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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
IRRIGATION DIVISION ANANTNAG

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
Notice Inviting E-Tenders-NIT No.12 of 2021-22

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs.) Lacs	Earliest Month	Time for completion	Class of Contract	Est. of Tender Documents	Min. Bid Amount	Tender Opening Authority
1.	Construction of Canal at... (Muzh)	0.08	B.D. SECURITY CELEBRATION	08 Days	L&E	200/-	N/A	Executive Engineer
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3.	Construction of Canal at... (Muzh)	0.05	B.D. SECURITY CELEBRATION	08 Days	L&E	200/-	N/A	Executive Engineer
4.	Construction of Canal at... (Muzh)	0.04	B.D. SECURITY CELEBRATION	08 Days	L&E	200/-	N/A	Executive Engineer
5.	Construction of Canal at... (Muzh)	0.04	B.D. SECURITY CELEBRATION	08 Days	L&E	200/-	N/A	Executive Engineer
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8.	Construction of Canal at... (Muzh)	0.04	B.D. SECURITY CELEBRATION	08 Days	L&E	200/-	N/A	Executive Engineer

Sl. No.	Event	Date	Time
1.	Download of Tender Documents	23.10.2021	10.00 AM
2.	Submission of Tender	23.10.2021	05.00 PM
3.	Opening of Tender	23.10.2021	05.00 PM
4.	Submission of Tender	23.10.2021	05.00 PM
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The bids shall be received at the office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir, till the date and time specified above. The bids shall be opened at the office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir, on the date and time specified above.

- Bidders must use the prescribed codes on the bid form and the bid form must be filled in the form of the Tender Document and the bid form must be filled in the form of the Tender Document.
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Mariya Zehra
D/O Mirza Iqbal Hussain
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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Office of the Joint Director
Hospitality and Protocol Jammu.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No:-JDH&P/ Acctts/Et-NIT/21/1708 Dated:- 16-10-2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, tenders are invited from registered/approved supplier in connection with supply of Supply of sundry items/ Vegetable/Fruits/Dairy product/ Non-veg as per details given below.

Instructions to bidder (ITB):

Name of the tender	Supply of Sundry items etc.
Cost of Tender Document	Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) in the form of cash/ Demand Draft in favour of Joint Director Hospitality and Protocol Jammu.
Earnest Money Deposit (CDR)	The declaration to the effect that the supplier will not back out during the period of contract.
Period of contract	One year
Date of issue of Tender Notice	19-10-2021
Bid Submission Start Date	22-10-2021
Late date for receiving of tender (Original Demand Draft/ receipt as cost of Tender Document)	12.11-2021 (Noon)
Date & time of opening of tender (on line)	12.11 -2021 at 3.00 PM

The detailed NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, set of terms and conditions, can be obtained from the office of the Joint Director during the working hours w. e. f. 22/10/2021 to 12/11/2021. The suppliers are requested to submit their tender prior to last date of submission to avoid any technical or other difficulty resulting in non submission of their tender due to any reason whatsoever.

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NEWS DIGEST

2 Box-Type IEDs Defused in Poonch
JAMMU: Security forces on Friday detected and defused two suspected box-type improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. They said the two small boxes were detected in Bhata Durian Forest during a joint search. **More On P10**

BSF DG Reviews LoC Situation
NEW DELHI: Border Security Force (BSF) Director General Pankaj Kumar Singh is on his three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to review the security situation along the Line of Control (LoC). The BSF chief arrived at BSF headquarters Kashmir on Thursday and visited sensitive. **More On P10**

Mentally Unsound Non-Local Found Dead
SRINAGAR: A mentally unsound non-local was found dead at Shamsan Gath Bilal Colony area of Janglatmandi on Friday, with police ruling out any militancy angle. In a statement, the police said that today at around 12:20 hrs, an unidentified dead body was found under the jurisdiction of police station Anantnag. **More On P10**

Woman Knocked To Death
SRINAGAR: A middle-aged woman died on Friday after being hit by a truck in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Haseena Begum, wife of Mohammad Yousuf Gareeb of Nai Basti was hit by a truck at K P Road in the main town around 09:30 am Friday, reports said. She died on the spot. Reports said the body of the woman was handed. **More On P10**

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Many bunkers have come up in Srinagar ahead of Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Valley: KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Srinagar Turned Into Fortress Ahead Of HM's Visit

25 Additional Paramilitary Companies Deployed, Frisking Intensified

Zaid Bin Shabir
Srinagar has been turned into a fortress as Home Minister Amit Shah arrives in Kashmir today for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370. The visit comes just two weeks after a series of target killings pushed the security establishment into panic mode. As per police sources, reinforcements have been deployed across Kashmir. "Intelligence inputs suggest that militant outfits could carry out attacks in Srinagar to disrupt Amit Shah's visit," a police official told Kashmir Observer. Startled by the audacity of militants to carry out strikes within the capital, authorities have beefed up security

presence in the city. "Around 25 additional companies of paramilitary forces have been deployed in Srinagar," the official said. "We have started the anti-sabotage checking to thwart any attempt of militants to bring in arms and explosives ahead of the visit." Shah is on a three-day visit to the erstwhile state and is scheduled to address a public gathering in Srinagar. As per the official, the route which the HM will be travelling through has been fortified with the deployment of additional paramilitary troops, sharpshooters will be positioned atop high rise buildings, and new bunkers and barricades. The route would be. **More On P10**

HM To Address Public Rally At SKICC Auqib Javed
Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to address a public gathering at Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) on 25th of October, Manzoor Bhat, Head of Media & Information Technology Department BJP confirmed to Kashmir Observer. Amit Shah is scheduled to visit Jammu and Kashmir from 23rd to 25th October. This will be his first visit to the valley since August 5, 2019, when he piloted the bills in parliament to end JK's special status, its statehood and create Ladakh as a. **More On P10**

NIA Arrests 8 More In Multiple Raids

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Eight alleged operatives of various militant organisations were arrested Friday during multiple searches spread across six districts of Jammu and Kashmir in connection with a conspiracy case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said. The searches were carried out at 10 locations in Srinagar, Kulgam, Shopian, Pulwama, Anantnag and Baramulla districts, which also led to the seizure of electronic devices and incriminating 'Jihadi' (holy war) documents and posters, an agency official said. With this, a. **More On P10**

Poonch Operation Enters Day 12 After 2 Day Lull, Guns Roar Again

Zaid Bin Shabir
SRINAGAR: After a lull of two days, the government forces and militants exchanged heavy gunfire in Bhata Durian forest area of Poonch district, where the two sides were caught in the longest gun-battle in recent times. According to reports, heavy fighting resumed between the joint team of police and army and the holed up militants as the former made deeper advances in Nar Khas forests in Bhata Durian early Friday morning. The exchange of fire between the two sides continued



intermittently. However, no reports of any casualty on the either side were received. Reports also said that loud explosions were heard as the joint team intensified the

Kashmir Receives Snow, Rain As Wet Spell Begins

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir received fresh spell of snowfall while rains lashed plains as the three-day wet spell began on Friday with mercury dropping by several notches. According to reports, the upper reaches of the Valley received fresh snowfall while the plains, including Srinagar witnessed light to heavy rainfall that started on Friday evening. Reports said several areas in north Kashmir, including Razdan Top in Gurez received fresh snowfall. According to a meteorological department official, there will be widespread moderate rain in the plains and snow over higher reaches on Saturday. **More On P10**

26 More PSA Detainees Sent To Agra Jail

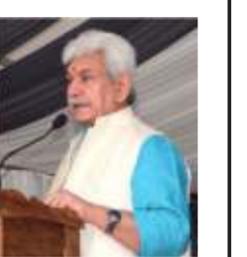
Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least 26 youth booked under the controversial Public Safety Act (PSA) on charges of being militant sympathizers, have been shifted to high-security Agra Jail in Uttar Pradesh. According to the reports, six among the detainees are from Srinagar, five each from Bandipora and Pulwama, four from Budgam, three from Baramulla, two from Shopian and one from Anantnag district in the Valley. The detainees were lodged in different jails across the Union Territory after being arrested in wake of a series of killings in the Valley. The detainees were transferred to Agra Jail after Home Department issued an order PB-V/906 of 2021. **More On P10**

October 22 A Black Day For Entire Humanity: LG

'The Wound Of Pakistani Terror Attack Is Still Fresh'

Observer News Service



SRINAGAR: Terming the 'Tribal invasion' of October 22, 1947 as a black day for entire humanity, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday said that the "wound of Pakistani terror attack" is still fresh even as the neighbouring country's "atrocities" against people of Jammu and Kashmir have been exposed to the world. "The wound of the Pakistani terror attack is still fresh. October 22 is a reminder of Pakistan's atrocities and will always remain a black day, not just for the people of J&K but for the

entire humanity," Sinha said. He was speaking at a seminar on "Memories of 22 October, 1947" at SKICC here on Friday in which he paid homage to the soldiers and civilians who were killed on this day by Pakistan army "disguised" as Pashtun Tribals, an official spokesperson said. The LG, he said, stressed the need to reach out to the young. **More On P10**

Launches Land Records Info System

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today launched the much awaited "Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigarni" Land Records Information System, here at Raj Bhavan. Public users can search and view copies of Scanned data online on CIS Portal- <http://landrecords.jk.gov.in/>. The initiative will facilitate easy online access to the Land Records System, thereby reducing manipulation of the Land. **More On P10**

NGT Frames Panel To Check Water Quality Of Doodh Ganga

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has constituted a five-member committee to look into the water quality in Doodh Ganga river and Mamath Kull in Kashmir and said there is continued violation of the Water Act in these water bodies to the prejudice of the environment

and public health which remains unchecked. Hearing an application filed by RTI activist Raja Muzaffar Bhat against the failure to prevent discharge of sewage and dumping of solid waste into Doodh Ganga and Mamath Kull in violation of the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of. **More On P10**

POST-PARTING

Empty Building, Deserted Square, Vexed Vendors

Syed Burhan
It's five in the evening and silence has engulfed a locality near Zahidpora, Hawal. Thousands of non-local migrant labourers call this Srinagar neighbourhood 'home away from home'. But amid fear and flight created by targeted killings in Kashmir, the place has now become a ghost town, where from bus after bus is ferrying the migrants out. The mass departure has unsettled local grocer, Muhammad Yusuf Dar. Dar's shop is located at what is locally known as "Manzoor Building". Facing the crumbling Kalai—the



Mughal era wall—the building houses hundreds of non-local migrant workers every year, and has become one of the noted migrant workforce addresses in Srinagar. Some days back, Dar's grocery

store was crowded with non-local migrant workers as they would return from work and buy all grocery items from him. But now the story is different. Most of the migrant workers have vacated the building and the nearby tea stall is also shut. The street chatter has paved way to a palpable silence, while the entire stretch looks desolate. "All my customers are non-locals," Dar says, with a straight face. "This building houses around three hundred migrant workers and most of them have left now. For one reason or the other, it's the same story since 2016." Some of the. **More On P10**

Motorbike Crackdown Hits Home Delivery Businesses

Press Trust Of India
SRINAGAR: Various businesses dealing in home delivery of products and services have alleged the police drive to seize two-wheelers in Kashmir over the past three days has severely affected their operations. The residents of the city have alleged that the middle class, lower-middle class and students have been badly affected by the police drive and many have decided to keep their two-wheelers parked at their homes. "Our operations continue to be at halt due to incessant

seizing of our delivery bikes in the city," tweeted Samiullah, the co-founder of Fastbeetle -- a startup which deals in the last mile delivery of products. In a series of tweets, he said just when the businesses in Kashmir were trying to recover from the losses caused in the aftermath of the abrogation of Article 370 and the COVID-19 pandemic, the law and order management was "crushing" the business community. "More than 500 delivery executives are making their livelihoods from delivery jobs in Kashmir, where. **More On P10**

It's A Collective Punishment: Mehbooba
PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Friday said the seizure of a large number of bikes by police in Kashmir was a "collective punishment" and a means to "snatch" the livelihood of the youth. Ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's likely visit to Kashmir this weekend, many riders have alleged that their two-wheelers were seized by police without even checking the documents and they were asked to collect their vehicles. **More On P10**

46 Countries Agree To Better Protect Environmental Defenders

Agencies

GENEVA: Nearly four dozen countries in Europe and central Asia have agreed to improve protections for environmental defenders who voice concerns on issues like the construction of dams, harmful agricultural policies, fallout from oil projects and illegal logging in forests, a U.N. body aimed to foster European integration said Friday.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe says 46 countries plus the European Union that are behind a pact on environmental protection known as the Aarhus Convention agreed Thursday to set up the "rapid-response mechanism"

especially in cases where they speak out against spatial planning and large-scale infrastructure projects."

UNECE pointed to reports of cases of persecution, penalization and harassment against environmental defenders in 16 of the countries behind the convention, amounting to more than one-third of them

"No one should live in fear for standing up for the environment," Algayerova said.

The convention, among other things, aims to ensure that the public has a right to information about the environment and the right to participate in decisions about it that could affect their well-being. Countries that have signed the convention include for-



to help those who want to protect the environment.

"This landmark decision is a clear signal to environmental defenders that they will not be left unprotected," said UNECE executive secretary Olga Algayerova. "We have seen an increasing trend of environmental defenders living under the threat of retaliation and in fear for their lives —

mer Soviet republics in the Caucasus or central Asia.

UNECE says the rapid-response mechanism breaks new ground in part by allowing any member of the public to make complaints to a new "special rapporteur" who can convey concerns to governments directly to help stop alleged violations of environmental defenders' rights.

'7 Killed In Rohingya Refugee Camp Attack In Bangladesh'

Agencies

Balukhali, Bangladesh: Gunmen killed at least seven people and left others wounded in an assault Friday on a seminary in a Rohingya refu-

not say how many people were wounded.

"We arrested one attacker immediately after the incident," Shihab Kaiser Khan, regional chief for an armed police battalion, told reporters.



gee camp on the Bangladesh-Myanmar border, police said.

The attackers shot some victims and stabbed others with knives, a regional police chief said.

The killings come as tensions mount in the camps that house more than 900,000 refugees from Myanmar, after a Rohingya community leader was shot dead outside his office three weeks ago.

Four people were killed instantly in Friday's attack and three others died at a hospital in the Balukhali camp. Police did

The man was found with a gun, six rounds of ammunition and a knife, he added.

Many Rohingya activists have gone into hiding since the killing of rights advocate Mohib Ullah by unknown assailants.

Some activists have blamed the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) for the killing. ARSA is the militant group behind attacks on Myanmar security forces in 2017 that set off a military clampdown and a mass exodus into Bangladesh of 740,000 Rohingyas.



File photo of Al Tanf Garrison in southern Syria.

Iran Attacks U.S. Base in Syria In Direct Message to Israel

TRANS ASIA NEWS

Beirut: Unidentified drones struck positions near a U.S. military garrison located in a remote stretch of southeastern Syria close to the borders with Jordan and Iraq, news reports said on Friday.

A statement issued by the Pentagon said that the strike on al-Tanf base was "a deliberate and coordinated attack" using "both unmanned aircraft and indirect fire."

Several hours after the attack, the pro-Hizbullah Lebanese daily Al-Akhabar reported that the "Allies of Syria Operations Room", part of the Iran-led resistance axis, was responsible for it.

The report claimed further that the attack was part of a "general bid" by the resistance axis to shift the balance of deterrence vis-a-vis the U.S. in Syria. It added that, in discussions between them over the past weeks, the heads of the resistance axis in Syria, Iran and Lebanon decided that axis forces in Syria would be reinforced.

Analysts say, the direct attack against al-Tanf base on Syrian soil likely serves as a message for both Israel and the Americans that Iranians are ready for war,

and perhaps also to exert pressure ahead of renewal of nuclear talks.

U.S. Central Command's public affairs did not immediately respond to request for comment.

The al-Tanf base was attacked probably in retaliation for Israeli strikes on a Syrian military compound in Deir Ez-Sur that left many Syrian soldiers as well as pro-Iran militia men dead.

The "allies of Syria," a new group, swore to avenge the victims and the destruction caused in the strikes.

In the past, airstrikes attributed to Israel were carried out mostly from Lebanon, the Mediterranean Sea, or from Israeli territory, but in some cases, both the planes and the air-to-ground missiles that were launched had to overcome very new and very dense anti-aircraft defenses in central and western Syria, and especially around Damascus.

Other, unclaimed airstrikes largely blamed by local forces on Israel have attacked Iran-associated positions across Syria, including one such attack that hit the heart of the country in Palmyra.

A statement later released by the "Operations Room of the

Allies of Syria" and aired by a number of outlets such as the Al Manar outlet affiliated with Hezbollah movement said "a decision has been taken to respond to this attack in retaliation for the souls of the martyrs and the blood of the wounded," adding that, "the response will be harsh."

The attack on al-Tanf base also came days after Israeli snipers shot dead Midhat Saleh, a well-known figure in Syria, in Ein el-Tineh, a village along the Israeli border in the Golan Heights.

According to Israeli media Saleh had been assisting the Iranian military presence against Israel in Golan region. If the Syrian claims are confirmed, it would mark the first time that Israeli snipers are known to have killed someone identified as an Iranian-linked target across the border.

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war and later annexed the area. Most of the world does not recognize the annexation, though the Trump administration declared the territory to be part of Israel. Israel accuses Iran of building military bases near Golan which it sees as an existential threat.

Explainer: What is the 'delta plus' variant of the coronavirus?

What is the "delta plus" variant? It's a relative of the delta variant, identified by British scientists last month.

Because it isn't a variant of interest or concern, it has not yet been officially named after a letter of the Greek alphabet, like the other worrisome variants.

Scientists are monitoring the delta-related variant — known as AY4.2 — to see if it might spread more easily or be more deadly than previous versions of the coronavirus. In a recent report, UK officials said this variant makes up 6% of all analyzed COVID-19 cases in the country and is "on an increasing trajectory."

The variant has two mutations in the spike protein,

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which helps the coronavirus invade the body's cells. These changes have also been seen in other versions of the virus since the pandemic started, but haven't gone very far, Francois Balloux, director of the Genetics Institute at University College London.

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“by far the most dominant variant in terms of global circulation” said Maria Van Kerkhove, the World Health Organization’s technical lead on COVID-19, at a public session this week.

“Delta is dominant, but delta is evolving,” she said, adding that the more the virus circulates, the greater chances it has to mutate.

The UN health agency is currently tracking 20 variations of the delta variant. The AY4.2 is “one to watch because we have to continuously keep an eye on how this virus is changing,” said Van Kerkhove.

In the US, the delta variant accounts for nearly all COVID-19 cases. The newer “delta plus” variant has been spotted “on occasion,” but it's not yet a concern, health officials said.

Agencies

International Pressure Mounts On China To "Respect Uyghur Rights"

Agencies

Beijing: Forty-three countries have called on China to "ensure full respect for the rule of law" for the Muslim Uyghur community in Xinjiang, in a statement read at the United Nations on Thursday that sparked outrage from Beijing.

The declaration, signed by the United States as well as several European and Asian member states and others, accused China of a litany of human rights violations against the Uyghurs, including torture, forced sterilization and forced disappearances.

"We call on China to allow immediate, meaningful and unfettered access to Xinjiang for independent observers, including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and her office," the countries said in a joint statement, read at the United Nations by France.

"We are particularly concerned about the situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region," the statement continued, citing "credible" reports that "indicate the existence of a large network of 'political reeducation' camps where over a million people have been arbitrarily detained."

Beijing has long denied accusations of ethnic cleansing against Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim Turkic people in Xinjiang, where experts have estimated that more than one million people are incarcerated in camps.

Its ambassador to the United Nations Zhang Jun furiously denounced Thursday what he termed the "lies" and "a plot to hurt China".

"Xinjiang enjoys development and the people are emancipating themselves every day and are proud of the progress made," he said.

And while Zhang told media that China was willing to host a "friendly" visit to the region, he did not agree to an inquiry by the UN human rights commissioner.

He accused Washington, Paris and London of having a "terrible human rights record."



In a statement to media, Beijing accused the US for "inhumane ethnic cleansing" against Native Americans and accused France of committing "crimes against humanity" in its former colonies.

Similar declarations in 2019 and 2020 condemned China for its policies in Xinjiang, where United States has accused Beijing of carrying out genocide.

China has in response upped pressure on UN member states not to support the declarations, according to diplomats.

Canada Hospitals Use Drones To Carry Lungs For Transplant

Agencies

Bromont, Canada: In the dark of night, a drone takes off from a Toronto hospital rooftop, the hum of its rotors barely audible over the bustling sounds of the cars and pedestrians below in Canada's largest metropolis.

On its maiden flight, with a bird's-eye view of the city's glistening



skyline as it glides over apartments, shops and office towers, the drone is carrying a precious cargo — human lungs for transplant.

The 15.5-kilogram (34-pound) carbon fibre unmanned electric drone purpose-built by Quebec-based Unither Bioelectronics flew just 1.2 kilometers (0.75 miles) from Toronto Western Hospital on the city's west side to the roof of the downtown Toronto General Hospital.

The trip at the end of September took less than 10 minutes. It was automated but kept under the watchful eye of engineers and doctors.

The drone delivery of transplant lungs marked a global first, according to the company, but a similar flight in April 2019 delivered a kidney to a hospital in the US state of Maryland.

On the Toronto General Hospital's rooftop, the drone was met by a surgical team that whisked the package inside and successfully transplanted the lungs into a waiting patient, saving the life of the 63-year-old man who'd been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis.

The patient, by happenstance, was an engineer himself who expressed excitement to local media about receiving organs delivered by a drone.

Two days later, in addition to allowing him to breathe again, he was reportedly well enough to attend via videolink his daughter's wedding.

NEWS MAKERS

Tehran: The five laureates of the prestigious biennial Mustafa Prize have received their awards during a ceremony in Tehran, a week after they were picked out as winners for their scientific excellence in their respective fields.

The winners were announced on October 12 in a press conference held in the headquarters of the Mustafa Science and Technology Foundation.

They received their prizes in a ceremony on Thursday.

Cumrun Vafa from Iran, M. Zahid Hasan from Bangladesh, Mohamed El. Sayegh from Lebanon, Yahya Tayalati from Morocco, and Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary from Pakistan were picked out as recipients of the prize.

Each of the five won \$500,000. They were selected from more than 500 entrants.

Cumrun Vafa, the Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at Harvard University, received the Mustafa

Five Muslim scientists scoop prestigious Mustafa Prize



Prize 2021 for developing F-theory, which is a branch of string theory.

M. Zahid Hasan, the Eugene Higgins Professor of Physics at Princeton University, was awarded for his research on Weyl fermionic semimetals.

Mohamed El. Sayegh, Professor of Medicine and Immunol-

ogy at the American University of Beirut, nabbed the prestigious prize for his work "Novel Therapies to Improve Renal and Cardiac Allograft Outcomes."

Yahya Tayalati, Professor of Physics at Mohammed V University, scooped the prize for his special contribution to the "Ob-

servations of the Light by Light Scattering and the Search for Magnetic Monopoles."

Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary, Professor Emeritus at the University of Karachi, was awarded for the discovery of fascinating molecules with therapeutic applications.

First launched in 2015, the Mustafa Prize honors scientific breakthroughs within the Muslim world.

It is awarded to top researchers and scientists from the OIC member states in four categories of information and communication science and technology, life and medical science and technology, nanoscience and nanotechnology, and all areas of science and technology.

This year, 515 works were submitted to the Iran-based secretariat. Laureates of Mustafa Prize 2021 would be granted cash prizes amounting to \$1 million.

The scientific event is held biennially during the Islamic Unity Week, which celebrates the birthday of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH).

Queen Elizabeth in good spirits after first night in hospital in years

Britain's Queen Elizabeth, 95, spent a night in hospital for the first time in years for what Buckingham Palace termed "preliminary investigations", but was in good spirits and back at work at Windsor Castle on Thursday.

The world's oldest and longest-reigning monarch cancelled an official trip to Northern Ireland on Wednesday. The palace said the queen had been told to rest by her medical staff, and that her ailment was not related to COVID-19.

"Following medical advice to rest for a few days, the queen attended hospital on Wednesday afternoon for some preliminary investigations, returning to Windsor Castle at lunchtime



today, and remains in good spirits," the palace said late on Thursday.

The Palace gave no details on what had prompted such medical attention.

A royal source said the queen had stayed at the King Edward VII hospital in central London for practical reasons and that her medical team had taken

a cautious approach.

Elizabeth, who is queen of 15 other realms including Australia, Canada and New Zealand, returned to her desk for work on Thursday afternoon and was undertaking some light duties, the source said.

Elizabeth, who acceded to the throne as Britain was shedding its imperial power, has symbolized stability for generations of British people, building the popularity of the monarchy despite seismic political, social and cultural changes that threatened to make it an anachronism.

A quiet and uncomplicated dedication to duty, even in old age, has earned her widespread respect in Britain and abroad, even from republicans who are eager for the monarchy to be abolished.



THE SECURITY FORCES PUT IN PLACE an "aerial surveillance cover" in the city Centre Lal Chowk to prevent further attacks by militants on the eve of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Valley: KO Photo Abid Bhat

Int'l Flights Set To Take Off From Sgr Airport From Today



Image for representation

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Airport is set to begin international flights, connecting the city directly with the rest of the world from today. Director Airport Srinagar Kuldeep Singh while talking with the news agency, said that the first flight from Srinagar airport will take off to Sharjah on Saturday. He said that on 23rd October

the first flight departure to Sharjah is scheduled at 18:20 hours and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday one flight from Srinagar will take off to Sharjah, however, on the rest of the days there will be only domestic flights. The development is seen as a boon as it is expected to provide relief to hundreds of Kashmiri travelers who are working in the Middle East.

"It will save time and money in travelling to the Middle East," said relatives of persons working in the Middle East, adding that they first had to reach Delhi and then to Sharjah. Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir Pandurang K Pole on Monday held a meeting regarding the operation of international flights from Srinagar International Airport. Necessary arrangements needed to put in place and management of passengers in view of the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed in the meeting. Pole directed officers to execute arrangements meticulously including the management and regulation of passengers, segregation of domestic and international passengers, conduct rapid PCR at Airport for international passengers besides mandatory RTPCR test before 48 hours—(KNO)

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Poor Phone Connectivity Irks Airtel, Jio Customers in City

AGENCIES

Srinagar: Subscribers of Jio and Airtel are anguished over poor connectivity, internet disconnection and call drop. According to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) subscribers from many parts of Srinagar and uptown complain of call drop, internet interruption and poor network on Jio and Airtel from the last few days. A jio subscriber from an uptown area said that for a few days his internet is getting interrupted frequently. An Airtel subscriber from the city outskirts said that he is trying to call customer care for a call muting issue but the operator is closing his complaints without providing satisfactory resolution.

Implementation Of SMART Governance

Srinagar: Aimed at to implement SMART Governance and assess the status of governance of various interventions taken by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India and Jammu and Kashmir administration, an exercise was initiated for measuring the status of governance in the districts based on selected indicators and parameters. In this regard, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, today convened an online high level meeting with Union Special Secretary, DARPG, V Srinivas. Director General, J&K IMPARD, Saurabh Bhagat; Director Training, J&K IMPARD, Dr. Reva Sharma; Director General, Economics and Statistics Department; Director General, Budget and other senior officers attended the meeting.

MMU Passes Resolution On Jama Masjid Closure

'Public Mobilisation Programme To Be Announced If Masjid Remains Closed For Friday Prayers'



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar Friday said that even on the following Friday of the holy month of Rabi-ul-Awwal and the blessed birth of the holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the authorities did not allow the Muslims to perform an important duty like Friday prayers at the largest mosque of Kashmir – the historic Central Jama Masjid Srinagar. According to a statement issued to the news agency, the Anjuman also expressed strong resentment over the continuous detention of its head Mirwaiz Umar Farooq who is under house arrest for the last 26 months, due to which he is unable to carry out his peaceful activities as a social, religious and political leader and also the official responsibilities the Institution of Mirwaiz enjoins upon him.

Authorities and police forcibly closed the grand mosque for Friday prayers before the Adhan (call for prayer) thereby disallowing Muslims from fulfilling their religious obligations, the Anjuman said in a statement, adding that this is a sheer interference in religious affairs and such actions hurt the sentiments of Muslims. The Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar has expressed outrage over the dictatorial attitude of the authorities and condemned it in strong terms. Meanwhile, a resolution was passed by Jammu and Kashmir Muttahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU) against the continued ban on Friday prayers at the Central Jama Masjid Srinagar and was ratified by the public during the Jumma prayer gatherings today in mosques, shrines, imambaras, and other major places of worship across J&K.KNO

Friday Following Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) observed

Thousands Converged At Hazratbal For Congregational Prayers



KO Photo Abid Bhat

Agencies

SRINAGAR: On the eve of Friday following Eid-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW), thousands of devotees converged at the Kashmir's revered shrine of Hazratbal Dargah that houses the holy relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) to have a glimpse of the Holy relic. As per the news agency, Eid-e-Milad (SAW), the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was observed on Tuesday with religious zeal and enthusiasm. On Friday following today, the congregational prayers were held at various shrines and Masjids across the Valley while the main gathering was held at Hazratbal Dargah shrine here where the devotees from different parts of the Valley participated in the

special prayers. The special arrangements were made today in wake of the Covid-19 with Waqf officials informing that the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were followed in letter and spirit. However, the historic Jamia Masjid, which usually witnesses a huge gathering on the Friday following Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW), remained closed as a preventive measure due to the outbreak of Covid-19. The devotees said that the holy relic at the Hazratbal shrine was displayed after every prayer today. Meanwhile, seminars and programmes were organized in Masjids and shrines today in which the Islamic clerics threw light on the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)—(KNO)

HOWEVER, THE HISTORIC JAMIA Masjid, which usually witnesses a huge gathering on the Friday following Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW), remained closed as a preventive measure due to the outbreak of Covid-19.

Sumo Drivers In City Demanding Extra Fare, Allege Commuters

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Charging of exorbitant fare by some cabs operating on different routes of Srinagar is taking a heavy toll on commuters. Passengers alleged and complained that the common man is forced to pay extra fare as per the will of drivers. The commuters alleged that cabs plying on Dargah route from exchange road are overcharging fares and violating the fare rates fixed by the government through the Transport Commissioner. They said due to lack of checks by the concerned department transporters are taking undue advantage, commuters are left with no option but to pay according to the will of the drivers, a passenger Jalees from Khanyar complained. Commuters said overcharging in fares is unjustified as drivers are rarely strict to government rates and arbitrarily charge more and most im-

portantly the quality of the service does not warrant a hike. If you travel from exchange road to Baba-demb which is just a one kilometre distance, the sumo charges Rs 20 against the Rs 10, which is otherwise approved rate," said Adil Ahmad, a commuter. A sumo charges Rs 20 from Rainawari to Hazratbal. Thus, I have to spend Rs 40 daily from my home to school to attend classes," said Adnan, a student. The passengers also complained about overloading in the Sumos. Another passenger, Showkat Ahmad, said that as per the rules, the middle seat of the Sumo is reserved for three passengers. But, he said, without caring for the rules, four passengers are pushed into the middle seat. "It becomes very inconvenient particularly when there is a female passenger," he said. Not only overcharging and overloading, commuters have accused the drivers of resorting to misbehaviour.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

This Day in History

- 1086 - Battle of az-Zallaqah: Army of Yusuf ibn Tashfin defeats the forces of Castilian King Alfonso VI.
- 1157 - The Battle of Grathe Heath ends the civil war in Denmark. King Sweyn III is killed and Valdemar I restores the country.
- 1702 - Battle of Bay of Vigo: Dutch & English fleet destroy & occupy Spanish silver fleet & French squadron
- 1739 - War of Jenkins' Ear starts: British Prime Minister, Robert Walpole, reluctantly declares war on Spain
- 1812 - Failed coup against emperor Napoleon
- 1813 - The Pacific Fur Company trading post in Astoria, Oregon is turned over to the rival British North West Company (the fur trade in the Pacific Northwest was dominated for the next three decades by the United Kingdom).
- 1853 - Maastricht-Aken railway in Netherlands opens
- 1854 English newspaper "The Times" gives precise British positions in Crimea during Crimean War
- 1864 - Battle of Westport, Missouri: Union General Samuel R Curtis defeats Confederate General Sterling Price.
- 1935 - Mackenzie King is elected as Prime Minister of Canada for the third time
- 1942 - First ships of invasion fleet to Morocco leave Norfolk
- 1942 - During WW II, Britain launches major offensive at El Alamein, Egypt
- 1944 - Soviet army invades Hungary
- Jackie Robinson
- 1946 - UN General Assembly 2nd session convenes (1st NYC-Flushing Meadows)
- 1947 - NAACP petition on racism "An Appeal to the World" presented to UN
- 1947 - Husband & wife Dr Carl Cori & Dr Gerty Cori are 1st spouses to be awarded joint Nobel Prizes.
- 1953 - France grants Laos' sovereignty
- 1953 - German FR applies to NATO
- 1954 - Britain, France & USSR agree to end occupation of Germany
- 1954 - Pakistan Governor-General Ghoelan Mohammed disbands parliament
- 1956 - First video recording on magnetic tape televised coast-to-coast
- 1956 - Thousands of Hungarians protest against the government and Soviet occupation. (The Hungarian Revolution is crushed on November 4).
- 1957 - First test firing of Vanguard satellite launch vehicle, TV-3
- 1958 - De Gaulle offers Algerians defiance "peace of the brave"
- 1958 - Soviet novelist Boris Pasternak, wins Nobel Prize for Literature
- 1959 - Chinese troops move into India, 17 die
- 1973 - UN's revised International Telecommunication Convention adopted
- 1975 - Battle between Cuba & South Africa troops in Angola
- 1978 - China & Japan formally ends 4 decades of dissension
- 1983 - 400,000 demonstrate in Brussels, against cruise missile
- 1983 - Suicide terrorist truck bomb kills 243 US personnel in Beirut
- 1984 - STS 51-A launch vehicle moves to launch pad
- 1987 - Dutch government gives Fokker's Aircraft ¥212 million credit
- 1989 - Hungary proclaims itself a republic & declares communist rule ended
- 1989 - US 62nd manned space mission STS 34 (Atlantis 5) returns from space
- 1990 - Iraq announces release of 330 French hostages



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70-Yr-Old Sets Himself Ablaze

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Overcome by his daughter's defiance, a 70-year-old set himself and his house ablaze in Sopore village today. Mu-hammad Sabid Malla later succumbed to burn injuries. Reports said that Sabir's daughter had opposed the match he had arranged for her. Unable to bear this rebellion, Sabir drenched himself and his two story home with petrol, climbed atop the building and set himself alight. The village Sopar Naghama some 7 kilometres from Handwara watched aghast as flames engulfed the man and his dwelling. Fire tenders rushed from Dangiwachha prevented the blaze from spreading to the ground floor. Sabir who had sustained extensive burns passed away soon after. Meanwhile there were reports of two youth and women trying to put an end to their lives in different parts of the Valley. Tired of his life Shiraz Ahmad Lone of Sappora Pattan attempted suicide but was rushed to the hospital, where he is reported to be in a serious condition. Saleema w/o Muhammad Shaban Bhat of Baran Pattan was rushed to hospital after she consumed some poisonous substance in a bid to put an end to her life. Doctors saved her life. (Kashmir Observer, October 23, 2000)

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Twitter Talks



"Four wheels good, two wheels bad"

@ArshieQureshi

"Since Covid-19 began, I have seen people gasp for oxygen outside hospitals, kin cry over dead bodies, and tired doctors and nurses enveloped by helplessness. But, to me, children who lost their parents to the virus allude the worst possible impact of this global pandemic"

@tabassum_b

"Sisters, it is unnecessary to show off your big fat weddings. You got money, enjoy, but keep it to yourself!"

@_Shafaqshahid

Education Needs To Keep Values In Vogue

M Ahmad

Human values are the features that guide people to take into account the human element when one interacts with others. These human values have the effect of bonding, comforting, reassuring and procuring serenity. Human values are the basis for any practical life within society. They build space for a drive, a movement towards one another, which leads to peace. In simple terms, human values are universal and are shared by all human beings irrespective of their religion, their nationality, their culture, and their personal history. By nature, they persuade consideration for others.

Common human values are: Brotherhood, friendship, empathy, compassion, love, openness, listening, welcoming, acceptance, recognition, appreciation, honesty, fairness, loyalty, sharing, and solidarity, civility, respect, and consideration.

Values are regarded as ennobling, imperative and are apprehended with high esteem by a particular society in which a person lives. They reflect one's personal attitude and judgments, decisions and choices, behaviour and relationships, dreams and vision. These values influence our thoughts, feelings & actions and guide us to do the right things. Values are the guiding principles of life that contribute to the all round development of an individual. They give direction to life and thus bring joy, satisfaction and peace. Values add quality to life. Thus, one might say that any human activity, thought or idea, feeling, sentiment or emotion, which promotes self development of an individual, constitutes a value.

Values may vary from one society to another and from time to time. But every society abides by certain moral values and these values are accepted by all the societies as "Global values".

Role of educational institutions in inculcating values: Value education is important to help everyone in improving the value system that they hold and put it to use. Once one has understood their values in life they can examine and control the various choices they make in their lives.

In school, children are affiliates of a small society that exerts a great influence on their moral development. Teachers serve as role models to students in school. They play a major role in inculcating their ethical behaviour.

In ancient India, the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Epics manifested and upheld the

values of Indian society. More importance was given to morality, honesty, duty, truth, friendship, brotherhood, etc. They were the themes of Indian culture and society. Imparting value education and reforming the society were the only aims and objectives of the teachers of ancient age.

But in the present scenario, due to manifold changes in various aspects of our civilization such as population explosion, advancement in science and technology, knowledge expansion, rapid industrialization, urbanization, mobilization, IT revolution, liberalization, privatization & globalization as well as the influence of western culture, present society has become highly dynamic. Modernization process is accompanied with manifold problems, anxieties and worries to human life, endangering its original simple nature.

Growing global poverty, pollution, hunger, disease, unemployment, unsociability, caste system, child labour, gender inequality, ill-treatment of women, violence, disability, exploitation of natural resources and many such evils have caused value-crisis on the globe, adversely affecting the core human values such as honesty, sincerity, morality and humanity and, as such, there is a great transition in human society.

To overcome the problems of the present era, inculcation of values among individuals and promotion of values in the educational system, as well as society, is highly essential.

The prime concern of education is to evolve the good, the true and the divine in man so as to establish a moral life in the world. It should essentially make a man pious, perfect and truthful. The welfare of humanity lies neither in scientific or technological advancements nor in acquisition of material comforts. The main function of education is to enrich the character. What we need today more than anything else is moral leadership founded on courage, intellectual integrity and a sense of values. Since education is a powerful instrument of social change and human progress, it is also a powerful tool to cultivate values in an individual. Therefore all the educational institutes have greater responsibility to impart learning and cultivation of values through education.

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Turkish Soft Power Kashmir, Politics, And Perceptions



Hoardings calling for investment in Turkey came up in Srinagar. KO Photo Abid Bhat

Suhail Ahmad Khan

In the past couple of years, Turkish soft power has weaved its magic in the Kashmir Valley. Turkey has become a dream place for Kashmiris, and they are eager to visit it for higher education and recreational purposes. Turkish influence is yet to reach its full potential in the valley, but perceptions and perspectives have already emerged about it. For Kashmiris, Turkey is now the saviour of the Muslim world, while security agencies are ringing alarm bells that Turkey's influence will create problems in the conflict-ridden zone. Neither of these perspectives is entirely justified.

A Cultural Threat?

The popularity of the Turkish series, *Dirilis: Ertugrul*, strengthened Turkey's influence in the valley. The series reconstructs the life history of Ertugrul Ghazi, father of the founder of the Ottoman Empire, Osman Bey. The series' narrative has immensely impacted the psyche of Kashmiris, and they can easily relate to its themes such as "Sufism and spirituality," which "are the common features found in both Turks and Kashmiris." Moreover, its depiction of Muslims in a positive light, unlike terrorist portrayals of Hollywood and Bollywood movies, has appealed to the people of the Muslim majority region. Such is the popularity of the series in Kashmir that parents have named their newborns after its protagonists. Also, in 2021, the valley's first *Dirilis: Ertugrul* based theme restaurant was opened in the Downtown area of Srinagar.

However, *Dirilis: Ertugrul*'s influence

TURKEY'S CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH Pakistan and its persistent efforts to raise the Kashmir issue has prompted India to securitize the country's actions in the valley. Several claims regarding Turkey's political clout in Kashmir are already in place. Now, there is a claim that Turkey is pumping money into the valley to promote anti-national activities. However, there is little evidence to back such a claim

has raised concerns for security agencies, who have called it "propaganda" and a source of radicalization for the Kashmiri youth. It may be true that the series channelizes a particular political narrative but it cannot lead Kashmiri people to adopt violent methods. Its popularity is not restricted to Kashmir only as it has gained world-scale popularity, to be exact, in 71 countries including in non-Muslim nations.

There is no evidence that the series has led to extremism elsewhere in the world, and if that's the case, its radicalizing impact in Kashmir seems dubious. Besides, the series gained popularity in the valley at a time when there was an incommunicado after the abrogation of Article 370, and in such circumstances, it offered people a respite from the daily violence. In sum, it is the attractive content of the series and the political atmosphere of the valley which started the Turkish craze among Kashmiris.

Politics and Perceptions

With the rise of China in 2016, a new international order has emerged. In this order, there is a realignment of relations in the Muslim world. Pakistan, which claims to be a party to the Kashmir issue, has found a new ally in the shape of Turkey and the bilateral relations of the two nations have strengthened

ever since. Thus, as a sign of solidarity, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan backed Pakistan's position on the Kashmir issue at the 74th and 75th UN General Assemblies.

Turkey's close relationship with Pakistan and its persistent efforts to raise the Kashmir issue has prompted India to securitize the country's actions in the valley. Several claims regarding Turkey's political clout in Kashmir are already in place. Now, there is a claim that Turkey is pumping money into the valley to promote anti-national activities. However, there is little evidence to back such a claim. Moreover, based on a Greek journalist's report, another set of arguments claim that Turkey is sending its mercenaries to Kashmir to fight against the Indian establishment. There is little reason that such a report should be accepted uncritically, given that Turkey and Greece share a history of hostility. Thus, it is too early to argue that Turkish influence can lead to disturbances in the valley and making such claims without clear evidence is a sheer overstatement.

Erdogan—The Saviour?

Due to Erdogan's consistent efforts to raise the Kashmir and the Palestinian issues, many in the Muslim world, including Kashmiris, perceive him as the

saviour of Muslims. Their perception, however, is far from the truth. After the 2016 failed coup attempt in Turkey, Erdogan has pitched himself as the new "Khalifa" or leader of the Muslim world and to attain this purpose, he is reaching out to the global Muslim population. It seems that his efforts have paid off as his international popularity has grown. Moreover, his popularity in the international sphere will help him to regain influence in Turkey's domestic sphere, which has been on a decline due to his poor handling of the country's economy. As such, Erdogan's support for Muslim causes is just another trick to gain popularity and to point it out, many of his critics have rightly argued that if he was the saviour of the Muslim Ummah, then why is he silent over Uyghur atrocities in China, and why has Turkey fostered economic and intelligence ties with Israel. These propositions can only be answered when one works within a realist framework and accentuates that Erdogan's every action is a calculated one aimed to strengthen his position both in the domestic and international spheres, rather than to serve Muslim interests globally.

Both the Indian establishment and Kashmiris have not been able to capture the essence of the Turkish soft power in the valley and have often drawn wrong inferences about it. To fully understand its outcomes and impact, a balanced viewpoint that can reach the core of this phenomenon is required.

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Moving Towards A UN 2.0

Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani

AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE PANDEMIC AND other current and looming threats and challenges -from climate change and extreme and persistent poverty to violent conflict, terrorism and human rights violations, particularly those inflicted on women and girls – the UN75 Declaration presented a vision for a more just, sustainable and peaceful world, where no one is left behind

enges".

The secretary-general answered our call on September 10 and presented a report titled Our Common Agenda with recommendations for the General Assembly, before the gathering of world leaders in New York City for the first time in two years. In the document, Guterres lays out the choice for world leaders, of either a breakdown or breakthrough scenario. He calls for global solidarity, a renewal of the social contract to build trust and to ensure respect for human rights, an end to the war on science, and new approaches to how we measure economic prosperity and progress.

Our Common Agenda, which was welcomed by world leaders during the UNGA High-Level Week, emphasises solidarity with young people and generations to come. It contains three major recommended actions: convening a summit on transforming education in

2022; strengthening the UN youth envoy's office to enhance young people's participation in intergovernmental policymaking on matters that affect their lives; and appointing a special envoy for future generations.

Perhaps the secretary-general's most unique and consequential recommendations centre around his call for more inclusive and comprehensive multilateralism. To prepare the UN to safeguard our global commons, improve the provision of global public goods and respond better to future global risks, he recommends convening a summit of the future in 2023. Such a process could contribute to a more tech-savvy, efficient and results-oriented UN 2.0 – a progressive world body that functions at high bandwidth.

The proposed 2023 summit idea merits the world's highest consideration. Whether the concern is strengthening prevention, detection and response

in global public health, mitigating the triple crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution or providing urgent humanitarian relief to war-ravaged people, the need for strong global collective action and for a UN 2.0 has arguably never been greater.

Achieving an ambitious global governance renewal architecture in two years will take vision, imagination and leadership from committed political leaders from across the UN's membership. Building on extensive civil society outreach during UN75, and on the Our Common Agenda report over the past year, a summit of the future would also benefit from the creative ideas and public awareness-raising by scholars, religious and cultural leaders, civil society, industry and young people.

Moreover, we very much welcome the secretary-general's proposal to convene a High-Level Advisory Board to propose a plan on how his recommendations could be achieved. Only through a meaningful, frank and broad dialogue, where diverse perspectives are respected and reflected in the final results, will humanity succeed in making the future we want and the UN we need a reality.

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Prophet's(SAW) Birthday And Hafta-e-Wahadat The Week Of Unity

Observer News Service

NOWADAYS, THE TRIBAL fights have taken a new shape of inter-sectarian conflicts. So, the birth of the Prophet(SAW) is the right time to once again look at the prophetic traditions and with which Allah will have mercy on us, mina'z zulumati ilan nor, "He brings them out from darkness into light"



Islam, the religion of peace and tolerance which always favored unity gave us the system which established within us a sense of morality and its rectification. It transformed the fragmented parts of each of our individual beings into the unbreakable synchronised and accustomed cultural and religious harmonies. It paved way for a vision where the individual differences of language, culture, colour, proved much less than the greater love with which a Muslim was solemnly blessed. In each Muslim individual, the prophetic love could be seen gushing out to such an extent that every other love seemed to be of no importance at all or very less importance for him/her. It is the same love which outspokenly made Muslims reach heights- a Muslim was a

name in modern sciences. The likes of Ibn Al-Haytham, Jabir ibn Haiyan, Ibn sina and Al-Razi have left a glittering image of Muslims in the domains of science and technology. The image of a Muslim has been reduced to nothing with Muslims being hated all over the world. Being a Muslim nowadays is a tag of being a terrorist. A Muslim is no longer referred for a query in science and technology. A Muslim who was admired and respected all over the world for his goodness of character is now looked down in every corner of the world. If anywhere in this world there is conflict, it is in a Muslim country. If anywhere humanity is plundered, behind it are the hands of a Muslim. Why this state of misery, why this bloodshed, why this hatred? The only answer to this question

is we have lost the Prophetic love which once simmered our hearts. As said by Allama Iqbal (aleihirahma) :

"Hath bezor hain ilhaad se dil khugar hain

Ummati baaisey ruswayeiy paighambar hain"

The disgrace which we now associated with, in every part of the world is due to leaving the prophetic traditions of love and compassion for fellow human beings in general and the fellow Muslims in particular. The disunity among the different sects of our religion has brought disgrace for us in every part of the world. The followers of one sect don't see the other sect as a part of ummah but are treated as "second class Muslims" . One sect

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sees in other sect with foreboding and through the prism of alarming danger. A muslim who was at once a protector of his fellow muslims is now shedding blood of his fellow brother and that too in the name of religion ,the peaceful islam! Allama Iqbal (AR) highlights this mutual harmony and unity as:

"Qoum mazhab se hai, mazhab jo nhii thi ,tum bhii nhii

Jazb e Baham jo nhii mehfil e anjum bhii nhii"

In Quran Allah says "And hold fast ,all together, unto the bond with Allah, and don't draw apart from one another" (Al-Quran 3:103).

So it's a fervent order of Allah to a believer to maintain harmony and be united with one another. For believers the prophet (SAW) says: innama al-mu'mineena ikhwah, "truly the believers are one brotherhood".

The great visionaries and thinkers paved up new ways to ponder this concept of mutual respect and harmony amongst the Muslims. In Arabia, the period before the birth of our Prophet(SAW) is referred to as the "dark period" where humans were more like beasts with no moral character; it was the period when an individual of one tribe was hungry of the blood of some other tribe. The Prophet (SAW) transformed this.

Nowadays, the tribal fights have taken a new shape of inter-sectarian conflicts. So, the birth of the Prophet(SAW) is the right time to once again look at the prophetic traditions and with which Allah will have mercy on us, mina'z zulumati ilan nor, "He brings them out from darkness into light"

We Muslims are accountable. We are all responsible for ensuring that the Ummah doesn't fall further behind in any way. Let us introspect and reclaim the love for our Holy Prophet (SAW). The special period of the start of Rabi ul Awwal till the auspicious day of the birth of our Prophet (SAW) is a picture perfect time and opportunity to do so.

A big concern this winter is if there's a resurgence of COVID with other respiratory illnesses coming back strongly alongside it - particularly influenza.

In both the southern and northern hemispheres, influenza infections rapidly declined and largely disappeared soon into pandemic. Social distancing measures used to contain COVID were even more effective in reducing the spread of influenza. But unfortunately, this means we now need to be braced for flu to be especially bad this year.

In some ways, immune responses to COVID and influenza are the same. A relatively recent infection or vaccination provides good protection against a subsequent infection, but soon that protection starts to wane. Early reinfections, however, are generally asymptomatic or relatively mild. But the longer the gap between generating immunity and being reinfected, the more severe the subsequent infection is likely to be.

So the concern is that, with COVID control measures having almost completely limited people's exposure to flu over the last 18 months, natural immunity will have fallen across the population. We've essentially all been living on remote islands since the beginning of 2020 thanks to the lockdowns, travel restrictions and working-from-home measures that have been deployed.

When flu does return, it therefore may affect more people and cause more severe disease than we would normally see in a typical flu season. The same will probably also apply to other respiratory viruses.

However, it's not easy to predict when exactly flu will return, nor how much worse or more common it will be.

Fortunately, we have safe and effective flu vaccines that reduce both the risk of infection and severe disease. But they aren't as effective as most of the current

COVID And Flu How Big Could The Dual Threat Be This Winter?

Paul Hunter



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COVID vaccines. Plus, how well they work varies year on year. Flu viruses mutate more quickly, meaning multiple strains end up circulating, changing each year. If what turns out to be the dominant viral strain each winter isn't included in the vaccine, then its effectiveness will be lower.

Recommendations for which viruses to include in the annual flu vaccines - created separately for the northern and southern hemisphere winters - are made by the World Health Organization, which assesses the strains that

have been circulating beforehand. But with flu cases having been so low this past 18 months, predicting which viruses will be dominant this winter is more difficult than usual. So on top of potentially being more susceptible to flu, there's also a greater than normal

risk this year of having a vaccine that isn't as effective as usual.

How this combines with COVID

Even before the pandemic, winter flu added significant pressure on both GP services and hospitals each year. Handling it now, at a time when the health service has many COVID patients occupying hospital beds, would be especially difficult and would intensify pressure on the health service further still. Ultimately, more strain on the NHS puts people's health at risk.

But there's also an additional risk: co-infection. It's possible to have COVID at the same time as another bacterial, fungal or viral infection. In fact, one study that looked at hospitalised COVID patients estimated that 19% were also carrying another infection. It found that patients with co-infections were more likely to die.

Early in the pandemic, when influenza was still circulating, UK-based researchers were able to compare the outcomes of people with COVID alone vs a COVID-influenza co-infection. People with a co-infection were about twice as likely to be admitted to intensive care, twice as likely to require ventilation and about twice as likely to die than those who just had COVID.

Because of the direct threat posed - and the increased pressure flu will put on health services that will probably still be struggling to cope with COVID - it is doubly important that people take up the offer of influenza and booster COVID vaccines if and when offered this autumn.

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Study explores how retirement impacts social support, wellbeing

Agencies

New research shows that Australian couples moving into retirement tend to maintain their social networks, and many see an improvement in their mental health and wellbeing.

High levels of social connectedness are linked with better health and wellbeing, so this is good news for those with strong social ties. However, for those with low levels of support, it suggests that policies and programs to increase support in retirement could improve wellbeing.

The World Health Organisation says social isolation and loneliness have a serious impact on older people's physical and mental health, quality of life and longevity, compared to other well-established risk factors such as smoking, obesity and physical inactivity.

"For some people, social support might decrease when they retire, as they lose work connections or move home, while for others retirement

brings more opportunities to strengthen ties or make new friends," says co-author UTS economist Dr Nathan Kettlewell.

"We were interested to understand not only whether retirement brought changes to your own level of social support, mental health and wellbeing, but also whether your spouse's retirement had an impact," he says.

Using data from the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey from 2001-2018, the researchers looked at 1600 partnered individuals who transitioned to retirement.

"We measured social support using survey questions that asked people about whether they have someone they feel they can talk to, or confide in, how many friends or visitors they have, and whether they often feel lonely," says co-author Dr Jack Lam from the University of Queensland.

"Understanding how retirement impacts social support and wellbeing is important not only for those on the cusp of retirement but also for



government, not-for-profit and community organisations providing mental health and social support services," he says.

To better understand the cause and effect relationship between retirement and wellbeing, the researchers focused on those who retired because they became eligible for the age pension, rather than due to sickness or job loss.

The study found that most people maintained their pre-retirement level of social support after either they or their partner, retired.

Women, and those with high social support, were more likely to see an improvement in mental wellbeing when they or their partner retired.

Both men and women saw an increase in 'life satisfaction', a measure of how people evaluate their life as a whole rather than their current feelings - when they or their partner retired.

"Our research shows that while we don't see significant changes to social connections, the shifts in mental health and wellbeing can be quite positive," says Dr Kettlewell.

Twitter now lets anyone host a Space

Agencies

Micro-blogging site Twitter has announced that its audio chatroom Spaces is now open to anyone who wants to host.

The Spaces team in a tweet said that the users on both Android and iOS will now be able to host Spaces.

"The time has arrived - we're now rolling out the ability for everyone on iOS and Android to host a Space," the firm said in a tweet.

Earlier this year, the company had limited access to hosting Spaces to accounts with at least 600 followers, saying that it found these accounts would be more likely to have a good experience



The 'Twitter Spaces Spark' programme is a three-month accelerator initiative.

Those selected will get a stipend of \$2,500 per month, \$500 in monthly ad credits to spend promoting their Spaces on Twitter and early access to new Twitter features.

They will also get support from Twitter's official social media handles, and "opportunities for prioritised in-app discoverability for well-performing Spaces".

Twitter has also announced plans to roll out paid Ticketed Spaces for iOS users where some hosts on its live audio feature can now sell access to Ticketed Spaces.

Twitter had previously said that it will take a 3 per cent cut of creators' earnings from Ticketed Spaces.

due to the existing audience.

Twitter recently announced a new accelerator programme for creators on its audio conversation platform Spaces, to "discover and reward" around 150 creators with technical, financial and marketing support.

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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

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3.	C/O Link Road from Main Road to Prenchnoth with X-ing Muniwara Block Anantnag	2.50	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget (PRI)	Muniwara
4.	C/O Fencing with park near Graveyard Parraypora Matipora Block Anantnag	3.00	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget (PRI)	Matipora
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6.	C/O Raising of Jamia Masjid Drain at Batengoo Block Anantnag	3.00	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget (PRI)	Batengoo

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- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically/ by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in soft copies with the technical bid and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained.
- 13.1.1 Extension of time shall be also admissible in the event of temporary suspension of work.
- The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

DIPK-11045/21

No. REW-A/WS/NIT/2021-22/8778-87
Dated: 11-10-2021

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Rural Engineering Wing
Anantnag

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division Baramulla

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CORRIGENDUM (EXTENSION IN CRITICAL DATES)

Subject: - EXTENSION OF e-NIT No. 109 OF 2021-22 Dated 13.10.2021

Reference: - This office e-NIT No. MDB/TS/e-Tender /109 of 2021-22 Dated: 13-10-2021

Due to Non-Acknowledgement by Information Department in response to above cited e-NIT, the e-Tender critical dates are extended as under:

S.No	Description	Re- Scheduled date
1	Date of Downloading	20-10-2021 (06:15 PM) to 01-11-2021 (06:00 PM)
2	Date of uploading	20-10-2021 (06:30 PM) to 01-11-2021 (06:55 PM)
3	Due date of opening of tender	02-11-2021 (01:00 PM)

DIPK-11093/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical Division
Baramulla

No: - MDB /TS/e-tendering-109/3191-96

Dated: -20-10-2021

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ESTATES DIVISION, SRINAGAR.

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
E-TENDER NIT NO. 123/XEN/EDS/2021-22 OF 10/2021

Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K invites tenders by E-tendering on item rate basis from approved and eligible Registered Civil Contractors with Union Territory J&K /CPWD/Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Amt. In Rs)	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1.	Construction of Guard room with Brick walling in H-6 VIP Guest House at Church Lane Sonwar, Srinagar.	4.03 lacs	200/-	20 Days	DEE	4059-Plan

Position of AAA: Accorded

Position of funds: 50% Available

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21-10-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	21.10.2021 from 3.00 PM.
3.	Bid submission Start Date	21.10.2021 from 3.00 PM.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	28.10.2021 upto 3.00 PM.
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	28.10.2021 at 3.05 PM. In the office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under Major Head-0216/Revenue (others) in favour of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

2. All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below).

3. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of advertised cost as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work/DLP is over.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

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

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

6.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

6.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

6.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

DIPK-11105/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Estates Division, Sgr.

No: - E-Tender/NIT/EDS/4793-03/2021-22 /T-1
Dated: - 21-10-2021

Kashmir A Treasure Trove Of Herbs: Union MoS AYUSH



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL: Union Minister of State for Ayush, Women and Child Development, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai on Friday visited Government Unani Medical College and Hospital (GUMC&H) Nawabagh here.

During his visit, the Minister presided over One-Day Capacity Building Program for potential Farmers/Growers of Medicinal Plants for promotion and cultivation of Medicinal Plants under AYUSH. The function was organized by the Directorate of Ayush, J&K and State Medicinal Plants Board.

Speaking on occasion, the Union MoS highlighted the importance of Medicinal Herbs used in the country for promotion of health and prevention of diseases. He called Kashmir a treasure trove of herbs with vast opportunities, and stressed for dissemination of training on latest agro-techniques of some high Commercial Value Medi-

nal Plants to potential farmers / growers of Kashmir.

Complementing the farmers/growers who attended the Capacity Building Program, the Minister said that the Union government is focused to double the income of farmers by ending December 2022 and in this regard various schemes have been launched for the benefit of farmers. He said that the ministry of AYUSH is focused to strengthen the institutions of AYUSH at grass root level.

Director Ayush J&K, Dr. Mohan Singh in his address stressed on the need to promote health through Medicinal plants. He also thanked Ministry of Ayush for its support in establishing the first ever Unani Medical College in the UT after a gap of fifty years.

Dr. Sheikh Bilal, Regional Director, RCFC, North also highlighted the role of potential farmers/growers in making J&K a hub of Medicinal and aromatic plants in future.

Implementation Of SMART Governance In J&K

CS Okays 'District Good Governance Index' in Districts of J&K



SRINAGAR: Aimed at to implement SMART Governance and assess the status of governance of various interventions taken by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India and Jammu and Kashmir administration, an exercise was initiated for measuring the status of governance in the districts based on selected indicators and parameters.

In this regard, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, today convened an online high level meeting with Union Special Secretary, DARPG, V Srinivas.

Director General, J&K IMPARD, Saurabh Bhagat; Director Training, J&K IMPARD, Dr. Reva Sharma; Director General, Economics and Statistics Department; Director General, Budget and other senior officers attended the meeting.

At present 10 development sectors, 58 indicators and 116 data sets have been approved by Government of Jammu and Kashmir. The data from each of the district was collated and weightage was accorded to each indicator keeping in view National and UT specific priorities.

After application of statistical model, the district good governance index was formulated and districts were ranked and a composite ranking was also assigned to the districts.

It was decided in the meeting that after completing the data collation and validation process, the Index will be published in January-February 2022. Thus, J&K will become the first Union Territory in India to implement District Good Governance Index (DGGI). It is likely to be adopted pan India by DARPG as a replication of best practice.

During the meeting, Dr. Shabbeer Shaikh, Director, Centre for Good Governance (CGG), Hyderabad, gave a presentation on "Development of District Good Governance Index (DGGI)".

Pertinently, the CGG, Hyderabad and DARPG, Government of India, provide financial and technical support in preparing the District Good Governance Index (DGGI). Besides, the J&K IMPARD with active collaboration of Department of Planning and Statistics, plays a pivotal role in coordination and analysis for developing the District Good Governance Index (DGGI).

Gurez-Bandipora Road Closed

AGENCIES

BANDIPORA: Authorities in Bandipora district have decided to close the 84-km-long Bandipora-Gurez road for the vehicular movement from Friday afternoon in view of an adverse weather forecast.

An order issued by Sub Divisional Magistrate Gurez, reads that in view of weather advisory issued by Meteorological department, the traffic on Dawar-Bandipora-Dawar-Tulail road shall remain suspended w.e.f. 03: 00 PM of 22-10-2021 till further orders, the CNS reported.

"SHO police station Gurez, SHO police station Budgam and I/c police post Izmerg are hereby directed to not allow any vehicle from Dawar to Bandipora and Dawar to Tulail and vice versa after cut off-timing," the order reads.

Meanwhile, the Meteorological department has predicted light rains in the late evening today.

CS Inaugurates Mining Department's Web Portal

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday inaugurated the e-services web portal of Geology and Mining Department to provide single touch point between the applicant and the Department and strength accountability and responsiveness.

The e- services portal will ensure 24x7 services to the citizens/businesses in a transparent and time-bound manner. The portal designed for an online application will facilitate the mineral entrepreneurs to seek services like grant and renewal of mineral dealer license/quarry license; grant of mining leases for private land; short term disposal permit besides providing online facilities for monthly return, annual return by mining lessees/MDL holders.



INTENSE SECURITY CHECKING continued in Srinagar ahead of HM Amit Shah's visit.

Weather Advisory Unnerves Apple Growers of Kashmir

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The weather advisory ahead of the commencement of the winter period in Kashmir has brought unease and worry among the fruit growers of the valley.

Growers said that around 50 per cent of the Apple has not been harvested mainly in the southern belt.

The worried growers of Kashmir valley while talking to the news agency KNO said that they are in a complete state of dismay and worry given the weather advisory issued about the heavy to moderate snowfall which can even cause damage to orchards in the valley.

"The major portion of the production has not been harvested by far and it can take some weeks of the approaching month as well," they said.

The growers said that they were having a good season of production and rate but this weather advisory has sent a wave of shock among all and left everyone at unease and discomfort believing that the amount of unharvested production may suffer damage.

"The advisory says not only the production but the volume of expected snow can even damage the orchards (trees) which are adding more to the worries of growers", they said.

Shafiq Ahmad, a grower in Sopore, said that the northern



belt usually witnesses a heavy volume of snowfall and even roads get blocked.

"This advisory has impacted us mentally since everyone has to get things done in a matter of hours only which is an uphill task," Shafiq said.

He said that some of the growers even buy stock from the farthest areas of north Kashmir and is also a cause of worry since it has to be transported well in time before it gets damaged and lined up.

Ali Mohammad, a grower from south Kashmir, while expressing worry about the production said that the major portion of the Apples have not been harvested by far and the worries of growers have mounted given the weather advisory.

"Some growers in a hurry from the last two days have started harvesting even during the night hours and everyone is praying that this prediction turns untrue and the production along with the trees remain safe and secure," he said.

Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers Association, President Bashir Ahmad said that around 50 per cent of the Apple production has not been harvested in Kashmir valley and mainly in the southern belt.

He said that around 80 per cent of the production of Apples has been harvested in north Kashmir while half of the production is still on trees in the farthest areas of the northern belt which is a worry.

"In the southern belt of Kashmir around 50 per cent of the Apple, production has not been harvested by the growers and it's a state of worry from all of them and it cannot be done in just a matter of minutes or hours only," Bashir said. "The season so far has been good but even if growers suffer 10 percent loss all the hard work put in throughout the year will be just a waste."

He also said that the harvesting will continue at least up to November 20 of the ensuing year and they hope that the weather responds well since the season started very late.

House, 4 Shops Gutted In Anantnag

ANANTNAG: A residential house and four shops were gutted in a fire at Uttersoo in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Friday.

An official told CNS that a massive fire broke out during the midnight in the shops/house owned by Ghulam Nabi Itoo son Mohammad Akbar Itoo at Krad Uttersoo Anantnag.

Later on locals immediately rushed to the spot and with the help of fire tenders, doused off the flames. After hectic efforts, the fire was brought under control, but till then the residential house and four shops were completely damaged in the fire.

Meanwhile, No injury or casualty has been reported in the incident, while the exact loss could not be ascertained yet. Police has taken cognizance in this regard. The residents urged district authorities to compensate the affected family on priority.

Teenager Ends Life In Handwara Village

AGENCIES

HANDWARA: A 17-year-old boy on Friday ended his life by consuming some poisonous substance at his home in Malbag village of Handwara in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. An official told CNS that the teenager (name withheld) consumed some poisonous substance and soon after the incident he was rushed to SDH Sopore. He said that he was declared dead on arrival at the hospital.

24x7 Public Toll Free Helplines At PCR

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir police in its public outreach program has launched dedicated 24x7 public toll free helplines at PCR Jammu and PCR Kashmir-Srinagar for the public to share timely information regarding militancy, narcotic-drug peddling, or any other anti-national, social activity.

The police said in a statement that the credentials of the person shall be kept secret, even rewarded depending on quality of information.

The landline number include PCR Kashmir 0194 2455798, toll free number 18001807193 and PCR Jammu 01912520309, toll free number 18001807192.

This is addition to the already existing helpline system of dial 100, 112, 1090, 1091 and dozens of landline numbers, police said, adding that this will help the JK Police to fight the inimical forces with a stronger punch.

This is in an effort to increase the sense of security among the businessmen, tourists, transporters, students and other sections of the society, spokesman said.

Kashmiri Pandits Part and Parcel Of Our Culture: Farooq

AGENCIES

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Party President Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Friday met scores of delegations including a Kashmiri Pandit delegation, which had called on him here at his residence.

The delegation led by NC Minority Cell Incharge, M.K.Yogi met Dr. Farooq Abdullah at his residence and apprised him about the hardships which the migrant community is facing for more than thirty years and have compounded during the last few years. The visiting delegation members brought up the issue of enhancement of monthly relief assistance from Rs.13000 to Rs 25000, safety and security of PM package employees working in the valley, and accommodation issue of PM package employees living on rent.

On the occasion, nearly 75 prominent Kashmiri political activists from different parties joined the party. The new joiners were welcomed by the President and Minority Wing In-charge MK Yogi.

Welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, Dr. Farooq assured the community leaders that he will take up the issues concerning them at all appropriate forums

for their speedy mitigation. "Kashmiri pandits are part and parcel of our composite culture and ethos and NC is committed to protect it at any cost. Our party is committed to the safe and dignified return of our brethren to the valley," he said adding, "Elated to see Kashmiri Pandit youth supporting NC's clarion call for unity across J&K to trounce the communal forces and their B Teams. NC is spearheading a democratic, peaceful, and constitutional struggle for the restoration of J&K's infringed rights, and having educated Pandit youth in our ranks will further strengthen our efforts. I welcome you all with a view that their unity will benefit our cause," he said.

M.K.Yogi presented a vote of thanks and resolved to strengthen the party among the community more vigorously in times to come.

Prominent among who joined the party fold include Mrs. Chandra, Dazy Bazaz, Neelam Koul, Chand Ji Pandita, Urmila Kant, Monika Saproo, Nitin from Jagti, Laviniya Parimoo, Manisha Gupta from Jagti, Rohit Koul from Jagti, Sanjay Kumar Bhat Jagti, Sumit Bhat, Reenoka Bhat Showki Pandita, Veer Ji, Kuldeep Raina, Naveen Goswami Youth President Jagti, Anil Bali, and Shubam Amla.

Chairperson FSSAI reviews functioning of J&K Drug & Food Control Department

J&K Attains 1st Position in State Food Safety Index 2020-21

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: As part of three day official visit to the UT of J&K, Chairperson Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Rita Teatoria, in presence of CEO, FSSAI Arun Singh, today chaired a meeting of Officers of Drug & Food Control Department, J&K and representatives of various Associations dealing with Food Business viz. CII, PHD Chapter, CCA, CFI and Retail Association, here at Udhog Bhawan.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, J&K, Shakeel Ul Rehman; Head RCD, FSSAI, R.K. Mittal; Director FSSAI Northern Region, Rajesh Singh and other senior officers of the department and Presidents of different Associations.

In her initial remarks, the Chairperson congratulated the Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, J&K and the department for excellent

work and attaining 1st position in the State Food Safety Index 2020-21.

The Commissioner, FDA, gave a detailed presentation about various activities undertaken in the UT for implementation of the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, viz. Inspections, Sampling, Prosecutions, Training and Awareness programs.

The Presidents of different Associations projected various issues regarding compliance of the provisions of the Act, especially with respect to the frequent changes in the labeling regulations and timelines.

The members of Associations appreciated the efforts of the enforcement/regulatory officers for handholding in ease of doing business. They stressed that the Awareness and Education of the Food Business Operators (FBOs) by the Department needs to be taken on priority so that they may be able to understand the compliance provisions and their responsibilities.

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Subject: Important instructions for candidates appearing in the J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination-2021.

NOTICE DATED: 20.10.2021

Important instructions for all the eligible candidates who are appearing in the J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination -2021 scheduled for 24.10.2021 in two Sessions (Forenoon Session - 10.00 AM to 12.00 Noon & Afternoon Session- 02.00 PM to 04.00 PM).

A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

- Due to four tier Security/frisking at the Examination Venue, all the candidates shall report at the Examination Venue at least two hours before the commencement of the Examination i.e., by or before 08.00 AM for First Session and at least one and a half hours before the commencement of the Second session i.e. by or before 12.30 PM.
- Entry to the Examination venue shall be closed 30 minutes before the start of Examination i.e., 09.30 AM in the Forenoon session and 01.30 PM in the Afternoon session.
- All the candidates shall carry Admit Card to secure admission to the Examination Hall. Besides, the candidates shall be mandatorily photographed at the entry gate of the venue depicting his/her Admit Card. Entry shall not be allowed inside the venue premises without photography. Photograph is mandatory for the Second Session also.
- Candidates must ensure that they are seated in the Examination hall 20 minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of the examination.
- Candidates shall not be permitted to leave the examination hall until expiry of full time (i.e. two hours).
- Parents/relatives/friends and vehicles of the candidates shall not be allowed to enter in the Examination Venue.
- Candidates should bring their own blue/black ball point pen. No borrowing or exchange of articles would be allowed in the examination hall.
- Mobile Phones/Cameras, Bluetooth, Recording device, i-pads/pods, palm tops, digital/smart wrist watches or other electronic or communication devices, calculators or any unauthorized/incriminating material are not allowed inside the Venue of Examination premises. However, candidates are allowed to carry simple wrist watch for time keeping.
- The candidates are responsible for the safe custody of their Admit Cards and in the event if it is found that any other person is using this certificate on behalf of the candidate, then the onus to prove that the candidate has not used the services of any impersonator shall lie on the candidate only.
- The candidate can take detachable Carbon Copy meant for candidate after the completion of the examination. Make sure that the candidate carbon copy is detached as per the instructions given on the OMR Sheet. The Original Copy of OMR Sheet should be handed over to the Invigilating Staff before leaving the Examination Hall.
- The candidate should make his/her own arrangements of boarding and lodging, PSC shall not defray any TA/DA expenses.

(Anil Sharma) JKAS
Controller of Examinations
J&K Public Service Commission

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NORTHERN RAILWAY								
Notice Inviting Tender								
Sr. DEE/TRD/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date 12.11.2021 at 15.00 Hrs. only Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered.								
Tender No.	Name of work	App Cost (In Rs.)	Cost of tender form (In Rs.)	Date & time for submission of tender	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
315-TRD-FZR-2021-22	Annual Maintenance Contract (comprehensive) of SCADA system of Suchi Pind (SCPD) Jammu Tawi (JAT) Udhampur (UHP) section over Firozpur division for a period of 04 (Four) years	55,06,658.85	NIL	Up to 12.11.2021 15:00 Hrs	NIL	48 Months	12.11.2021 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
316-TRD-FZR-2021-22	Various work related to TRD in connection with GM inspection over Firozpur division.	30,18,088.81	NIL	Up to 12.11.2021 15:00 Hrs	NIL	02 Months	12.11.2021 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Notice No. 315-& 316-TRD-FZR-2021-22 Dated: 21.10.2021 2400/2021

Serving Customers With A Smile

LG e-Inaugurates Jashn-e-Zafraan

'Farmer-centric policies of Govt have doubled the income of Saffron farmers of Jammu & Kashmir in 2021, a year before the deadline'

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today e-inaugurated the "Jashn-e-Zafraan", Harvesting Saffron, in presence of Sh Kailash Choudhary, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor observed that it is due to farmer-centric policies of the Government that the income of the Saffron farmers in Jammu and Kashmir in 2021 has doubled, a year before the deadline.

He pointed out to the recent data of the National Statistical Survey which shows that after Meghalaya, Punjab, Haryana and Arunachal Pradesh, the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir have the highest monthly income of Rs 18,918, way above the national average of Rs 10,218.



The Lt Governor expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister for systematically improving the entire chain from farm to retail marketing, bringing a huge change in the lives of farmers from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. The Lt Governor noted that in 2016, Hon'ble Prime Minister had started a revolutionary

institutions of our Agriculture Department have further strengthened the process of reforms in farming sector by adopting those techniques", he added.

Referring to the Prime Minister's interaction with progressive saffron farmer Sh Abdul Majeed Wani, the Lt Governor said that the farmer-welfare initiatives and introduction of affordable new technologies with incentives has made their farming way better.

The Lt Governor said that the increase in saffron production from 2.5 Kg per hectare to 5 kg per hectare will motivate farmers of other agriculture and allied sectors to increase their production taking maximum benefit of various agriculture development schemes of the Central and UT government.

NBFCs: Reserve Bank to step up vigil with four-layered regulatory framework

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will put in place a four-layered regulatory structure for non-banking financial companies to keep a stricter vigil on the shadow banking sector and minimise risks for the overall financial system.

The detailed set of norms, which will come into force from October 2022, provides for a Scale Based Regulation (SBR) framework that takes into consideration capital requirements, governance standards, prudential regulation and other aspects of the Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).

The central bank's latest move, after extensive stakeholder consultations, also comes against the backdrop of previous instances, including the collapse of IL&FS in 2018 and later DHFL, that had a spill-over impact on the entire financial system, especially in terms

of liquidity woes. Since then, the focus shifted to having tighter regulations rather than a light touch approach for the country's shadow banking sector.

Unveiling the four-layered framework, RBI on Friday said that over the years, the NBFC sector has undergone considerable evolution in terms of size, complexity, and interconnectedness within the financial sector.

Many entities have grown and become systemically significant, and hence there is a need to align the regulatory framework for NBFCs keeping in view their changing risk profile, it said in a statement.

To begin with, the central bank will issue an integrated regulatory framework for NBFCs, providing a holistic view of the SBR structure, set of fresh regulations being introduced and respective timelines.

NBFCs will be split into

four layers -- Base Layer (BL), Middle Layer (ML), Upper Layer (UL) and Top Layer (TL).

The Base Layer will consist of NBFCs currently classified as non-systemically important NBFCs (NBFC-non deposit taking), besides Type I NBFCs, non-operative financial holding company, NBFC-P2P (Peer to Peer lending platform) and NBFC-AA (Account Aggregator). The asset size threshold for this layer will be less than Rs 1,000 crore.

Currently, the threshold for systemic importance is Rs 500 crore.

The Middle Layer will consist of all non-deposit taking NBFCs classified currently as NBFC-ND-SI (Non-Deposit Taking Company-Systemically Important) with asset size of over Rs 1,000 crore and all deposit taking NBFCs irrespective of size.

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Srinagar Turned

monitored with drones.

On the ground, the measures led to a visible decline in traffic — vehicular as well as pedestrian — in Srinagar. At several checkpoints across the city, the police could be seen seizing two-wheelers. Several two-wheeler owners were seen gathered outside various police stations across Srinagar, pleading with officials for the release of their vehicles.

The Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar had earlier delinked the campaign from Shah's visit. "Seizing some bikes and shutting down of internet of some towers is purely related to terror violences," he had said in a statement.

Meanwhile, paramilitary CRPF forces were also seen stopping public vehicular traffic to facilitate a rally of its armed personnel riding motorbikes.

The extra security measures, officials told Kashmir Observer, would continue till October 25. Meanwhile, security arrangements have also been tightened in Jammu city, where Shah is expected to address a gathering.

HM To Address

separate Union Territory.

Bhat told Kashmir Observer that Shah will be e-inaugurate a government project in Handwara and will review the security situation in Kashmir. He further said that the party will take-up the matter of target killing of BJP workers in Kashmir particularly in South Kashmir.

"We will also take up the matter of selective killing of civilians" he told Kashmir Observer.

He is scheduled to chair a meeting of the unified command in the valley on the 23rd. The Home Minister is likely to address a public rally in Jammu on 24th.

Officials said he will also meet representatives of various industry bodies during his stay in the valley. The Home Minister is likely to flag off the Srinagar-Sharjah direct flight on the 23rd evening.

"On 25th October the HM will address a public rally at SKICC before leaving for New Delhi," Bhat said.

Kashmir Receives

"Some places on higher reaches especially over Pir Panjal, hilly areas of South Kashmir may receive heavy snowfall," he said, adding, "On October 24, light to moderate rain is expected at many places," he said.

Due to the weather system, the MeT has already issued an advisory, saying there could be disruption in both air and surface traffic besides drop in day temperature.

On Monday, the official said there will be generally cloudy sky and light rain may occur at isolated places. On October 26, he said, weather will be partly cloudy.

"The present system is most likely to cause heavy rain/snow over South Kashmir, Pirpanjal, Poonch-Rajouri, Reasi, Banihal- Batote axis, although rain will occur at other districts of J&K as well."

For the subsequent one week, the official said that there will be "mainly dry weather".

Meanwhile, Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 7.6 degree Celsius against 7.2 degree Celsius on previous night, the official said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 5.8 degree Celsius against previous night's 6.4 degree Celsius, the official said.

Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of 3.2 degree Celsius against 2.6 degree Celsius on previous night, he said.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 6.6 degree Celsius against 6.7 degree Celsius on previous night, the official said.

Kupwara town of north Kashmir recorded a low 5.4 degree Celsius against 4.5 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 3.8 degree Celsius against previous night's 3.0 degree Celsius, the official said.

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on Thursday.

"In exercise of the powers conferred under section 10-B of the Jammu and

Kashmir Public Safety Act 1978, the government hereby directs to remove/shift the 26 detainees who have been detained under the provision of Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act 1978 from their present places of lodgment to central jail Agra, Uttar Pradesh with immediate effect," reads the order.

However, no reasons have been assigned over the shifting of 26 detainees to outside jails. However, an official told a local news agency

KDC "26 militant associates in the category of over ground workers and those providing logistical support are being taken to outside UT on Air force IL-76 plane."

Pertinently, the transfer of the 26 detainees to the outside jail comes two days after 22 youth slapped with PSA were shifted to Agra Jail on Tuesday.

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generation with the stories of valour and sacrifices of brave-hearts like Brig. Rajinder Singh, Maqbool Sherwani, Chief of Women's Self Defence Corps Kanta Wazir, and other unsung heroes.

"Our youth must know how Brigadier Rajinder Singh, with a handful of soldiers, fought the Pakistani tribesmen, sacrificing his life to save Kashmir and Kashmiriyat. They must be educated about Baramulla's young man Maqbool Sherwani who resisted the Pakistani tribes and sacrificed his life and courage shown by groups of Kashmiri people to push back Pakistani militia," Sinha said, as per official spokesperson.

"There is a need to remind the elderly and the younger generations about how Pakistan is killing our people and trying to divide us by disrupting communal harmony in Jammu & Kashmir," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG asked the young generation to take inspiration from the sacrifice of Param Vir Chakra Awardee Major Somnath Sharma.

"To save innocent lives in Srinagar and Budgam, despite being heavily outnumbered, he along with his soldiers fought the Pakistani invaders and made supreme sacrifice," Sinha said.

The LG also quoted Major Somnath's last message— "The enemy is only 50 yards from us. We are heavily outnumbered. We are under devastating fire. I shall not withdraw an inch but will fight to the last man and the last round".

"This is the passion and love of our immortal heroes towards the motherland, protecting every inch of the land by putting their lives at stake," the LG said, as per official spokesperson. Sinha, he said, also stated that sometimes it becomes necessary to turn the pages of history for the betterment of the present and future.

"As our great nation is celebrating 75th anniversary of Independence Day "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", we had decided to name institutions and roads after all such great personalities who have contributed to upholding the unity and integrity of Jammu and Kashmir," the LG said.

As per the official spokesperson, the LG further said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, J&K has embarked on the journey of progress and prosperity.

"We must unite to defeat the evil designs of the enemies. There will be challenges, but we will face them firmly and come out victorious," Sinha said.

Prominent citizens from all walks of life, and large number of youth were present on the occasion.

Launches Land

Records and improving the efficiency of Revenue offices substantially. The Lt Governor observed that with this initiative, under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP), the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir has achieved an important milestone to provide the most transparent & accountable services to the common people.

Congratulating the Revenue Department and all the Deputy Commissioners for achieving the feat, the Lt Governor asserted that the journey to make governance system truly transparent and accountable in the UT will not stop until it is achieved completely in every sector.

Pertinently, the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) was formally launched in the UT in April-2016 for improving online accessibility to the Land Records System and stopping manipulation of the Land Records thereby making quality of services in Sub Registrar offices/ Tehsils more efficient and transparent.

The programme aims to modernize management of land records, enhance transparency in the land records maintenance system, thus reducing scope of land/property disputes, and facilitate conclusive titles to immovable properties in the country.

The major components of the programme include computerization and digitization of land records, Survey/resurvey and updation of all survey and settlement records, Integration of property registration with land records and cadastral maps for enhancing authenticity and

security of data, bringing utmost transparency in the system, Capacity building, and development of Land Records Information System.

As part of the program implementation in UT, 7.70 crore pages of Revenue record and 55216 Musavi (maps) have been scanned, besides 3895 Ground Control Points have been established, and Web-based Enterprise Geo-Information System (GIS) has been developed.

Mehbooba Slaps

client has decided to sue you for compensation," Mehbooba's counsel Anil Sethi wrote in the legal notice.

The notice asked Malik to pay Rs 10 crore within 30 days as compensation or face legal proceedings.

It said the compensation money will not be used by Mehbooba for any personal gains but for public good.

Earlier on Wednesday, Mehbooba had asked Malik, who was the last governor of Jammu and Kashmir before it was bifurcated, to withdraw his comments.

"False & unsavoury utterances of Satya Pal Malik about me being a beneficiary of Roshni Act is highly mischievous. My legal team is preparing to sue him.

"He has the option to withdraw his comments failing which I will pursue legal recourse," Mehbooba said in a tweet two days ago.

Mehbooba shared a video in which Malik is seen claiming that National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, his son Omar Abdullah and the PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti got land plots under the Roshni scheme.

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 hydro-power plants in the 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.

NIA Arrests 8

total of 21 accused people have been arrested in connection with the militancy conspiracy case which was registered on October 10.

The official identified the arrested persons as Adil Ahmad War, Manan Gulzar Dar, Sobhia and Zamin Adil of Srinagar, Hilal Ahmad Dar and Shaqib Bashir of Kupwara, Rouf Bhatt of Anantnag and Haris Nisar Langoo.

"The eight accused persons arrested are terrorist operatives of various proscribed terrorist organisations and have been instrumental in providing logistical and material support to terrorists," the NIA official said.

He said the case relates to the conspiracy for undertaking violent militant acts in J&K and other major cities by cadres of proscribed militant organisations Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al Badr and their affiliates such as the Resistance Front (TRF) and People Against Fascist Forces (PAFF).

"Further investigation in the case continues," the NIA said.

On October 13, the NIA said nine militant associates were arrested during two days of searches at 18 locations in different districts of Kashmir following the registration of the case.

Four more suspected persons were arrested during searches at 11 locations in the valley on October 20.

After 2 Day Lull

hundreds of elite Para commandos besides specially trained Special Operations Group (SOG) of police were engaged in the combing operation that entered twelfth straight day Friday.

"The forest area is very vast and dense. The militants keep on changing their positions. The operation is in progress and all the hiding militants will be killed," he said.

On Tuesday, army intensified the anti-militancy operation after making announcements from mosques asking locals not to venture into the forest area. The public announcement in Bhatta Durian coincided with Army Chief General M M Naravane's visit to the forward areas along the LoC, where he reviewed the ground situation.

The operation in the forest areas in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri commenced on October 11 when militants ambushed a search party killing five soldiers including a Junior Commissioner Officer (JCO) in the Surankote forest of Poonch before another gunfight in nearby Thanamandi on the same day. The

militants fled both places after the encounters.

On October 14, the militants struck again and killed four soldiers including a JCO in Nar Khas forest in Mendhar as the security forces extended the cordon and search operation to neutralize the fleeing militants.

Drones and helicopters were pressed into service to assist the marching troops, which included para-commandos, in the jungle spread over nearly 8 km X 2 km area at a distance of four km from the Line of Control, the officials said.

The entire forest belt is still under tight security cordon to neutralise the militants, the officials said, adding the area is mountainous and the forest is dense, making the operation difficult and dangerous.

Eight suspected persons including a mother-son duo were detained for questioning from Bhatta Durian in connection with providing logistic support to the militants. However, it is to be seen whether the support was given voluntarily or under duress, the officials said.

The traffic between Mendhar and Thanamandi along the Jammu-Rajouri highway remained suspended as a precautionary measure in the wake of the ongoing operation.

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

NGT Frames Panel

Pollution) Act, 1974, and judgments of the Supreme Court, the NGT directed the authorities to verify the facts and take remedial action in accordance with the law.

...Prima facie it appears that there is continued violation of Water Act to the prejudice of the environment and public health which remains unchecked. Thus, intervention of the Tribunal may be called for, it said in an order issued on Monday.

The NGT directed the authorities to verify the facts and take remedial action in accordance with the law and also constituted a five-member committee to look into the water quality and submit a factual report within two months.

We also constitute a five-member Joint Committee of CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board), J&K PCC (Pollution Control Committee), Deputy Commissioners, Srinagar and Budgam and the Director, Urban Local Bodies, J-K, the order said.

The tribunal said the J-K Pollution Control Board will be the nodal agency for compliance and coordination.

The joint committee may meet within two weeks and undertake visits to the sites in question. The committee may look into the water quality in terms of fecal coliform, quantity of sewage being discharged, solid waste being dumped on the banks and the action plan prepared by the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) for J-K constituted as per orders of the tribunal in OA 673/18, the NGT said.

Further action be planned and executed accordingly, it added.

The NGT asked the committee to give a factual report within two months by e-mail. The matter has been listed for further consideration on March 8 next year.

Empty Building

non-local workers who owed Dar money have also left without paying him back.

"Last year workers left at the end of December and my shop remained shut for only 40 days," the gloomy grocer says. "This year it is going to be a long winter."

Nearby, Syed Abbas sells blankets at the busy Mirza Kamil Chowk. The familiar bazaar buzz and bustle has now paved way to stringent policing. Cops can be seen patrolling the streets, while migrant workers are leaving in the dark of the night.

"All businesses in this locality survive because of these migrants," Abbas says. "While they're leaving out of fear, it's getting hard for us to find customers."

Voicing the same concern over the migrant movement, Mohammad Raja, who owns a hardware store at Mirza Kamil Chowk, says he has seen a slump in his business since the day migrant workers started leaving the locality.

"We've no work compared to what we had few days back," he said. "This chowk is called Bihari chowk for their sizeable presence here. But now, it's a Bihari Chowk minus Biharis."

Amid this anguish, one of the remaining migrants in the neighbourhood, Babloo Kumar, is planning to leave tomorrow.

"We leave in the month of December but local police told us to leave in view of these

attacks," he says. "But despite this fear, we want to stay and earn some bread for our families back home."

Motorbike Crackdown

would they go now?" he asked.

The company through its Twitter handle on Thursday urged cooperation of its patrons.

"Amid this grim situation, we're trying our best to deliver our services howsoever possible. But, our operations have affected badly due to the continuous seizing of two wheelers

"We've been with you always, trying amid this situation too but we need ur support. Please be cooperative," it said.

Samiullah said such situations put a question mark on the very efforts of the government to attract foreign investment.

"I wonder how on one hand the foreign investing parties are invited day in and day out to plan the possibilities in Kashmir and the local startups are pulled down with these unnecessary maintenance activities on the other hand," he added.

Mohammad Aslam, who is into courier business, said the parcels purchased online by residents of Srinagar are piling up in godowns as delivery executives are not able to move around freely.

"If the situation continues like this for few days more, big e-commerce companies will stop taking online orders from the affected pin codes," he added.

The police have said the drive was part of route anti-militancy operations but did not comment on the large scale seizures of these vehicles in the city.

Some social media users linked the police action to the likely visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the valley this weekend.

However, police denied any such link.

"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," IGP Kashmir zone Vijay Kumar tweeted on Thursday.

The internet services on a dozen towers -- mostly in the areas where non-local labourers were killed in the past week -- were snapped three days ago while police have started stringent checking of documents of two-wheelers plying on the roads.

However, many riders have alleged their two-wheelers were seized by police without even checking the documents and were asked to collect their vehicles after October 26.

It's A Collective

after October 26.

"J&K admin's recent spree of seizing bikes in Kashmir is a collective punishment & another way to snatch whatever means Kashmiri youth have to earn their livelihood in a dignified manner. Contrary to GOs claims of providing jobs, they are doing the opposite," Mufti wrote on Twitter.

Police said the seizing of two wheelers was part of routine anti-militancy measures.

2 Box-Type IEDs

forward areas of Tangdhar, Kupwara and Bandipora on Friday.

During his visit, the DG was briefed by the local BSF Commanders about the security situation and operational preparedness along the LoC, the BSF said.

He held discussions with field commanders and reviewed the overall deployment and domination plan of BSF during the visit.

The DG also interacted with officers and jawans on the ground through "Prahari Sammelan" and lauded the high levels of professionalism of BSF personnel. He exhorted them to remain alert for any eventuality.

Singh was accompanied by Rajesh Mishra, IG BSF (Kashmir Frontier).

Mentally Unsound

The deceased was a destitute surviving of alms collected from the area.

Preliminary investigation suggests head injuries with sharp object, they said.

They said that no angle of militant related incident has emerged.

News agency GNS quoting locals said that the man used to wander in the area and is said to be unsound.

Woman Knocked

over to her family for final rites after completion of medico-legal formalities.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case and started further investigations in this regard.

T20 WORLD CUP

Struggling WI Face Tough Battle Against England

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Two-time champions but currently out of sorts, the West Indies will hope to raise their game by a few notches when they open their campaign against favourites England in a Super 12 match of the ICC men's T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

A team packed with some of the most destructive T20 players, the West Indies cut a sorry figure in the two warm-up games against Pakistan and Afghanistan and would need to quickly shrug off the disappointment ahead of the tournament proper.

It was poor batting which cost them both the practice matches. While against Pakistan, the Caribbean team failed to put up a fighting total, scoring a modest 130 for 7, Kieron Pollard's men managed 133-5 in their chase of 189 against Afghanistan.

Roston Chase's 54 off 58 balls against Afghanistan was the only highlight of their batting as none of the other batters could capitalise on their starts in both the matches.

Pollard showed some spark when he hit a 10-ball 23 with five boundaries against Pakistan and his finishing skills will play a big role for the team in the tournament.

The West Indies will need the likes of Evin Lewis, Lendl Simmons, Shimron Hetmyer and Nicholas Pooran to fire to make a good start and win at least three group matches to qualify for the semifinals.

One of the major concerns for West Indies is the form of 'Universe Boss' Chris Gayle, who scored just 165 runs in 9 innings in the Caribbean Premier League and featured in just two games for Punjab Kings in the UAE leg of the IPL.

Experienced all-rounder Andre Russell too has had frequent fitness issues, the latest being

a hamstring injury. He played only three games for Kolkata Knight Riders in UAE.

There is not much to write home about their bowling either with spinner Hayden Walsh (2/41) and left-arm pacer Obed McCoy (2/43) being their most successful bowlers in the two practice games.

With Oshane Thomas in the ranks, pace still looks better than their spin department which features the likes of Fabian Allen, Chase and Akeal Hosein.

England, on the other hand, are the reigning World champions in ODI cricket and will be itching to put the ghosts of the 2016 edition to rest when Carlos Brathwaite had smashed four successive sixes in the final to end their dreams.

Up against the same opponents, Eoin Morgan's men will look to set the record straight when his army of men takes the field on Saturday.

England seems a balanced side despite missing some key players in Ben Stokes, Jofra Archer and Sam Curran.

Their batting boasts of some big names such as Jason Roy, Jos Buttler, and Jonny Bairstow -- all capable of destroying any bowling attack on their day.

While England lost to India in the first warm-up, they quickly recovered to beat New Zealand in the second match.

Bairstow's 49 runs off 36 balls and Moeen Ali's 20-ball 43 late in the order were the highlights of their batting against India, while Buttler slammed 73 off 51 balls against New Zealand to gear up for the showpiece.

Mark Wood and Adil Rashid snapped four and three wickets respectively to lead a clinical bowling display against New Zealand and with David Willey, Chris Woakes and Moeen Ali also in their side, it looks like a formidable attack.



Premier Division League: AG's Win, 2nd Match Abandoned

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The JKFA Khyber Premier Division League 2021 witnessed one of the two scheduled matches played at the Synthetic Turf TRC, here.

In the first match, J&K Accountant General's (AG's) XI defeated Kashmir Maharaja FC 2-0. The AG's squad scored two goals early in the first half and maintained the lead till the final whistle. Hanan of AG's opened the scoring in the 16th minute with a splendid goal. Hanan then doubled AG's lead

in the 19th minute.

AG's XI successfully managed to protect their 2-0 lead till the end. Kashmir Maharaja FC created goal scoring opportunities in both halves of the match but failed to find the back of the net. Hanan Tariq was awarded man of the match award for his match winning goals.

The second scheduled match of the Premier Division League was to be played between Kashmir Avengers FC and J&K Power Development Corporation (PDC) XI.

However, the match was abandoned due to poor light, even though Synthetic Turf has flood lights facility available.

Meanwhile, in the ongoing Srinagar A-Division Annual League Football Tournament 2021 one match of the second round stage was played at Gindun Ground Rajbagh, in which Seven Star FC and Haroon FC played a 2-2 draw.

The tournaments are being organised by the Jammu & Kashmir Football Association and the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council.



Srinagar District Judo Championship Concludes

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The 2-day long Srinagar District Judo Championship organised by Judo Association of Jammu and Kashmir, held under the auspices of J&K Sports Council and J&K Olympic Association, concluded at Indoor Sports Hall, Polo Ground here on Thursday.

More than 100 judokas both boys and girls from all over the district participated in the Championship. Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir, JKSC Nuzhat Ara was the chief guest on the concluding ceremony, while Mohd. Iqbal, Manager Indoor Sports Hall Polo Ground was the guest of honour who distributed medals and certi-

icates among the position holders.

Among others present were Mohd. Galib, President Srinagar Ju Jitsu Association; Shafkat Shafi, Chairman Technical Committee, J&K Judo Association; Abdul Hamid Khan, Vice-President J&K Judo Association; Gowhar Khan, Joint Secretary J&K Judo Association; Rahil Shafi, Judo coach J&K sports council, Syed Manzoor (Physical Director, GD Goenka Public school), Kabra Altaf, State awardee judoka; Tahir Malik, JK police team Coach, Fazil Shah, Farhat Gulzar, Adnan, Junaid. The mementos were presented to all the guests and officials.

Medal winners in Boys category:

Gold: Eyad bin Shafkat, Yamin, Hanan, Sibtain, Adeeb, Rayaan Yousof, Adnan Fayaz, Mohd. Numaan, Haadi, Zaid Showkat, Mursaleen, Hijran, Suhail, Tajamul, Mehshood.

Silver: Arsh Dar, Tahman, Syed Hamas, Burhan, Syed Asim, Mubarik, Irfan Alam, Tamheed, Luqman, Muhaib.

Bronze: Mohd. Imaad, Junaid Rafiq, Mohd. Sahil, Rayees.

Medal winners in Girls category:

Gold: Adn Arshid, Hadaya Shahid, Eliza Hamid, Barerah Rafiq, Atufa Irfan, Tazeem Fayaz, Misbah Noor.

Silver: Irtiba Javaid, Bareen, Tamleek.

Bronze: Sadaf, Mahira Rashid.

IND Vs PAK T20 WORLD CUP

A Look At The First Cricket Meetings Of India & Pakistan



AGENCIES

India and Pakistan clash at the T20 World Cup in Dubai on Sunday in the latest instalment of one of cricket's biggest rivalries. AFP Sport looks at the first meetings of the two nations in the sport's three formats:

First Test — October 16-18, 1952

Five years after the Partition, India and Pakistan met for the first time.

Pakistan were actually playing their maiden Test match when they took to the field at New Delhi's Feroz Shah Kotla ground. In their ranks were Abdul Kardar and Amir Elahi who had both played Test cricket for India.

India won the toss, batted and piled up 372 with Hemu Adhikari top-scoring with 81 and last man Ghulam Ahmed hitting 50 in a 10th wicket partnership of 109.

In reply, legendary opener and skipper Hanif Mohammad made 51 before Pakistan collapsed from 64-1 to 150 all out with slow left-arm orthodox Vinoo Mankad famously taking 8-52.

Mankad then picked up 5-79 as Pakistan, following on, were dismissed for 152 handing India victory by an innings and 70 runs.

First ODI — October 1, 1978

After Pakistan had won the Test series 2-0, the teams met for a three-game ODI series, the first between the two nations.

The opener was held in Quetta as India, who gave Kapil Dev his

debut, made 170-7 in 40 overs with Mohinder Armanath top-scoring 51.

Pakistan were comfortable at 82-1 at one stage before slipping to 166-8 to lose by just four runs. Majid Khan stroked a half-century.

Pakistan then levelled the series with an eight-wicket win at Sialkot before the third game in Sahiwal ended in controversy.

In sight of victory, India skipper Bishan Bedi was furious that Sarfraz Nawaz bowled four successive bouncers which were not called wide.

In protest, Bedi conceded the match.

First T20I — September 14, 2007

The rivals met in a T20 International for the first time at the 2007 World Cup in Durban.

The group match ended in a tie after both sides made 141 which meant a 'bowl-out' was used to decide the winner.

Mohammad Asif had taken 4-18 and Pakistan, who had already made sure of their place in the next round, looked set to win the match but Misbah-ul-Haq (53) was run out off the last ball.

In the bowl-out, Virender Sehwag, Harbhajan Singh and Robin Uthappa all hit the stumps but Pakistan's Yasir Arafat, Umar Gul and Shahid Afridi missed.

The two sides were to meet also in the final at Johannesburg with India claiming a five-run win. Meanwhile, Pakistan went to claim the 2009 title.

T20 WC: Namibia Beat Ireland To Enter Super 12s

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SHARJAH: Debutants Namibia beat Ireland by eight wickets in their final match of the first round to enter the Super 12s of the T20 World Cup here on Friday.

With two wins from three matches, Namibia join Sri Lanka in Super 12 stage from Group A while Ireland are eliminated, just like Netherlands.

Gerhard Erasmus top-scored for Namibia with a 49-ball 53 not out while David Wiese contributed 28 not out as they chased down the target of 126 with nine balls to spare.

Namibia had earlier beaten Netherlands by six wickets. Earlier, Namibian bowlers

made a strong comeback after Ireland made a brisk start to restrict them to a modest 125 for 8.

For Ireland, Paul Stirling top-scored with a 24-ball 38 and shared 62 runs off just 44 balls with Kevin O'Brien (25) for the opening stand.

Jan Frylinck (3/21) was the pick of the bowlers for Namibia, while Wiese (2/22) also snared two wickets.

Brief Scores: Ireland: 125 for 8 in 20 overs (Paul Stirling 38, Kevin O'Brien 25; Jan Frylinck 3/21).

Ireland: 126 for 2 in 18.3 overs (Gerhard Erasmus 53 not out, David Wiese 28 not out; Curtis Campher 2/14).

Mentors Can't Do Much: Gavaskar On Dhoni Impact

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: A mentor can only help as much because it is the players who will have to go out there and perform the "actual task", the legendary Sunil Gavaskar said on the appointment of Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the Indian team mentor for the T20 World Cup.

India will play Pakistan on Sunday in the Super 12s and Gavaskar feels that in this format Virat Kohli's team can't be termed clear favourites.

"Mentor can't do much," Gavaskar told Aaj Tak. "Yes, he can help you prepare in change room as its a fast-paced game and if needed, help you tweak the tactic."

"May be speak to batters and bowlers during time-out, so the move to employ Dhoni is a good one but Dhoni will be in the change room and it's the players who have to perform the actual task in



the middle. How they handle pressure would determine what the result will be," Gavaskar said during the event.

Gavaskar feels Kohli will feel lesser pressure now that he has decided to quit captaincy in the T20 format.

"When you become a captain, you can't just think about yourself, he has to speak to a batter who is going through a bad patch or discuss strategies with a bowler."

"Amid all this, one tends to neglect his own form. When you don't have that pressure, you can focus on your own game. I think it will be good for Virat that after T20 World

Cup, he doesn't have to think about responsibilities.

"So he can focus on his own game and score as many runs as possible," he added.

Gavaskar, one of the most respected voices in world cricket, also pointed out that India's failure to win knock-out games in global tournaments has been primarily due to the faulty team selections.

But Gavaskar was pretty clear that India do not start as favourites.

"In T20 cricket, it's not difficult to beat any team. Yes, in Tests, you can say that whether you have that kind of depth in batting or bowling matters. But in T20, no team is favourite and the team that makes less mistakes will win," he said.

Gavaskar had one advice for the teams.

"Just giving it your all at times might not be sufficient. With hard work you also need to use your brain."

Fifth Test Between India & England Rescheduled To July 2022

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

LONDON: The fifth and final Test between India and England, which was suspended due to a COVID-19 outbreak last month, was on Friday rescheduled to July next year, a decision that has pushed the start of a limited-overs series between the two sides by six days.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced that the game has been moved to Edgbaston from Manchester and will be a part of India's white-ball tour. The game, which was called off after COVID-19 cases erupted in the Indian contingent, will be held from July 1.

"With India leading the series 2-1, the concluding fifth match will now take place from July 1, 2022, at Edgbaston, following an agreement between the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)," said the ECB in a statement.

Slotting the Test in the available window has ensured that the limited overs series would now start six days later from the

original plan.

There is no addition to the number of white-ball games and it remains the same as originally planned. Had the suspended Test been ruled an abandonment or forfeiture by India, as was speculated extensively, the series would have ended 2-2.

The three-match T20 series will begin on July 7 at Ageas Bowl with Edgbaston and Trent Bridge hosting the second and third games on July 9 and 10 respectively.

The ODI series starts on July 12 at The Oval while the Lord's will host the second game on July 14 and the series will conclude at Old Trafford on July 17.

"Ticket holders do not have to take any action as all tickets will remain valid for the equivalent rearranged matchday at their host venue," the ECB said.

"Host venues will communicate the new fixture details to ticket purchasers and the options available to them, including the timeframe for requesting a refund if they are not able to attend the new match day," it added.

Reporter Imprisoned Over Leaked UAE-Iraq Pre-Game Comments

AGENCIES

DUBAI: Prosecutors in the United Arab Emirates on Friday announced they had imprisoned a television journalist over apparently leaked pre-match comments made before the Emirates' tie with Iraq during a World Cup qualifier earlier this month.

Authorities did not identify the journalist they imprisoned from the state-run Abu Dhabi Sports Channel, nor the others fired from the broadcaster over the incident. However, they described the comments made as "harming the public interest and provoking hate speech."

The comments came before the channel went on air between the match commentators and analysts back at a studio, according to a statement carried by the state-run WAM news agency.

The feed was "hacked and the published clips were seized and

broadcast on accounts on some social media sites," the WAM report said. It said an investigation continued into how the hack took place.

The detained journalist faces charges that carry up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$1,360. The Abu Dhabi Sports Channel fired three people involved with the broadcast over the incident, WAM said.

In the meeting of Dutch coaches, Bert van Marwijk's United Arab Emirates lineup was held to a 2-2 draw by Dick Advocaat's Iraq in Dubai on Oct. 12.

The UAE is a nation of autocratic rulers where speech is strictly monitored. Emiratis online have encouraged fellow citizens to report comments critical of the country to law enforcement in the past amid the country's yearslong boycott of Qatar with other Arab nations. That boycott ended in January.

"HAD VICTIMS NOT BEEN HINDU..."

Union Minister Slams Congress On J&K Civilian Killings

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Patna: Had the civilians killed in Jammu and Kashmir been from any community other than "Hindu", the area would have become a site for political tourism, Union Minister Giriraj Singh said in an apparent attack on Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. "Despite being from the scheduled tribe/scheduled castes, those who were killed were Hindus. If only they belonged to some other community, the area would have become a ground for political tourism like Lakhimpur Kheri," he said. "Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi did not visit the homes of those killed in Jammu and Kashmir by terrorists because they belonged to the Hindu community," he added. Calling out the Opposition

leaders, Giriraj Singh said that it is unfortunate for the country that "tourism, sympathy, politics are done by copying others". The Union Minister further termed the killings as "cowardly", saying, "Pakistan and the supporters of Pakistan who live there do not like peace and have killed the innocent. For us (BJP), only one thing is of concern, for peace to prevail in Jammu and Kashmir." When asked if Congress, with the recent claims Priyanka Gandhi made during the 'Pratigya Yatra', would be able to garner votes in the upcoming Assembly elections, Mr Singh said, "Congress has been making fake promises over the past 75 years. They made the bad situations worse. (Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister) Yogi Adityanath has patched up the bad they did, now what is the use of fake promises?"

NOT A VERY HAPPY SITUATION

SC On Delay In Appointments In District Consumer Commission

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The Supreme Court on Friday expressed displeasure over delay in appointments in the Districts and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, saying if the government does not want the tribunals then it should abolish the Act. A bench comprising Justices S K Kaul and M M Sundresh said it is unfortunate that the top court is being called upon to examine and fill up vacancies in tribunals. "If the government does not want the tribunals then abolish the Act. We are stretching our jurisdictions to see the vacancies are filled in. It is unfortunate that the judiciary is called upon to look



into this issue. This is not a very happy situation," the bench said. The top court was hearing a suo motu case on inaction of the governments in appointing president and members/staff

of Districts and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and inadequate infrastructure across India. The apex court on August 11 had directed the Centre to fill vacancies in eight weeks. The bench said the appointment process should not be affected by the Bombay High Court judgment which had quashed certain Consumer Protection Rules. "The process initiated by us should not be kept in abeyance, we are of the view that that timeline and process laid down by us should continue as some appointments have been made and others are at an advanced stage," the bench said.

Siddaramaiah Questions Celebration Of 1 Billion COVID Vaccinations



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BENGALURU: Senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Friday questioned the celebration over administration of one billion COVID-19 vaccine doses in the country when only 21 per cent of the people have been fully vaccinated so far. In a series of tweets, the Congress stalwart hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP for not yet vaccinating the entire eligible population. "1 billion doses' sounds fancy number but the devil is in the details. Only 29 Cr people out of 139Cr are fully vaccinated, which means only about 21% are fully vaccinated. What are @BJP4India leaders celebrating for? For vaccinating just 21% of the population?" Siddaramaiah asked in a tweet. According to the Congress veteran, only 29 crore people have received two-doses and 42 crore have got only one, leaving 62 crore without any single dose of vaccine. "With just 29 Cr (21%) people fully vaccinated, India's position is still in danger. Are @BJP4India leaders celebrating India's vulnerability?" he asked. The leader of opposition in the assembly also claimed that

India still needed about 106 crore doses to fully vaccinate the target by December 31, which means 1.51 doses have to be administered everyday. He asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi whether India is prepared to administer 106 crore doses by December end and ensure all Indians are fully vaccinated by this year. Siddaramaiah noted that 56 per cent of the population in the US is fully vaccinated, in China it is 70 per cent and in Canada 71 per cent. "But India's vaccine coverage is just 21%. Mr. @narendramodi, let us raise the bar before celebrating!!" the former Chief Minister took a jibe. Pointing out that there may be a need for booster dose too, Siddaramaiah said, "With even first doses and second doses pending for large population, can we even think of booster dose? Mr PM @narendramodi, let us put celebrations on hold & concentrate on vaccinating everyone." The total vaccine doses administered in the country crossed 99. 54 crore on Wednesday, according to the data from the Co-WIN portal, with around 75 percent of all adults having administered the first dose and around 31 percent having received both doses.

95% People Do Not Need Petrol, Says UP Minister

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Uttar Pradesh Minister for sports and youth welfare, Upendra Tiwari, has finally come out to defend the continuing increase in fuel prices. "Today, there are just a handful of people who travel in four-wheel vehicles and use petrol. At present, 95 per cent people do not need petrol," the minister told reporters at a function in Jalaun district on Thursday. He also argued that fuel prices had not really risen in real terms if the per capita income is compared with that in 2014, referring to the year when a BJP-led government first came to power at the Centre. He claimed that the opposition did not have any real issue to attack the government and was using fuel prices to continue its propaganda. "You see the data before 2014.



What is the per capita income after the formation of the Modi and the Yogi governments?" he said, referring to the BJP-led governments at the Centre and in Uttar Pradesh. "Today, the per capita income is double," he claimed. He also referred to free schooling and the coronavirus vaccination offered by the government. "People are getting so much for free that a slight increase in fuel prices does not matter," he reasoned.

Centre Plan To Get Netaji's Ashes In 90s Dropped On Riot Warning: Relative

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KOLKATA: The P V Narasimha Rao government in the 1990s had been on the verge of bringing to India the ashes, believed to be of Subhas Chandra Bose now kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan, but was dissuaded from doing so due to an intelligence report, which warned that controversy surrounding the issue could lead to riots in Kolkata, a grandnephew of Netaji said. Making a fervent plea for bringing back the ashes kept in an urn in the Buddhist shrine in Tokyo since September 1945, Ashish Ray, also an author and researcher on the legendary freedom fighter, said the legal rights to them should belong to Netaji's daughter Prof. Anita Bose Pfaf, an economist living in Germany, and the Indian government should allow her to take charge of it. Mr Ray was speaking at a virtual seminar to commemorate the 78th

anniversary of the founding of the Azad Hind Government by Bose, on Thursday, organised by the Indo-Japan Samurai Centre in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs. The author whose books include "Laid to Rest" on the controversy over Netaji's death, said a high-powered committee that included Pranab Mukherjee, who later became President, was set up by then Prime Minister Narasimha Rao to look into the issue of bringing back the ashes. However, "the Intelligence Bureau came up with a report warning of possible riots in Kolkata" over the issue, as many in the country believed in theories that Bose did not die in a plane crash on August 18, 1945 in Taipei, he said. Among the theories floated are that Netaji survived the crash or it never happened and he was later incarcerated in a Soviet prison. Other hypotheses have it that

Bose returned to India and lived as a 'Sadhu' (monk), which has even spawned a popular Bengali film. Prof. Sugata Bose, former MP and Gardiner Chair of Oceanic History and Affairs at Harvard University and author of several scholarly works on Bose, also speaking at the seminar, said "the meaningless controversy over Netaji's death should end". Prof. Bose, also a grandnephew of the Independence movement leader, who had established a provisional government for free India in Singapore and raised an army that fought the British to enter the northeast, however, said Netaji and his remains were a national issue and not merely a family matter. Pointing out that "Bose was the only frontline leader of the national Independence movement to have died on the battlefield", he, too, sought a formal closure to the issue of his death.

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