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News Digest

4.2 Magnitude Quake
Jolts Kargil

Ladakh: An earthquake measuring 4.2 on the Richter scale hit Ladakh's Kargil on Thursday, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) informed. The tremor occurred at 9:22 am at a depth of 10 kilometres. "Earthquake of Magnitude: 4.2, Occurred on 08-10-2020, 09:22:06 IST, Lat: 35.36 and Long: 75.81, Depth: 10 Km, Location: Ladakh," the NCS tweeted. There were no reports of injuries or damage to the property as a result of the quake

Police Files Charges
Against 6 'OGWs'

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has filed a charge-sheet against six alleged underground workers (OGWs) of Jaish-e-Mohammad, an official said on Thursday. The six, including a Pakistani identified as Abdul Rehman, were arrested after police busted a JeM module, he said. The Jammu Police has filed a charge-sheet at an additional sessions court here against six hardcore OGWs of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) ● P-02

Bear Mauls Elderly
Woman In Srinagar

Srinagar: A middle-aged woman on Thursday was mauled to death by a bear in Harwan area of the city. 50-year-old Haleema was working in the kitchen garden of her home in New Theed locality of Harwan on Thursday when a bear appeared there and attacked her, official sources said. The woman sustained serious injuries in the attack as her family and neighbors chased away the beast. The ● P-02

Govt Declares
Kishtwar 'Green Zone'

Srinagar: Kishtwar is the only district in Jammu and Kashmir to be declared a 'green zone' while Lakhanpur and Jawahar Tunnel are the only 'red zones' in the union territory in the latest categorisation done by the administration on Thursday for containing the spread of COVID-19. All the districts in the union territory, except Kishtwar, have been categorised as 'orange zones' in view ● P-02

Biker Killed In
Srinagar mishap

Srinagar: A motorcyclist was killed on Thursday in an accident at Ganghugh area of Srinagar, officials said. A motorcyclist identified as Sitha, son of Haji Salam of Narkoora met with an accident with tipper bearing registration number JK04-5487 at Ganghugh Srinagar, resulting in his on spot death. Officials said that driver has been arrested while a case has been registered in this regard—(KNO)

Two Drug Peddlers
Held In Udhampur

Jammu: Police have arrested two alleged narcotics smugglers and recovered heroin from their possession in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Thursday, officials said. A police party stopped a vehicle, which was on its way from Udhampur to Ramnagar, for checking at Roundmail, they said. During search, 180 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from two persons, ● P-02

SHOPIAN 'FAKE ENCOUNTER'
LG Meets Kin Of Slain Rajouri
Youth, Promises Justice

Auqib Javed

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday promised to deliver justice to the families of the three Rajouri labourers, who were killed in a fake encounter in Shopian district of south Kashmir in July.

Around 6:00 pm Thursday, LG Sinha accompanied by his Advisor Farooq Khan, Divisional

Commissioner Jammu, Sanjeev Verma, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jammu Mukesh Singh and other senior police and civil administration officials visited Tarkassi village and met the families of the three slain youth, eyewitnesses told Kashmir Observer. Sinha, they said went to the residence of Muhammad Yousuf Chouhan, where the families of two other victims were also present. Chouhan's son Ibrar Ahmad

and two other youth Mohammad Imtiyaz and Mohammad Abrar left their homes to work as labourers in Kashmir's Shopian and went out of contact with their families after July 17 late evening. A day later, the Army killed them in an encounter in Amshipura village in the higher reaches of south Kashmir's Shopian and claimed that all the three were militants. The bodies of the three youth were exhumed ● PAGE 02

“THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE TRIO DEMANDED exemplary punishment for the culprits. The LG not only promised justice but also jobs and compensation to the families,” he added.

50,000 Chinese
Troops Mass On
Ladakh LAC

HINDON: Despite, attempts to de-escalate the friction, including the various agreements that have been made between the countries, China continues to be on the offensive in the Ladakh region. Latest reports say that China has amassed at least 50,000 troops on the LAC.

Just before the Galwan face-off between the two nations, back in May, that led to a bloody massacre of 20 Indian soldiers, Chinese troops had been amassing heavy artillery. Whilst the status quo remains the same at the North bank of Pangong Tso, there has been a noticeable addition in the Chinese reinforcements in the Depsang area. Almost 50,000 Chinese troops have increased since May.

The Depsang area now hosts an exceeding amount of Chinese troops, rocket launchers, tanks and other forms of artillery as the tensions between the nations continue.

Bhadauria Hails IAF

For 'Prompt Response'

Meanwhile the Indian Air Force has clearly demonstrated its resolve, operational capability and will to effectively engage with the adversary whenever the need arises, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria said on Thursday, and commended the air warriors for their prompt response in the recent standoff on the northern frontier in view of the bitter border row with China.

In an address on the occasion of the 88th anniversary ● P-02

9 More Coronavirus
Deaths In J&K, Toll 1293

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Nine more people, including a youth succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, taking the number of fatalities due to the deadly virus across the Union Territory to 1293.

Among others, the victims include a 40-year-old from Mendhar Poonch, a 50-year-old man from Galote Udhampur, a 65-year-old from R S Pora, a 90-year-old from Talab Tillo Jammu and a 30-year-old from Trikuta Nagar.

With these deaths, officials said, 1293 people have succumbed to the virus in Jammu and Kashmir so far—884 from the Valley and 409 from Jammu division.

Srinagar district with 310 deaths tops the list followed by Jammu (212), Baramulla (126), Budgam (89), Pulwama (73), Kupwara (71), Anantnag (69), Kulgam (43), Bandipora (41), Rajouri (39), Doda (38), Shopian (32), Ganderbal (30), Kathua (28), Samba (24), Udhampur (22), Poonch (18), Ramban (11), Kishtwar (11) and Reasi (6). (With GNS inputs)

2 Doctors, 21 Security Men
Among 696 New Cases

Jammu and Kashmir reported 696 fresh cases of coronavirus on Thursday, including 38 travelers, 21 security forces personnel besides two doctors, taking the number of people infected by the virus in the ● P-02

High Court Quashes FIR
Against Senior Journalist

'Frank Reporting Cannot Be Curbed For It May Impact Some Business'

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Observing that freedom of the press cannot be put in peril on the basis of the "grounds which are unknown to law", the J&K High Court on Thursday said that "fair and frank reporting of events by

electronic and print media cannot be curbed merely because it may have an adverse impact on business of some class of persons."

"The limitations on freedom of the press cannot extend to registration of a criminal case against a reporter, who in discharge ● PAGE 02

Centre Paves Way For Imposition
Of Property Tax In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Government of India has amended two municipal laws of Jammu & Kashmir to empower administration of the Union Territory to levy and collect property tax.

According to the official documents, the Union Home Ministry on Monday notified "The Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Re-organisation (adaptation of state laws order) 2020 to amend different laws including Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Act-2000 and Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act-2000.

According to the amendments carried out in Jammu & Kashmir

Municipal Act-2000 and Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act-2000, property tax shall be levied on all lands and buildings or vacant lands or both situated within the municipal area

"Unless exempted under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, property tax shall be levied on all lands and buildings or vacant lands or both situated within the municipal area," reads the amendments made in the laws.

According to these amendments the property tax shall be levied at such percentage not exceeding fifteen per cent of the taxable annual value of land and building or vacant land ● PAGE 02

Flight Cancellations Due To Covid

DGCA Issues Refund Rules After SC Order

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has issued detailed guidelines for refund of fares for flights cancelled during Covid-19 lockdown after the Supreme Court recently decided on the issue. The regulator, based on SC directives, has categorised refund seekers into three categories and issued different directives for them.

Category 1

Passenger who booked tickets during lockdown for travel during lockdown from 25 March 25, 2020, to May 24: If an airline has received payment from such a passenger for either domestic or international travel, it "shall refund



Image for representation

the full amount collected without any cancellation charges ... within three weeks from the date of cancellation," the DGCA order says.

If tickets have been booked through a travel agent, "full refund shall be given by airlines immediately to the respective travel agent (who in turn) shall immediately

pass on (the same) to passengers." Airlines, both Indian and foreign, will need to refund full fares to category 1 passengers who booked e-India tickets for international travel.

Category 2

Passengers who booked tickets any time prior to lockdown for journey up to May 24, 2020, ● PAGE 02

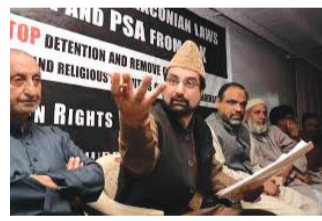
APHC Voices Concern
Over Prisoners Plight

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Hurriyat Conference led by incarcerated chairman Mirwais Umar Farooq on Thursday expressed concern over the plight of prisoners in Jammu and Kashmir jails and outside and demanded their immediate release.

In a statement issued here, a Hurriyat spokesperson said that thousands of Kashmiris, including Hurriyat leaders and activists, lawyers, journalists and young boys are languishing in Tihar, Agra, Kotbalwal, Jodhpur, Amphalla, Haryana and other jails on fictitious charge and they were neither being tried in courts nor any legal proceedings have been initiated.

The Hurriyat spokesperson alleged



File Photo

that the arbitrary detention of the prisoners was just being prolonged and many of them have been detained even after serving their sentences.

"The mental and physical condition of many among the prisoners is a matter of concern, while the fear of contracting the Covid 19 virus in cramped up spaces of jail is a constant fear among the prisoners and their families," the Hurriyat ● PAGE 02

SKIMS Scraps List After Six Years,
Candidates In Fix

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Despite the epidemic of mental health illness that pervades Kashmir, the SKIMS Soura administration has withdrawn an advertisement notice for a post of clinical psychologist after six years, thus leaving the short-listed candidates in a fix.

In a notification dated June 19, 2020, the SKIMS administration has issued the withdrawal of various advertisement notifications.

"In terms of instructions contained in column-1 of Government order under reference,



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the posts advertised vide Advertisement Notice No's shown against each in annexure "A" to this notice hereby are withdrawn," the order reads.

"In 2015, we came across the post of a clinical psychologist on the official website of SKIMS. Every day, we would check on the website ● PAGE 02

In FOCUS 15 Years Later, 2005 Quake Still Haunts Uri

Swati Joshi

It was a usual day for Sheikh Mushtaq Hussain on October 8, 2005. He was on his duty; his wife was outside cutting grass to feed the cattle and their three daughters were getting ready for school.

It was 9:20 am, Hussain still remembers the time, when the whole village started shaking and his house collapsed.

It was the last time that Hussain and his wife saw their daughters. They were buried alive under the rubble.

Even after 15 years of the tragedy, the memories of that day still haunt many people of Uri and

Tangadhar which were the worst affected areas in the earthquake that shook J&K in the fall of 2005. The epicentre of the 7.6-strong quake was Muzaffarabad, Pakistan and it destroyed nearly 80 per cent of the town in Uri and Tangadhar.

According to the Earthquake Disaster Risk Index Report 2019, about 1500 deaths were reported and 4,50,000 building collapsed in Kashmir due to the 2005 earthquake. The report also mentioned that the poor performance of the masonry building caused many life losses.

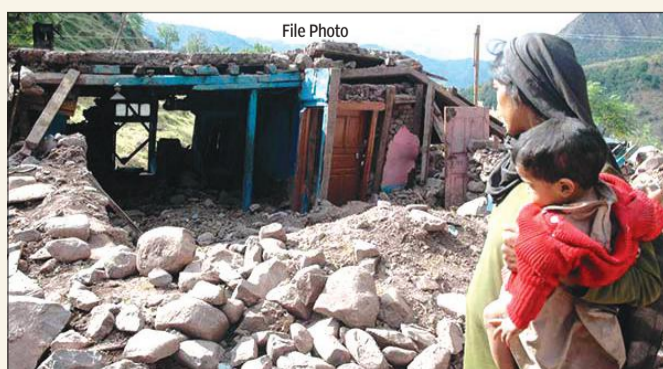
Hussain who is currently the Sarpanch of Sarai Bandi village, Uri told

Kashmir Observer that before the earthquake hit the area, they had a big house with all the amenities.

"After the calamity, it took us 10 years to build a house of three rooms but it was not the same again," the Sarpanch said, adding that even after 15 years, 35 per cent of people in Sarai Bandi live inside a tin shed.

Like Hussain, Abid Ahmad of Sultan Dagi village of Uri saw his double-storey house turning into rubble. His family lived in the shed till 2013 before moving into a new house in 2014.

"The roads were blocked and we lived under a torn 10x10 plastic



File Photo

sheet," he said. At night it started raining but with their house being converted into rubble they had no

option other than to seek shelter under the torn plastic sheet. When the 2005 quake hit the gar-

ison town of Uri nestled closer to the Line of Control, Irshad Khawaja of Garkote area confused it with the usual frontier shelling.

"Living at proximity to the LoC, people had to check twice whether the shaking was because of earthquake or shelling," he said.

But when he realized that it was an earthquake, he along with his family started running to a safer place. "My house collapsed in front of my eyes," lamented Khawaja, adding, "when we stopped, we saw the big boulders falling from the mountains."

The condition was so bad that even many people were not able to find the dead bodies of their relatives, he said.

When Khawaja went towards Karmalkote, the most affected village in Uri, the condition was worse. "Hum

bata hi nahi sakte kya manzar tha (I can't even describe the scenes)."

There were corpses everywhere, he recalled. "Houses were destroyed, a huge cloud of smoke enveloped the whole village and people were searching for their families."

After their house collapsed, Khawaja lived in an open field with his traumatic family. Three days later, he said, help in the form of tents, food and treatment started pouring in.

At that time the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad road was under construction and 60 people from Nambala and Bilalabad villages had gone with the Border Road Organization (BRO) team to work as labour force. When the earthquake struck, only four were found to be alive.

The remaining 56 people were covered under the debris and died, Khawaja said. ● PAGE 02

Delhi Needs To Be Prepared For Around 15K New Covid Cases Per Day In Winter Months: NCDC Report

NEW DELHI: Delhi needs to be prepared for about 15,000 fresh cases of COVID-19 per day taking into account the upcoming winter season-related respiratory problems, large influx of patients from outside and festive gatherings, a report drafted by the NCDC has warned.

The report drafted by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) under the guidance of the expert

group under the chairmanship of NITI Aayog member (Health) Dr V K Paul has recommended the Delhi government to make arrangements for hospitalisation of about one-fifth of these patients with moderate and severe disease.

The NCDC in its 'Revised Strategy for control of COVID-19 version 3.0' also observed that the overall COVID-19 case fatality rate in Delhi is 1.9 per cent,

which is higher than the national average of 1.5 per cent. It stated that reducing mortality to the extent possible should be one of the key objectives of managing the pandemic.

According to the report submitted to the Delhi government, there are three reasons to worry that may cause excessive pressure on healthcare services such as winter months that make respi-

ratory illnesses severe and with festive gatherings there could be a sudden rise in cases.

Also, patients may come from outside Delhi in large numbers. Patients coming from distant areas are likely to be more serious, the report underlined.

"Therefore, it is recommended that Delhi should prepare for a daily surge of ~15,000 positive cases and

make arrangements for inpatient admissions of patients with moderate and severe disease roughly amounting to 20 per cent of this surge," the report said.

According to it, till date 2,324 health care workers (HCWs) are affected due to COVID-19 in Delhi of which 23 per cent are doctors, 34 per cent nurses, 15 per cent paramedics, 18 per cent Group D staff

and 10 per cent others.

"A total of 75 deaths are reported in HCWs of which 14 are of doctors which may be underreported.

"The increasing mortality in HCW and doctors is detrimental for maintaining the morale of these COVID warriors, hence all efforts should be undertaken to prevent the health care-associated infection in all the hospitals, labs and field workers

engaged in active survey in containment zones," the report said.

Delhi has reported a total 5,401 deaths till date, the committee said, adding the average daily reported mortality ranges between 30 and 40 from 15 September onwards. The higher mortality in the co-morbid (66.6 per cent) and the elderly is inevitable and reported all over states and globally, the report said.

LG Meets Kin Of Slain Rajouri ...

last week and buried at native places after their DNA samples matched.

"I told LG clearly that there can be no compensation to my innocent son's murder, even if the wealth of the entire world is dropped at my feet. I told him that the culprits must be punished for killing our innocent children," Chouhan told Kashmir Observer.

Sinha, he said, gave the families a patient hearing and promised to deliver justice to them.

Abrar's brother Mohammad Saleem told Kashmir Observer that the LG expressed his sympathies with the families and assured that the culprits will be punished.

Gufar Ahmad, a social activist who has been spearheading the campaign for justice into the alleged fake encounter, told Kashmir Observer that the families of the victims have high hopes as the probe is going in the right direction.

"The families have high hopes from LG and they expect him to deliver justice. The army accepted the trio were innocent, then the results of DNA tests matched, and then the bodies too were returned to the families. And now LG's visit has made them more optimistic," said Ahmad, an eyewitness to LG's meeting with the victims kin.

"The family members of the trio demanded exemplary punishment for the culprits. The LG not only promised justice but also jobs and compensation to the families," he added.

Meanwhile, an official spokesperson said Thursday that LG expressed condolences with the families of the three youth and said that the UT government will extend full support to them and assured that justice would be ensured in the case.

"He also conveyed the message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the government stands with the aggrieved families in the hour of grief, and they will be taken care of with all support from the government," the official spokesperson said.

Pertinently, LG's meet with the victims kin comes almost a fortnight after Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Vijay Kumar in a presser said that the involvement of the the three slain youth in militant activities was a matter of investigation.

50,000 Chinese Troops Mass...

of the IAF, Bhadauria also assured the nation that the force will evolve and be ever ready to safeguard India's sovereignty and interests in all circumstances.

Talking about security challenges in eastern Ladakh, the Chief of Air Staff commended the air warriors for their prompt response in the recent standoff, and talked about rapid deployment of combat assets at short notice to handle any eventuality.

"We have clearly demonstrated our resolve, operational capability, and the will to effectively engage the adversary, should the need arise," he said after inspecting the Air Force Day parade at the Hindon air base .

"I would like to commend all warriors for the quick response, in the recent standoff on our northern frontiers, when we deployed our combat assets at short notice to handle any eventuality, and provided proactive support to all the requirements of deployment and sustenance for the Indian Army," Bhadauria said.

The Indian and Chinese troops are engaged in a bitter border row for the past five months in eastern Ladakh and the IAF has made significant deployment in the region.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh greeted the IAF on its foundation day, and said the government is committed to enhance its combat capability of the force.

"The nation is proud of its men and women in blue and salutes the prowess of the IAF as it stands ready to face challenges and deter adversaries. We remain committed to enhancement of IAF's combat capability through modernisation and indigenisation," he said. In his address, the Chief of Air Staff also cautioned of the evolving "threat matrix" in the region, and said it mandates a greater need to have a strong air force to fight across domains and the entire spectrum of warfare.

"The evolving threat matrix in our region is becoming complex, ranging from aspirational adversaries with huge investments in military arsenal, to those collusively supported by non-state actors, apart from growing sub-conventional threats emanating from terrorism and cyber space," he said.

Bhadauria said disruptive technologies and easy access to low cost options like drones are increasingly demanding greater attention to the sub-conventional domain.

The IAF also carried out a spectacular air display at the event, showcasing its vintage aircraft and modern fleet including the recently-inducted Rafale jets.

The IAF chief said notwithstanding the coronavirus pandemic, the force has maintained its capacity to undertake full scale operations as it took proactive measures to counter the spread of COVID-19.

"The tenacity and resolve of our air warriors ensured that the IAF continued to retain its capability and capacity to undertake full scale operations, throughout this period," he said.

Bhadauria also talked about the IAF's culture and ethos of team work and told the air warriors that "it will help you to overcome temptation if any to seek personal glory, while in service or beyond."

He also called creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff and Department of Military Affairs as "landmark step" towards increasing tri-service effectiveness, coordination and overall combat capabilities of the armed forces.

"We are working proactively towards setting up joint command structures.

The formation of air defence command is spearheading the envisaged tri-service commands, and it will further optimise all available air defence resources and be supported with a robust decision making structure, and this is at an advanced stage," he said.

On modernisation of the IAF, he said the vision is to continue to comprehensively scale up the combat capability, and be a force to reckon with across the entire sphere of influence through careful force structuring and acquisition of indigenous equipment.

"The recent induction of state of the art Rafale, Chinook and Apache aircraft, have added significantly to our combat capability over our adversaries on the battlefield," Bhadauria said.

"Our offensive strike capability has been honed further, with upgrades of our aircraft with weapons and sensors, ably supported by a networked decision making matrix," he added.

The Chief of Air Staff also talked about the IAF's full support towards the government's self-reliance initiative, and said the force is rapidly shifting to indigenous equipment and platforms.

He also mentioned induction of a large number of indigenously developed platforms like Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, Netra airborne early warning and control system, Akash surface-to-air missile systems and BrahMos missiles.

The Chief of Air Staff also mentioned the introduction of an electronic maintenance management system in the IAF for all its flying platforms and combat assets.

"This is virtually the world's largest such maintenance monitoring system, across various types of platforms and the numbers," he added.

2 Doctors, 21 Security Men...

Union Territory to 81793.

While Jammu division reported 276 new cases of Covid-19, the remaining 420 were detected from Kashmir valley, officials said.

Giving district wise breakup of the cases, they said Srinagar reported 186, Budgam 52, Baramulla 71,Pulwama 22, Kupwara 15, Anantnag 21, Bandipora 18, Ganderbal 24, Kulgam 7, Shopian 4, Jammu 89, Rajouri 34, Udhampur 17, Doda 10, Kathua 43, Poonch 47, Samba 11, Ramban 8, Kishtwar 15 and Reasi 2.

A number of these cases were confirmed at CD and SKIMS diagnostic laboratories including 21 security forces personnel, five minors and two doctors.

Meanwhile, officials said that 1336 more Covid-19 patients have recovered and discharged from various hospitals-- 961 from Jammu Division and 375 from Kashmir Valley.

High Court Quashes FIR ...

of his duties and on the basis of information gathered by him, makes a report about certain incidents which he thought in public interest should be published," a bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar said while quashing an FIR against Time of India reporter Salim Pandit, filed against him for the story titled: "Stone pelters in J&K now target tourists, four women injured" in 2018. The FIR was filed under Section 505(1)(b) of RPC with Police Station, Kothibagh Srinagar following a complaint filed by person associated with tourism who had contended that the reportage threatens to disrupt the tourist season.

"The question that arises is whether a fearless and frank reporting of events/incidents in a newspaper would merely for the reason that the persons engaged in a particular business feel that their business would get adversely impacted by such news reports, attract Section 505 of Ranbir Panel Code," the court said and responded the query in negative "because reporting of events which a journalist has bona fide reason to believe to be true, can never be an offence."

"Taking a contrary view would be violative of the right of freedom of speech and expression guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India. Fair and frank reporting of events by electronic and print media cannot be curbed merely because it may have an adverse impact on business of some class of persons," the court said, adding, "The freedom of speech and expression, which includes within its ambit freedom of the press, is subject only to reasonable restrictions imposed by law for specific purpose."

Referring to a judgment by Andhra Pradesh High Court, the single bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar observed that it becomes clear that freedom of the press cannot be put in peril on the basis of the grounds which are unknown to law.

"The limitations on freedom of the press cannot extend to registration of a criminal case against a reporter, who in discharge of his duties and on the basis of information gathered by him, makes a report about certain incidents which he thought in public interest should be published," the court said, adding, "It is immaterial that said report may have adversely affected the business of some person(s) as long as the reporter had reasonable grounds to believe that his report is true. The police in such type of cases, cannot be allowed to hound the journalists by misusing its powers."

Referring to section 505(1) b, the court said that mere making or publishing of a statement or rumour creating fear or alarm in the absence of inducement of a member of public to commit an offence against the State would not satisfy the ingredients of offence under the provision of the erstwhile RPC.

"The aforesaid provision of the Penal Code further contains an exception to the effect that there will be no offence within the meaning of Section 505 RPC when a person making, publishing or circulating any such statement, rumour or report, has reasonable grounds for believing that such statement, rumour or report is true and makes, publishes or circulates it in good faith and without any such criminal intent which may fall within the ambit of Section 505 RPC. (GNS)

Centre Paves Way For...

or both, as the Government may, by notification, from time to time specify.

These laws also empower the government to exempt certain classes or categories of persons or lands and buildings, or vacant lands or both from the payment of the property tax.

They also define methodology for determination of property tax. "Subject to the provisions of section 86 and rules, if any, made by the Government in this behalf, the taxable annual value of land and building or vacant land assessable to taxes under this Act shall be calculated by multiplying the corresponding unit area value with the total built-up area of a building or the total area of land, as the case may be, minus depreciation, at such rates as may be prescribed, depending on the age of the building," reads the laws--(KNO)

DGCA Issues Refund Rules...

and flight cancelled due Covid-19: "Airlines shall make all endeavours to refund the collected amount to the passenger within 15 days from October 7, 2020. If on account of financial distress, any airline/ airlines are not able to do so, they shall provide credit shell, equal to the amount of fare collected, in the name of passenger when the booking is done either directly by the passenger or through travel agent so as to consume (utilise) the same on or before March 31, 2021.... on any route of (their) choice or the passenger can transfer the credit shell to any person including the travel agent through whom he / she has booked the ticket and the airlines shall honour such a transfer," the order says.

The credit shell issued in the name of the passenger shall be transferable and used for travel up to March 31, 2021. "In cases where tickets are booked through agent, credit shell as issued in the name of the passenger which is not utilised by March 31, 2021, refund of the fare collected shall be made to the same account from which account amount was received by the airline," it adds.

Based on SC directives, the DGCA has asked airlines to incentivise all those issued credit shells. "...compensate the passenger from the date of cancellation up to June 30, 2020, in which event the credit shell shall be enhanced by 0.5% of the face value (the amount of fare collected) for every month or part thereof between the date of cancellation and June 30, 2020. Thereafter the value of the credit shell shall be enhanced by 0.75% of the face value per month up to March 31, 2021," it says.

Category 2 passengers who have booked ticket for international travel on a foreign carrier and the booking is ex-India, "then the airline shall make full refund to the passenger".

Category 3

Passengers who booked ticket anytime for journey after May, 24, 2020: Normal refund rules as per applicable civil aviation requirements (rules) of DGCA will apply to category 3 passengers whether domestic or ex-India International.

"All stakeholders are instructed to ensure strict compliance of the directions issued by the Supreme Court in the above judgement," says the order issued to all schedule Indian and foreign airlines operating to and from India, by the DGCA on Wednesday.

SKIMS Scraps List After Six...

about the results and nothing came up. Three years passed and a notification was posted in 2017. Four candidates were selected and I was one of them," Zoya Mir, a clinical psychologist, said.

She said after five years of waiting, a notification comes and has jeopardized all their hopes.

"In the times of Covid, the mental health issues have gone up, and there is a dire need for clinical psychologists. And here we have got no posts. Even the previous notifications are also overlooked. This shows the seriousness of the government towards our plight," she said.

Seconding her, Isha Malik, a clinical psychologist, who was also among the selected candidates said the notification came like a jolt out of the blue.

"That time, they said there will be a written examination or some interview. Even that proved to an eye-wash as the posts are already withdrawn in the latest notification," Isha said.

She said that last year when she approached the SKIMS administration, they came up with the pretext of abrogation and non-availability of the internet for not proceeding with the notification.

"Now it's of no use as all our hopes are dashed," she said.

When contacted, Director SKIMS, Dr. AG Ahanger told Kashmir Observer that the SKIMS administration has withdrawn the notification in line with the government's directives.

"Only the ones which the finance department has cleared or some of the fresh notifications can be advertised. We have to abide by the government's rules and regulations," he said.

APHC Voices Concern Over...

spokesperson said.

He added that all political prisoners, including Mirwaiz, who is under house arrest since August last year, should be released.

The separatist conglomerate also urged the human rights groups, civil society member's legal fraternity both in India and outside to raise its voice against these "targeted detentions"

"The atmosphere of fear intimidation unaccountability and uncertainty pervades every sphere of life in J&K to silence dissent and demands. In such a situation one has to be patient but not lose hope," the Hurriyat spokesperson said, adding "APHC stands firm on its principles and rights of the people of J&K."

The Hurriyat spokesperson also expressed displeasure that the conglomerate's statements were not being carried by the newspapers.

Ram Vilas Paswan Is Dead...

undergone a heart operation.

"Papa, you are no more in this world but I know you are with me wherever you are. Miss you papa, Chirag, who now heads the IJP, tweeted.

A stalwart of the socialist movement who later emerged as Bihar's foremost Dalit leader with following across the country, Ram Vilas Paswan was instrumental in the implementation of the Mandal Commission report in the 1990s.

Condoning his demise, President Ram Nath Kovind said, "In the demise of Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, the nation has lost a visionary leader. He was among the most active and longest-serving members of parliament. He was the voice of the oppressed, and championed the cause of the marginalized.

Expressing grief at Paswan's demise, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was saddened beyond words as his death has left a void in the nation that will perhaps never be filled.

"Shri Ram Vilas Paswan Ji's demise is a personal loss. I have lost a friend, valued colleague and someone who was extremely passionate to ensure every poor person leads a life of dignity," Modi said in his condolence message.

The prime minister also said Paswan "rose in politics through hard-work and determination. As a young leader, he resisted tyranny and the assault on our democracy during the Emergency. He was an outstanding Parliamentarian and Minister, making lasting contributions in several policy areas."

Born in Khagaria in 1946, Paswan was selected as a police official but chose the calling of politics and became an MLA for the first time in 1969 on a Samyukta Socialist Party ticket.

He was elected to Lok Sabha eight times and also held the record of winning his constituency, Hajipur, with the highest margin for several years.

Always at the forefront of raising issues concerning the disadvantaged sections of society, he was also a skilful grassroots politician who enjoyed good equations with leaders across the spectrum, and his dedicated following in his state ensured that every national party courted him in his over five decades of career.

He was a minister in central governments headed by parties of contrasting ideological persuasions, ranging from the Janata Dal to the Congress and the BJP, since 1989.

Whoever might be his ally, he took pride in describing himself as a socialist and secular politician by conviction.

LTC Facility For Central...

ministry statement issued on Thursday.

The eligible central government employees get reimbursement of tickets for to and fro journey, besides paid leave, when they avail LTC. Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh said an entitled government official can avail LTC for visiting Jammu and Kashmir, the northeast, Ladakh and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in lieu of his hometown LTC.

In addition, the facility of air journey for the non-entitled government servants will be available for visiting the said places, he added.

"As a further convenience, ease of travel permission is also be-

ing granted to undertake journey to these areas by private airlines, whereas normally a government servant is expected to travel by the state-owned Air India," Singh said.

In relaxation to the Central Civil Services (LTC) Rules 1988, the scheme allowing government servants to travel by air to visit the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the northeastern states and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been extended for a period of two years till September 25, 2022, the statement said.

Describing this as a huge and an exclusive facility for government employees, Singh said all eligible government servants may avail LTC to visit the said places against the conversion of their one hometown LTC in a four-year block, it said.

However, the government servants whose hometown and place of posting is the same, are not allowed this conversion, the statement said. Such government servants, who are not otherwise entitled to travel by air, will also be allowed to travel by air -- in economy class and by any airline -- under the norms of this scheme.

Ever since the Modi government came to power in 2014, it has been the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to give priority to the far-flung and difficult regions, and do whatever possible for ease of living and ease of governance in these areas, Singh said.

LG Announces Employment...

is working on fulfilling the assurance of 50,000 jobs for the youth announced by the prime minister, Sinha said.

"Central Armed Police Force, paramilitary forces and JKP recruitment rallies shall also be conducted across the UT," he added.

Sinha was speaking after visiting the Peeri area of Budhal block in Rajouri district during a 'back to village phase-3' programme.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor e-inaugurated a multi-purpose sports stadium in Rajouri worth Rs 12.3 crore.

15 Years Later, 2005 Quake...

"The villagers were travelling in two vehicles and during the earthquake both the vehicles came under the rubble."

With the onset of winters, the villagers stayed in the shed for six months and once the snow started melting, they began building their houses in March, Khawaja remembered.

"The government gave Rs. 1,30,000 to each household, out of which Rs 30,000 was given to build sheds," he said.

According to Khawaja, the effects of the earthquake are still seen in the education sector in Uri. He said many collapsed school buildings are still not in proper condition.

"90 per cent of school buildings were destroyed by the earthquake and even now 20-30 buildings in Julla Uri block are not fully constructed."

Police Files Charges Against 6...

including a Pakistani militant Abdul Rehman in an alleged "money and technology transfer" case, the official said.

A case against the accused was registered at a police station in R S Pura after their arrests, he said.

The accused were motivating youth to join militant outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad and provided logistic support to them, the official said.

"Further investigation in the case is under progress and a supplementary challan would be produced in due course of time," he said.

Bear Mauls Elderly Woman...

injured woman, official sources said was taken to SKIMS for treatment. However, she succumbed to her injuries there.

Govt Declares Kishtwar...

of the latest situation with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, officials said. An order to this effect was issued by Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam.

Kishtwar district has been declared a green zone. Lakhampur, the entry point to Jammu and Kashmir, has been declared a red zone with a buffer zone of 500 metres in either side of the highway, according to the order.

Similarly, either side of the Jawahar Tunnel, which is the entry point to the Kashmir Valley, has also been declared a red zone.

Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed 1,291 deaths due to COVID-19 so far, while 81,793 persons have been infected by the disease. However, there has been a steady improvement in the situation over the past one week with the number of recovered patients exceeding fresh infections on daily basis.

The UT has around 12,000 active cases while over 69,000 patients have recovered from the infection.

Two Drug Peddlers Held In...

the officials said, adding they were identified as narcotics smugglers Akash and Ravi Sharma of Udhampur.

They both were arrested a case was registered at Udhampur police station in this regard, the officials said.

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SATHU PAYEEN BAGHWANPORA, BARBARSHAH, SRINAGAR, KMR.

Webinar Held on 15th Anniversary of Kashmir Earthquake

'All Constructions to be Quake Resistant'

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 08: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole today inaugurated a Webinar on 15th Anniversary of Kashmir Earthquake-2005.

The webinar was organised to discuss Challenges, Resilience & Mitigation and was jointly organized by National Institute of Disaster Management and Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu & Kashmir UT, Srinagar, in collaboration with the Divisional Administration, Kashmir and J&K chapter of Indian Red Cross Society, Srinagar.

The Div Com on the occasion stressed on the need to enforce building codes and implement building by laws in J&K, both in

urban as well as rural areas, so that all new constructions are earthquake resistant.

He stressed on the need to utilise the local traditional construction knowledge, as well as new technologies to make all structures safe. He also proposed that a few important buildings will be identified as life-line buildings, on a pilot-basis, in vulnerable districts, for their retrofitting in order to make them earthquake resistant.

The Div Com emphasised on ensuring that all engineered and non-engineered structures are made earthquake resistant.

He also shared his experiences as District Magistrate of Latur Maharashtra, and spoke about the Latur Earthquake

of 1993, where the affected villagers were shifted to new locations instead of repairing and reconstructing in-situ the existing damaged structures, and instead ex-situ new safe structures were taken up, adhering to all planning processes, which proved to be a best practice in the state.

He impressed upon all the Officers and participants to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to make J&K safe.

Er. Aamir Ali, Chairman IEI J&K State Centre, Srinagar said that the 2005-earthquake was the severest earthquake encountered in our lifetime, which resulted in massive destruction on both sides of the Line of Control.

He said that post earthquake, innova-

tive and effective relief & rehabilitation measures were taken by the Government to establish Institutional mechanism, to deal with disasters, including setting up of State Disaster Management Authority, Divisional & District Disaster Management Authorities and State Disaster Response Force.

The panellists included Kamal Kishore, Member National Disaster Management Authority, Dr. Vineet K. Gahaut, National Geophysical Research Institute Hyderabad, Tinny Sawhney, Aga Khan Development Network, Dr. Rajendra Desai, National Centre for Peoples Action in Disaster Preparedness Ahmedabad and Dr. C.V.R Murthy, Professor IIT Madras.

AMIE exams to be held at IEI Church Lane, Srinagar

SRINAGAR : The AMIE Summer-2020 examinations are scheduled to be held from 10th to 16th of October, 2020, throughout the Country, including Srinagar, as one of the Centres. The schedule is available on the website www.ieindia.org.

The candidates who have already registered themselves for AMIE Examination for Srinagar Centre, Code No.190 are informed that the Venue for their examinations has been fixed as: The Institution of Engineers (India), J&K State Centre, Church Lane, Near Amar Singh Club, Sonwarbagh, Srinagar. TeleFax: 0194-2501156 and Mobile/WhatsApp No. 6006290696.

DIPR condoles demise of Maqsood Hussian

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 08: Joint Directorate of Information Kashmir Division has expressed grief and sorrow over the sudden demise of Ex. Assistant Information Officer Maqsood Hussain Reshi, who breathed his last on Wednesday, October 07.

In this connection, a condolence meeting was convened here under the chairmanship of Joint Director, Information Kashmir, Haris Ahmad Handoo wherein he lauded the role of the ex. Officer of the department.

B2V3 to Bring Holistic Development of Rural Areas: Baseer

SRINAGAR : Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan today said that the Back to Village (B2V) programme should not be seen as a ritualistic/routine exercise but has been rolled out after proper planning for the holistic development of the rural areas.

The Advisor made these remarks while speaking at village Razwan in district Budgam while taking stock of the proceedings of the government's ambitious B2V3 programme where a large number of people were present.

"B2V is an ambitious programme of the present administration to reach out to the people at grassroots level and involve them in the mission of equitable development. This is a well planned exercise and rolled out after giving due consideration to the aspirations and expectations of the people. The prime objective of the government is to achieve best basic amenities for inhabitants living in villages," he said.

The Advisor said that the huge participation of the locals is a testimony to the success

of the B2V1 and B2V2 phases. "I congratulate the people of this locality for participating in the third phase of B2V. This indicates the success of the earlier phases of the B2V programme, thus encouraging the locals to participate with enthusiasm," Advisor said.

The Advisor said that it is an exemplary model of public outreach where officers interact with the common masses to assess their developmental aspirations thus bridging the gap between people and the administration.

The Advisor said that the Lieutenant Governor is personally visiting many villages and remote areas and listens to the people's grievances and demands. "This shows the seriousness and sensitivity of the present administration towards meeting the aspirations of its people. The LG wants to see changes in the developmental scenario of rural areas," the Advisor said adding that the LG holds in-depth review of all the departments and evaluates the progress of the developmental works on a periodic basis.

The Advisor further said that B2V is a golden opportunity for the public to seek redressal of their issues and grievance and they should take every advantage out of it.

The Advisor said that the government has empowered and endowed the panchayats with powers and authority necessary to enable them to function as institutions of local self-government with the responsibility of preparing plans for socio-economic development and for implementing them.

He asked them to remain in touch with the district authorities and monitor the progress of works being undertaken in their respective areas.

He also said that the government's aim is to handhold the Panchayats and to assist them wherever they face any impediments in using the funds devolved for development based on local priorities to further strengthen grassroots democracy and participatory development

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floor, Sanat Ghar building Bemina Srinagar

ed contractors who are registered with CPWD/MES/PWD of appropriate class in India.

Only those SSI Units can quote the rates that are registered with SICOP under its Marketing Assistance Scheme (MAS) in Kashmir Division.

The tender documents for the above job can be seen on the website www.jktenders.gov.in **2020 (02:00PM).**

The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website from **2020(02:00PM)**

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qualification bids in the first instance on the website will be opened on **General Manager (M), SICOP, Sanat Ghar Bemina Srinagar Kashmir**

presence of bidders who wish to be present. In case of holiday on the date of opening of bid, will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The financial bids of only those SSI units shall be opened who will qualify in tec Intimation about the opening of financial bids shall be notified

Tender documents fee shall be deposited **Account No.0148020100000200, IFSC Code JAKAOKARRAN, Branch J&K Bank Karan Nagar, Srinagar. The Earnest Money Deposit (In sha CDR/FDR/TDR) in original, favoring General Manager (M), SICOP, Srinagar Kashmir shall be uploaded**

All documents as required as per SBD should be uploaded with the technical Complete bidding process will be online (Price Bid not to be submitted in physical form). This tender is floated only for fixation of rate contract. The supply order shall be placed with the SSI units on the rates as shall be received in the tender (lowest), duly approved by the Competent Authority of SICOP.

All terms and conditions, governing the Marketing Assistance Scheme shall apply.

General Manager (M)

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It is notified for information of all concerned who have applied for B.Tech. Engineering programmes for the academic session 2020-21 and till date have not uploaded/mentioned JEE-2020 score in the online application form, can do so by clicking on the tab (Update Marks/Score) in admission portal available on University website www.islamicuniversity.edu.in or by sending a mail on admissions@islamicuniversity.edu.in mentioning the applicant number and attaching required JEE-2020 score card by or before **11th of October, 2020**. In case any candidate fails to do so, his/her candidature for selection shall not be considered.

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Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar.

Gist of Notice Inviting e-Tender
e-NIT No. MICD/84 of 2020-21 all dated: 07-10-2020

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

e NIT No.	Name/ Particulars of the work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	E/M (In Rs.)	Validity of Rates
1 e NIT No.84 of 2020-21 Dated :07-10- 2020	2 Repairs / Operation and Maintenance of Central Heating System in the Offices of Chief Engineer, Kashmir Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Srinagar and Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle, Srinagar for the Winter Season 2020-21.	3 Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar	4 1500000	5 500.00	6 30,000/-	7 180 days

Position of funds: ARD Approved
Key/critical Dates

Date of Hosting In Website/ Publish date	07/10/2020 (1600Hrs)
Document download/sale start date	07/10/2020 (1600 Hrs).
Bid submission start date	07/10/2020. (1600Hrs)
Bid submission end date	19/10/2020 (1600 Hrs)
Bid opening date	20/10/2020 (1400 Hrs)

Each tender should be accompanied with an Earnest Money/Cost of tender document in the form of CDR, FDR/DD as detailed above, pledged to the Executive Engineer MICD Srinagar In absence of Earnest Money, the Tenders shall be rejected out rightly.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

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This Day In History

- 1617 - Peace of Pavia between Spain and Savoye
- 1621 - Turkey & Poland signs Peace of Chotin
- 1962 - Uganda becomes independent from the United Kingdom
- 1963 - French air force gets first nuclear weapons
- 1963 - Hurricane Flora ravages Cuba & Haiti, kills 6,000
- 1970 - Khmer Republic (Cambodia) declares independence
- 1973 - Israel announces loss of Bar-Lev defense line in Suez Canal
- 1975 - Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov wins Nobel Peace Prize.
- 1977 - Soyuz 25 launched to Saluyt 6, but returned after failing to dock
- 1990 - Saddam Hussein threatens to hit Israel with a new missile
- 1997 - Nobel prize for literature awarded to Italian playwright Dario Fo.
- 2006 - North Korea conducts its first nuclear test, with an estimated yield of between 0.4-2 kilotons.
- 2009 - First lunar impact of the Centaur and LCROSS spacecrafts as part of NASA's Lunar Precursor Robotic Program
- 2012 - Women's rights and education activist Malala Yousafzai is shot three times by a Taliban gunman as she tried to board her school bus in Swat district of northwest Pakistan
- 2013 - 60 people are killed in clashes between militias and Seleka rebels in the Central African Republic
- 2013 - Martin Karplus, Michael Levitt and Arieh Warshel win the 2013 Nobel Prize in chemistry for their work on multiscale models for complex chemical systems

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Rs 4 cr spent over 20yrs to build 1-km 'road' stretch!

RAJINDER SINGH

RAJOURI : History of sorts was created in this far-flung border district when the state government last year handed over a major road construction project to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) after having squandered an astro-nomical Rs four crore on 'creating' just a kilometre of an improvised fair-weather path- over a period of 20 years. In sharp contrast, the BRO's Project Sam-park had completed 20 km stretch of the road, by September 10 this year

According to reports, the pate's very own public works department (PWD) had taken up the construction of 35-fcm Ghambir Tarkundi road in Rajouri district in 1980 While its physical execution went on at a snail's pace, the department displayed a mad haste in the booking of expen-diture It spent a neat Rs four crore till the time the project was finally entrusted to the BRO last year

Locals told Observer News Service that road proved to be a goldmine for the executing agencies It was first entrusted to the PWD and subsequently to its 'notorious cousin', the rural development department. With politi-cal blessing, the "worthies" of the two hyper-active' state outfits managed an apology of a small 1-km stretch which defies the description of road. Even light motor vehicles cannot ply-on it. Sources alleged fictitious draws were made, on a massive scale to swindle the crores provided by the government. Apprehending cognizance of the huge scam, all the records pertaining to the road project were al-legedly consigned to flames in a mysterious fire. With the entire evidence destroyed thus, they alleged, the sea matters managed their escape from the vigilance dragnet.

Construction of the road had been conceived to provide connectivity to 20 villages in areas close to the line of control (LoC). Even after 53 years of independence, nearly 80 per cent of population in the isolated villages remains landlocked for want of roads. Absence of roads has also retarded the overall development of the chronically back-ward areas As a result, the funds provided for them under various welfare programmes have allegedly been swindled by officials and their political patrons.

Fictitious draws are believed to be common in most development departments in the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri. Sources alleged various PWD and rural development offices had drawn balls for bridge paths and other works executed by the security forces. Likewise, works executed by one agency were charged by more than one department defrauding the state exchequer to the extent of crores of rupees.

The state vigilance organisation (SVD) had, in 1988, es-tablished a case pertaining to construction of a water tank at Sari in Poonch district. It had been built by the public health engineering (PHE) department. However, two more departments - PWD and rural development – also have allegedly drawn bills for the scheme even after 12 years, no action has been taken against the accused.

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K O V I E W

No magic bullet

The BJP J&K president Ravinder Raina has said that “there can never be any rehabilitation policy for the terrorists” and that “the only policy for them is a bullet”. Raina was responding to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha’s recent appeal to local militants to shun the path of violence. He had also promised to help them with jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities. But according to Raina, the militants “can never be given any jobs” and under “PM Modi’s government there can never be any rehabilitation for terrorists in this country”. What Raina has said is a reiteration of the BJP’s position on the issue. At the same time, the LG is an appointee of the PM Modi led government at the centre and his actions and utterances are supposed to be a reflection of the policies of the central government. And here the LG was making an effort to reach out to militants. And which is important considering militancy has shown no signs of abating over a year after withdrawal of Article 370 that was expected to drastically reduce the violence in the Valley. But the reality is opposite of this. There has been little impact on the militancy. The local youth continue to pick up arms. So far 185 militants and around 50 security personnel have been killed during this year. The steep rise in killings over the last month reflects the growing success of security forces in tracking down militants, a turn of events that is seen as the direct result of the easier availability of human and tech intelligence. It also underlines troop concentration in South Kashmir. For a while in the first half of this year, the frequent killings of the militants had given an impression that there will be a substantial decrease in their number. But such expectations of security agencies have been belied. Militancy is very much alive and kicking. And as the history of the past three decades proves, while the number of militants has occasionally declined, it hasn’t reduced the challenge of militancy. And that too, when the Valley had no more than hundred militants (2012-13) and South Kashmir which now boasts of around 110 militants had just 15 of them. One reason for this is the overwhelming public support that the militancy enjoys in the region. And no magic bullet will reduce this support. It will need a sustained political engagement to address the issues that fuel the militancy in the region. And the LG Sinha’s offer of jobs and entrepreneurial opportunity is only a small first step in this direction.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Quad meet

At the second meeting among members of Quad nations — India, the United States of America, Japan and Australia — it was evident that the proverbial elephant in the room was the dragon, in a manner of speaking. China’s belligerence and aggressive posturing not only on the border with India but also in the Indo-Pacific stretch had lent a degree of urgency to the deliberations in Tokyo. Expectedly, the US, given its trade wars with Beijing under the Donald Trump administration, chose not to mince words, calling for the protection of people and partnerships from an expansionist template being pursued by its adversary. The Indian foreign minister, S. Jaishankar, called for respecting territorial sovereignty as well as peaceful resolution of disputes. The simmering tensions in Ladakh undoubtedly set the tenor of Mr Jaishankar’s reasoning. The Japanese foreign minister appreciated global efforts to realize the goal of a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” while his Australian counterpart — this is significant — mentioned the threat from malicious cyberspace activity. New Delhi would undoubtedly like to project the meeting as a signal of the closure of ranks among Quad members. This may be so but it cannot be denied that at the moment the glue that is making the partners stick is the lengthening shadow of Beijing. Given that strategic imperatives are bound to shift, it makes sense on the part of Quad nations to find other, equally substantial, avenues to cement this fledgling association. Among all the members, India perhaps has to do most of the soul-searching. This is because Quad symbolizes an opportunity as well as a challenge. While New Delhi has reasons to view Quad as a platform to consolidate its presence on other international fora, it must also be careful so as not to step into the trap of restrictive cooperation. India must retain the foresight to choose its partnerships in accordance with its own strategic needs and refrain from bartering its autonomy for the assurance of security. It will be a fine balancing act that will test New Delhi’s will and wisdom.

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Literary Ecriture
Coffee And Fiction – II

HUZAIFA PANDIT

Of the total oeuvre of fiction produced from Kashmir, why has most literature been realistic fiction. The answer simply is that it is far easier to reproduce and write the experiential rather than the imaginary. Imagination itself is determined and conditioned by reality perceived by senses.

In the previous installment of this article, I talked about the necessity of countering the fiction perpetuated by the state through the now defunct project of creating coffee table books that highlight development, and the role played by realistic fiction in countering and archiving local realities. In this installment, I intend to focus on non-realistic fiction in context of Kashmir, even as the paradigm is far outscored by the realistic fiction. However, a few tentative steps have been taken in this direction e.g. Feroz Rather’s ‘Night of the Broken Glass’. But it merits the question: of the total oeuvre of fiction produced from Kashmir, why has most literature been realistic fiction. The answer simply is that it is far easier to reproduce and write the experiential rather than the imaginary. Imagination itself is determined and conditioned by reality perceived by senses. One can’t after all conjure a rabbit out of thin air like a conjurer. Tricks and creativity do intersect at a certain point, but not at producing something out of nothing. The seeds of creation are inevitably drawn from the world surrounding the author. The author takes this raw material, and by dint of craft and imagination defamiliarising and fictionalizing the events to create a narrative. The degree, order and styles followed by the author in applying the creative process to this raw material determines whether the work follows the realistic or non-realistic style. The question of relationship between reality and non-realistic literature settled, it is time to examine the function and role performed by non-realistic literature in the literary pantheon of Kashmir. Like realistic literature, the primary concern of this literature is the myriad faceted subjugation. It seeks to present it as a metaphor rather than as a statement. The advantage of this approach is that it allows a more accurate manifestation of the tendency of oppression to obfuscate and complicate, the way a metaphor does by introducing an extra object and layer of meaning that complicates the object of comparison. A common mistaken view of subjugation, is viewing it as an instrument of oppression imposed upon the people, and sustained only by repressive state apparatuses. Nothing could be farther from truth. Subjugation interferes with and constructs the selfhood of the subjugated people, and creates contaminated subjectivities that acquiesce in the exercise of power over them. It is precisely in this complex synthesis and this perpetual dialectic alluded to that non-realistic literature hopes to explore, for therein lie the seeds of excess that facticity is unable to represent and accommodate. There is a constant tension between defiance and collusion while the actual operation of transformation remains hidden. Metaphor emerges, therefore, as an effective tool to highlight the invisible operations of power, as it effectively manifests the tensions of oppressed subjectivity. Moreover, freed from the confines of unity of time and space, criterion essential for production of realistic literature, nonrealistic fiction moves into the liberated sphere of



the third space. The third space, as understood by theorists of space, rejects the traditional binary between space and time, where space is constant, fixed and undialectical while time is viewed as the opposite as dynamic, dialectic and therefore the dimension in which social theorization is experienced and revealed. This further rebuffs the binary of material which can be defined, mapped and subject to analysis, and representation of this material space through mental and linguistic constructs, and instead proposes a space that combines both the mental and material dimensions of spatiality. In turn, this creates a space that incorporates both the dimensions and presents a new model of spatiality. The first space represents the concrete material world and its physical reality, while the second space represents the imaginative representations of this spatiality i.e. it is a symbolic exposition that defines and orders the material reality. The third space rejects this spatial binary instead opts for a space conceived of both material and perceived space but exceeds them in scope, meaning and substance. Nonrealistic fiction operates precisely in this sphere to point out that for all its heady and aphrodisiac delights, power can extract a cruel price as the oppressor finds to his chagrin. It relies primarily on nightmare or a world view that resembles a nightmare since that manifests at one level the punishing anxiety of contamination and vulnerability that haunts the occupier, as it seeks to dismiss the occupied and avoid any interaction. Second, nightmares demonstrate to the occupier the propensity of Time to effect mortality, vulnerability, mutability, and the fear of this mutability which is embedded in our primeval consciousness. Such fiction produces a haunting – a fleeting yet impossible to ignore misgiving that the fear will mutate and wear off, and the powerless will strike back and consume the state. Such fiction then employs not only language for testimony but offers language as testimony – its disjointedness and the violence of naming and coherence as markers of the violence of routine. Moreover, by focusing on its fictionality, it compels the reader to shed off her garb of neutrality and acknowledge that she is implicated in the creation of the fantastical world. The reader’s choice to suspend disbelief even in the face of a fantastical world highlights the impossibility of making choices under subjugation as the subject is doomed to choose – to choose to survive and struggle in the face of an unrelenting shadow that shades each aspect of life. Her choice to reciprocate and invest meanings in a world that exceeds confines of normativity, plausibility and probability only highlight that she cannot help but choose to be implicated and participate in choices and plots created by an external force that they aid, nurture and perpetuate through their actions. In simpler words, oppression produces an unsettling paradox – the subjugated subject seeks both to distance from and participate in the perpetuation of subjugation. Truth, therefore, becomes a contested category – a hysteric anarchy of contradictions. It effectively highlights that any text to testify must forcibly fuse the two selves – the affected self and the detached self that observes to create literary allegories of dissent, exclusion, taboo and loss. By fusing the two selves, it opens up a cleavage in the text that refuses to be healed, and so mirrors the original nature of trauma which revisits the original traumatic moment to grasp the true and complete meaning of the event, only to suffer failure. The nonrealistic texts in their multitude of forms, fractures, allusions and contexts, therefore, foreground the failure to mean, rather than meanings and therefore highlight the limits of meaning. In turn this limitation of meaning highlights the impossibility to speak in a state of oppression. As Shahid’s translation of Faiz sums up: Faiz, what you’d gone to say, ready to offer everything, even your life — those healing words remained unspoken after all else had been said. Huzaifa Pandit is the author of the recently published Green is the Colour of Memory, which won the first edition of Rhythm Divine Poets Chapbook Contest 2017. He holds a PhD on poetry of resistance from University of Kashmir.

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Food fraud is increasing during Covid-19

Food contamination caused by counterfeit and adulterated ingredients is generally not easy to detect. Food fraud incidents in India had risen up from year 2018. Now, due to the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, the occurrence of food fraud has skyrocketed alarmingly across the length and breadth of the country. Worldwide, the scale of food fraud is estimated to be around \$50 billion a year — a massive industry and one that sets out to cheat and deceive consumers and businesses alike. For the past few months, food safety and quality control experts across the globe have been cautioning that the COVID pandemic will be an enormous opportunity for those who engage in this form of cheating to upscale their

operations. These warnings have come at a time when many systems responsible for checking, inspecting, auditing and testing supply chains around the world have either been greatly scaled back or totally collapsed. Furthermore, food companies are more preoccupied with trying to ensure an adequate food supply, rather than confirming their suppliers are all delivering genuine and authentic food. The top ten foods where fraud is fairly common include: Milk, Olive Oil, Honey, Saffron, Spices like turmeric, coffee, khoya&chhena, Ice creams, Vanilla extract and vegetable oils. Milk is possibly one of the easiest targets. This is precisely why we have hundreds of cases where the food authorities or independent food testing agencies have found milk to be adul-

terated across India and particularly in J&K. In the Union territory of J&K, Food safety department recently conducted a drive to check quality of milk being supplied to consumers in summer capital wherein milk samples were lifted from the market for analysis. Adulteration of milk was found to be a big challenge for both, the regulator as well as the consumer. Common parameters that are checked to evaluate milk quality are: fat percentage, SNF (Solid-not-Fat) percentage, protein content and freezing point. Adulterants are added in milk to increase these parameters, thereby increasing the milk quality in a deceitful way which in turn promote food safety risks. Despite the fact that financial

gain is considered to be one of the major reasons for milk adulteration; inadequate supply for increasing population all over India has motivated companies for indulging in this unscrupulous practice. This calls for combined efforts from food scientists, food safety specialists, quality analysts and the regulatory bodies through development, implementation and dissemination of better techniques for the detection of milk and other food adulteration. Besides this, awareness and access to information can play vital role in urban, sub-urban and rural areas to overcome this issue. Inam-ul-Allah Mir Food Safety & Quality Assurance Officer

An Attitude To Life

Syed Bazila.

“In the daily hub-bub of current “crises” facing humanity, we forget about the many generations we hope are yet to come. I use the word hope because we face risks, called existential risks that threaten to wipe out humanity. These risks are not just for big disasters, but for the disasters that could end history.

“Of course I’ll hurt you. Of course you’ll hurt me. Of course we will hurt each other. But this is the very condition of existence. To become spring, means accepting the risk of winter. To become presence, means accepting the risk of absence”.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Manon, Ballerina”

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Not everyone has ignored the long future though. Mystics like Nostradamus had frequently tried to calculate the end of the world. HG Wells had tried to develop a science of forecasting and famously depicted the far future of humanity in his book, The Time Machine. Other writers built other long-term futures to warn, amuse or speculate. But had these pioneers or futurologists not thought about humanity’s future, it would not have changed the outcome. There wasn’t much that human beings in their place could have done to save us from an existential crisis or even cause one.

We are in a more privileged position today. Human activity has been steadily shaping the future of our planet. And even though we are far from controlling natural disasters, we are developing technologies that may help mitigate, or at least, deal with them. Apart from all this I’m in fix of existence crises and the question of my existence haunts me oft and often.

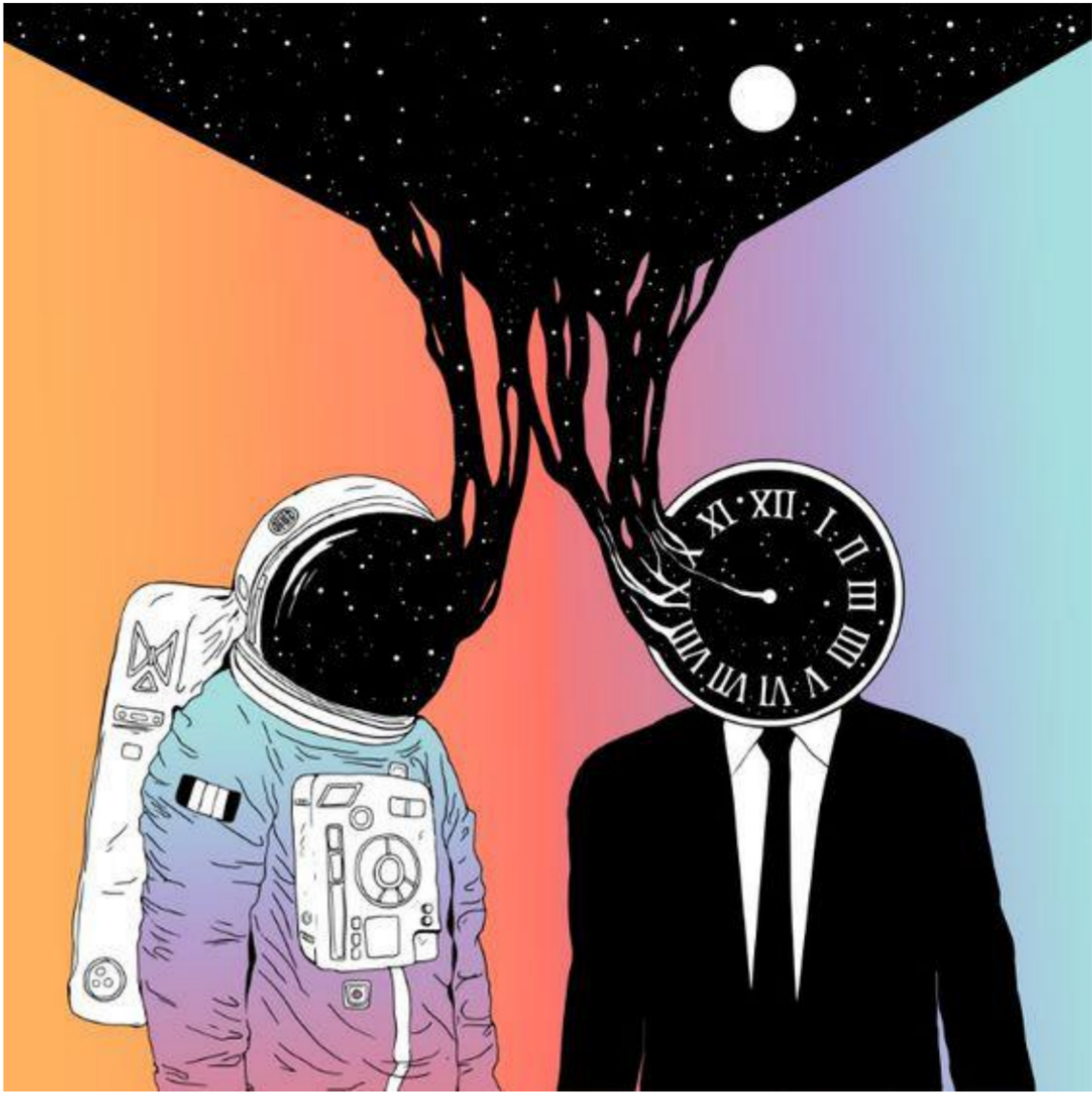
Human nature is very inquisitive and when the unsolvable mysteries are pursued, life becomes adventurous. Human nature is also fragile, when your inquisitiveness gets cultural, religious and social impositions, life becomes peradventure or unadventurous.

The attitude towards one’s life is not one’s individual choice alone. It is determined by above mentioned factors as well. When a person is caught between the divergent pulls of head and heart, life becomes volatile and attitude towards it becomes flabbergasted.

A corollary to this is a question: how can one decide the attitude of their life, when their life is rarely theirs alone? This throws one off and inundates us in an abyss of no answers except big questions: Who I am? Where did I come from? Why have I not been asked about my tragic birth? Who created me and why? What had I done to my creator, before my creation? Finally, does creator really exists?

There are no answers. A speck of existence, on which I have some grip, doesn’t allow me to ask these questions. Otherwise I have to spurn this speck as well, to the butchers of modality.

My attitude to life is to cross the boundary line, which is set by the society. I want to live a life which would be governed by my choice. I don’t want to wear, what society prescribed. I don’t want to eat, what reli-



gion prescribed. I don’t want to perform prayers, the way that tradition and custom preached me.

However, I am also aware that my choices are always sacrificed because of God’s bequeath policy.

In this semidiurnal world, people like me, are caged. Sometimes, I ask myself, “Shall I remain silent and bear the burden without murmur?” It is then that Milton comes to my rescue and says, “In this dark world and wide, and that one talent which is death to hide lodg’d with me useless”.

It is self-abnegation to resist your feelings and

thoughts. Although, when a person or people take cudgels against the social norms; tradition and custom inevitably becomes persona non grata. Amidst all this fuss, I practice tolerance, and promote of co-existence. I believe in truism and scientific endeavours. I reject all the moral theories, the rules of which are laid by someone to whom I never met or seen.

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Teaching Strength Over Stress

Vanessa LoBue

Between the global COVID-19 pandemic, the associated economic downturn and widespread protests over racism, it’s difficult for everyone. Many people are struggling, consumed with anxiety and stress, finding ourselves unable to sleep or focus.

As a developmental psychologist and researcher on anxiety and fear in infants and young children, I have been particularly concerned about the impact of the pandemic on young people’s mental health. Many have not physically been in school since March. They’re isolated from friends and relatives. Some fear that they or loved ones will contract the virus.

Decades of research have documented serious consequences from chronic stress in childhood. But psychologists have identified ways in which parents teach children how to cope with adversity – an idea commonly known as resilience.

The effects of childhood stress

Children cannot be protected from everything. Parents get divorced. Children grow up in poverty. Friends or loved ones are injured, fall ill or die. Kids can experience neglect, physical or emotional abuse or bullying. Families immigrate, end up homeless or live through natural disasters.

There can be long-term consequences. Hardship in childhood can physically alter the brain architecture of a developing child. It can impair cognitive and social-emotional development, impacting learning, memory, decision-making and more.

Some children develop emotional problems, act out with aggressive or disruptive behavior, form unhealthy relationships or end up in trouble with the law. School performance often suffers, ultimately limiting job and income opportunities. The risk of suicide or drug and alcohol abuse can increase. Kids who are exposed to chronic stress may also develop lifelong health issues, including heart attack, stroke, obesity, diabetes and cancer.

So how do some kids thrive amidst serious challenges, while others are overwhelmed by them? Researchers in my field are working to identify what helps children overcome obstacles and flourish when the odds are stacked against them.

It seems to come down to both support and resilience. Resilience is defined



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as the ability to spring back, rebound or readily recover from adversity. It’s a quality that allows people to be competent and accomplished despite tough circumstances. Some children from difficult backgrounds do well from a young age. Others bloom later, finding their paths once they reach adulthood.

Ann Masten, a pioneer in developmental psychology research, referred to resilience as “ordinary magic.” Resilient kids don’t have some kind of superpower that helps them persevere while others flounder. It isn’t a trait we’re born with; it’s something that can be fostered.

The key factors that help kids build resilience

The same executive function skills that create academic success seem to

bestow critical coping strategies. With the capacity to focus, solve problems and switch between tasks, children find ways to adapt and deal with obstacles in a healthy way.

Controlling behavior and emotions is also key. In a recent study, 8- to 17-year-olds who maintained emotional balance despite mistreatment were less likely to suffer from depression or other emotional problems.

However, relationships seem to be the foundation that keep children grounded. “Attachment relationships” provide a lifelong sense of security and belonging. A parent’s or caregiver’s consistent support and protection is crucial for healthy development and the most important of these relationships. Other

caring adults can help: friends, teachers, neighbors, coaches, mentors or others. Having steadfast support lends stability and helps kids build self-esteem, self-reliance and strength.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is an icon of resilience. She grew up in a Brooklyn working-class neighborhood and lost her mother – her main support figure – to cancer before graduating from high school. She persevered, graduated first in her class at Cornell University and ultimately became one of only four women to serve on the Supreme Court. Another example is John Lewis, who was the son of sharecroppers in segregated Alabama, yet become a pioneer in the civil rights movement and served 33 years in Congress.

How to encourage resilience at home

There are many ways parents can help their children build resilience. Allowing children to talk – and really listening – shows caring and acceptance, validates their feelings and helps them contextualize issues.

Sometimes the answer is allowing kids some degree of autonomy. Trusting them to try things on their own – and even fail – can help them learn to solve problems or deal with anger, disappointment or other uncomfortable emotions. “Calm breathing” techniques offer another tool that helps children control emotions.

It’s important to note that many children face not just one but many hardships. For example, kids who live in poverty may have less present or less competent parents; have high daily levels of stress; suffer hunger, poor nutrition or live in crowded conditions, with few parks; have no health care; study in sub-standard schools; and have greater likelihood of abuse.

Community-level interventions can help reduce risks while helping children build resilience. These initiatives can provide better living circumstances through affordable housing and improve health by reducing pollution. Strong programs can engage teachers, parents and community members build a stable support system for local children.

Classes in “social and emotional learning” have been gaining traction in schools. This curriculum teaches children to understand and manage their feelings, develop empathy for others, make responsible decisions and solve problems.

These programs yield tangible results: one analysis of 270,000 participants showed that students raised their grades by an average of 11%. Other studies revealed that fewer participants dropped out of school, used drugs or engaged in criminal activity – and school behavior improved.

Helping children build resilience is particularly critical now. Parents, too, need to guard their mental health in order to provide kids with crucial support: Building resilience isn’t just kid stuff.

So amid a global pandemic, it’s more important than ever to provide children with as much support and “ordinary magic” as we can.

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RESEARCHERS DEVELOP TECHNIQUE To Prevent Glass From Shattering In Bomb Blasts

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Researchers in Australia have developed a unique technique to prevent glass facades on iconic buildings from shattering if targeted by terrorists in a bomb explosion.

In the study, published in the journal Engineering Failure Analysis, the research team of four from Queensland University of Technology (QUT) looked at the "maximum credible load" of an explosion and how to minimise

the problem of a deadly wave of shattered glass which can cause traumatic injury and death.

David Thambiratnam, one of the researchers, said the study went beyond previous research in the field with a sophisticated coupling analysis, which did not just look at the way the glass responds to an explosion, but also modelled the explosive source, the pressure wave transmission and fluid-structure interaction.

"We modelled the shock waves that travelled through the air and

then we studied how it hit the structures," Thambiratnam said.

The solution, detailed in the paper, is to absorb the energy of the blast with a shock absorbing layer between the glass panels in the laminated glass and through the members of the supporting system as well as to make the cable trusses stronger.

"The glass is certainly going to crack, but this interlayer holds the particles together," Thambiratnam said.

Ruwanika Piyasena, another

researcher, said the research was innovative in providing design recommendations for optimised blast-resistant cable supported facades without any expensive external devices.

"Development of the fully coupled modelling technique enabled the realistic modelling of double skin facades and identified the effects of appending an additional skin," Piyasena said.

The double skin facades would be two glass skins separated by an air corridor.

"This double skin feature can be used as a retrofitting method for converting existing conventional facades to blast-resistant facades," Piyasena said, adding that "attaching additional skin will be more economically feasible than removing the existing faade and replacing with a new blast-resistant facade, as double skin feature will also provide energy efficient characteristics."

The researchers specifically looked at cable truss facades, which are mostly used in hotel lobbies, shopping malls and airport terminals, where the structure of the large glass area is secured by twin convex and concave cables behind the glass.

The group examined case studies of real blast scenarios and found that up to 90 per cent of blast-related injuries, in bomb attacks, were due to flying glass fragments and other facade debris.

Thambiratnam said previous research had used an uncoupled method of analysis which calculated blast pressure hitting a facade as uniformly distributed, whereas examining the explosive waves in an explosion showed that blast pressures at lower levels of the facade would be higher than those at the upper level.

Piyasena said the developed modelling techniques can be augmented and altered to study the response of debris impact such as hailstorms on cable supported glass facades (by incorporating the load model for the debris in a coupled analysis).

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Syed Nuzhat Gilani wife of Syed Shabir Gilani and daughter of Syed Masood-ul-Hassan Gilani of Jalsheeri Baramulla at present Umarabad Sector, Zainkote Srinagar passed away during the intervening night of 6 & 7 October 2020, after a prolonged illness.

The fourth (Chahrum) of the deceased will be observed on 10th October 2020 at 10 AM at Gilani Manzil, Umar Abad, Sector 1, Zainkote Srinagar.

BEREAVED FAMILY

Syed Masood-ul-Hassan Gilani
Syed Shabir Gilani

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF SERICULTURE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT J&K
e-NIT NO. 08 OF 2020-21
D A T E D 29-09-2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of J&K, e-tenders are hereby invited for supply of Black Polythene from the registered Manufacture / Suppliers/ dealers/ , as per the details given below for the year 2020-21.The destination wise supply of items is shown in Annexure "A"

S. No.	Name of the item with specification	Tentative Quantity	Earnest money	Cost of tender Documents
1.	Black Polythene Sheet width;- 08feet,weight/kg;-3.36-3.37 kgs(As per Departmental Sample)..	6000 kgs.	6000/	Rs.200/-

01.	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	29-09-2020
02.	Period of downloading of documents	29-09-2020 to 20-10-2020
03.	Date of submission of on line documents	29-09-2020 to 20-10-2020upto 3.00 Pm
05.	Date of opening tender (Technical bid)	22-10-2020

The tender documents along with other terms and conditions of the NIT and relevant documents can be downloaded from the departmental Website jktenders.gov.in. The tender shall be uploaded in electronic format on the departmental Website JKTenders.gov.in. The bidders shall have to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents like CDR/PAN/TIN/ Demand draft (tender Fee)/ /GST Registration Certificate. Any postal delay shall not be responsibility of the department. The cost of tender documents should be collected by introducing e-Challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury challan/receipt under Revenue head-0851, the tenderer outside the state shall be deposit the tender fee in the shape of Bank draft in favour of Accounts Officer Sericulture Dev. Department and earnest money deposit in the shape of call deposit receipt (CDR/FDR) shall be pledged to Director Sericulture J&K. Cost of tender documents is non-refundable, while-as the earnest money is refundable.

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Dated:- 08/10/2020

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

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Amt in Rs.)	E/M/ Bid Security (Amt in Rs.)	Time	T&D of Opening of tender	Class	Head of Account
1	Engagement of Water Tanker for Watering of Plants Shrubs Flower Plants Seedlings in Center verges and other Areas in Jammu city landscape Sub Division 3 rd Part I	Rs.1.5Lacs	Rs. 200/-	Rs.3000/-	Full session	15.10.2020 at 11.00AM	"Registered Supplier/ DEE Class Contractor"	MH 3054 M&R (Jammu)

Position of Funds: -Available.
Administrative approval:-Accorded.

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.inas per schedule of date given below:-

Date of issue of Tender Notice	08.10.2020
Period of downloading of bidding documents	08.10.2020 04.00 PM
Bid submission Start Date	08.10.2020 from 04.00 PM
Bid Submission End Date	14.10.2020 up to 06.00 PM
Deadline for receiving the Hard copy (Original e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt and EMD)	Hard copy to be submitted by the successful bidder (L1) only within seven days after Financial evaluation.
Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	15.10.2020at 11.00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar

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Dated:-08-10-2020.

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S. No	Name of Work	Category
1	HT/LT Improvement by way of Replacing Barbed Wire/ Undersized / Worn Out Poles in 11kV SrigufwaraBijbehara Section	SHG
2	HT/LT Improvement by way of Replacing Barbed Wire/ Undersized / Worn Out Poles in 11kV Waghama Feeder	SHG
3	HT/LT Improvement by way of Replacing Barbed Wire/ Undersized / Worn Out Poles in 11kV Dupatyar and Kanelwan feeders	Class A GEN
4	HT/LT Improvement by way of Replacing Barbed Wire/ Undersized / Worn Out Poles in 11kV Marhama&Panjpora Feeders	Class A GEN
5	HT/LT Improvement by way of Replacing Barbed Wire/ Undersized / Worn Out Poles in 11kV Arwani Feeder	Class A GEN
6	HT/LT Improvement by way of Replacing Barbed Wire/ Undersized / Worn Out Poles in 11kV Sangam Feeder	Class A GEN
7	HT/LT Improvement by way of Replacing Barbed Wire/ Undersized / Worn Out Poles in 11kV Momen Feeder	Class A GEN

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Electric Division Bijbehara

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Trump Says Wants US Troops Out Of Afghanistan By Christmas

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Washington: U.S. President Donald Trump says he wants all U.S. troops to leave Afghanistan by December 25, which would be sooner than he previously proposed and a speedier withdrawal than his national-security adviser outlined in a speech earlier on October 7.

"We should have the small remaining number of our BRAVE Men and Women serving in Afghanistan home by Christmas!" Trump tweeted.

Trump's message comes four weeks before the U.S. presidential election and as he seeks to keep his 2016 election promise to bring "endless wars" to a close. The U.S. military engagement in Afghanistan began 19 years ago after the September 11, 2001, ter-

rorist attacks and has become America's longest war.

er Robert O'Brien said the United States will reduce the number of troops it has in Afghanistan to 2,500 by early next year.

The United States already has announced the number of troops would be down to about 4,000 by next month, but O'Brien's comments offered greater detail about the overall pace and scope of the drawdown.

"When President Trump took office, there were over 10,000 American troops in Afghanistan. As of today there are under 5,000 and that will go to 2,500 by early next year," O'Brien said, speaking in Nevada.

The Republican president is currently trailing challenger Joe Biden, a Democrat and the former vice president, in pre-election polls.

Washington has been moving ahead incrementally with



the drawdown, which is linked to intra-Afghan negotiations that are under way in Qatar.

Even though delays have plagued the start of negotiations, Washington began withdrawing some of its troops after signing a deal with the Taliban on February 29.

Each year, millions of Muslim mourners set off on a symbolic 80-kilometer walk to Karbala, where Imam Hussein's shrine is located, from the holy city of Najaf, where his father Imam Ali (AS) is buried.

Accommodating the pilgrims along the road, as well as in both Najaf and Karbala, are thousands of make-shift tents, also known as mawkibs, that

US Army's Senior Official Tests Positive For Coronavirus

Agencies

Washington: The Marine Corps said its No 2 officer, General Gary Thomas, had tested positive for COVID-19, becoming the second senior military official to do so this week, another sign of the danger to top brass who met both men at the Pentagon.

Thomas, the Marine Corps' assistant commandant, is suffering mild symptoms and is self-quarantining at home, the Marine Corps said. Reuters was the first to report Thomas' positive result.

Nearly all the Joint Chiefs of Staff, including its chairman, Army General Mark Milley, are in quarantine after attending top-level meetings last week with Thomas and the Coast Guard's No. 2 official, Admiral Charles Ray, who tested positive on Monday for the disease caused by the coronavirus.

The list of top generals quarantining reads like a "Who's Who's" of the US military, including General Paul Nakasone, head of the National Security Agency and US Cyber Command, as well as the chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Space Force.

Hoffman offered no further details, including whether any other top generals were experiencing potential symptoms.

The disclosure risks adding to a growing sense of uncertainty about the degree of risk to America's national security leadership, as President Donald Trump himself tries to bounce back from the illness.

The White House says the rise in cases among senior White House officials and others in Washington has not disrupted the government.

"Our adversaries are always looking for any weakness to exploit," Representative Adam Smith, chairman of the Democratic-led House Armed Services Committee, warned in a terse statement on Tuesday that took aim at Trump.



Muslims mark Arba'een as COVID-19 restricts pilgrimage to Karbala

Agencies

Baghdad: Muslims around the world commemorate Arba'een, the 40th day after the martyrdom anniversary of the third Shia Imam Hossein (AS) amid coronavirus-related restrictions placed by Iraq on the number of foreign pilgrims.

The occasion, which falls on Thursday, marks the end of the 40-day mourning period for Imam Hossein (AS), grandson of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), who was martyred along with 72 of his companions in the Battle of Karbala, in southern Iraq, in 680 AD after fighting courageously for justice against the much larger army of the Umayyad caliph, Yazid I.

All Iran-Iraq border crossings have also been closed and Iranian citizens have been barred from travelling to Iraq. Muslims have been advised to observe the mourning in other ways such as watching online or televised commemorations from home.

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provide a wide range of services from votive food to medical care.

In 2019, an estimated 14 million Shia pilgrims travelled to Iraq to attend Arba'een processions, including about two million from neighboring Iran.

Arba'een is the largest annual religious gathering in the world, with the number of pilgrims far exceeding the almost 2.5 million visitors who descend on the holy Saudi city of Mecca for the Hajj.

This year, however, only 1,500 pilgrims per country are being allowed to fly into Iraq due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has infected 391,044 Iraqis and killed 9,604 others.

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say the anti-terror resistance group will continue to defend Iraqi territory and sovereignty.

Meanwhile, local Iraqis, undeterred by the outbreak, marched to Karbala from all over the country while observing health protocols.

On Thursday, the English-language Twitter account of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei described Arba'een as "a lofty sign that God is showing to the world."

We Shias take pride in being #ImamHussain's followers, but he doesn't belong only to us. All Islamic denominations - Shia & Sunni - stand under Imam Hussain's flag. #Hussain belongs to humanity and #Arbaeen is a lofty sign that God is showing to the world.

— Khamenei.ir (@khamenei_ir) October 7, 2020

The occasion is viewed as an overwhelmingly powerful display of Shia solidarity and conveys a message of unity among Muslims against the global arrogance.

WHO awaits China's nod on list of experts to probe origin of coronavirus

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Beijing: The World Health Organization (WHO) has given Beijing a list of global experts to be part of the international investigation team to be sent to China to probe the origin of the coronavirus and is awaiting its approval, according to a media report on Thursday.

In May, the annual meeting of World Health Assembly (WHA), the decision-making body of the Geneva-based WHO currently headed by India, passed a unanimous resolution to probe the origin of the virus. China also backed the resolution.

In August, a two-member

team from the WHO which visited China completed the groundwork for the probe into the animal source and reservoirs of the COVID-19 which first emerged in Wuhan in December last year and later became a global pandemic, creating the worst health crisis across the world.

On Monday, WHO Health Emergencies Programme Executive Director Mike Ryan told a special meeting of the organisation's executive board that it has selected expert candidates from around the world for the mission and it was now up to Beijing to say who would be on the international team

and when they would enter China, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

"A list of candidates has been submitted to the Chinese authorities for their consideration and for next steps in order to deploy that team," Ryan told the advisory group of member state representatives, without saying when the list was sent.

At Monday's meeting, representatives from the United States, the European Union, and Australia called on the WHO to send the team and share more details about the mission, the report said.

Fighting displaces half of Karabakh's population

Agencies

STEPANAKERT: Clashes between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces have displaced half of the population of the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region, an official said on Wednesday, as Russian President Vladimir Putin urged an end to a "tragedy" that shows no sign of abating.

The fighting in one of the most combustible frozen conflicts left over after the fall of the Soviet Union erupted on Sept 27, with Azerbaijan insisting the Armenian-held region must return to Baku's control.

The conflict has gained an international dimension that has alarmed the West, with Turkey supporting Azerbaijan and

quickly as possible", added the Russian president, who earlier held his first telephone talks with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev since the latest fighting began.

Intermittent shelling by Azerbaijan's forces has turned Karabakh's main city Stepanakert into a ghost town dotted with unexploded munitions and shell craters.

Much of Stepanakert's 50,000-strong population has left, with those remaining hunkering down in cellars.

They were disturbed by air raid sirens throughout the night as multiple explosions went off in a city plunged into total darkness.

The city was hit by new



Armenia hoping that Moscow, which has so far stayed on the sidelines, could step in.

"Of course this is a huge tragedy. People are dying, there are heavy losses on both sides," Putin said during an interview with state-run television.

Even if the longstanding conflict could not be resolved, a ceasefire must be agreed "as

strikes in the morning, with smoke visible and buzzing indicating the source was a drone, a correspondent said.

"According to our preliminary estimates, some 50 per cent of Karabakh's population and 90 per cent of women and children—or some 70,000-75,000 people—have been displaced," Karabakh rights ombudsman Artak Beglaryan said on Wednesday.

China Tells Indian Media Not To Call Taiwan A Country, Taiwan Says 'Get Lost'

Agencies

Beijing: China was accused by Taiwan of trying to impose censorship in India after its embassy in New Delhi advised journalists to observe the "one-China" principle after newspapers carried advertisements for Taiwan's national day.

Coming just months after deadly clashes between Indian and Chinese troops on the disputed Himalayan border between the two Asian giants, the controversy has flared at a time when Indian sentiments toward China are filled with antipathy and suspicion.

China's hackles were raised on Wednesday by advertisements placed in leading Indian newspapers by Taiwan's government to mark the democratic, Chinese-claimed island's national day on Saturday.

The advertisement carried a photograph of President Tsai Ing-wen and hailed India, a fellow democracy, as a natural partner of Taiwan.

China, which claims Taiwan and regards it as a wayward province, made its displeasure evident in an e-mail sent by its embassy on Wednesday night to journalists in India, including Reuters.

"Regarding the so-called forthcoming 'National Day of Taiwan', the Chinese Embassy in India would like to remind our media friends that there is only one China in the world, and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legitimate government representing the whole of China," the embassy said.

"We hope Indian media can stick to Indian government's position on Taiwan question and do not violate the 'One China' principle.

"In particular, Taiwan shall not be referred to as a 'country (nation)' or 'Republic of China' or the leader of China's Taiwan region as 'President', so as not to send the wrong signals to the general public."

Taiwan Foreign Minister Joseph Wu scoffed at Beijing's advice to Indian media.

"India is the largest democracy on Earth with a vibrant press & freedom-loving people. But it looks like communist #China is hoping to march into the subcontinent by imposing censorship. #Taiwan's Indian friends will have one reply: GET LOST!" he said in a tweet.

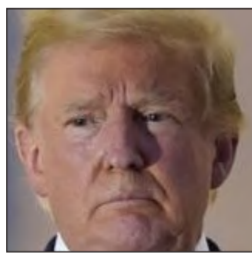
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Catching COVID-19 Was A "Blessing From God", Says Trump

Washington: U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday declared that catching the coronavirus was a "blessing from God" that exposed him to experimental treatments he vowed would become free for all Americans, in his first video message since leaving hospital.

Trump, eager to revitalize his ailing re-election campaign, repeatedly stressed how well he felt so far in his recovery from COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. It was unclear if he was still testing positive for the virus.

"I think this was a blessing from God that I caught it. This was a blessing in disguise," Trump said, adding that his use of the medication from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc had allowed him to experience firsthand how effective it could be.



Trump, who has been widely criticized for a slow response to the pandemic that has killed more than 210,000 Americans and putting his own staff at risk by discouraging the use of masks in the White House and on the campaign trail, also cited similar medication from Eli Lilly and Co. "I want to get for you what I got. And I'm going to make it free," Trump said.

His video message followed White House assurances that the 74-year-old president was back at the Oval Office on Wednesday, getting briefed

about economic stimulus talks and Hurricane Delta, just two days after his discharge from Walter Reed military hospital.

A White House official said Trump entered the office from the Rose Garden to avoid walking through the White House hallways and possibly exposing others to the coronavirus.

Chief of staff Mark Meadows, who briefed Trump in personal protective gear, said the White House was keeping access to the Oval Office extremely limited.

Trump had been in his residence in the White House since his dramatic made-for-video return from Walter Reed in a helicopter on Monday night.

Trump, who faces Democrat Joe Biden in the November election, has had no COVID-19 symptoms for the past 24 hours, his doctor Sean Conley said in a statement.

American poet Louise Gluck awarded Nobel Prize in Literature

American poet Louise Gluck has been awarded the 2020 Nobel Prize in Literature, with judges praising "her



unmistakable poetic voice".

The 10 million Swedish crown (\$1.1m) prize is named after dynamite inventor and businessman Alfred Nobel and has been awarded since 1901 for achievements in science, literature and peace in accordance with his will.

The Swedish Academy said Gluck was honoured "for her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal".

Gluck previously won the Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for her collection The Wild Iris, and the National Book Award in 2014.

A professor of English at Yale University, she "seeks the universal, and in this she takes inspiration from myths and classical motifs, present in most of her works", the Academy said.

It said her 2006 collection Averno was a "masterly" and "a visionary interpretation of the myth of Persephone's descent into Hell in the captivity of Hades, the god of death".

Flood of criticism

The Swedish Academy often seems to shun bestselling mainstream authors, opting to shine its spotlight on lesser-known names.

Last year's choice of Austrian novelist Peter Handke unleashed a flood of criticism, leaving many wondering how it could award a writer known for supporting Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic in the Balkan wars and playing down his army's

New Zealand's Ardern poised for big win in election, poll says

Wellington: New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's party is projected to be one seat short of a being able to govern alone, and has a double-digit lead over its rival, with just over a week to the general election, an opinion poll showed on Thursday.

The closely watched 1News-Colmar Brunton poll showed support for Ardern's Labour party, which is seeking a second term in office, at 47%, unchanged from the last poll on Sept. 28.

This means Labour, which is campaigning on its record of bringing the coronavirus pandemic under control within New Zealand's borders, would have 60 seats in parliament, one short of the 61 seats needed to form a government.

Support for its coalition partner the Green Party was at 6%, which would give it eight seats.

New Zealand heads to the polls on Oct. 17 and advance voting began on Saturday.



Mukesh Ambani With 73% Rise In Net Worth Stays India's Richest For 13Th Year

Mukesh Ambani remains at No. 1 for the 13th year in the Forbes List of India's 100 Richest, as the tycoon added \$37.3 billion, bringing his fortune to \$88.7 billion, a rise of 73 per cent.

Amid the Covid-19 pandemic which hit India hard and led to a sharp economic contraction, half of the nation's 100 richest on the 2020 Forbes India Rich List saw gains. Their collective net worth rose 14 per cent to \$517.5 billion from a year earlier, even as the benchmark BSE Sensex stock index remained flat from a year ago.

Mukesh Ambani accounted for more than half of those gains.

Shares of his Reliance Industries soared when, amid the nation's lockdown, Ambani raised more than \$20 billion from a string of marquee investors for Jio Platforms, Reliance's fast-growing digital arm. Investors are now eyeing Reliance Retail, which has already raised more than \$5 billion.

Infrastructure magnate Gautam Adani retains the second spot on the list by boosting his net worth 61 per cent to \$25.2 billion. Forbes said unfazed by the pandemic-induced travel slowdown, Adani, who aspires to be India's airport king, acquired a 74 per cent stake in Mumbai airport, the country's second-busiest.

Tech tycoon Shiv Nadar, who ceded the post of chairman of HCL Technologies in July to his daughter Roshni Nadar Malhotra, jumps three places to No. 3 with \$20.4 billion as shares of India's third-largest tech firm surged.

Radhakishan Damani of Avenue Supermarts climbs three spots to No. 4 with a net



worth of \$15.4 billion. The Hinduja brothers with \$12.8 billion, round out the top five.

With a global health crisis raging, pharma entrepreneurs fared well. The fortune of vaccine billionaire Cyrus Poonawalla (No. 6), whose privately held Serum Institute of India—led by his son Adar—has joined the race to produce Covid-19 vaccines, was up 26 per cent to \$11.5 billion.

Listed companies making drugs to treat the virus saw their shares jump. The biggest percentage gainer on the list was Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (No. 27), founder of Biocon, which is set to start phase 4 trials of a potential Covid-19 drug. Her wealth nearly doubled to \$4.6 billion.

The Covid-19 pandemic benefited fortunes in some other sectors as well. Increased data consumption by those stuck at home during the pandemic lifted telecom company Bharti Airtel's share price by 42 per cent in the past year and boosted the wealth of chairman Sunil Mittal and his family. He climbs three spots to No. 11 with a fortune of \$10.2 billion.

The net worth of M.G. George Muthoot (No. 26, \$4.8 billion), chairman of lending firm Muthoot Finance, also rose as the demand for gold-backed loans surged amid a pandemic-induced cash crunch.

Naazneen Karmali, Asia Wealth Editor and India Editor of Forbes Asia, said: "Despite the double whammy of a plunging economy and a rising pandemic, India's 100 richest managed to increase their combined wealth this year. The new faces on the list are further proof that the Indian entrepreneurial DNA has the will to surmount the odds."



OLD CHARM: Kashmiri woman applying mud coat to her house in Srinagar outskirts on Thursday.

SC Pulls Up Centre For 'Brazen' Affidavit On Media Coverage Of Tablighi Jamaat

Freedom of speech and expression is the "most abused right" in recent times, the Supreme Court said on Thursday and pulled up the Centre for its "evasive" and "brazen" affidavit on media coverage of the Tablighi Jamaat event earlier this year.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S.A. Bobde was hearing pleas of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind and others alleging that a section of media was spreading communal hatred over Tablighi Jamaat congregation during the onset of COVID-19 pandemic.

"Freedom of speech and expression is the most abused right in recent times," the apex court said.

The bench observed this when senior advocate Dushyant Dave, appearing for Jamaat, said the Centre in its affidavit has stated that petitioners are trying to muzzle freedom of speech and expression. To this, the bench said,



"They are free to make any averment in their affidavit, like you are free to make any argument you want".

The bench was irked over the fact that instead of secretary of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, an additional secretary filed the affidavit, which contained "unnecessary" and "nonsensical" averments with regard to media reporting in Tablighi Jamaat issue.

"You cannot treat this court the way you are doing in this case," said the bench, also comprising Justices A.S. Bopanna and V. Ramasubramanian.

The apex court sought an affidavit from the I&B secretary with details of steps taken in the past to stop motivated media reporting in such cases.

The bench has posted the matter for hearing after two weeks.

During the hearing conducted through videoconferencing, the bench said it has examined the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, and section 20 deals with power to prohibit operation of cable television network in public interest.

"We want to tell you something, this power is exercisable to the TV programme but not broadcast signal. This act does not help. Government has filed affidavit in which it has said advisory has been issued," the bench observed.

Dave referred to the power under the Cable Television Act and said many a times government has rightly exercised its power.

IMA Questions Govt On Ayurveda, Yoga-Based Treatment For Covid-19

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) on Thursday came down heavily on the Centre's latest guidelines which promote Ayurveda and Yoga for the prevention as well as treatment of asymptomatic and mild patients of COVID-19. The apex medical body asked the government to produce scientific evidence which fostered the protocols of the guidelines released on Tuesday by the Union Ministry of Health.

"Is there satisfactory evidence regarding the claims made from studies on COVID-19 patients? If so, whether the evidence is weak/moderate or strong? The evidence should be in public domain and available for scientific scrutiny," said the IMA.

The IMA also demanded that the evidence be released in public and made available for scientific scrutiny. It also



posed several pointed questions to the Union Ministry of Health to know how the drugs mentioned in the protocol were chosen for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 patients. The IMA sought replies to several questions, including:

- Whether the severe form of Covid-19 is a hyperimmune status or an immune-deficiency status?
- Whether the proponents of this claim and the Health Ministry are prepared to subject themselves as volunteers to an independent prospective 'Double Blind Control' study in prevention and treatment of Covid?

Aaj Tak To Pay Rs 1 Lakh Fine, Air Apology For Broadcasting Fake Tweets About SSR



The News Broadcasting Standard Authority (NBSA) has imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh on AajTak and sought a public apology from the channel for telecasting fake tweets relating to late actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

NBSA, a self-regulatory body, asked AajTak, part of TV Today, to air an apology in view of the fact that it did not conduct the due diligence required prior to telecasting the tweets and attributing them to the late actor. The text, date and time of the apology will be given to the broadcaster.

The proof of compliance of telecast of the apology should be submitted on compact disc within 7 days of the telecast, NBSA said.

NBSA also decided that a fine of Rs 1 lakh be imposed on Aaj Tak payable to NBSA within seven days of receipt of the order.

Referring to Aaj Tak's "Hit-Wicket" tagline, the authority said, "It appears that the questions are being addressed to Sushant Singh Rajput, who is no more, therefore the taglines are offensive, violate privacy and affect the dignity of the deceased."

The NBSA said while it is the duty of the news channel to report news, it should not violate the privacy of the dead nor sensationalise a tragic incident.

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