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### NEWS DIGEST

#### 138 New Covid Cases, Two Deaths In J-K

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir recorded 138 fresh cases of coronavirus on Tuesday, taking the infection count to 3,33,325, while two related deaths. **More On P10**

#### Non-local Found Dead In Banihal

**BANIHAL:** A non-local hawker was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Sherbibi area of Banihal in Ramban district on Tuesday evening. **More On P10**

#### Ramban Accident: One More Child Dies, Toll 2

**SRINAGAR:** A 12-year-old girl succumbed to injuries on Tuesday, taking the death toll to accident involving a makeshift motorcycle-rickshaw. The girl. **More On P10**

#### Alleged Drug Peddler Held Under PSA In Jammu

**JAMMU:** An alleged drug peddler, who has been evading arrest for years, was held Tuesday for his involvement in several cases registered in Jammu. **More On P10**

## CRPF Rushes More Force to J&K

"5 New Companies Will Be In Addition To The 25 Already Deployed In J&K Since The Spate Of Civilian Killings Began Two Months Back"

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Amid a spike in targeted killings by militants in Kashmir, over 5,500 additional central armed police forces (CAPFs) personnel have been sent to the Valley, officials said on Tuesday.

The fresh reinforcements were moved into the valley as part of the strategy of "enhancing security and visibility" of the forces on the ground following the killings, they said.

The Union home ministry had last month directed that about 55 fresh companies of the central forces should be deployed in the Kashmir valley in the wake of targeted killings of civilians, the officials said.

The last five companies of this lot will be in position by next week, they said.



While 25 of these companies are drawn from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the rest belong to the Border Security Force (BSF). A CAPF company has about 100 personnel. The CRPF is extensively deployed in Jammu and Kashmir for law and order and counter-militancy duties with around 60 battalions, comprising about 1,000 personnel each, based in Kashmir as regular. **More On P10**

#### Searches, Frisking Intensified in Fortified Srinagar

in light of the recent killings in Srinagar, security forces have tightened their grip within and around the city. Large numbers of security personnel from police and paramilitary were seen monitoring key areas within the city and conducting random checks of vehicles and pedestrians alike. Sources involved with the operation stated that while these random checks and frisking were part of regular security drills conducted from time to time, further deployment of additional security forces at prime locations like Lal Chowk, Jehangir Chowk, Hari Singh High Street, Regal Chowk, TRC Chowk, Polo View and the areas around the city centre. **More On P10**

#### Night Temperature in Valley Below Normal

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**SRINAGAR:** Cold conditions deepened across Kashmir with dense fog engulfing Srinagar in the morning on Tuesday.

A meteorological department official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 1.6°C against 2.2°C on the previous night. The temperature is below minus 0.2°C normal for this time of the year in the summer capital, he said.

Qazigund, the gateway town of Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of 0.8°C against previous night's 1.2°C, the official said. It was minus 1.1°C below normal for the place, the official said.

Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 3.3°C against minus 2.3°C on the previous night and normal of minus 1.1°C, he said.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of 1.5°C against 1.5°C on the previous night and it was minus 1.2°C below normal there, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of 1.1°C against 1.5°C on the previous night, the official said.

Gulmarg skiing resort in north Kashmir, recorded. **More On P10**

## UNESCO Tag For Srinagar Brings Joy



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Artisans and stakeholders have expressed satisfaction at Srinagar making it to the coveted list of United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in Arts and Crafts for the year 2021.

The Dossier for the UNESCO creative cities network list had been prepared under the Restoration & Strengthening of Livelihoods component of the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project.

The preparation of the Dossier was started under Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project in the year 2018 and a consultancy namely

(Intach- Drona JV) was hired for the purpose after undertaking the consultation process with all the concerned stakeholders like Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Department of Industries & Commerce, Department of Handicrafts, Artisans & Craftsmen, trade bodies etc.

"It's a moment of immense satisfaction for the artisan community as the enlisting of Srinagar in UNESCO Creative Cities Network would bring Srinagar on the international platform and expand markets for our crafts" says Mehmooda an artisan associated with crevel cluster at Noorbagh, Srinagar.

"The designation of Srinagar City. **More On P10**

**IT IS VERY HEARTENING FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD BANK team that Srinagar has been able to bag a position in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network list under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project."**

## Won't Leave Valley', Says KP Trader Mawa

KO News Service

**SRINAGAR:** A day after suspected militants shot dead a sales executive in downtown Srinagar, the victim's employer Sandeep Mawa — believed to be the actual target of the assassins — has asserted he would not leave Kashmir. This was the second killing in a span of 48 hours.

Mawa believes that he and his father were the actual targets of the militants who killed his employee, Ibrahim Khan. "My family is scared but... I will not leave Kashmir," he said. "I will not leave

and be silenced by the gun."

The 45-year-old employee was shot dead by gunmen in downtown Srinagar's Bohrikadal area on Monday night. Prior to his killing, suspected militants shot dead a police man in the city, where a spate of target killings continue despite a heavy security presence.

The target killings began in the first week of October and sent the administration into panic. The assailants have targeted and killed several civilians, including members of Kashmir's. **More On P10**

## EJAC Aghast At 'Arbitrary Expulsion' Of Employees

'Shall Second Government Decisions Only If Based On Rationale And Logic'

KO News Service

**Srinagar:** The Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) on Tuesday said arbitrary expulsion of employees may have far reaching consequences and will only further alienate the masses.

EJAC President Fayaz Ahmad Shabnum, said that there may be "some trivial issues" that merit reprimand for the sake of

accountability but sacking employees forthwith and giving out no tangible reasons is "dictatorial and unconstitutional."

"It is a well known fact that one seeks employability not for his/her individual needs only but the job caters to the needs of the entire family, dependants of the employee. Hence showing exit to one person is depriving livelihood rights to a whole family," he told a local news agency after an EJAC meeting in Srinagar.

The EJAC president also said that personal. **More On P10**

## Maiden Snow Leopard Assessment Launched In J&K

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Department of Wildlife Protection J&K has formally launched the first ever Snow Leopard Assessment in J&K. The Research team was sent-off by Suresh Kumar Gupta, PrCCF/Chief Wildlife Warden J&K. The survey was part of the nationwide population assessment of snow leopard, being carried-out as per

protocol laid by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC).

Snow Leopard is one of the threatened species found in the rocky glaciated high mountains of Himalayas. It is found only in Central and South Asian countries, and Russia. Studies like snow leopard population, ecology and monitoring are crucial to assess and monitor. **More On P10**

## Is Kashmir Expecting A Third Wave of COVID-19?

Tabia Masoodi  
Al-Misda Masoom

**SRINAGAR:** With the return of Covid curfew in parts of Srinagar, there's a fear of third wave in Kashmir.

Even as Deputy Commissioner Aijaz Asad claims that he won't let Srinagar become another Covid capital, medical experts are warning that there might be a third wave, which could be disastrous for the valley.

Headman of Kashmir's premier health institute, Dr. AG Ahangar says that there has been a continuous surge in positive cases for the last two weeks. "And it's a direct indication of the third phase of Covid-19," he warned.

In an exclusive interview with Kashmir Observer, Director SKIMS bats for the strict Covid protocol to keep the third viral wave at bay.

**Are we expecting the third wave of Covid-19?**

The third wave of Covid is literally at our doorsteps as there has been a continuous surge in positive cases for the last two weeks. And it's a direct indication of the third phase of CoVID-19.



**"The third wave of Covid is literally at our doorsteps"**

AG AHANGAR, DIRECTOR SKIMS

**How prepared is Kashmir for another viral wave?**

People have lowered their guard, including a lot of professionals. Covid appropriate behaviour is not being observed. Social gatherings have become the order of the day.

With this behaviour, the third wave is inevitable.

If Covid SOPs are not followed, the catastrophe is bound to happen. Everyone has to work collectively to stop this from happening.

We've to shift to the e-mode of life as much as possible and it's

better to follow the same restrictive lines. We've to live with virtual reality rather than physical reality.

**In case of third wave, how prepared is SKIMS?**

Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) has done a good job in the previous phases of Covid-19. We made sure everything needed was available, be it medical oxygen or drugs particularly Remdesivir.

Our figures in Covid management have been beyond our expectations. We aspire to do the same for the third wave as well.

**Since Covid disrupts the normal healthcare system, what's the status of the availability of critical drugs in Kashmir's premier medical institute?**

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معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل دختر مذکورہ نے اس سلسلے میں بنیادی حالت سے رپورٹ قبول کرنا طلب کیا گیا ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل مذکورہ پچھوارہ میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کتبہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے  
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3 شہزاد زبیر احمد گوجر کھانا ولد متاثر علی گوجر 09 سال زریعہ تعلیم کھانا  
4 عالیہ جان دختر ممتاز علی گوجر کھانا 08 سال زریعہ تعلیم  
5 شہزاد احمد ولد ممتاز علی گوجر کھانا 07 سال زریعہ تعلیم  
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**از نیابت لارو با اجلاس منظور احمد برہہ نائب تحصیلدار ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درج اول لارو**  
درخواست منجانب: ممتاز علی گوجر کھانا ولد لیاقت علی گوجر کھانا  
ساکنہ ناٹنگ سرگرم تحصیل لارو ضلع اننت ناگ  
بمراہ حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔  
اشتہار بمراہ آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔  
معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بمراہ حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر مذکورہ میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ بنیادی حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کتبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔  
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**از نیابت دیوگام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درج اول دیوگام**  
درخواست منجانب: بشیر احمد برہہ ولد حبیب اللہ میر ساکنہ دیوگام  
بمراہ حصول بیک واڈا ریا / RBA سرٹیفکیٹ۔  
اشتہار بمراہ آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔  
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**The Older You Are, The More Antibodies You Have: Study**  
Agencies  
**W**ith the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 variants worldwide, the pandemic's spread is accelerating. A research team led by Joelle Pelletier and Jean-Francois Masson, both professors in Universite de Montreal's Department of Chemistry, wanted to find out whether natural infection or vaccination led to more protective antibodies being generated. In their study published in Scientific Reports, they observe that those who received the Pfizer BioNTech or AstraZeneca vaccine had antibody levels that were significantly higher than infected individuals. These antibodies were also effective against the Delta variant, which wasn't present in Quebec when the samples were collected in 2020. Masson, a biomedical instruments specialist, and Pelletier, a protein chemistry expert, were interested in an understudied group: people who have been infected by SARS-CoV-2 but were not hospitalized as a result of the infection. Consequently, 32 non-hospitalized COVID-19 positive Canadian adults were recruited by the Centre Hospitalier de l'Universite Laval 14 to 21 days after being diagnosed through PCR testing. This was in 2020, before the Beta, Delta, and Gamma variants emerged. "Everyone who had been infected produced antibodies, but older people produced more than adults under 50 years of age. In addition, antibodies were still present in their bloodstream 16 weeks after their diagnosis," said Masson. Antibodies produced after an infection by the original, "native" strain of the virus also reacted to SARS-CoV-2 variants that emerged in subsequent waves, namely Beta (South Africa), Delta (India), and Gamma (Brazil), but to a lesser extent: a reduction of 30 to 50 per cent. "But the result that surprised us the most was that antibodies produced by naturally infected individuals 50 and older provided a greater degree of protection than adults below 50," said Pelletier. "This was determined by measuring the antibodies' capacity to inhibit the interaction of the Delta variant's spike protein with the ACE-2 receptor in human cells, which is how we become infected. We didn't observe the same phenomenon with the other variants," he added. When someone who has had a mild case of COVID is vaccinated, the antibody level in their blood doubles compared to an unvaccinated person who has been infected by the virus. Their antibodies are also better able to prevent spike-ACE-2 interaction. "But what's even more interesting, is that we have samples from an individual younger than 49 whose infection didn't produce antibodies inhibiting spike-ACE-2 interaction, unlike vaccination. This suggests that vaccination increases protection against the Delta variant among people previously infected by the native strain," said Masson. Both scientists believe more research should be conducted to determine the best combination for maintaining the most effective level of antibodies reactive to all variants of the virus.

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درخواست منجانب: بیال احمد گوجر پشیمان ولد محمد یوسف گوجر پشیمان ساکنہ گورن تحصیل لارو  
بمراہ حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔  
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اس طور پر سائل کا کتبہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر کی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار گذرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔  
نائب تحصیلدار RNA

**Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian**  
**NOTICE**  
Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr./Mrs Abdul Hamid Sheikh S/O Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh R/O Hirpora Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle bearing Regd. No. JK22 2925 (Commercial/ Non Commercial) covering under R/P No: ----- And Mohammad Maqbool Dar S/O Abdul Khaliq Dar R/O Lalhar Pulwama (Parti No 2nd) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd. As well as cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Main Shopian. Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned. No any representation/ objection shall be entertained after stipulated period. No: ARTO/Spn/-----2021 Dated ---  
S/O Asst Regional Transport Officer Shopian AST

**Public Notice**  
I have lost my Character & Provisional Certificate of class 10th somewhere. Now I am applying for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt High School S.K Pora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.  
Ashiq Hussain Kumar  
S/O Ab Aziz Kumr bmg  
R/O Naseeb Pora Tehsil Magam

**NOTICE**  
I have lost my driving license bearing DL No: JK-0320160036883 Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO Anantnag within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.  
Name: Mudasir Ahmad Shah  
S/O Abdul Rahman Shah RNA  
R/o Badoora Achabal

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**THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)**  
Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar); 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu)  
Website: www.jkbopee.gov.in E-mail: coejakbopee@gmail.com/helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com

Subject: - Conduct of second (Physical) up gradation/allotment round of counselling for admission to MRT and ANM Courses 2021 of eligible candidates.

Reference: - (i). Notification No.084-BOPEE of 2021 dated 07-09-2021.  
(ii) Notification No. 085BOPEE of 2021 dated 09-09-2021.

**Notification No. 120-BOPEE of 2021**  
**Dated: 09-11-2021**

Consequent up on receipt of shortfall from various Colleges/Institutions, the Board has decided to conduct second (Physical) up gradation/allotment round of counselling for admission to MRT and ANM Courses 2021 of eligible candidates. The interested candidates are advised to report at BOPEE office Srinagar/ Jammu between 9.00AM to 10.30AM for Attendance/Registration as per the Schedule of Counselling given below :-

| Day/Date           | Course | From Rank | To Rank | Remarks  |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|---------|--|
| Sunday/ 14-11-2021 | MRT    | 05        | 8178    | All eligible candidates are advised to go through the instruction No. 11 of Notification No. 080-BOPEE of 2021 dated 31-08-2021 available on BOPEE Website before attending the counselling who have applied for MRT Course-2021. (www.jkbopee.gov.in) |
| Sunday/ 14-11-2021 | ANM    | 16        | 8187    | The Candidates who have applied for ANM Course and shall go through the seat matrix which shall be made available on BOPEE Website in due course of time before attending the Counselling. (www.jkbopee.gov.in)  |

Note:-  
1. The Candidates who have completed admission formalities and are interested to participate in this round of counselling shall bring fee deposition receipt of the said college/institution allotted to him/her in the first round of Counselling.  
2. The Candidates in whose case choice was not available or seat was not available (CNA/ SNA) during first round of Counselling are also eligible to participate in this round of counselling.  
3. The Candidates who have missed the first round of Counselling due to one or the other reason are also eligible to participate in this round of counselling.  
4. The Candidates who have failed to join against the allotted seat(s) during first round of counselling shall not be eligible to participate in this round of counselling under any circumstances.  
5. The Counselling shall be closed immediately as and when the seats are fully exhausted.  
6. The seat matrix shall be uploaded on Website of the Board separately in due course of time.  
7. The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in Information Brochure, Notifications and Notices issued by the Board from time to time.

E&OE (Dr. Sunil Gupta) Controller of Examinations J&K BOPEE

No. BOPEE/Exam-10/2021 Dated: 09-11-2021 **DIPK-NB-4892/21**

Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
**Directorate Food Civil Supplies And Consumer Affairs Kashmir**  
Notice for Extension of Tender  
On 02-11-2021 a notice was published in daily local newspaper "Sriangar Times" & "Mirror of Kashmir" through information Department for inviting tenders from approved dealers for providing of supply and refilling of commercial LPG Cylinders and the last date for the said was fixed on 08-11-2021.  
Due to poor response, the date for depositon of tenders is hereby extended till 11-11-2021 upto 2.00 PM. The tenders shall be opened on same date at 3.00 PM No tenders shall be entertained after the expiry of the due date and time.  
No: DEFCS&CAK/ Sty/21/87  
Dated 08-11-2021  
DIPK-12284/21  
Director Food, Civil Supplies & CA, Kashmir

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**UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR**  
**Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division**  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  
For and on behalf of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Govt. of J&K/ other union territories and CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

| S. No | Name of Work  | Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Cost of T/Doc in shape of E-Challan (in Rs.) | Time of completion | Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender. | Date & Time of Opening of Bid | Class of Contractor |
|-------|---|-------------------------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.    | Remodeling of Quarter No LF-12 at Main Campus.  | Rs. 2.90Lacs            | Rs.200/-                                     | 01-Month           | 08-11-2021 to 16-11-2021 (6.00 PM)        | 17-11-2021 (11.30 AM)         | "DEE"               |
| 2.    | Construction of Tile Path in front of Block C at Institute of Technology Zakura Campus. | Rs. 2.82Lacs            | Rs.200/-                                     | 01-Month           | 08-11-2021 to 16-11-2021 (6.00 PM)        | 17-11-2021 (11.30 AM)         | "DEE"               |

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in.  
Executive Engineer  
NIT No: - F(UCD)(Tile Path Zak. LF-12)/KU/57/21  
DATED: 08/11/21. **DIPK-NB-4868/21**

## 'Multi-model Transport integration with Metrolite project imperative'

KO NEWS SERVICE

**S**SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Tuesday chaired a meeting regarding Metrolite project for Srinagar City, here.

The meeting was attended by the Managing Director, J&K Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRTC); DC Srinagar; Commissioner SMC; Chief Engineers of PWD, PDD and PHE; General Manager Planning; General Manager Engineering of SSCL; and the RITES Team.

The meeting deliberated over the entire idea of Metrolite project, its alignment, land acquisition, system parameters, alternative routes for traffic, stabling depots, shifting of utilities, multi-model system linkages and integration of bus stand, cycle stand and rickshaw stand besides footpath upgradation.

At the outset, the RITES team gave a detailed presentation in which they elaborated the entire project details including the quantity of land required, cost of project and other features.

On the occasion, Div Com directed the MD, MRTC and RITES team to include a plan of protection for security establishments falling along the corridors of Metrolite.

He emphasized on the executing agency to work out the plan to identify private land and govt land belonging to UT Government and Central Government separately along the corridors.

Besides, he directed MD MRTC to station some staff members in Srinagar who would work with local experts of various departments to get actual ground status and necessary plans needed to be integrated with the project.

He further enjoined on the executing agency to discuss with Srinagar Smart City Limited and ERA for adding the additional requirements in the DPR.

## LC&MA conducts demolition drive in various in City

KO NEWS SERVICE

**S**SRINAGAR: The Enforcement Wing of J&K Lake Conservation & Management Authority (LC&MA) today launched a demolition drive in the areas of Ranger Stop, Saidakadal, Zindshah Masjid Rainawari and Hazratbal.

During the demolition drive one Shed at Rang-erstop Saidakadal, two third storeys at Zindshah Masjid and Hazratbal besides one tin walling at Saidakadal near the water body were demolished on the spot.

Besides, illegally dumped material in the shape of Bajri/ Boulder and earth filling in the areas of Nigeen and Babademb were also removed and seized on spot. Moreover, legal action was initiated against the violators.

Meanwhile, all the public residing within the LCMA jurisdiction & in lake are hereby once again directed not to go for any sort of illegal constructions/ encroachments, as the Enforcement wing will continue with demolition of illegal constructions/ removal of encroachments and no illegal construction would be spared and would be razed to ground.

Moreover the Tipper/Load carried owners are directed not carry/ ferry any construction material in the prohibited area of Dal/ Nigeen Lake without getting permission and in case anybody found shall be dealt as per law.

## 'Mashq-e-Paaeez: Ishq-e-Nabi'

# Women Decry Lack Of Creative Spaces To Showcase Their Talent

Syed Burhan

Srinagar:- On the fifth day of the event "Mashq-e-Payeez: Ishq-e-Nabi" organized by Edraak, the women participants decry lack of creative spaces to showcase their talent.

Edraak, a movement that aims at educational revival through arts and aesthetics in Kashmir kicked off its exhibition at Srinagar's Mahatta Gallery on 5 November.

The event is aimed at budding talent to encourage, platform and inspire them. The workshop cum exhibition will last till November 14.

A women specific session aimed at creating an atmosphere where women can talk freely about different issues pertaining to women.

Sibat-ul-Huda a self-taught artist whose artwork has been put on display says that "Kashmiris as a society do not appreciate art; artists are not seen with much repute. There is a need to appreciate art and artists", she said. Adding that "Such exhibitions and workshops should be held to promote art and culture in the society."

The session was attended by women from diverse backgrounds. Grace Paljor, Principal of Saint Paul's International Academy, while appreciating the efforts of Edraak, said "Edraak has provided



young artists of the valley a much needed platform, there is no dearth of talent in the valley but people lack creative spaces to showcase their talent".

She appreciated the efforts of Edraak to promote art, history and culture through different mediums.

Dr Nazia Fayaz Azad, who visited the workshop said, the exhibition has been thought provoking for me as it depicts our art and culture.

"Isband, sheene-pipin, calligraphy, Papier Mache are geographical indica-

tions of our history and culture and need to be promoted" said Nazia who teaches law at Kashmir University.

Edraak, the initiative aims at recreating unused spaces through their arts and aesthetics. It has been more than a decade Edraak has tried to engage students in creative pursuits of arts and aesthetics.

Through the Edraak initiative many disadvantaged students of the valley have been learning contemporary arts, calligraphy, writing and several other creative things

## City Witnessed Coldest Night Of The Season

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Srinagar and other major parts of the Kashmir valley experienced the coldest night of the season on Tuesday with temperature plummet to sub zero at most places while Drass in Ladakh region freezes at minus 12.1 degree Celsius followed by Leh at minus

8.3 degree.

A Meteorological Department official said, cold conditions intensified in most parts of Kashmir valley with temperature further plunged in Srinagar recorded the season's coldest night with minimum temperature at minus 0.5 degrees for the first time during this season.

Thick fog effulgent most areas of the Srinagar city early in the morning making visibility low and disrupted normal life miserably. The visibility in the famous Dal Lake and Boulevard road was also dim with thick fog surrounding and vehicles were playing keeping on headlight on the road. However, with the sunrise the fog faded away gradually.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B SUB-DIVISION MAGAM

### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: 132 / R&B of 2021-22 DATED:- 06 /11/2021.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

| S.No | Name of Work   | Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.) | Earnest money   | Time of Completion (in days) | Time & Date of Opening of Bid | Class of Contractor | Major Head of Account |
|------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1    | Construction of one room with attached Kitchen and Bathroom at Ogmuna to Ziyarat Shareef (Capex Budget PRI's Area Dev. Fund) | 10.24                   | 600/-                   | 3% of quoted cost within 03 days after opening of financial bid | 60                           | 16-11-2021                    | D/C/B               | PRI                   |
| 2    | Up-gradation of Langiwara road by way of P/L of GSB in patches /stretches, P/L WBM G-I in full and P/L RCC pipes             | 7.30                    | 300/-                   | do  | 35                           | 16-11-2021                    | D/C                 | PRI                   |
| 3    | Construction R/B Walls & 1x5 Mtr culvert on Sheikhpora Road at Harnow (balance portion)                                      | 3.57                    | 200/-                   | do  | 30                           | 16-11-2021                    | DEE                 | S/Sector              |

Position of AAA/TS : Accorded  
Position of funds: Available

- The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-
- The cost of tender documents should be collected by introducing e-challan or simple uploading a copy of necessary Treasury challan / receipt (M.H 0059) only as per enclosed format.
- Actual Treasury challan / receipt be submitted to the concerned authority as per the order principal secretary to Govt. Finance Department No. A/24 (2017) / 651 Dated: 07-06-2018 duly endorsed by Superintendent Engineer (R&B) Circle Baramulla / Kupwara vide his No. SE (R&B)/3741-46 Dated: 25-06-2018.
- All bidders has to submit bid security declaration form instead of earnest money deposit (EMD) as per the circular of finance department (Bid security form is as per Annexure "A" below).
- The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount of equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The Successful bidders have to start the work within 07 days, otherwise action shall be taken as per the norms.

| S.No. | Date of issue of tender Notice             | Date of issue of Tender Notice  |
|-------|--|---|
| 1     | 06/11/2021                                 | 06/11/2021  |
| 2     | Period of downloading of bidding documents | From 08 /11/2021 10.00 A.M to 15 /11/2021 4.00 P.M                                    |
| 3     | Bid submission start date                  | 08/11/2021 from 10.00 AM  |
| 4     | Bid submission end date                    | 15/11/2021 upto 4.00 P.M  |
| 5     | Date & time of opening of bids (online)    | 16/11/2021 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam |

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender inviting authority).
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- The bidder has to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1 on any other convene day
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically / by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents tender document fee in terms of soft copies with the technical bid and submit the Hard Copies of all the uploaded documents duly attested under the hand and seal of the tenderer. No document(s) which has / have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hardcopy. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of Soft copies if need arises.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).
- In case any new circular / instructions / order is issued by the competent authorities during the current financial year, the same shall be implemented / treated in force on all the tenders floated from time to time.

Sd/= Executive Engineer, R&B Sub-Division Magam

No:-R&B/Divn/Magam/6111-21 Dated: 06-11-2021  
DIPK-12264/21

### DIAL-EMMA

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- PDD: 0194-2450213
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- BIJHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

### HIGHWAY STATUS

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

## PRAYERS

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
04 Rabi-ul Sani  
1443

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| FAJR   | 5: 32 |
| ZUHR   | 12:14 |
| ASR    | 4:54  |
| Magrib | 5:34  |
| ISHA   | 6: 56 |

## This Day In History

- 1938 - Nobel for literature awarded to Pearl Buck (Good Earth)
- 1945 - Heavy battle in Surabaya between Indonesian nationalists and returning colonialists after World War II, celebrated as Heroes&#39; Day (Hari Pahlawan).
- 1950 - Nobel for literature awarded to William Faulkner
- 1970 - Luna 17, with unmanned self-propelled Lunokhod 1, is launched
- 1975 - PLO leader Yasser Arafat addresses UN in NYC
- 1975 - UN General Assembly approves resolution equating Zionism with racism
- 1978 - Israel&#39;s top negotiators broke away from Middle East peace talks
- 1979 - Train derailment in Mississauga, Ontario; a 106 car train derails causing the evacuation of 200,000 people
- 1980 - Iraq captures southern port of Khorramshahr
- 1982 - IMF lends Mexico \$3.8 billion due to threatened bankruptcy
- 1982 - Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened
- 1986 - Bangladeshi Constitution restored
- 1989 - Germans begin demolishing the Berlin Wall
- 1993 Slovakian government of Vladimir Me iar forms
- 1995 - In Nigeria, playwright and environmental activist Ken Saro-Wiwa along with eight others from the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (Mosop) are hanged by government forces
- 1996 - 46th NASCAR Sprint Cup: Terry Labonte wins
- 2001 - An agreement is reached at talks in Marrakech, Morocco, on rules for implementation of the Kyoto climate change treaty 2006 - Sri Lankan Tamil Parliamentarian Nadarajah Raviraj assassinated in Colombo.
- 2012 - 20 Syrian troops are killed by suicide bombings in Daara
- 2012 - 27 people are killed and dozens injured in a prison conflict in Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2012 - Israeli counter strike on Palestinian militants in Gaza kills 5 and injure 30
- 2012 - 17 people are killed in a helicopter crash as a result of bad weather in Turkey
- 2012 - The final US presidential election results are declared after Barack Obama wins Florida to defeat Mitt Romney 332-206 in Electoral College votes
- 2014 - "The Hunger Games" Mockingjay - Part 1; directed by Francis Lawrence and starring Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson premieres in London
- 2015 - Portugal&#39;s minority government is toppled by left-wing opposition 2 weeks after coming to power
- 2015 - Fourth Republican presidential candidates debate, sponsored by "The Wall Street Journal"; held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2084 - Next transit of Earth as seen from Mars

## From KO Archives

## Passengers forced to walk 3km with luggage

Observer News Service

**S**OPORE: Security forces have unleashed terror at Watlab on Sopore-Bandipore road for the past four days in the wake of a recent landmine explosion in which a securityman, Suresh K-m, was killed. People in general and the commuters and em- ployees in particular are scared travelling on the route for fear of being belaboured by the personnel of 15 RR deployed at Watlab.

Eyewitnesses told Observer News Service the passengers are brought down from the buses and forced to walk over a distance of three kilometres on either side of Watlab. The Ban-dipore-bound passengers are forced to disembark at War-pora and made to foot the distance upto Sangri top. Likewise, the Sopore-bound passengers have to come down at Watlab and walk three kilometres upto to Warpora.

Lending a sadistic touch to the torment, eyewitnesses al- leged, the security forces force the passengers, both men and women, to carry their luggage over their head all through the 3-km ordeal.

They said many transporters were reluctant to ply their ve- hicles of the route compounding the people's problems further.

Reports said the hospital authorities here referred a villag- er of Botengoo to Srinagar after his condition deteriorated fol- lowing several dog bites. He had been beaten by the security forces at the Watlab camp after which dogs were set at him. He was brought to the sub district hospital where doctors re-ferred him to Srinagar with multiple dog bites.

(Kashmir Observer, November 10, 2000)

### Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

#### NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr./Mrs Tariq Bashir Sheikh S/o Bashir Ahmad Sheikh R/O Heerpora Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle bearing Regd. No. JK22A 2652 (Commercial/ Non Commercial ) covering under R/P NO: -----

And Ab Rashid Dar S/O Ghulam Qadir Dar R/O Nikass Pulwama (Parti No 2nd ) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd As well as cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank HR Shopian. Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned .

No any representation/ objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

No: ARTO/Spn/913/2021  
Dated 08-11-2021

S/D Asst Regional Transport Officer Shopian

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### Office of the Assistant Regional Transport officer kupwara

#### NOTICE

Where as an application for transfer of ownership has been received from Kulwinder singh son of Shri Harbans Singh Resident of Hussani wala Ferozpor punjab (Transferor) of Alto Lxi bearing registration No. Registration Dt: 11 July-2013 Engine no:- F8DN5054092, Chassis No :-MA3EUAG1S00268221 in favour of parvaiz Ahmad Khan having NOC certificate to ARTO office kupwara for re- Registration purpose (Transferee).

Now it is notified for General information that objection if any to the proposed of the sold vehicle shall be filled in written in the office of the Assistant Regional transport officer kupwara with in seven days from the publication of this notice in the same daily news paper.

Sd/Assistant Regional transport officer kupwara.

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**Pakistan Government, Banned TTP Group Reach Ceasefire Agreement**



Agencies

The Pakistani government and the armed group Pakistan Taliban (TTP) have agreed to a one-month ceasefire.

Government spokesman Fawad Chaudhry said the Taliban government in Afghanistan helped facilitate the ceasefire between the government of Prime Minister Imran Khan and the banned outfit.

"The government of Pakistan and banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (Pakistan Taliban) have agreed on a complete ceasefire," Chaudhry said in a statement on Monday.

According to state broadcaster Pakistan Television (PTV), the minister said the focus of the talks was on "state sovereignty, national security, peace, social and economic stability in the areas concerned".

In a statement, Pakistan Taliban spokesperson Mohammad Khurasani confirmed the ceasefire beginning November 9 would remain in place until December 9, during which both sides will form a committee to continue talks. He said both sides will adhere to the ceasefire.

The peace talks between the government and the TTP began last month. Chaudry said the

truce could be extended if talks continue to make progress.

The Pakistan Taliban is a separate organisation from Afghanistan's Taliban, which seized power in August.

Authorities had earlier said that peace talks were taking place with TTP leaders in Afghanistan, where they have been hiding for the past several years. The Pakistan Taliban was formed by armed rebels in 2007 and since then, thousands of people have been killed in dozens of attacks claimed by the group in the past 14 years.

About a million people were displaced when Pakistan launched operations in the north-west in 2013 to clear out TTP fighters. They returned to their homes after 2017 after Pakistan claimed victory against the armed group.

Pakistan military offensives have driven the Pakistan Taliban from its stronghold in the tribal districts but it is estimated to control some 4,000-5,000 fighters, many based across the border in Afghanistan.

Both Pakistan and the former Western-backed government in Kabul regularly accuse each other of providing shelter to Taliban groups and allowing them to conduct cross-border attacks.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN AND banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (Pakistan Taliban) have agreed on a complete ceasefire,"**

**School Fire Kills At Least 25 Children In Niger**



Agencies

At least 25 primary school children were killed when their thatched-roof classrooms caught fire in southern Niger on Monday, the council of ministers said in a statement.

Fourteen more children were injured, including five in a critical condition, the statement said. The school is in the town of Maradi, more than 600 km east of the capital Niamey.

"For the moment we cannot state the origin of the fire," regional director of education Maman Hdi said.

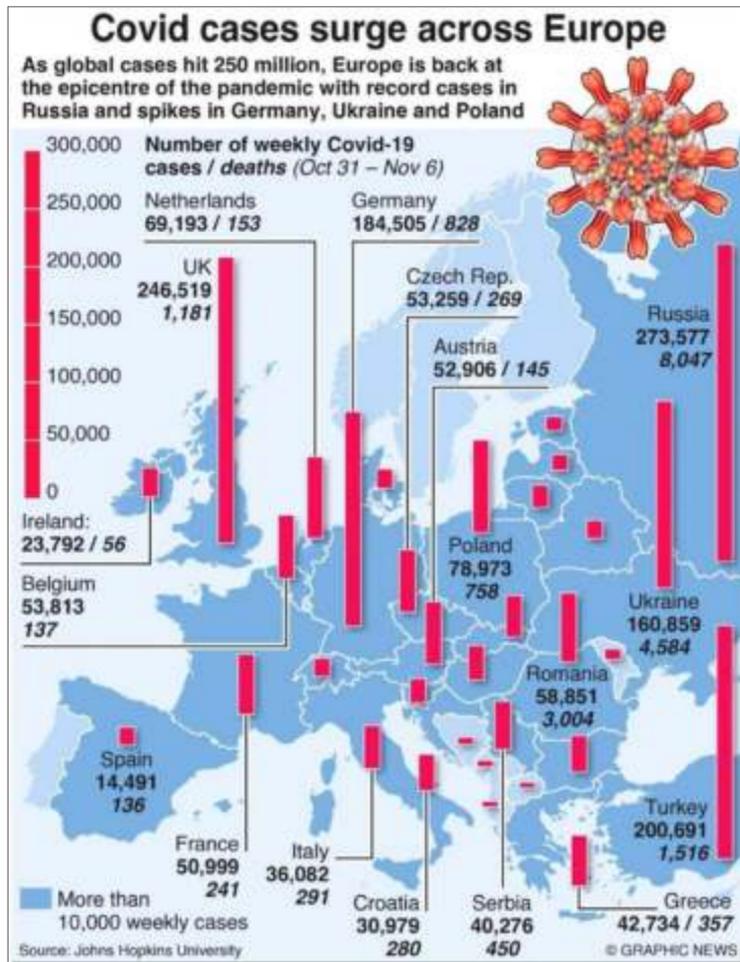
Classes have been suspended and three days of mourning de-

**FOR THE MOMENT WE cannot state the origin of the fire," regional director of education Maman Hdi said.**

clared in Maradi, he said.

It was the second time this year that a fire has killed pupils in their classrooms in the West African country. Twenty preschool children were killed in April in Niamey.

The council of ministers said on Monday that following the two incidents, preschool classes must not be held in straw-roof huts.



**Covid Stole 28 Million Years Of Life From 31 Countries Last Year**

Bloomberg

The pandemic's effects on mortality have been uneven. Life expectancy dipped in most places last year, shaving 28.1 million years off the cumulative longevity in 31 countries. But residents of a handful of places that successfully kept Covid-19 at bay -- including New Zealand and Taiwan -- actually lived longer.

Life expectancy is an indication of how long on average people will live once their age is taken into account, provided that there aren't any big shifts in the number of people dying in each age bracket over time. Another measure -- excess

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years of life lost -- quantifies the impact when those changes do occur, and gives greater weight to deaths that occur at younger ages.

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than 28 million years of life were lost in 2020 across 31 of them, with Russia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, the U.S., and Poland recording the heaviest toll, the study led by Nazrul Islam, a physician-epidemiologist and medical statistician at the University of Oxford, found.

Years of life lost in 2020 were higher than expected everywhere except Taiwan, New Zealand, Norway, Iceland, Denmark, and South Korea.

The number of years of life lost due to Covid-19 was more than five times greater than those lost from influenza in 2015, during the worst seasonal flu epidemic since the turn of the century.

**Kisan Mahapanchayat In Lucknow On November 22, Protest To Be Intensified In Purvanchal: Rakesh Tikait**

**GHAZIABAD:** Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait on Tuesday said the protest against the Centre's three farm laws will be intensified in the Purvanchal region, which comprises parts of eastern Uttar Pradesh and western Bihar.

He said a 'Kisan Mahapanchayat' will be held in Lucknow on November 22, four days ahead of the anti-farm law protest at Delhi borders completing one year.

The BKU is part of the farmers collective Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), which is spearheading the campaign, particularly the demonstrations

at Delhi's three border points of Singhu, Tikri and Ghaziपुर since November 2020.

"The Kisan Mahapanchayat on November 22 to be held in Lucknow will be historic. This Mahapanchayat of the SKM will prove to be the last nail in the coffin of the anti-farmer government and the three black laws. Now the movement of 'Annadata' (food providers) will intensify even in Purvanchal," Tikait, the national spokesperson of the BKU, tweeted in Hindi.

Hundreds of farmers are encamped at Delhi borders with a demand that the Farmers'

Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 be rolled back and a new law made to guarantee minimum support price for crops.

The Centre, which has held 11 rounds of formal dialogues with the farmers, has maintained that the new laws are pro-farmer, while protesters claim they would be left at the mercy of corporations because of the legislations. —PTI

**Warned Off US Drones Approaching Iran Gulf Drills, Claims Iran Military**



Agencies

**DUBAI:** Iran's military warned off US drones trying to approach Iranian war games near the mouth of the Gulf, state broadcaster IRIB said on Tuesday.

The annual exercises concluded on Tuesday, a few weeks before resumption of talks between Tehran and world powers to revive a 2015 nuclear deal.

"These aircraft (RQ-4 and MQ-9 US drones) changed their route after approaching the borders of the Islamic Republic of Iran following the air defence's interception and decisive warning," IRIB reported.

The exercises stretched from the east of the Strait of Hormuz to the north of the Indian Ocean and parts of the Red Sea.

About a fifth of oil that is consumed globally passes through the strategic Strait of Hormuz waterway in the Gulf.

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Periodic confrontations have taken place between Iran's military and US forces in the Gulf since 2018, when former US President Donald Trump exited the nuclear pact and reimposed harsh sanctions against Tehran.

Iran has reacted by breaching the deal's limits on its nuclear programme.

Indirect talks between Iran and US President Joe Biden's administration to revive the pact, which were put on hold since the election of Iran's hardline President Ebrahim Raisi in June, are set to resume in Vienna on November 29.

**US Supreme Court To Debate Restriction On Religious Advisors At Executions**



Agence France-Presse

**WASHINGTON:** The US Supreme Court will consider Tuesday a death row prisoner's request that his pastor be allowed to touch him during his execution, a case that could determine the role of religious advisors in death chambers.

John Ramirez, 37, was scheduled to be executed on September 8 for stabbing a convenience store clerk to death during a 2004 robbery.

Seth Kretzer, Ramirez's lawyer, petitioned the Supreme Court to halt the execution because the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) will not allow Ramirez' Baptist pastor, the Reverend Dana Moore, to have physical contact with him as he is executed or to pray aloud in the chamber.

The high court granted Ramirez a last-minute stay of execution and scheduled a hearing to consider the merits of the case.

"The first problem is that under the TDCJ's most recent policy, Pastor Moore (may) not lay hands on Ramirez during his death," Kretzer said while petitioning the Supreme Court.

"The second problem is that Pastor Moore may not pray, speak, read Scripture, move his lips, or do anything at all.

"In other words, Pastor Moore is compelled to stand in his little corner of the room like a potted plant." Ramirez will be executed with-

out the spiritual advisor guaranteed to him under the Constitution," Kretzer said.

When Ramirez was 20, he stabbed a clerk to death while robbing a convenience store in southern Texas. He avoided capture for four years but was finally arrested in 2008 and sentenced to death a year later.

A few months before his scheduled execution, Ramirez had gone to court to ask that his pastor be allowed to put his hands on him and pray aloud during the execution.

The Texas prison authorities allow a spiritual advisor to be in the room during an execution, but they must be quiet and are not allowed to touch a prisoner for security reasons.

**Imam denied**  
The conservative-leaning Supreme Court rarely intervenes to halt executions, but it has done so in recent cases where prisoners have argued they are being denied access to spiritual advisors.

The court could take the opportunity of Ramirez' case to clarify its position on the religious rights of those sentenced to death.

In 2018 it rejected the request of a stay of execution for Muslim prisoner who asked for an imam to be by his side during his execution.

A few weeks later, following a public outcry, a stay was granted to an inmate who wanted a Buddhist spiritual advisor to accompany him to the execution chamber.

NEWS MAKERS

**Singapore Court Delays Disabled Man's Execution Due To Covid Infection**

Agence France-Presse

**SINGAPORE:** A Singapore court Tuesday postponed the imminent execution of a Malaysian man whom campaigners say is mentally disabled after he tested positive for COVID-19, meaning a last-ditch appeal could not proceed.

Nagaenthran K Dharmalingam was arrested in 2009 for trafficking a small amount of heroin into the city-state, which has some of the world's toughest drugs laws. He was sentenced to death the following year.

He was scheduled to be hanged on Wednesday after losing a series of appeals, despite mounting international outrage and supporters' claims his intellectual disability means he is incapable



of making rational decisions.

The execution was put on hold after a last-resort appeal was lodged, with the Court of Appeal due to hear the challenge Tuesday.

But Judge Andrew Phang Boon Leong announced Nagaenthran had contracted COVID-19, meaning the appeal could not proceed and the execution was stayed.

He cited "logic, common sense and humanity" in deciding to delay the hanging.

Nagaenthran's lawyer, M Ravi, told reporters he was "pleasantly surprised that this man, because of Covid, cannot be executed".

He had been "saved by none other than the divine force," he added. There was no immediate indication of when the appeal might now go ahead.

**'Illegal, ineffective'**

Ahead of the court proceedings, campaigners had warned the appeal might be hastily dismissed, paving the way for the execution to take place Wednesday as originally scheduled.

A group of United Nations human rights experts on Monday added their voice to growing concerns surrounding the case, saying that people with intellectual disabilities should not be executed.

**Apple Computer Hand-Built By Steve Jobs May Fetch Up To \$600,000 At Auction**

Agence France-Presse

**LOS ANGELES:** An original Apple computer, hand-built by company founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak 45 years ago, goes under the hammer in the United States on Tuesday.

The functioning Apple-1, the great-great-grandfather of today's sleek chrome-and-glass Macbooks, is expected to fetch up to \$600,000 at an auction in California.

The so-called "Chaffey College" Apple-1 is one of only 200 made by Jobs and Wozniak at the very start of the company's odyssey from garage start-up to megahit worth \$2 trillion.

What makes it even rarer is the fact the computer is encased in koa wood -- a richly patinated wood native to Hawaii. Only a handful of the original 200 were made in this way. Jobs and Wozniak mostly sold



FILE PHOTO- Steve Jobs stands beneath a photograph of him and Apple-co founder Steve Wozniak from the early days of Apple during the launch of iPad in San Francisco, California, January 27, 2010, Reuters

Apple-1s as component parts. One computer shop that took a delivery of around 50 units decided to encase some of them in wood, the

auction house said. "This is kind of the holy grail for vintage electronics and computer tech collectors," Apple-1 expert

Corey Cohen told the Los Angeles Times. "That really makes it exciting for a lot of people."

Auction house John Moran Auctioneers says the device, which comes with a 1986 Panasonic video monitor, has only ever had two owners.

"It was originally purchased by an electronics professor at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, California, who then sold it to his student in 1977," a listing on the auction house's website says.

The Los Angeles Times reported the student -- who has not been named -- paid just \$650 for it at the time.

That student now stands to make a pretty penny: a working Apple-1 that came to the market in 2014 was sold by Bonhams for more than \$900,000.

"A lot of people just want to know what kind of a person collects Apple-1 computers and it's not just people in the tech industry," Cohen said.

## Chief Justice Administers Oath Of Office To Newly Appointed HC Judges

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**JAMMU:** Two newly appointed judges were administered oath of office as judges of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh here on Tuesday.



Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Justice Pankaj Mishra administered the oath of office to Justice Mohan Lal and Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary at a ceremony held at the High Court complex, an official spokesperson said.

With the elevation of two senior judges from judicial services as permanent judges, the strength of judges of the high court has risen to 13 judges, including the chief justice.

The oath-taking ceremony was attended by Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul and Justice Puneet Gupta while Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Sanjay Dhar, while Justice Javed Iqbal Wani participated online from Srinagar.

The proceedings of the ceremony were conducted by Registrar General of High Court of Jammu

& Kashmir and Ladakh Jawad Ahmad, who read the contents of the notification received from Union Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Justice (Appointments Division), the Warrants of Appointment issued by the President of India and the Letter of Authorisation issued by the Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, authorising the chief justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to administer the oath of office to the two newly appointed judges.

The ceremony was also attended by the former chief justice, former judges of the high court, advocate general, chief secretary, assistant solicitor general of India, secretary Department of Law, justice and parliamentary Affairs, district judges posted at Jammu headquarters, members of various Bars, officers of civil and police administration besides officers and staff of the registry, the spokesperson said.

## 5 J&K Residents Among Padma Awardees

**SRINAGAR:** Five Jammu and Kashmir residents including a politician, social worker, two educationists, and an artist have received the prestigious Padma awards of 2020 and 2021 from the President of India on Monday.

The Padma Awards 2020 awardees include former deputy chief minister Muzaffar Hussain Baig, educationist Shiv Datt Nirmohi, and social worker Javid Ahmad Tak.

Meanwhile, Artist Ghulam Rasool Khan and educationist Chaman Lal Sapru have received the Padma Awards for the year 2021. Sapru has been awarded the Padma Shri posthumously.

Baig has been awarded the Padma Bhushan award for his contributions in politics and public work, while Shiv Datt, Khan, Tak and Sapru have been awarded Padma Shri awards in literature and education, art and social work respectively.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated all three Padma Awardees from the Union Territory. "Heartiest congratulations to all Padma awardees from UT of J&K. A proud moment for the people of J&K," his office tweeted.

In another Tweet, office of LG J&K said: "Many congratulations to Shri Ghulam Rasool Khan and the family of Shri Chaman Lal Sapru (Posthumously) from UT of J&K for receiving the prestigious Padma Shri awards 2021. Their achievements and exemplary service to the nation will inspire and motivate generations."

It states that the marks obtained by students who attempt less than 70 percent from the question paper shall be raised proportionately and for subjects having no practical course, the question paper shall be of 100 marks and the student has to attempt questions with a total of 70 marks.

"However, for such subjects which have both the theory and practical components, the concession will apply to the theory part only," JKBOSE said.

The communiqué further states that the time allotted for attempting the question papers during examination has been reduced proportionately.

## Differently Abled Kashmiri Activist Among Awardees

'Goal Is To See Every Handicapped Person Independent, Contributors To Society: Tak

KO NEWS SERVICE

**BIJBEHARA:** A wheelchair bound man from south Kashmir's Anantnag district is among the five J&K residents who received the prestigious Padma Shri Award from the President of India on Monday.



Javid Ahmad Tak a resident of Pamposh Colony in Bijbehara town of Anantnag district while talking with a local news agency said that he is delighted to get the award as it has given him a more responsibility to strengthen the voice for the welfare of the physically challenged people.

Tak said that in 1997, when militancy was at its peak in the valley, unknown gunmen fired upon his uncle who was NC block president Ghulam Qadir Tak.

"The bullets missed the target but they pierced through my spinal cord and made me permanently bed ridden," he said.

Tak said that a year or two after the incident he met with a renowned disability rights activist Javid Abidi who himself was physically challenged at a conference in Srinagar.

"His work and vision inspired me that being disabled is not a shame but a greater responsibility to stand up for hundreds

of people like me," he said. "Later in year 2003, with the help of my own ex-gratia relief, I started an NGO humanity welfare organization helpline and through this organization, till now I have helped thousands of physically challenged persons," Tak said.

Tak said that after completing his masters in social work from Kashmir University in regular mode in 2006, he started an institution namely Zeeba Appa School for Disabled where at present over one hundred disabled students are studying.

"Besides that I have worked at many forums and struggled for the education, employment and accessibility of disabled persons and my struggle bears fruits as I have managed to employ thousands of disabled persons," he said. "I have also worked for the last two decades for the implementation of laws that will benefit the disabled persons."

Javid Abidi, who was the director of National Centre for Promotion of Employment for disabled people, taught me that people with disabilities need employment and education and deserve to live independently so that they can carry on their lives.

Tak while expressing his gratitude to the people who helped and encouraged him said that recognition is important which he got after Padmashri.

"There is still a lot to be done to bring change in policies of the government about disabled persons," he said while adding that at present he works on projects for child rights through UNICEF.

## Woman Along With Her Paramour, Brother Arrested For Murdering Husband

KO NEWS SERVICE

**POONCH:** The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday said they have solved a "sensational" murder case, coming to the conclusion that the 38-year-old chemist from Poonch was killed by his wife and her paramour besides her brother.

The Poonch police had recovered the body of the chemist, identified as Tahir Mehmood, son of late Mohammad Sadeeq, under "suspicious circumstances" at his residence in the Dhargloon area of Mendhar in the district.

The police had subsequently launched investigation proceedings under the section 174 of the Criminal Procedure Code into the death that was attempted to be portrayed as a case of suicide.

However, on the basis of material as well as technical evidence, SDPO Mendhar Z.A. Jaffri told a local news

agency, "the extra-marital affair of his wife became the cause for Tahir Mehmood's murder. Further investigation is going on and developments in the case will be shared."

Jaffri said the inquest proceedings were converted into case FIR NO 115/2021 against Mehmood's wife Zaib Ul-Nisa and her paramour Mohammad Iqbal, and Razwan Ahmed, the victim's brother-in-law, all residents of Dhargloon Tehsil.

All accused have been arrested, the police said, adding that a case is being built against them under the Indian Penal Code's Sections 306: abetment of suicide; 111: punishment for thug; and 34: acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention.

This is the third murder case solved in last three months by the police in Mendhar. Earlier, the police solved the murders of Shahnaz Akhter and Shariq.

## Ladakh's First Medical College To Begin Academic Session Next Year

**LEH:** The Ladakh administration has speeded up work to complete pre-fabricated structures of the first medical college in the union territory by setting a target of beginning the first academic session in 2022, officials said on Tuesday.

Principal Secretary (Health and Medical Education Department) Dr Pawan Kotwal chaired a meeting in which he directed officials to ensure completion of pre-fabricated structures for the academic block of the new medical college in Leh.

During the meeting, Kotwal told officials that requisite infrastructure in accordance with the National Medical Commission (NMC) norms along with non-medical furniture should be made ready by March-April 2022, so that classes would com-

mence from the academic session next year, officials said.

Regarding the revision of the cost of the 250-bedded hospital proposed to be constructed in the SNM Hospital for the medical college, it was decided that the chief engineer would revise the estimates and detailed project reports (DPR) strictly in conformity with norms and specification prescribed under the clinical establishment and rules that apply to Ladakh, they said.

The officials apprised Kotwal about the status of the DPR for the same, they said.

He asked the chief engineer to prepare an action plan involving a survey of the site, finalisation of suitable pre-fabricated and pre-engineered technology, preparation of DPR, tendering process and award of contract, respectively.

## Class 12 Exams Begin in Kashmir

72000 Students Appear Amid Covid Scare

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** Amid COVID-19 pandemic, the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) on Tuesday conducted the first paper of annual regular exams of 12th standard.

The official said that the examination was conducted and all the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were followed by the students and the staff.

According to a local news agency, the board official said that around 72,000 students were enrolled to appear in the examination of English papers in the Kashmir region in more than 700 designated examination centers.

"In all examinations, centers COVID-19 SOPs were followed in spirit and letter and the board did not receive complaints of any untoward incident," the official said.

Earlier, the JKBOSE announced syllabi relaxation of 30 percent in syllabi for the annual board examination of 12th standard.

"In view of prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic, students appearing in the forthcoming Annual-Regular examinations of 2020-21 of classes 10th, 11th, and 12th of Kash-

mir division, winter Zone areas of Jammu division and UT of Ladakh are informed that they shall have to attempt only 70 percent marks from the question paper which shall be treated as 100 percent for result," reads the notification issued by the JKBOSE on August-14.

"The question papers will be set from the entire syllabus prescribed for the session. However, the students shall have to attempt questions having a weightage of 70 percent marks instead of attempting all the questions," it reads.

It states that the marks obtained by students who attempt less than 70 percent from the question paper shall be raised proportionately and for subjects having no practical course, the question paper shall be of 100 marks and the student has to attempt questions with a total of 70 marks.

"However, for such subjects which have both the theory and practical components, the concession will apply to the theory part only," JKBOSE said.

The communiqué further states that the time allotted for attempting the question papers during examination has been reduced proportionately.

## Surrender School Buildings Awaiting Execution Since 2015: GoI to J&K

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The Government of India (GoI) has asked the Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department to surrender all the school buildings which still await execution of works after many years.

The directions were passed by the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) for GoI in an annual meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) with the Ministry of Education (MoE).

The official documents accessed by a local news agency reads, "In the previous academic year, the JK government was asked to take up pending civil works on priority. Further, it was advised to surrender those infrastructure items approved earlier before 2015-16 which could not be completed."

In a reply, the Jammu and



Kashmir School Education Department has informed, "The pending civil works have been put to execution through the engineering divisions of the School Education Department and most of the works have been either completed during the current year or are at different stages of construction which shall be completed by end of the current financial year."

"The details of works approved under erstwhile Sa-

magra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) or Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) which could not be taken up for execution till 2019-20 are being authenticated from the field agencies," JK government told GoI.

The GoI was also informed that "Once the updated information is received and compiled, the proposal for surrendering of the civil works not taken up works shall be submitted to Ministry of Education, GoI."

## J&K Admin To Issue Fresh Tenders For Insurance Provider

**JAMMU:** The Chief Secretary, Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday chaired the fourth Governing Council's meeting for the Ayushman Bharat health scheme.

In the meeting, it was informed that the existing contract between the State Health Agency and Bajaj Allianz GIC will be expiring on 25th December 2021 and fresh tenders for hiring a new insurance contractor will be floated soon.

Mehta directed immediate initiation of the tendering process for ensuring continued benefits of free and cashless healthcare under Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (PM-JAY) and SEHAT Schemes beyond the expiry date of the existing arrangement.

Further, the Chief Secretary

approved the adoption of a modified health benefits package to include treatment for COVID complications. Mehta also advised the Department to request the NHA to consider the inclusion of targeted therapies and immunomodulators in the medical oncology, and multiple inflammatory syndrome in children, in the revised health benefits package.

Regarding the financial progress under the scheme so far, the Department was asked to get all the expenditure audited from the Finance Department to ensure accountability and transparency in financial transactions. Moreover, it was also asked to appoint auditors for the purpose from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's empanelled list.

## Dedicated Public Grievances Line Established

**JAMMU:** Dedicated telephone lines were on Tuesday installed at the general administration department (GAD) of Jammu and Kashmir to register public grievances, officials said. The public can reach out to the administration with their grievances on all working days between 10 am to 5 pm.

According to a public notice issued by GAD in this regard, the general public can register their genuine grievances by calling 0194-2506115, 0194-2506102, 0194-2506111, 0194-2506112 and 0194-2506144. The notice further said that the public can also contact Riyaz-ul-Haq, Under Secretary to the government, GAD, at 0194-2506702 with regard to working of the aforementioned landline numbers.

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, SRINAGAR.**

**Gist of Fresh Notice Inviting e-Tender**  
**e-NIT No. MICD/83 of 2021-22 dated: 08-101-2021**

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar, invites tenders on item rate basis by e-tendering mode for the following items of work from the reputed Original Equipment manufacturers or their Authorized firms or Contractors/fabricators/firms having relevant experience. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz Cover '1st' -Tender fee and Earnest Money details. Deposit, fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender. Cover '2nd' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

| S. No. | Particulars of the work  | Name of Division                                      | Estimated Cost (In Rs.) | Cost of document/tender fee (In Rs.) | Earnest money (In Rs.)                   | Validity of Rates |
|--------|--|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 1      | Design, manufacture, supply & testing of 5 cusec capacity diesel engine driven pumping units for Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar | Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar | 42,00,000.00            | 1,000.00                             | Notarized Bid Security Declaration form. | 180days           |

Position of funds: Capex Approved.  
AAA: Accorded (109-MCO of 2020 Dated: 31-12-2020)  
Technical Sanction: As per CPWD SOP 3/5 S.No.5  
Key/critical Dates:

| Date of Hosting In Website/ Publish date | 08/11/2021 (1600Hrs)  |
|--|-----------------------|
| Document download/sale start date        | 08/11/2021(1800 Hrs). |
| Bid submission start date                | 08/11/2021. (1600Hrs) |
| Bid submission end date                  | 22/11/2021 (1500 Hrs) |
| Bid opening date                         | 23/11/2021 (1400 Hrs) |

Each tender should be accompanied with an Bid Security Declaration in favor of CAO Kashmir I&FC Jal Shakti Department/Cost of tender document in the form of DD/TR/GR as detailed above, pledged to the Executive Engineer MICD Srinagar.  
Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.  
Any information regarding the tenders can be had from this office on all working days.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Mech. Irr. Const. Division, Srinagar.

DIPK-12238/21

**SHER-E-KASHMIR UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY OF KASHMIR**  
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**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

**E-NIT NO. (32) Of 2021** **Dated: 05.11.2021**

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST(K), e-tenders (in single-cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Civil contractors whose cards are valid up to 31-03-2022 registered with State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. departments for the following work-

| S.No | Name of the work   | Estimated Cost (in lacs) | Class of Contractor | Cost of Tender document | Budget Head                         | Time of completion |
|------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.   | Development of Road Net working by way of Providing and laying Grade I and II at Faculty of Forestry Benihama SKUAST-K (Under Water Shed Management) | 10.00                    | B, C & D class      | 500/-                   | CAPEX (Under Water Shed Management) | 30 days            |
| 2.   | Providing and Erecting Barbed Wire fencing at Faculty of Forestry Benihama SKUAST-K (Under Water Shed Management)                                    | 10.00                    | B, C & D class      | 500/-                   | -do-                                | 30 days            |
| 3.   | Construction of Security Hut (2 Nos) at Faculty of Forestry Benihama SKUAST-K (Under Water Shed Management)  | 2 x 12.185 = 24.37       | B & C class         | 1000/-                  | -do-                                | 120 days           |
| 4.   | Construction of Vermi Compost (2 Nos) at Faculty of Forestry Benihama Ganderbal SKUAST-K (Under Water Shed Management)                               | 2 x 3.885 = 7.71         | C & D class         | 500/-                   | -do-                                | 45 days            |

Position of AAA: **Accorded**  
a) Position of T.S : **Sanctioned**  
b) Position of funds: **Available**

1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://jktenders.gov.in) as per following schedule:-

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| 1. Date of issue of Tender Notice                                  | 05.11.2021 |
| 2. Date of start of downloading                                    | 05.11.2021 |
| 3. Pre-bid meeting date  | NA         |
| 4. Bid submission start Date                                       | 05.11.2021 |
| 5. Bid submission end date   | 22.11.2021 |
| 6. Date & Time of opening of Technical bid (online)                | 23.11.2021 |
| 7. Date of opening of Financial bid of qualifying bidders (online) | 25.11.2021 |

Further information can be had from the Office of the undersigned

No. Au/Estates/E-NIT(32)/419  
Dated: 08.11.2021  
DIPK-NB-4882/21

Sd/-  
Estates Officer  
SKUAST-K

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## K O V I E W

### Caution And Hope

**S**rinagar district administration on Monday imposed a strict curfew in five areas of the city for 10 days in view of the rising covid cases. The places where corona curfew has been imposed are Lal Bazar, Hyderpora, Chanapora and at least four colonies in Bemina. However, all essential services including all incidental services and activities needed for the smooth functioning of these services shall be allowed to continue, both in the public and private sectors. According to a government notice, around 63 percent of the daily positive cases during these days have been detected from these areas.

Over the last week, Srinagar has witnessed a surge in Covid cases. On Sunday, the J&K recorded 165 cases, the highest daily total in 46 days. Of these 87 cases were from Srinagar. Srinagar district has the highest number of active cases at 592 followed by Baramulla and Budgam districts with 169 and 83 active cases, respectively. The Jammu district, on the other hand, has the highest number of 1,146 fatalities followed by Srinagar with 851 deaths.

Meanwhile, the administration has decided to go ahead with the class 12 annual regular (2021) examinations which commenced from November 9. Being conducted by the J&K Board of School Education, the examination will be participated by around 74000 students. The board has set up 739 examination centres in government and private schools across Kashmir. This is quite a large number of students to be tackled at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic is resurging. So, the administration needs to ensure that a proper physical distance is maintained among the examinees.

That said, at the national level, the fresh cases are progressively going down. On Tuesday, India saw the lowest daily rise in coronavirus cases since early February with 10,126 fresh infections. The effort would be to further bring down the number by accelerating the pace of vaccination. The government is planning to buy 1 crore Zydus Cadilla "needle-free" Covid shots to further bolster the jabbing. On a positive note, India's home-grown Covaxin, which got the WHO approval last week, has been recognised by the United Kingdom and the United States. No quarantine is required for fully vaccinated travellers in Britain as part of new rules effective from November 22.

But in the Valley, the situation currently is not looking good. There is, thus, an urgent need to arrest the growing number of infections by re-imposing restrictions on the movement. And the administration has done well to identify and put under curfew five areas of the city.

## OTHER OPINION

### Optimising The Fall

**T**here is reason for optimism in India's battle against the COVID-19 pandemic. Daily new coronavirus cases have dipped to a nine-month low. There were 10,929 new cases reported in the previous 24 hours on Saturday morning. Though the latest numbers on Monday show a slight rise at 11,451, the key cause for optimism is that the country's active case load stood at 1,46,950 cases which was a 262-day low, according to the Health Ministry. The active cases were 0.43% of the total caseload and the lowest since the pandemic began in March 2020. The last few times daily cases went below 10,000 were on February 8, February 1, and before that on the January 25. Saturday's numbers bring the country's overall tally to 3.37 crore. Optimism however is a double-edged sword. The numbers may be at February levels but it should not be forgotten that India was hit by a lethal second wave — led by a dominating Delta variant — that saw daily cases climb to as many as 4,00,000 a day and excess deaths in several States many multiples of what was being reported by the Government.

Globally too, infections have not plateaued. The daily caseload has fallen by nearly a third since September but the virus continues to infect 50 million people every three months. On Monday, the world crossed a milestone of 25 crore cases since the pandemic began. However, the major difference between February and November is vaccination. About 74 crore first doses of the vaccine have been administered, which translates to 56% of the population. Close to 34 crore second doses have been administered which works out to a quarter of the population being fully inoculated. Coupled with results from serology surveys from States that show that many more have been exposed to the virus than official numbers indicate, this gives confidence that while the virus will continue to spread and infect, a smaller proportion of those infected will be seriously ill. The future demand for vaccination may depend more on adoption in children, or on the demand for booster shots from people worried about waning immunity. That the pall of fear has dimmed is apparent in the queues in airports, the crowds in tourist destinations and the rejuvenation in several indices of trade and economic activity. Whether all this socialisation — and the opening of schools in-person — will mean a surge in the coming months remains to be seen. The Government, while continuing to improve the last mile delivery of vaccines must not let up on advocating caution to avoid another wave of infections. It must continue to facilitate the upgrade of hospital infrastructure in every district; it should also shore up stocks of promising antivirals and ensure that vaccine companies increase supplies in line with their commitments.

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## Forest Rights Act

# Rightfully Theirs

## Subsidized Timber For Forest Dwellers

**IN THE PAST, PEOPLE WOULD GET SUBSIDIZED** timber under the Kashmir Notice programme of J&K Forest Department but that has stopped for a long time. Early this year, it was revived again but there are still challenges.



**UNDER THE FOREST RIGHTS ACT**, traditional forest dwellers are protected against forced displacements and have other rights as well. Photo: Athar Parvaiz/Mongabay

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

**U**ptil 2016, the Forest Department was responsible for sale and distribution of timber in rural areas of Jammu & Kashmir. In municipal limits, the erstwhile State Forest Corporation (SFC) used to do this job. In 2016, the PDP-BJP Govt in J&K decided to hand over both, the sale and the extraction of timber, to the SFC which is now known as Forest Development Corporation (FDC) after the abrogation of Article 370.

The SFC (now FDC) is a Government owned Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) that was established under the J&K State Forest Corporation Act, 1978. Many officials of the forest department (territorial wing) and even people in rural areas, especially those living near forests, are not happy with the decision taken to give timber distribution work to the Forest Corporation. This decision had been taken arbitrarily without any consultation with various stakeholders. Forest officials from the territorial wing claim that they have adequate staff and manpower across J&K as compared to Forest Development Corporation (FDC). Some senior forest officers had claimed that sale of timber through Forest Corporation would lead to crises. That may be true to some extent but there is also a tussle involved in this process as the territorial wing of the forest department had more control over forest resources in the past than forest corporation and giving more powers to SFC is viewed by many lower rung forest officers as challenging their competence. Infact, the top management in Forest Development Corporation (FDC) belongs to Indian Forest Service (IfoS) or J&K Forest Service but at a lower level, there are indeed differences between the two organizations.

### Subsidized timber to forest dwellers

The forest dwelling scheduled tribes or other forest dwellers, even before enactment of Forest Rights Act (FRA) at national level or after its extension to J&K post article 370, had been given certain rights by the J & K Govern-

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ment. They would get subsidized timber from the forest department under the Kashmir Forest Notice or Jammu Forest Notice programmes. However, for almost a decade, this programme has not worked properly in J&K.

People living near forest areas are often denied subsidized timber by forest departments and have to buy the same from the market as Forest Development Corporation (FDC) also occasionally undertakes its sale in rural areas. It is the right of villagers living near forests to get the timber at subsidized rates. The non-availability of timber for these people, who mostly belong to economically weaker sections of society, is a matter of serious concern and FDC being a public sector undertaking must take these things

into consideration especially at a time when Govt has rolled out Forest Rights Act 2006 in J&K.

### Visit to Pal Maidan

People from Basant Wodder, Thaz Wodder and Draggar forest villages migrate to Pal Maidan in summer months and this has been their tradition for centuries. The local population consists of both scheduled tribe (ST) Gujjars and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs) who are all Kashmiri speaking forest dwellers which includes pastoralist Chophans. During last winter, several log huts (Kothas) belonging to these forest dwellers in Pal Maidan had been damaged in heavy snowfall but the villagers told me that forest officials didn't allow owners of these huts to undertake repairs. I spoke to some forest officers in the area and they told me that they had no orders from their divisional office about giving permission for repairing the log huts. Pertinently, for the repair of these huts, people need wooden logs which are not made available to the forest dwellers.

### Timber Logs Piled Up

In Pal Maidan, a huge quantity of timber is piled up by the Forest Development Corporation (FDC). This is the mandi where the Forest Development Corporation (FDC) stores timber for its further transportation to different areas of Kashmir valley. The local migratory population told me that timber had been lying there for the last several years. It was later on transported after the intervention of FDCs Divisional Manager in Budgam. The timber extracted from forest areas is not sold in local districts but in many cases the same is transported as far as 100 kms away which involves huge transportation charges. It is suggested that timber extracted from districts be sold in the same area to save time, energy and financial resources.

It is ironic that timber from Yusmarg or Doodhpathri forests is sold in Ganderbal or Bandipora while both these districts have enough forest resources and the locals are deprived of it. I know many cases wherein people have applied for timber from Forest

Development Corporation (FDC) long back but they are not able to cater to their demands. One can understand if people in towns or cities don't get timber from FDC but if the same is denied to people living near forest villages then the Govt needs to look into these lapses.

### Gram Sabha resolution

The villagers of Basant Wodder, Draggar, Thaz Wodder and Mujh Pathri face lots of difficulties on account of non availability of timber for the purpose of construction and minor repairs of residential houses. Those who afford (5 to 10% of the population) get the same from the open market. Rest use inferior ply-boards which is so unfortunate and I relate this with an urdu proverb "chiragh tay landhera" (darkness under a lamp). There are fallen timber logs which get rotten inside our local forest area but Govt is not allowing its sale to people on subsidized rates. Because of poverty, some people get involved in illegal acts of axing forest trees. In June this year, fast winds damaged thousands of Fir and Kail trees in Doodhpathri forests and the Govt could not extract them for months. As I write this piece, I have been told that the majority of the fallen trees are still there and now the same would get damaged due to snowfall.

### Kashmir Notice

In the past, people would get subsidized timber under the Kashmir Notice programme of J&K Forest Department but that has stopped for a long time. Early this year, it was revived again but there are still challenges. In Doodh Ganga forest range, the local Range Officer is said to be ensuring transparency in providing this subsidized timber to poor and needy but that is a big challenge for honest and dedicated officers as there are a lot of political and other kinds of pressures on them.

On one hand, the Govt claims to have rolled out the Forest Rights Act 2006 in J&K last year but on the ground, forest dwellers are deprived even of subsidized timber under the Kashmir Notice programme. The Gram Sabha of Draggar Panchayat in Kanshabh block of Budgam passed a resolution urging Deputy Commissioner Budgam to intervene into this issue but that hasn't helped them till date.

### Conclusion

Under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), there are several rights of forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers on all forest lands. They have Individual Forest Rights (IFR) & Community Forest Rights (CFR). In erstwhile times, the residents living near forest areas would get highly subsidized timber under Kashmir notice and Jammu notice. It was stopped for many years by the local elected Governments. On 22nd November 2018, the then State Administrative Council (SAC) headed by Governor Satya Pal Malik in an order said that concessions given to villagers whose village boundary lies within 5 kms of the demarcated forest boundary shall continue to be granted subsidized timber under Kashmir Forest Notice and Jammu Forest Notice subject to availability of timber. Unfortunately, this subsidized timber is not made available to deserving and disadvantaged families living near forests.

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## Incorrect Instructions In 12Th Class Q Papers

Dear Editor,

**1**2th class examinations have just started and the first day itself has been a disappointment. The question papers distributed for the first paper had mentioned the duration of 3 hours for the exam. However, in the middle of the examination, it was intimated to

school authorities that the exam is only supposed to be for 2 and a half hours. How unprofessional is this approach that such an important exam is dealt with such nonchalance. What if this direction wasn't notified to students at all schools in time? What of the less or extra minutes some students got? Examinations are all about smartly taking a test. Time management is pivotal.

Now, some students would have had to rush through their exams and others would have gotten ample time. Students should not have to bear the brunt of this level of carelessness.

Had the board not had the time to change the format of the Question papers? What was it doing all this while?

Question papers are meant to be straightforward. They should be clear

and succinct in the instructions that they give. In an exam that is supposed to evaluate the performance of students, we've got quite a view of what really needs to be inspected.

As a parent, I hope this issue doesn't continue and is addressed immediately.

Hameeda Bhat

# Next Gen Covid Vaccines

Nose Sprays, Needle-Free Patches, Durable Immunity: Towards The Next Generation Of Covid Vaccines

Kylie Quinn

The past 20 months has seen an explosion of vaccine development, with COVID vaccine testing and rollout happening at an unprecedented pace in the face of a global pandemic. There have been absolute triumphs – the fact we have multiple safe, effective vaccines is remarkable – but there have also been challenges.

We've seen storage and delivery issues, vaccine hesitancy, breakthrough infections and the beginnings of waning immunity. Vaccine innovators around the world have these challenges in their sights. They are already working on the next generation of COVID vaccines.

## Tweaking current vaccines

After hundreds of millions of doses, we have a good handle on how current vaccines are performing and where they can be improved. As more data is gathered, a modified dose, time between doses, and/or using different vaccines together in mix-and-match strategies may become the preferred approach.

We could also improve vaccines that aren't performing at their best.

Inactivated vaccines have been used in many parts of the world but their early protection has waned, particularly in older people, with the World Health Organisation now recommending a third dose.

One way to improve this could be to add an adjuvant – something that fires up the immune system. One such vaccine, called Valneva, has early results that suggest including an adjuvant improves immunity.

## Making vaccination easier

As we have seen, vaccinating large numbers of people is not easy. Innovations to make this easier will be welcome.

Needle-free approaches would be ideal. One approach, known as a nanopatch vaccine, coats the vaccine onto tiny spikes on a small patch.

The patch is applied to the skin and the spikes deliver the vaccine to a dense barrier of immune cells sitting just under the top layers of our skin. A nanopatch COVID vaccine developed by Vaxxas and researchers in Queensland has been shown to trigger strong immune responses in animal models, with trials underway in humans.

Another approach, known as an intranasal vaccine, sprays a vaccine up the nose. This would be easier to deliver and it could also build immunity in the right location in our body.

The coronavirus infects us through the



lining of the nose, mouth, throat and lungs – a type of sticky tissue that lines body cavities and some organs called mucosa.

Currently, COVID vaccines are delivered into our arm muscle and build antibody levels in our blood and tissue, with some antibody spilling out into the mucosa. Delivering the vaccine directly to the mucosa might be a better approach for preventing COVID infection. This is being trialled with a number of vaccines, including the AstraZeneca vaccine.

If yearly COVID boosters are recommended for some or even all of the population, it would be easier to deliver them together with the yearly flu vaccine. These "multipathogen" vaccines are being tested with current flu vaccine or even new types of flu vaccine.

## More durable immunity

With two doses of the current vaccines, immunity is seen to decline and poor responses are seen in certain groups such as the severely immunocompromised and older people. COVID vaccines that can induce more durable immunity, more consistently across

vulnerable populations would be a major innovation.

This could require completely new vaccines. Protein subunit vaccines – which use purified protein from the surface of the virus as a target – are still working their way through approvals around the world.

One example is the Novavax vaccine, but there are a large number of other protein subunit vaccines also development that often use new adjuvants – again, the vaccine ingredient that fires up your immune system. These new adjuvants could support more durable immunity but this remains to be tested.

## Protection against future variants

We can also update the current vaccines by changing their target. All current COVID vaccines use a target from the original strain of the coronavirus to train the immune system.

This is okay for vaccinating against the Delta strain, as this new virus still looks pretty similar to the original virus to your immune system. But new viruses could emerge that the immune system struggles to recognise.

We could simply use a new target from a new virus. Some vaccines have been updated to target the Beta strain, which is relatively hard for our immune system to recognise. Trials are being run with these Beta-targeted vaccines as a dry run, to make sure that we can update vaccines if we need to.

A more ambitious approach would be to focus the immune response on a target/s common to all coronaviruses. This "pan-coronavirus" vaccine would hopefully provide protection from all or most coronaviruses. Again, early data from animal models are promising.

## Working out if vaccines are working

An important innovation for COVID vaccines would be an immune correlate.

An immune correlate is something that can be measured in an immune response to indicate if someone will be protected against infection or not. For rubella and hepatitis B virus, we measure the amount of antibody targeting these viruses in our blood. If antibody is absent or too low, a booster dose of the vaccine is recommended.

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An immune correlate for COVID could similarly allow us to identify people that need a booster.

Some researchers, including Australian teams, are sorting through data from around the world to see if there is something we can measure in our immune response to use as a correlate for COVID.

Research around the world is driving us towards the next generation of COVID vaccines. Innovations for COVID vaccines will lead to better vaccines for other infections too – those that currently afflict humanity and those that are yet to emerge. The author is Vice-Chancellor's Research Fellow, School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, RMIT University. The article is being reproduced by arrangements with The Conversation

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## A Heart That Sleeps Well

Want To Lower Your Risk Of Cardiovascular Disease? Adjust When You Go To Sleep

Catherine Pearson

While plenty of uncontrollable factors like genetics can influence heart health, about 80% all cardiovascular disease cases are preventable through lifestyle. Steps like quitting smoking, regularly moving your body and loading up on high-fiber foods all can lower your risk of heart disease.

And new research published in the European Heart Journal – Digital Health this week suggests there's another simple but potentially powerful lifestyle tweak that can help: Going to bed at a certain time.

People who fall asleep between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. have a lower risk of developing cardiovascular disease than people who fall asleep either before or after that time window.

"The body has a 24-hour internal clock, called circadian rhythm, that helps regulate physical and mental functioning," study author David Plans, head of research at the British health care technology company Huma, said in a statement.

"While we cannot conclude causation from our study," Plans added, "the results suggest that early or late bedtimes may be more likely to disrupt the body clock, with adverse consequences for cardiovascular health."

## The power of circadian rhythms

Plans and his team analyzed data from more than 88,000 participants in the UK Biobank, a massive database of health and lifestyle data available for research. Participants answered questions about their daily health habits and wore a device that logged when they fell asleep at night as well as when they woke up in the morning. The average age of the study participants was 61, and roughly 60% were women.

Overall, the researchers found that people who fell asleep at midnight or later had a 25% higher risk of developing



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cardiovascular disease than those who fell asleep between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. Those who fell asleep between 11 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. had a 12% higher risk. And those who fell asleep before 10 p.m. had a 24% increased risk.

The researchers did what they could to control for other factors known to in-

crease a person's risk for heart disease, like smoking, high blood pressure and socioeconomic status. They found the bedtime and heart health link still stood.

While the new study cannot establish cause and effect, the researchers believe their findings may have a lot to do with a person's natural circadian rhythms – the internal 24-hour sleep clock closely tied to the light and dark cycle of the sun. When that internal clock is disrupted by early or late bedtimes, it can negatively impact the heart, the researchers believe.

This certainly isn't the first hypothesis of its kind. Circadian rhythms are known

to affect many bodily systems, and previous research has shown that people with atypical bedtimes – particularly the millions of Americans who do shift work – are at greater risk for heart disease. Yes, working off-hours can make it much more challenging for people to exercise or eat nutritious meals. But shift work is also believed to impact people's underlying biological systems.

"Our study indicates that the optimum time to go to sleep is at a specific point in the body's 24-hour cycle and deviations may be detrimental to health," Plans said. (Plans and his co-researchers disclosed that their study was financially supported by Huma, but that the company played no role in data collection or analysis.)

**Another argument for prioritizing sleep**

While the researchers who conducted the new study cautioned that more work needs to be done to understand the potential connection between bedtimes and heart health, they believe their research reveals powerful clues.

"If our findings are confirmed in other studies, sleep timing and basic sleep hygiene could be a low-cost public health target for lowering risk of heart disease," Plans said.

Of course, people cannot necessarily control their bedtimes, especially those whose jobs require them to work late into the night or very early in the mornings.

But to the extent it's possible, sleep experts say you should be relatively consistent about when you go to sleep and when you wake up – and aim for a bedtime that means you can get at least seven to eight hours of sleep. Also, avoid large meals and caffeine before bed and try to create a quiet, dark sleep environment.

As more and more research shows, doing what you can to prioritize good sleep isn't just good for you the next day. It can make a big difference in your overall health in the long run.

# "Smaller Than Parking Space": Life In Hong Kong's Microflats, Nanoflats

Bloomberg Sheridan Prasso

**H**ong Kong: For Max Lee, a 26-year-old Hong Kong doctor, life in his single-room apartment revolves around the bed. It's the first thing you see walking in.

It's where he not only sleeps and watches television, but also where he studies medical literature when not at the hospital, his laptop perched on a narrow work table at one end. Lee chose this 220 square foot space in a glassy high rise in the busy heart of Kowloon so that he could afford to be in the city center. "It's alright to live here alone," he says, "but when my girlfriend comes over, it's very crowded."

Lee's home space might seem unusually small but the unit he lives in is in fact of an increasingly common type: the microflat. Hong Kong possesses around 8,500 of these tiny units, which represented 7% of all construction at their peak in 2019.

Look up at any sparkling new residential tower in Hong Kong, there are likely people crammed into flats like these. Far from the

romanticized U.S. "tiny house movement," these are single rooms about half the size of those spacious-by-comparison houses, with only enough space for a bed, cabinet, tiny bathroom and a kitchenette. They are marketed as "affordable homes."

It's Hong Kong's status as one of the world's most densely populated cities - and the least affordable - that fuels this market. A critical shortage of housing caused home prices to soar 187% from 2010 through 2019, according to government data. Now average home prices exceed \$1.3 million in a city where the minimum wage is just \$4.82 an hour. Even a skilled worker in Hong Kong must work 21 years to afford an average (650 square foot) apartment near the city center, the longest such period in the world, according to a 2019 report from UBS, and prices remain at near record highs despite the Covid-19 pandemic.

Microflats, costing half an average home's price, offer access to the property ladder's lowest rung. The tiniest of these spaces, at 128 square feet, known as nanoflats, are smaller than most cars and their



parking spaces. Buildings such as "One Prestige," built in 2018 in Hong Kong Island's North Point neighborhood, cater to not just first-time homebuyers but also to pied-a-terre purchasers from mainland China and elsewhere. With units ranging from 163 to 288 square feet, some have current asking prices of \$800,000 to \$1 million (\$3,900 to \$5,300 per square foot).

Property developers have responded to the demand for more affordable housing by increasingly parsing floor plans into ever smaller units, a trend that took off in 2015 after the government loosened regulations requiring natural light and ventilation. Previously, fire-safety codes required kitchens to be set apart by a wall, with their own window, obliging developers to build interior win-

dows into courtyards or air shafts to allow the separate kitchens to have light and air flow. The changed regulations allowed for open kitchens, lit by a single window at the unit's opposite end. Developers began constructing narrow, side-by-side units facing a single hallway, with a kitchenette near the door.

The result is a kitchenette much like a hotel minibar, with the simple addition of an electric hotplate or burner. There may be a built-in microwave, but never an oven. And the bathroom may or may not have a shower stall; sometimes the showerhead is simply above the toilet.

The move toward smaller units nonetheless predates the regulation changes. It reflects Hong Kong's unique geography and unusual history, as well as a system of loosely regulated capitalism inherited from its days as a British colony. Small-living was born of Hong Kong's refugee mentality as a place where many thousands of people fled from China, and it got its start in crisis. In 1953, a fire on Christmas Day in the hills of Kowloon's Shek Kip Mei neighborhood destroyed a shanty

housing refugees from China, leaving more than 50,000 people homeless. Rather than distribute charity to the displaced, the government rapidly constructed resettlement estates to house them, initiating the city's public housing program. The Bauhaus-style Mei Ho House allocated 120 square feet to each family. More than 300 people had to share six toilets. Even these crowded spaces were a step up from their destroyed hillside shacks.

"People did not really object or complain, because they did not have the grounds to complain," says Ng Mee-kam, an urban studies scholar at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "We have to imagine going back in time. There was a time, talking about the 1950s, when most Hong Kongers were refugees running from World War II, civil war, and then the Communist Party taking over in China. They had this refugee mentality. If you just escaped from a former place that you don't desire to live in, then you would not have a lot of expectations in a new place, because your whole purpose would be just pure survival."

## Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing Can Detect Respiratory Disorders Among Obese

Agencies

**T**he findings of a new study suggest that cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPET), also known as ergo spirometry, can be used for the early detection of respiratory disorders in overweight and obese individuals.

This is the main finding of a study by Brazilian researchers who set out to assess the influence of obesity on the physiological responses obtained in CPET. The findings of the study were published in the journal 'PLOS ONE'.

Most of the authors are researchers in the Department of Human Movement Sciences at the Federal University of Sao Paulo (UNIFESP) in Santos. The study was supported by FAPESP. Three physicians affiliated with the Angiocorpore Institute of Cardiovascular Medicine in Santos also participated.

CPET combines a conventional ergometric test with analysis of expelled air to obtain measurements of pulmonary oxygen uptake (VO<sub>2</sub>), carbon dioxide production (VCO<sub>2</sub>), respiratory rate, and pulmonary ventilation. It determines the level of aerobic conditioning and is indicated for an initial assessment in physical exercise programs, both in clinical practice and for amateur or high-performance athletes.

The study showed that the main ventilatory responses were unaltered in obese volunteers. For example, the ratio of minute ventilation (VE, the volume of air exhaled in one minute) to VCO<sub>2</sub>, averaged 25.4 for the obese group and 25.6 for the non-obese control group. The ratio corresponds to the quantity of ventilation used to eliminate a given amount of carbon dioxide during the test and is considered an

indicator of respiratory efficiency.

The finding that obesity did not influence this variable means abnormal values can be useful for early detection of respiratory disorders and can point to potential problems before symptoms appear, regardless of obesity.



However, as expected, obesity impaired performance in almost all of the many maximal and submaximal variables analysed in the study. The most influenced were the cardiovascular, metabolic, and gas exchange variables.

"CPET is insufficiently used for obese patients. It can bring to light several potential issues and has substantial diagnostic and pre-diagnostic potential, which isn't adequately explored. Our study shows that if ventilatory efficiency is altered, the reason is highly likely to be an incipient respiratory disorder, rather than a consequence of obesity," said Victor Zuniga Dourado, head of UNIFESP's Epidemiology and Human Movement Laboratory (EPIMOV) and principal investigator for the study.

The test does not diagnose a specific disorder or disease, Dourado explained but can be used for early detection of exercise intolerance and to help identify its causes, so that the patient can be referred to a specialist for a more precise diagnosis.

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Subject: Select List for the posts of Horticulture Development Officer in Agriculture Production Department.

**Notification No. 86 - PSC (DR-S) of 2021**  
Dated: 03.11.2021

Whereas, Agriculture Production Department vide letter No.Agr/Horti/7-B/2009 dated 11.06.2013 referred 22 posts [OM:17, RBA:02, SC:01, ST:01, ALC:01] of Horticulture Development Officer in accordance with SRO 161 dated 23.04.2002 for selection of suitable candidates. The prescribed qualification for the said post is as under:

"M.Sc. Horticulture in case of non-availability B.Sc. Horticulture/B.Sc. Agriculture"; and  
Whereas, J&K Public Service Commission vide Notification No.10-PSC (DR-P) of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 advertised the said posts for selection of suitable candidates. The last date for receipt of applications was 22.07.2013 against which the Commission received 266 applications, which were scrutinized and accordingly 76 eligible candidates were shortlisted for interview in terms of Rule 40 of J&K Public Service Commission (Business & Procedure) Rules, 1980. Some of the candidates having irrelevant qualification approached Hon'ble Court through the medium of SWP No.1904/2009 titled Shahnawaz Qadiri & Ors. Vs State and Others. The Hon'ble Court disposed of the said petition vide order dated 08.10.2010. The operative part of the same is reproduced herein below:

"In the circumstances, this petition is disposed of with the following directions:  
The respondents shall constitute a Committee headed by the Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department. The Committee shall have the following members:  
1. An expert from the Horticulture Department to be nominated by the Commissioner.  
2. A member from the State PSC to be nominated by the Chairman PSC.  
3. An expert from the SKUAST to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor of the University.  
4. An expert from the central Institute of Temperate Horticulture Rangreth, Srinagar Kashmir, Govt. of India to be nominated by the Director of Institute.  
5. State PSC shall proceed in the matter on the basis of decision taken by the Committee. In case, the Committee finds that the petitioner possess the qualification prescribed in the advertisement notice, the selection list shall be finalised by the State PSC within one week from the report of the committee.

Disposed of, accordingly."  
Whereas, in compliance to the Hon'ble High Court judgment, Agriculture Production Department vide Govt. Order No.264-Agr of 2010 dated 27.10.2010 constituted the Committee comprising of the following:  
1. Mr. K.M. Wani, Member, J&K PSC  
2. Dr. Fayaz Ahmed Banday, Professor and Head, Division of Pomology, SKUAST, Shalimar.  
3. Dr. B.S. Singh, Principal Scientist, Central Institute of Temperature Horticulture, J&K Rangreth.  
4. Director, Horticulture, Kashmir.  
The Ld. Member, PSC Mr. K.M. Wani apprised the Committee regarding the Hon'ble High Court order and accordingly the matter was deliberated upon and it was resolved as under:

"The members thus resolve that the department should update the Recruitment Rules of the department in view of the advancement that has taken place in the field of Horticulture through diversification under different specialties. The Committee suggested that the prescribed procedure should be followed to update the Recruitment Rules. However, in the instant case the selection should be strictly made on the basis of the Recruitment Rules, as there is no provision of equivalence in the Recruitment Rules notified vide SRO 161 dated 23.04.2002."  
The Committee, therefore, concluded that the petitioners of SWP No.1904/2009 titled Shahnawaz Qadiri & Others Vs State & Ors. do not possess the qualification as laid down in the Recruitment Rules, as there is no provision of equivalence in the Recruitment Rules notified vide SRO 161 dated 23.04.2002. Accordingly, the claim of the petitioners in SWP No.1904/2009 titled Shahnawaz Qadiri & Others Vs State & Ors. to be eligible for the post of Horticulture Development Officer/Assistant Analyst, has been rejected by the Commission vide its order No.171-PSC of 2011 dated 16.05.2011.

Whereas, 24 petitioners in SWP No.1870/2013 titled Khurshid Ahmad Mir & Others were also called for interview in view of the Hon'ble High Court directions. The operative part is reproduced as under:  
"The respondent Commission shall allow the petitioner to participate in the selection process for the post of Horticulture Development Officer. However, the selection process shall not be finalised till next date before the Bench."

Subsequently, the case was transferred to the Central Administrative Tribunal on 22.02.2021 for further proceedings. The Hon'ble CAT vide order dated 23.07.2021 passed in T.A. No.62/782/2021 dismissed the supra petition due to non-appearance of the applicant as under:  
"...it seems that the applicant has lost interest in pursuing the matter. Accordingly, the TA is dismissed due to non-appearance of applicant."

Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court vide Order dated 28.07.2021 also disposed off SWP No.919/2012 titled Khurshid Ahmad Zarger Vs J&K PSC and another with the following direction:  
"Neither petitioner nor counsel present, seemingly the petitioners have lost interest in prosecuting the matter, therefore, the writ petition deserves to be dismissed, however, while making such order the Court feels it proper to reserve the right of petitioners to re-agitate the matter if the cause still survives by filing the notion seeking restoration of the writ petition. Writ petitioners are also at liberty to file representation before the competent authority for seeking consideration and decision. The consideration shall be made and decision taken in accordance with law and the norms governing the subject."

Whereas, the interview of the shortlisted candidates was conducted w.e.f. 29.03.2016 to 31.03.2016 with the assistance of experts.  
Now, therefore, on the basis of the performance in the interview in pursuance of Rule 51 of the J&K Public Service Commission (Business & Procedure) Rules, 1980 as amended from time to time and other related parameters, the merit of the candidates who have appeared in the interview is enclosed as Annexure-"A" to this Notification.  
Consequent upon the above, the select list of the candidates against the available posts is given in Annexure-B to this Notification.

Note:-

1. The Commission reserves the right to have certificates/documents of the candidate verified, if at any later stage found expedient to do so. The Selection of the candidate is purely provisional and is subject to the outcome of writ petition(s) pending before any competent Court of law.  
2. The select list is provisional and objection, if any, may be submitted to the Commission within five days for examination and disposal. No claim, whatsoever, shall be entertained after five days from the date of issuance of Notification.

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No. PSC/DR/HDO/Agri. Prod. Deptt/2013 Dated:03.11.2021

### Annexure- B (Select List)

| SNO                                       | BD NO | NAME                    | PARENTAGE             | ADDRESS  | MERIT       |
|---|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>SELECT LIST OF OPEN MERIT CATEGORY</b> |       |                         |                       |  |             |
| 1.  | 5     | BILAL AHMAD PANDIT      | MOHD YOUSUF PANDIT    | JABLIPORA BIJBHARA ANANTNAG                              | 80.85       |
| 2.  | 4     | ASMA HASSAN             | JOWHAR AHMAD LONE     | RAWATHPORA COLONY BAGHAT BARZULLA NEAR M.E.T SCHOOL LANE | 74.63       |
| 3.  | 13    | GOUSIA HUSSAIN          | ZAFFAR MASOODI        | C/O: MASOODI MOTORS KADLABAL PAMPORE                     | 74.14       |
| 4.  | 2     | MOHD IMRAN KHAN         | ABDUL RASHID KHAN     | NEW COLONY BATAMALOO HOUSE NO: 84-A SRINAGAR             | 72.63       |
| 5.  | 10    | SUMINA RAMZAN           | DR MOHMAD RAMZAN BHAT | MADINA COLONY CHANAPORA SRINAGAR                         | 71.84       |
| 6.  | 7     | ZAFER IQBAL NANGROO     | MOHD ANWAR NENGROO    | PRICHOO PULWAMA KASHMIR                                  | 70.76       |
| 7.  | 40    | MOHD ABID               | ZAHOOOR AHMAD MIR     | BUL BUL LANKER NAWA KADAL SRIANGAR                       | 70.53       |
| 8.  | 18    | FEROZ AHMAD PARRY       | GH MOHD PARRY         | BON-MAKHAMA (MAGAM) BEERWAH BUDGAM KASHMIR               | 69.44       |
| 9.  | 32    | TANVEER AHMAD DAR       | GH RASOOL DAR         | DOONI WARI CHADOORA BUDGAM                               | 69.06       |
| 10.                                       | 42    | SYED BERJES ZEHRRA      | SYED MUZAFAR SHAH     | DAB GANDERBAL BLOCK WAKOORA TEHSIL: LAD DISTT: GANDERBAL | 68.81 (RBA) |
| 11.                                       | 50    | KUNZANG LAMO            | TSERING PHUNTSOG      | BARZI COMPLEX, HOUSE NO: 42 NEAR POSTAL COLONY LEH       | 68.69 (ST)  |
| 12.                                       | 17    | ASHA NABI               | GHULAM NABI KABLI     | AZAD GUNJ NEAR CHECK POST BARAMULLA                      | 68.29       |
| 13.                                       | 12    | KOUNSER JAVEED          | JAVEED AHMAD NADROO   | MODEL TOWN "B" SOPORA DISTT: BARAMULLA                   | 67.57       |
| 14.                                       | 11    | MUZAMIL RASOOL          | GH RASOOL PATNI       | BAGHI ISLAM KRANKSHIVAN COLONY KASHMIR                   | 66.60       |
| 15.                                       | 37    | GOHAR AHMAD DAR         | ABDUL RAHIM DAR       | AMIR ABAD TRAL DISTT: PULWAMA                            | 66.51       |
| 16.                                       | 33    | GH MOHAMMAD WANI        | ALI MOHAMMAD WANI     | CHAKURA PULAMA KASHMIR                                   | 66.38       |
| 17.                                       | 26    | AARIFA JAN              | AB SALAM ITOO         | MONDHOLE QAZIGUND KULGAM                                 | 65.73       |
| <b>SELECT LIST OF RBA CATEGORY</b>        |       |                         |                       |  |             |
| 1.  | 56    | ARSHAD AHMAD PAL        | MOHD ABDULLAH PAL     | DANGARPORA SHOPIAN                                       | 63.14       |
| 2.  | 59    | SYED MOHD AUSIF BUKHARI | SYED GH MOHD          | LOWER MUNDA DORU ANATNAG                                 | 53.88       |
| <b>SELECT LIST OF SC CATEGORY</b>         |       |                         |                       |  |             |
| 1.  | 43    | VIJAY KUMAR             | BALDEV RAJ            | H.NO. 06 SEC: B SAINIK COLONY JAMMU                      | 49.17       |
| <b>SELECT LIST OF ST CATEGORY</b>         |       |                         |                       |  |             |
| 1.  | 64    | SONAM SPALDON           | TSETAN MOTUP          | TSETAN MOTUP MATHO CHOLA LEH LADAKH                      | 61.55       |
| <b>SELECT LIST OF ALC CATEGORY</b>        |       |                         |                       |  |             |
| 1.  | 47    | RAKESH KUMAR            | RAM LAL               | VILL: KALAH PALLANWALA AKHNOOR JAMMU                     | 60.86       |

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### Interview Notice

it is notified for the information of all candidates who have applied for the tenure posts of Registrars in the following disciplines in response to this office Advertisement Notices No. 06 of 2021 Dated 05-07-2021 that their interview will be held on the indicated date & time against each Discipline in the office chamber of the undersigned:-

| S.NO | Discipline                     | Date       | Time     |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1.   | Psychiatry                     | 15-11-2021 | 11:00 AM |
| 2.   | Pathology                      | 15-11-2021 | 11:50 AM |
| 3.   | Pharmacology                   | 15-11-2021 | 01:30 PM |
| 4.   | Anatomy                        | 15-11-2021 | 01:45 PM |
| 5.   | Biochemistry                   | 16-11-2021 | 11:00 AM |
| 6.   | Physiology                     | 16-11-2021 | 12:15 PM |
| 7.   | Social and Preventive Medicine | 16-11-2021 | 01-15 PM |
| 8.   | orthopaedics                   | 16-11-2021 | 02:00 PM |

Note:-

- PSC confirmed doctors shall only be interviewed after obtaining NQC from competent authority as per Government order No. 164-HME of 2012 Dated. 02-03-2012.
- The concerned candidates are advised to bring all original certificates/testimonials for verification by the selection committee on the date of interview.
- No ta/da shall be paid to the candidates on this account.

NO: AR/MC/R/D/Adv/2166-67/MC  
DATED 8-11-2021

Principal / Dean  
Govt. Medical college, Srinagar.

DIPK-12235/21

Sd/-  
(R. K. Katoch) JKAS  
Secretary J&K Public Service Commission.

## Pandemic Uncertainties Led To Rise In Demand For Cash

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi:** Uncertainties on account of COVID-19 pandemic have increased the demand for currency notes not only in India but across the globe, official sources said, dismissing the criticism that demonetisation has failed to reduce cash in the economy.

Government sources said that growth of the digital payments system post-demonetisation will ultimately curb the dependence on cash.

Official data points out a jump in digital payments through different modes, including plastic cards, net banking and Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

UPI of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is fast emerging as a major medium of payment in the country. UPI was launched in 2016, and the transactions have been growing month-on-month barring a few blips.

In October 2021, the transactions in value terms stood at over Rs 7.71 lakh crore or over USD 100 billion. A total of 421 crore transactions were done through UPI in October.

Sources also pointed out that even in the US, total currency in circulation soared to USD 2.07 trillion by the end of 2020 - a 16 per cent gain from a year earlier, and was also the biggest one-year percentage increase since 1945.

Demand for liquidity always increases during periods of economic uncertainty and since cash is the most liquid form of asset, the increase in cash during the period of enormous uncertainty is expected, sources said, adding, the larger holding of cash in the pandemic year has been a world-wide phenomenon.

Observing that demand for currency depends upon several macro-economic factors, including economic growth and level of interest rates, sources said, the precautionary demand generated by the public during 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic induced uncertainties is also an important factor in currency demand.

The current increase in Currency-in-Circulation (CiC) during 2020-21 has been 17.2 per cent in value terms, which is in line with past trends, when viewed in conjunction with the COVID-19 pandemic induced demand, sources said.

The long-term average in-



crease in CiC during the last 20 years has been 15 per cent.

As a percentage of GDP, sources said, CiC has remained between 11-12 per cent during the last decade, but a combination of greater public demand for cash and a huge contraction in GDP, has led to an increase in CiC as a percentage of GDP, from 12 per cent during 2019-20 to 14.5 per cent during 2020-21.

According to the latest Reserve Bank data, the notes in circulation in value terms soared from Rs 17.74 lakh crore on November 4, 2016, to Rs 29.17 lakh crore on October 29, 2021.

Highlighting benefits of demonetisation, sources said, it has increased the trend towards greater formalisation of the economy and towards increased digitisation of payments.

Similarly, some of the reports pointed out that the number of counterfeit notes in the economy has decreased by 1.1 lakh between FY'19 to FY'21, thereby attaining another important goal of demonetisation.

In view of the above, sources said, it is clear that demonetisation was primarily intended to remove black money and counterfeit notes from circulation and increase digitalisation with the ultimate aim to replace cash with digital payment systems.

These objectives have been achieved but the process of greater digitisation is an ongoing exercise, sources said.

The increase of CiC now only indicates that at certain points in time, cash and digitisation can co-exist and that in times of any uncertainty, like COVID-19 pandemic induced uncertainty, people may make digital payments, but hold on to cash as a liquid asset as a precautionary measure, sources added.

On November 8, five years ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the demonetisation of old Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 banknotes and one of the key objectives of the unprecedented decision was to promote digital payments and curb black money flows.

## Domestic Air Passenger Traffic Rises 67% To Around 88 Lakh In Oct: ICRA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**MUMBAI:** Domestic air passenger traffic grew by a whopping 67 per cent year-on-year at around 87-88 lakh in October, on the back of festive season demand amid continuous fall in the number of COVID-19 infection cases, says an ICRA report.

According to credit ratings agency ICRA, domestic passenger volume in October 2020 was at 52.71 lakh. The growth in domestic passenger traffic, on a sequential basis, was nearly 24-25 per cent higher compared to 71 lakh, as per ICRA.

Moreover, domestic carriers operated 46 per cent more flights at 72,000 during the month under review over 49,150 departures logged in October 2020, ICRA said, adding, on a sequential basis, the number of departures in October 2021 were higher by around 18 per cent, as COVID-19 infections demonstrated a downward trajectory.

However, higher aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices continue to pose a near-term challenge with price seeing a sequential increase of 13.9 per cent in No-



vember 2021, it stated.

For October 2021, the average daily departures were at around 2,400, significantly higher than the average daily departures of 1,585 in October 2020, and higher than around 2,100 in September 2021, said Suprio Banerjee, Vice President and Sector Head at ICRA.

The average number of passengers per flight during October this year was 122, against an average of 117 passengers per flight in the earlier month, he said.

"Though the recovery continued in October, demand continues to be subdued from the corporate traveller segment as reflected by passenger traffic being lower by around 28 per cent in October 2021, compared to pre-COVID levels," Banerjee said.

The government allowed the airlines to operate at 100 per cent capacity from October 18, which is a step in the right direction, given the onset of the festive season, ICRA said.

The Civil Aviation Ministry had reduced the permissible capacity deployment to 50 per cent of pre-COVID levels, with effect from June 1, 2021 due to the resurgence of the second wave of the pandemic, which has now been restored back to 100 per cent in subsequent phases over the months.

According to ICRA, one major concern that continues to worry the aviation sector is the ATF prices, which have seen a sharp increase of 94.4 per cent on a year-on-year (Y-o-Y) basis till November 2021, mainly on account of increase in crude oil prices.

## Indian Dairy Industry To Grow By 9-11% In FY22: Report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**MUMBAI:** The dairy industry is expected to grow by 9-11 per cent in 2021-22, driven by a revival in economic activities, increasing per capita consumption of milk and milk products, changing dietary preferences due to rising urbanisation, according to a report.

The industry-wide demand to grow by 9-11 per cent in the financial year 2021-22, Icrs said in a report maintaining a stable outlook for the dairy industry over the long term.

Revival in economic activities, increasing per capita consumption of milk and milk products, changing dietary preferences due to rising urbanisation, and continued government support to the dairy industry will drive demand, it added.



Domestic milk production is estimated to increase by 5-6 per cent in the financial year 2021-22, supported by a normal monsoon and early onset of the flush season in some regions, the report said.

Post the moderate impact of the pandemic, the industry witnessed a steady recovery in consumption across end segments, it added.

"Demand recovery was stunted by the resurgence

in Covid-19 cases in the first quarter FY22, and the impact was severe in institutional segments. However, there has been a healthy revival in demand in recent months with a sharp fall in fresh Covid cases and resumption in business activities. Organised dairy segment, which accounts for 26-30 per cent of industry (by value) has seen faster growth compared to unorganised segment and we expect the trend to continue," Icrs Vice President and Sector Head Sheetal Sharad said.

## 5G Mobiles Account For 22% Share Of India's Smartphone Shipment: CMR

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** Shipment of 5G smartphones in the country continues to gain traction and such devices accounted for 22 per cent market share in the third quarter of 2021, according to CMR.

As per CMR's India Mobile Handset Market Review Report for Q3 2021, more than 20 5G-capable smartphones were launched over the course of the quarter.

"Across price tiers, 5G smartphone shipments are gaining in strength, and contributing to increased affordability, availability and accessibility.

"With smartphone brands, such as OnePlus, Oppo, realme, Samsung and vivo prioritizing 5G, and consumers seeking to future-proof themselves, 5G continues to gain momentum," CMR Analyst-Industry Intelligence Group Shipra Sinha said.

Sinha added that together, these five brands shipped 5G smartphones in excess of USD



3 billion during the September 2021 quarter.

Vivo led the 5G smartphone segment with an 18 per cent market share, followed by Samsung at 16 per cent, as per CMR.

For the entire year, CMR estimates suggest a potential 5-8 per cent year-on-year growth in smartphone shipments.

In the fourth quarter, CMR anticipates the ongoing supply constraints, high components and logistics costs, and consequent high retail costs, to continue challenging smartphone brands.

On the demand side, aided by the availability of attractive affordability schemes, smartphone upgraders are seeking better-specced 5G-capable phones, CMR said.

## RBI To Organise Its First Global Hackathon With Theme 'Smarter Digital Payments'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**MUMBAI:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday announced its first global hackathon 'HARBINGER 2021 Innovation for Transformation' with the theme 'Smarter Digital Payments'.

Registration for the hackathon starts from November 15, the central bank said in a statement.

The Hackathon, it said, invites participants to identify and develop solutions that have the potential to make digital payments accessible to the under-served, enhance the ease of payments and user experience, while strengthening the security of digital payments

and promoting customer protection.

According to the statement, HARBINGER 2021 invites innovative ideas for several problem statements in the payment and settlement systems landscape, including, context-based

retail payments to remove the physical act of payment.

Ideas have also been sought for innovative, easy-to-use, non-mobile digital

payment solutions for converting small-ticket cash transactions to digital mode; alternative authentication mechanism for digital payments; and social media analysis monitoring tool for detection of digital payment fraud and disruption.



## Crypto Market Value Tops USD 3 Trillion For First Time

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**NEW YORK:** The world cryptocurrency market is worth more than \$3 trillion for the first time, according to calculations Monday, as mainstream investors increasingly jump on board.

The value has reached \$3.007 trillion (2.6 trillion euros), said CoinGecko, which tracks prices of more than 10,000 cryptocurrencies.

"The crypto market is growing at a mind-blowing speed," noted SwissQuote analyst Ipek Ozkardeskaya. "A part of it is speculation of course, but a part of it is real," she said. "Crypto is now making its way to traditional finance and everyone is on board."

Bitcoin, the world's biggest cryptocurrency, hit a record-high \$66,000 last month after taking another step towards mainstream status. It surged back above \$66,000 on Monday close to its all-time peak after a five percent jump. Ethereum, the second biggest cryptocurrency by market value, hit a record high \$4,768 on Monday. A bitcoin futures exchange-traded fund, a type of financial instrument, launched on the New York Stock Exchange in October.

## Over 2.38 Cr ITRs For FY21 Filed: I-T Dept

**NEW DELHI:** Over 2.38 crore income tax returns have been filed for 2020-21 fiscal so far, the I-T department said on Tuesday.

Of this, over 1.68 crore income tax returns (ITRs) have been processed, while refunds have been issued in more than 64 lakh cases. The Income Tax e-filing portal has received more than 2.38 crore ITRs for AY 2021-22, the I-T department tweeted. It also urged taxpayers to file their ITRs for 2020-21 fiscal on the e-filing portal quickly.

The government has extended the due date for filing ITRs for 2020-21 fiscal twice. For individual taxpayer the last date is December 31. (PTI)

## Gold Climbs Rs 103; Silver Jumps Rs 119

**NEW DELHI-** Gold in the national capital on Tuesday rallied Rs 103 to Rs 47,124 per 10 grams in line with gain in international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the precious metal had settled at Rs 47,021 per 10 grams.

Silver also jumped Rs 119 to Rs 63,525 per kilogram from Rs 63,406 per kilogram in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold was trading in the green at USD 1,824 per ounce and silver flat at USD 24.36 per ounce. "Gold prices traded firm with spot gold prices at CO-MEX trading up at USD 1,824 per ounce on Tuesday. (PTI)

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**TENDER NOTICE NO.29 OF 2021-22(E)**

For and on behalf of the Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Housing Board J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited on item wise basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Union Territory, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments(In two Cover System) for the work listed below:-

| S. No | Name of Work   | Estimated Cost (in Rs) | Cost of tender Document | Period of Completion | Class of contractor |
|-------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1     | Construction of Attic floor at (JLNM) Hospital Rainawari, Srinagar | 48.34 Lacs             | Rs1600/-                | 4month               | AAV/BEE             |

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website https://jktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below:-

|     |  |  |
|-----|--|--|
| 01. | Date of issue of tender Notice.                | 05-11-2021 (11AM)  |
| 02. | Period of downloading of bidding document.     | 06-11-2021(2PM)upto 27-11-2021(4PM)  |
| 03. | Bid submission start date                      | 06-11-2021 (2PM)   |
| 04. | Bid submission end date                        | 27-11-2021(4PM)  |
| 05. | Date and time of opening bids                  | 29-11-2021 2PM   |
| 06. | Tender inviting / opening/receiving authority. | Deputy General Manager Unit 2 <sup>nd</sup> Habitat Centre Bemina Srinagar |

1. The cost of bidding document must be credited in the following account through cash, RTGS/ NEFT and the proof of the same must be uploaded.

Name of the Bank: J & K Bank Ltd.  
Branch: JVC Bemina Srinagar  
Account Title: DGM, J&K HB UNIT 2nd  
Account Type: Savings  
Account No:1206040500005049  
IFSC Code: JAKA0EVBEM

2. In pursuance to Circular No. A/Misc(2018)-III-895/J Dated: 22-12-2020 issued by Finance Department of J&K, there is no requirement of submission of Bid Security/ Earnest Money Deposit (EMD). However, every bidder has to furnish an undertaking/ declaration accepting that if it withdraws or modifies its bids during the period of bid validity or if it fails to sign the contract or fails to submit an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security within 07 days of opening of price bid, if they are awarded the contract, they will be suspended from participating in any tender process in future till 31st March, 2023 (forementioned undertaken/ declaration needs to be furnished as per format in Annexure-"A" and same must be uploaded.

3. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site by the Deputy General Manager Housing Board Unit-II Srinagar

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

5. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

5.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders manual kit" on website https://jktenders.gov.in to account bid submission process.

5.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature certificate (DSC)" as per information Technology Act 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from any approved vendors.

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

5.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in para-1.

5.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

6. The Department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

7. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Deposit Receipt pledged to Deputy General Manager Housing Board Unit-II Srinagar (Tender receiving authority) must be uploaded with the documents of the bid.

8. 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.

9. 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 upto completion 3 of the work unless otherwise specified deductions 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.

10. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B E-Tendering portal to

26 The contractors who are defaulter in execution of works in Housing board are barring/ not allowed for participation of tender processing for said works.

27. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

Sd/-  
Deputy General Manager  
Housing Unit 2nd J&K Housing Board Sgr

No:HU-2nd/Sgr/ 2205-12  
Dated: 05- 11-2021  
DIPK-NB-4885/21

## J&K SERVICES SELECTION BOARD, Hema Complex, Adjacent to Gauri Shanker Mandir, Channi Himmat, Sect 03, Jammu. (www.jkssb.nic.in)

### NOTIFICATION

**Subject:- Document Verification of candidates under Persons with Disabilities (PwD) category, for Posts of Class IV ( Various Departments), UT, Divisional Cadre Jammu/ Kashmir and Various district Cadres, Advertised Vide Advertisement Notice No 01 of 2020 dated 26-06-2020.**

- The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, issued Provisional Short List of candidates vide Notification No SSB/Secy/Class-IV/20217422-27 dated 29-10-2021, under Persons with Disabilities (PwD), for Posts of Class IV ( Various Departments), UT, Divisional Cadre Jammu/ Kashmir and Various district Cadres, Advertised Vide Advertisement Notice No 01 of 2020 dated 26-06-2020.
  - The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board has decided to call the candidates figuring in Provisional Shortlist for Document Verification, in accordance with the schedule annexed herewith.
  - Now, therefore, the candidates shown in Annexure "A" (Jammu Based) and Annexure "B" (Kashmir Based) to this notification are hereby called to appear for Document Verification before the designated Document Verification Committees w.e.f 15-11-2021 onwards as per the dates/ time shown against each in the Divisional Office, J&K Services Selection Board Sehkarri Bawan, Panama Chowk, Jammu (Jammu Division Candidates) and in the J&K Services Selection Board, Central Office, Zum Zum Building Rambagh, Srinagar (Kashmir Division Candidates).
- (i) The said candidates are required to appear before the Document Verification Committee with the following documents in original; and
- Copy of Online Application form.
  - D.O.B Certificate (10th Diploma /Marks card).
  - Reservation category certificate, if applicable.
  - Persons with Disabilities (PwD) certificate.
  - Domicile certificate.
  - 10+2 Marks sheet /Diploma.
  - Other documents as per the advertisement.
  - Certificate/Documents on formats prescribed by the General Administration Department in terms of Notification No: GAD-MTGORBI/57/2021-09-GAD dated 06-07-2021, in case additional points have been assigned to the candidates as per SO 184 dated 04-06-2020. If candidates fails to produce the document/certificate in support of his/her claim for additional weightage/points, the Board shall deduct additional weightage /points from his/her merit and make corresponding changes in the Provisional shortlist without any further notice. A copy of the prescribed forms is annexed herewith for convenience of the candidates
  - In case of candidates claiming possession of equivalent educational qualification, it shall be mandatory to produce relevant Equivalence Certificate from the concerned authorities at the time of Document Verification, and the Board shall take an appropriate view based on the norms governing the subject.
  - An Undertaking in the shape of an Affidavit duly sworn before 1st class Judicial Magistrate to the effect that.
- (ii) He/she is possessing the minimum qualification of Matric and Maximum of 10+2 and he/she is not possessing the higher qualification than that is prescribed for the post on or before the last date of submission of application form i.e 28-08-2020.
- (iii) If at any stage of the selection or later on, it has been found that he/she is possessing higher qualification than what is prescribed for the post, his/her candidature shall be cancelled ab-initio, without service of any notice to him/her and that he/she shall have no claim for the post.
- (iii) Additionally, the candidates are required to produce a self-attested photocopy of each document/ certificate/Online application form on the day of Document Verification before the Document Verification Committee.
- (iv) Candidates are figuring in reserved categories, purely on the basis of details they have incorporated in their data i.e online application form. Their respective claims on this account are further subject to production of valid reserved category certificate at the time of Document Verification, in addition to the normal process of verification indicated at para 03(i).
- (v) The shortlisting and subsequent selection shall be subject to outcome of any writ petition(s), if any, pending before the competent Court of Law.

**BY ORDER.**

(Ashok Kumar)JKAS,  
Controller of Examination  
J&K Services Selection Board  
Jammu.

No. SSB/Secy/Class-IV/2021/7549-56  
Dated: 08.11.2021  
DIPK-12277/21

## CRPF Rushes

deployment in the summer capital of Srinagar and other parts of the valley.

The BSF guards the India-Pakistan Line of Control (LoC) under the operational command of the army and some of its units are deployed for law and order duties in the towns too.

New bunkers have emerged in the valley as people were being frisked and vehicles scanned by the central and state police personnel.

Even women CRPF personnel have been deployed in areas around Lal Chowk for frisking females.

At least 14 people have lost their lives since October 1 in shootings that targeted civilians in Jammu and Kashmir.

Five of those killed were labourers from Bihar, while three, including two teachers, belonged to minority communities in Kashmir.

Officials said a total of 112 militants were killed and 135 apprehended in the Union Territory this year by the CRPF and other security forces during joint operations.

## Night Temperature

a minimum of minus 1.0° against minus 2.0°C on the previous night, the official said.

Leh recorded a low of minus 6.6°C against last night's minus 6.8°C while mercury settled at 3.0°C in Kargil, the official said. The meteorological department has said that there was no forecast for any major snowfall for now and the weather shall remain dry.

## Searches, Frisking

has also been done. Locals said that troopers check their identity cards, search pockets, vehicles and other valuables they carry. "We want an immediate end to such unnecessary moves that put the common public to immense hardships," they said.

"Searches of our vehicles and frisking of whatever we carry has become part of our life over the past few days. Not only this, they (CRPF personnel) also exceed their jurisdiction by seeking documents like driving licenses, identity cards, ownership certificate of vehicles, registration certificate etc etc, which is none of their business," an eyewitness said.

## UNESCO Tag

in UNESCO Creative cities would give a big push to marketing of Kashmir as a major tourist destination globally and it is expected that more and more tourists across would visit Kashmir in future and give a much needed flip to tourist industry in valley" said Ashiq Khurro associated with tourist industry

Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Chief Executive Officer JKERA/JTFRP said that it is a moment of immense satisfaction for all of us that only three cities at National level have made it to the UNESCO list and Srinagar is one of them". He said that "Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha has taken a personal interest in the matter and it's because of his guidance that this unique

recognition has been achieved".

CEO ERA/JTFRP added that under the World Bank funded, JTFRP efforts were being made vigorously since 2019 to bring our arts and crafts on the international platform so that our artisans and crafts get the credit and recognition. It has been collective effort of the various departments with Dept. of Industries & Commerce playing the major role along with Srinagar Municipal Corporation, and Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project.

"It is very heartening for the entire World Bank team that Srinagar has been able to bag a position in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network list under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project" said Mr Deepak Singh, Deputy Team Leader World Bank for JTFRP

Iftikhar Hakim, Director, Planning & Coordination JTFRP said that its is a moment of rejoice for the all the citizens of Srinagar City and stakeholders particularly Artisans and distinction has been achieved due to the tireless efforts of all the stakeholders who continued their hard work despite not being able to get to the list in our first attempt in 2019. "We reworked on the Dossier this year and redrafted Dossier had been submitted by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation. Hard work and perseverance of all the stakeholders has been paid in the end with the Srinagar finally making it to the coveted list" Iftikhar Hakim said.

Mehmood Ahmad Shah, Director Handicrafts & Handlooms, said "Main aim of the initiative is to glorify all the Artisans and as part of the promotion of our arts and crafts we are adopting a multipronged brand strategy which includes an ideal market mix of Handmade with Art, Authenticity, Testing and G.I tagging of various crafts.

Salim Beigh, Convener, INTACH private limited a consultancy which has prepared a Dossier said "Every City has its uniqueness in creative domain and UNESCO cities Network is an initiative to bring unique creative aspects on a global platform" He also said that under the Dossier we have made various commitments which are to be fulfilled and continuous assessment of these need to be followed up.

## Won't Leave

minority communities and non-local workers.

Mawa, a Kashmiri Pandit himself, told a national channel that he was warned by the police that he could be targeted by assassins. "I got a call around 3 in the afternoon from the police that I could be targeted," he said. "So, I left home in my [another] small car. Ibrahim (Khan) went to take my XUV from the store around 8 pm. The militant was lurking there in the dark. He thought it was me and pumped four bullets in him."

Another employee of Mawa was present at the time of the fatal attack.

Khan was a resident of north Kashmir's Bandipora district and is survived by his parents, wife, and two young children. He was

employed by Mawa for the last 15 years. "I don't know how to face his family. It feels as if I am responsible for his death," Mawa said.

A little known militant outfit called the Muslim Janbaz force, earlier believed to be defunct, has claimed responsibility for Khan's death in an unsigned letter written in Urdu attributed to the group. The veracity of the letter could not be independently verified. No militant outfit has rebutted the letter so far.

The letter alleged that Mawa and his father Roshan Lal Mawa were the "real targets" as the "father-son duo were working with Indian agencies and that is why they were targeted. They were involved in bringing non-locals to Kashmir."

Mawa's father Roshan Lal, also a prominent businessman, has also been on the militant radar earlier. He was shot and injured in the 1990s, forcing the family to migrate from Kashmir. They returned to the Valley in 2019.

"My father is in Delhi. I am in Srinagar with my wife and two children," said Mawa. "They are very scared after the latest incident but I am trying to convince them. I will not leave Kashmir."

So far, 12 civilians and three police personnel have been killed by suspected militants in the Valley since October. On Sunday, police constable Tausif Ahmad was shot at around 8 pm near his residence in the SD Colony in the Batamalo area.

## EJAC Aghast

vendetta couldn't be ruled out in such expulsions. "There has to be substantial evidence on account of such actions but momentarily it seems that the expulsion of the employees is arbitrary and has no concrete basis," he said.

"The terminated people must be given a chance to be heard so that justice prevails," he added. "There has to be a charge-sheet in which charges leveled against an employee be made explicit. This is pointing towards some connivance which shall deepen the wedge between the government and the employees."

Shabnam said that the "genuine demands" of government employees was being ignored by the administration that is "more interested in doing away with them." He added: "We shall second the government decisions but only if they are based on rationale and logic."

## Maiden Snow

the snow leopard population and its trend and sustainability status of its associated eco-system.

Present Snow leopard population assessment in J&K covers potential areas in Kishtwar and adjoining forests in Jammu, Gurez, Thajwas and Overa-Aru in Kashmir region. In both the regions, survey team comprising Project Research Fellows, Project Assistants, Field Assistants and Departmental staff would carry-out camera trapping, photography, transect walk and scat sampling in potential snow

leopard habitats in a systematic manner as per the protocol of MoEF&CC.

Suresh Gupta, while formally launching the project has emphasized on the importance of having a sound snow leopard conservation plan based on robust scientific data collected in collaboration with Research Institutions, NGOs. He also highlighted the importance of extending protection, conservation and management aspects to the potential snow leopard habitat on landscape approach, which not only ensures long term survival of threatened snow leopards but also secures water and bio-diversity security of the northern states of India. Snow leopard habitats also have major permanent glaciers which are the main source of water to the Himalayan rivers.

Pertinent to mention that Wildlife Protection department is carrying out this survey in collaboration with Institute of Mountain Environment (IME) Baderwah Campus (Jammu University), Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture, Science & Technology (SKUAST) Kashmir, National Development Foundation (NDF), Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) and Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF) Bangalore.

The event was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Kumar M.K, Conservator of Forests/Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu and was attended by Rajeev Khajuria, CEO (NDF), Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Senior Assistant Professor (IME), Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Director (NDF), Wildlife Warden Kishtwar, Wildlife Warden Jammu, Wildlife Warden (HQ), Research Scholars and Staff of Wildlife Protection Department.

## Is Kashmir Expecting

But to answer your question, yes, all the critical drugs are available in SKIMS-own pharmacy department and two more establishments in the vicinity, one named AMRIT, a central government-funded agency that keeps all the drugs available all the time.

## But then some patients are complaining about the unavailability of these drugs?

See, there's a huge difference between public perception and reality. The fact that this institution handles more than 20,000 patients every day with in-patients, outdoor-patients and emergencies, is in itself a success story.

SKIMS can cater to such a huge rush of patients at OPD every day by the availability of these drugs and equipment.

Also, the availability of drugs is a constant supply chain that we're all the time worried about. There may be some shortages sometimes but we always ensure the availability of all such items, be it related to critical care or non-critical care.

In these distressing times, why're patients complaining about the problems they face while trying to avail the facilities of Golden card in SKIMS?

Let me tell you, the benefits of the Golden card

have been extended to over 27 crore patients by this institution in the last year. Out of which the institution has a liability of Rs. four crores.

But yes, the benefits of these cards were only limited to the people who were falling below the poverty line. But now the scheme has been amended under Sehat and everyone can avail its benefits.

There're some restrictions to the benefits provided by the card; some high-end investigations like PET scans, certain surgeries are not covered in it.

But all such things are continuously debated and deliberated and in the days to come the scheme will be all the more successful and remove all the limitations.

## 138 New Covid

were reported from the region in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Thirty-two of the new cases were from the Jammu division and the remaining 106 from the Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded a maximum of 59 new cases, followed by 16 cases in Budgam district.

There are 1,199 active novel coronavirus cases in J&K, while the number of recovered patients was 327681, the officials said.

The death toll from the pandemic now stands at 4,445, they said.

The officials said the mucormycosis (black fungus) tally in J&K remained unchanged at 49 as no fresh case was reported.

## Non-local Found

an official said.

An official told a local news agency that a 45-year-old hawker identified as Irfan Ahmad Sheikh, son of Zahoor Ahmad Sheikh from Uttar Pradesh was found dead on Tuesday evening at Sherbibi.

He said the deceased was working as hawker in the area, adding that police reached the spot and the body was taken to a nearby hospital for post-mortem to ascertain the cause of death

## Ramban Accident:

identified as Salma, daughter of Mohammad Israr of Kowbagh Ramban, was injured along with nine other children and the rickshaw driver. She succumbed to injuries at the GMC Jammu. The other child killed in the accident was identified as 6-year-old Bhirbhan, son of the rickshaw driver Rampaul of Baladah Mansa of Punjab.

The accident had taken place at 1700 hours on Monday when the motorcycle-rickshaw driven by Rampaul fell into a gorge.

## Alleged Drug

officials said.

The accused, Abdul Majeed alias Ballu of Ragoora village here, has been booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA), they said.

Acting on a tip off, police teams were constituted and the accused was arrested from his village, they said. (PTI)

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## J&K's Umran Malik Named In India 'A' Tour Of South Africa



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Srinagar:** Rookie Jammu and Kashmir pacer Umran Malik was on Tuesday named in the India A squad, to be led by Gujarat top-order batter Priyank Panchal, for the tour of South Africa beginning from November 23.

The BCCI's senior selection committee picked the 14-member squad for the tour which will have three four-day matches. All the three matches will be played in Bloemfontein.

The 21-year-old Malik, a right-arm pacer, has played just one List A and eight T20 matches so far in his nascent career. He has not played any red-ball game.

The player from Jammu got everyone excited with his raw pace during the IPL in UAE last month.

He had clocked 152.95 kph — the fastest of the tournament — during Sunrisers Hyderabad's

game against Royal Challengers Bangalore, whose captain Virat Kohli was left impressed.

The youngster has risen through the ranks despite humble beginnings. His father owns a small fruit shop in Jammu's Gujjar Nagar area.

On his T20 debut, he picked up 3/24 against Railways which included the wicket of former India player Karn Sharma, who was beaten for sheer pace.

He has taken six wickets in four games in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 championships though J&K finished last in Group C.

**India A Itinerary:**

Nov 23-26: 1st four-day match in Bloemfontein.

Nov 29-Dec 2: 2nd four-day match in Bloemfontein.

Dec 6-9: 3rd four-day match in Bloemfontein.

## India-Pakistan WC Match Most Viewed T20I

The match had a record reach of 167 million viewers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Mumbai:** The much-anticipated India-Pakistan match at the ongoing T20 World Cup clocked a record reach of 167 million viewers, making it the most viewed T20 International till date, the official broadcaster of the event claimed.

The T20 World Cup registered a cumulative reach of 238 million till last week which included the Qualifiers and first 12 games of Super 12 stage, Star India said in a release.

The 2016 T20 World Cup semifinal between India and West Indies was the previous highest watched T20 game, with a reach of 136 million viewers.

"With a reach of 167 million, the highly-anticipated India-Pakistan clash on October 24, an event that saw the arch-rivals meet at an ICC tournament after two years, is now the most viewed T20I match, exceeding the previous high India-West Indies 2016 ICC World T20 semi-finals," the release said.

India and Pakistan opened their campaign against each other on October 24 with the Men in Green outplaying their arch-rivals to register a 10-wicket win.

"The India-Pakistan match has created history by clocking a record reach of 167 million viewers, making it the most viewed T20I match till date," a Star India spokesperson was quoted as saying.

"We have continually strived to grow the audience base for marquee Cricket and this record



is a testament to our efforts across high-decibel campaigns, enhanced storytelling, dedicated regional programming, and consumer innovations."

While Pakistan have advanced to the semifinals, India exited the tournament on Monday.

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## Galaxy FC Lifts Srinagar Super Division Title

Defeats Jehlum FC 2-0 in the final



R. ELAHI

**Srinagar:** The final match of Srinagar Super Division League 2021 was played between Galaxy FC and Jehlum FC on Tuesday at Synthetic Turf, TRC here.

Both teams came into the tie well matched and equally confident of securing a win. The match began with both teams keeping possession and creating chances. Galaxy, however, took the lead in 25th minute through a goal by Furqan. Jehlum FC players tried to create openings but couldn't break through their opponent's defense. At half time the score read 1-0.

The second half of the match saw team Jehlum with an added urgency. Galaxy defended astutely and in the 65th minute, the team counter-attacked and scored their second goal through Shazan. At 2-0, the match was well and truly out of reach for Jehlum FC. The score remained the same till final whistle.

An award ceremony was held after the match in which Joint Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Bashir Ahmad Bhat distributed prizes and mementoes among players and officials. The officials of DFA Srinagar and JKFA were present on the occasion.

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## Boult Hopeful Of Creating 'Big Upset' Against England

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Dubai:** New Zealand pace spearhead Trent Boult is hopeful his team can cause a "big upset" against a well balanced England in the first semifinal of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

England have been a sensational form in the ongoing tournament, registering dominant victories in the Super 12 stage before losing to South Africa in their final game.

On the other hand, New Zealand's campaign started with a five-wicket loss to Pakistan before they gained momentum. The Black Caps are likely to be considered underdogs for the semifinal against a strong English side.

(England are) Full of match winners.

They are a very well balanced team and playing are some good white-ball cricket at the moment," Boult said in video posted by New Zealand Cricket.

"So let's hope we can create a big upset. There has been a good history between both sides in white ball cricket. So am sure there is a lot of people back home watching this with interest, he added.

After the defeat to Pakistan, the Black Caps have put on a consistent show defeating India, Afghanistan, Scotland and Namibia to book a place in the last four.

Talking about carrying the momentum or starting again in the knock-out stage, Boult said,

For me, it is starting again. We are against some classy opposition coming to the business end of the tournament."



## Hasan, Fakhar Big Match Players, Will Fire In Semis: Babar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Dubai:** Pakistan captain Babar Azam on Tuesday backed struggling batter Fakhar Zaman and pacer Hasan Ali to come good in the knock out stage of the ongoing T20 World Cup, saying they are big match players.

In a virtual media interaction, Babar said he expects both Fakhar and Hasan to return to form in the semifinal against Australia on Thursday.

"You want 11 players to perform? It doesn't work like that in cricket, three to four players perform in a match," said the skipper when asked about Fakhar's low returns in the competition.

"Two batters perform in a game. Every player can't perform in one match. The way Fakhar is playing, he has been given all the confidence. On his day he can change the game on his own and I have full confidence he will do it in the coming games."

Fakhar had scored a match winning hundred against India in the 2017 Champions Trophy final.



On fast bowler Hasan, who has been weakest link in the bowling department, Babar said the

thought of dropping him never crossed his mind. "I can't think of leaving him

out. He is my main bowler. He has won us matches, won us tournaments. Ups and downs are part of anyone's career and when you are little down you must back your key player and the whole team is behind him.

"He is mentally very strong and I believe he is a big match player and will deliver in semifinals," said Babar.

Pakistan, the only unbeaten team in the tournament, has played nothing like the unpredictable tag associated with them for years. They have played as a well oiled machine, winning game after game.

However, they have not got a lot of runs in the Powerplay and it is something they can improve against the Australians.

"We do plan to get 45-50 runs in the first six overs but sometimes we are not able to execute.

"It is important to not lose wickets initially and our middle order can take it up later. In these conditions, we want to get 45-50 runs in the powerplay," said Babar.

## Asif Ali Voted ICC POTM For October 2021

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**Dubai:** After a stunning knock during the ongoing T20 World Cup, batsman Asif Ali has been voted the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Men's Player of the Month for October, it emerged on Tuesday.

"Asif beat Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan and Namibia's David Wiese to the men's award. It noted that Asif scored

52 runs without defeat across three matches for the Green Shirts in October at the T20 World Cup, scoring at a strike rate of 273.68.

The report mentioned his spectacular performance during the clash with New Zealand, when Asif scored 27 runs from 12 balls, helping the team defeat the Black Caps.

In the match against Afghanistan, with Pakistan needing 24 runs in the final



two overs, Asif scored four sixes in the 19th.

Singing Asif's praises, ICC Voting Academy Member Irfan Pathan said that "helping your team to win, especially from the jaws of defeat, is what makes him special".

"Although he scored considerably less than other two nominated players, the contribution he made and the pressure situations from where he snatched the victories made all the difference," he said.

T20 WORLD CUP

## England Face Consistent New Zealand In First Semifinal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Abu Dhabi:** Title favourites but injury hit England will bank on their X-Factor players to upstage a remarkably consistent New Zealand in the first semifinal of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

England were the pre-tournament favourites and played like one for the majority of the Super 12 stage. However, their loss in the final group game to South Africa showed that they were not an invincible outfit.

The absence of Jason Roy, who suffered a calf injury against the Proteas, is a big blow to the team heading into the semifinals.

Roy and Jos Buttler made arguably the most destructive opening pairing of the tournament.

With Roy ruled out of World Cup, there is a strong possibility that Jonny Bairstow will be promoted to bat alongside Buttler, who will be expected to play another match-winning knock on Wednesday.

Sam Billings is likely to come into the team and bat in the middle order. A big positive is that most of the batters have spent valuable time in the middle going into the knockout game.



However, concerns have emerged in the bowling department after Tymal Mills was ruled out of the tournament with a thigh injury.

Mills was doing a brilliant job in the death overs but now, it will be one area that the opponents would look to exploit.

Mark Wood, who has the pace but not the variations of Mills, was the most expensive bowler against South Africa.

England would be hoping it was just one bad day in the office for their pacers as all of them leaked runs.

The role of spinners Moeen Ali and Adil Rashid will be massive as they will aim to provide the wickets in the powerplay and middle overs. Players will also have the 2019 ODI World Cup final at the back of their minds where both teams could only be separated by a boundary countback rule.

### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, J&K CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU/SRINAGAR.

**Subject:-** Appointment of candidate against Class-IV post.  
**Reference:-** OM No.GAD/MTGORBIV/63/2021-09-GAD dated 19-10-2021& 20-10-2021 from General Administration Department and letter No.SSB/Secy/Sel/Class-IV/2021/7103-11 dated 18-10-2021 of Secretary, J&K Services Selection Board.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. 47- JK(CUL) OF 2021.

DATED: 02-11-2021.

Pursuant to the selection made by J&K Services Selection Board of candidates against Class-IV posts and also on the basis of the CID verification received from the concerned Deputy Commissioner, the below mentioned candidate is hereby appointed as Class-IV employee in the pay level of SLI (14800-47100) in the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K :-

| S.No. | Name & Category    | Parentage     | Address   |
|-------|--------------------|---------------|---|
| 1.    | Sushil Kumar (SC). | Surjit Kumar. | Ward No.5, Mokhey, Suchetgarh, R.S.Pura, Jammu. |

The appointee shall report for joining in the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K, at Lal Mandi, Srinagar.

The appointee shall be allowed by the Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K, to join only on production of the following certificates (in original) to be verified subsequently:-

- Academic qualification certificates.
- Matriculation/Date of birth certificate
- Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer of the District.
- Domicile Certificate.
- Certificate from the District Industries Centre (DIC) and District Employment & Counselling Centre to the effect that no loan under the self-employment scheme has been availed by the appointee.
- Relevant category certificate.

The appointment of the above candidate shall be governed by "New Pension Scheme" as per SRO-400 of 2009 dated 24-12-2009 and his probation shall be governed by the Jammu and Kashmir Probationer (Condition of Service, Pay and Allowances) and Fixation of Tenure Rules, 2020 notified vide S.O 192 of 2020 dated 17-06-2020.

The inter-se seniority of the appointee shall be drawn in accordance with the merit secured by the appointee in the selection list prepared by the J&K Services Selection Board.

The appointment shall also be cancelled ab-initio, if it is found that the candidate is having higher qualification than the prescribed one, at any stage later on and he will also be liable for criminal prosecution. Further, if on verification the qualification certificate, reserved category certificate or any other certificate is found forged, false or fake by the concerned issuing authorities, the appointee shall have no claim for appointment and his services shall be deemed to have been terminated ab-initio.

The cadre allocated by the appointing authority/ J&K Services Selection Board shall not be changed under any circumstances by any authority/ Department.

The candidate if fails to join within a period of 21 (twenty one) days from the date of issuance of the appointment order shall forego his right to appointment which shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice.

The appointment of the above candidate shall be subject to outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before any competent Court of law/ Tribunal, etc.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

No. Cul-AdmOGen/ 130/2021-01  
Dated: 02-11-2021  
DIPK-12276/21

Sd/-  
(Sarmad Hafeez), IAS,  
Secretary to the Government,  
Department of Culture

### UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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

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