Iran fee to the university for MBBS in Iran admission.

Then the applicant must apply for a visa to an Iranian embassy. Eligibility criteria for MBBS in Iran admission

To apply for MBBS in Iran, an applicant must complete 10+2 level or equivalent education. The applicant must have scored a minimum of 60% in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology in 10+2.

The minimum age to apply for admission for MBBS in Iran is 17 years. No maximum age limit for MBBS in Iran admission Applicants must appear for NEET exams to enroll for MBBS in Iran.

Documents required for MBBS in Iran admission 10th certificate and mark sheet 12th certificate and mark sheet Pass-

port Recent passport-size photographs Birth certificate Medical certificate NEET scorecard English proficiency result (if required) Statement of purpose Financial Statement. The Seminar was organised on following places

- 7th October 2021 - Town hall Magam
- 9th October 2021 - Town Hall - Budgam.
- 10th October 2021 - Khoti bagh Higher secondary, Srinagar.
- 11th October 2021 - Town Hall - Kulgam.
- 12th October 2021 - Sherwani Hall Baramulla.
- 14th October 2021 - Dak Banglow Sumbal.

Bukhari Pays Tributes To SGR Gayoor On His Anniversary



SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohamud Altaf Bukhari on Thursday paid tributes to Syed Ghulam Rasool Gayoor on his 16th death anniversary, which is being observed tomorrow.

He is also the father of Apni Party Leader and Coordinator South Kashmir Syed Showkat Gayoor Andrabi.

In a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Bukhari described Syed Ghulam Rasool Gayoor Andrabi as a renowned scholar, educationist and a philanthropist.

"Late Gayoor was a multifaceted personality whose proficiency as a noted writer, poet & a journalist was thoroughly acknowledged by all. He was also a veteran social activist who was posthumously awarded with the title of Saut-i-Kashmir, The Voice of Kashmir," he remarked.

Bukhari said that unfortunately this noble voice was silenced by unknown gunmen on 22nd of October 2005 at his native village Ratnipora Pulwama but his legacy still continues to live on through his immense contributions in various fields.

Furthermore, Apni Party leadership unanimously lauded his efforts and great contributions besides praying for eternal peace to his departed soul

Aftermath Of Recent Attacks More Bunkers Being Set-Up In City



Agencies

SRINAGAR:The increase in attacks has put security forces in Kashmir on tenterhooks.

Security around vital installations in Srinagar has been strengthened and fresh bunkers set up in and around the city.

Officials said on Thursday that the security has been beefed up around army camps, military installations and other Government formations. "Also new bunkers have come up in some areas of Srinagar," they added.

Sources told news agency KINS that the top Police and Paramilitary officials had chaired several meetings over the past few days during which they reviewed the security situation.

Troops guarding the important government installations have been put on high alert and ordered to be on round the clock vigilance, they said.

The Jammu and Kashmir police have also directed police stations and other formations to remain alert, they said.

They have directed policemen to set up more checkpoints on probable high sensitive routes and intensify night patrolling, they said. According to news agency KINS on Thursday, security forces built a bunker along the road in Bemina area of Srinagar.

Police officials here maintained that the new bunker will help in checking entry and exit from the city.

Since October 2, 11 civilians including five non-local labourers have been killed in Kashmir which has created a palpable fear across the valley. There has also been an increase in encounters for the last few weeks.

The militancy seems to be getting a revival as there has been a surge in militant attacks. Now the security forces have strengthened its presence and are reviving security of buildings that are vulnerable to militant attacks.

"Security has been tightened across Kashmir in view of recent attacks. Union Home Minister Amit Shah is also likely to visit J&K from October 23. Security forces have laid Nakas in parts of Srinagar to ensure there is no attack," a senior official said.

Security forces have also identified frisking in various places. Hundreds of bikes have also been seized by the police.

The official said recent attacks in Srinagar have given enough indication about militants' presence in Srinagar.

Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah also chaired a meeting of top security agencies, paramilitary officers, the police chiefs and others on the country's internal security. The main focus of the meeting was the security scenario in Kashmir. Held at the headquarters of the Intelligence Bureau, this was the first physical meeting of the entire security establishment since the outbreak of Covid in the country. (KINS)

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

This Day in History

- 1721 - Tsar Peter the Great becomes "All-Russian Emperor"
- 1746 - Princeton University (NJ) received its charter
- 1797 - Andre-Jacques Garnerin makes 1st parachute descent from a balloon in Paris
- 1799 - Russia leaves second anti-French Coalition
- 1812 - Duke of Wellington seizes Burgos, Spain
- 1861 - 1st telegraph line linking West & East coasts completed
- 1862 --Battle at Old Fort Wayne, Indian Territory
- 1879 -Thomas Edison perfects carbonized cotton filament light bulb
- 1897 - World's first car dealer opens in London
- 1913 -Explosion at Dawson NM coal mine kills 263 mine workers
- 1928 - China expels all Russian instructors & civil servants
- 1946 - 2 British ships sink near Albania
- 1948 - Egyptian flagship King Farouk sunk by Israel
- 1953 - Laos gains full independence from France
- 1954 - West Germany joins North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 1956 - Great Britain performs nuclear test at Maralinga Australia
- 1961 - 75,000 Flemings demand equal rights & Flemish language in Belgium
- 1962 - Cuban missile crisis: US President John F. Kennedy addresses TV about Russian missile bases in Cuba and imposes a naval blockade on Cuba, beginning the missile crisis
- 1964 - French philosopher and author Jean-Paul Sartre refuses Nobel prize
- 1964 - US performs underground nuclear test at Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- 1966 - USSR launches Luna 12 for orbit around Moon
- 1973 - Israeli troops reconquer mountain Hermon
- 1973 - Security Council Resolution 338-cease fire to Yom Kippur War
- 1975 - Soviet spacecraft Venera 9 soft-lands on Venus, becoming the first lander to return images from the surface of another planet
- 1975 - Turkish diplomat shot to death in Vienna
- 1975 - World Football League disbands after the Week 12 of their second season
- 1978 - Pope John Paul II is inaugurated as Pope
- 1981 - US national debt tops \$1 trillion
- 1981 - USSR performs underground nuclear test
- 1989 - Red Khmer occupies Pailin in Cambodia
- 1992 - Space Shuttle STS 52 (Columbia 13) launches into space
- 1993 - Russian cosmonaut Aleksandr Serebrov makes record 9th space walk
- 1997 - Coldest World Series game Marlins vs Cleveland (38°F)
- 1997 - Compaq testifies Microsoft threaten to break Windows 95 agreement if they showcased a Netscape icon
- 2006 - Panama Canal expansion proposal is approved by 77.8% of voters in a National referendum held in Panama
- 2008 - India launches its first unmanned lunar mission Chandrayaan-1.
- 2008 - Google Play is launched, the official app store for the Android operating system



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RSS Asks Farooq To Move JK Trifurcation Plan

Observer News Service

SHIMLA- RSS leader incharge Kashmir affairs, Indresh, today asked Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah to bring a resolution in the assembly for trifurcation of the state saying there was both logic and merit in such a move.

It is neither a regional nor a communal demand but expression of people's aspirations. There was both logic and merit in growing demand for trifurcation of the state into Jammu and Kashmir states and Ladakh union territory, he told reporters here. He said the autonomy resolution passed by Jammu and Kashmir assembly had no relevance after its rejection by the government.

Indresh asked the union government to destroy the militants training camps run by Pakistan's ISI. He said India should garner support against Pakistan on the issue of militancy and running of training camps for militants. ONS adds from Jammu: It may be recalled the RSS had formally launched its campaign for the state's trifurcation coming out in the open, for the first time, in support of the division of the only Muslim majority state. Advocating 're-organisation of the state by what it perceives as isolation of the Muslim majority valley from rest of the state, the organisation visualises the move as a step towards early solution of the Kashmir problem. According to reports, the RSS has planned 'mass action programme' and even floated an umbrella organisation the Jammu and Kashmir Nationalist Front (JKNF) -and is 'subtly' promoting groups to organise mass agitations to get the state divided into Hindu Jammu, Muslim valley and Budhist Ladakh. The Front held its first dharna in Jammu on Gandhi Jayanti recently.

In fact, according to the report, the RSS plan would not stop at the mere 'trifurcation' of the state. It favours further division of the Muslim dominated valley by carving out a separate home-land for the migrant Kashmiri Pandits. The movement envisages mobilisation of public opinion in the Muslims majority districts of Poonch, Rajouri and Doda, besides the Gujjar community against what it describes as Kashmiri hegemony.

(Kashmir Observer, October 22, 2000)

Israel, Iran Holding Separate Large Scale Aerial Drills

Anna Ahronheim | Jerusalem Post

JERUSALEM: As tensions continue to rise between Iran and Israel, both countries are holding large-scale aerial exercises.

Israel and seven nations – Germany, Italy, Britain, France, India, Greece and the US – are participating in Blue Flag 2021, the largest and most advanced aerial exercise ever held in the Jewish state.

This year's drills will focus on the integration of fourth- and fifth-generation aircraft, including the F-35 Adir, in complex operational scenarios, the Israeli military said.

The exercise will focus on "broadening and enhancing the

first time that a British fighter squadron has been deployed to Israel since the establishment of the state as well as the first time that India has sent a Mirage fighter squadron to Israel and that France has deployed a Rafal squadron to the Jewish state.

Israel Air Force commander Maj-Gen. Amikam Norkin, who took part in a symbolic flyover over Jerusalem alongside his German counterpart Lt-Gen. Ingo Gerhartz last week, said that the threats posed to Israel continue to increase and that the drill is a "stepping stone" toward cooperation with other countries in the region.

"We are living in a very complicated region, and the threats to the State of Israel from Gaza,



operational capabilities of the participating forces," with a focus on air-to-air and air-to-ground attacks, as well as evading ground-based air defense systems "and various operational scenarios in enemy territory," the army said.

The two-week drill which is taking place in the Negev desert out of Uvda Airbase marks the

Lebanon, Syria and Iran are only increasing," he said. "Holding an international exercise in this current reality, while continuing our public and covert operational activities on all fronts, is of utmost strategic importance and has an extensive impact over the Israeli Air Force, the IDF and the State of Israel."

Flights Cancelled, Schools Closed As China Ramps Up Testing To Fight Covid Spike

AGENCIES

Beijing: Authorities in China cancelled hundreds of flights, closed schools and ramped up mass testing on Thursday to try and stamp out a new Covid-19 outbreak linked to a group of tourists.

Beijing has maintained a



relentless zero-Covid approach with strict border closures and targeted lockdowns, even as other countries tentatively try to ease restrictions.

Domestic outbreaks have largely been eliminated, but as China logged a fifth straight day of new cases – mostly in northern and northwestern areas – authorities beefed up coronavirus controls.

The latest outbreak was linked to an elderly couple who were in a group of several tourists. They started in Shanghai before flying to Xi'an, Gansu province and Inner Mongolia.

Dozens of cases have since

been linked to their travel, with close contacts in at least five provinces and regions, including the capital Beijing.

In response, local governments have rolled out mass testing and closed scenic spots and tourist sites, schools and entertainment venues in affected areas, and also imposed targeted lockdowns of housing compounds.

Some regions including Lanzhou – a city of some four million people in northwestern China – have told residents not to leave unless necessary.

Those who need to leave must present a negative Covid-19 test.

Airports in the affected regions have cancelled hundreds of flights, according to data from aviation tracker VariFlight.

Around 60 percent of flights to the two main airports in Xi'an and Lanzhou have been cancelled.

In a notice published Monday, Erenhot in Inner Mongolia said travel in and out of the city was banned and residents should not leave their housing compounds.

And on Wednesday, state-owned tabloid Global Times cautioned that the new virus cases in Inner Mongolia were likely to affect coal imports from Mongolia because of supply chain disruptions.

There were 13 new domestic cases reported on Thursday, China's National Health Commission said.



A woman walks past graves at a Hazara cemetery on the outskirts of Kabul.

For Afghan Hazaras, Where To Pray Can Be Life And Death Choice

Agencies

Kabul: Each time Hussain Rahimi leaves his Kabul home for the mosque to pray, he recites the Kalima - a short verse that is the central tenet of Islam - because he is not sure he will come home alive.

"I am afraid. My family is afraid when we go to the mosque," said 23-year-old Rahimi, an ethnic Hazara - a predominantly Shi'ite community that has been at the receiving end of some of the most violent attacks in Afghanistan's bloody history.

The last two Fridays have seen suicide bombings at mosques - both attacks claimed by Islamic State (ISIS) and both targeting the minority Shi'ite sect. More than 100 people were killed in total.

In the wake of the violence, some Hazaras are not going to the mosque at all.

Hazaras have long been discriminated against in Afghanistan from a mix of factors, of which religion is just one.

But while thousands died under the last Taliban government from 1996-2001, it was the appear-

ance of Islamic State in Afghanistan from around the start of 2015 that made them and the wider Shi'ite community a systematic target.

Many hundreds were killed in suicide attacks on mosques and community centres by hard-line Sunni militants who do not see them as true Muslims, bringing a form of the sectarian violence that devastated countries like Iraq to Afghanistan.

No up-to-date census data exists, but estimates put the size of the overall Shi'ite community at between 10-20 percent of the population, including Persian-speaking Tajiks and Pashtuns as well as Hazaras.

In addition, Hazaras have often also been victim of the ethnic and economic rivalries endemic to Afghan politics.

Rahimi lost his sister, a 12th grade student, in a bombing of a Kabul school in May which killed mostly young girls.

Although the Taliban have promised that all of Afghanistan's ethnic groups will be protected, the killing has gone on since they seized power in August.

"When we are out of our

homes, our family calls and asks where we are ... they tell us to return home quickly, the situation is bad," says Rahimi, a computer science student at Kabul University, clutching a picture of his sister.

He is still working up the courage to go to the mosque for Friday prayers - the most important congregation for Muslims across the world.

GARDEN OF THE MARTYRS

With more than 400 Shi'ite mosques in Kabul alone, total security is impossible and no one knows where the next attack will come.

"Our community feels that on future Fridays, maybe Herat will explode, maybe Kabul will explode, maybe some other," said Mohammad Baqer Sayed, a university professor who has worked for the rehabilitation of victims of previous attacks.

The Persian-speaking Hazara, thought to trace their descent back to the armies of the 13th century Mongol conqueror Genghis Khan, are considered the third largest ethnic group in Afghanistan behind the Pashtuns and Tajiks.

Pak Minister, ISI Chief In Kabul "To Deepen Cooperation" With Taliban

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi travelled to Kabul on Thursday along with spy agency ISI chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed to hold talks with Afghanistan's interim government led by the Taliban.

During the day-long visit, the Pakistani delegation will hold talks with Afghanistan's Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and call on leadership of the interim government in Kabul and other Afghan leaders, according to Foreign Office.

Mr Muttaqi welcomed the Pakistani delegation at the Kabul International Airport.

"The talks between the two sides will cover the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and focus on ways and means to deepen cooperation in diverse areas," the Foreign Office said.



The Foreign Minister will also share Pakistan's perspective on issues of regional peace and stability, it said.

As a close fraternal neighbour, Pakistan has always stood by Afghanistan, keeping the border crossing points open for trade and pedestrian crossing under COVID protocols, it said.

Facilitative visa regime for Afghan nationals and border crossing procedures for

trade and cargo have been instituted, while in recent months Pakistan has also provided humanitarian aid and assistance in the form of food stuffs and medicines.

The Foreign Minister's visit reflects Pakistan's consistent policy of supporting the brotherly Afghan people, deepening bilateral trade and economic relations, and facilitating closer people-to-people contacts, according to FO.

Vaccine Inequity Will Drag Covid Pandemic To 2022: WHO

The Covid-19 pandemic will drag on until 2022, longer than it needs to, because several poor countries have not received vaccines against the deadly infectious disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) has said.

In Africa, less than 5 per cent have been vaccinated, compared to 40 per cent on most other continents.

According to Bruce Aylward, senior leader at the WHO, this means the Covid crisis could "easily drag on deep into 2022", the BBC reported.

Aylward appealed to wealthy countries to give up their places in the queue for vaccines in order that pharmaceutical companies can prioritise the lowest-income countries instead.

He said that wealthy countries needed to "stocktake" where they were with their donation commitments made at summits such as

report said.

The vast majority of Covid vaccines have been given in high-income or upper middle-income countries. Africa accounts for just 2.6 per cent of doses administered globally.

The group of charities, which includes Oxfam and UNAIDS, also criticised Canada and the UK for procuring vaccines for their own populations via COVAX, the UN-backed global programme to distribute vaccines fairly, the report said.

COVAX was initiated so that all countries would be able to acquire vaccines from its pool, including wealthy ones, but most G7 countries decided to hold back once they started making their own one-to-one deals with pharmaceutical companies.

Canada and the UK were technically entitled to get vaccines via this route having paid into the



the G7 meeting in St. Ives earlier this year.

"I can tell you we're not on track. We really need to speed it up or you know what? This pandemic is going to go on for a year longer than it needs to," he said.

Just one in seven of the doses promised by pharmaceutical companies and wealthy countries are actually reaching their destinations in poorer countries, suggest new figures from The People's Vaccine – an alliance of charities, the

Covax mechanism, but it was still "morally indefensible" given that they had both obtained millions of doses through their own bilateral agreements, Oxfam's Global Health Adviser, Rohit Malpani, was quoted as saying.

"They should not have been acquiring these doses from Covax," he said. "It's nothing better than double-dipping and means that poorer countries which are already at the back of the queue, will end up waiting longer."

Facebook Will Now Pay French Newspapers For Content On Users' Feed

Agencies

Paris: Facebook said Thursday it had reached an agreement with some French newspapers to pay for news content shared by its users, months after Google announced plans to remunerate them for articles shown in web searches.

Facebook said the licensing agreement with the APIG alliance of national and regional newspapers "means that people on Facebook will be able to continue uploading and sharing news stories freely amongst their communities, whilst also ensuring that the copyright of our publishing partners is protected."

News outlets struggling with dwindling print subscriptions have long seethed at the failure of Google particularly to give it a cut of the millions it makes from ads displayed alongside news stories.

In January, Google said it had reached a draft agreement with APIG to pay publishers for a selection of content shown in its searches.

The deal was seen as a victory for France's battle to protect the publishing rights of the press and news agencies.

France was the first country in the EU to enact a 2019 EU directive on these so-called neighbouring rights, but Google initially refused to comply, saying media groups already benefit by receiving millions of visits to their websites.

Facebook said that, beside paying for French content, it would also launch a French news service, Facebook News, in January to "give people a dedicated space to access content from trusted and reputable news sources."



Australian Police Offer \$1 Million Reward For Missing 4-Year-Old Girl

Sydney: Australian authorities on Thursday offered Aus\$1 million (US\$750,000) for information leading to the discovery of a missing four-year-old girl feared abducted from a remote campsite last weekend.

Cleo Smith disappeared from her family's tent in Western Australia during the early hours of Saturday, sparking an extensive air, sea, and ground search.

But after six days of fruitlessly combing in the area surrounding the Blowholes campsite – a coastal tourist spot about 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) north of Perth – police said they were "urgently seeking" public assistance.

"Someone in our community knows what happened to Cleo. Someone has the knowledge that can help," Western Australia police deputy commissioner Col



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Blanch said.

"Now there's a million reasons why you need to come forward."

Detective Superintendent Rod Wilde said the investigation now "leads us to believe that she was taken from the tent".

"We are hopeful that we will find Cleo alive. But we hold great fears for her safety," he told a press conference.

Cleo Smith's disappearance has drawn national attention, with many Australians taking to social media to express their anguish for her family.

Her mother, Ellie, has described waking at 6 am to find the tent unzipped and her oldest daughter missing.

In an interview with local media Wednesday, she urged Australians to help "bring our little girl home".

Donald Trump, banned on Twitter and FB, to launch his own social network

Ten months since being banned by social media companies following the January 6 Capitol Hill riots, former US president Donald Trump has now decided to launch his own social networking platform called "TRUTH Social."

The platform will be owned by Trump Media & Technology Group (TMTG), which also intends to launch a subscription video on demand service that will feature "non-woke" entertainment programming, the group said in a statement.

"I am excited to send out my first TRUTH on TRUTH Social very soon. TMTG was founded with a mission to give a voice to all," Trump said in a statement on Wednesday.

Trump said that Truth Social would "stand up to the tyranny of Big Tech". The platform will be available through an app on the Apple Store as a beta version for trial by "invited guests" in November and the company expects a full rollout in the first quarter of 2022.

"We live in a world where the Taliban has a huge presence on Twitter, yet your favourite American President has been silenced. This is



unacceptable," he continued.

The Trump Media & Technology Group will merge with blank check company Digital Acquisition Corp to make TMTG a publicly-listed company, the statement said.

"The transaction values Trump Media & Technology Group at an initial enterprise value of \$875 Million, with a potential additional earnout of \$825 Million in additional shares (at the valuation they are granted) for a cumula-

tive valuation of up to \$1.7 Billion depending on the performance of the stock price post-business combination," it stated.

Trump was banned from the many social media platforms— Twitter, Facebook and YouTube— after his supporters stormed the Capitol earlier this year—over concerns that he might further incite the mob with his continued presence on social media.

YouTube said its ban would be lifted after the "risk of violence" decreases, Facebook said Trump could come back to the platform at the soonest in 2023 and Twitter said its ban would be permanent.

Since then, Trump has been trying to reclaim his space on social networking sites.

In May he launched a blog called "From the Desk of Donald J. Trump," which was touted as a major new outlet.

But Trump, who was also banned from Instagram, and Snapchat, cancelled the blog just a month later.

He has been communicating through a constant stream of press releases with tweet-like statements to the media and supporters.

Fast Track Court Jammu Holds Judge Guilty Of Rape, Cheating

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: A fast track court on Thursday convicted a judicial officer for rape and cheating a woman who had sought legal help from him in 2018.

"The conclusion that emerges from the discussion is that all the evidence on record unerringly point toward the guilt of the accused," Khalil Choudhary Presiding Officer Fast Track Court Jammu, said while holding a sub-judge Rakesh Kumar Abrol guilty of raping and cheating a woman on the pretext of providing her legal help.

"There is complete chain of events and facts to indicate that within all human probability the crime was committed by the accused (Abrol) and all the circumstances brought on record and established are consistent with the guilt of (Abrol) and inconsistent with his innocence."

While convicting him for the offenses under section 420 (cheating) and 376 (rape), the court posted the matter with regard to quantum of sentence will on Saturday.

The court also concluded by quoting a phrase: "Persons of influence, keeping in view their reach, impact and authority they wield on the general public or the specific class to which they belong owe a duty and have to be more responsible they are expected to know and perceive the meaning of authority and law with experience and knowledge. It is reasonable to hold that they would be careful in their lives the reasonable man's test would always taken into consideration the maker."

As per the prosecution, the victim woman, a resident of Ramban, met Rajesh Kumar Abrol of Lower Roop Nagar Jammu while she was contesting a case. Being a judicial officer, Abrol promised

legal help and sought domestic support from her.

Having a minor girl to support, the woman started working in the house of sub-judge who also promised better education to her daughter. The accused promised her to pay Rs. 5000 per month as salary, the prosecution said.

For seeking legal support accused dissolved her marriage with her husband by getting divorce deed which was notarized and accused told one of his PSO to be the witness to it, the prosecution said. After sometime, woman's parents desisted her to working with Abrol as they wanted to take her to her parental home.

"As and when (Abrol) got knowledge that she is going to leave his home, he requested her not to leave his home and filled "Maang" with "Babuti" and told her that 'she is his wife now'," the prosecution said as per GNS, adding, "(Abrol) also told her that he had parted with his wife and is residing alone for last seven years."

Abrol also told her that he is a Judge and has knowledge about the legalities and she believed to him and married with him. "By doing so, the accused secured her consent to have sexual intercourse with her. She succumbed to his pressure and did not share the same with anyone around," the prosecution said, "The accused planned to have "Saptapadi" with her and he solemnized marriage with her in his house at Roop Nagar in presence of PSO Ashok Jamwal, his friend Darshan Gupta and one Pandit belonging from Doda called by (Abrol)." After one year of marriage with Abrol, the woman got knowledge that he had betrayed her by marrying her during the life time of wife namely Neetu Bala who was his second wife as he had already divorced first wife namely Surbhi.

Police Commemoration Day Observed Across J&K

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: J&K Police on Thursday observed the National Police Commemoration Day with full ceremonial tradition across Jammu and Kashmir. The main function was organized at the Armed Police Complex Zewan where LG J&K Manoj Sinha was the chief guest.

The function was attended by Advisor to LG, R.R. Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary, J&K A.K. Mehta, Principal Secretary Home J&K Shaleen Kabra, DGP Prison J&K, Dr. B. Srinivas, Spl DGs, R. R. Swain, A.K. Choudhary, ADGSP S. J. M. Gillani, Dr. S. D. Singh Jamwal, Shri T. Namgyal, Shri M. K. Sinha, Sunil Kumar, Danesh Rana, Div Com Kashmir, P. K. Pole, IGSP Garib Dass, Vijay Kumar, Shri Alok Kumar and a galaxy of other senior police, CAPFs and Civil officers.

Meanwhile, the Day was observed at all Zonal, Range, units and wing headquarters where senior police officers led their personnel to pay rich tributes to those who laid down their lives in the service of the nation.

At Pulwama the Day parade was held at District Police Lines Pulwama, to pay homage to those policemen who lost their lives for the peace and integrity

of the nation. SSP Pulwama Gh. Jeelani Wani paid a floral tribute on the occasion.

Similarly, Sopore Police observed commemoration day at DPL Sopore, where SP Sopore Sudhanshu Verma, DySP DAR Aabid Rashid Mir-JKPS and other senior officers paid tributes. A blood donation camp in collaboration with Sub District Hospital Sopore was also organised.

At District Ganderbal, the Day Parade was held at District Police Lines Ganderbal. SSP Ganderbal Nikhil Borkar paid floral tributes.

Similarly, Police Commemoration Day 2021 was observed by Bandipora police at DPL Bandipora to pay rich tributes to martyrs, Dy. Commissioner Bandipora Owais Ahmad and SSP Bandipora Mohammad Zahid presided over the function.

At Handwara, the Day was observed at District Police Lines, SSP Handwara Sundeept Gupta, ASP Handwara Mashkoor Ahmad, SDPO Handwara, DYSP DAR Handwara, other senior officers were present on the occasion.

At Kulgam a parade was held on the occasion. SSP Kulgam Dr. G.V. Sundeept Chakravarty along with other officers of Kulgam Police, RR and CAPFs paid their homage.

CS Reviews Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare Dept

1000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras Being Opened by March 2022



OBSERVED NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the flagship schemes of the Health & Medical Education and Social Welfare departments.

Financial Commissioner (ACS), Health & Medical Education Department, Administrative Secretary, Social Welfare Department along with Mission Director National Health Mission and concerned Sectoral Heads participated in the meeting.

It was informed that around 16 lakh beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB-PMJAY) and nearly 38 lakh beneficiaries under AB-PMJAY-SEHAT Schemes have been given golden cards.

It was further informed that 239 hospitals have been empanelled by the Government for providing free of cost and cashless health cover to the beneficiaries. To boost enrolment under both the schemes, a special Gaon Gaon Ayushman campaign has been launched by the Department.

While terming the AB-PMJAY/AB-PMJAY-SEHAT an attractive insurance product, the CS advised the department to ensure 100% coverage under these schemes by issuing golden cards to all the households in Jammu and Kashmir.

While emphasizing the availability of affordable and quality generic medicines across all the health care institutions in the Union Territory as an important public health objective, the CS directed the opening up of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in all 3500 government hospitals in a time bound manner by utilizing the services of existing pharmacists in the government health sector.

"Special emphasis must be given to promote awareness on the prices, availability and quality of generic medicines through dedicated IEC cam-

paigns", Dr Mehta added.

The CS further directed the department to open 1000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras before March 2022 through respective Block Medical Officers.

"It is important that our health care facilities meet the national quality benchmarks," Dr Mehta observed.

He directed the department to strive towards achieving NQAP accreditation of all premier hospitals in J&K.

CS Mehta also directed the department to upscale School Health Program in all the districts of the Union Territory in association with the School Education department to train school teachers as health ambassadors aimed at safeguarding both the physical and mental health of school-going children.

To ensure the smooth functioning of Health Helpline Number -104, the Health Department was asked to launch intensive IEC campaigns to educate people about the outreach facility, besides strengthening the ambulance fleet to reduce the response time in cases of medical emergencies.

Dr Mehta also underscored the need to promote tele-consultations and periodic screening for non-communicable diseases for early detection and timely expert medical intervention in cases of serious/life-consuming diseases.

The CS also enjoined upon the department to do comparative analysis with other States/UTs as regards the performance vis-à-vis the health indicators like NMR, IMR and MMR, besides taking measures to ascertain whether the desired outcomes under schemes like JSY, JSSK, SUMAN and PMSMA have been achieved.

"J&K needs to be amongst the first five States/UTs on all health indicators as well as in regard to the implementation of NHM in the country," Dr Mehta advised.

The department was also

advised to speed up the implementation of the National Digital Health Mission in J&K and endeavour towards becoming a top ranker in the implementation of the Scheme in the country.

While reviewing the flagship schemes of the Social welfare Department, it was informed that the department has achieved the enrolment targets under the PMMVJ during the years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

It was further informed that in the current financial year, the department has provided benefit to 26348 beneficiaries against an annual target of 58000. The department further informed that all the enrolled beneficiaries shall be covered under the Scheme by the end of the financial year.

While stating that the enrolment target should not be fixed arbitrarily, the CS directed the department to ascertain the number of first pregnancies in the UT in conjunction with Health and Medical Education department so that all such women are targeted under the Scheme.

Under Poshan Abhiyaan, it was informed that growth monitoring devices have been given to all the Anganwari Centres and that Anganwari Workers have started measuring weight and height of all the children on their watch and also started uploading the same on the Poshan Tracker.

It was further informed that while 90 % Anganwari Centres will have Poshan Vatikas by October end, the department will saturate all the Anganwari Centres with Poshan Vatikas by middle of November.

The Chief Secretary directed the department to expeditiously achieve end to end digitisation of all schemes for better outcomes, besides advising to ascertain the state of malnutrition amongst the children and adults in UT of J&K so that the same is effectively addressed.

Union MoS W&CD, AYUSH Visits Baramulla, Interacts With PRIs

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA: Union Minister of State, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ayush, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai on Thursday visited Baramulla district. The visit is part of the ongoing Union Government's public outreach programme.

The Minister presided over a Seminar on Regiminal Therapies in Modern Perspective which was organised by Health and Medical Education Department, Directorate of Ayush, Jammu and Kashmir. The Minister also inaugurated a Hijama/Cupping Therapy Camp.

On the occasion, the Minister highlighted the importance of AYUSH. He said that these systems are based on definite medical philosophies and represent a way of healthy living with established concepts on prevention of diseases and promotion of health.

Complementing the participants who attended the seminar, the Union Minister highlighted the significance of AYUSH Medicare services. The Minister also said that institutions of AYUSH are being strengthened at grassroot level and every possible step shall be taken in this regard.

The Minister on the occasion said that the Union Government

has a dream for development of Jammu and Kashmir, and added that Government is working on various flagship programmes aimed to develop socio economic status of the people.

Earlier, the Minister interacted with the PRI representatives of different blocks of District Baramulla at Dak Bungalow. During the interaction programme, DDCs, BDC Chairpersons, Sarpanchs of different blocks apprised the Minister about various basic issues related to water supply and electricity, health, education, improvement of roads, establishment of Sub Health Centres and other demands of public importance.

Replying to the demands and issues raised by DDCs, the Minister directed the concerned officers to take inter-departmental meetings taking PRIs on board and prepare a holistic list of works that need to be taken on priority.

Meanwhile, the Minister also enquired about the status of ongoing works in different blocks of Baramulla district and directed the concerned dignitaries to ensure monitoring of these works by way of carrying regular field visits and urged PRIs to play their active role in monitoring of ongoing works in their Panchayats and sought their co-operation for timely completion of these works.

Union MoS Thakur Lays Foundation Of Oxygen Plant At Achabal

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG: Union Minister of State for Shipping, Ports and Waterways, Shantanu Thakur on Thursday laid foundation of a 500 LPM oxygen plant at NT-PHC Achabal Anantnag which is scheduled to be completed in 2.5 months.

The minister was also apprised about the vaccination drive in the district and informed that 11 lakh vaccine doses were administered in the last 6 months with record 29000 vaccines doses administered on a single day.

Interacting with health care workers, the Minister congratulated the medical fraternity for their concerted efforts towards vaccination. He also commended the district administration for ensuring vaccination in far flung areas with mountainous terrains.

Earlier the Minister visited Martand Sun temple, one of the oldest surviving sun temples in the world. The minister passed directions to the district administration to take necessary steps to bring the temple on the tourist map. He said the temple is an important archaeological monument and its tourist potential can boost the local economy of adjoining areas.

Need For Popular Govt Desperately Felt In JK: Vakil

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Peoples Conference senior vice president Abdul Gani Vakil on Thursday expressed dismay over the prevalent situation in Jammu and Kashmir, urging the government of India to initiate confidence-building measures to end the widening wedge between the people here and the government.

Vakil in a statement issued here said, "It is a worrisome trend being witnessed at present that the administration has turned inaccessible to the people in its entirety leaving masses across the state of Jammu and Kashmir in distress at large. The bureaucratic setup has become unaccountable in an outright manner, giving a deaf ear to people's miseries and hardships they face in getting even their basic needs fulfilled."

He added that never was the need being felt for the peoples' government so desperately as is being felt today in Jammu and Kashmir and that if the

government of India intends to strengthen the institution of democracy in the state, it must end the prevalent bureaucratic raj and allow the popular government to function without delay.

Vakil further highlighted that in order to regain people's trust and win back their hearts, the central government must restore statehood for Jammu and Kashmir and release political prisoners, regularise casual workers so that same could preempt the larger democratic process to flourish in an otherwise crisis ridden place.

The PC vice President further termed the mass arrests, seizure of bikes, randomization of security measures that are doing no good on the ground and are rather contributing to a large extent in alienating people. Vakil has suggested that the knee-jerk reaction to the present situation will yield no positive results and that the government must revisit its approach vis-à-vis the security scenario of Jammu and Kashmir.

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Time To Change The Tack

The exodus of Biharis following the killings of non-locals, two Kashmiri Pandits and one Sikh woman has created a sense of de javu in Kashmir. For some, it has transported us back to the early nineties when Kashmiri Pandits fled the Valley following killings of the members of the community by the militants. But for others, the prevailing dire situation is still retrievable. The truth is, no matter, how you look at it, the situation is very tricky and it could go either way. The killings, which include those of the Muslim civilians too, have certainly pushed the situation to the brink. And God forbid if the situation isn't reigned in quickly, we could be in for very difficult times ahead. So the government needs to take pro-active steps to pre-empt further killings. And the majority community, on their part, needs to assure the minorities, despite the fact that they are as helpless as the minorities in the existing state of affairs in the former state.

The responsibility, thus, squarely rests with both the central and the UT governments. It is time for them to nuance their approach to Jammu and Kashmir. An exclusively security-driven policy was expected to bring the militancy under control and also reign in the youthful protesters, leading to a realization that the resistance was futile. This, in turn, was expected to force people to settle for accommodation with New Delhi.

But as the last three years of BJP rule have proven, the policy has done little to bring peace to Kashmir. Instead, the situation has only gotten worse. The alienation is unprecedented. Far from ending the militancy, the last three years seem to have revived it. What is more, the security estimate puts the number of militants at around 200, the same it has been over the last five years.

True three years is not a long time for a policy to bear fruit. But if we go by the current situation, the existing policy has only ended up deepening the alienation in Kashmir. Hence the need to change the tack. If any policy has made a redeeming difference in Kashmir, it was a policy of reconciliation and engagement pursued by New Delhi from 2002 onwards to 2007. Ironically, the policy was begun by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a BJP leader, and taken forward by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh through his first term. The policy had greatly reduced militancy in the Valley and helped build momentum towards the redressal of the problems and issues in Kashmir. If anything is urgently needed to address today's Kashmir situation, it is to return to the same processes and policies.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Thanks A Billion

India has done remarkably well to get to one billion Covid vaccine doses in less than 10 months, having roughly covered 75 per cent of the eligible adult population (above 18 years) with the first dose and 25 per cent with the second. It was not too long ago in the summer months that the pandemic was raging and vaccines were in short supply — with a total monthly output of less than 70 million doses, mainly Serum Institute's Covishield. The average number of vaccinations per day slipped from three million in April to about 1.5 million in May. Barely a quarter of the population had received its first dose. Now, over five million daily vaccinations have become the norm, as monthly production has increased to about 200 million doses (with Covishield accounting for 80 per cent and Covaxin most of the rest), something that seemed very distant in those bleak summer months.

It is no mean feat that health workers have managed to vaccinate populations in remote areas, braving hostile terrain and weather. Workers have encountered recalcitrant populations and talked them out of vaccine hesitancy — now no more or less than in the 'developed world'. The indigenously developed COWIN app, despite its teething problems, has proved its worth in managing the complex logistics and providing instant digital vaccination certificates to citizens. As vaccine supplies improved from August, a critical mass was vaccinated before onset of the festive season, preventing infection spread. As for the low rates of coverage for the second dose, it is pretty clear that the first dose prevents severe infection. The 80-day gap between the first and second dose for Covishield has perhaps slowed down coverage for the latter but it has ensured that a greater number of people get at least one dose, which offers good protection. If India sustains six million vaccinations a day over the next few months with a supply of over 250 million doses, it should be possible to rapidly raise the number of fully vaccinated. As vaccine supplies improve further by December, India should push forward on its responsibility and commitment to supply to COVAX and help improve vaccination rates in Africa, apart from expanding its neighbourhood Vaccine Maitri diplomacy. After all, no one is safe until everyone is safe.

Meanwhile, the government should move carefully on vaccinating the child population. The successful vaccination roll-out should not blind us to the fact that our public health infrastructure was shown up for its inadequacies. Governments, Centre and State, need to invest more in health facilities. As India celebrates its one-billionth dose today, we should not forget to praise our vaccine companies who rose to the occasion developing indigenous vaccines and producing large quantities 'at risk' even before approvals were given. But for them, it is doubtful if India could have managed to cover three-quarters of its large eligible population with at least one dose in just 10 months.

Hindu Business Line

Ivory Walls Of Academia

Inbreeding And Nepotism In Institutions Of Higher Learning



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has not only made institutions of higher learning bereft of academic growth, productivity and mobility but also has led to a rise of “Yes-Man” culture in these institutions. Those candidates who have the ability of making good connections with faculty members after securing admission in their respective PG courses get top ranks/Gold medals and also make sure there are no hurdles when they apply for research programmes irrespective of their worth

Higher education is at the top of education pyramid and is considered as the backbone of any society. Universities, Institutes of technology, colleges, seminaries, academies are the institutions where higher learning or tertiary level of learning takes place. The main purpose of these institutions is not merely impart in-depth knowledge. They are places where apart from knowledge transmission/dissemination, knowledge creation takes place.

Even though higher education in India had been showing a rise, both, in terms of expansion as well as students opting to go for higher education due to saturation and non-employability at secondary levels; recent rankings of institutions of higher learning have shown mostly decline from the previously assigned rankings. This indeed is worrisome.

Intellectual class and academicians consider inbreeding and nepotism as the main causes of their degrading academic productivity and quality.

Inbreeding or more precisely “academic inbreeding” is the practice wherein the universities or more specifically their departments give preference to home trained candidates while recruiting teaching faculty that is those who have completed their PG degree or terminal degree usually a PhD at the same university in preference to those candidates who have completed such degrees from other universities even when the later are better qualified or skilled. They remain there throughout their careers. Menace of inbreeding has not only made institutions of higher learning bereft of academic growth, productivity and mobility but also has led to a rise of “Yes-Man” culture in these institutions. Those candidates who have the ability of making good connections with faculty members after securing admission in their respective PG courses get top ranks/Gold medals and also make sure there are no hurdles when they apply for research programmes irrespective of their worth.

In rare cases, inbreeding maybe beneficial to academic institutions but in society like ours where having any “channel” can do wonders for

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you, benefits of academic inbreeding are almost negligible.

Another practice — rather a menace — that is marring our academic institutions is nepotism. Throughout our academic journeys, we all have experienced nepotism in one form or another. Nepotism is the practice of people in high positions or possessing power to favour their own friends and family instead of those who may be more qualified or talented. Institutions of higher learning, especially universities, where recruitments for faculty positions are done by respective university boards, meritocracy becomes the main casualty. Various independent studies have shown that people in power have adjusted their immediate family members or friends on top posts irrespective of their ability or worth for that very post due to ever increasing menace of nepotism thereby guaranteeing their career advancement regardless of their merit. At times even eligibility criteria is modified so as to give edge to their kinship.

Let us try to understand this by a case study where in a candidate despite having qualified NET/JRF got less points than the person having NET and SET only in a particular subject. Rules were modified in such a manner that for NET with JRF only 7 points were earmarked while as for SET 3 points and for NET 5 points which meant that a candidate with NET & SET will secure 8 points while a candidate with NET/JRF only 7 points despite the fact that a person after qualifying NET/JRF does not apply rather need not to apply/qualify SET. This willful edition/modification meant that NET/JRF candidate got less aggregate points. After thr final selection list was out, later concluded that eligibility norms were unethically changed so as to the adjust other candidate despite both having similar set of quali-

cations/degrees and publications.

Similarly, most of the research seats are also allotted to aspirants on the basis of academic nepotism and favoritism which has led to the emergence of such dynasties which can be deemed as “Academic dynasties.” They are later awarded PhDs irrespective of the quality of research done or their ability to defend their thesis. Competency remains just a slogan in such a scenario. Upon being hired, they become loyal to their so called “supervisors” and this illegitimate and unethical practice continues for generations to establish hierarchy of such lobbyists. On certain occasions some posts have been exclusively created in academic council meetings to adjust their siblings or immediate family members by relaxing usual rules and norms.

These practices not only raise questions on the organizational or institutional integrity but also breeds distrust among other co-learners and outside learners of similar learning stages, and dampens their motivation ultimately quality and productivity. Likewise, if some candidates somehow manage to secure their placements on merit, cronyism becomes their enemy which means close friends and family members of politicians are given preference against merit system. Despite giving sermons of upholding merit, governments/authorities at the helm of affairs have failed to discourage such illegitimate and unethical practices in these academic institutions thereby deflating motivation among skilled/ talented and deserving pass outs.

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Respecting Women Online

Covid-19 has pushed people to the digital universe, now, more than ever. This, however, does not mean that this proliferation has been entirely positive. With more people on the internet, it has also become a vulnerable space. It is especially true for women.

Women face a number of issues on-

line. Stalking, trolling, harassment and blackmailing — to name a few.

Trolling, out of all these, is often brushed under the carpet and is trivialised. This trivialisation of trolling helps no one and is absolutely unacceptable. In a country like India, there is every chance that digital abuse can translate into physical harm. Women are already in danger here and add to

that the access that internet gives to possible offenders.

Therefore, we must find ways to collaboratively call out abusive handles and ensure the safety of women on the internet. Additionally, vocal women need to be supported and protected because they're always at the receiving end of hate. Moreover, those who aren't aware of how to

use internet safely, should also be educated.

Students should be taught provisions under law for digital offences from the school level itself. It is imperative to have an all-hands-on-deck approach to ensure that we give a safe internet to women.

Ameera Shah

Mindful Fridays

How To Help Someone With Non-Suicide Self-Injury?

Wasim Kakroo

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

What to do if I have reason to believe that someone is self-injuring?

If you feel someone you care about is purposefully injuring themselves, you should talk to them about it. Recognize and address your own concerns about their self-harming behavior before approaching the person. If you're unable to communicate with the person who is self-injuring, attempt to find someone else who can.

Identify a private space for the discussion about such behavior. Express your concern that the person may be harming himself or herself. Inquire about self-injury in a way that demonstrates to the person that you have some knowledge about self-injury so that they feel less judgmental, e.g., Say, "When people are in a lot of emotional distress, they sometimes harm themselves on purpose.". Is that how you got your injury?"

Self-injury is a very personal issue that is difficult to talk about. Demanding that someone talk about something they don't want to talk about isn't a good idea. A strong emotional response such as anger, fear, revulsion, or irritation should be avoided while having a conversation with such person. If the person is having psychiatric treatment, find out if their treating professional is aware of the injuries.

What do I do if I find someone causing self-employed by self-injuring?

If you have got engaged with someone who is committing intentional self-harm, intervene in a helpful and non-judgmental manner. When you learn that someone self-injures, it's natural to feel disturbed, helpless, and even angry. Try to remain cool and avoid expressing shock or anger. Tell the person you care about them and ask if there is anything you can do to help them feel better. Inquire if medical assistance is required.

How do I approach someone who is deliberately Self-injuring?

WHEN SPEAKING WITH THE PERSON, use 'I' statements rather than 'you' statements (e.g., "I feel worried/angry/frustrated when you..." rather than "You make me feel worried/angry/frustrated..."). Inquire about the person's self-injury, but don't press them to talk about it. Recognize the person's experience as they describe it to reflect what they're saying

Keep in mind that 'stopping self-injury' should not be the centre of the discussion. Instead, consider what can be done to make the person's life easier or their environment less stressful. Recognize that self-injury cannot be stopped instantly, and that people will require time to recover and figure out healthy coping mechanisms.

Be helpful and non-judgmental in your behavior. Recognize that self-injury makes a person's life less stressful and understand their motivations for doing so. Be supportive without condoning the behaviour. Be conscious of what your body language says about your attitudes towards self injury.

When speaking with the self-injuring individual, use a calm voice. Avoid expressing frustration or a desire to punish the person for harming themselves. Allow the person time to comprehend what has been discussed by being available silently. Be prepared for strong emotions to be expressed by the self-harming person.

What am I supposed to say? Demonstrate concern and listen actively

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Provide assistance and reassurance

Demonstrate empathy for the person's feelings. Validate their emotions by telling them that their emotions are appropriate and valid.

Tell them they are not alone and that you are there to help them. Collaborate with the person to identify solutions (i.e., find out what they want to ensue and discuss any potential actions with them).

Reassure the individual that there are available sources of assistance and support. Inform the person that you wish to assist them and outline the methods in which you are willing to assist them.

Don't pledge to keep the person's self-injury a secret from them. Speak to them first, if you need to tell someone about a person's self-injury in order to keep them safe. Avoid gossiping or discussing it with others without their permission.

Don'ts when dealing with someone who is self-injuring themselves:

Do not:

• **Downplay the person's feelings or difficulties.**

• **Make statements that dismiss the person's suffering (for example, "but you've got a great life" or "things aren't that awful").**

• **try to address the person's issues for them.**

• **Make physical contact with (e.g., hug or hold hands with) the person without their permission.**

• **Refer to the person as a 'self-mutilator,' a 'self-injurer,' or a 'cutter.'**

• **Accuse the individual of doing self-injury to seek attention.**

• **Make the person feel guilty about the impact their self-harm is having on others.**

• **Make goals or pacts, such as "If you pledge not to damage yourself between now and next week, you're doing incredibly well," unless the person specifically requests you for it.**

• **Provide the individual with drugs, prescription medicines, or alcoholic beverages.**

What should I do if the person is not willing to talk about it?

Respect the individual's right to remain silent about their self-injury. If the person does not want to speak right away, tell them you will listen to them when they are ready. Inquire about what might help the person feel safe

enough to talk about their feelings. Unless the injury is severe, do not press upon the matter. If the person still refuses to speak, seek assistance from a health professional on what to do.

How can I assist someone with Non-Suicidal Self Injury?

Seeking professional assistance

Self-injury is frequently a symptom of a treatable mental health disorder. Encourage the individual to seek professional assistance. Allow them to retain as much control over the decision of obtaining assistance as possible. Rather than telling the person what to do, suggest and explore choices for getting help. Assist the individual in developing a plan of action for getting assistance.

Discuss how you can assist them in seeking therapy and who they can talk to, such as a mental health service or a mental health professional such as a clinical psychologist/psychiatrist.

Praise the individual on any steps he or she takes toward seeking professional help. Follow up with the person to see if they've found professional help that's right for them.

You should seek mental health assistance on their behalf if:

• **If the individual requests you to**

• **The harm is severe or getting worse, such as cuts getting deeper or bones broken**

• **The self-injurious behaviour is interfering with everyday living**

• **The person has caused damage to their eyes.**

• **The individual has caused injuries to their genitals.**

• **The individual has voiced a desire to die.**

It's important to remember that not everyone who self-injures wants to

change their ways. Although you can offer assistance but you are not responsible for their conduct or behaviour and have no influence over what they do.

If the individual is a teenager, a more guided approach may be required. Assist the adolescent in developing a plan of action for obtaining help and offer to accompany them to an appointment.

When is it important to seek urgent medical intervention?

Don't over-react; seek medical assistance from medical emergency services only if the harm is severe. Any gaping cut necessitates medical treatment, as it may require sutures. Any burn with a diameter of two centimetres or more, as well as any burn on the hands, feet, or face, necessitates medical treatment.

Call an ambulance if the person has hurt themselves by taking an overdose of medication or swallowing poison, as the risk of death or serious harm is significant. Deliberate overdose is usually intended to kill, although it can also be a form of self-injury. Irrespective of one's intentions behind such acts, emergency medical help must be sought.

Alternates to Self-injury that should be encouraged

Since self-injury is an indication that the person has difficulty in handling their distress, encourage them to look for different ways to cope with their distress. Help the person employ coping mechanisms that do not need self-injury, and assist them in developing a plan for what to do when they feel like self-injuring. Recommend some coping skills and talk with the person about what would be beneficial to them.

Encourage them to utilise any good coping approach that helps them overcome the desire to self-injure. When the individual is distressed and has the temptation to self-injure, encourage them to communicate their feelings with others, such as a close friend or family member. Help the person consider strategies to alleviate their distress, such as taking a hot bath, listening to loud music, or doing something nice for oneself. Provide the individual with information materials (such as a website or leaflet) regarding alternatives to self-injury.

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Team India: Responding To Adversity With Achievement

PM Narendra Modi

India completed vaccination of 100 crore doses on 21st October 2021, in just about 9 months since starting vaccination. This has been a tremendous journey in dealing with Covid-19, especially when we recall how things stood in early 2020. Humanity was dealing with such a pandemic after 100 years and no-one knew much about the virus. We remember how unpredictable the situation appeared then, as we were faced by an unknown and invisible enemy mutating rapidly.

The journey from anxiety to assurance has happened and our nation has emerged stronger, thanks to the world's largest vaccination drive.

It has been a truly bhagirath effort involving multiple sections of society. To get a sense of the scale, assume that each vaccination took just 2 minutes for a healthcare worker. At this rate, it took around 41 lakh man days or approximately 11 thousand man years of effort to reach this landmark.

For any effort to attain and sustain speed and scale, trust of all stakeholders is crucial. One of the reasons for the success of the campaign was the trust that people developed in the vaccine and the process followed, despite various efforts to create mistrust and panic.

There are some among us who only trust foreign brands, even for simply

everyday necessities. However, when it came to something as crucial as the Covid-19 vaccine, the people of India unanimously trusted 'Made in India' vaccines. This is a significant paradigm shift.

India's vaccine drive is an example of what India can achieve if the citizens and the government come together with a common goal in the spirit of Jan Bhagidari. When India started its vaccination program, there were many people who doubted the capabilities of 130 crore Indians. Some said India would take 3-4 years. Some others said people will not come forward to get vaccinated. There were those who said there will be gross mismanagement and chaos in the vaccination process. Some even said that India will not be able to manage supply chains. But just like the Janta Curfew and subsequent lockdowns, the people of India showed how spectacular the results can be, if they are made trusted partners.

When everyone takes ownership, nothing is impossible. Our healthcare workers traversed hills and crossed rivers across difficult geographies to vaccinate people. Our youth, social workers, healthcare workers, social and religious leaders, all deserve credit for the fact that India faces minimal vaccine hesitancy when compared to even developed nations.

There was a lot of pressure from different interest groups to give preferential treatment to them in vaccination. But the Government ensured that, like

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our other schemes, there is no VIP culture in the vaccination drive either.

In early 2020, when Covid-19 was rampaging across the world, it was clear to us that this pandemic will have to be eventually fought with the help of vaccines. We started preparing early. We constituted expert groups and started preparing a roadmap right from April 2020.

Till today, only a handful of countries have developed their own vaccines. More than 180 countries are dependent on an extremely limited pool of producers and dozens of nations are still waiting for the supply of vaccines, even as India has crossed 100 crore doses! Imagine the situation if India did not have its own vaccine. How would have India secured enough vaccines for such a large population and how many years would that have taken? It is here that credit should be given to Indian scientists and entrepreneurs for rising to the occasion. It is due to their talent and hard-work that India is truly Aatmanirbhar when it comes to vaccines. Our vaccine manufacturers, by scaling up to meet the demands of such a large population, have shown that

they are second to none.

In a nation where governments used to be known as a roadblock impeding forward movement, our government has instead been an accelerator and enabler of progress. The government partnered with the vaccine makers right from day one and gave them support in the form of institutional assistance, scientific research, funding, as well as accelerated regulatory processes. All ministries of the government came together to facilitate the vaccine makers and remove any bottlenecks as a result of our 'whole of Government' approach.

In a country of the scale of India, it is not enough to just produce. Focus has to be on last mile delivery and seamless logistics. To understand the challenges involved, imagine the journey taken by one vial of vaccines. From a plant in Pune or Hyderabad, the vial is sent to a hub in any of the states, from where it is transported to the district hub. From there, it reaches a vaccination centre. This entails the deployment of thousands of trips taken by flights and trains. During this entire journey, the temperature has to be maintained in a particular range which is centrally monitored. For this, over 1 lakh cold-chain equipments were utilized.

States were given advance notice of the delivery schedule of the vaccines so that they could plan their drives better and vaccines reached them on the pre-decided days. This has been an unprecedented effort in the history of independent India. All these efforts were complemented

by a robust tech platform in CoWIN. It ensured that the vaccine drive was equitable, scalable, trackable, and transparent. This ensured that there was no scope for favouritism or jumping the queue. It also ensured that a poor worker could take first dose in his village and the second dose of the same vaccine in the city where he works, after the required time interval. In addition to a real-time dashboard to boost transparency, the QR-coded certificates ensured verifiability. There are hardly any examples of such efforts not only in India but also the world.

In my Independence Day Address in 2015, I had said that our country is moving ahead because of 'Team India' and this 'Team India' is a big team of our 130 crore people. People's participation is the biggest strength of democracy. If we run the country through the participation of 130 crore Indians, our country will be moving ahead 130 crore steps every moment. Our vaccination drive has yet again showed the power of this 'Team India'. India's success in its vaccination drive has also demonstrated to the whole world that 'democracy can deliver'.

I am optimistic that the success achieved in the world's largest vaccination drive will further spur our youth, our innovators and all levels of government to set new benchmarks of public service delivery which will be a model not only for our country, but also for the world.

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Author is Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi

This AI tech may spot unseen signs of heart failure

Agencies

US researchers have developed an electrocardiogram-reading algorithm that can detect subtle signs of heart failure. Heart failure, or congestive heart failure, occurs when the heart pumps less blood than the body normally needs. For years, doctors have relied heavily on an imaging technique called an echocardiogram to assess whether a patient may be experiencing heart failure.

While helpful, echocardiograms can be labour-intensive procedures that are only offered at select hospitals. In the study, the researchers at Mount Sinai described the development of an artificial intelligence (AI)-based computer algorithm that not only assessed the strength of the left ventricle but also the right ventricle, which takes deoxygenated



blood streaming in from the body and pumps it to the lungs. The algorithm was 94 per cent accurate at predicting which patients had a healthy ejection fraction and 87 per cent accurate at predicting those who had an ejection fraction that was below 40 per cent. The algorithm also learned to detect right valve weaknesses from

the electrocardiograms with 84 per cent accuracy at predicting which patients had weak right valves. "We showed that deep-learning algorithms can recognise blood pumping problems on both sides of the heart from ECG waveform data," said Benjamin S. Glicksberg, Assistant Professor of Genetics and Genomic Science at Mount Sinai.

For the study, published in the 'Journal of the American College of Cardiology: Cardiovascular Imaging', the team programmed a computer to read patient electrocardiograms along with data extracted from written reports summarising the results of corresponding echocardiograms taken from the same patients. In this situation, the written reports acted as a standard set of data for the computer to compare with the electrocardiogram data and learn how to spot weaker hearts. "Our results suggest that this algorithm could be a useful tool for helping clinical practitioners combat heart failure suffered by a variety of patients," added Glicksberg. "We are in the process of carefully designing prospective trials to test out its effectiveness in a more real-world setting."

Online abuse: Banning anonymous social media accounts is not the answer

Agencies

In the wake of the tragic death of the Member of Parliament for Southend West, David Amess, fellow MPs have been talking about how to best protect both politicians and the public from abuse and harm. This has included a strong focus on enacting laws designed to halt online abuse, even though police have not linked Amess's killing to this issue directly. There have been suggestions that such abuse can be attributed, at least in part, to online anonymity – that is, the fact many social media users set up their accounts using aliases, and without images that reveal who they are, in order to conceal their identity.

Speaking on Sky News, Home Secretary Priti Patel indicated there was a need to address anonymous accounts. Asked if she would consider legislation to remove the right to anonymity on social media, Patel responded: I want us to look at everything. And there is work taking place already [...] But we can't carry on like this. I spend too much time actually with communities who have been under attack basically, who have had all sorts of postings put online, and it's a struggle to get those postings taken down. We want to make some big changes on that. The idea has since gained traction, with other MPs calling for a ban on anonymous social media ac-

counts as a way to mitigate online abuse. Yet while it's clear there is a need to address how we engage with and on social media, removing anonymity isn't going to solve the problems of online abuse. In fact, removing the right to anonymity online could cause harm to many users, especially those from marginalised groups. Anonymity as a form of protection While there are many examples of people using anonymous social media accounts to abuse others online, it's equally clear that anonymity can be a lifeline to many users and communities. Posting anonymously can allow people to protect themselves – to openly discuss and deal with complex

topics safely. It can allow people to speak out about abuse, and seek information. For example, social media users in LGBTQIA+ communities have spoken about the importance of online anonymity as a way to negotiate discussions of sexuality safely, where disclosing their name might put them at significant risk of abuse and harm online and offline. Some said anonymity allowed them to access valuable information online as they navigated their own identities. In my own research for my 2020 book about social media design and identity, my participants talked about the many ways in which they felt anonymity helped them to develop a sense of community.

Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir

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Notice

The Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir has floated an e-tender notice No: 6 of 2021-22 and e-tender notice No: 7 of 2021-22 for registered and experienced Event Management Agencies/Firms for providing of space, infrastructure and publicity for organizing of Handicraft Exhibitions at different venues outside UT including at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi for the year 2021-22. The details of the tender document are available on the website www.jktenders.gov.in

The last date for submission of the bids is 27.10.2021 (3.00.pm) and 30.10.2021 (3.00Pm) respectively.

Sd/-
Publicity-Cum-Exhibition Officer
Handicrafts & Handloom
KASHMIR

No: DHHK/P&E/ 239 /21
Dated: 18.10.2021.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir J&K Sports Council

Administrative Block Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar (May-October), M A Stadium, Jammu J&K 180001 (Nov.-May),
email jkstatesportscouncil@gmail.com, Contact No: - 0191-2570423, 0191- 2560771

Sub; Interview notification for engagement of Past Champion Athlete as Coach/Mentor for approved District Level Khelo India Centres.
Ref: This Office notification SC/3767/3006-13, dated 02-08-2021

Interview Notification

It is for the information of the candidates who have been found eligible for interview for engagement of Past Champion Athlete in District Level Khelo India Centres as notified vide notification dated:- 02-08-2021 are advised to appear for interview at New Administrative Block, Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar & Sports House, M.A. Stadium, Jammu as per the following schedule:-

Province	Venue	Date & Time
Candidates hailing from Kashmir Province	New Administrative Block, Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar	28th October, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. onwards
Candidates hailing from Jammu Province	Sports House, M.A. Stadium, Jammu	11th November, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. onwards

The candidates are advised to bring all the required certificates in original with a set of self-attested photocopies of certificates without which the candidates shall not be interviews. The candidates have to appear for the interview at their own cost and no individual communication / call letters shall be dispatched in this regard. List of eligible/ ineligible candidates shall be available on our official website www.jksportscouncil.com.

No: SC/3767/7705-12
Dated: 20-10-2021

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Secretary J&K Sports Council

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Dated: 20-10-2021

Admission Notification No. 03 (Round-03) of 2021 dated: 20-10-2021

Applications are invited from desirous candidates, seeking admission in the trades detailed below. Accordingly the candidates are informed that the admission process (Round-3) has started and will close on 25.10.2021, in order to fill the vacant seats as per the academic merit. The candidates shall attend ITI Srinagar Bagh-i-Dilawar Khan for counselling session along with following documents in original by or before 25-10-2021.

- Marks Certificate of qualifying Examination
- Date of Birth Certificate
- Category Certificate (SC/ ST/ Ex-Serviceman/ Physically Handicapped/ EWS), if any
- Adhaar Card
- Domicile certificate / Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC).

S. No.	Trade	Scheme
01	Dress Making	Normal
02	Sewing Technology	Normal
03	Welder	Normal
04	Mechanic Diesel	Normal
05	Turner	Normal
06	Machinist	Normal
07	Plumber	Normal
08	Front Office Assistant	Normal (Women Wing)
09	Data Entry Operator	Normal (Women Wing)
10	Plumber	Self Financing
11	COPA	Self Financing
12	Paper Machie	Heritage Craft Course
13	Wood Carving Skills	Heritage Craft Course

Note: For any query contact on below mentioned phone No's
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Anisa Parvez,
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Government of Jammu and Kashmir J&K Services Selection Board

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NOTICE

Subject:- Selection List-Cum-Allocation of Cadres/Departments for Class-IV posts under the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Appointment to Class-IV posts (Special Recruitment) Rules, 2020 pursuant to Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2020 dated 26.06.2020-cut-off merit reg.

Whereas, Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) under Accelerated Recruitment Program advertised 8575 District/Divisional/UT Cadre posts of Class-IV vide advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2020 dated 26.06.2020 in pursuance of the Jammu & Kashmir Appointment to Class-IV (Special Recruitment) Rules 202C notified vide SO 184 of 2020 dated 04.06.2020 read with other relevant rules; and

Whereas, the aforesaid rules inter-alia provide that the selection to District/Divisional/UT cadre posts shall be made by following the procedure of assigning additional weightages on the basis of laid down parameters in addition to the score obtained in the OMR based test; and

Whereas, upon the consideration of the merit of the candidates in different cadres a cut-off merit in each category was fixed and a total of 9652 unique candidates who were falling in the ratio of 1:4 of the number of requisitioned posts were shortlisted for document verification; and

Whereas, on the basis of merit of the candidates a Provisional Selection List/ allocation of Cadres for Class-IV posts was notified vide Notification No. SSB/Secy/Class-IV/2021/7072-81 dated 15.10.2021; and

Whereas, the extant rules provide for allocation of departments in addition to the allocation of cadres in favour of selected candidates by the JKSSB and in pursuance thereof, a selection list alongwith allocation of cadres/departments was notified vide Notification No. SSB/Secy/Sel/ Class-IV/2021/7093-7102 dated 18.10.2021

Now therefore, in view of the above the candidates whose merit is above the final cutoff merit (Enclosed as Annexure "A") for this notification have been considered only for selection, depending upon the number of posts requisitioned in various cadres and departments. This is for the information of general public and candidates who figured in the revised Merit List of Class-IV posts issued by the Board vide Notification No. SSB/Secy/ Class-IV/2021/6882-91 dated 08.10.2021.

No:- SSB/Sel/Class-IV/2021/7181-89
Dated: 19/10/2021

Secretary

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Annexure "A"

Category wise Cut-Off Marks for the post of Class IV (01 of 2020)									
Cadre	Last Cut Off point under								
	OM	RBA	SC	ST	ALC/IB	EWS	PSP	Social Caste	ESM
Anantnag	52.73	49.75		40.25		45.23	39.75	48.25	28.86
Bandipora	51.99	48.75		45.65		48.53		50.36	31.75
Baramulla	49.23	45.65		37	40.65	42.25	39.56	45.05	25.75
Budgam	50.25	47.21		37.75		44.56	44.29	45.75	26.5
Doda	50.02	47.25	45.02	39.38		47.92		47.92	28.9
Ganderbal	54	49.5		45.02					
Jammu	52.76	46.5	49.29	41.25	50.99	44.63	37.92	51.32	35.25
Jammu (Division)	47.56	43.6	43.4	37.2	43.61	38	34.8	44.38	25
Kashmir (Division)	48.99	45.12	38.06	35.77	37.06	38.26	34.55	43.62	19.51
Kathua	50.02	46	44.38	39.81	44.25	45.65		48	30.94
Kishtwar	52.5	49.29	45.02	42.25					33.02
Kulgam	54.83	53.5		41.5		49.3	44.56	51.25	33.77
Kupwara	51.24	48.25		42.24	43.74	45.86	43.17	48.52	28.29
Poonch	54.63	49.96		47.5	51.25	51.97	52.5		
Pulwama	56.5	50.25		42.24		51.99		53.5	
Rajouri	50.5	47.21	43.02	45.69	46.51	47.23	45	49	30.38
Ramban	51.75	48.53	46.97	42.23		50.25			
Reasi	52.34	49	45.02	42.21		51.25		50.69	
Samba	54.23	52.66	50.69	43.88	50.36	51.97		53.42	42.21
Shopian	53.33	49.9		43.02		50.02	46.5	50.56	
Srinagar	50.75	47.92		39.55		47.21		48.53	
Udhampur	50.65	47.25	45.69	39.75		46.51		47.73	28.88
UT	53.99	50.15	45.05	40.73	46.9	48.35	41.16		29.62

➤ In case of tie in merit, the candidate who is elder in age is considered first.

➤ The candidates are considered for only those cadres for which they were shortlisted in revised merit list.

Fuel Prices Hiked Again; Diesel Above Rs 99/Litre In Srinagar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices on Thursday were hiked by 35 paise per litre each, the second consecutive day of increase that took pump rates across the country to record high levels.

The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of Rs 106.54 a litre and Rs 112.44 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

In Mumbai, diesel now comes for Rs 103.26 a litre; while in Delhi, it costs Rs 95.27 per litre.

This is the second consecutive day of price hike. There was no change in rates on October 18 and 19, prior to which prices were hiked by 35 paise per litre each on four straight days.

While petrol has already hit the Rs 100-a-litre mark or more in all major cities of the country, diesel has touched that level in over a dozen states and is treading towards that mark in places from Srinagar to Chennai.

Diesel costs Rs 99.14 a litre in Srinagar while it is priced at Rs 99.59 in Chennai.

The costliest fuel was in the border town of Ganganagar in Rajasthan, where petrol comes for Rs 118.59 a litre and diesel for Rs 109.41 per litre.



Since the ending of a three-week-long hiatus in rate revision in the last week of September, this is the 18th increase in petrol price and the 21st time that diesel rates have gone up.

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

International benchmark Brent crude on Thursday was trading above USD 85 per barrel, USD 11 more than last month.

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 rate revision on September 28 for petrol and September 24 for diesel.

Since then, the diesel rate has gone up by Rs 6.85 per litre and the petrol price has increased by Rs 5.35 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 per litre during this period.



Sonamarg To Be Promoted As All Season Tourist Destination: Div Com

Reviews arrangements for its opening during winters

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole Thursday visited Sonamarg, where he chaired a high level meeting of officers to review the arrangements being put in place for keeping Sonamarg open during the winters.

At the outset, threadbare discussion was held regarding the necessary preparations and arrangements including water, electricity, health, road, fire service, snow clearing operation, traffic management, firewood and other related facilities to be put in place for keeping Sonamarg open during the winters.

Earlier, Sonamarg Tourist Destination remained closed during the winter due to heavy snowfall and avalanches in Gagangar area and with the commissioning of Z-Morh Tunnel the Sonamarg Tourist Destination shall remain open for the first time in winter also.

Executive Director, NHIDCL (projects) briefed the Div Com about the traffic action plan

through the Z-Morh tunnel and informed that the tunnel shall remain open for one-way traffic movement for light vehicles during winters.

The Div Com directed the BRO to ensure that sufficient machinery and manpower are deployed for clearing of snow from Gagangar to Sonamarg including car parking areas and directed for submitting an action plan to the Div Com office by or before 25th October in this regard.

Meanwhile, Hotelier Association Sonamarg and other stakeholders also raised several issues like availability of Fire Tenders, Fire wood, Hospital, ATM, Car parking and others.

The Div Com said that the Government is committed to promote Sonamarg as all weather and preferred winter tourist destination, and in this regard all facilities and arrangements would be put in place by the end of this month and all departments are given necessary instructions in this regard.

He urged hoteliers/ shopkeep-

ers to upgrade their infrastructure as per the weather conditions in the area so that the tourists visiting Sonamarg during winters are provided better facilities and shall not face any inconvenience.

To promote Sonamarg as winter tourist destination, the Divisional Commissioner said that it is imperative to have proper plan for its promotion at all levels as Sonamarg is going to open for the first time in winter and directed the Tourism Department and CEO, SDA to devise a proper mechanism for its wide publicity as winter tourist destination.

He directed for finalizing holistic plan within this month regarding publicity and activities to be carried during winters like Snow festival, winter snow games and other activities as in other winter tourist destinations like Gulmarg and Pahalgam that can be available for tourists during winters so that same could be promoted through print, electronic and social media to have maximum tourist footfall here.

Sensex Extends Losses Into Third Day; Asian Paints Tumbles After Q2 Show

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MUMBAI: Equity benchmarks buckled under selling pressure for the third session on the trot on Thursday as lacklustre corporate results, negative global cues and concerns over stretched valuations triggered an unwinding of risky bets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex slumped 336.46 points or 0.55 per cent to finish at 60,923.50, after slipping below the 60,500-level intra-day.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty declined 88.50 points or 0.48 per cent to 18,178.10.

Asian Paints was the top loser in the Sensex pack, tanking 5.21 per cent, after the company reported a 29 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 605.17 crore for the September quarter on account of higher expenses, especially input costs.

Reliance Industries, Infosys, Dr Reddy's, Tata Steel, TCS and Bharti Airtel were among the other laggards, shedding up to 2.85 per cent.

On the other hand, Kotak Bank, HDFC, ICICI Bank, NTPC, SBI and Axis Bank were among the gainers, spurring as much as 6.51 per cent.

The market breadth was negative, with 21 of the 30 Sensex constituents closing in the red.

According to V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services,



domestic headwinds like high valuations have become unsustainable and rising commodity inflation will impact the margins of firms.

"Sustained selling by institutions -- both DIIs and FIIs -- indicates that smart money regards the market as overheated and overvalued," he noted.

Narendra Solanki, Head-Equity Research (Fundamental), Anand Rathi, said, "Indian markets opened in green but couldn't hold on to early gains and drifted lower mirroring Asian market peers which traded mostly in red as investors monitored and tracked China property woes."

Sectorally, BSE IT, teck, metal, telecom, energy, realty and basic materials fell up to 2.30 per cent, while bankex, finance, auto and industrials mustered gains.

Govt Recognizes Purzgars As Vital Pillar In Shawl Industry

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Recognizing Purzgars as an important section among the stakeholders in shawl manufacturing, a simple but impressive function was organized by the Handicrafts & Handloom Department Kashmir in association with Kashmir Pashmina Organization where in Registration certificates were distributed amongst the Purzgars.

The Purzgars are instrumental in giving finish to the Kashmiri Shawls as the unique touch and feel aspect to the Kashmiri shawls is attributed to the fine craftsmanship of the Purzgars.

Acknowledging their indispensability, registration of the Purzgars was accomplished and the registration certificates were awarded to them at their workplaces.

The registration certificates shall make the Purzgars eligible for various Governmental schemes which include financial assistance under Artisan Credit



Card, MUDRA Scheme and other related avenues.

On the sidelines of the function, problems with regard to their wages, equipment and their working scenario were also discussed with the Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah.

This development of registering Purzgars came in wake of the departmental outreach programme to register the artisans

and stakeholders who have not been approached till now. Earlier the registration of Hawkers (Pheriwalas) was also done on the same analogy.

The decision has been widely acknowledged and appreciated by various organizations including Kashmir Pashmina Karigar Union and Kashmir Pashmina Association as members from the associations were also part of the ceremony.

Govt Hikes DA By 3 Pc For Central Employees

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Thursday hiked dearness allowance and dearness relief by 3 per cent to 31 per cent to benefit 47.14 lakh central government employees and 68.62 lakh pensioners.

This was informed by Minister of Information &

Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur.

This decision to hike the allowance will put an annual burden of Rs 9,488 crore on the exchequer.

Earlier in July, the government had restored the dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief (DR) and increased

the rate of allowance from 17 per cent to 28 per cent.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Union Government had frozen the three additional instalments of the DA and DR, which were due from January 1, 2020, July 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021. (PTI)

'Kitchen Gardening Becoming A Healthy Trend In Urban Agriculture'

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal Thursday inaugurated the distribution of Onion Vegetable seedlings at Kitchen Garden Lal Mandi.


While interacting with the vegetable growers and kitchen garden lovers, the Director said the Department is committed to provide quality seedling material to the vegetable growers so that they could use the land resources available to them and will contribute to the overall vegetable production.

He said kitchen gardening is becoming a healthy trend in urban agriculture and the people are adopting it nowadays with open arms. He said the Department is implementing a plan where seedlings of different vegetable crops would be made available to the farmers round the year and this initiative has been started in all the districts of Kashmir Division.

The Director said the kitchen gardening is a multi dimensional venture where on one hand the vegetables grown in

kitchen gardens are mostly organic because people do not use chemical fertilizers in their kitchen gardens and on the other hand it promotes agriculture among the young generations and students.

During the inauguration of today's sale, the Director was accompanied by Joint Director Agriculture Inputs Farooq Ahmad Shah, Joint Director Agriculture Extension Sheikh Shahid Iqbal, Seed Production Officer Kashmir and other senior officers of the Department.



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TELECOM ONLINE PENSION ADALAT AT YOUR DOOR STEPS

1. Online Pension Adalat is scheduled to be held through video calling at 11:00 AM on 29/10/2021 for settlement of pending pension related grievances for more than 6 months (excluding legal and policy matters) of all pensioners of Telecom Department/BSNL Jammu & Kashmir Circle. All the pensioners/family pensioners are requested to kindly forward their pending pension grievances if any along with necessary details on email ccaik@nic.in before 26.10.2021.
2. Pensioners / family pensioners can appear in this Special Online Pension Adalat through a video call from home at the given time to represent their case. All the pensioners/Family pensioners are requested to kindly provide their **Whatsapp mobile number or mobile no. of any family member** (who will be available with pensioner/family pensioner) in their complaint.
3. Intimation of time of Whatsapp mobile call will be intimated by this office one day before the Online Pension Adalat.
4. All future new pension cases will be settled through new pension software 'SAMPANN' of Department of Telecommunication. Regarding this, more information can be obtained from website <https://dotpension.gov.in>. Mobile App for SAMPANN is also available on 'Google Play Store' and 'ios platform' in the name of 'SAMPANN'.
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Correction as detailed below, is to be made in the School records of my Ward, studying in Class 9th, G D Goenka, Sadrabal Lal Bazar and anybody having any objection shall contact the Principal of the said School, within 7 days from the issuance of this notification:

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Shaista Kounsar Shah"
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D/O: Syed Ashfaq Hussain Hamdani
Shaista Kounsar"
Ashfaq Hussain Hamdani
S/O: Late Syed Gh. Nabi Hamdani
R/O: Zakoora, Srinagar.

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PSU Banks Likely To Get Capital Support Soon To Meet Regulatory Requirements

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: The government is likely to pump capital into public sector banks during the last quarter of the current financial year to meet the regulatory requirements.

The government in the Budget 2021-22 has made an allocation of Rs 20,000 crore for the capital infusion in the state-owned banks.

The capital position of banks would be reviewed in the next

the spectrum.

Last month, the Reserve Bank removed UCO Bank and Indian Overseas Bank from the prompt corrective action framework, following improvement in various parameters and a written commitment that the state-owned lender will comply with the minimum capital norms.

The only public sector lender left under the PCA framework is Central Bank of India.

PCA is triggered when banks breach certain regulatory requirements such as return on asset, minimum capital and quantum of the non-performing assets.

PCA restrictions disable the bank in several ways to lend freely and force it to operate under a restrictive environment that turns out to be a hurdle to growth.

Last financial year, the government infused Rs 20,000 crore in the five public sector banks. Out of this, Rs 11,500 crore had gone to three banks under the PCA: UCO Bank, Indian Overseas Bank and Central Bank of India.

The government infused Rs 4,800 crore in Central Bank of India, Rs 4,100 crore in Indian Overseas Bank and Kolkatabased UCO Bank got Rs 2,600 crore.

The government has infused over Rs 3.15 lakh crore into public sector banks (PSBs) in the 11 years through 2018-19.

In 2019-20, the government infused Rs 70,000 crore capital into PSBs to boost credit for a strong impetus to the economy.



quarter, and depending on the requirement, the infusion will be made to meet the regulatory needs.

In the current fiscal so far, all 12 public sector banks have posted a profit, which is being ploughed back to bolster the balance sheet of the banks, sources said.

Going forward, they said, the rise in stressed assets would determine capital requirement.

If numbers are anything to go by, the sources said, the financial health of public sector banks are showing gradual signs of improvement across

5,000 MG Astor SUVs Sold Out Within 20 Minutes, Says Company

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: MG Motor India on Thursday said it has sold out its new SUV Astor for this calendar year, clocking 5,000 orders within 20 minutes of opening bookings.

The deliveries of the Astor will commence from November 1, and the company aims to deliver the 5,000 units within this year, MG Motor India said in a statement.

The company had last week announced its foray into the fast-growing mid-sized SUV segment in India with the launch of the new model, Astor, priced between Rs 9.78 lakh

and Rs 16.78 lakh (ex-show-room Delhi).

Commenting on the consumer response, MG Motor India President and Managing Director Rajeev Chaba said, "We are ecstatic about the response we have received from the customers." The company said the 5,000 units were sold out in less than 20 minutes of the opening of bookings.

Chaba, however, added, "Given the global chip crisis that the industry is undergoing, we can only supply a limited number of cars this year. We expect supplies to become better from Q1 next year."

از نیابت تحصیلدار کانتھ

عنوان: مضمون درخواست منجانب عبد حمید صوفی ولد عبد الکریم صوفی ساکن شہر پورہ تحصیل کیری

برادعطا گی RBA تحت 375/294/126 SRO 126/294/375 بج منظور احمد فرحت حمید

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India Hopes China Will Work With It To Bring 'Satisfactory Resolution' To Current Issues: FS

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Asserting that peace and tranquillity in the border areas is a "sine qua non" for India and China to work together, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Thursday said New Delhi hopes that Beijing will work with it to bring a satisfactory resolution to the current issues, keeping in view each other's sensitivities and interests.

In his remarks at a seminar on "Leveraging China's Economy", Shringla also said the developments along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh have "seriously disturbed" the peace and tranquillity in border areas, and this has obviously had an impact on the broader relationship too.

The foreign secretary also referred to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's remarks that the ability of India and China to work together will determine the Asian century.

"For this to materialise, peace and tranquillity in the border areas is a sine qua non. He (Jaishankar) has also clearly articulated that development of our ties can only be based on mutuality -- mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interests should guide this process," Shringla said.

"We hope that the Chinese



side will work with us to bring a satisfactory resolution to the current issues so as to make progress on our bilateral relations keeping in view each other's sensitivities, aspirations and interests," the foreign secretary said.

The border standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries erupted on May 5 last year following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas and both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the

two sides completed the disengagement process in the Gogra area in August and in the north and south banks of the Pangong lake in February.

Each side currently has around 50,000 to 60,000 troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the sensitive sector, according to sources.

In his remarks, Shringla also talked about the issues of concerns in the Sino-India trade relationship such as the widening trade deficit and increase in trade barriers.

"China is our largest neighbour. With its GDP reaching USD

14.7 trillion in 2020, China's economy is the second-largest in the world. Under the shadow of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, China is the only major economy to have registered positive growth in 2020," he said.

Being the largest contributor to world trade and our largest trading partner, it is imperative for us to have a better understanding of China's economy, Shringla said.

He noted that India's relations generally followed a positive trajectory since 1988 when the two country's re-established contacts at the highest level.

"We were engaged in developing a broad-based bilateral relationship. The advancement of ties in this period was clearly predicated on ensuring that peace and tranquillity were not disturbed. The areas of cooperation were not limited to bilateral but also had regional and global dimensions," he said.

It was also recognised that relations between India and China were in the interest of not only our two countries but also in the interest of peace, stability and security in the region and world at large, Shringla said at the seminar organised by the Centre for Contemporary China Studies.

Noting that last year, the total trade volume between the two countries was around USD

88 billion, Shringla said in the first nine months of this year, the bilateral trade touched USD 90 billion, an increase of 49 per cent over last year.

"At this rate, we are likely to attain the highest ever bilateral trade between two countries," he said.

The trade, however, remains unbalanced with a large trade balance in favour of China, Shringla said.

"Our trade deficit concerns are two-fold the first is the actual size of the deficit. The trade deficit for the nine months period stood at USD 47 billion. This is the largest trade deficit we have with any country. Second, is the fact that the imbalance has continuously been widening," the foreign secretary said.

There are a number of market access impediments including a whole host of non-tariff barriers, for most of our agricultural products and the sectors we are competitive in, such as pharmaceutical, IT/ITES, etc., he said.

"We have highlighted that widening deficit and increase in trade barriers are issues of concern. These have been regularly flagged at the highest level, most recently at the 2nd Informal Summit between our Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) and the Chinese President in Chennai in 2019," Shringla said.

HDFC Bank, Mastercard, USAID And DFC launch \$100 Million Credit Facility To Help Small Businesses

SRINAGAR: HDFC Bank, Mastercard, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) today launched a \$100 million credit facility to promote and encourage small businesses in India to digitize, while also helping Indian businesses, particularly those that are women-owned, to recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic.

The new credit facility aims to expand lending to small businesses that need financing to maintain and grow their operations, and enable recovery through digitization, with an emphasis on supporting women-led businesses.

"HDFC Bank is proud to join hands with Mastercard, USAID, and DFC in the endeavor to support small businesses in India. MSMEs are the backbone of the Indian economy and the ongoing pandemic has affected their lives and businesses. This partnership will not only help extend credit, but also advise and assist them to modernize and digitize their businesses. The highlight of this initiative is our commitment to encourage women entrepreneurs in India

and be a meaningful partner in their entrepreneurial journey," said Rahul Shukla, Group Head – Commercial and Rural banking, HDFC Bank.

"At USAID, we believe gender equality and women's empowerment are not just a part of development but are its core. Through this partnership, USAID will help facilitate access to finance and support the digitization journey for women-owned small businesses and entrepreneurs to help them recover from the pandemic and reach their full potential," said Veena Reddy, Mission Director, USAID India.

"DFC is proud to support this partnership to expand financing for small businesses, especially those owned by women, in India as they look to digitize, modernize, and become more resilient," said Algene Sajery, Vice President of DFC's Office of External Affairs and Head of Global Gender Equity Initiatives.

"Partnerships that align the strengths of the private sector, government, and philanthropy are critical to building back stronger from the pandemic," said Nikhil Sahni, Division President, South Asia, Mastercard.

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Tight Security

and senior officials of police, army and paramilitary forces. He will also meet his party leaders here.

According to the reports, he will also meet BJP leaders and workers at the SKICC. Traffic police has already issued an advisory declaring the entire stretch of iconic Boulevard from Dalgate to Nishat out of bounds for commoners for two days from Saturday in the wake of the VVIP visit.

Meanwhile, security intensified in major towns of the Valley in view of the HM's visit. Here in this capital city, contingents of CRPF and policemen were deployed in strength to thwart any possible militant attack, reports said.

Wearing full battle gear, the alert forces carried out day-long searches at several places, including, Batmaloo, Hari Singh High Street, Jehangir Chowk, Qamarwari, Maulana Azad road and subjected people to frisking and identification checks.

Similar scenes were also witnessed along the SK Park, Munawarabad, Khanyar, Rainawari, Nowhatta and other parts of the downtown. Security has also been beefed up in Lal Chowk, the commercial hub of this capital city.

The police also carried out surprise checks of the vehicles on the entry and exit points in this capital city. Security around vital installations has also been beefed up, apprehending militant attacks to disrupt the visit of the Home Minister.

Reports said that police and civil administration held a series of meetings here and discussed the scheduled visit of the Home Minister and the security arrangements that need to be put in place.

Meanwhile, traffic authorities here announced that the Boulevard Road Srinagar from Badyari Chowk to Nishat and Gupkar Road will remain closed for general traffic in connection with the visit of VVIP from 23rd to 25th October.

"The motorists are requested to opt for Foreshore -Habak - Hazratbal route OR Tailbal - Zakoora - Hazratbal route and Badyari-Hazratbal route for return journey," reads an advisory.

"The tourists shall be allowed up to Nehru Park after proper verification of their places of stay," it reads, adding, "The route for medical emergencies shall be decided on the spot."

Police Breaks Silence

breaking the silence on the third day. Notably, the crackdown on the two-wheelers has also coincided with the three-day scheduled visit of Home Minister, Amit Shah to the Valley, starting on October 23. In the same issue, huge deployment on the roads, increased frisking of passersby, surprise stopping and checking of vehicles was seen.

But apparently, the crackdown on bikes in the valley has dismayed a huge number of civilians that have termed this overnight crackdown by Police as 'absurd'.

"I'd all the necessary documents on me but I was still stopped by the cops and asked to park my bikes inside the Police station," Manpreet Singh, a non-local carpenter told Kashmir Observer.

"I've nothing to do with the recent killings nor am I interested in any violence, then why am I being made to pay for someone else's crime? I've come all the way from Punjab to earn a living for my people but the police here are creating hurdles for us to live a normal life by coming up with this nonsense crackdown here in Kashmir," he added.

It is pertinent to mention here that police's crackdown came into action on Monday when they started confiscating hundreds of bikes at various locations in the Srinagar city and since then, the crackdown has been going on for three consecutive days.

"I was stopped in the middle of the road and without even checking my documents; I was forced to park my scooter inside the Police station premises."

Shah Ibtisam, who has been waiting outside the Ram Munshi Bagh PS since noon, told Kashmir Observer. "What is my fault? I've all the necessary documents but without even checking them, the police declared us 'Criminal'. Is this what law permits them to do? This is gross injustice."

He further added, "There are more than a hundred people waiting outside the Police station but none from the police is willing to resolve our queries but rather they're trying to increase our problems by not allowing us to even explain ourselves."

The ongoing crackdown has not only created a sense of panic and anger among bikers but has also hampered the normal functioning of small scale businesses in the city.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, an owner of a delivery service said that Police's "absurd" action against bikers has cost many people their daily wages.

"Since Tuesday, dozens of my delivery agents have called and complained that the police are confiscating their bikes without any specific reasons," Qazi Amaan said.

"These bikes are how these guys earn a living and feed their families. The police should understand that by confiscating their bikes, they're not only augmenting our losses but also creating financial issues for these delivery agents."

He further added that if none of these bikers had any role in the recent targeted killings then why are they being made to suffer. "If this police crackdown continues, these delivery agents will have to quit their jobs and look for something else that doesn't require a bike."

"I was stopped by cops and immediately without even looking at my papers, they seized my bike without providing any reason," said Kashmir Observer staffer, Irfan Dar.

"When I asked them to provide any specific reason behind this, they replied this is an order and asked me to come with them to Maisuma Police Station."

According to the eyewitnesses, the crackdown on bikes, continued for the third day in the jurisdiction of several police stations in the city including Kral Khud, Maisuma, Foreshore Road, Nishat, Barzulla, Rajbagh, Mehjoor Nagar, Rambagh, TRC and Sonwar.

Encounter Breaks

The exchange of gunfire continued for several minutes before the guns fell silent.

"It looks like the militants had managed to escape from the cordoned area using the dense dark as cover," a Police official told Kashmir Observer.

The outbreak of the encounter, reports said, created panic in the congested locality and prompted the residents to stay indoors. The traders also downed their shutters and ran towards safer places.

9 Youth Slapped

Muhammad Iqbal Ganaie, a resident of Chitragam village, have been lodged at the District Jail Rajouri.

Sajad Ahmad Bhat of Maldera Zainpora and Rouf Ahmad Bhat of Sofipora Zainpora have been shifted to district Jail Poonch.

Those who have booked under PSA and sent to District Jail Kathua are Junaid Haroon Rashid of Vehil, Waseem Ahmad Ganaie of Meemander Shopian, Irfan Ahmad Kutay of Chotipora and Jahangir Ahmed Malik of Kilora Shopian.

Pertinently, hundreds of people were rounded up by government forces from parts of the Valley after a spate of killings, mostly of migrant workers by suspected militants.

Will Not Rest

given to the forces threatening sovereignty and integrity of the country," Sinha said.

The LG, as per official spokesperson hailed the valour of J&K Police and said that their unparalleled courage is an inspiration for all.

"From maintaining Law & Order to providing assistance in disasters & to being at the

forefront during the Covid pandemic, J&K Police is dedicated to serve and secure the lives of the people of the UT," Sinha said.

"Our valiant police personnel selflessly put their lives at stake, work 24x7 for ensuring a safe environment for the people of J&K. The nation will always remain indebted to their sacrifices," he added.

On this occasion, the official spokesperson said that the LG called upon the civil society, social & religious organizations to speak in "unison to fight terrorism".

"I salute the families of the martyrs and assure them that J&K Government will always stand by them. My sincere homage to the civilians who lost their lives in terror attacks, to the police personnel & frontline workers who laid down their lives while fighting Covid," the LG said.

"J&K Police is also entrusted with the responsibility of earning the trust of common people, protecting the unity and brotherhood in the UT. People must acknowledge the sacrifices made by our police and security personnel in ensuring a safer environment for them," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, Sinha said that despite the conspiracies by the enemies, J&K was marching on the path of development, growth and prosperity.

"I believe that the police personnel who are working 24x7 have an important contribution in this developmental journey," the LG said.

Terming youth as the biggest asset of the future socio-economic growth, the LG, as per the official spokesperson asked the Police department for institutional mechanism to connect with the youth, spread awareness regarding various programmes under Mission Youth, through their Civic Action Program and encourage the younger generation to be an integral part of the nation building process.

The LG, he said, also advised the police personnel to counter modern challenges through technology interventions and make policing more effective.

"The use of technology is the need of the hour to deal with the elements creating an environment of fear and insecurity in Jammu and Kashmir," Sinha added.

DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh while speaking on the occasion, paid homage to the martyrs of JKP and other forces.

"Our police and security forces are working tirelessly to protect the J&K UT from enemies. Police is always there to serve people facing traditional as well as modern challenges," Singh said.

Pertinently, the Commemoration Parade is observed every year on October 21 as a mark of respect and remembrance of martyrs, who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Killings Aimed

aimed to disrupt peace and to trigger a communal fissure in the Union Territory but police and security forces will foil all such plans and won't allow militants to succeed." Addressing the police commemoration day function at armed police complex Zewan in Srinagar, the DGP said that some militants while acting on the advice of their mentors across the LoC resorted to disruption of peace by killing civilians and members of minority community.

"These selected killings were aimed at triggering communal fissures in Kashmir. Police and other forces acted swiftly to foil the designs of militants and their mentors," he said.

"We will not allow disruption of peace and damage to the communal fabric of J&K at any cost," he added.

He said killing of civilians was not just to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere but also hit the livelihood of common masses of Kashmir and the tourism as well.

"We have given a befitting reply to the enemies of peace and will continue to do that," the DGP said.

He said that this year so far 370 policemen and other security forces personnel were killed in line of duty across India. The DGP paid rich

tributes to all the policemen killed in line of action stating that police are committed to protect the integrity of the country and to keep the peace intact in J&K.

Stop Hate To

disintegration cannot be stopped.

"We have to fight communalism. We have to bring down the wall of hatred being created between Hindus and Muslims. We have to end this hatred. Without this, neither India survives nor this state (J&K). If we have to save India, we have to put an end to this hate," Abdullah told his party workers here.

Abdullah accused the BJP of propagating the politics of hate and divide to win elections in UP. "Last election was also won in Balakote. The BJP government came to power. Today, they are doing the same thing. Today, they are again spreading hate even in Jammu to win elections in UP," he said, referring to the Balakot air strike following the Pulwama attack in 2019.

"Has the Line (Line of Control) changed. Have we taken back any area from Pakistan? The line exists on the ground. They were instrumental in shooting down their own plan there," he said.

Maintaining that the NC will save J&K from disintegration, he said that Jammu is the gateway to Kashmir and Kashmir is the gateway to Ladakh. "If they (BJP government) think they will break this state, I want to tell them: Beware, do not have this mindset. This country will not survive," he said.

Abdullah warned the ruling party in Delhi that growing hatred can disintegrate India. "If this hatred continues to grow here, I want to tell those who are ruling in Delhi that beware, India will be disintegrated in parts that they cannot stop. They cannot save it."

"Unless we have brotherhood here, nothing will happen. There is no threat from outside but from inside if brotherhood ends here. We don't have threats from China and Pakistan. They cannot do anything as long we are strong here. So strengthen that brotherhood and make this part strong," he added.

Without mentioning Devendra Singh Rana who joined BJP, Abdullah said that, "those raising Jammu bogey are actually fooling people."

"People are wise enough to understand why people switch over and which benefits they are seeking," he said.

Abdullah said that spreading hatred will only weaken the country, and peace can be brought in Jammu and Kashmir only by initiating dialogue and friendship with Pakistan.

Calls Ex-Guv Satpal A 'Liar'

He also challenged former Governor Satya Pal Malik on statements over the Roshni Act and asked him to prove the allegations against him.

Abdullah said, "First he (Malik) lied to us that Article 370 will not be scrapped. It will continue. Later he said that the prime minister had told him that only Article 35-A will be removed, and not Article 370. He lies lies."

"Stop lying Malik. Roshni scheme was started to build power projects in Jammu and Kashmir and the projects have also been made from the amount received under it," he said adding that the aim of the Roshni scheme was to illuminate the homes of all the people of Jammu and Kashmir so that no child have to read under lamp.

In a video clip that has gone viral, Malik is purportedly seen claiming that the Abdullahs and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti had got plots of land under the Roshni scheme.

Malik, who was the governor of Jammu and Kashmir when Article 370 was abrogated, now holds the gubernatorial post in Meghalaya.

The Roshni Act was brought in by the Farooq Abdullah government with the aim of granting proprietary rights to occupants of state land in lieu of charges. The money thus generated was to be used for setting up hydroelectric power plants in the erstwhile state.

However, the scheme was disbanded after the Jammu and Kashmir High Court declared

it illegal and directed the CBI to investigate the beneficiaries of the scheme.

In November last year, the Jammu and Kashmir administration named former chief ministers Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah in a list of scheme beneficiaries and alleged a residential house in Jammu was built on illegally-possessed land.

BJP's Policies

in Lal Chowk and other commercial areas of the city. "Sums up the current situation in Kashmir where women & even children are suspects now. This is what BJP has brought J&K to. Their policies have taken us back by decades," she said in a tweet.

The checking was intensified in the city and elsewhere in the valley after the recent killings of civilians including non-local labourers by militants.

Panel Asks Pvt

is not legally permissible fee, so can neither be demanded nor collected," the order said.

Justice Attar said also directed the schools not to pressure the parents to pay the tuition fee in advance for more than one month.

"The tuition fee is a monthly fee out of which, as already stated, recurring expenses are being made. The school managements cannot in law and on any moral justification pressurise the students/guardians to pay tuition fee in advance for six months or for whole year. Such a demand by some of the school managements, being not in consonance with settled norms of charging and collecting tuition fee, cannot be permitted to be practised by the school managements," the order read.

The demand of some of the school managements to the parents to clear the pending fee dues failing which academic pursuit of the child will be adversely impacted, besides being violative of the judgments of the Supreme Court, is also unethical and immoral, Justice Attar observed.

"Schools are being set up to impart education to children. Non-payment of fee cannot and shall not come in way of such a pursuit of the student," he added.

Justice Attar said the school managements, however, will be within their rights to seek recovery of the unpaid fees in accordance with law.

CRPF Man Held

airport security personnel on Thursday after seven bullets and five empty cartridges of INSAS rifle were recovered from his baggage at the screening counter near the drop gate, reports said.

Kabir, who was travelling to New Delhi, was handed over to the police post Humhama for further investigations.

This is the third such incident at the airport in less than a month.

On October 7, Head Constable Sham Lal of army's 79 Brigade was detained in similar circumstances. Prior to that Hawaldar Pawan Singh of army's 17 Raj Rifles was detained on September 28 after one live round of Insas rifle was recovered from his luggage during screening.

IED Defused

at Saidpora in Rafiabab area of Baramulla," they said.

The officials said a bomb disposal squad was rushed to the spot which took the IED to an isolated place and safely defused it.

J&K Adopts Kalij

cranes are only found in Ladakh," he said, as per news agency KNO.

Erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state had the black-necked crane and Kashmir stag (Hangul) as its state bird and animal respectively.

After the reorganization of J&K, Ladakh adopted black-necked crane as its UT bird.

Verma said Hangul would continue to remain as UT animal of Jammu & Kashmir.

2 J&K Referees To Officiate In AIFF Tournament



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Two football referees from Jammu and Kashmir have been selected to officiate in the upcoming All India Football Federation Hero Futsal Club Championship 2021.

Tanveer Ahmad from Kashmir and Ajay Singh from Jammu were appointed as match officials by the AIFF.

The Jammu & Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) on Thursday congratulated the two officials.

"This is an honour to the UT of J&K and also for JKFA. We wish them success in their future engagements," the JKFA said in a statement.

The AIFF tournament is all set to begin from November 5 to November 15 2021 at New Delhi.

India Favourites To Win T20 World Cup: Steve Smith



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Seasoned Australia batter Steve Smith says a "terrific" Indian team is packed with some serious match winners going into the T20 World Cup, alluding that Virat Kohli's side will be one of the favourites to lift the title.

India thumped Australia by eight wickets in a warm-up game with Rohit Sharma (60), K L Rahul (39) and Suryakumar Yadav (38) all getting some runs under their belts.

Kohli did not lead the side but came out to bowl as India were still figuring out their sixth-bowling option.

"They're a terrific side, they have got all bases covered and some serious match winners in there," Smith was quoted as saying by 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

"They've obviously been playing in these conditions during the last couple of months with the IPL so they'll be used to

that," he added.

Smith himself scored 57 off 48 balls in the game, crossing the 50-run mark for the first time since he struck 86 for NSW against Queensland in March.

"It was nice to spend a bit of time in the middle again. It's never easy when you're three down.

"You have to rebuild for a period there and I thought we did that pretty well. The partnerships with Stoin (Marcus Stoinis) and Maxi (Glenn Maxwell) were obviously important."

Smith, who had given the tours of the West Indies and Bangladesh due to an elbow injury, said he is feeling "good and ready to go now".

He featured in two games for the Delhi Capitals in the second leg of the recently concluded IPL.

"I haven't obviously played too many games with the IPL but I've spent a lot of time in the nets and getting used to the conditions, which has been nice," he said.

England Without Ben Stokes, Jofra Archer A Big Shame: Roy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Swashbuckling England opener Jason Roy on Thursday said missing the superstar duo of Ben Stokes and Jofra Archer for the T20 World Cup is a "big shame" but insisted they have enough depth in their squad to go the distance.

Talismanic all-rounder Stokes, who played a key role in England's maiden ODI World Cup triumph in 2019, is away on an indefinite leave for his mental well-being and to recover from a finger injury.

Archer has ruled himself out after the recurrence of a stress fracture in his right elbow.

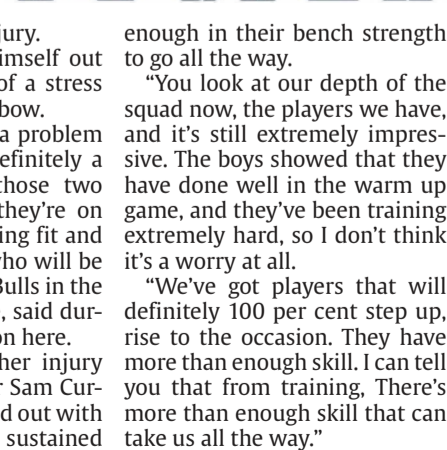
"I wouldn't say it's a problem — it's a shame. It's definitely a shame, not having those two here but you know they're on the same path of getting fit and healthy again," Roy, who will be turning out for Delhi Bulls in the Abu Dhabi T10 league, said during a virtual interaction here.

England have another injury setback in all-rounder Sam Curran who has been ruled out with a lower-back injury, sustained during the IPL.

His brother Tom Curran has been drafted into the England squad as his replacement, while Reece Topley has also been add-

ed as a travelling reserve.

Roy however said it's not a worry for them as they have



enough in their bench strength to go all the way.

"You look at our depth of the squad now, the players we have, and it's still extremely impressive. The boys showed that they have done well in the warm up game, and they've been training extremely hard, so I don't think it's a worry at all.

"We've got players that will definitely 100 per cent step up, rise to the occasion. They have more than enough skill. I can tell you that from training. There's more than enough skill that can take us all the way."

If the second leg of IPL in UAE was any indication, the English players struggled to adapt to the sluggish pitches on offer.



In Premier Division, J&K Police XI Draw & Downtown Heores Win

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

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

In the first match of the day, Downtown Heores FC defeated J&K Forest XI by 2 goals to 1. Frank scored the first goal for the Heores in the first half. Frank scored again in the 55th minute of second half to give his side a 2-0 lead. Forest team managed to pull one back in the 74th minute through Javid Ahmad but couldn't find the

equaliser till the end. The match ended 2-1 in favour of Downtown Heores FC. Frank was awarded man of the match award.

The second Premier Division League match of the day was played between J&K Police XI and J&K Bank Football Academy XI. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. For the J&K Police team the result was a disappointing one as they fully expected to take all three points from the game. On the other hand, the youngsters of J&K Bank Academy will take pride in drawing with one of J&K's footballing juggernauts.

J&K Police took the lead in the 18th minute of the first half through Mansoor. The Police team led the match 1-0 till the 83rd minute, when Huzaif Shafi scored the equalising goal for the J&K Bank Academy side. The match ended 1-1.

Meanwhile, in the second round stage of DFA Srinagar A-Division League 2021, one match was played on Thursday at Gindun Ground, Rajbagh.

The match was played between Al-Ahlam FC and Real Cosmos FC ended in a 1-1 draw. Adil was the scorer for Al-Ahlam while Umair scored for the Real Cosmos.

Kashmir Willow Bats Reach T20 WC, As Oman Players Use Local Brand

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SRINAGAR: In a big achievement to the bat industry of Jammu and Kashmir, Kashmir-made willow bats have reached to the international stage as few players from the Oman cricket team are playing with Kashmiri bats in the ongoing T20 World Cup.

People associated with the industry for decades said that there are around 300 bat manufacturing units in the Industrial area from Sangam to Awantipora in southern Kashmir, and this is the first time that bat of one of the units has been selected by a few players of Oman cricket team.

They said that such an achievement will pave the way for other units as well and in the coming time, bats of other units will be used by more popular international players.

Fawzul Kabir, a 29-year-old MBA pass out from Islamic

University of Science and Technology Awantipora who is pursuing PhD from a university in Canada, said, "After hectic efforts, few players of Oman



agreed to play with our bats which are manufactured at our unit GR8 sports industry in Halmulla Sangam area of Anantnag."

Kabir, who is the owner of GR8 sports has inherited this unit from his late father who had started this unit in 1974.

"Earlier, we were preparing here only raw material of bats which was then being sent to Jalandhar, Meerat and other cities where they were using

their own brand and selling them to international players," he said.

"Now, we are preparing bats here only and it is the first time that our manufacturing has reached the international stage as few players including Mohammed Naseem have played by using our bat," he said. "Now our aim is that prolific players like Virat Kohli, Babar Azam, and others should play with our Kashmir-made bats."

Leadership Key In Indo-Pak Clash In T20 WC: Hayden



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Former Australia opener Matthew Hayden says leadership will be key in the much anticipated India-Pakistan T20 World Cup clash in "dogfight conditions" in Dubai on Sunday.

Terming the match a real dogfight, Hayden who is working with the Pakistan team as a batting consultant, the margin for error will be very little in the big match so leadership will be the key to the outcome of the match.

Hayden cited examples of MS Dhoni and Eoin Morgan, who led their respective IPL franchises with success when their own individual performances were not at expected levels. "Their individual performances were not as good as they have previously done as per their statistical records but the way they led their troops and conducted themselves played an important part in their teams reaching the IPL final in UAE conditions," Hayden said in a media interaction.

"I feel leadership will be key in the coming match as conditions in UAE leave very little margin for error and there are dogfight conditions out there."

Hayden said Pakistan captain Babar Azam had a role to play in the match as a leader and a premium batter.

"There will be additional pressure on him as captain and batsman because he will be targeted and everyone will be wanting to, like they say, put him in their pocket. Babar has command and presence and he

needs to fulfil that role in a batting sense and captain."

Hayden also observed that having followed Indian cricket very closely over the years, he believed that KL Rahul and Rishab Pant pose the biggest threat to Pakistan in the match. "More or less I have watched KL Rahul grow and he is a major threat to Pakistan. I have watched him grow up as a boy. I have seen his struggles and his dominance in shorter formats.

"I have seen someone like Rishab Pant, his brash nature and beautiful vision for the game, how he has destroyed bowling attacks because he has got the opportunity because he sees it that way."

The Australian opener also said having watched the various elements of the game and been part of it he can say that nothing matches the rivalry between Pakistan and India. "For an Australian obviously the Ashes and matches against England are tops but nothing matches the rivalry of these two teams."

Hayden said Pakistan have some wonderful assets that will perform on the given day. He termed Babar, Rizwan and Fakhar Zaman as key players for Pakistan.

Asked about his short-term role as consultant with the Pakistan team, Hayden said his main purpose was to bring calmness and control and telling the players to remain very present in play because World Cups are challenging things.

"I have learnt for whatever reason you are always under pressure, you don't need to create additional pressure to what the game demands."

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Sri Lanka Beat Ireland To Reach Super 12s

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ABU DHABI: Wanindu Hasaranga starred with a fine all-round effort as Sri Lanka decimated Ireland by 70 runs to register their second successive win in the Twenty20 World Cup on Wednesday and qualify for the Super 12 stage.

Hasaranga smashed 71 and Pathum Nissanka, who made 61, put on a critical fourth-wicket partnership of 123 to guide Sri Lanka to 171-7 in the first-round match at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium.

Their bowlers, led by spinner Maheesh Theekshana (3-17) then turned on the heat to bowl out Ireland for 101 in 18.3 overs.

Put into bat, Sri Lanka were in

trouble at 8-3 in the second over when Paul Stirling claimed the wicket of Kusal Perera (0) on the second ball of the innings and soon Joshua Little took two in two to send back Dinesh Chandimal and Avishka Fernando.

Hasaranga took the attack to the opposition with four straight boundaries off spinner Simi Singh to lay the foundation for Sri Lanka's challenging total. He raised his maiden T20 international fifty in 38 balls and kept up the charge to punish the Ireland bowlers, including a towering six before falling to Mark Adair.

Nissanka was equally efficient and also recorded his first fifty in the shortest international format as he hit six fours and one six in his 47-ball knock.

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3 Percent DA Hike For Central Government Employees, Pensioners

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NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Thursday hiked dearness allowance and dearness relief by 3 per cent to 31 per cent to benefit 47.14 lakh Central Government employees and 68.62 lakh pensioners.

This was informed by Minister of Information & Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur.

This decision to hike the allowance will put an annual

burden of Rs 9,488 crore on the exchequer.

Earlier in July, the government had restored the dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief (DR) and increased the rate of allowance from 17 per cent to 28 per cent.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Union Government had frozen the three additional instalments of the DA and DR, which were due from January 1, 2020, July 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021. PTI

IAF Mirage-2000 Crashes At Bhind In MP; Pilot Ejects Safely

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An Indian Air Force (IAF) plane crashed in Madhya Pradesh's Bhind district on Thursday morning, officials said.

"An IAF Mirage 2000 aircraft experienced a technical malfunction during a training sortie in the central sector this morning. The pilot ejected safely. An inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident," the IAF said in a tweet.

The pilot ejected safely before

the aircraft crashed in Mankabagh village of the district, Bhind Superintendent of Police Manoj Kumar Singh told PTI.

The plane caught fire after the crash, he said, adding that the pilot was rescued.

The aircraft had taken off from the Maharajpura airbase at Gwalior in the morning, the official said.

Bhind district administration and IAF officials reached the spot soon after getting information about the crash.

Indian Delegation Meets Taliban Team In Moscow

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A high-level Taliban delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister of Afghanistan's interim government Abdul Salam Hanafi on Wednesday met with an Indian delegation here during which the Indian side expressed its readiness to provide extensive humanitarian assistance to the war-torn country, which is now ruled by the insurgent group.

The Indian delegation led by J.P. Singh, the joint secretary of the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran division of the Ministry of External Affairs, which was here to attend the Moscow Format meeting at the invitation of Russia, held talks with the Taliban leaders on the sidelines of the conference, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in a brief statement. There was no official word from Indian government on the meeting.

India had its first formal contact with the Taliban in Doha on August 31. However, the meeting on Wednesday was the first formal contact between the two sides after an interim Cabinet was announced by the Taliban last month.

The Indian side expressed readiness to provide extensive humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, Mujahid was quoted as saying by Afghanistan's Tolo news.



India has in the past provided assistance both for infrastructure as well as for humanitarian purposes to Afghanistan.

The two sides also emphasised the need to take into account each other's concerns and improve diplomatic and economic relations, Mujahid said.

The Moscow format was established in 2017, based on a six-party consultation mechanism of the special envoys of Russia, Afghanistan, India, Iran, China and Pakistan to address Afghan issues. Several rounds of talks have been held in Moscow since 2017.

This was the first Moscow format dialogue since the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban in August. The Taliban seized power in

Afghanistan on August 15, two weeks before the US was set to complete its troop withdrawal after a costly two-decade war.

During the Moscow Format meeting, Hanafi called on the international community to recognise Afghanistan's interim government, which is dominated by the Taliban's established leaders, including those who are on the UN blacklist.

"Afghanistan's isolation is not in anyone's interests. And this has been proven in the past," he was quoted as saying by the Afghan news agency Khaama Press.

Hanafi also urged the United States to unfreeze the reserves of Afghanistan's Central Bank, which is about \$9.4 billion.

"Heartbreaking": Shah Rukh Khan Gets Support From Bollywood, Fans

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MUMBAI: Caught by scores of cameras and jostling crowds as he came out of jail after meeting his son Aryan, Shah Rukh Khan on Thursday found support from several Bollywood colleagues who said they were heartbroken and also from fans who gathered in front of his home in a show of solidarity.

The superstar's visit to the Arthur Road jail in what was his first public appearance since his son's arrest in a drugs case on October 3 was followed by a team of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) officials visiting his home Mannat.

Though much of mainstream Bollywood maintained a studied silence, several colleagues, including filmmakers Alankrita Shrivastava, Hansal Mehta and actor Pooja Bhatt, spoke out in support of the family. The media also came in for some attack.

Aryan, 23, and seven others were arrested by the NCB after a raid on a cruise ship. On Wednesday, a special court rejected Aryan's bail for the second time. The case will now be heard by the high court on Tuesday.

"My heart is broken for SRK. May there be light at the end of the tunnel," Ms Shrivastava, the director of "Lipstick Under My Burkha", said in a tweet.

Shah Rukh was mobbed by reporters, one of whom could

be heard asking what he talked to Aryan about. The 55-year-old waded his way through a sea of people and got into his car without a word. He was seen greeting some people with folded hands in videos circulating on social media.

Commenting on a video of media hounding Shah Rukh as he made his way to the car, actor-filmmaker Pooja Bhatt said it was 'tragic'.

"Dear members of the press. I know times are tougher than ever & there is immense pressure on you'll from your respective employers to grab a byte even if it means compromising your own health & safety but how do you'll explain this pack like behaviour to your own children? Tragic"

Screenwriter Kanika Dhillon, who has been vocal in her support to the star, said it was "heartbreaking" to see the turn of events.

In another Twitter post, Ms Dhillon, who is set to collaborate with the actor in a film to be directed by Rajkumar Hirani, said in adverse times a parent who happens to be a star is subjected to "heartless abuse and ruthless judgement".

"Being a celebrity, being a star, being from 'Bollywood' means your emotion, your torment and your concern as a father become a matter of public consumption, heartless abuse and ruthless judgement," the "Rashmi Rocket" co-writer said.

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