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The Facebook Files

5 Things Revealed By Leaked Documents

Facebook has been struggling to attract younger users for more than a decade, and some senior employees are alarmed over the company's inability to keep teens engaged. When asked by analysts about growth prospects, Facebook executives frequently paint a rosier picture than the one depicted by internal research, a whistleblower alleges.

Those are just some of the findings outlined in a cache of disclosures made to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission by Frances Haugen, a former Facebook product manager, and provided to Congress in redacted form by her legal counsel. A consortium of 17 U.S. news organizations, including Bloomberg, has obtained the redacted versions received by Congress.



The documents provide rare, vivid insight into ways Facebook, under the guidance of Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg, created a Silicon Valley social media behemoth that - while frequently posting lavish sales and profit gains - has also faltered in its mission to give users the tools they need to build community and bring the world closer together.

In its own defense, Facebook points to new products and services it is developing to attract younger users; it notes that hate speech represents well under 1% of overall content on its platform and is declining; it says that it uses research, hypothetical tests and other methods to analyze how it recommends content and improve on efforts to curb the spread of harmful content. Facebook also contends that it has made adequate disclosures concerning growth and that the documents Haugen shared with the SEC represent a "curated selection" that

"can in no way be used to draw fair conclusions about us."

Even so, the company's missteps are beginning to take a toll. The documents chronicle worsening morale among some staff and disagreements over the best way to combat bad content; Facebook's shares have lost more than 10% since the Wall Street Journal began publishing stories based on the whistleblower's documents; and lawmakers, already weighing legislation that would rein in Facebook's power, are calling for even more stringent oversight.

Other insights gleaned from the documents, researchers and people familiar with Facebook, including current and former employees:

- Facebook executives have long known that the platform's hate-speech problem was bigger and more entrenched than the company discloses. While Facebook prioritizes rooting out violence and hateful content in English-speaking Western nations, it neglects developing regions that are more vulnerable to real-world harm from negativity on social media.

- A Facebook team tasked with stemming the flow of harmful posts was hamstrung by a lack of staffing, limits placed on its product development and the platform's engagement-focused algorithm that often ends up promoting content that can be false and divisive.

- Facebook staff who study misinformation have concluded that the social network's core products contribute to the spread of harmful material, and the company's own efforts to quell misinformation are sometimes undermined by political considerations.

- In 2019, Facebook set up a test account in India to determine how its tools affect people in its most important market; within three weeks, the fictional user's account devolved into a maelstrom of fake news and incendiary images.

- Facebook's own staff, including internal researchers, faulted the company for failing to thwart the proliferation of groups that fomented violence on Jan. 6.



The Fuxing bullet train in Tibet | The State Council of the People's Republic of China

Amid Standoff With India, China Passes Law Supporting Building Of Border Towns

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Asserting that sovereignty and territorial integrity of China are "sacred and inviolable", the country's national legislature has adopted a new law on the protection and exploitation of the land border areas, which could have a bearing on Beijing's border dispute with India.

Members of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) approved the law at the closing meeting of a legislative session on Saturday, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

The law will become operational from January 1 next year.

The state shall take measures to safeguard territorial integrity and land boundaries and guard against and combat any act that undermines territorial sovereignty and land boundaries, the report said.

The law also stipulates that the state shall take measures to strengthen border defence, support economic and social development as well as opening up in border areas, improve public services and infrastructure in such areas, encourage and support people's life and work there, and promote coordina-

tion between border defence and social and economic development in border areas, it said.

Following the principles of equality, mutual trust and friendly consultation, the state shall handle land border-related affairs with neighbouring countries through negotiations to properly resolve disputes and long-standing border issues, it said.

The law states that the Chi-

establishment of air, rail and road networks. It also launched a bullet train in Tibet, which extends up to Nyingchi, the border town close to Arunachal Pradesh.

Besides that, China also began constructing a number of villages close to the border with proper infrastructure in Tibet, which has become an essential and effective part of border defence, state-run Global Times reported on October 19.

India and Bhutan are the two countries with which China is yet to finalise the border agreements, while Beijing resolved the boundary disputes with 12 other neighbours.

nese military shall carry out border duties including organising drills and resolutely prevent, stop and combat invasion, encroachment, provocation and other acts.

A significant aspect of the new law includes state support for the construction of border towns, improving their functioning and strengthening supporting capacity for the construction.

China, in recent years, has been strengthening the border infrastructure including the es-

By the end of 2020, Tibet had built more than 600 well-off, high-standard border villages. The roads connecting border villages are also quite accessible. At least 130 border roads have been newly built or reconstructed with a total length of 3,080km.

The new law calls for the establishment of trade areas and border economic cooperation zones at the borders. It also calls for improving the ecological environment along the border besides epidemic control and maintaining flood and fire control.

Muslim Unity Qur'anic Order, Israeli Normalization Great Sin: Khamenei

TRANS ASIA NEWS

Tehran: Arab nations that normalised ties with Israel last year have "sinned" and should reverse such moves, Iran's Supreme Leader Sayed Ali Khamenei said on Sunday.

The unity of Muslims is a "definite duty and a Qur'anic order", Ayatollah said adding some regional governments' decision to normalise ties with Israel is a "great sin and mistake".

The United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco agreed to normalise ties with Israel in 2020, as Washington under the administration of then-US President Donald Trump made Arab-Israeli rapprochement a foreign policy priority.

Egypt and Jordan were until last year the only two Arab countries to normalise relations with Israel.

"These governments must return from this path which is against the Islamic unity and make amends," Iran leader told a gathering of Muslim scholars at a Unity Conference in Tehran.

The annual Unity Week conference held on the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) celebrated separately on 12th and 17th Rabiul Awwal of Hijra calendar by Sunni and Shia Muslims brings together scholars, intellectuals and clergy from both sects from around the world to Tehran annually. Iranian leader told the gathering that they have a duty to explain and promote the "comprehensiveness of Islam in all matters of life".

Ayatollah Khamenei said

the reason for his repeated emphasis on the issue of unity is the big schism which exists among religions, with the enemies striving seriously to widen it.



"You see that the issue of being a Sunni or a Shia has entered the American political literature for several years, while they are against the quintessence of Islam and hostile to it," he said.

"The recent unfortunate and distressing explosions at mosques targeting Muslim worshippers in Afghanistan are among such incidents that were carried out by Daesh," the Leader said.

"Who is Daesh? Daesh is the same outfit that the Americans - the same Democratic group of the United States - explicitly said 'we created', even though they are not saying it anymore and deny it."

Ayatollah Khamenei said one of the ways to prevent such incidents is for the current Afghan officials to attend Shia centers and mosques and encourage Sunni Muslims to participate in inter-religious congregations.

Sudan Military Dissolves Transitional Government In Apparent Coup

Agencies

Khartoum: Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, a military officer who headed the Sovereign Council, announced a state of emergency across the country.

Soldiers arrested most of the members of Sudan's cabinet on Monday and a military officer dissolved the transitional government, while opponents of the takeover took to the streets where gunfire and injuries were reported.

Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, a military officer who headed the Sovereign Council, a power-sharing ruling body, announced a state of emergency across the country and dissolved the council and the transitional government.

Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok was detained and moved to an undisclosed location after refusing to issue a statement in support of the coup, said the information ministry, still apparently under the

control of Hamdok's supporters.

The ministry said tens of thousands of people opposed to the coup had taken to the streets and had faced gunfire near the military's headquarters in the capital Khartoum.

At least 12 people were injured in clashes, a doctors' committee said on its Facebook page, without providing further details.

The director of Hamdok's office, Adam Hereika, told Reuters that the military had mounted its takeover despite "positive movements" towards an agreement between Hamdok and military leaders, following meetings with a visiting US special envoy, Jeffrey Feltman.

A Reuters journalist in Khartoum saw joint forces from the military and from the powerful, paramilitary Rapid Support Forces stationed in the streets of Khartoum.

UN agency warns as Afghanistan verges on collapse

Agencies

United Nations: Millions of Afghans, including children, could die of starvation unless urgent action is taken to pull Afghanistan back from the brink of collapse, a senior United Nations official warned, calling for frozen funds to be freed for humanitarian efforts.

World Food Program (WFP) Executive Director David Beasley told Reuters that 22.8 million people - more than half of Afghanistan's 39 million population - were facing acute food insecurity and "marching to starvation" compared to 14 million just two months ago.

"Children are going to die. People are going to starve. Things are going to get a lot worse," he said in Dubai.

"I don't know how you don't have millions of people, and es-



pecially children, dying at the rate we are going with the lack of funding and the collapsing of the economy."

Afghanistan was plunged into crisis in August after Taliban fighters drove out a Western-backed government, prompting donors to hold back billions of dollars in assistance for the aid-dependent economy.

The food crisis, exacerbated by climate change, was dire in

Afghanistan even before the takeover by the Taliban, whose new administration has been blocked from accessing assets held overseas as nations grapple with how to deal with the hard-line Islamists.

"What we are predicting is coming true much faster than we anticipated. Kabul fell faster than anybody anticipated and the economy is falling faster than that," Beasley said.

He said dollars earmarked for development assistance should be repurposed for humanitarian aid, which some nations have already done, or frozen funds be channelled through the agency.

"You've got to unfreeze these funds so people can survive."

The UN food agency needs up to \$220 million a month to partially feed the nearly 23 million vulnerable people as winter nears.

Drought-Stricken California Doused By Major Storm



Agencies

California: A powerful storm barreled toward Southern California after flooding highways, toppling trees and causing mud flows in areas burned bare by recent fires across the northern part of the state.

Drenching showers and strong winds accompanied the weekend's arrival of an atmospheric river—a long and wide plume of moisture pulled in from the Pacific Ocean. The National Weather Service's Sacramento office warned of "potentially historic rain."

Flooding was reported across the San Francisco Bay Area, closing streets in Berkeley, inundating Oakland's Bay Bridge toll plaza and overflowing rivers in Napa and Sonoma counties. Power poles were downed and tens of thousands of people in the North Bay were without electricity.

By Sunday morning, Mount Tamalpais just north of San Francisco had recorded a half foot (15 centimetres) of rainfall during the previous 12 hours, the weather service said.

"Some of our higher elevation locations could see 6, 7, 8 inches of rain before we're all said and done," weather service meteorologist Sean Miller said.

About 150 miles (241 kilometres) to the north, the California Highway Patrol closed a stretch of State Route 70 in Butte and Plumas counties because of multiple landslides within the massive Dixie Fire burn scar.

"We have already had several collisions this morning for vehicles hydroplaning, numerous trees falling, and several roadways that are experiencing flooding," the highway patrol's office in Oroville tweeted on Sunday. "If you can stay home and off the roads today, please do. If you are out on the roads, please use extreme caution."

Ex-Saudi Official, In Tiff With Crown Prince, Seeks Biden's Help To Free His Kids

Washington: A former top Saudi intelligence official who is living in exile accused Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Sunday of targeting him and made an unprecedented public plea to the Biden administration to help obtain the release of his children jailed in Saudi Arabia.

Saad al-Jabri was a long-time aide to another Saudi royal, Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, whom bin Salman, or MbS, ousted as heir to the throne in a 2017 palace coup. MbS is now de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter and a key U.S. ally.

In August 2019, Jabri, who currently lives in Canada, filed a 107-page lawsuit in a U.S. court alleging the crown prince "dispatched a 'hit squad' to kill him in October 2018, but Canadian au-



Former Saudi intelligence official Saad al-Jabri (R) poses with his son Omar al-Jabri.

thorities foiled the attempt.

Last year, a Saudi court jailed two of Saad al-Jabri's adult children for money laundering and conspiracy to escape the kingdom unlawfully, charges they deny.

In his first interview since

leaving the kingdom, Jabri said MbS has "no empathy," adding that the 36-year old leader is a threat to the people of Saudi Arabia, Americans and the rest of the world.

"I have to speak out. I am appealing to the American people

and to the American administration to help me to release those children and to restore their life," a visibly emotional Jabri told CBS television's "60 Minutes" show.

The Saudi embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The crown prince's lawyers have rejected Jabri's allegations and said MbS has legal immunity in the United States as a foreign head of state.

Last year, MbS's lawyer Michael Kellogg dismissed the claims, describing them as "steeped in drama." Jabri's allegations come more than three years after Jamal Khashoggi, a Saudi-born U.S. resident who wrote opinion columns for the Washington Post critical of MbS, was killed and dismembered by a team of operatives linked to the prince in the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul.

Now, Self-Driving Suitcase-Sized Robots Deliver Parcels In Russian Capital

Moscow: Self-driving robots have started delivering parcels in certain Moscow neighbourhoods after tech giant Yandex teamed up with the state-run Russian Post service, the companies said on Monday.

Yandex, which operates a raft of services from online search to ride-hailing, already uses robots for food delivery in Russia and on some U.S. college campuses in a partnership with GrubHub, but a tie-up with the federal post service could widen their reach.

In a joint statement, Yandex and Russian Post said 36 rectangular, suitcase-sized robots would initially deliver from 27 post offices in several districts of the Russian capital as part of a



pilot project, with parcel recipients able to select robot delivery using an app.

Users can track the six-wheeled, black and white robots as they trundle across town and can access their parcel using a unique verification code.

"Every part of the logistics chain can be automated, and

technologies are changing processes at every stage: from the first to the last mile," said Stanislav Chernin, head of innovation at Russian Post.

Russian Post has over 38,000 branches across the world's largest country and handles more than 108 million parcels each year.

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## Amit Shah Snubs Dr Farooq, Rules Out Talks With Pakistan

### Says, Would Rather Talk To J&K's Youth For Development



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said the government would rather hold talks with the youth and "brothers and sisters" of the Valley than Pakistan as suggested by National Conference president Farooq Abdullah.

He also said the only intention

behind repealing Article 370 was to put Kashmir and Jammu on the path of development, and people will see the "fruits of our efforts by 2024".

The home minister, who arrived in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday for his first visit since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, remotely inaugurated several development

## 'No Kashmiri Lost His Land After Art-370 Revocation'

Claiming that some vested interests were exploiting people on the issue of Article-370 abrogation, the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah said on Monday that not a single Kashmiri has lost his land after the August 2019 move.

"Not a single Kashmiri has lost his or her land after abrogation of Article 370. It is the time to show those people the mirror of truth. The big 'No' from the crowd is a proof that the central government ushered a new era of development in the J&K," Shah said, while

addressing a public rally at SKICC here on Monday. "I want to ask the PRI representatives, and the people present here, has any Kashmiri lost his land after abrogation of Article 370?" he said, as per an official spokesperson.

The Home Minister asked people not to fall prey to the deception being created by some people for the sake of their political advantage.

Shah, he said, alleged that some vested interests spread lies and incite the feelings of the people of Kashmir on the name of abrogation

## Army Top Brass Discuss Kashmir Situation



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Top commanders of the Indian Army on Monday carried out a comprehensive review of the country's security challenges, including in eastern Ladakh and other sensitive areas along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, on the opening day of a four-day conference, people familiar with the developments said.

The commanders also deliberated on the security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir in the face of a spate

of killings of civilians in the Union Territory in the last few weeks, they said.

The conference chaired by Chief of Army Staff Gen MM Naravane is taking place in the national capital.

They said the top commanders reviewed India's combat readiness in eastern Ladakh where Indian and Chinese troops are locked in a bitter standoff for 17 months, though the two sides have completed disengagement at a number of friction points.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is

### NEWS DIGEST

#### BSF Man Spying For Pakistan Held

**BHUJ:** A Border Security Force (BSF) personnel deployed in Gujarat's Bhuj battalion was arrested by the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) for allegedly working as a spy for Pakistan and passing on secret and sensitive information

#### PDD Lineman Dies Of Electric Shock

**SRINAGAR:** A Power Development Department (PDD) lineman died after receiving an electric shock in Old Town of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Mushtaq Ahmad Dar received serious burn injuries after receiving a high voltage electric shock while repairing

#### Shooting Stones Hit SUV, 3 Injured

**SRINAGAR:** Three persons including a couple were injured on Monday after their vehicle was hit by shooting stones in Ramban district along the Jammu-Srinagar highway. "The vehicle SUV (JK03K-0926) was on its way to Jammu when it came under the shooting stones at Khooni Nallah at

#### 250 Apple Boxes Stolen In Pulwama

**SRINAGAR:** Unknown burglars stole 250 apple laden boxes from an orchard in Abhama village of south Kashmir's Pulwama district, reports said Monday. According to reports, unidentified burglars struck an orchard owned by Imtiyaz Ahmed Mir during the intervening night of October 25-26 and

#### Spends Night At CRPF Camp In Pulwama

The Modi government has a "zero-tolerance policy towards terror", and while the situation has improved a lot in Jammu and Kashmir, "we should not be satisfied till total peace is achieved", Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday. Shah, who extended his

#### Offers Prayers At Kheer Bhawani Temple

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday offered prayers at the revered temple of Kheer Bhawani in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir, and said the shrine has divine power which can be felt only after visiting it. The home minister visited the temple complex nestled

#### J&K Logs 60 Cases, 90 Recoveries

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Ninety people infected by coronavirus recovered in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday while sixty fresh cases of virus were reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, 90 more Covid -19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 23 from Jammu division and 67 from Kashmir Valley. During the same time, the officials said, 60 new coronavirus cases were detected in J&K -51 from Kashmir and nine from Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected by virus so far to 331698.

Giving district-wise break-up, the officials said that Srinagar reported highest 31 cases, Baramulla 10 cases, Budgam and Kupwara 4 each, and one new case of virus each in

#### Day 15: Heavy Gunfire Rattles Poonch Forest

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Heavy firing was reported from a forest area as a massive search operation to track down hiding militants in Jammu and Kashmir's twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri entered the 15th day on Monday, officials said.

It was not immediately clear whether the firing in Bhatti Durrian forest was the result of a fresh contact with the militants, believed to be hiding in caves deep inside the forest, the officials said.

Nine Army personnel including two JCO's and an arrested militant, a resident of Rawlakot in Pakistani side of Kashmir, have been killed and three security men injured since the commencement of the operation on October 11.

While five Army personnel were killed on the first day of the operation in Surankote forest of Poonch, four other soldiers lost their lives in Bhatti



Durrian area of Mendhar on October 14.

The militant, who was shifted from Kot Bhalwal Central Jail Jammu to Mendhar on police remand for questioning in connection with the ongoing operation was killed when the security forces accompanying him to identify a hideout came under fire from hiding militants on Sunday.

Besides Surankote and Mendhar, the search operation also

continued in nearby Thanamandi forest in Rajouri district.

The officials said Army helicopters made several sorties over the besieged forest area, while drones are also being used to keep a tight surveillance to ensure that the militants are not able to flee.

Nearly a dozen persons including two women were also detained for questioning after it came to light that they allegedly provided

#### Even A Single Penny Of J&K Like 'Gau Mas' For Me: LG

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in an emotional speech at SKICC Monday said he was there to help develop Jammu and Kashmir and root out corruption.

"Every penny of J&K shall be used in the development of J&K and that even a single penny meant for people is like 'Gau Mas' (Cow Meat) for Manoj Sinha", he said in presence of Union Home Minister Amit

Shah who was all praise for LG for his dedication and fortitude.

Sinha added that transparency was his agenda & it shall be taken care of by all means.

Earlier in his speech LG announced that the farmers who suffered crop losses particularly of apples due to untimely rains and snow will be provided relief within two days.

Meanwhile, well placed sources told Kashmir Observer that

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## Kashmiris In Punjab Colleges Pay Price For Pakistan's Cricket Win

Auqib Javeed

**SRINAGAR:** Shortly after Pakistan thrashed India in the T20 World Cup on Sunday night, at least seven Kashmiri students were beaten up by their classmates, from other states, at two educational institutes in Punjab.

The students alleged that more than two dozen students from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar attacked them after breaking into their hostel rooms at two institutes -- Bhai Gurdas Institute of Engineering and

Technology in Punjab's Sangrur district and the Rayat Bahart University in Kharar.

"We thought they would kill us. They beat us blue and black," a student at Bhai Gurdas Institute, Kamil Rashid Sheikh told Kashmir Observer over the phone. "They were angry because of India's defeat and they went out their anger on us."

Videos of the "attack" uploaded on the internet by students at the Rayat Bahart institute showed ransacked hostel rooms of Kashmiri students. Mohammad Aaqib, also an

engineering student at the Bhai Gurdas Institute told Kashmir Observer that after the scuffle, the police and college administration reached the spot and tried to pacify the situation. "But we are still fearing for our lives, the attack was horrific," he said.

A senior police official alleged to Indian Express that over 90 Kashmiri students who are staying in the hostel had cheered when Pakistan won. "They also raised azadi slogans," he alleged.

Mohammad Basit, a student from the Rayat Bahart University said

## Delhi Court Convicts Four Kashmiris In Militancy Cases

Two Given 12-Year Jail Term, 2 Others 10-Year Imprisonment

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi court Monday awarded 12-year-jail terms to two Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) militants and 10-year-terms to two other members of the outfit for conspiring to commit "terror activities" and arranging funds for those acts.

Special Judge Parveen Singh awarded 12-year jail terms to Mohd. Shafi Shah and Muzaffar Ahmad Dar and 10-year-jail terms to Talib Lali and Mushtaq Ahmad Lone.

All the four accused had pleaded guilty to all the

charges levelled against them on September 27, and following that, were convicted on October 4. While Shah and Lali were residents of Bandipora district in Jammu and Kashmir, Dar and Lone hailed from Budgam and Anantnag districts respectively.

The case was lodged by the NIA with allegations that HM had been regularly receiving funds originating from neighbouring countries for carrying out militant activities in India and that in the garb of an organization Jammu Kashmir Affecteds Relief Trust (JKART), the HM was actively involved in furthering the militant activities.

All the four were convicted for the offences under sections 17 (punishment for raising funds for the

#### Why Such Anger Against Kashmiris? Asks Mehbooba

**P**DP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday called on people to take Pakistan's win over India in a T20 World Cup match in the right spirit, amid reports of anger against Kashmiris for celebrating the neighbouring country's victory.

"Why such anger against Kashmiris for celebrating Pak's win? Some are even chanting murderous slogans - desh ke gadaaron ko goli maaro/calling to shoot traitors.

#### ...Shopian Killing

## Family Petitions LG For CCTV Footage To Know Truth

Observer Monitoring Desk

**ANANTNAG:** The family of Shahid Aijaz Rather, who was killed outside a paramilitary camp in Shopian on Sunday, has urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to disclose CCTV footage of the alleged cross firing.

Shahid's uncle, Muhammad Hussain Rather, said that the family wanted to review the CCTV footage of the incident to know whether their son was killed in targeted fire

by paramilitary forces or in cross firing as claimed by the Shopian police.

Muhammad Hussain told a local news agency: "As the incident has just happened outside CRPF camp so CCTV footage must be available which will clearly show whether there was any attack or not and was Shahid killed in target fire or in crossfire," Rather said. "We urge the LG Manoj Sinha to allow us to watch the CCTV footage."

In a statement

#### ...Board Examinations

## Students To Carry 'Consent Signed By Parents, Guardians'

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Government has issued fresh covid-19 guidelines, among others mandating "consent by parents or legal guardians" for students of 10th and 12th class for taking examinations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Offline Board Examinations for 12th and 10th classes have been permitted to be held in staggered manner keeping in view all the social distancing norms and

Covid Appropriate Behaviour.

All the concerned institutions have been asked to ensure that all the students coming to the examinations venue shall carry consent for each examination duly signed by their parents/legal guardians.

"The sanitisation of the examination hall, furniture and toilets should be carried out daily before and after the exams," read the fresh guidelines, issued by

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## Home Minister's Visit

The home minister Amit Shah has been on a three-day visit to J&K from October 23, his first since the revocation of Article 370 in August 2019. The home minister's visit came in the wake of the recent civilian killings and the ongoing Poonch encounter which has so far led to the killing of nine security personnel. He along with Lt. Gov Manoj Sinha reviewed the security situation with the security brass in Srinagar.

Though the visit has not had a major political component, Shah on Monday made it clear that the government would rather talk to the people of Kashmir than Pakistan as advocated by the National Conference chief Dr Farooq Abdullah. If anything, this shows that the union government is not keen on talks with Pakistan with whom it was allegedly involved in a back-channel engagement early this year, culminating in February in re-affirmation of the 2003 LoC ceasefire.

Earlier in his visit, the home minister interacted with the representatives of 4,500 youth clubs in J&K that work at panchayat level. During the meeting he made it clear that the terrorism and stone-pelting had disappeared in Kashmir and those who wanted to disrupt peace here would be dealt with an iron hand. Talking about the development of J&K in the last two years, Shah painted a positive picture saying that J&K has received Rs 12,000 crore investment in the past six months compared to a total of Rs 15,000 crore in the past seven years.

As for the all-important subject of statehood, the home minister said it will be followed by the fresh delimitation of Assembly seats in J&K and the subsequent elections. A delimitation commission has already been in place for the last over a year and it may soon complete its mandate. The enhancement of the Assembly seats, Shah said, will be followed by holding of the elections within the union territory framework.

It is not clear whether this statehood that would hopefully come after delimitation and the election would be full or a truncated one where the real power would vest with the governor. Such an arrangement, according to mainstream J&K politicians, would hardly be enough to make a redeeming difference to the existing state of affairs, as fundamentally there won't be much that would change on the ground. There is thus a demand, both in the Valley and Jammu, that the centre must be more considerate and sensitive towards the demands of the people of J&K and start the process of outreach with the restoration of statehood itself. As things stand, this seems unlikely to happen. But we can only hope that this happens as the statehood alone will give people of J&K a sense of empowerment.

OTHER OPINION

## Cricket's Plan B

At the peak of the Gulf Boom in the '70s and '80s, the UAE was an oasis for millions of migrant labourers from the subcontinent. Now, the desert nation with neither a cricketing heritage nor a thriving fascination for the game, is home to its cricketing powerhouses. Whenever a crisis, natural or man-made, comes, they simply shift base to the welcoming "Gulf".

It has been Pakistan's home for 12 years, since the Lahore terror strikes on Sri Lanka's team bus in 2009; it could resume being their home, now that there is a new frisson of fear in travelling to Pakistan. It has housed the PSL, and the IPL too, in 2014 due to the general polls and in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic. From Saturday, it will host the T20 World Cup, embellishing its reputation as cricket's trusted Plan B.

Nearly half of those living in the Gulf states are of Pakistani, Indian or Bangladeshi origin, so the audience is there. So are the pitches, stadiums and facilities, most notably at Dubai's billion-dollar Sports City complex and Abu Dhabi's state-of-the-art cricket centre. The climate is favourable, with play possible for seven months of the year. The concrete theatres of sport might not wield the raw romance of the Sharjah Cups of the last century, but in today's cricketing world, they are indispensable. The UAE might not be a cricketing superpower, but the country is an important cricketing destination.

The T20 World Cup will be Virat Kohli's swan-song as T20 captain. Besides, India's quest for a title, since winning the inaugural edition, has been fraught with frustration. It will launch its campaign against Pakistan, who will seek to harness its experience playing in the Emirates. Then there is the West Indies, defending champion and T20 master, a ragged Australia, still hunting for its maiden title, an understated New Zealand, World Test champion, fearless England, the World 50-over champion, and South Africa under its first black captain. The stage is set, in cricket's home away from home.

Indian Express

## Glasgow Climate Change Summit

# A Confluence For Change?

The Glasgow Summit Will Prove Whether The Global Leaders Are Ready To Put The Entire Mankind To Peril Or Whether They'll Work Out A Roadmap To Counter Climate Change Effectively And Wisely



Asad Mirza

**MEANWHILE, AN INTERESTING** report by the US intelligence agency's assessment of climate change has come out and as per the report, India and Pakistan are among the 11 highly vulnerable countries in terms of their ability to prepare for as well as respond to the environmental and social impact of climate change

A UN-sponsored marathon conference to tackle the global climate crisis is due at the British city of Glasgow, the coming Sunday (31 October) and will continue till 12 November. World leaders will meet in the so-called last-ditch effort to keep global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius this century, besides considering plans on how to stop burning fossil fuels, stabilise global temperatures and share money to adapt to increasingly extreme weather.

Global leaders had signed up the Paris Agreement in 2015 – with a supposedly non-binding target to keep warming well below 2 C above pre-industrial temperatures, and ideally 1.5 C – yet most of the participating countries continue to burn fossil fuels and chop down trees at rates incompatible with that goal. With the effects of climate change visible in both rich and poor countries alike, the leaders are meeting for what analysts expect to be the most meaningful conference since that pledge. Climate change has shot up the political agenda amid deadly weather extremes and mass public protest, and leaders of several polluting countries have pledged to decarbonise their economies by the middle of the century.

### Summit's Agenda

The world leaders got to choose how fast their country will cut emissions under the Paris Agreement, besides agreeing to update their action plans for doing so every five years. But in reality, just weeks before the summit, big emitters like China, India and Saudi Arabia are yet to submit new plans.

Reportedly, the UK, which is co-hosting the summit with Italy has pressured countries to submit new plans and is pushing for concrete deals that would help reach those targets. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has called on world leaders to deliver bold commitments on "coal, cars, cash and trees."

The UK is pushing for a treaty that would "consign coal to history" and has proposed a deadline of 2040 to stop selling combustion engine cars. It also wants to put more money into stopping deforestation.

According to the United Nations Climate Change Framework Con-

vention (UNFCCC), COP26 will work towards four goals: Secure global net-zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees within reach, adapt to protect communities and natural habitats, mobilise assured finance to help developing and under-developed countries to attain emission cuts, and work together to deliver to frame a list of detailed rules that will help fulfil the Paris Agreement.

On the really big question of keeping the 1.5C temperature threshold within reach, the likelihood is that a significant gap will remain even after Glasgow. Under the terms of the Paris Agreement, those countries that have used fossil fuels the most over the past two centuries - the US and from Europe - accept they will make the bigger cuts in the short term. The larger developing nations that are now the biggest source of CO2 - chiefly China - accept they will make the bigger cuts in the longer term.

The environmentalist and experts say that we can very easily understand the colossal and disastrous results of the climate change, if we can observe the following four weather changes, which have been caused by the increasing global temperature due to the emission of CO2 and other poisonous gases like methane into the atmosphere: Hotter and longer heat waves, more persistent droughts, more fuel for wildfires, and more extreme rainfall events are the resultant climate change vagaries.

Meanwhile, an interesting report by the US intelligence agency's assessment of climate change has come out and as per the report, India and Pakistan are among the 11 highly vulnerable countries in terms of their ability to prepare for as well as respond to the environmental and social impact of climate change. The first-ever US National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on the issue of climate change has been published, and it adds that India along with China will be crucial in determining the trajectory at which there is a rise in global temperatures. On the other hand, the report has downplayed the role that the Western world has played in the problem of climate change. Further, the report has warned that the possibility of geopolitical tensions and the risk to US national security are present due to global warming in the run up to 2040.

### Expectations from the Summit

In another development before the summit, India has said that it will raise the topic of compensation to developing nations for the losses caused by climate disasters. The Indian environment ministry said that India stands with other low-income and developing nations on the matter and the compensation clause will be negotiated at the upcoming climate summit.

India has reiterated that the countries responsible for climate change should finance what they have committed to and make technology available at an affordable cost. It is also confirmed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will put forward the Indian stand at the summit.

Meanwhile, reports say that Jennifer Morgan, the executive director of Greenpeace International has warned against efforts by countries and corporations at the forthcoming talks in Glasgow to "green wash" their ongoing pollution of the planet.

By doing so, governments would "give that kind of hope and confidence to their people that they got this and that they're willing to do things that their corporate interests don't want them to do," she added.

Morgan pointed to leaked documents showing how countries such as Australia, Brazil and Saudi Arabia are apparently trying to water down an upcoming UN science panel report on global warming as evidence of the way in which some governments' public support for climate action is undermined by their efforts behind closed doors.

Documents obtained by Greenpeace indicate how those countries wanted the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to remove references to the need to shut down coal-fired power stations, reduce meat consumption and focus on actual emissions cuts rather than ways to capture carbon already released into the atmosphere.

Various outcomes of the Glasgow Summit in view of the non-adherence to the goals of the Paris Agreement are being predicted. Yet, barring a complete collapse in the talks, there are likely to be a range of tangible outcomes. It's expected that more countries will announce they are moving away from using coal for energy, and more nations may probably sign up to curb methane emissions.

There is only a moral pressure to improve your offer, and a degree of embarrassment if a country doesn't step up to the mark. Glasgow will reveal whether this approach actually works.

As Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasena has put it succinctly and wisely in a recent speech, tackling climate requires a great deal of fortitude, imagination, hope and leadership. If western leaders listen, engage and act decisively on what science demands of them, there is still time to make COP26 the success it desperately needs to be.

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## Worrying IPCC Report

IPCC, (Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change) UN's climate body has released a new report on climate change which has rung alarm bells across the world. This report reveals that the dreaded 1.5 rise in Earth's temperature is expected to become a reality sooner than the predictions made in the Paris climate agreement of 2015. It's being said that there already has been an increase of 1.3 Celsius which has wreak havoc across the world. Climate change is not a thing of the future now, it is an unfolding crisis, its impact is already be-

ing seen in various countries across the globe from USA to India.

The rise in temperature and the corresponding rise in sea level has made droughts, floods, heat waves and wildfires a frequent phenomena. The human and economic cost of the catastrophe is unimaginable and turning a blind eye to this can only worsen our chances of survival. It is pertinent that all the Governments start responding to this challenge with the seriousness and the expediency it requires. The governments should get on board all the stakeholders, impose carbon taxes

and invest in green energy and incentivise non-renewable energy resources. Governments should also spend hefty amounts on research and development of non-renewable energy resources and decarbonisation, this along with the use of technology like solar geo engineering, a technological fix which mimics the volcanic eruptions and sends back the solar radiations thereby cooling the earth's surface, can help us in mitigating emissions and cooling the earth's atmosphere. While governments all over hold a significant responsibility to formulate an

effective response to climate change but the primary responsibility to slash emissions and fund the global south for a switch to green energy lies with the global north which is and has been major contributor of greenhouse gases. It must start taking accountability and playing its role with all sincerity. Effective policy making at this time is crucial to pursue sustainable development and save lives and livelihoods.

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UNION HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH distributed appointment orders to many youth in Srinagar on Monday. He also laid foundation stone of developmental projects at SKICC Srinagar : KO Photo Abid Bhat

# 9 KU Scientists Make It To Stanford University's Research Database



### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** At least nine scientists from the University of Kashmir have figured in the research database of the Stanford University that ranks top 2 percent of scientists worldwide. The scientists are ranked on the basis of some key indices, including publications and citations. The KU scientists figuring in the list include Prof Shakil A Romshoo and Prof Ghulam Jeelani from the Department of Earth Sciences,

and Prof F A Masoodi, Dr Adil Gani and Dr Idrees Ahmed Wani from the Department of Food Science and Technology, a statement issued to the news agency said. Dr Imtiaz Ahmed, Dr Shabir Ahmad Parrah, Dr Ikhtlaq Hussain and Dr Rouf Ahmad Rather (Research Assistant) from the departments of Zoology, Electronics & Instrumentation, Institute of Technology Zakura Campus and South Campus of the University, respectively, are other academics figuring in the list. The database has listed about

25 scientists from Jammu and Kashmir in top 2 percent in their respective fields. Pertinently, with nine faculty members in the list, the University of Kashmir leads institutions of Jammu and Kashmir in the research database. Congratulating the enlisted scientists, KU Vice-Chancellor Prof Talat Ahmad urged faculty members to publish in reputed journals and submit more proposals for research grants. "This feat, while it is a moment of pride for us, is also a validation to our institution's unrelenting commitment to academic excellence," Prof Talat said. Dean Research Prof Irshad Ahmad Nawchoo also congratulated the scientists and said their research output helps the university in its ranking. Other prominent varieties whose faculty figure in the list include Jadavpur University, Banaras Hindu University, University of Delhi and University of Hyderabad. The Indian Institute of Sciences Bangalore ranks first among Indian institutions with 114 scientists in the list—(KNS)

# Water Scarcity In Zafran Colony As Transformer Develops Snag

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The inhabitants of Achanambal and Zafran Colony in Pantha Chowk area of Srinagar Monday complained of water shortage in their areas as a major transformer developed and the Sempora water filtration plant that supplies Tangnar water supply to the areas. Locals told news agency, that since

the past few days, the inhabitants of Achanambal and Zafran Colony faced acute shortage of water as taps were running almost dry and didn't even get the bucket full of water for cooking meals. "Taps are almost dry and shortage of water causes huge inconvenience for all of us," said Adil Rashid, a resident. Another resident said that they tried to inquire about shortage of water

in the area and the response they got from the PHE officials was there was a snag at the major transformer at Sempora filtration plant that supplies Tangnar water supply to many areas. "The officials told us that it will take a day or two. We request the Chief Engineer PHE to get the snag repaired at the earliest so that people could get required water supply at the earliest," he said—(KNS)

# Reopen Schools For Primary, Middle Classes Parents Plea To LG

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Parents have urged the LG administration to reopen schools for primary and middle classes in Jammu and Kashmir as life has been back to normal and almost every sector is functioning normally. Parents, while talking to news agency, expressed their concern about the closure of primary and middle schools. They said that the administration should devise a mechanism to reopen schools for these classes as the future of their children is at stake. Even though after a gap of 18 months, the government recently allowed reopening of higher educational institutions and schools for classes 10 and 12 with Covid-19 guidelines in place, however, schools for primary and middle classes continue to remain closed. The parents said that they will sensitise their children about Covid-19 SOPs, but the government must devise some mechanism so that schools are reopened for these classes.

"No doubt the pandemic is highly infectious but administration cannot wait for cases to go to zero level and the reopening schools cannot wait for a longer period now as it is affecting the education and wellbeing of the future generation," they said. They said that they worried about the future of their children as it has been for about two years that the kids in the valley haven't attended offline classes. "Attending hour long classes and preparing for exams through online modes have affected the eyesight of many children. Many states in the country recently have reopened the primary schools with proper guidelines to be followed. The children who are the future of our society have every right to go to school and to learn which is crucial for their overall development, safety and well being," the aggrieved parents said. They expressed their concern over the matter and urged the administration in J&K to devise a proper mechanism for reopening of the primary schools as well. (KNS)

# APSCC Demands Action Against People Who Attacked Kashmiri Students

### AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** All Parties Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) has urged the Government of Punjab to take stern action against the people who attacked Kashmiri students at the culmination of Indo-Pak cricket match at Dubai on Sunday. In a statement, APSCC Chairman Jagmohan Singh Raina said that it is quite unfortunate that Kashmiri students studying in Bhai Guru Dass Institute in Pun-

jab were attacked by students belonging to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. He said the students should have taken the defeat of Indian cricket team against Pakistan in right spirit and not carried out attack on Kashmiri students. He also said that action against the frantic elements would ensure that such incidents are not repeated in the future. Raina also demanded intervention at the highest level so that strict action is taken. (KNS)

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## This Day in History

- 740 - An earthquake strikes Constantinople, causing damage to city walls and buildings
- 1366 - Comet 55P/1366 U1 (Tempel-Tuttle) approaches 0.0229 AUs of Earth
- 1524 - Spanish troops give Milan to France
- 1905 - Union of Sweden & Norway ends
- 1917 - World War I: Brazil declared in state of war with Central Powers.
- 1918 - Germany's supreme commander General Eric Ludendorff resigns, protesting the terms to which the German Government has agreed in negotiating an armistice
- 1922 - Italian government resigns under pressure from fascists & Benito Mussolini
- 1942 - Battle of Santa Cruz: Japanese naval offensive against US forces near Solomon Islands
- 1950 - Mother Teresa founds Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India
- 1955 - British troops occupy Saudi Arabian oil field at Boeraiimi
- 1962 - Nikita Khrushchev sends note to JFK offering to withdraw his missiles from Cuba if US closed its bases in Turkey; offer is rejected
- 1962 - US performs atmospheric nuclear test at Johnston Island
- 1967 - Shah of Iran crowns himself after 26 years on Peacock Throne
- 1968 - Soviet Union launches spacecraft Soyuz 3
- 1971 - UN votes to replace Taiwan with China
- 1973 - Israeli forces reach Suez, trapping Egyptian army
- 1973 - President Nixon releases first White House tapes on Watergate scandal
- 1975 - Anwar Sadat becomes the 1st Egyptian president to officially visit the United States
- 1975 - China performs nuclear test at Lop Nor, PRC
- 1976 - Trinidad & Tobago becomes a republic
- 1977 - 5th & final test of space shuttle Enterprise
- 1977 - Last natural case of smallpox discovered in Merca district, Somalia. Considered the anniversary of the eradication of smallpox, the most spectacular success of vaccination
- 1978 - Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat named joint winners of 1978 Nobel Peace Prize
- 1978 - Independent Counsel Act is signed into law.
- 1979 - Park Chung-hee, President of South Korea is assassinated by KCIA head Kim Jae-kyu. Choi Kyu-ha becomes the acting President; Kim is executed the following May.
- 1982 - Steve Carlton became 1st pitcher to win 4 Cy Young awards
- 1982 - US budget deficit reaches more than \$110 trillion for fiscal year 1982
- 1983 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/ Semipalatinsk USSR
- 1988 - Donald Trump bills Mike Tyson \$2,000,000 for 4 months' advisory service
- 1988 - US-Soviet effort to free 2 grey whales from frozen Arctic, Barrow, AK
- 1994 - Jordan & Israel sign peace accord
- 1995 - Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Mossad agents assassinate Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shikaki in his hotel in Malta.
- 1999 - Britain's House of Lords votes to end the right of hereditary peers to vote in Britain's upper chamber of Parliament.
- 2001 - The United States passes the USA PATRIOT Act into law.
- 2002 - Moscow Theatre Siege ends: Approximately 50 Chechen rebels and 150 hostages die when Russian Spetsnaz storm a theater building in Moscow, which had been occupied by the rebels during a musical performance three days before
- 2003 - The Cedar Fire, the second-largest fire in Californian history, kills 15 people, consumes 250,000 acres (1,000 km²), destroys 2,200 homes around San Diego
- 2012 - 64 people are killed in West Burma after continued sectarian clashes



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## FATEHA KHWANI



We announce with profound grief the sad demise of Syed Mehdi Shah Hamdani S/O Syed Ali Shah Hamdani R/O Nabdipora, Hawal (previously resident of SorahTeng Rain-awari) on Sunday morning after prolonged illness. Congregational Fateha (4th) will be held at his last resting place at Baba Mazar Zadibal on Wednesday 27th of October, 2021. Thereafter individual condolences will be received at our residence Nabdipora, Hawal throughout the day, Insha Allah.

### BEREAVED

Syed Arshad Hussain (son) Syed Inayat Hussain (son) Syed Shah Nawaz (son) Syed Muzaffar (Brother) Syed Hassan (Brother) Asif Iqbal Khan (Son in Law)

### REMEMBRANCE

2nd death anniversary of Ab Khaliq Wani (Ex DC) R/O Shalimar Srinagar  
Two years have passed since you left us in a state of acute distress. We are unable to reconcile with the hard fact that you have left us forever. Regularly we pray to Almighty Allah for placing you in the best realms of heaven.  
Missing you :- Bashir Ahmad Bhat | Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat | Asima Manzoor



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## From KO Archives

# Hizb Expels Defiant Commander

Observer News Service

**ISLAMABAD-** Paced with continued dissensions within its ranks, Hizb-ul-Mujahideen has expelled one of its commander's Masood Sarfaraz, media report said here today. The Hizb-ul-Mujahideen spokesman Saleem Hashmi was quoted by the Frontier Post as saying that Sarfaraz was ousted by the Command Council as he was not abiding by the group's rules. He was posing as a rebel and was not cooperating with the leadership of the group, Hashmi stated while announcing his expulsion from the Hizb. His ouster came after he resented the taking over of control and command of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen by Pakistan based Jamaat-e-Islami. The conflict began when Amir of the Jamaat-e-Islami in Pakistan-controlled-Kashmir, Abdul Rasheed Turabi, tried to replace Masood Sarfaraz, the commander of Hizbul Mujahideen, Pir Panjal range, the Friday Times weekly had said in its earlier edition. The weekly quoted sources in the Pck's Jamaat-e-Islami as saying that number of complaints ranging from arbitrary use of funds to mismanagement in the training camps against Sarfaraz prompted Turabi to replace him. Sarfaraz, the weekly said, is a nephew of former president of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir Sardar Sikander Hayat, who had helped the Hizb commander in carving out a separate niche for himself (Kashmir Observer, October 26, 2000)

# Heat waves, extreme droughts in 2020 had worst impact on health: Lancet

Agencies

In 2020, adults over 65 were hit by 3.1 billion more days of heat wave exposure than in the 1986-2005 baseline average and the senior citizens from China, India, the US, Japan, and Indonesia were the most affected, a latest report from the Lancet said on Thursday.

Climate change is driving an increase in the frequency, intensity and duration of drought events, threatening water security, sanitation, and food productivity, with 19 per cent of the global land surface in 2020 affected by extreme drought in any given month, the 2021 Report of the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change: Code Red for a Healthy Future, said.

Increasing the risk of wildfires and exposure to pollutants, this extreme drought over 19 per cent global land surface is worrying as this value had not exceeded 13 per cent between 1950 and 1990, it said, adding: "The five years with the most areas affected by extreme drought have all occurred since 2015. The Horn of Africa, a region impacted by recurrent extreme droughts and food insecurity, was one of the most affected areas in 2020." The report also talks about the potential for outbreaks of dengue, chikungunya and Zika increasing most rapidly in countries with a very high human development index, including European countries. Suitability for malaria infections is increasing in cooler highland areas of countries with a low human development index.

"Coasts around northern Europe and the US are becoming more conducive to bacteria, which produces gastroenteritis, severe

wound infections and sepsis. In resource limited countries, the same dynamic is putting decades of progress towards controlling or eliminating these diseases at risk," it said.

The report outlined the growing risks to health and climate and exposed inequities in the global response to climate change in general. "It is the countries lowest on the human development index



and often least responsible for rising greenhouse gas emissions that are lagging behind in climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts and in realising the associated health benefits of accelerated decarbonisation." Observing that the world continues to subsidise fossil fuels, the report said, in 2018, 65 out of the 84 countries analysed by the Lancet Countdown researchers had net-negative carbon price equivalent to an overall subsidising fossil fuel.

The report pointed out how climate change and its drivers are creating ideal conditions for infectious disease transmission, potentially undoing decades of progress

to control diseases such as dengue, fever, chikungunya, Zika, malaria and cholera and said, only 45 of the 91 countries (49 per cent) in 2021 reported having carried out a climate change and health vulnerability and adaptation assessment.

Only eight out of those 45 countries reported that their assessment of the effects of climate change on their citizens' health had influenced the allocation of human and financial resources. As many as 69 per cent of the countries said insufficient financing was a barrier to implementing these plans, the report said.

"The 2021 report shows that populations of 134 countries have experienced an increase in exposure to wildfires. Millions of farmers and construction workers could have lost income because on some days it is just too hot for them to work. Drought is more widespread than ever before. The Lancet Countdown report has 40 indicators and far too many of them are flashing red," said Executive Director of the Lancet Countdown, Professor Anthony Costello.

The Lancet Countdown report represents the consensus of leading researchers from 38 academic institutions and UN agencies.

The report exhorted politicians to show "leadership moving beyond rhetoric" by taking action at the UN climate change conference (COP26) which will take place from October 31 in Glasgow, Scotland.

"Carbon emissions must be rapidly reduced to improve health and to provide a more equitable, sustainable future," it asserted.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION QAZIGUND

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Sub:- Establishment of Control Rooms for Monitoring of drinking water supply facilities.... Winter preparedness 2021-22.

In order to maintain drinking water supply facilities in Rural and Urban areas during winter season 2021-22 falling within the jurisdiction of this Division, Control Rooms are hereby established comprising of the following officers/officials to maintain the Head-Quarter at shown against each with immediate effect:-

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	6	Ab.Qayoom Wani	W/Supervisor	9906684876
Qazigund	1	Er. Zameer Ahmad Bhat	Asstt. Engineer	8899426691
	2	Er.Javaid Ahmad Ganai	Jr.Engineer	9596037356
	3	Ab. Majeed Ganai	W/Supervisor	9906838538
	4	Mushtaq Ahmad Rather	W/Supervisor	9906595085
Mir-Bazar	1	Er.Manzoor Ahmad Ahangar	Jr.Engineer	9419090571
	2	Shabir Ahmad Lone	W/Supervisor	9906595085

In case of any disruption of drinking water supply facilities, the general public falling within the jurisdiction of PHE Division Qazigund is requested to contact above mentioned officers/officials to redress their grievance  
No:PHQ/356168  
Dtd:23/10/2021

Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division  
Qazigund

DIPK-11315/21

## Office Of The Executive Engineer Pwd (R&B) Division Qazigund.

Quotation No. 01/R&B/Qzd/2021-22/6958-63

Dated.25-10-2021

Term Quotation affixed with Revenue Stamps worth Rs. 05/= (Rupee Five) and CDR Rs.2000/= pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Qazigund are hereby invited from the approved/Registered dealers for Supply of Gas Cylinders as per enclosed Annexure.

The Quotation should properly be sealed and addressed to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Qazigund should reach his office on or before 01-11-2021 upto 2:00 Pm.

These will be opened on the same day or later in presence of the Quotationers who may wish to remain present. The following items are to be supplied within 02 days time from the date of issue of supply order and in case of any delay, 10% penalty will be imposed.

The quantity mentioned in the enclosed annexure is approximate and orders shall be placed for the actual requirement in due course of time.

The undersigned reserves the right of acceptance/rejection for all Quotations without assigning any reasons thereof.

The rates should be inclusive of all taxes and carriages upto Divisional Stores of (R&B) Division Qazigund.

All other terms & Conditions shall be same as provided in the P.W.D form No (25)

Quotation No. 01/R&B/Qzd/2021-22/6958-63 Dated.25-10-2021

Sr.No	Particulars of Item	Quantity
1.	Gas Cylinders.	26 No's
2.	Refilling of Cylinders upto 15-March-2022	

DIPK-11270/21

Executive Engineer  
PWD(R&B) Division  
Qazigund.

## GOVT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING KUPWARA

Email: xenrewkup@gmail.com

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: 49 OF 2021-22 DATED: 23-10-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K (UT), e-tenders in SINGLE COVER SYSTEM are invited on item rate basis from approved Contractors / Reputed Firms/companies shown as under for the below noted work:-

S.No	Name of work	Block	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender documents (in Rupees)	Time of completion	Scheme / Major Head of Acctt.
1	Construction of Meeting Hall at BDO Office Kralpora	Kralpora	18.83	BEE/CEE	800	60 Days	Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund)
2	Construction of bridge on Surannardi chek at beela to satboin road	Kralpora	9.46	DEE/CEE	600	60 Days	Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund)
3	Construction/ Imp of Apashi khul from Kihadi Shah Mohalla to Gali Mir Mohalla, Block Kralpora	Kralpora	6.00	DEE/CEE	300	30 Days	Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund)
4	Construction of Link road by way of B/walls, L/walls and drains from Khan Mohalla to Onwards, Block Kralpora	Kralpora	7.00	DEE/CEE	300	30 Days	Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund)
5	Construction of Tehsil office building at Kralpora	Kralpora	30.00	AAY/ BEE	800	30 Days	Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund)

Position of AAA = Accorded  
Position of funds = Budgeted

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, 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.	23-10-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents.	25-10-2021 To 30-10-2021
3.	Bid Submission Start Date.	25-10-2021 from 10.00 AM
4.	Bid submission End Date.	30-10-2021 up to 03.00 PM
5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	30-10-2021 at 4.00 P.M. in the office of Ex. Engineer. REW Kupwara

- Critical Dates Table
- The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into treasury under Major Head 0515-OR's the bidders must upload the scanned copy of treasury acknowledgment slip.
- Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.
- All Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1<sup>st</sup> lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 03 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The date and time of opening of technical bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message one their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of all e- Bidders shall be opened on same Web site in the office of Executive Engineer REW Kupwara (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-  
a. Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid /tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and condition of the bid.  
b. Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.  
c. Failure of successful to execute the agreement within 25 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction of bidders regarding e-tendering process:-  
i. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "downloads" option as well as from "bidder Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.int acquaint bid submission process.  
ii. To participate in bidding process. Bidder has to get digital signature Certificate (DSC). As per information technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.  
iii. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.  
iv. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.  
v. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.  
vi. The DSC and registration shall be in the same name otherwise tender shall be rejected.  
vii. Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.  
viii. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.  
ix. Scanned copy of cost of tender documents in shape of Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer REW Kupwara must be uploaded with the technical documents of the bid. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (bill of quantities) contents in no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.  
x. Price escalation and Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include Price escalation and all taxes up to completion of work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.  
xi. Even after the work is allotted to the contractor/agency and there is a complaint regarding the documents submitted by him on the basis of which contract has been awarded and if it's found that the documents are not Genuine and are fake, then his contract shall be terminated and the concerned Agency / Contractor shall be BLACKLISTED for participation in all the future tenders of the Of Rural Engineering Wing Kupwara.  
xii. COVID SoP / guidelines issued by the Government are strictly adhered to.

Executive Engineer  
REW Kupwara

NO: XEN/REW/KUP/  
Dated: 23/10/2021

DIPK-11267/21

## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR Office of the Executive Engineer Quality Control & Procurement Division, HMT, Srinagar

Short term e-NIT

No.: PHE/QC&PD/19 of 2021-22/ e-Tender

Dated: 23-10-2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (UT), e-tenders in two cover system are invited from registered and experienced Civil Contractors/Firms for execution of the following Works:

S.No	Name of the work	Tender document Fee (Rs)	Estimated cost	Time of Completion	Tender validity
1	Various repairs works to be executive in the Sub-Divisional office & Divisional office located at HMT Sgr. detailed as per Annexure "C".	200/-	155315.00	07 days	90 days

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be viewed /downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given below:

### Schedule of Critical Dates/Information.

1	Date of Inviting Tender	23-10-2021.....02.00PM
2	Clarification Period	23-10-2021 (06.00PM) to 01-11-2021 (02.00PM)
4	Documents Downloading Period	23-10-2021 (06.00PM) to 02-11-2021 (01.00PM)
6	On Line Document Submission Period	23-10-2021 (06.00PM) to 03-11-2021 (02.00PM)
8	Date of opening of Cover Ist.	05-11-2021.....02.00PM
9	Tender Document Receiving Authority	Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar.
10	Tender Inviting Office	Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar.
11	Document Fee	In the shape of treasury/E-Challan favouring to Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar payable at Srinagar.
12	Earnest Money	Shall Be Relaxed as per D.O. No: 9/4/2020-PPD dated: 12-11-2020 of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance Govt. of India, circulated vide circular of Govt. of J&K Finance department, Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar vide No: A/Misc (2018)-III-895/J dated: 22-12-2020
13	Bid Opening Authority	Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar.

- The Cover-I shall contain:  
1. Scanned copy of Tender Document fee in the shape of Treasury receipt / e-Challan / e-Receipt (Head 0215 - Revenue & Miscellaneous)
- Scanned Copy of GST Registration Certificate.
- Contractors Registration Certificate.
- Proof of having executed same/similar nature of job in Govt. / Semi-Govt. organizations during last three years.
- Scanned copies of the Annexure "A", "B" duly accepted/signed.
- Cover Second (2<sup>nd</sup>)

The cover-II shall contain Price bid, as per BOQ uploaded by this department. Financial bid will not be accepted in physical form.

NO: PHE/QC&PD/5080-85  
Dated: 23-10-2021

DIPK-11258/21

Sd/= Executive Engineer,  
QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti  
HMT Srinagar



## Union MoS AYUSH Ends 5-Day J&K Tour

Visits Ayurvedic Hospital; Directorate of AYUSH Jammu



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Union Minister of State for Women & Child Development, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai Monday visited Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital and Directorate of AYUSH J&K, Jammu on the concluding day of his 5 day tour to Jammu & Kashmir.

At the outset, the Minister paid floral tributes to the idol of Lord Dhanvantri at Dhanvantri Kunj in the hospital premises followed by inauguration of 6th Ayurveda Day Celebrations. It is noteworthy to mention that the Directorate of AYUSH has launched the campaign "Ayurveda for Poshan" based on the theme of National Ayurveda Day for this year as per the guidelines of Ministry of AYUSH.

Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai interacted with patients in IPD and OPD and took keen interest in the Ayush procedures being performed on patients at IPD and OPD level.

The Minister also visited the Medicinal Garden established in the premises of the Directorate of AYUSH J&K, Jammu and appreciated the efforts of the Directorate in establishing the herbal garden, an essential component of AYUSH

Health and Wellness Centre.

Later, the Minister chaired an interactive session wherein he emphasized on the principles and practices of optimal nutrition enshrined in Ayurveda. He also highlighted the role of nutrition in combating Non-communicable diseases and potential of Ayur Nutra-caceuticals industry in meeting the global demand of Ayurvedic Food Supplements.

In his speech, Dr. Munjpara expressed his satisfaction towards the health care services being provided to patients through specialized Ayush modalities like Panchkarma, Ksharsutra, Yoga & Naturopathy. He also announced a package of 75 lakh rupees for upgradation of Healthcare service delivery at Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu. He laid stress on research and clinical evidence collection and documentation to make Ayurveda an evidence based Health system.

The Minister was accompanied by the Director AYUSH, J&K Dr. Mohan Singh, Additional Secretary H&ME Rajeshwar Singh Charak, Medical Superintendent Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital Dr. Vandana Dogra and other senior officers.

## Amit Shah Visits Kheer Bhawani Temple



AGENCIES

**GANDERBAL:** Union Home Minister, Amit Shah visited Kheer Bhawani temple in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district here on Monday and paid obeisance there.

Shah paid obeisance at the temple of Mata Kheer Bhawani, situated in the middle of a spring in Tullamulla village of Gander-

bal, KNO reported.

Officials said that security was beefed up along the route to facilitate the Union Home Minister's visit to the temple. Mata Kheer Bhawani temple in Tullamulla village of Ganderbal district is the holiest temple shrine of Kashmiri Pandits. The Union Home Minister is on a three-day visit to J&K, the first time since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

## JSW Group To Set Up Rs 150Cr Steel Unit At Lassipora

Amit Shah presents land allocation papers to Sajjan Jindal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** JSW Group on Monday said it will invest Rs 150 crore to set up a 1.2 lakh metric tonne color coated steel manufacturing facility in Jammu and Kashmir.

The plant will be set up by group company JSW Steel, JSW Group said in a statement.

"JSW has committed to setting up a state of the art colour coated steel manufacturing facility of capacity 1,20,000 metric tons per annum along with special lines," it said.

Steel sandwich panels and steel doors will be manufactured at the unit for the local market in Jammu and Kashmir, the statement said.

According to the statement, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday presented land allocation papers to Sajjan



Jindal, Chairman & Managing Director of JSW Group.

This facility will be set up with an investment of around Rs 150 crore at Lassipora, Pulwama in Kashmir.

Jindal said, "This facility shall provide immense benefits to local businesses and society in a meaningful way and provide

employment opportunities to the local youth."

JSW Steel is the flagship business of the diversified USD 13 billion JSW Group. The company has an integrated steel making capacity of 27 million tonne in India, and steel products like hot rolled, cold rolled, bare, TMT, wire rods and special steel etc.

## Jammu Body Seeks Amendment In Land Law For Outside Investors

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**JAMMU:** A Jammu-based body of industrialists has sought an amendment to a land revenue law for transfer of non-agricultural private land to prospective investors from outside Jammu and Kashmir to set up their units in the union territory.

The Federation of Industries (FOI), Jammu, raised the demand in a memorandum, which was submitted by its delegation to Union Home Minister Amit Shah here, its co-chairman Lalit Mahajan said in a statement on Monday.

"We requested the home minister for the necessary amendment in the Land Revenue Act, 1962, on priority basis for the transfer of non-agricultural private land for industrial purpose on free hold basis, enabling the prospective unit holders to purchase the non-agriculture land for setting up their units in a time-bound manner," Mahajan, who along with FOI chairman Ratan Dogra met Shah, said.

Shah is on a visit to Jammu and Kashmir and Monday was the third day of his tour of the Union territory.

Thanking the Narendra Modi-led government for granting fiscal incentives for the industrial sector in Jammu and Kashmir, the delegation termed it

as the beginning of a new era of development and industrialisation.

"We are hopeful that industrialisation will achieve a new height in the coming days in J&K to provide employment opportunities to the local youths as well as overall growth in the economy as we are expecting huge investment in the industrial sector of J&K on the basis of Rs 28,400 crore Central Industrial Package," the statement said.

Mahajan, however, said prospective investors from outside Jammu and Kashmir, who are in the process of setting up of big industrial units, could face issues due to non-availability of developed industrial land and in respect to non-agriculture private land, which is not transferable to outside investors according to the present land revenue law.

The other issues related to the industrial sector highlighted in the memorandum include compulsory purchase by central government and Jammu and Kashmir government departments from Local Small Scale Industry (LSSI) units, establishment of mother industry in Jammu and Kashmir and reimbursement of road freight for dispatch of industrial goods to domestic market as well as for export from J&K.

## No Normalcy In JK, Ending Militancy Seems Impossible: Dr Farooq

Says 'Kashmir issue pending before UN Security Council'

AGENCIES

**POONCH:** Member Parliament and President of National Conference, Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Monday said that there is no normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir even after abrogation of Article 370, 35-A and all claims of normalcy made by BJP are "hollow".

Farooq was addressing a public rally at Poonch in which a large number of NC workers and leaders took part, KNO reported.

"We all need to save NC from such faces who use party platform for their personal gains and later ditch us. Unfortunately, it is not written on people's face when they would backstab. Some joined NC to gain benefit and later left," he said. "Now those leaving are in fact helping us to clean the party. We are least bothered for those who leave."

Referring to abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A and recent militancy acts in Kashmir, Farooq said that BJP is claiming

of normalcy in Kashmir but all such claims are hollow and devoid of facts from ground.

"There is rise in militancy in Jammu and Kashmir and this will remain unless Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs of J&K do not get what they have been promised," he said, adding that "It seems ending militancy is impossible now."

He also said that special status of Jammu and Kashmir was not a temporary provision in constitution of India as is claimed by BJP and rather it is permanent. "The then Maharaja Hari Singh wanted J&K to be an independent State but Pakistan did a mistake by sending invaders and the Maharaja had no choice other than to accede to India to get army help. The accession was still conditional and the issue of Kashmir was taken to UN where it is still pending. The then UN body promised that it would send a special rapporteur for holding plebiscite in both parts of Kashmir which didn't take place till date."

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18	Mr. Rayees Azam	M.A Urdu	Urdu
19	Mr. Ishtiyag Ahmad	B.Sc.	Mathematics
20	Mr. Zubair Ahmad	M.Sc. E&C	Science
21	Mr. Ishtiyag Ahmad	Molvi Fazali From Nadwa	Moral Education

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## DC Kulgam Tours Noorabad, Other Areas

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**KULGAM:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Monday conducted an extensive tour of Noorabad and other parts of Kulgam district to take stock of the damage caused by recent snow spell to the orchards and Agriculture produce.

The DC visited Nihama, Manzgam, Watoo, Tangmarg, Aharbal, D.H.Pora, Khull Ahmadabad, Koursarbal, Bator, Chugalpora and several other villages. He directed the concerned to expedite the process of damage assessment and submit the report at an earliest.

He also directed the concerned and experts to assess the losses including future fruit-bearing capacity and age factors of partially damaged trees. He also instructed them to provide technical assistance to the farmers.

During the inspection, various public and fruit growers deputations met the DC at various villages, and apprised him about damages caused due to early snowfall to their orchards.

During his extensive tour, the DC also took stock of restoration power, water supply, snow clearance of roads, availability of essential commodities.

He also inspected Sub District Hospital at D.H.Pora and took stock of patient care services available and enquired about the availability of essential medicines and availability of staff.

## THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

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### DATE SHEET

FOR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION PART-II (CLASS 12<sup>TH</sup>)  
SESSION ANNUAL REGULAR 2021 OF KASHMIR PROVINCE

TIME:-12:00 NOON

Day & Date	Science	Arts	Home Science	Commerce
09-11-2021 Tuesday	General English	General English	General English	General English
13-11-2021 Saturday	IT & ITes./Security Retail/Healthcare /Tourism/Agriculture/ Media and Entertainment/ Beauty and Wellness/ Physical Education & Sports /Telecommunication	IT & ITes./ Security Retail/Healthcare /Tourism/Agriculture/ Media and Entertainment/ Beauty and Wellness/ Physical Education & Sports /Telecommunication	IT & ITes./ Security Retail/Healthcare /Tourism/Agriculture/ Media and Entertainment/ Beauty and Wellness/ Physical Education & Sports /Telecommunication	IT & ITes./ Security Retail/Healthcare /Tourism/Agriculture/ Media and Entertainment/ Beauty and Wellness/ Physical Education & Sports /Telecommunication
16-11-2021 Tuesday	Physics	Home Science (Elective) History Public Administration	Human Development	Business Mathematics Public Administration
18-11-2021 Thursday	Geology Bio-Technology Microbiology Bio-chemistry	Urdu/ Hindi / Kashmiri / Punjabi	-----	Business Studies
21-11-2021 Sunday	Chemistry	Arabic / Persian Economics	Clothing for the Family	Entrepreneurship Economics
25-11-2021 Thursday	Geography	Geography / Psychology / Music/ Philosophy / Education	-----	-----
27-11-2021 Saturday	Mathematics Applied Mathematics	Mathematics Applied Mathematics Sociology	Extension Education	-----
30-11-2021 Tuesday	Biology Statistics	Political Science Statistics	-----	Accountancy
04-12-2021 Saturday	Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Physical Education Islamic Studies Electronics	Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Physical Education Travel, Tourism and Hotel management English Literature	Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Physical Education Travel, Tourism and Hotel management	Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Physical Education, Travel, Tourism and Hotel management

#### NOTE:-

- The Examination Centre is specified on Admit Card.
- The examinees are advised to adhere strictly to the instructions given on the back side of the admit cards and bring the same (Admit Card) on all days of Examination for verification.
- The external practical examination shall be conducted by the respective affiliated academic institutions at their own level before commencement of theory examination and submit the award rolls internal and external practicals to Joint Secretary, Secrecy BOSE, K.D immediately after the issuance of the Admit cards (Roll No. Slips) by JKBOSE.
- All the Heads of the Institutions shall ensure adequate heating and lighting arrangements in the examination rooms/halls.
- All concerned must adhere to the instruction in reference to Govt. Order No. 74 - JK(DMRRR) Of 2021 dated:- 24-10-21.

No. FJSE/HSE-II/AR/21  
Dated:- 25-10-2021  
DIPK-NB-4511/21

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3	10TH	ALL COMPULSARY JKBOSE SUBJECTS	RUPEES 25000/- PLUS GST INCLUDING COURSE MATERIAL AND PRINTING CHARGES
4	11TH	MEDICAL / NON MEDICAL	RUPEES 41000/- PLUS GST FOR THREE SUBJECTS PHYSICS ,CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY PHYSICS ,CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS FOR EXTRA SUBJECT 14000/- PLUS GST INCLUDING STUDY MATERIAL AND PRINTING CHARGES
5	12TH	MEDICAL / NON MEDICAL	RUPEES 41000/- PLUS GST FOR THREE SUBJECTS (A) PHYSICS ,CHEMISTRY ,BIOLOGY (B) PHYSICS ,CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS FOR EXTRA SUBJECT 14000/- PLUS GST INCLUDING STUDY MATERIAL AND PRINTING CHARGES
6	NEET	MEDICAL	RUPEES 37000/- PLUS GST INCLUDING STUDY MATERIAL AND PRINTING CHARGES
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## India Cricketers Back Shami After Pacer Faces Online Abuse



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**DUBAI:** Former and current India players, including Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag and Harbhajan Singh, on Monday extended their support to pacer Mohammed Shami, who was subjected to a fierce online attack following the national team's first-ever loss to Pakistan in World Cup history. India lost their T20 World Cup opener by 10 wickets on Sunday with Shami emerging as the most expensive bowler on the night, leaking 43 runs in 3.5 overs. "The online attack on Mohammed Shami is shocking and we stand by him. He is a champion and anyone who wears the India cap has India in their hearts far more than any online mob. With you Shami. Agle match mein di-

kado jalwa," tweeted former India opener Sehwag. Sachin Tendulkar also took to Twitter, saying, "I stand behind Shami & Team India." "When we support #TeamIndia, we support every person who represents Team India. @MdShami11 is a committed, world-class bowler. He had an off day like any other sportsperson can have. I stand behind Shami & Team India," he wrote. Shami has been one of India's best fast bowlers in recent times and has performed well over the last five years. The trolls on social media linked his ordinary performance on Sunday night to his religion which did not go down well with fellow netizens. The other Indian players were also trolled online after

the crushing loss on Sunday. VVS Laxman also urged fans to support the pacer and added that he can't be defined by one performance. Commentator Harsha Bhogle also gave his thoughts and said those trolling Shami should stop watching cricket. Former India spinner Harbhajan and current leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, who was controversially not included in the World Cup squad, also came to Shami's support. "We love you @MdShami11," wrote Harbhajan on Twitter. Chahal added: "We are so proud of you @MdShami11 bhैया." Former India pacer R P Singh tweeted: "@MdShami11 is an Indian cricketer and we are proud of him. To target him after the loss against Pak is pathetic."

### Omar Abdullah Slams Indian Team For Not Standing Up For Shami

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and Jammu Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) leader Omar Abdullah on Monday slammed team India for not standing up for their teammate Mohammed Shami, who was abused and trolled on social media after India suffered a defeat against Pakistan in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

"Mohammed Shami was one of 11 players who lost last night, he was not the only player on the field. Team India your BLM knee taking counts for nothing if you cannot stand up for your teammate who is being horribly abused and trolled on social media," Abdullah tweeted.

India pacer Mohammed Shami is being subjected to online abuse after the Men in Blue suffered a defeat against arch-rival Pakistan in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

As soon as India was defeated by Pakistan on Sunday, fans took to Instagram and Twitter to pass derogatory statements on Mohammed Shami.

## Premier Division: 2 Matches Played On Monday

Real Kashmir (R) beat J&K Forest, Police draw with Maharaja



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

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

In the highly anticipated first match, Real Kashmir FC (Reserves) defeated J&K Forest XI 3-0 in a one-sided affair.

Real Kashmir (R) took the lead in 23rd minute through Tabish. The team maintained the lead till the end of first half. RKFC then doubled their lead in the second half of the match through Riyaz. The Forest XI tried their best to get back into the match and missed number of opportunities

to score. Real Kashmir (R) scored the third goal through Samuel in the dying moments of the match. The match ended 3-0 in favour of Real Kashmir FC (R). Mujtaba of Real Kashmir was awarded the man of the match award.

The second match of the Premier Division was played between J&K Police XI and Kashmir Maharaja XI.

Police XI started the match as favourites and took the lead in 20th minute through Vikas. The Police team took 1-0 lead into the second half knowing full well that the Maharajas will make life difficult if they don't double their lead. Both teams

created opportunities to score but neither could capitalise on their chances.

However, just when the fans thought J&K Police XI was crawling to victory, Kashmir Maharaja FC scored the equalising goal. The last minute goal was scored by Suhail. Rashid Mehraj was awarded man of the match award.

**Positive Kashmir Final Between J&K Bank & JKPDC Today**

The first edition Positive Kashmir KO Football Tournament final between J&K Bank XI and JKPDC XI is all set to be played Tuesday, October 26 at Synthetic Turf TRC. The match will kick off at 3:00 PM.

## Don't Go Overboard: Pakistan Captains After Win Over India



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**KARACHI:** Former Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq and current skipper Babar Azam were among the ones who cautioned the players of not going "overboard" with their celebrations following the historic win over India as it was only the first match of the team's T20 World Cup campaign.

Misbah, who was forced to resign as head coach of the national team one month before the World T20 Cup, said the players must remain focussed on winning the mega-event after beating India for the first time in a World Cup.

Speaking on the A Sports Channel with Waqar who also resigned as bowling coach before the tournament, Misbah said: "I just hope we don't go overboard with the celebrations and forget we have more matches to play and win in the World Cup." Misbah said that the team had displayed perfect discipline and executed its plans to perfection to beat India by 10 wickets.

Waqar also noted that it was a tendency in Pakistan cricket that celebrations tended to go overboard. "This is only the first match and we are still to play against other tough opposition. If we beat India today it does not mean we should take it for granted we can also beat New Zealand, Afghanistan for that we will have to continue the hard work."

Interestingly Pakistan captain, Babar Azam made the same impassioned plea to his players in a video released by the PCB soon after the match against India. "Lets celebrate, let us go back to the hotel and enjoy this moment with our families but don't forget this match is now over and we must get back on track to preparing for the other matches of the tournament, Babar said to his players."

Babar said that after beating India there would be more expectations from the team now and to live up to them the players will have to work harder. "I want every player to

celebrate this moment tonight but then go back to realising what his role is in the team and what is expected of him in the remaining matches."

"We have not just come here to win against India, we have come here to win the World Cup, always remember that," Babar said.

Pakistan team's interim head coach, Saqlain Mushtaq also reminded the players that now teams will come stronger at Pakistan after the win over India.

"We must all do soul searching and think what we did right today to win the match in such a fashion and to also think and keep working on the weak areas where we still need to continue to do work to remove them. It is about honest self assessment," he said.

Saqlain also said that the players must not get carried away with the celebrations after the win over India as cricket was a cruel sport and every match was a new one.

Former Test pacer Aaqib Javed said that Shaheen Shah Afridi's burst of two wickets with the new ball and Hasan Ali's one wicket put India on the back foot and they never recovered after that. "I liked the way the bowlers displayed so much discipline and game awareness today. Haris Rauf used the slower balls to great advantage," he said.

Pakistan's former wicket-keeper-batsman and captain Rashid Latif lauded the thorough professional attitude and performance from the players.

"Everything went according to plan today starting with the toss. I don't think any other team which loses its head coach and bowling coach just before a World Cup can perform like this. This can only be done by Pakistan which produces remarkable cricket when least expected," Latif said.

Pakistan's former Test pacer Umar Gul said he had no doubt that India would make a strong comeback in their remaining matches. "They are a very strong side and they will be smarting after this defeat. Expect them to come back strongly."

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## Priyanka Promises Free Medical Treatment Up To Rs 10 Lakh In UP If Voted To Power

Making another poll promise ahead of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday said free medical treatment of up to Rs 10 lakh would be provided to people of the state if her party is voted to power.

The Congress leader had flagged off her party's 'Pratigya Yatras' from Uttar Pradesh's Barabanki district on Saturday with seven promises, including loan waiver for farmers and jobs to 20 lakh people if voted to power.

"Everyone saw the dilapidated condition of the health system of UP due to government neglect during the corona period and now during the spread of fever. For ensuring good and cheap treatment, with the consent of the manifesto committee, the UP Congress has decided that if voted to power, our government will provide up to Rs 10 lakh for treatment of any disease," Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi.



Among the other promises made by the party are purchase of wheat and paddy at Rs 2,500 per quintal and Rs 400 per quintal for sugarcane.

The party has also promised jobs to 20 lakh people, halving the electricity bill of all and a sum of Rs 25,000 to families who faced financial crunch amid the Covid crisis.

Besides the party has decided to give 40 per cent tickets to women in elections and smartphones to Class 12 pass girls and e-scooters to graduate girls if voted to power.

Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls are scheduled early next year. **PTI**

## 43% Teachers Unhappy, 9% Totally Dissatisfied With Online Teaching: Survey

Around 43 per cent of teachers said they were not satisfied with online teaching during the pandemic while nine per cent of them expressed complete dissatisfaction with the mode of education, according to a survey.

A total of 220 school teachers participated while 20 people, including eight teachers, were interviewed for an online survey published in the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights' (DCPCR) first journal—Children First: Journal on Children's Lives.

A majority of teachers (43 per cent) expressed that they were not satisfied with teaching online and nine per cent of the participants were not at all happy with it, the survey said.

The key issues that the teachers identified as the teaching went online due to the pandemic were absenteeism (14 per cent), children with special needs not being considered (21 per cent), low attention span of students (28 per cent), emotional issues expressed by the students (19 per cent), and no assessment or assignment completion by the students (10 per cent).



The participating teachers and students also stated that online emotional support and group engagements by the counsellors and social workers helped children to be more expressive and participatory in online education.

The teachers stressed that the involvement of parents became necessary in school education because only they have regular access to children and can directly engage with them during this period.

The students who participated in the study expressed that they missed many school activities, including meeting friends, interacting with people, celebrations, and friendships.

Some of the participants also expressed that they are overloaded with academic exercises, according to the survey.

Teachers also shared their challenges of keeping up with online teaching schedules and fulfilling their responsibilities at home.

The survey concluded that for a successful transition to the online mode, some things are necessary—accessibility and affordability of digital platforms, need-based curriculum and pedagogy, and sufficient capacity building of the learning community.

"The pandemic shifting of those necessities still poses a major challenge to online learning," it said.

## Plea Against Ramdev By Doctors' Association Can't Be Thrown Out: Delhi HC

The Delhi High Court, on Monday, said prima facie, a suit filed by several doctors' associations against yoga guru Ramdev for allegedly spreading misinformation against allopathy amid the COVID-19 pandemic deserves consideration and cannot be "thrown out" at the first stage.

Justice C Hari Shankar said at the present stage, it only needs "to see if allegations in the plaint make out a case to be entertained".

"The allegations may be right or maybe wrong. He may say he did not say any such thing... It needs to be looked into," said the judge.

"Prime facie, it appears that the present suit can't be thrown out at the threshold without granting leave to institute the suit," said the court which had earlier sought Ramdev's stand on the institution of the proceeding.

The court listed the matter on October 27 to enable the counsel for Ramdev to make his submissions. Three resident doctors' association of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Rishikesh, Patna and Bhubaneswar as well as association of resident doctors, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh; Union of Resident Doctors of Punjab (URDP); Resident Doctors' Association, Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial Medical College, Meerut, and Telangana Junior Doctors' Association, Hyderabad had moved the high court earlier this year.

They alleged that Ramdev was misleading and misrepresenting to the public at large that allopathy was responsible for the deaths of several people infected by COVID-19, and insinuating that allopathic doctors were causing the deaths of the patients.

Senior counsel Akhil Sibal, representing the associations, said that amid a pandemic, Ramdev made unsubstantiated claims on Coronil being a cure for COVID-19, contrary to the licence



granted to the drug for merely being an "Immuno booster".

The senior counsel claimed that Ramdev's statements were not "bonafide opinions" but were made for marketing and commercial use.

"This is a person with no degree. He is dispensing medical opinion in a regulated field, endangering life amid a pandemic. People are gullible. He is a repeat offender. He claimed Yoga can cure AIDS and cancer. You can't just say things and dupe people. The commercial speech comes with some responsibility," he said.

In their plea filed through advocate Harshavardhan Kotla, the associations had submitted that the yoga guru, who is a highly influential person, was sowing doubts in the minds of the general public concerning the safety and efficacy of not only allopathic treatments but also COVID-19 vaccines.

The plea alleged that the misinformation campaign was nothing but an advertisement and marketing strategy to further the sales of the product sold by Ramdev, including Coronil which claims to be an alternative treatment for COVID-19.

The other defendants in the plea include Acharya Balkrishna and Patanjali Ayurveda.

The court had, on June 3, issued summons to Ramdev on a plea by the Delhi Medical Association in connection with his alleged statements against allopathic medicines and claims regarding Patanjali's Coronil kit.

The court had refused to restrain Ramdev at that stage saying the allopathic profession was not so fragile. It had, however, orally asked Ramdev's counsel to tell him not to make any provocative statements.

## Rickshaw Puller In Uttar Pradesh Gets I-T Notice For Rs 3 Crore



A rickshaw puller has approached the police in Mathura district after he was served a notice by the Income Tax (IT) department, asking him to pay over Rs 3 crore.

Pratap Singh, a resident of Amar Colony in Mathura, submitted a complaint at the Highway police station, claiming fraud, after he received the notice from the IT department.

Station House Office (SHO) Anuj Kumar said no case was registered on the basis of Singh's complaint, but the police will look into the matter.

Singh also uploaded a video clip on social media in which he narrated the sequence of events.

According to him, he applied for a PAN card at the Jan Suvidha Kendra in Bakalpur in March this year after his bank asked

him to submit the same. Subsequently, he got a coloured photocopy of the PAN card from one Sanjai Singh of Bakalpur.

Since he is illiterate, he could not differentiate between an original PAN card and a coloured photocopy of the same, the rickshaw puller said in the video clip.

He had to run from pillar to post for about three months to get his PAN card.

Singh said he got a call from IT officials on October 19 and was served a notice, asking him to pay Rs 3,47,54,896.

He said the officials told him that someone had impersonated him and obtained a GST number on his name for running a business and the turnover of the trader for 2018-19 was Rs 43,44,36,201.

## NEET-PG counselling not to commence till Supreme Court decides on OBC, EWS quota: Centre

The Centre assured the Supreme Court on Monday that the counselling process of NEET-PG will not commence till the top court decides the challenge to 27 per cent reservation for OBC and 10 per cent for EWS category in PG All India Quota seats (MBBS/BDS and MD/MS/MDS) from the current academic session.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and BV Nagarathna recorded the assurance given by Additional Solicitor General (ASG) KM Nataraj, appearing for the Centre, and observed that students would be in serious problem if the counselling process went ahead as scheduled.

The assurance by Nataraj was given after senior advocate Arvind Dattar, appearing for some NEET candidates, mentioned that as per the schedule announced by the Director General of Health Services, the counselling process for the NEET-PG is to commence from



October 25. He said that by the time the court decided the pending batch

of petitions, challenging the July 29 notification, introducing the reservation from a academic year, the entire process of admission would be over and serious prejudice would be caused to the students.

Nataraj said the communication which the counsel for petitioner is referring to was sent only to the medical colleges for verification of seats and one more notification had been issued on Monday.

"The counselling process will not begin till the court decides the pending batch of petitions," the ASG submitted. The bench said that it is taking the word on record. **PTI**

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