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News Digest

Doda Cleric Booked For Sedition

Bhaderwah (Doda)- Police on Saturday booked the president of Anjuman-e-Islamia, Bhaderwah for making a "provocative and seditious" statement during Friday prayers, an officer said.

India, Pak Trade Fire Along LoC

Jammu: India and Pakistan troops on Saturday exchanged heavy gunfire along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said.

The Pakistani troops fired from small arms and shelled mortars towards the forward posts along the LoC in Mankote sector this evening, officials said.

Searches Carried Out In Tral

Srinagar: Government forces on Saturday carried out a cordon and search operation in Tral area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. According to the reports, police and army cordoned off Brantala area of Tral town after receiving inputs about the movement of militants.

Matric Pass 'Doctor' Held In Baramulla

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir police on Saturday arrested a man, who was posing as a doctor and running a clinic in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Hilal Ahmed Hajam of Kreeri was arrested by police after it surfaced that he had been practicing as a doctor in Mangan area of the district without holding any degree.

LAWDA Demolishes Illegal Structures

Srinagar: The Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) on Saturday demolished several illegal structures during a drive in parts of this capital city. The Enforcement Wing of LAWDA demolished two illegal constructions including one concrete hut and a plinth with some concrete block bricks over it, in the up hills of the Dossari Nallah Bonigam Shalimar, an official spokesman said.

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Iran-Kashmir Collaboration Bringing Music To War-Weary World

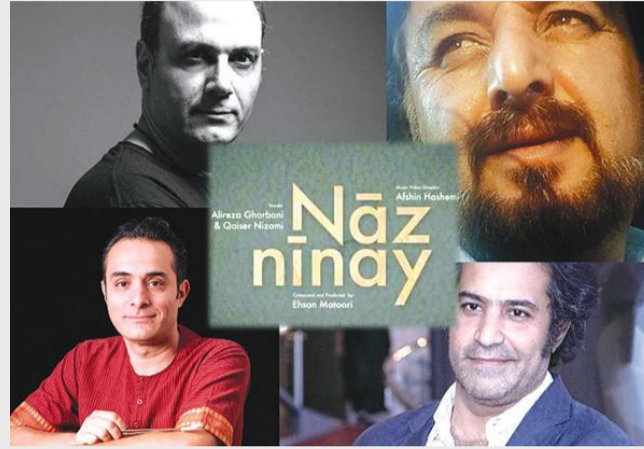
KO Web Desk THE stage was set. Artists were prepared. Arrangements were done. Advertisers were ready. But then, COVID hit the world.

The subsequent viral lockdown was a big blow for Qaisar Nizami, a celebrated Kashmiri musician and singer on his first visit to the United States (US) to perform and present at an event supposed to be held on March 20 at the University of North Texas (UNT) College of Music, a premier institute for music education.

With a travel ban imposed by the Government of India for an indefinite period soon after his arrival,

Nizami was stranded in the country for the next two and a half months. Amidst continuing frustration and helplessness, his host Dr. Sadaf Munshi, a professor of Linguistics at the UNT introduced Nizami to her friend, Ehsan Matoori, a US-based musician and composer of Iranian origin. Matoori was also held back in Texas after the cancellation of a series of his upcoming concerts in New York and California.

The two artists joined hands with Dr. Munshi's colleague Dr. Vivek Virani, and Ali Montazeri, a graduate student at the university, for a live virtual performance which was broadcasted from Munshi's residence after the University was shut down for all in-person events.



"I've never organized a virtual concert before and it was very challenging for me," Dr. Munshi told Kashmir Observer. She had to

organize everything for the event from mikes to décor.

Dr. Munshi has been working on the project for one year and wanted people to hear the artists, so she decided to go for the virtual show.

"I didn't have a choice," she said, adding, "the artists were here so I decided to broadcast the performance on YouTube."

On being asked about the virtual experience, Dr. Munshi said that it took them a while to make a decision but the outcome got a good response. "It would be better on stage but tough times call for new initiatives," said the optimistic professor.

The spread of the coronavirus has had a devastating impact on people around the world. While

the pandemic has hit various sectors enormously, the performing arts sector was especially hit with a strong blow. Countless cultural, academic, and artistic events were canceled globally. The human and financial impacts of the crisis on the arts became a topic of several premier research studies.

"In the United States alone," Dr. Munshi continued, "cancellations and closings took place at thousands of organizations and institutions, with two-thirds of the nation's artists, left unemployed." In these summertime times, when the whole world is fighting against COVID, these artists who met by chance have decided to take their collaboration to new heights. >>PAGE 02

2 Militants Killed In Encounter On Srinagar Outskirts

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: A top commander of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was among two militants killed in an encounter with the state forces in Ranbirgarh Panzina area on the outskirts of Srinagar on Saturday, police said.

The state forces launched a cordon and search operation in Ranbirgarh Panzina area in the morning following inputs about the presence of militants there, a police official said.

He said as the forces were conducting the search, militants fired upon them. The forces retaliated, triggering an encounter.

The police said one of the two slain militants was identified as Ishaq Rashid, a resident of Sozeith in Srinagar.

Rashid was one of the top LeT commanders active in Kashmir Valley since 2018. He was wanted in many militancy-related cases, the police said.



SOLDIERS SMILE as they leave encounter spot in Panzina area on the Srinagar outskirts on Saturday. Pic, Abid Bhat

Al-Badr Militant Rescued: Police

Police on Saturday said a militant associated with Al-Badr outfit was "rescued" in the Kashmir valley. They, however, neither identified the militant nor shared his residential details. "After the hectic efforts and by virtue of some good sources, police have been able to rescue one militant" >>P-02

Soviet-Era Rifle Recovered In Gulmarg

In a rare catch, security forces on Saturday recovered a Dragunov sniper rifle -- a Soviet-era weapon -- from the upper reaches of ski resort of Gulmarg during a search operation, a defence spokesman said here. A search operation was launched today morning based on input regarding presence of weapon cache in the forest area of Marpathri in upper reaches of Gulmarg in north Kashmir, Defence Spokesman Col Rajesh Kalia said. He said one Dragunov sniper rifle with magazines, 194 AK-47 >>P-02

Rights Group Paints Grim Picture Of Kashmir Situation

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Nearly a year after Modi-led government scrapped special status of Jammu and Kashmir and split the state into two Union Territories, a report prepared by a New Delhi based group says the overall security situation in Kashmir Valley has been going downhill since 2014 and there hardly seems any improvement in the situation since August 5, 2019.

Titled 'The Impact of the Lockdowns on Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir, August 2019-July 2020' the report released by 'Forum for Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir' comprising human rights defenders, former civil servants, jurists, former

military officers and academics have voiced serious concern over the wide-range of issues, including human rights violations, media gag, communication blockade, arrests and detentions under draconian laws like PSA and UAPA.

"The Government's prioritization of counter-insurgency concerns over human security has led to an across the board violation of human rights, including the violation of protections such as habeas corpus, prevention of illegal detention, strict restrictions on arrest and detention of children, right to bail and fair and speedy trial, and misuse of draconian legislation, such as the Public Safety Act (PSA) and the Unlawful Activities >>PAGE 02

'August 5 Move Brought China Into Kashmir Picture'

The decision to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and splitting the state into two Union Territories brought China into picture and made the dispute between India and Pakistan trilateral, a report released by a rights group said. The 72-page report titled 'The Impact of the Lockdowns on Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir, August 2019-July 2020' has been released by 'Forum for Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir' co-chaired by

former Supreme Court judge Justice Madan Lokur and former member of the Group of Interlocutors for Jammu and Kashmir Radha Kumar, while several eminent human rights defenders, former civil servants, jurists, former military officers and academics are its members.

The report says that China's attempts to mobilize the UN Security Council against the August changes, and its own army's May 2020 intrusions in Eastern Ladakh have >>P-02

8 More Die Of Covid-19 In Kashmir, Toll In J&K 308

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least eight more people on Saturday died of Covid-19 in Kashmir Valley, raising the number of fatalities due to the deadly disease in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to 308.

Among the victims, four were Srinagar residents, two from north Kashmir's Bandipora, while one each from Baramulla and Pulwama district, officials said.

The victims from Srinagar included, a 70-year-old woman from Safa Kadal, a 60-year-old man from Peerbagh, a 75-year-old man from Rawalpura, and a 72-year-old man from Nishat. Two men in their sixties from Bandipora and a middle-aged man from Pampora in Pulwama and a 48-year-old

34 CRPF Men, 7 Soldiers Among 523 New Cases

Jammu and Kashmir's coronavirus tally crossed the 17,000-mark on Saturday as 523 more people, including 34 CRPF personnel, 12 minors and 3 doctors tested positive for the deadly disease. >>P-02

A woman from Kantbagh, Baramulla also succumbed to coronavirus on Saturday.

An official from SMHS said that a 70-year-old woman from Safa Kadal who was admitted on 20 July with bilateral pneumonia died on Saturday. >>PAGE 02

Recovery Rate In J&K Touches 53.01%

The Jammu and Kashmir administration said on Saturday that the Covid-19 recovery rate in the Union territory has touched 53.01 percent while the positivity rate stood at 3.1 percent as against the national average of 8.3 percent. The testing rate in the Union Territory has also improved to 44,744 sample examinations per million population as against the national average of 12,742, they said. >>P-02

J&K Govt Begins Registering Kashmiri Migrants, Displaced Persons

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has begun online registration of Kashmiri migrants and displaced persons of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (PcK) living outside the Union Territory, more than two months after reopening fresh registration for inclusion of bonafide people who migrated from the UT, officials said on Saturday.

Over 120 applications for the registration of Kashmiri migrants living outside the UT have been received on the first day of the registration. "We have launched an app for

the registration of Kashmir migrants and displaced persons on Friday. The registration application process has begun", Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner J&K, T K Bhat told reporters here.

Bhat said that over 120 applications have been received so far. "Of these, over 40 applications have been received online today", he said.

Any Kashmiri Pandit and displaced person, who may have left Kashmir in 1944 before Independence and has any proof of owning or possessing immovable property in any part of Jammu and Kashmir on or after 1944, is entitled >>PAGE 02

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JNU Student Booked For Criticising Army

Delhi police has begun investigation into a complaint filed against a student of the Jawaharlal Nehru University for allegedly posting offensive comment against the Indian Army, officials said Saturday. Tajinder Yadav, a social worker, filed an FIR at Kapashera police station on July 8, claiming >>P-02

he has been detained," an official told local news agency KNT. Meanwhile, Malik's family suspect that he has been detained over a protest he held at the >>PAGE 02

Beware Of Fraudsters Who Can Easily Make You Victim While Sipping Coffee

Khalid Mustafa

A time when every one of us is grappling with pervasive pandemic, people are suffering from a growing worry inside their homes by the name of online fraud.

Working from home and increasing online shopping presently have made people more prone to electronic theft.

Online fraudsters usually strike when any of us place an order for necessary items and gadgets by using the modernized technology benefits like online shopping, classified advertisements on social media platforms like Facebook, OLX, Quikr, etc.

But you never know that someone, somewhere—sitting in a room—having a cup of coffee might

be a sneaking fraudster. He may be eyeing to steal your money, and make you suffer from various other means of cybercrime.

The online felony has increased with the advancement of widespread use of the internet. Cybercrime has today become a real threat to society.

To tackle it, Information Technology Act, 2000 was introduced to recognize, mitigate and prevent these threats.

But as of now, there's no specific definition of cybercrime. It can be loosely described as any illegal or criminal activity done at the behest of computers as the primary means of operation.

The very modus operandi makes it a white-collar crime. Attack on e-Wallet From some time now, the gov-



ernment is getting hundreds of complaints regarding cybercrimes—especially e-stealing by means of fraudulent online advertisements. To lure customers, these online fraudsters sell products on lowest rates to grab money.

In real sense, such products or sellers don't exist. They're criminals operating behind a deceptive screen performing cybercrimes.

But customers do get attracted to the lowest price-tags, and become ready to pay online for the products.

In this process, they only lose their hard-earned money.

In many cases, the sellers provide you the information in such a way that you completely trust them and move ahead with the e-shopping.

The sellers sometimes ask for advance payments, bank transfers, and QR codes.

They lure gullible customers telling them that s/he is presently posted / transferred on duty—mostly faking as defense person—and needs payment in advance.

They cook this story, to make you believe that they can't be available physically, and thus forcing you for online transaction.

Online Hunting Grounds Facebook, Olx and Quikr have today emerged as the favourite hunting grounds for these fraudsters. After they've weaponised >>PAGE 02

Gardens, Parks in S-Kashmir Generate Only 2 Percent Of Usual Revenue: Report

Srinagar: Ongoing long lockdown has badly hit the revenue generation of the floriculture department from various popular gardens located in south Kashmir, officials said.

The lockdown which has hit almost every sector in Jammu and Kashmir has cast a shadow on the revenue generated from parks maintained by the floriculture department.

Officials said that due to lockdown, the revenue generated from parks under the floriculture sector is just around two percent as compared to last year.

Pahalgam, Floriculture department which has seven parks that include Poshwan Park, Akad Park, Ashmuqam Park, Lidder view Park, Club Park and Island park under its control have generated a revenue of less than one lakh which generated over Rs 35 lakhs last year.

"Despite clampdown after August 05 last year, these seven



major parks in south Kashmir region generated revenue of around Rs 35 lakh (last year). However, this year the revenue generated is abysmally low,"

Assistant Director Floriculture, Mohammed Hussain said. "This year due to the less flow of tourists and locals, these parks have hardly generated

any revenue," he added. "Same is the case of famous Kokernag, Verinag and Achabal as the revenue generated from these parks is also very low this year due to

Covid-19 lockdown."

Zaheer Ahmed, Floriculture officer under whom Achabal, Kokernag and Verinag parks are said that from March to August 05 last year, these three parks generated an amount of over Rs 50 lakhs however from March till date this year the revenue generated is below Rs 1 lakh.

"After the government decided to open parks and gardens, a large number of people started to visit the parks which created some enthusiasm here. But after Covid-19 cases witnessed a surge, the flow of visitors dried up completely," he added.

Notably, the government spends lakhs on maintenance of these parks to attract more and more tourists as well as locals.

Pertinently, famed Mughal Gardens of Srinagar and Asia's largest Tulip Garden located at the foothills of Zabarwan hills here also witnessed zero flow of tourists this year due to lock down.

DIAL-EMMA

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- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081

AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 ✈️

RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- 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

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FAJR	3: 59
ZUHR	12: 37
ASR	5:33
Magrib	7:40
ISHA	9:15

Per million Covid testing in J&K reaches 44744

JAMMU, JULY 25: The per million testing in Jammu and Kashmir has reached 44744 as against 12742 in the country, even as the recovery rate in the Union territory has touched 53.01 percent as on July 23, 2020.

The overall positivity rate in the union territory is 3 percent as against 8.3 percent in the country. It is 1.3 percent in Jammu province and 4.7 percent in Kashmir province.

Jammu and Reasi districts have recorded lowest, 0.8 positivity in the UT, while South Kashmir district Shopian has witnessed the highest positivity rate at 8.3 percent followed by 5.3 in Baramulla.

Bandipura and Ganderbal districts in Kashmir Division recorded lowest 2.3 percent positivity rate. In Jammu province, district Ramban is on top with 3.7 percent positivity rate followed by Rajouri with 2.1 percent.

The UT has also considerably low mortality rate of 1.7 percent as against 2.4 percent in the whole country. The mortality rate in Jammu province is far low at 0.6 percent as against 2.0 percent in Kashmir.

Kashmir Saffron Finally Granted GI Certificate

Jammu: In a momentous decision, the Government of India (GoI) has issued a certificate of Geographical Indication (GI) registration for the Saffron grown in the Kashmir Valley. Expressing happiness on the development, Girish Chandra Murmu, Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of J&K said that this is the first major step to put Saffron produced in the Kashmir Valley on the world map with authentication. With the GI tag, Kashmir Saffron will acquire more prominence in the export market and would help the farmers get the best remunerative price.

Lieutenant Governor while complimenting the Director Agriculture Kashmir for pursuing GI certification said that re-

storing the pristine glory of Kashmir saffron is top priority for both the Govt. of UT of J&K as well as GoI.

He further said that with the completion and inauguration of State of Art Spice Park next month, these measures will prove to be the game changer for Kashmir Saffron.

Giving further details, Navin K. Choudhary, Principal Secretary to Government, Agricultural production Department said that GI certification establishes specific geographical origin and certifies certain unique qualities of the product. "GI certification enables those who have the right to use sign in order to prevent third parties from using the sign. This GI certification would also stop the prevalent adulteration

of Kashmir Saffron and thereby authenticated Saffron will fetch much better prices."

Choudhary further informed that Kashmir Saffron is the only one in the world grown at an altitude of 1600 meters, which adds to its uniqueness and differentiates it from other saffron varieties due to its unique characteristics like longer and thicker stigma, natural deep-red colour, high aroma, bitter flavor, chemical free processing and high quality colour strength, flavor and bitterness.

He further informed that on the directions of LG, Sprinkler Irrigation System in the entire saffron fields are being installed on a war footing and likely to be completed in next two weeks.

اظہار تعزیت

یہ خبر انتہائی دکھ اور غم کے ساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ علامہ مصطفیٰ بیروا لہ مرحوم علامہ احمد میر سرائیکہ چنگرل محلہ کے کمال جوانی 24 جولائی 2020ء کو برطانیہ 02ء اور بروز جمعہ 7 بجے حرکت قلب بند ہونے کی وجہ سے انتقال کر گئے۔ (انا لله وانا الیہ راجعون۔ مرحوم غلام مصطفیٰ میر کا رسم چہارم 27 جولائی بروز بدھ وار منعقد ہوگا۔ اس سلسلے میں مرحوم کے آرائی مقبرہ (الفلک مسجد عمارت) میں صبح 6.30 بجے تک فاتحہ خوانی ہوگی۔ بعد میں دن بھر چنگرل محلہ حسین محل میں مقرر مجلس ہوگی۔

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Info

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Manasbal Ganderbal**

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Subject: - Extension.

The Expression of Interest published by this authority vide endorsement no: CEO/ WMDA/145-48 Dated: 26/06/2020 for outsourcing of 10 No of assets of this authority is hereby extended up to 08/08/2020 for issuance of authorization forms for participating in open bidding at TRC, Srinagar. The open bidding date shall be conveyed separately.

Sd/-
SE/ Executive Engineer,
Wullar-Manasbal Dev. Authority

No:CEO/WMDA/102-106
Dated: 24/07/2020.

DIPK-NB-1542/20

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Gist of Short Term NIT No. LD-II/ 07 of 2020-21 (c)

For and behalf of the Lt. Governor of the Jammu and Kashmir U/T, e-tenders on item rate basis are invited from registered PWD contractors for following work/s as per below mentioned terms and conditions:-

S.No	Name of work	Est. cost (Rs.)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Class of contract	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rupees)	Time of completion
1.	Supply and fixing of Keekar poles/pegs of dia 0.10m and having one sharp edge for embedding into soil(if dia exceeds 0.10m the payment shall be restricted to 0.10m dia only) along the boundary for carrying out demarcation (complete job).	4,77,000.00	9540.00	DEE	300.00	15 calendar days
2.	Providing and fixing of retro reflective sign/display boards of size 3'x2' comprising of G.I. sheets with four sided frame of round G.I. pipe 25mm dia, A class and 2 No. legs (2.5m above the ground) of round G.I. pipe embedded into concrete block of size 0.3mx0.3mx0.45m depth.	4,75,000.00	9500.00	DEE	300.00	15 calendar days

Note:- Position of funds: Demanded.

Online Bidding schedule:-

01.	Date of publication of tender notice.	24.07.2020 : 10.00 AM
02.	Start date of down loading of bid documents.	25.07.2020 : 10.00 AM
03.	Bid submission start date	25.07.2020 : 11.00 AM
04.	Bid submission end date	30.07.2020 : 04.00: P.M
05.	Date and time of opening of bids on line.	04.08.2020 : 02.00 PM
06.	Tender inviting authority.	Executive Engineer Lake Div.2nd JK&K LWDA STP Hazratbal. Tender fee must be deposited from the date of bid submission date to bid submission end date.
07.	Tender Receiving/ Opening Authority.	
08.	Earnest Money pledged to:-	
09.	Tender fee to be deposited in Bank A/C No. mentioned below.	

1/- Tender fee to be deposited into account No.CDG/01850102000003, JK Bank Upper Sathu through E-Challan/Treasury receipt.

❖ Special condition:- The work is time bound and is to be completed well within the stipulated time period. In case of delay a penalty of Rs.1000/- (One thousand) per day will be imposed.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Lake Division 2nd

No: LD-II/ 920-53
Dated: 15.07.2020

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
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INVITING TENDERS

For and on behalf of the Governor, J&K State, e approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

Upgrd of link road leading to Higher Secondary School Vehil B.W.O P/L 75mm thick wet mix , 50mm thick Bituminous macadam ,25mm thick semidense and 6mm thick seal					
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Position of AAA/TS: Reflected under Capex Budget

The work shall be completed during the current financial year shall be entertained on account of said work unless until the work is completed in all respects. Otherwise the contract shall get cancelled automatically

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 schedule of dates given below:

Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
Document downloading	
Document Downloading	
Date & time of opening of Bids	

Bidders must upload the requisite cost of Tender document in shape of e challan /Treasury Challan Receipt / and Earnest Money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/B.G pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).

responsive bidder (LI) must submit the original CDR /FDR/B.G /Additional Security deposit to the tender allotting authority before issuance of LOI/formal Allotment is made in

The date and time of opening of technical Bids shall be notified on W conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e mail message on their e mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian (tender receiving authority)

In case bid of the lowest bidder is found unbalanced, the successful bidder shall have to produce additional performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR only within (03) days after opening of price bids, as per following

unbalance bid viz. a viz advertised cost	Additional Performance security
Upto and including 15% below	
Greater than 15% and upto 20% below	5% of advertised cost
Greater than 20% and upto 25% below	10% of advertised cost
25% and upto 30% below	15% of advertised cost
Greater than 30% below	20% of advertised cost

(The above instructions for unbalanced bid shall apply for all the tenders (Except for CRF Works) this is as per Chief Engl

All terms and Conditions can be had from Detailed NIT NO.1 uploaded on Departmental

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This Day In History

- 657- Battle of Siffin during the first Muslim civil war between Ali ibn Abi Talib and Muawiyah I beside Euphrates River
- 920- Rout of an alliance of Christian troops from Navarre and Léon against the Muslims at Pamplona.
- 1469- Wars of the Roses: Battle of Edgecote Moor - Pitting the forces of Richard Neville, 16th Earl of Warwick against those of King Edward IV.
- 1678- England & Netherlands signs treaty: sending ultimatum to France
- 1803- The Surrey Iron Railway, arguably the world's first public railway, opens in south London.
- 1847- The Liberian Declaration of Independence is signed making Liberia a sovereign nation, independent from the American Colonization Society
- 1891- France annexes Tahiti.
- 1936- The Axis Powers decide to intervene in the Spanish Civil War.
- 1941- US embargo on oil-export to Japan
- 1944- Japanese suicide attack on US lines in Guam
- 1944- Russian troops arrive in Weichsel
- 1944- The first German V-2 rocket hits Great Britain (nicknamed "gasometer").
- 1945- Declaration of Potsdam: US, Britain and China demand the Japanese surrender during WWII
- 1945- Japanese government disregards US ultimatum
- 1945- US cruiser Indianapolis reaches Tinian with atom bomb
- 1945- Physicist Raemer Schreiber and Lieutenant Colonel Peer de Silva depart Kirtland Army Air Field to transport the plutonium core for the Fat Man bomb (bombing of Nagasaki) to the island of Tinian where the bomb is assembled
- 1947- President Truman signs National Security Act (1947), establishing Department of Defense, CIA, National Security Council and Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 1951- Netherlands ends state of war with Germany
- 1952- King Farouk I of Egypt abdicates [Black Saturday]
- 1956- Egypt seizes the Suez Canal
- 1957- USSR launches 1st intercontinental multistage ballistic missile
- 1963-Skopje, Yugoslavia, destroyed by earthquake, kills 1,000+
- 1963 -US Syncom 2, 1st geosynchronous communications satellite, launched
- 1963- The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development votes to admit Japan.
- 1965- Republic of Maldives gains independence from Britain (National Day)
- 1971- Apollo 15 launched (Scott & Irwin) to 4th manned landing on Moon
- 1974- USSR's Soyuz fails to dock with Salyut 3
- 1975- Soyuz 18B returns to Earth
- 1982- Canada's Anik D1 Comsat launched by US Delta rocket
- 1993- Boeing 737-500 crashes in South Korea, 66 killed
- 1993 -Mars Observer takes 1st photo of Mars, from 5 billion km
- 2005- Space Shuttle program: STS-114 Mission - Launch of Discovery, NASA's first scheduled flight mission after the Columbia Disaster in 2003.
- 2012- At least 200 people are killed in a day of violence in Syria
- 2014- While Israel reject long-term ceasefire that does not include destroying the Hamas tunnels, they agree to 12 hour ceasefire; Palestinian death toll in the Gaza Strip now exceeds 1000.

From KO Archives Protests, Clashes In Kupwara Over Trihgam Killings

Scores Of Students Injured In Police Action; Schools In 3 Zones Closed For 3 Days

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR - Over a score of protesting students were injured in Kupwara today after police used force and fired into the air to disperse a huge demonstration against yesterday's killing of three school-children in Trihgam by the security forces. In view of the continuing tension, authorities have ordered schools in some parts of the Kupwara district to be closed for three days. The killings have evoked strong condemnation from political parties cutting across ideological divides.

Students in Vilgam, Trihgam, and Kralpora took out a procession today to decry the killings, and shouting slogans against the army and the government, marched several kilometres to get to Kupwara town.

News of the procession brought students and public into the streets, swelling the numbers of the protestors to thousands. "Shops closed down and govt employees out their offices as the procession shouting "stop the killing of innocents," "punish the guilty" and "don't play with our lives," entered the town.

The demonstrators also shouted slogans against the deputy commissioner, Kupwara, for his purported statements about the killings yesterday. The protesting students alleged that the DC was trying to attribute the killings to cross-firing.

Refusing to disperse when the police blocked their way to the DC office, the demonstrators kept on repeating their demand of punishment to the guilty.

The police resorted to lathi-charge to scatter the protesters who retaliated with pelting stones at the police and government buildings. The police swung into action once again on the orders of the SSP and the DC, using lathi-charge and dozens of teargas shells.

Army regrets killings

Portraying as accidental the killing of three Kashmiri youths and injury to another in Kupwara in North Kashmir, the Army today expressed regret over the incident and said an inquiry has been ordered into it. "The Army regrets this unfortunate loss of life and has ordered an inquiry into the incident.

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I Was A Dogged Indian Cricket Team Fan, August 5 Changed Me

During the lockdown, I realized that something in me had shifted.
Mahendra Singh Dhoni, was no longer my favourite cricketer

AAQIB FAYAZ

On 18th June, 2017, when Mohammad Amir took three crucial wickets against India in the finals of Champions Trophy, our entire hostel erupted in cheerful noise, I had not seen my friends that elated in a long time. That night I mulled over my transition from shedding tears, when India had lost to Pakistan in the group match of 2014 Asia Cup, to being extremely joyful for their day's defeat.

In 2015, I finally got admission in Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), for a bachelor's programme in electrical engineering, after several involuntary hiccups along the journey until that point which included unrests of 2008, 2010, and the floods of 2015. The university was located on a hill top in Awantipora district of South Kashmir, a distance of about 80 kms from my hometown Sopore.

Kashmir was gradually returning to stability only to be in mess again after witnessing the chaos and bloodshed for more than two decades which had completely put a halt to day-to-day life. But little did everybody know that the worst was yet to come.

South Kashmir, where the university was situated, was already the hub of militancy. Militants who previously preferred to hide their identities to protect themselves from security forces, had now become courageous enough to stop being in disguises and openly flaunt their pictures and videos along with their AK-47 rifles on social media. The rebel leader Burhan Wani, who was the face of new militancy on social media, had gained popularity all over Kashmir.

Meanwhile I had commenced the journey on the path of engineering, being an ardent supporter of Indian cricket team, I religiously watched every single match and cheered on every run scored and sometimes got frustrated whenever a wicket fell, like a die-hard fan. In fact, I was among the very few youngsters in Kashmir, who were of the opinion that sports and politics ought not to be mixed and supporting the Indian cricket team was not equal to going against the popular sentiment of hatred towards the Indian state. As a youngster, I did not understand the nuances of the relationship between Kashmir and India, but I had always known that the relationship was quite special and everyone in Valley was awaiting the day, when Kashmir will also be like any other normal state.

But the situation over the past few decades had already made people lose faith in India and it's democracy. The policies of the government to deal with the Kashmir issue had always been anti-people, they rightly had no reason to believe in any of their soft-talk and

hate, even in the Indian cricket team. One thing I always knew was that, Kashmir was a cage where people had no liberty and absolutely no rights courtesy of the draconian Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), which had been placed in Kashmir since long before I was even born and even a small mistake could lead to the end of my life or at least my career. Section 4(a) of the said Act gives security forces the license to kill any person on the basis of mere suspicion. Government's argument in favour of this Act is that, it avoids any threat to the internal security arising from the militants in Kashmir, but evidently it has not served that purpose. The fact that the militancy has still not subsided and attacks on armed forces are still rampant, leads to a single conclusion that the only thing this Act has been successful in achieving is that it has antagonized the people of Kashmir to the point where they see Pakistan as their only hope. The cruel and dehumanizing capabilities that this Act empowers the security forces with, are not only against the international conventions like Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), but are also against the Indian constitution.

The Act has bestowed the security forces with the power and the courage to stop your car in the middle of your journey for no reason at all and make you wait for as long as they want. The agony of you not having the right to ask them any question while they humiliate you by doing so is inexpressible.

On July 8, 2016, while enjoying the breeze on the balcony of my hostel room, in the evening, the news of the killing of Burhan Wani broke out. Perhaps the most loved person in Kashmir at that time, was killed by security forces in an encounter in Bumdoora area of Kokernag. The news sent chills down my spine, because I understood that this was the beginning of something which could plunge Kashmir deeper into turmoil. In its immediate aftermath, scores of young Kashmiris were killed and thousands injured. Whole Kashmir was burning with fathers giving shoulders to the coffins of their dead sons, mothers and sisters wailing asking questions to their creator, why had he taken the light of their eyes away too soon. "Ye ha ohss me echanhundgaash", (He was the light of my eyes), cried the wailing mother living in the vicinity of the hostel, whose son got killed by security forces.

What followed the incident was complete inactivity for several months in Kashmir, with schools and offices shut, mobile connectivity was barred for several months, people were restricted to their homes helplessly with nobody to hear their calls for assistance. For the whole period of lockdown that lasted for about six months, watching the evening news bulletins about the number of people injured and killed during the course

of the day and listening to the statements of different nobodies and somebodies had become the daily routine.

During this period of hibernation, I realized that something in me had shifted. I had also become a rebel, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (then the captain of Indian cricket team), was no longer my favourite cricketer, I had stopped making a distinction between India and the Indian cricket team, they were all the same. The inhumane restrictions put in place by the Indian government on Kashmiris, was something that even the caged unruly animals were unworthy of. Perhaps for them, that is what we were "unruly beasts", who deserved to be caged and punished, and that is how the people of Kashmir were portrayed by the Indian nationalist media, to their mostly jingoistic audience "wolves waiting for the opportune moment to attack the Indian federation". But little did everyone know, that the caged animal was not a wolf, but only a little bird, but mere fluttering of its wings, as the bird was gasping for air.

The unrest lasted for more than six months. Life returned to normal seemingly after an eternity of violence. The coming year, we had to complete three semesters, which ideally would have taken one and a half years to complete, in order to compensate for the time already wasted. The hectic schedule almost made me give up on my engineering dreams.

The night, when India lost to Pakistan in the finals of Champions Trophy, I felt asleep, listening to the poem by Revolutionary poet, Habib Jalib:

"Tum ne lootahaisadiyonhamarasukoon,
Ab na hum par chalegatumhaaraufastun
Chaar agar dardmandonkebanteho kyum
tum nahichaaragar koi maanemagar
main nahi manta mein nahijaanta"
(For centuries you all have stolen our peace of mind
But your power over us is coming to an end,
Why do you pretend you can cure pain?
Even if some claim that you've healed
I refuse to acknowledge, I refuse to accept)

The wrong policies of the government had made me reconcile with our doomed fate and give up on my dreams of ever seeing light in the valley. Perhaps I had stopped believing in the resurrection of Kashmir.

When that ominous August of 2019 came, I had almost completed my degree. At a time when the Indian government should have seriously given a thought to invalidating the AFSPA in Kashmir, they chose to revoke the special status or limited autonomy, granted to J&K under Article 370 of the Indian constitution, bifurcated the state and downgraded it into a centrally ad-

ministered Union Territory (UT). The vents of the cage were sealed yet again, this time the oppressive measures on the activity in Kashmir were even more stringent. All the regional leaders whether mainstream or separatist were placed under house arrest, mobile connectivity was suspended, more than ten thousand boys, many of whom were juveniles, were picked up from their homes and put behind the bars, heavy curbs were imposed on the freedom of local press, curfew was imposed in all parts of J&K, even up to this day the high speed mobile internet is not working in Kashmir. All this to suppress any form of response.

Recently the J&K administration has approved the new "Media Policy-2020", which effectively empowers the administration to decide whether a particular news is "anti-social and anti-national" or not. The move drew sharp criticism from the Kashmiri journalists, as according to them the policy was detrimental to the freedom of speech and expression and had no place in the constitutional framework of India, the same constitution that the ordinary Kashmiris had stopped believing in a long time ago. I see people least bothered by such regressive policies of the administration, may be because they see New Delhi as a usurper and usurpers have a history of curbing the freedom of their subjects.

While Kashmir was under a savage lockdown, the world leaders were scheduled to speak at the United National General Assembly (UNGA), in September 2019, the people of Kashmir with all their innocence had tied their threads of hope to it. But nothing happened.

In November 2019, when nothing was working out in Kashmir, I decided to shift to Delhi for further education. To my surprise, I found that everyone in Delhi, from an Uber driver to my landlady seemed convinced that Modi had done wonders in Kashmir, by abrogating Article 370, bringing happiness to the people of Kashmir, that it was merely because of Pakistan that Kashmiris rebelled against India, that there was no fundamental issue of snatching the rights of Kashmiris and this move would eventually bring as they would say "Vikas", (development) in Kashmir. I was bewildered by the magnitude of misinformation that had been spread among the ordinary citizens regarding Kashmir, through social media and by some biased media organizations. I realised that, perhaps we were already living in a dystopian society, where there were humongous handicaps on the free thinking ability of the proletariat, where the government's propaganda was the ultimate truth and the truth was considered to be the hate speech, and where everyone was under the surveillance of the government.

Circle 2014. Halfway through election campaigning, it occurred to me that the issues of azaadi, autonomy and Article 370 were never raised in any of the meetings, anywhere. Not once was it asked of me where I stood on these. Even in private conversations with people—farmers, shopkeepers, traders, and agricultural labourers—the National Conference's demand for 'autonomy' or the PDP's concept of 'self-rule' were never mentioned, even in passing.

The reason for this, it turned out, was simple: people didn't see these mainstream parties as having any role in the resolution of the Kashmir issue. These parties were only about governance and, in the words of John Lewis, the civil rights pioneer, about "good trouble". Nothing more. Nothing less either! Coexisting with this was the palpable separatist sentiment that one could sense and see. The families of militants—dead or alive—were respected. They were invariably seen as the "village elders" who exercise influence that comes with upward social mobility. Over the years, socially, militancy had become a rite of passage.

The same people who would attend election rallies would also attend the funerals of militants. In their mind there seemed no conflict between the two. The former was an individual obligation born out of material needs, while the latter was a collective desire engendered by a certain understanding of political history. These two worlds were not reconciled with each other, but inevitably coexisted. In-between, of course, there were occasions of confrontation.

At the level of local political workers, the BJP didn't exist—neither in their territory nor on their minds. No political field worker or supporter saw the BJP as an opponent, let alone a serious adversary. For PDP workers, it was the National Conference or the Congress that was the adversary and vice versa. Politics at the grassroots, being much localised, is quite different from the view on the tree top. No wonder, at the party level, the BJP was seen and discussed as the single biggest opponent!

Article 370 was there in the people's consciousness a

Year After Abrogation of Article 370

And Article 370 was actually reborn—as another "betrayal", a collective humiliation that kindles separatism further.

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la Robert Musil—not in their conversations. In fact, Kashmir's relationship with India was not an issue any longer.

And then August 5, 2019, happened. Kashmir, in popular perception all over the country, was reintegrated yet again; it was reconceived, if not re-laimed. For the government of India, the barrier to democracy and development was abolished. Never mind that way back on December 4, 1964, then Union home minister Gulzarilal Nanda had candidly informed Parliament that "Article 370, whether you keep it or not, has been completely emptied of its contents, nothing has been left in it". Nanda was not given to hyperbole. He was absolutely right.

Circle 2020. Everyone without exception—farmers, shopkeepers, traders, agricultural labourers—are feeling humiliated, hoodwinked and helpless. The ghost of 370 is harbouring the spirit of resentment. This, in turn, has enlarged the constituency of supporters for resistance. For the old-timers, it was more than a mere article of the Constitution, it was an article of faith. They are in an existential and moral crisis—as if they had been living in sin.

Article 370 is reborn, resurgent. This time not as an ideology or an issue, but as an illustration—an example of yet another betrayal, both by the local mainstream parties and by "Hindustan". Kashmir's relationship with India is now back again in conversation—hushed at the moment, but very much audible.

It ought to have been realised by now, but hasn't been, that abrogation of Article 370 has not hit at the

separatist political ideology; quite the contrary. For them, it has been an "instrument of control" rather than a "guarantee for autonomy". It has provided them with a renewed justification. But more than that, it has strengthened the sentiment of separatism among people. How this will find expression in local politics is a big imponderable. A year down the line, it appears that a while slaying a shadow, the silhouette has been sharpened.

The only political space that has shrunk, at least for now, is that for mainstream politics—the political parties whose basis has been politics of ethnicity, not Kashmiri nationalism. In its most extreme form it has been a politics of asymmetric federalism.

The August 5 action has, in the words of Perry Anderson, destroyed their "seriality"—the social construct that underlies their political existence. The limits of mainstream political leadership in J&K have been brutally exposed. No wonder, in the last one year, no political formation has taken shape, despite quite a few failed attempts.

A new paradigm of electoral politics, it is hoped, will be around restoration of statehood. Hence the reports that people are more "hurt and humiliated" about being downgraded to a Union territory than the abrogation of Article 370. May be. May be not.

Until the pandemic took over, for six months, the audacious abrogation of Article 370 was seen all over the country as a 70-year-old commitment fulfilled, correcting a perceived historical blunder and honouring

the political rhetoric of reframing a Hindu Rashtra. The pandemic stymied all that in a great rush.

A year down the road, the juggernaut has rolled relentlessly. Having demolished the edifice, the scaffolding are now being systematically removed. On March 31, 2020, as part of the exercise to align the state laws of the erstwhile state of J&K with its new stature as a Union territory, the government of India amended 109 and repealed 29 state laws.

Importantly, the constitutionally guaranteed domicile rights have been replaced by liberal domicile rules and criteria. This has bred enormous insecurity in the minds of the Kashmiri people, not completely unfounded, of a demographic change being planned.

According to the 2011 Census, there were 28 lakh "migrants" working in the state—almost a quarter of the total population. To put this number in perspective, it is 10 times the population of Ladakh. Many of them have been in J&K since the later 1990s. In principle, they will qualify for the status of a domicile of J&K.

Further, a delimitation commission has been notified, leading to apprehension that this would change the character of representation in a Muslim-majority region. The electoral demography will surely undergo a change even if only 25 per cent of the migrants vote in the legislative assembly elections to which they are now entitled under the domicile rules.

The manner in which Kashmir has been hammered in the last one year has taken a heavy toll on the people. Abrogation of the autonomous position, bifurcation of the state, downgrading to a UT, domicile law changes, delimitation of constituencies, notifying "strategic areas" for use by the army, a six-month political logjam followed by a pandemic lockdown, connectivity embargo and the continuing restrictions have affected them physically, psychologically, financially and politically. The way things are in Kashmir, it is heading to stage where, in words of Albert Camus, "your very existence is an act of rebellion".

Out Look

Path to Past: 10 Books on Kashmir History for Summer Reading

RAKSHANDA AFRIN

THE probing pen delving into past might've been previously popularized by the likes of Prem Nath Bazaz with his "impartial record-keeping", but over the years the valley saw the rise of new writers who captured and chronicled its chequered past like never before.

While many busted myths, others set the records straight with their gritty fact-findings. While a few followed statist suit, some made it to controversial shelves with their "tell all".

What makes most of these exhaustive research-based readings significant are the popular notions and mainstream narratives based on selective history and biases, making it more difficult to objectively know the ever changing and evolving landscapes of Kashmir.

At this juncture, it becomes more quintessential to navigate through the pages of history and grasp the often untold, and unpopularly known stories and events surrounding the Kashmir issue which has been the microcosm of so many levels of discord.

The History of Struggle for Freedom in Kashmir: Cultural and Political, from the Earliest Times to the Present Day (1954)- Prem Nath Bazaz (National Book Foundation)

Published in 1954, Prem Nath Bazaz wrote the preface as "Kashmir belongs to Kashmiris" which went on to become a very popular sentiment.

As the name suggests, Bazaz, a prominent Kashmiri Pandit politician and intellect, chronicled the struggle of Kashmiris into two parts 'to present a connected history of the freedom movement of the people from the dawn of civilisation to our times.'

Tracing the sentiments of independence among the populace from the past history of dominant Dogra-ruled state to present days, Bazaz made a thorough analysis of comprehending the 'accession' dispute and political developments following the partition by delving into the ancient and medieval times of the region as well.

When the history of Kashmir is to be understood, Bazaz's work is widely discussed. The book had foreseen the 90's insurgency and assertion "as a matter of right after nearly 450 years of oppression" and further examines how the present scenario is impacted by the shared history of the past.

In this award-winning book, the British historian, Alastair Lamb explores the history and genesis of the Kashmir dispute.

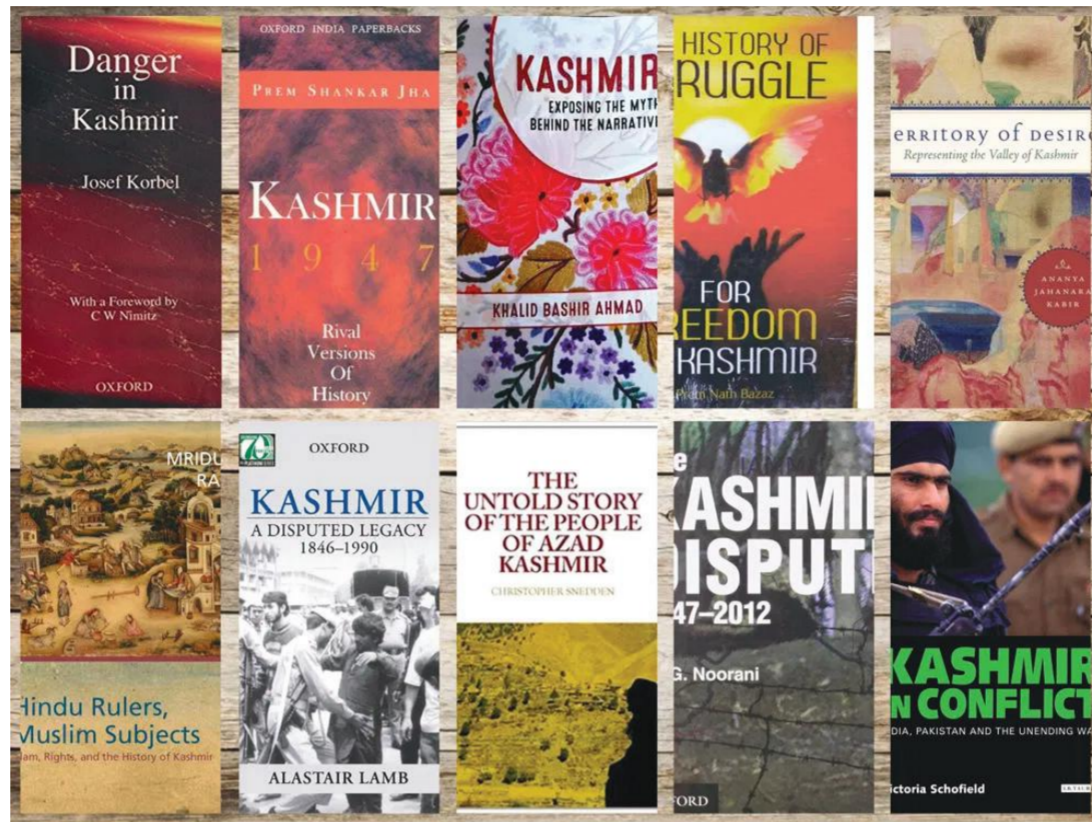
Recognized as an expert of judicial and diplomatic history of Kashmir, Lamb who previously authored several books on the same subject, meticulously works to provide historical context of the internal political evolutions as well as interpretations and alternative solutions to the struggle of Kashmir in this one.

Published in 1991 by Oxford University Press, soon after the start of the 90's militancy, Lamb's work tries to clarify those basic key issues of 1947 and the way in which they have been "modified, obscured or distorted" with the passage of time and the pressure of partisan arguments.

The book, however, has been banned in India as Lamb positioned himself, supported by public documents and records, that New Delhi "had no valid legal ground or moral justification for accession" in the 'Vale of Kashmir'.

Published in 2004, Mridu Rai's work became an indispensable one to understand the region's contested past. The historian did the path-breaking work of telling about today's troubles by going all the way back to 1846.

Rai argues the creation of the Dogra-ruled state



was the turning point where the Kashmiri society got unequally divided into rulers and ruled and paved the way for the widening gaps and exploitations.

Critically acclaimed and highly recommended by scholars worldwide, Rai's scholarly work examines the 100 year period prior to the decision of 1947 which led to mixture and growth of religion and politics inextricably intertwined with the consciousness of the Muslim populace.

Rai focuses on the geopolitics of Kashmir and mainly the legitimacy and autocratic nature of the Hindu Dogra state which led to years of impoverishment and tribulations in the lives of the Muslim subjects which ultimately gave rise to identity politics in the region.

The book becomes a definite read to understand the historical study of rights, religion, regional and community identities. It explains how the origins of the present day dilemmas and state of affairs are interlinked to the past shaped by these consequences.

Victoria Schofield, the British historian and commentator on international affairs, authored this to address the escalating nuclear arms race between India and Pakistan arising out of the dispute and how the Kashmir conflict even after decades is the major flashpoint and key decisive factor in shaping domestic and foreign relations.

"Schofield," Lucian W Pye of the Foreign Affairs wrote, "has reviewed the entire record of the conflict, interviewed many participants, and struggled to find possible solutions."

Schofield extensively gives context to the issue of increasing militancy and continuing violence and the wider implications of the Kashmir issue in the international arena.

Published in 2014, Constitutional expert and lawyer, AG Noorani, compiles his detailed accounts of the long-standing dispute and complex history of the region backed by painstaking research spanning over years based on both archival and contemporary documents.

Blaming both the Pakistani and Indian administrators as well as the British for the plights, tragedies and continuing miseries of the Kashmiris, Noorani does not shy away from addressing the biggest 'villain' responsible for the wrong doings.

In the book, Noorani extensively quotes India's first Prime Minister, Jawahar Lal Nehru's "lies" in Parliament as well in telegrams addressed to Pakistan and British prime ministers during those intervening years of 1947.

Nehru in one of his last telegrams wrote, "Our assurance that we shall withdraw our troops from Kashmir as soon as peace and order are restored and leave the decision about the future of the State to the people of the State is not merely a pledge to your Government but also to the people of Kashmir and to the world."

"In their totality," Muhammad Ali Siddiqi of Dawn writes about Noorani's book, "the articles turn the book into a piece of research that gives us a comprehensive story of the Kashmir tragedy from political, diplomatic, legal and, more importantly, human angles."

Published in 1954, Josef Korbel, the Czech-American diplomat authored a first-hand narrative of the many complex factors stemming from the Kashmir dispute.

Korbel was named one of the delegates mediating the Kashmir dispute by the United Nations Commission of India and Pakistan in 1947.

The book is a result of his personal experiences and addresses, the dispute and changes in Kashmir starting from its past history as a princely state to United Nations interventions and negotiations between the two countries as well as roles and failures in the Kashmir scene.

Published in 2017, author Khalid Bashir Ahmad seeks to challenge the perpetuated narratives of Kashmir's history over the centuries.

With his book, the author aims to bring forward the hidden 'true' Kashmir's history of the land and

its people and delegitimize the popular held beliefs which he sees as 'myths' propagated by a well-planned state machinery.

In the epilogue, the author writes: "Nobody would dispute the fact that in a situation as sensitive as Kashmir, selective mention of tragedies will all but bridge the trust gap. Understanding and recognising each other's pain and suffering are crucial for achieving this. Alongside a reference to Nadimarg, Wandhama and Sangrampora (places where Kashmiri Pandits were massacred by suspected militants), a mention of Gawkadal, Sopore, Handwara and Islamia College (places where Kashmiri Muslims were massacred by government forces) is imperative to complete the picture of Kashmir tragedy."

Considered as one of the most crucial reads in recent times, Khalid Bashir's book extensively works to expose the selective narratives based on few fragmentary sources and challenges the premises of historical books such as Kalhana's Rajtarangini (The River of Kings) and brings forward fallacies in play.

Indian economist and journalist, Prem Shankar Jha based his book on declassified as well lengthy reports and documents on the accession of Kashmir in 1947.

Published in 1996, Jha with his book, aims to rebut Alastair Lamb's positions over Kashmir accession and provide alternative readings.

Jha argues to prove how Kashmir's accession came to India legitimately with a particular focus on Maharaja Hari Singh. Jha views Hari Singh adopted the right course of actions to minimise the damage when confronted by the immeasurable, powerful forces beyond his control.

Many critics and scholars, however, disagree with Jha's "partisan views" of those turbulent times in the course of history.

Professor and literary historian, Ananya Jahanara Kabir explores long standing historical elements along with conceptual, social and cultural aspects of the dispute.

Published in 2009, the author provides fresh approaches to the dispute through nuanced and symbolic examinations of the Kashmiri artists and poets' collective desires for 'their homeland'.

Proposing non-militaristic ways, it gives an insightful read and representations to understand the cultural and political lives in the beautiful valley of Kashmir torn apart by the intense, repeated desires by both sides of the border.

Australian political scientist, Christopher Snedden in a rarity offers a fresh interpretive history of the largely forgotten four million people of "Azad Kashmir".

With his book, Snedden says that "a reason why little has been written about the major events in Jammu Province in 1947 is Indian and Pakistani neglect. Both governments have been engrossed in their war of words over J&K rather than factually determining what - or who - instigated the Kashmir dispute."

In a radical approach, Snedden aims to reject the popular narrative and notions that Pukhtoon tribesmen from Pakistan instigated the dispute over Kashmir's international status. Rather the author documents how the Jammuites engaging in three significant actions post the partition of 1947 instigated the unresolved dispute.

Published in 2011, this book provides new information about the least known, neglected area of J&K- "Azad Kashmir", a narrow strip of Kashmir populated by Muslims amidst India's ongoing ownership claims and Pakistani sides' oversight.

5 Popular Documentaries That Picture Life in Kashmir

JYOTSNA BHARTI

IN the last decade, as the valley witnessed a creative boom, many locals became brain and brawn behind many visual projects. Many of those attempts took the form of documentaries - touching among other things the pulse of politics and the perpetual struggle for life in Kashmir.

Presenting and projecting the picture of the valley in a detailed manner, most of these documentaries became popular in an era when social media as an instant interactive tool created raging debates and discussions around them.

Apart from depicting the ground realities through different prisms and perspectives, these documentaries make an attempt to visualize the pain and pathos of the valley like never before.

My Kashmir Love Story | What Does Kashmir Want?

This is a small Youtube video explaining the sadness and grief of Kashmiris in a very few words and strong visuals.

The narrator indeed has justified the essence of Kashmir while embarking his journey to Srinagar, Aharbal, Chatpal, Thimran, Parihaspore, Gulmarg, Yusmarg, Pahalgam, among other places.

He has explained his video with a small message - "I had been waiting to go to Kashmir for more than two years but I was unsure about the plan because of unrest since 2016. Having waited enough, one day I just booked my ticket and landed in Kashmir. And it is strange that instead of being happy to be in 'paradise on earth', I felt sad. The whole vibe that I got from the place made me think that maybe Love is the only solution to all the problems in this world."

Kashmir - Inside A Friday Protest

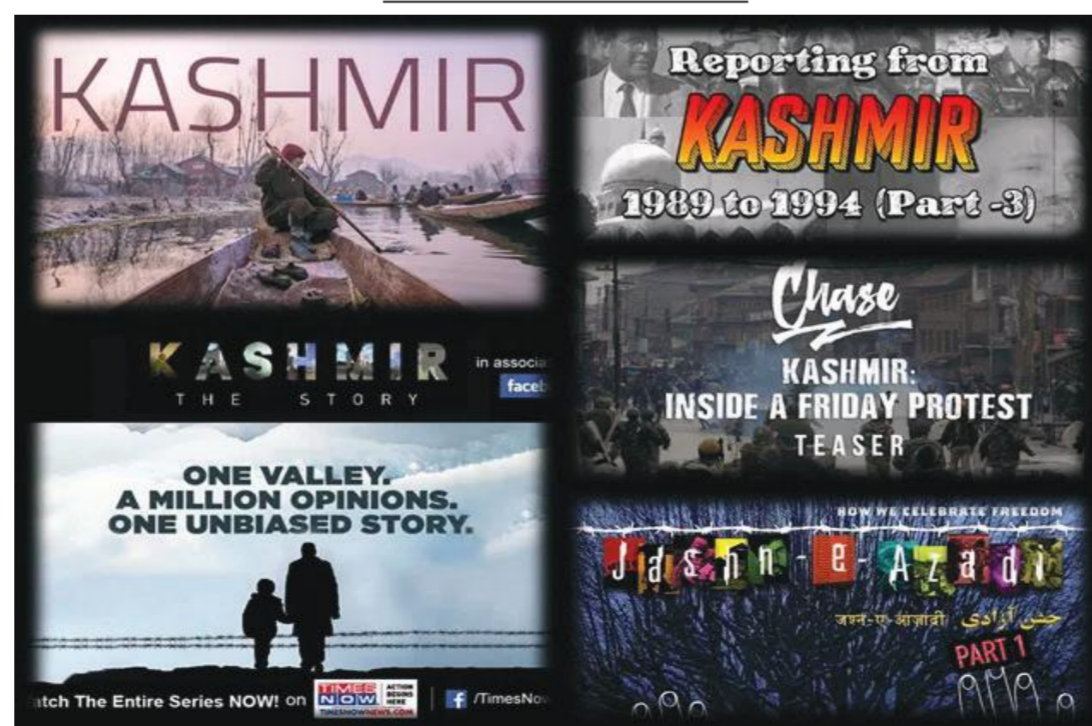
This documentary has come in life by the collaboration of Scoopwhoop and Newslandry.

This visual story deals with the discord in Kashmir and tries to trace the reasons for the violence which has culminated to its tipping point post the death of Hizb commander, Burhan Wani.

The documentary gives one an insight into the complexities and trauma of Kashmir and Kashmiris.

Reporting from Kashmir, 1989 to 1994 (Part 1,2 & 3)

In this well-documented series from Newslandry,



dry, "Reporting from Kashmir, 1989 to 1994", Madhu Trehan and her former Newstrack colleagues Manoj Raghuvanshi and Alpna Kishore recount their experience while reporting from Kashmir during the crucial time of 1989-1994.

Through a few video records, the makers of this

documentary try to give a fair glimpse of Kashmir and depict the risk of reporting from the valley.

Kashmir The Story | Full Documentary On The History & Timelines Of Kashmir Valley

Times Now released a detailed documentary 'Kashmir The Story' which shows the "history of Kashmir" ever since the partition of the Indian sub-continent in 1947.

This documentary, as per some reports, has been made with the purpose of telling the new generation the story of Kashmir.

The narrative ties together reels of archival footage with interviews of key players who give a glimpse into the mindsets and emotions of the times.

The "absence" of political undertones, many say, is the "most refreshing aspect" of this documentary.

Jashn-e-Azadi: How We Celebrate Freedom

Directed by Sanjay Kak, 'Jashn-e-Azadi' is a 2-hour-long documentary made with a lot of archival footages. It also has explicit footages of funerals.

This documentary speaks of raw violence in Kashmir and the constant fight of survival.

“He has explained his video with a small message - "I had been waiting to go to Kashmir for more than two years but I was unsure about the plan because of unrest since 2016. Having waited enough, one day I just booked my ticket and landed in Kashmir. And it is strange that instead of being happy to be in 'paradise on earth', I felt sad. The whole vibe that I got from the place made me think that maybe Love is the only solution to all the problems in this world."**”**



Health, Well-Being And Food Security Of Families Deteriorating Under Covid-19 Stress

Agencies

The ongoing disruptive changes from efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 are having a substantial negative impact on the physical and mental well-being of parents and their children across the country, according to a new national survey.

The Survey was published in the journal Pediatrics. Families are particularly affected by stressors stemming from changes in work, school and daycare schedules that are

impacting finances and access to community support networks, according to the five-day survey of parents across the U.S. run June 5-June 10 by Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

Top-line results showed:
- 27% of parents reported worsening mental health for themselves
- 14% reported worsening behavioural health for their children
- 24% of parents reported a loss of regular child care
The impact of abrupt, sys-

temic changes to employment and strain from having access to a limited social network is disrupting the core of families across the country. Worsening physical and mental health were similar no matter the person's race, ethnicity, income, education status or location. However, larger declines in mental well-being were reported by women and unmarried parents.

"COVID-19 and measures to control its spread have had a substantial effect on the nation's children," said Stephen Patrick, MD, MPH, director of the Vander-

bilt Center for Child Health Policy and a neonatologist at Children's Hospital in Nashville. "Today an increasing number of the nation's children are going hungry, losing insurance employer-sponsored insurance and their regular child care. The situation is urgent and requires immediate attention from federal and state policymakers."

Parents with children under age 18 were surveyed to measure changes in their health, insurance status, food security, use of public food assistance resources, child care and use of

health care services since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Since March, more families are reporting food insecurity, and more reliance on food banks, and delaying children's visits to health care providers. With COVID-19 cases and deaths on the rise around the country, families may continue to experience higher levels of need and disruption.

The proportion of families with moderate or severe food insecurity increased from 6 per cent to 8 per cent from March to June. Children covered by parents'

employer-sponsored insurance coverage decreased from 63 per cent to 60 per cent.

Strikingly, families with young children report worse mental health than those with older children, pointing to the central role that child care arrangements play in the day-to-day functioning of the family.

"The loss of regular child care related to COVID-19 has been a major shock to many families," says Matthew M. Davis, MD, MAPP, interim chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Northwestern University Fein-

berg School of Medicine and senior vice-president and chief of Community Health Transformation at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. "In almost half of all cases where parents said that their own mental health had worsened and that their children's behaviour had worsened during the pandemic, they had lost their usual child care arrangements. We need to be aware of these types of stressors for families, which extend far beyond COVID-19 as an infection or an illness."

Homemade Face Masks Work Best With Multiple Layers, Study Finds

Jason Gale, Bloomberg

Homemade face masks should ideally be made from multiple layers of fabric to trap the viral-laden droplets from the nose and mouth associated with the spread of Covid-19, a study found.

Scientists in Australia compared the effectiveness of single and double-layer cloth face coverings with a surgical mask. Using a tailored LED lighting system and high-speed video cam-



era, they showed a single layer reduced the spread of droplets from speaking, but less than a double layer.

What's the best homemade face mask to curb #Covid19? Here's what happens

when you cough, sneeze and speak in different face coverings, scientists found

<https://t.co/rBVt03XsTb> - Bloomberg QuickTake (@QuickTake) July 24, 2020

A double layer was also "significantly better" at reducing the droplet spread caused by coughing and sneezing, though a three-layer surgical mask was the best among all the tested scenarios, researchers led by Raina MacIntyre at the University of New South Wales in Sydney said in a paper

published Thursday in the journal Thorax.

Face masks are thought to protect healthy people from inhaling infectious droplets as well as reducing the spread from those who are already infected.

Worldwide shortages of protective equipment have led the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health authorities to recommend homemade cloth face coverings as an alternative to surgical face masks.

Physical Stress On The Job Linked With Brain, Memory Decline In Older Age: Study

Agencies

A new study has found that physical stress in one's job may be associated with faster brain ageing and poorer memory.

Aga Burzynska, an assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, and her research team connected occupational survey responses with brain-imaging data from 99 cognitively normal older adults, age 60 to 79. They found that those who reported high levels of physical stress in their most recent job had smaller volumes in the hippocampus and performed poorer on memory tasks. The hippocampus is the part of the brain that is critical for memory and is affected in both normal ageing and in dementia.

Their findings were published this summer in *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* under the research topic 'Work and Brain Health Across the Lifespan.'

"We know that stress can accelerate physical ageing and is the risk factor for many chronic illnesses," Burzynska said. "But this is the first evidence that occupational stress can accelerate brain and cognitive ageing."

She added that it is important to understand how occupational exposures affect the ageing of our brains. "An average American worker spends more than eight hours at work per weekday, and most people remain in the workforce for over 40 years," Burzynska said. "By pure volume, occupational exposures outweigh the time we spend on leisure social, cognitive and physical activities, which



protect our ageing minds and brains."

Physical demands at work Burzynska explained that the association between "physical stress" and brain/memory were driven by physical demands at work. These included excessive reaching, or lifting boxes onto shelves, not necessarily aerobic activity. This is important because earlier work by Burzynska and her colleagues showed that leisure aerobic exercise is beneficial for brain health and cognition, from children to very old adults. Therefore, the researchers controlled for the effects of leisure physical activity and exercise.

As expected, leisure physical activity was associated with greater hippocampal volume, but the negative association with physical demands at work persisted.

"This finding suggests that physical demands at work may have parallel yet opposing associations with

brain health," Burzynska explained. "Most interventions for postponing cognitive decline focus on leisure, not on your job. It's kind of unknown territory, but maybe future research can help us make some tweaks to our work environment for long-term cognitive health."

She added that the results could have important implications for society. "Caring for people with cognitive impairment is so costly, on economic, emotional and societal levels," Burzynska said. "If we can support brain health earlier, in middle-aged workers, it could have an enormous impact."

The researchers considered and corrected for several other factors that could be related to work environment, memory and hippocampal volume, such as age, gender, brain size, educational level, job title, years in the occupation and general psychological stress.

One piece of the puzzle

"The research on this topic is so fragmented," Burzynska said. "One previous study linked mid-life managerial experience with greater hippocampal volume in older age. Another showed that taxi drivers had larger hippocampi than a city's bus drivers, presumably due to the need to navigate. In our study, job complexity and psychological stress at work were not related to hippocampal volume and cognition. Clearly, our study is just one piece of the puzzle, and further research is needed."

The magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) data used for the study was collected at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign between 2011 and 2014.

CSU researchers now can collect MRI data with the new 3T scanner at the University's Translational Medicine Institute.

With this new capability, Burzynska, along with Michael Thomas and Lorann Stallones of CSU's Department of Psychology, is launching a new project, "Impact of Occupational Exposures and Hazards on Brain and Cognitive Health Among Aging Agricultural Workers," which will involve collecting MRI brain scans and identifying risk and protective factors that could help the agricultural community age successfully. The project recently obtained funding as an Emerging Issues Short-Term Project from the High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety.

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies is part of CSU's College of Health and Human Sciences.

Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarship available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir
Scholarship Name 1: Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS), J&K 2020-21

Description: All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) invites applications for Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS), J&K 2020-21 from Class 12 passed and diploma degree holders in J&K and Ladakh. The scholarship aims to support the youth of J&K in pursuing higher education outside the state. It facilitates the access of quality education to students so as to equip them with knowledge, skills, experience and training for higher academic level/profession.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open for students who are the domiciles of Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh. They must have passed 10+2 exam from the J&K Board (JK-BOSE) or CBSE affiliated schools located in UTs of J&K and Ladakh or have passed 10+3 diploma from UTs of J&K and Ladakh Polytechnic for admission directly in the second year in the prescribed list of colleges against on the vacant seats of the previous year. The annual family income should be less than INR 8 lakh.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 3 lakh per annum and other benefits

Last Date to Apply: 31-07-2020

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/MSS2



Scholarship Name 2: The Dalai Lama Trust Undergraduate Scholarship 2020

Description: The Department of Education, Tibetan Children's Educational and Welfare Fund invites applications for The Dalai Lama Trust Undergraduate Scholarship 2020 from undergraduate degree applicants.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open for undergraduate degree applicants who have consistently performed well in academics but couldn't score well in the exam (Recommendation from school required), OR are responsible, sincere, honest and bearing good moral conduct (Recommendation from school required), OR are orphan, semi-orphan or belong to destitute family (Recommendation from Tibetan Settlement Office required).

Prizes & Rewards: Variable awards

Last Date to Apply: 31-07-2020

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/DLT4

Scholarship Name 3: IDFC FIRST Bank MBA Scholarship 2020-22

Description: IDFC FIRST Bank is providing scholarships to students enrolled in 1st year of 2-year full-time MBA programmes across selected colleges in India. The scholarship programme is aimed at helping MBA students who need financial support in managing their tuition fees.

Eligibility: Indian students who are enrolled in the 1st year of full-time MBA programmes at selected educational institutions may apply for this scholarship. Students must have an annual family income not more than INR 6 Lakh to be eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Prizes & Rewards: Selected scholars will be provided with INR 1 Lakh per annum for 2 years of their full-time MBA/PGDM or equivalent programme.

Last Date to Apply: 31-07-2020

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/IFMS2

US Sterilisation Program Tried To "Breed Out" Black People: Study

Agencies

Washington: A sterilization program that ran in the US state of North Carolina from 1929 to 1974 was explicitly designed to "breed out" black citizens and met the UN definition of genocide, a study said this week.

Almost 7,600 men, women and children as young as 10 were surgically sterilized under the program that was created to serve the "public good" by preventing people deemed "feeble-minded" and others from becoming parents.

Most were coerced but some women who had no other means of birth control sought out sterilization by having themselves declared unfit mothers.

The new paper was published in the American Review of Political Economy.

It examined the years 1958 to 1968, a period in which more than 2,100 authorized sterilizations occurred across the state's 100 counties.

The authors found that, for the period they studied, sterilization rates increased with the size of the unemployed black population -- but unemployed whites and other races were not similarly targeted.

William Darity Jr, a professor at Duke University and co-author, said the United Nations'



definition of genocide cites intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.

This includes, according to the text of the Geneva Convention, "imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group."

"North Carolina's disproportionate use of eugenic sterilization on its black citizens was an

act of genocide," said Darity.

Previous work had shown that the eugenics program had disproportionately targeted black people, but the new paper shed light on the mechanics by which the program worked and its motives.

"Controlling black bodies and their reproductive choices is nothing new," added co-author Rhonda

Sharpe of the Women's Institute for Science, Equity, and Race.

"Our study shows that North Carolina restricted reproductive freedom, using eugenics to disenfranchise black residents."

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The state set up a foundation in 2010 to compensate living victims of the program.

Lebanon, Iran to sue US over harassment of airliner in Syria

Agencies

Beirut: Lebanese Health Minister Hamad Hasan says Beirut is going to lodge a complaint at international institutions and organizations after two US fighter jets harassed a Lebanon-bound Iranian civilian aircraft over Syria's airspace, and caused injuries among the passengers.

On Saturday, Hasan denounced the incident as a "criminal intimidation" and a shameful act for Americans, stating that Lebanon will soon announce its official position over the matter.

He noted that his ministry, on behalf of the passengers of Mahan Air's Flight 1152, will sue Washington over mental and physical threats posed to passengers.

The Iranian aircraft had taken off from the capital Tehran and was en route to the Lebanese capital Beirut when US warplanes conducted aggressive maneuvers and came dangerously close to the plane over Syria's al-Tanf region on Thursday night.

The Lebanese health minister went on to say that international criminal courts have a responsibility to look into such threats in accordance with international law, which stipulates the safety and protection of the lives of passengers.

"While the earth is facing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the sky is suffering from an evil disease to which we must respond firmly," Hasan commented.

Separately, Yemen's popular Houthi Ansarullah movement censured the US military's harassment of the Iranian plane as "a blatant violation of international air navigation treaties and a terrorist act by the United States and its collaborator Israel."

"The US arrogance and its stubborn persistence of violating Syria's sovereignty are an aggressive approach and a barbaric behavior from a criminal establishment, which tramples on all international regulations," the media bureau of Ansarullah said in a statement released on Saturday.

It stressed that resistance remains the strongest and most effective option in the face of arrogant powers, and will force them to respect the rights of world nations and not to infringe upon their rights and the sovereignty of their homelands.

Israel strikes Syrian army positions in retaliatory attack, says army

Jerusalem: The Israeli military on Friday said its helicopters struck Syrian army targets in response to mortars fired toward the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

"A number of targets were struck, including SAF observation posts and intelligence collection systems located in SAF bases," the military said in a statement, referring to the Syrian Armed Forces.

Syria's state news agency SANA quoted a military source as saying Israeli helicopters targeted three outposts in Syria's southern Quneitra area with anti-tank guided missiles, causing two injuries and some forest fires.

The strike came a few hours after the Israeli military said blasts were heard from the Syrian-held area of the Golan Heights. No casualties were reported but a building and an Israeli vehicle were damaged, it said.

Tension rose this week along the Israel-Syria frontier after a fighter of the Iranian-backed Lebanese Shi'ite group Hezbollah was killed in an apparent Israeli strike on the edge of Damascus on Monday.

The Israeli military said it has since boosted its forces on its northern front, where Israel borders Lebanon and Syria.

World shares retreat as US-China tensions rise



Agencies

LONDON: Global equities took a beating Friday as China-US tensions intensified, while stalled stimulus talks in Washington fuelled fears for the economy, traders said.

Lingering worries about the impact on businesses of fresh coronavirus outbreaks helped trigger major profit-taking, overshadowing a batch of bright data in Europe.

"It's a sour end to the trading week," said AJ Bell investment director Russ Mould. The Dow was down nearly 140 points approaching midday in New York, "adding to yesterday's declines in morning action as friction between the US and China heated up overnight", said Charles Schwab analysts.

European indices were up to two percent lower at the close.

Earlier in Asia, Shanghai and Hong Kong had already dived as relations between the world's two superpowers took

another bad turn when China ordered the closure of the US consulate in Chengdu in retaliation for America shuttering Beijing's diplomatic mission in Houston this week.

The standoff is the latest in a string of issues — including Hong Kong, coronavirus and Huawei — that have plunged relations between the superpowers into crisis. Stock markets were also still reeling from Thursday's report of a rise in new jobless claims in the US which prompted doubts about any ongoing economic rebound there, traders reported.

Hopes that the data would spur US lawmakers to push on with fresh stimulus measures were undermined by the inability of Republicans and the White House to agree on a \$1.0 trillion stimulus proposal.

Haven asset gold meanwhile jumped within spitting distance of \$1,900 for the first time since late 2011, boosted by economic uncertainty, geopolitical tensions and Federal Reserve monetary easing that has weakened the dollar.

Office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Sopore.

"Extension Notice"

Subject:- Construction of main out fall drain from existing deep drain via shop of New Habib steel Mart via Green Town to Baghi Rehmat side Sopore Kulangam road RD 450-600).

Reference:- This office NIT No: 50 of 2020-2021 e-tendering issued under No: 2483-2503 of 08.07.2020 *****

The tender dates for the above mentioned NIT Is hereby extended as detailed below:

1	Date of issue of tender Notice	08.07.2020
2	Period of downloading documents	From 08.07.2020 11.00 AM to 29/07/2020
3	Bid Submission start date:	08.07.2020
4	Bid submission end date	29.07.2020 upto 4.00 PM
5	Date and time of opening of Technical bids (online)-	30.07.2020 at 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer, R&B Division Sopore.
6	Date & time of opening of financial bids (on line).	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

DIPK-3468/20

NO: 3550-54
Date: 25.07.2020

Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Sopore.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Transport Commissioner,
J&K, Jammu

Subject: SOP for Dealer Assisted Registration for Non- Commercial Vehicles in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir

CIRCULAR
Dated. 21.07.2020

In view of COVID-19 pandemic and to reduce the footfall at the RTOs / ARTOs offices across the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the following instructions are hereby issued in continuation to Order No. 09-P-TC of 2017 dated 12.10.2017 read with Circular Instructions issued under No. TC/JK/MV/2017/965-72 dated 15.02.2018, for strict compliance:

1. Non Transport Vehicles shall be issued permanent registration mark through VAHAN portal of Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India, at the time of first sale by the dealers in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

2. No vehicle sold by the Dealer (Trade Certificate Holder) to any person shall be driven / taken out of showroom, unless a permanent registration mark is allotted to the vehicle by the Dealer through the VAHAN portal.

3. Each dealer shall be provided with a unique 'login id and password' in VAHAN portal by applying for the same on the prescribed form, which shall serve as his identification to access the portal of MoRTH.

4. The Dealer will take required documents for registration as per Rule 4 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 from the vehicle owner duly selfattested by the owner of vehicle.

5. The Dealer shall enter the data related to the vehicle on the VAHAN portal. He shall enter the Chassis Number and all the details regarding Chassis shall be auto populated from the Homologation data base. (Homologation database is a repository of all vehicle models/variants manufactured by the vehicle Manufacturers in India, whose credentials are provided by Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways and National Informatics Centre).

6. Form No.20 shall be printed from the portal and the Dealer after inspecting the vehicle, shall issue the Certificate of Inspection on the proforma, as prescribed in Form 20 and upload it on the VAHAN portal to satisfy the Registering Authority about the physical inspection of the vehicle.

7. The following documents (duly signed by the purchaser) and any other document as may be prescribed in the CMVR, 1989 or by the Government from time to time, shall be uploaded by the Dealer on VAHAN portal

i.	Form No. 20 complete in all respects
ii.	Form No. 21 (Sale letter)
iii.	Form No. 22 (Road worthiness certificate)
iv.	Sale invoice
v.	Valid address proof of the Purchaser as per Rule-4 of CMVR, 1989
vi.	Insurance certificate
vii.	Proof of fast tag

8. The relevant information and documents to be uploaded shall be duly verified by the Dealer and thereafter all the fees/taxes shall be deposited online in VAHAN portal. The fees/taxes shall include the following or any other fees/taxes as levied by the Government from time to time:-

- Registration fee
- Hypothecation fee, if applicable
- Road Tax and cess etc

9. Registering Authorities (RTOs / ARTOs) shall verify the documents of the vehicles on the basis of the documents uploaded by the Dealer on the Vahan Portal. However, the onus of authenticity / genuineness of the documents uploaded on Vahan portal shall be the sole responsibility of the concerned Dealer.

10. The registration mark shall automatically be generated after completion of all the codal formalities, as prescribed above.

11. The Registration mark shall be placed by the Dealer on HSRP supplied by Manufacturer or selected vendor. The HSRP shall be affixed by the Dealer on the vehicle.

12. No additional charges/amount shall be realised by the Dealer from the purchaser of the vehicle for the allotment of permanent registration number, deposition of online tax and fee, cost of HSRP and processing of application. The Dealer shall also undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions issued in this behalf by the Department of Transport, Government of J&K, from time to time and MoRTH, Government of India. In case of non compliance, violation or breach of any of the terms and conditions, the Trade certificate of the Dealer shall be liable to be suspended/cancelled.

13. (a) The Dealer shall upload the parameters/laser codes of HSRP affixed on the vehicle, on VAHAN portal.

(b) RC will be issued by the Registering Authority only after the above (a) is performed by the Dealer.

(c) The permanent registration marks as generated by the VAHAN Portal, shall be assigned from the series allotted to the concerned registering authorities/dealer. If the purchaser is willing to get a choice number/vanity number as mentioned in Rule 54 [6(a)] of Jammu & Kashmir Motor Vehicles Rules, 1991, he shall deposit the requisite fees through the VAHAN portal. After confirming the transaction, receipt shall be generated from the VAHAN portal for the purchaser.

14. During this process, the dealer shall also ensure that:-

The new vehicle has obtained type approval from the agency authorised under Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and from the Department of Transport, Jammu and Kashmir for registration of a vehicle of that model in the UT of J&K, as per J&K Motor Vehicle Rules, 1991 and SROs / SOs as amended / issued from time to time.

a) The new vehicle to be delivered to the purchaser is not a stolen/resold vehicle. Further, the new vehicle is not mechanically defective and complies with the requirement of Motor Vehicles Act/Rules and instructions issued thereunder from time to time.

b) The purchaser/applicant has furnished accurate particulars in the application for the registration of the vehicle and has furnished all supporting documents issued by the competent authority as may be required and that there is no reason for the refusal of the registration of the vehicle.

c) Where the new motor vehicle is held under hire purchase agreement, lease, hypothecation with any Bank or finance company, the full name and address of the Bank or Finance company has to be incorporated legibly/prominently in Form No. 20 and 21.

15. The authenticity/genuineness of the documents uploaded shall be the sole responsibility of the Dealer. In case, if any document uploaded by Dealer including the inspection report of vehicle, is found at later stage fake, frivolous/forged/tempered, the Dealer's login ID on VAHAN portal shall be disabled immediately and the Trade Certificate of the Dealer shall get ipso facto cancelled. Besides, he shall also be liable for prosecution under relevant provisions of law. The concerned Registering Authority shall not in any way be responsible for authenticity/genuineness of all requisite documents uploaded on VAHAN portal by the dealer, required for the issuance of Registration Certificate.

16. Permanent registration mark as allotted shall finally be approved by the concerned Registering Authority on the basis of documents uploaded by the dealer on the VAHAN Portal and the approval shall be conveyed to the Dealer online within a period of 72 hours from such uploading. Upon receipt of approval from the Registering Authority, the dealer shall generate the print out of Registration Certificate carrying the scanned signature of the Registering Authority.

17. In order to maintain the security of data, the user will receive an OTP on their mobile phone at the time of login.

18. The Registering Authorities are authorised to inspect the records which are in possession of Dealer in case of any doubt with regard to genuineness of all or any records and the dealer is bound to allow such inspection by Registering Authority as and when required.

19. The Dealer should have a valid Trade certificate. In case of expiry of Trade Certificate, dealer will not be allowed to initiate the process of registration in the system.

20. The original files, till further orders, shall remain in safe custody of the concerned dealer which can be called as and when required by the transport authorities. In case of change/closure of business by the dealer, all the original files relating to registration of vehicle shall be handed over to the concerned Registration Authority under proper receipt.

21. The Dealer shall indemnify, defend and protect the interests of the Government including its officers and employees against any, all proceedings, actions and third party claims for any loss, damages, expenses of whatever kind arising out of the Registration process. The Dealer shall fully indemnify and defend the Government including its officers and employees from and against any and all losses and damages arising out of or with respect to failure of the Dealer to comply with applicable Laws, Rules and Regulations.

22. This system shall not apply for registration of vehicles purchased through CSD, imported vehicles and for vehicles purchased outside the UT of Jammu and Kashmir but being registered in the J&K, in which case they shall continue to be registered at the level of the Registering Authority.

No. TC/JK/MV/2018/3089-95

Dated. 21.07.2020 DIPK-3415/20

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(Pardeep Kumar) KAS
Transport Commissioner, J&K

Delhi Riots: Court Grants More Time To Police To Complete Probe Against President Of Jamia Alumni Association

New Delhi: A court here has granted one more month to Delhi Police to complete its probe in a case against the president of Alumni Association of Jamia Millia Islamia who was arrested under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in connection with the riots in northeast Delhi in February.



outside India," it alleged.

Rehman, also a member of Jamia Coordination Committee, was booked for alleged involvement in the riots and was arrested by the Special Cell of the Delhi Police in April.

Additional Sessions Judge Dharmender Rana on Friday allowed the special cell to complete its probe by August 24, after the agency sought more time claiming that the case was related to a "deep rooted and large scale conspiracy behind the riot incidents" and that its searches in other states were being hindered due to the coronavirus lockdown.

Also the probe has been "derailed" as activist Sharjeel Imam, who is presently lodged in Guwahati jail and whose name surfaced in the hatching of the conspiracy of this case, has tested positive for coronavirus, the police said.

The police said that the co-conspirators are yet to be arrested and the efforts were being made to identify and apprehend them.

"Their apprehension is crucial in finding out the missing links of the larger conspiracy... In the present case, several layers of conspiracy have surfaced and to unearth the deep rooted conspiracy, interrogation of remaining is important for the purpose to investigate the present case from all possible angles.

"Search of other co-accused persons of this case is going on

but due to lockdown COVID-19 period, process of searches in other states is hindered," the police told the court.

The police said that voluminous data, in the form of CDRs, WhatsApp chats, Facebook posts, Twitter accounts and other social media, was collected during the probe.

"More than 1,700 call details records were sought from the service providers which are being thoroughly under examination. The analysis of such a huge technical record is going on and will take more time.

"The detailed analysis of that data is important for the purpose of filing a fair, effective and impartial charge sheet against the above named accused and his continued detention is needed to confront him with incriminating material so detected," it said.

Police further said that "suspicious funds to the tune of Rs 7 to 8 lakh which the accused received through office receipts but not deposited in the MAJMI bank account".

"Moreover, bills were created to manage that suspicious fund. The persons concerned, related to these bills, are being examined but due to pandemic COVID-19, process of getting details and examination of witnesses is slow," it said.

Police told the court that apart from 23 protest sites reported earlier, two more protest sites have also been identified which were brought up as a part of conspiracy for riots.

"All the sites were managed, controlled and organised by multiple layer teams in a well-structured and systematic manner. Each individual layer team has been assigned role to perform in furtherance of executing the conspiracy. The investigation regarding identification of the persons involved in this deep rooted conspiracy and their role in furtherance of conspiracy is being minutely under investigation," it said.

During the course of investigation conducted so far, role of Sharjeel Imam has also surfaced in the hatching of the conspiracy of this case, police said.

It told the court that Imam has been declared coronavirus positive, which has also "derailed the investigation to a huge extent".



DESERTED JAMIA MASJID as lockdown pushes people stay indoors with fear of virus growing by the day.

Standoff With China Figures Prominently In India-Israel Defence Talks: Report

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday held a telephonic conversation with his Israeli counterpart Lt Gen Benjamin Gantz during which India's standoff with China in eastern Ladakh figured prominently, government sources said.

The main focus of the talks was speedy implementation of ongoing defence procurement programmes as well as further expansion of overall defence and security ties between the two countries, they said.

"India's standoff with China in eastern Ladakh figured prominently when the two Defence Ministers delved into the evolving regional security scenario," the sources told news agency Press Trust of India.

They said issues relating to procurement of various weapons and ammunition by India from Israel on a fast-track mode was discussed during the conversation.

Mr Singh apprised Lt Gen Gantz about major reforms initiated by India in the defence manufacturing sector and called for greater participation of Israeli defence firms in joint development of weapons and military hardware with Indian companies, the sources told news agency PTI.

India has been the largest buyer of Israel's military hardware and the



latter has been supplying various weapon systems, missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles over the last few years but the deals have largely remained behind the curtains due to national security reasons.

In a statement, the Defence Ministry said Mr Singh and Lt Gen Gantz expressed satisfaction at the progress of strategic cooperation between the two countries and discussed possibilities of further strengthening the defence engagements.

"They also expressed satisfaction at the ongoing collaboration in research and development in fighting

pandemic COVID-19 which will not only benefit the two countries but also aid the larger humanitarian cause," it said.

The Defence Ministry said Rajnath Singh invited greater participation of Israeli defence companies under new liberalised foreign direct investment (FDI) regime in defence manufacturing.

"The two ministers exchanged views on regional developments. Defence Minister of Israel responded positively to an invitation from Singh to visit India at the earliest opportunity," it said.

Rajasthan Police Seeks CCTV Footage, Guest List From Manesar Hotel To Trace MLA Bhanwarlal Sharma

JAIPUR: In their search for Sachin Pilot-loyalist MLA Bhanwarlal Sharma, accused of attempting to topple the Congress government in Rajasthan, the police's Special Operation Group has sought CCTV footage and guest list from a Manesar hotel to trace him.

The SOG has registered an FIR against Bhanwarlal Sharma, Gajendra Singh and one Sanjay Jain on the basis of a complaint lodged by Congress Chief Whip Mahesh Joshi who had submitted audio clips as evidence of them plotting to bring down the government.

"We sent the requisition a couple of days ago to the hotel but there has been no response so far. We have

asked for CCTV footage and details of guests list," a senior official of SOG said here on Saturday.

A few days ago, the Special Operations Group (SOG) was sent to a hotel in BJP-ruled Haryana's Manesar in Gurgaon to seek the dissident MLA's version in connection with an FIR lodged over the audio clips.

The team was stopped outside the hotel for about an hour by Haryana policemen deployed there. The Rajasthan police were let in later, but told at the reception that the MLA was not staying there, and they returned, the unit's Additional Director General Ashok Rathore had said.

The Congress had cited two audio clips on social media and de-

manded the arrest of Union minister Gajendra Shekhawat, alleging that he is heard in one of them during a conversation on a plot to bring down the Congress government in the state.

In an FIR lodged with the Rajasthan police, the party had also alleged that Bhanwarlal Sharma too was heard in the audio clip. The complaint by Congress chief Whip Mahesh Joshi mentioned "Gajendra Singh" but stopped short of identifying him as the Union minister.

Both Shekhawat and Bhanwarlal Sharma have rejected the allegations. Sanjay Jain, the third man mentioned in the audio clips has been arrested. PTI

CBI Searches In Delhi, Neighbouring Areas In Alleged Rs 190 Crore Bank Fraud

NEW DELHI: The CBI on Friday conducted searches at three locations in Delhi and NCR in connection with an alleged bank loan fraud of Rs 190 crore, officials said.

The searches were conducted after the agency registered an FIR against Shri Sidhdhata Ispat Pvt. Ltd., Govardhan Industries Pvt. Ltd., Shri Sidhdhata Steel Tubes, Sudershan Tubes and others on the complaint of Bank of Baroda, they said.

It has also booked their promoters and directors Om Prakash Gupta, Pradeep Kumar Gupta, Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Suresh Kumar Gupta, Manju Gupta among others, they said.

dit which showed irregularities in maintenance of account books, bogus transactions, lack for proper cost accounts etc besides diversion of funds, they said.

"It was alleged in the complaint that the accused cheated Bank of Baroda to the tune of Rs. 190.76 crore (excluding interest) by way of availing various credit facilities, on the basis of submitting fake documents to the bank..." CBI spokesperson RK Gaur said.

It was also alleged that the diverted the funds fraudulently for the purpose other than for which the same were sanctioned, he said.

"Searches have been con-



The loans taken by the companies over the years became non-performing assets in 2013-14, the officials said. The bank did forensic au-

ducted today at two places in Noida (UP) and one place in Delhi which led to recovery of incriminating documents/material," he said.

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Anti-CAA Riots: Sharjeel Imam Charged With Sedition

New Delhi: The Delhi Police on Saturday charged former JNU student Sharjeel Imam with sedition before a court here for allegedly inciting people to indulge in activities detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of the country.

The police made the allegations in its charge sheet filed before the court in a case related to anti-CAA riots earlier this year.

The agency filed the final report under various sections including 124-A (Sedition), 153(A) (Promoting enmity), 153-A (promoting enmity, Hatred between different communities), 153-B (Assertion prejudicial to national integration) and 505 (spreading rumors) of IPC and under the sections of stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

"He is accused of delivering seditious speeches and inciting a particular section of community to indulge in unlawful activities, detrimental to sovereignty and integrity of the nation," the charge sheet said.

"In the garb of protesting against the Citizenship Amendment Act, he exhorted people of a particular community to block the highways leading to the major cities and resort to 'Chakka Jam', thereby disrupting normal life," it said.

It further alleged that Imam openly defied the Constitution and called it a "fas-



dist" document.

"In the name of opposing 'CAA' he also openly propagated blocking the 'chicken neck' connecting the mainland India with the Northeast. He also showed utter contempt and disregard for the democratic means of protest," it said.

The court is likely to take up the matter for hearing on July 27.

Imam is being probed for his alleged inflammatory speech at Jamia Millia Islamia on December 13 and subsequently on January 16 at Aligarh Muslim University, where he allegedly threatened to "cut off" Assam and the rest of the Northeast from India. He is currently lodged at Guwahati Central Jail.

The police had earlier submitted before the court that after his speech on December 13, widespread arson and violence took place in various parts of Delhi, and that several protest sites emerged after his January 16 speech.

He is currently lodged in Guwahati Jail and has been found to be coronavirus positive. — PTI

15-Year-Old Girl Scolded By Parents For Watching TV Ends Life

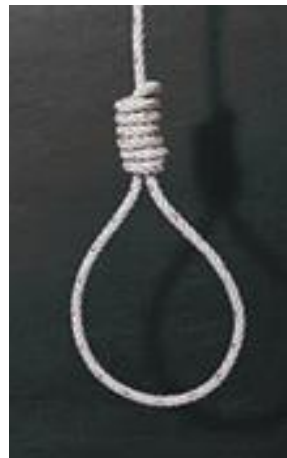
HYDERABAD: A 15-year-old girl allegedly committed suicide here after being scolded by her parents for watching TV too much, police said on Saturday.

The girl, a 10th standard student, hanged herself from a ceiling fan on Friday by using her mothers saree, the police said.

Her parents were away at work when she took the extreme step, they said.

In a note purportedly written by her, the girl said her parents would do well if she died, they said.

A case was registered based on a complaint



lodged by her father, the police said. PTI

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13 Indian Passengers Found Carrying Rs 66 Lakh Worth Of Cigarette Sticks; Arrested At Delhi Airport

New Delhi: Customs officials have arrested 13 men for smuggling into the country over 7.5 lakh cigarette sticks, worth Rs 66 lakh, at Delhi international airport, officials said on Friday.

The accused were intercepted by the officials after their arrival from Dubai on Thursday.

They were found to be carrying over 7.5 lakh cigarette sticks in their baggage, the customs officials said.

All the accused, aged between 26-40 years, worked as labourers and were



stranded in Dubai due to COVID-19. They were probably lured into carrying the cigarettes in lieu of free flying tickets by the mastermind, the officials said.

The cigarettes, worth Rs 66.6 lakh, have been seized and the accused were arrested, according to a statement issued by the customs. PTI

Govt Notifies New Rules For E-Commerce Entities

The government has notified new rules for e-commerce companies, including mandatory display of 'country of origin' on their products, and said any non-compliance will attract penal action.

The 'Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020' were notified on Thursday. The new rules will be applicable to all electronic retailers (e-tailers) registered in India or abroad but offering goods and services to Indian consumers.

The violation of the rules will attract penal action under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. According to the new rules, the e-commerce players will have to display the total price of goods and services offered for sale along with a break-up of other charges.



They are also required to mention the 'expiry date' of goods offered for sale and the 'country of origin' of goods and services that are necessary for enabling the consumer to make an informed decision at the pre-purchase stage.

Under the rules, e-commerce players have to display details about return, refund, exchange, warranty and guar-

antee, delivery and shipment, and any other information that may be required by consumers to make informed decisions. Sellers offering goods and services through a marketplace e-commerce entity will have to provide the above details to the e-commerce entity to be displayed on its platform or website.

Under the new rules, e-commerce entities should not

impose "cancellation charges" on consumers cancelling orders after confirmation unless sellers are ready to pay similar charges in case cancellation of orders are from their side.

They are also not allowed to "manipulate the price" of the goods and services offered on their platforms to gain unreasonable profit and discriminate between consumers of the same class or make any arbitrary classification of consumers affecting their rights under the Act.

Further, e-commerce entities will have to provide information on available payment methods, the security of those payment methods, any fees or charges payable by users, and the contact information, among other details, of the relevant payment service provider.

Union Minister Claims Papad Brand Helps Develop COVID Anti-Bodies

NEW DELHI: A video of Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal has gone viral in which he claims that a papad brand has the capacity to develop anti-bodies against coronavirus in the body.

The video evoked sarcastic remarks on social media.

"A manufacturer has brought out a brand with the name of Bhabhi Ji papad through which the means needed to develop anti-bodies to fight coronavirus will go in the body through food and will be helpful in the fight against coronavirus," Mr Meghwal said, endorsing the brand.

The minister has been seeking to promote "vocal for local" campaign of the government in his tweets.

"The papads, bhujia, and rasgullas of Bikaner are popular. In support of VocalForLocal, I urge you to support it and local products in your area so that the campaign can be taken forward," he had said in a tweet.

