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TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE IN COUNTRIES WITH LOW NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES: LANCET STUDY Travel restrictions are effective in countries with low numbers of COVID-19 cases, or that have ...

WHY THE PDP NEEDS

CLARITY, NOT AMBIGUITY In my last column for Kashmir Observer, I traced the history of the J&K National Conference (NC) since the 1930s..



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"A smart person knows how to talk. A wise person knows when to be silent." —Roy T. Bennett



Mirza Waheed Awarded SoA Grant



SRINAGAR: Kashmiri novelist Mirza Waheed is among 48 writers who have bagged a grant worth more than £ 185,000, (Aprox

Rs 1,82,03,820) from The Society of Authors. The grant is awarded to enable writers to complete works in progress including queer auto-fiction, forgotten histories, and books about postcolonial and the natural world.

The grants totalling £185,750 will support writers by either buying them time to write or helping with research costs. For one writer, their grant represents the opportunity to follow "in my anarchist greatgreat-grandmother's footsteps" in Ireland and Hore On P2

Justice Bindal Appointed Acting CJ

SRINAGAR: President of India on Tuesday appointed Justice Rajesh Bindal as the acting chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

"In exercise of the power conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Justice Rajesh Bindal, seniormost Judge of Common High

UK Gives 1st Doses Of Covid-19 Vaccine As World Watches

LONDON: British health authorivaccine on Tuesday, starting Coventry at 6:31am. a global immunisation programme that is expected to gain momentum as more serums win

approval. The first shot came early in the morning at one of a network of hospital hubs around the country where the initial phase of the United Kingdom programme will be rolled out on what has been dubbed "V-Day."

Public health officials are asking the public to be patient because only those who are most at risk from Covid-19 will be vaccinated in the early stages. Medical staff will contact people to arrange appointments, and most will have to wait until next year before there is enough vaccine to expand the programme.

"I think there's every chance that we will look back on [... Tuesday] as marking a decisive turning point in the battle against coronavirus," said Simon Stevens, the chief exectuive officer of

doses of a widely tested and in- turns 91 next week. She received dependently reviewed Covid-19 the shot at University Hospital



Keenan says she feels "so privileged to be the first person vaccinated against Covid-19"

heavy rains which contin-

"It's the best early birthday present I could wish for because England's National Health Service. it means I can finally look forward

The first recipient was grand- to spending time with my family ties began rolling out the first mother Margaret Keenan, who and friends in the New Year after being on my own for most of the year," she said.

The first 800,000 doses are going to people over 80 who are either hospitalized or already have outpatient appointments scheduled, along with nursing home workers. Others will have to wait their turn.

Among those older Britons scheduled to get vaccinated is Hari Shukla, of Newcastle.

"When I received the telephone call, I was very excited I got the opportunity of joining in and tak-ing part in that, he said. "So we are very very pleased and happy and excited as well.

Buckingham Palace refused to comment on reports that Queen Elizabeth II, 94, and her 99-yearold husband, Prince Philip, would be vaccinated as a public example of its safety.

"Our goal is totally to protect every member of the population, Her Majesty, of course, as well," Dr June Raine, chief executive of Britain's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, told the BBC. » More On P2

J&K Reports 6 More Covid Deaths, 470 **New Cases**

OBSERVER MONITORING DESK

SRINAGAR: At least six more people died of coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday while 470 new cases, including nine security personnel and four minors were detected in the Union Territory, taking the number of people infected by the virus to 114038.

Among the victims, three each were from Kashmir and Jammu divisions, thus taking the fatality count to 1761, officials said Tuesday. In Valley, the three victims included a 70-year-old woman from Budgam, a 60-year-old man from Kupwara and a 72-yearold from Anantnag. In Jammu division, the three victims hailed from Doda, Kathua and Ramban districts.

With these deaths, the total fatality count in the Valley has reached 1133 and 628 in the Jammu region. Srinagar district with 427 deaths tops the list fol-lowed by Jammu (318), Baramulla (165), Budgam (104), Pulwama (86), Kupwara (86), Anantnag (81), Doda (58), Bandipora (55), Kulgam (52), Udhampur (52), Rajouri (50), Kathua (43), Ganderbal (40), Shopian (37), Samba (33), Poonch (22), Ramban (21), Kishtwar(20), and Reasi (10). » More On P2

- ROSHNI SCAM **HC Asks CBI To File Action Taken Report**

J&K Govt's Review Petition To Be Heard On Dec 11

JAMMU: The Jammu and urgent hearing motion filed Kashmir High Court on Tuesday by the government through asked the CBI to submit its its additional advocate gener-Action Taken Report (ATR) in als (AAG) for preponement of a sealed cover on the progress the date in the now-scrapped in cases registered to probe Roshni Act. **alleged irregularities in the** "We are informed by Ms **Roshni Act and fixed December** Monika Kohli that the report of 11 for hearing a review petition by the Union Territory administration to review its earlier or-

der in this case.

the CBI is ready and she is filing it during the course of the day. "We direct that any report by

the CBI shall be filed in a sealed Chief Justice Gita Mittal, who cover and presented to the Bench retired on Tuesday, and Justice on the date of hearing in court," Rajesh Bindal, appointed as a two-page order of the court the acting head, listed the case said while listing the case for for Friday after allowing the December 11. More On P2

Mehbooba Placed Under House Arrest Wanted to Visit Budgam Highlands

ter Mehbooba Mufti was placed authorities. under house arrest at her Gupkar

SRINAGAR: Former chief minis- families are being evicted by the

According to Iltija Mufti, her residence on Tuesday morning to mother was scheduled to visit prevent her from visiting hilly ar- remote areas of Budgam district eas of Central Kashmir's Budgam where scores of summer huts \pm district where nomaidic Gujjar of Gujjar families » More On P2



Court for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh, to perform the duties of the office of Chief Justice of that High Court with effect from 09th December, 2020 consequent upon the retirement of Kumari Justice Gita Mittal, Chief Justice, Common High Court for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh," reads an order by the President.

'Treat Pensioners With Respect: Govt Missive

SRINAGAR: The Director. Accounts and Treasuries, Kashmir on Tuesday issued necessary instructions for the Treasuries Officer of Kashmir division while dealing with pensioners.

As per a circular issued here. the Director instructed all Treasury Officers/ officials to treat all pensioners with dignity and deal with them in a polite manner.

He directed them to acknowledge documents submitted by the pensioners with receipt and proper stamp.

He also directed District Treasury Officers in respect of sub treasuries falling under his/ her jurisdiction to take periodic review of pensioner grievances. the plains were lashed by rains. ceived MET Office said there would be ued this morning. a decrease in precipitation in the

The fresh snowfall and rains J&K from Wednesday. have led to the closure of the Srinagar-Leh road connecting the Snowfall continued in many areas in the higher reaches of the Kashmir valley with Ladakh u as valley on Tuesday with Gulmarg, well as the Mughal Road the alin north Kashmir, recording ternate road-link connecting the about seven inches of fresh valley with the Jammu region, the officials said. The MET Office snowfall, officials said.

Snow, Rains Disrupt

Life, Ćlose Highways

SRINAGAR: Many areas across Srinagar-Leh road also received

north Kashmir including the ski- fresh snowfall which was going on

ley received heavy snowfall for The officials said most places

the second day on Tuesday, while in the plains of the valley re-

resort of Gulmarg and Gurez val- when the last reports came in.

They said other areas like Gurez, on Monday issued an 'Orange Mughal Road and Zojilla axis on Colour' weather >> More On P2

J&K Eyes Gulf Food Sector

20 Member Team Participating In India-UAE Summit



SRINAGAR: With an aim to promote its horticulture produce in the Middle East and tap the Gulf market, a 20-member delegation of businessmen and government officials from Jammu and Kashmir is participating in the UAE-India Food Security Summit

General of India in Dubai in association with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and Invest India, the two-day event brings several key stakeholders from both the countries on one platform to share their experiences, deliberate on solutions and ex-2020, starting Tuesday. plore ways to further increase Organised by the Consulate the collaboration **>>** More On P2

Families Of Kashmiri Men Detained In New Delhi Hold Protest

Accuse Delhi Police Of Arresting The Trio On "Flimsy Grounds"

Delhi on charges of militancy, held "flimsy grounds".

Braving chill and heavy rains, the families of the three detained men, Reyaz Ahmed Rather and that all the three men were not even Shabir Ahmed Gojri, both residents remotely connected » More On P2

SRINAGAR: The families of three of Nasrullah Pora and Muhammad Kashmiri men arrested in New Ayoub Pathan of Gondhipora village of Budgam, assembled at a protest here on Tuesday alleging Press Colony here on Tuesday and their kin have been detained by staged a protest over their arrest the special cell of Delhi Police on by the Delhi police on "concocted charges".

Carrying placards, the family members, including women alleged

All 5 Men In Police **Custody For 4 Days NEW DELHI:** Five persons suspected to have militant links and arrested after

an "encounter" here were remaded for custodial interrogation of four days by a Delhi Court on Tuesday. >> More On P2

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| S. No | Name of the PIA | Date of Counselling | Timings | Course Name/Trade | Course Duration | Minimum Education Eligibility | Venue/Address | Panchayat/ Ward | Block | District |
| 1 | Learnet Skills Limited | 07 -12- 2020 | 11 AM | Self Employed Tailor | 04 months | Middle | Learnet Institute of Skills Khawaja Bagh Baramulla | Baramulla | Wagoora , Singhpora | Baramulla |
| 2 | Learnet Skills Limited | 07 -12- 2020 | 11 AM | Food and Beverages-Service Steward | 05 months | 10th | C/o Shivalik College of Education, Near 35 RR Army Gate | Shiv Nagar | Udhampur | Udhampur |
| 3 | Indus Weld Tech Charitable Trust | 07 -12- 2020 | 12 PM | Metal Inert Gas/Metal Active Gas(MIG/MAG) And Tungesten Inert Gas (TIG) | 07 months | 10th / 12th | Eleverton study circle, Madina Complex Opposite PNB Bank | Ganderbal | Ganderbal | Ganderbal |
| 4 | Syadwad Jain Educational And Social Trust | 07 -12- 2020 | 11:30 AM | Assistant Electrician CCTV Installation Technician Hospitality Assistant Healthcare Multipurpose worker | 6 months | 10th | Panchayat ghar sangaldan | Sangaldan | Block A Sangaldan | Ramban |
| 5 | SLC Education Society | 08 -12- 2020 | 12:00 Noon | Hospitality Assistant Food & Beverages Services Chef, BPO | 11months/7months 11months/ 7 months | 8th | Panchayat Ghar,Domana | Domana | Bhalwal | Jammu |
| 6 | Rooman Technoligies Pvt Ltd | 08 -12- 2020 | 11 AM | BFSI - Banking, financial Services and Insurance | 6 months | 12th | Rooman Technologies, Frienda Complex, Ananad Nagar , Bohri. 180002 | Jammu | Jammu | Jammu |
| 7 | Intelligence Manpower Services Pvt. Ltd | 08 -12- 2020 | 12:00 Noon | Domestic CRM Non-voice | 05 months | 10th | Panchyat Ghar | Thanda Pani | Assar | Doda |
| 8 | ITRC Technologies Pvt. Ltd | 09 -12- 2020 | 11:30 AM | Retail Sales Associate | 03 months | 10th | ITRC Skill Development Centre Patangarah Road, Near Veterinary Hospital, | Ward No 04 | Chenani | Udhampur |
| 9 | Learnet Skills Limited | 11 -12- 2020 | 11 AM | Self Employed Tailor | 04 months | Middle | Learnet Institute of Skills 4th Floor ASH Mall Budgam | Budgam | Budgam | Budgam |
| 10 | Learnet Skills Limited | 11 -12- 2020 | 11 AM | Retail -Trainee Associate | 03 months | 10th | C/o Mother Teresa Convent Hr. Sec School Dharmani, Near Radha Krishana Temple, Gurah Kalyal | Gurah Kalyal-B | Mandli | Kathua (Bilawar) |
| 11 | ICA Edu Skills Pvt. Ltd | 11 -12- 2020 | 11 AM | Departmental Manager | 7.5 months | 12th | ICA, 3rd Floor, Super Bazar, City Chowk Jammu | Corporation | Jammu | Jammu |
| 12 | Indus Weld Tech Charitable Trust | 14 -12- 2020 | 12:00 Noon | Metal Inert Gas/Metal Active Gas(MIG/MAG) And Tungesten Inert Gas (TIG) | 07 months | 10th / 12th | Jetking Information technology computer institute, Ahmad Complex, Near Masjid Mosque | Baramulla | Baramulla | Baramulla |
| 13 | Quess Corp | 14 -12- 2020 | 12.30 PM | 1. Data Entry Operator 2.Retail Sales Associate | 6 months / 03 months | 10th | Seva Charalla Panchayat Ghar Nera Government School | Charalla | Charalla | Doda |
| 14 | Syadwad Jain Educational And Social Trust | 14 -12- 2020 | 11:30 AM | Assistant Electrician CCTV Installation Technician Hospitality Assistant Healthcare multipurpose worker | 6 months | 10th | Panchayat Ghar Phagla Tehsil Surankote | Phagla | Lassana | Poonch |
| 15 | Terrier Security Services | 14 -12- 2020 | 12:30 PM | Data Entry Operator Unarmed security guard | 6 months/4 months | 10th / 12th | Seva Charalla Panchayat Ghar Nera Government School | Charalla | Charalla | Doda |
| 16 | Don Bosco Tech Society | 15 -12- 2020 | 11:00 AM | Food & Beverages-Service Steward | 6 Months | 10th | Himayat Training Centre Poonch, Kanuiyan, Opposite VJ'S Hotel,Poonch | Kanuiyan | Poonch | Poonch |
| 17 | ManpowerGroup Services India Pvt Ltd | 15 -12- 2020 | 11:00 AM | Retail Departmental Manager | 8.5 Months | 10th / 12th | Village office near Shiv Farm Resort seela Reasi | Reasi | Reasi | Reasi |
| 18 | Fidelis Corporate Solutions Pvt. Ltd | 16 -12- 2020 | 12:00 Noon | Technical Support Executive-Voice | 4 months | 12th | Aishmuqaam | | Mattan | Anantnag |
| 19 | Terrier Security Services | 16 -12- 2020 | 11:30 AM | 1. Data Entry Operator 2. Unarmed security guard | 6 months/4 months | 10th / 12th | 16 - Haji Mohalla, Saidakadal | Srinagar | Srinagar | Srinagar |
| 20 | TeamLease Services Ltd | 16 -12- 2020 | 1:00 PM | Food and Beverages | 7 months | 10th / 12th | Heri payeen | Trehgam | Kupwara | Kupwara |
| 21 | Terrier Security Services | 17 -12- 2020 | 12:00 Noon | 1. Data Entry Operator 2. Unarmed security guard | 6 months/4 months | 10th / 12th | Adnan College, Shuhama, Ganderbal | Shuhama | Ganderbal | Ganderbal |
| 22 | ManpowerGroup Services India Pvt Ltd | 17 -12- 2020 | 11:00 AM | Retail Departmental Manager | 8.5 Months | 10th / 12th | Panchayat Ghar Gharhi Udhampur | Rehambal | Udhampur | Udhampur |
| 23 | ICA Edu Skills Pvt. Ltd | 18 -12 - 2020 | 11:00 AM | Departmental Manager | 7.5 months | 12th | ICA, 3rd Floor, Super Bazar, City Chowk Jammu | | Jammu | Jammu |
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Sports Department are also organ-

Director Tourism urged the

Amidst enjoyable snow fall, a

large number of young enthusiasts

participated in Alpine Skiing, Snow

cycling, Sledging and All Terrain

CEO, Gulmarg Development

Deputy Recreation, Assistant

Director, Tourism Gulmarg and

other officers were also present on

distributed prizes among the win-

Elsewhere, Director Tourism also interacted with the Tourism

Stakeholders of Gulmarg regarding

the preparations for the winter sea-

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ners at Gulmarg Golf Club.

Later, Director Tourism Kashmir

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young boys and girls to come for-

ward, actively participate and en-

joy the winter games at Gulmarg.

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Authority,

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FROM **FRONT** PAGE

Mehbooba Placed ...

were demolished by authorities in recent weeks. "A heavy contingent of police and paramilitary forces was deployed at our Gupkar residence and all gates were locked," Iltija said.

Mehboobaji is a politician, and has a right to go wherever she wishes," Iltija said, adding that "Mehboobaji even told police that she will take her private vehicle to reach Budgam, but instead she was not allowed to venture out."

"On one hand, BJP politicians are given full security cover and other facilities to undertake journey of their choice and on the other, Mehboobaji has been caged at her home," Iltija said adding that the government wants to continue its "oppressive and disruptive actions here and anyone who even tries to talk about these issues isn't allowed to do so."

In the last presser, State Election Commissioner (SEC) K K Sharma had stated that Mehbooba being the former J&K chief minister needs to follow the proper security protocol while venturing out of her home.

HC Asks CBI ... The CBI is likely to submit its report on

Wednesday, officials said. On Monday, the court had adjourned the

hearing in the case till December 16. The government filed the petition on December 4 for modification of the nearly two-month-old judgment stating that a large number of common people would suffer unintentionally including landless cultivators and individuals who are themselves residing in dwellings in small areas.

It said there was a need to distinguish between the common people and the wealthy land grabbers among the beneficiaries, and favoured that landless labourers or those with one house in personal use be allowed to keep the allotted land under the Roshni Act.

After the AAGs, Asseem Sawhney and F A Natnoo, pleaded for an early hearing in the case, the division bench fixed the matter for December 11 for hearing the review petition moved by the government of Jammu and Kashmir.

The court also heard advocates Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed for the petitioner and Kohli for the CBI in the virtual hearing.

The court, in a verbal observation, cautioned the agency against conducting a roving inquiry against small officials and landowners and asked it to focus on the "big sharks" and not selectively target first the cases where the anti-corruption bureau is already dealing with the matter or charge sheet has been presented, Ahmad said.

Ahmad said the court passed "significant oral observations". He said that "we do not want a lopsided investigation, also do not want discrimination of any kind in the name + of religion, region, culture and status".

This was contested by Kohli who said this was a presumption made by Ahmad without any basis as only the CBI's ATR will prove to the contrary, the officials said

Ahmad is representing Prof S K Bhalla who had challenged the Roshni Act in the court, which on October 9 finally declared the law "illegal, unconstitutional and unsustainable" and ordered a CBI probe into the allotment of the land under this law.

In its petition filed two months after the judgment amid criticism over its role in not defending the Act in the court, the government which has started releasing separate lists of beneficiaries of Roshni Act and of government land said the common people are unfortunately clubbed along with rich and wealthy land grabbers who have obtained a title over state land through the provision of now struck down Act. "There is a need to distinguish between these two classes of people; the fact of being either a landless cultivator or house-holder with at the most one dwelling house in personal use, would be the primary criteria for differentiating between two classes," the petition read. The petition prayed for permission to formulate an appropriate mechanism to enable people like landless cultivators and single dwelling owners to continue to remain in possession of their land, subject to an appropriate ceiling and on payment at appropriate rates. On November 1, the Union Territory administration cancelled all land transfers that took place under the JK State Land (Vesting of Ownership to the Occupants) Act, 2001 - also known as the Roshni Act.

four minors, officials said. While Kashmir Valley reported 193 new cases of Covid-19, the remaining 277 were

detected in Jammu division. Giving district wise details, they said, Srinagar reported 74, Baramulla 21, Budgam Kupwara 20, Pulwama 10, Anantnag 7, Bandipora 6, Ganderbal 12, Kulgam 0, Shopian 0, Jammu 161, Udhampur 21, Rajouri 24. Doda 13. Kathua 13, Kishtwar 14, Samba 16, Poonch 3, Ramban 9 and Reasi 3.

Moreover, officials said, 524 more patients have recovered and were discharged from various hospitals- 302 from Jammu Division and 222 from Kashmir. (With GNS inputs).

Families Of Kashmiri ...

with militancy and have been arrested by police on false charges.

Gojri's wife Shaista said that her husband visits the shrine of sufi saint Khwaja Moin-ud-din Chishti in Ajmer every year. This year, she said her husband was accompained by another youth from the village, who too has been arrested.

"Can't people of Kashmir visit Delhi? Is it a crime to visit Delhi for any work? My father runs a bandsaw and has nothing to do with militancy. He was in Delhi to purchase some material," Pathan's son asked. Pathan is the father of 3 daughters and 2 sons.

The family members of all these men while seeking the intervention of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh appealed Delhi Police to release them.

"We have seen in past how Kashmiri men were implicated in false case and after spending years together in Jails were acquitted by the court of law," they said. (KNT)

UK Gives 1st ...

Public health officials elsewhere are watching Britain's rollout as they prepare for the unprecedented task of vaccinating billions of people to end a pandemic that has killed more than 1.5 million. While the UK has a well-developed infrastructure for delivering vaccines, it is geared to administer them to groups such as school children or pregnant women, not the whole population.

The UK is getting a head start on the project after British regulators on December 2 gave emergency authorisation to the vaccine produced by US drugmaker Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech. US and European Union authorities are also reviewing the vaccine, alongside rival products developed by US biotechnology company Moderna, and a collaboration between Oxford University and drugmaker AstraZeneca.

On Saturday, Russia began vaccinating thousands of doctors, teachers and others at dozens of centres in Moscow with its Sputnik V vaccine. That programme is being viewed differently because Russia authorised use of Sputnik V last summer after it was tested in only a few dozen people.

The first shipments of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine were delivered to a selected group of UK hospitals on Sunday. At one of those facilities, Croydon University Hospital, south of London, staff

members couldn't so much as touch the vi-als, but they were thrilled to just have them in the building. "I'm so proud," said Louise Coughlan,

joint chief pharmacist at Croydon Health ices NHS Trust The vaccine can't arrive soon enough for the UK, which has more than 61,000 Covid-19-related deaths – more than any other country has reported in Europe. The UK has

Certain Points We Touch, exploring the early death of a close friend; Njambi McGrath, a comedian redrafting her book The Residents of the Ministry of Works, inspired by her experiences as a teen in post-colonial Kenya; T Hannah Regel, completing her first novel, a fictionalised encounter with the work of a forgotten ceramicist, based on an archive held in the Women's Art Library in Goldsmiths College: Alasdair Soussi, working on his biography of Scottish artist James McBey; Lydia Syson, who is writing a biography of three generations of radical mothers and daughters in her family; and Mirza Waheed, whose current novel is about a precipitously transforming natural world and our place in it. The deadlines for applications to the SoA 2021 rounds of grants for work in progress are 1st February, for distribution in May, and 1st

July, for distribution in October. As Covid-19 continues to impact incomes, the organisaton is still distributing hardship grants to authors in financial crisis from the Authors' Contingency Fund.

couldn't have come at a better time'

"My current novel is about a precipitously transforming natural world and our place in it. It's also a book about children. I'm very grateful to receive this grant from the Society of Authors, as it will allow me time and freedom to work uninterrupted on the book. It couldn't have come at a better time. A big thank you," said Mirza Waheed reacting to the announcement

Waheed was born and brought up in downtown Srinagar. His debut novel, The Collaborator, was an international bestseller, a finalist for the Guardian First Book Award and the Shakti Bhat Prize, and was longlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize.

His second novel, The Book of Gold Leaves, was published in 2014 to critical acclaim. It was shortlisted for the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2016, longlisted for the Folio Prize, and was a finalist for the 2015 Tata Literature Live! Book of the Year (Fiction).

Mirza began his writing career with Kashmir Observer and later on moved to BBC. He also contributed to Guardian, Granta, Guernica, Al Jazeera English, and The New York Times. Waheed's last novel Tell Her Everything was nominated for the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019 and Tata Literature Live Book of the Year. It will be published in France early next year. Tell Her Everything won the Hindu Prize for Fiction 2019.

J&K Eyes ...

in the food security sector. Navin Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Jammu and Kashmir, is leading the 20-member delegation to the event, which will be attended by around 200 prominent businessmen, investors and representatives of public sector organisations, business enterprises and in-

stitutions from both India and the UAE. Addressing the curtain raiser event on Monday, India's Ambassador to the UAE, Pavan Kapoor, said the relevance of food security for both India and the UAE is there to see and it has been further accentuated they had claimed. during the coronavirus pandemic.

Majid Aslam Wafai, President of the Jammu & Kashmir Apple Cold Store Association (JKPICCA), said they are in Dubai to explore and understand the Gulf markets as the government of India is keen to see the Kashmiri apple in the Gulf food basket.

'We had a very fruitful meeting with the ubai Chamber of Commerce, v

we hope to leverage this to ensure supply to

Singh Sodhi was also present during the

Punjab's sports minister Rana Gurmeet

The summit will see discussions and pre-

sentations on food processing, equipment

and technology, dairy product development

and infrastructure including development

of logistics and integrated cold chains, reg-

ulatory requirements for imports, invest-

ments into food parks, agro-pro-

cessing clusters, infrastructure

development for fishing harbours

and showcase milestones by Indian

companies in aquaculture, hydro-

ponics, saline irrigation and agri-

India's Consul General in Dubai,

Dr Aman Puri, said food security

is a priority area for both India and

the UAE and over 200 participants

will deliberate on different dimensions of cooperation during the

summit, virtually and otherwise.

"In the post-COVID world, we

should not be thinking of getting back to business as usual. This is

the time to reflect, reset and refresh

our approach to doing business. We

need to collaborate more, leverage

technology and maximise produc-

in the food sector has immense untapped potential and can fur-

ther strengthen food security

not only in the UAE, but the en-

tire Middle East and North Africa

(MENA) region, besides increasing

parks and the entire supply chain

will improve certainty of supplies

and improve productivity and ef-

ficiency in the Indian food sector

landscape. With this summit, we

hope to take this partnership to the

Dr Ahmed Al Banna, Ambassador

of UAE to India; Mekapati Goutham

Reddy, Andhra Pradesh's Industries

and Commerce minister; Juma

Alkait, Assistant Undersecretary

"UAE's investments into food

food exports from India.

next level," he said.

Puri said India-UAE partnership

tivity and efficiency," he said.

tech-vertical farming.

this part of the world," Wafai said.

curtain raiser event.

Council Chairman and Sharaf Group Vice Chairman Maj Gen (Retd) Sharafuddin Sharaf; Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) Chairman Dr M Angamuthu; Invest India MD & CEO Deepak Bagla; and CII Executive Director-FACE Meetu Kapur are among the dignitaries scheduled to attend the event. (PTI)

All 5 Men In ...

According to the police, Shabir Ahmad, Mohammad Ayub Pathan and Riyaz Rather were allegedly affiliated with militant organisation Hizbul Mujahideen while Gurjit Singh and Sukhdeep Singh were accused of being involved in the killing of Shaurya Chakra winner Balwinder Singh in Punjab.

All the five were arrested on Monday after an alleged encounter from Shakarpur locality in east Delhi

They were produced before Metropolitan Magistrate Sahil Khumri, who allowed their police custody till December 11.

The police had sought their remand for eight days saying it was required for further investigation in the case.

According to the police, Ahmad, Pathan and Riyaz were from Kashmir and they were allegedly supplying money to the other two from Punjab to carry out targeted killings.

The five have allegedly revealed Pakistan spy agency ISI's attempt to link Khalistani operatives with militant outfits in Kashmir, police said.

Advocate Qausar Khan, appearing for the accused, said two of the accused have been charged under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and three have been booked under relevant sections of the Arms Act.

Police had said that Gurjit and Sukhdeep were allegedly involved in the killing Balwinder Singh who had received the Shaurya Chakra for fighting militancy. He was shot dead in October.

Three pistols, two kilograms of heroin and Rs 1 lakh in cash were recovered from them along with the two cars in which they were travelling, police had said.

claimed that preliminary Police investigation has revealed there was an alleged attempt by the ISI to link up militant outfits active in Kashmir with Khalistan operatives.

"It has emerged that Pak's ISI along with Pakistan-based Khalistan radicals Harmeet Singh (Chief of Khalistan Liberation Force) and Lakhbir Singh (Chief of KZF-Khalistan Zindabad Force; based in Pakistan) in furtherance of their conspiracy to revive militancy in Punjab, have been using gangster Sukh Bhikhariwal for targeted killings," police had alleged.

According to the police, the three Kashmirbased men were allegedly supplying money to the other two to carry out targeted killings and the money was from the sales of drugs.

"They were selling drugs and the proceeds were used for financing militancy in Punjab,'

Snow, Rains ...

warning for hilly areas of J-K and Ladakh and said the weather was most likely to deteriorate on Tuesday in both the UTs.

It said there would be decrease in the precipitation across both the union territories from Wednesday

Director Tourism, Kashmir Kick Starts Winter Sports Activities At Gulmarg



GULMARG: Director, Tourism Kashmir on Tuesday Kick started the winter sports activities at the world famous Ŝki Resort of Gulmarg.

With early snow coming as a blessing, tourism stakeholders are upbeat to welcome the tourists and ski enthusiasts this season to Gulmarg.

" Early snow has come as a blessing and we are ready to host tourists and winter enthusiasts in Kashmir Valley in general and Gulmarg in particular and today we are officially beginning. The Ski resort is ready and in coming days, many more events will be organized" Director Tourism, Kashmir

Nisar Ahmad Wani said. Director Tourism informed that this season a number of Ski courses for young boys and girls are slated to be organized for which large number of applications have already been received. He said initially, four groups from within J&K and two groups from outside will undergo Ski courses in coming

joyful experience of the tourists visiting Gulmarg, COVID-19 precauweeks. Two groups are exclusive tionary measures to be put in place for girls. He said other departand other steps to be taken to beauments like Youth Services and

2 Employees **Suspended For MCC Violation**

KUPWARA: administration Kupwara on Tuesday put two employees under suspension for 'violating' Model Code of Conduct, enforced in view of ongoing District Development Council elections.

enquiries.

The involvement of the official in election campaigning, as maintained by the order, is a clear violation of the Model Code of Conduct which

"76.53% polling was registered n Jammu division whereas 46,23%

tify and give Gulmarg a festive look. **Panchayat By-Elections Over 63 % Turnout In**

Phase-IV District

The Additional Deputy Commissioner Kupwara has ordered for suspension of both the employees till further

An order copy regarding the suspension of a Beat Guard (Forest Guard) reads that "allegations have been levelled against Khursheed Ahmad Khan Beat Guard (Forest Guard) posted at Daroosa Beat regarding participation in election related

activities," reported news agency GNS.

JAMMU: The fourth phase of polling for Panch and Sarpanch va-cancies held across Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 63.08 and 59.71 percent turnout, State Election Commissioner K.K Sharma said Tuesday.

Jammu division recorded 82.29% and Kashmir 62.31% voter turnout during the 4th phase of Panch 🕇 by-elections held across 215 constituencies, Sharma said. About vacant Sarpanch constituencies, the SEC said, 59.71% voting was recorded in 50 constituencies.

Sharma said that polling was held at 210 polling stations including 134 in Kashmir division and 76 in Jammu division for Sarpanch by-polls and at 215 polling stations including 207 in Kashmir division and 8 in Jammu division for panch elections.

Under the Act, 2.5 lakh acres of land was to be transferred to the existing occupants.

According to the high court order, a total of 6,04,602 kanals (75,575 acres) of state land had been regularised and transferred to the occupants. This included 5,71,210 kanals (71,401 acres) in Jammu and 33,392 kanals (4174 acres) in the Kashmir province.

According to the order, complete identities of influential persons, including ministers, legislators, bureaucrats, government officials, police officers and businessmen, their relatives or persons holding benami for them, who have derived benefit under the Roshni Act, will be made public within a period of one month.

The Roshni Act was enacted in 2001 with the twin objective of generating resources for financing power projects and conferment of proprietary rights to the occupants of the state land. The scheme was finally repealed by the then governor Satya Pal Malik on November 28, 2018.

Earlier, the National Conference took a dig at the J&K administration over its alleged failure to defend the Roshni Act and said thousands of citizens who were bonafide beneficiaries under the scheme are now virtually deprived of their homes and hearth for no fault of theirs.

J&K Reports ... Meanwhile, the Union Territory reported

470 fresh cases of coronavirus, including

more than 1.7 million cases. The 800,000 doses are only a fraction of what is needed. The government is targeting more than 25 million people, or about 40 per cent of the population, in the first phase of its vaccination programme, which gives first priority to those who are highest risk from the disease.

After those over 80 and nursing home workers, the programme will be expanded as the supply increases, with the vaccine offered roughly on the basis of age groups, starting with the oldest people.

In England, the vaccine will be delivered at 50 hospital hubs in the first wave of the programme, with more hospitals expected to offer it as the rollout ramps up. Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are making their own plans under the UK's system of devolved administration.

Logistical issues are slowing the distribution of the Pfizer vaccine because it has to be stored at minus-70 degrees Celsius .

The immunisation program mewill be a "marathon, not a sprint," said professor Stephen Powis, medical director for NHS England.

Authorities also are focusing on largescale distribution points because each package of vaccine contains 975 doses and they don't want any to be wasted.

The UK has agreed to buy millions of doses from seven different producers. Governments around the world are making agreements with multiple developers to ensure they lock in delivery of the products that are ultimately approved for widespread use.

Mirza Waheed ...

Georgia as part of research for an intimate group biography.

Each year the SoA awards over £370,000 in grants as part of the Authors' Foundation and K Blundell Trust to support writers with their works in progress and "bring exciting new work into the world" from a range of genres and styles, at all stages of literary careers. The grants enable writers to focus on their work without the pressures of financial or time constraints.

Among this year's recipients are authors Lauren John Joseph, for whom the grant will for International Trade Affairs five soldiers, four BSF personnel besides allow them to complete queer auto-fiction At Sector, UAE; UAE-India Business

However, there is a possibility of anothheaded on our side by Principal Secretary Navin K Chaudhary. We have received a er spell of widespread rains/snowfall on positive feedback during this meeting and Saturday, the MET Office said.

Gulmarg was the only place in the Kashmir valley to record sub-zero temperatures last night as the mercury there settled at a low of minus 2.4 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

All the remaining weather stations in the valley, including Pahalgam, recorded the minimum temperature above zero degrees Celsius, with the night temperature in Srinagar settling at a low of 2.4 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

deserves punitive action as warranted under law. "Keeping in view of above

(allegations) Shri Khursheed

Ahmad Beat Guard (Forest

Guard) at Dorusa is hereby

placed under suspension

and is attached with DFO

Social Forestry Kupwara with

immediate effect who shall

conduct the enquiry into the

matter and furnish a detailed

report to the office within 15

days", the order reads further.

voting was recorded in Kashmir division," he said.

He further said that in Jammu division, Kishtwar district recorded the highest voter turnout of 97.59% for Panch by-elections followed by Jammu with 84,19% and Doda with 83.73%.

"Similarly, Budgam district topped with 65.35% voter turnout in Kashmir division followed by Kupwara with 64.87% and Ganderbal with 63.75%," he added.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (JSD) PHE. DIVISION, PULWAMA

email:xenphepulwama@gmail.com NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT S. No. 78/PHEP of 2020-21(SHORT)

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) (Short) e-tenders in single cover system are invited on Item Rate Basis from Registered PWD Contractorswhose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules & are active for the following works:

| S. No | Name of work | Estimated Cost (in lacs) | EMD (in) | | Time for comple- tion | Class of Con- tract | Programme |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | Laying and fitting of pipes including provding of PVC Tank, angle iron stand complete for providing water supply facilities to Schools: BPS Sanzen, BPS Kulpora, GMS Rakh Litter, BPS Chowdribagh, GPS Niloora, UPS Nikloora, GPS Nai Basti Malan- gpora, BMS Panzgam, BHSS Panzgam, BPS Batapora, UPS Shal Tukina, BPS Jangalnard, PS Gadhanjipora, PS Bandina, HS Dogripora and P Peti Kawni. | 3.74 | 7480 | 200 | 15 days | DEE | MIL |

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ), terms and conditions of contract can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental web site (jktenders.gov.in) as per the dates shown below: -

| S. No. | Description | | Date | Time |
|--------|---------------------------|----|------|-----------|
| 1 | Publishing date of NIT | 09 | 2020 | 1600 Hrs. |
| 2 | Download start date | 09 | 2020 | 1600 Hrs. |
| 3 | Bid submission start date | 09 | 2020 | 1600 Hrs. |
| 4 | Bid submission end date | 18 | 2020 | 1600 Hrs. |
| 5 | Bid opening date | 19 | 2020 | 1000 Hrs. |

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "download bid submission".

To participate in bidding process bidders, must get digital signature certificate (DSC) as per information technology-2000 bidders can get digital certificate from approved option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website (jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint vendors.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature.

Bids must be accompanied by bid security deposit & cost of tender document as specified in column (4&5) of the above table. Bid security will be in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE Division Pulwama and the cost of tender document shall be deposited in the Treasury under MH 0215 PHE in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Pulwama. (Name of work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt)

All other terms and conditions will remain same as laid down in PWD form No.25-double and FC 33

NO: PHEP/__4805-16 Dated:-08-12-2020

DIPK-10134/20

Sd/-Executive Engineer, (JSD)PHE. Div, Pulwama.

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NEWS

PMO reviews implementation of Flagship Schemes in UTs

J&K applauded for better performance in ONORC, PMJAY, PMSVANidhi, and ODOP

JAMMU: Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Pramod Kumar Mishra today chaired a highlevel meeting to review the implementation of flagship schemes of the Government of India in all the Union Territories.

Chief Secretary, J&K, B V R Subrahmanyam along with Secretaries of various departments participated in the meeting.

Extensive deliberations were held to review the progress of 16 flagship schemes including One Nation One Ration Card (ON-ORC), Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY), Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

(PMAY), PM SVANidhi, PM for malization of micro food process ing enterprises, among others.

Principal Secretary to PM applauded the efforts of the J&K Government to efficiently implement schemes like One Nation One Ration Card, PM SVANidhi, Ayushman Bharat, and PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises.

It was informed that J&K has ensured universal digitization of ration cards, Aadhar seeding of beneficiaries, installation of ePoS devices at all fair price shops to ensure the biometric authenticated sale of subsidized ration, besides providing nation-wide portability services

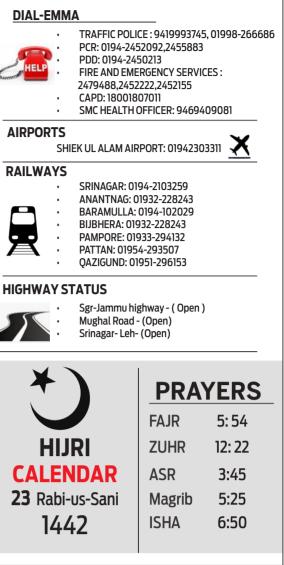


to the beneficiaries. Further, under PM-JAY. the Chief Secretary informed that J&K has empanelled 229 hospitals, besides augmenting the government health and wellness infrastructure to provide

cashless healthcare to approximately 6 lakh eligible families covering approximately 27 lakh population. Additionally, the UT Government is shortly rolling out its prestigious universal healthcare scheme 'SEHAT', to extend free-of-cost healthcare to all its citizens

Under PM SVANidhi. it was apprised that in Jammu and Kashmir a working capital loan up to Rs. 10,000 is sanctioned within 16 days; to the registered street vendor through the Housing & Urban Development Department.

While reviewing the progress of all the Union Territories, P.K. Mishra emphasized ensuring coverage of all the eligible beneficiaries under the flagship schemes in a time-bound manner. He directed the concerned ministries to develop suitable review mechanisms to ensure that the intended benefits reach the targeted population.



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This Day In History

- 1910 French troops occupy Morrocan harbor city Agadir.
- 1917 British forces under General Allenby capture Jerusalem. 1918 - French troops occupies Mainz.
- 1924 Netherlands & Hungary trade treaty signed.
- 1931 Japanese army attacks Chinese province of Jehol.
- 1931 Spain becomes a republic.
- 1941 1st US WW II bombing mission in Far East, Luzon, Philippines
- 1941- China declares war on Japan, Germany & Italy.
- 1948 UN General Assembly unanimously approves Convention on Genocide.

1951 - West German voters approve merger of 3 states to form Baden-Wurttemberg.

- 1957 1st Japanese ambassador to Israel.
- 1961 SS-Obersturmbannführer (lieutenant colonel) Adolf Eichmann found guilty of war crimes in Israel.
- 1961 Tanganyika gains independence from Britain, takes name Tanzania
- 1962 Tanganyika becomes a republic within British Commonwealth.
- 1965 Nikolai Podgorny replaces Anastas Mikoyan as president of Soviet Praesidium. 1968 - NLS (a system for which hypertext and the computer
- mouse were developed) is publicly demonstrated for the first time in San Francisco.

1970 - OPEC meeting in Caracas establishes 55 percent as minimum tax rate and demands that posted prices be changed to reflect changes in foreign exchange rates.

1973 - Arab oil ministers announce a further production cut of 5 percent for January for non-friendly countries.

1975 - Jelena Bonner receives Andrei Sacharov's Nobel Prize. 1975 - Iraq completes nationalization by taking over the BP, CFP, and Shell shares of the Basrah Petroleum Com-

pany. 1978 - Pioneer Venus 2 drops 5 probes into atmosphere of Ve nus 1983 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site. 1984 - Great Britain performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site. 1984 - Iranian commandos end day hijack of Kuwaiti plane. 1987 - Palestine uprising begin in Israeli-occupied West Bank. 1990 - Gunda Niemann skates ladies world record 3k ladies (4:10.80).

Recovered Covid-19 persons should get vaccinated too: DAK

Srinagar, Dec 08: With Covid-19 vaccine getting close to approval for public use in India, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Tuesday said people who have recovered from Covid-19 infection should also get vaccinated.

"If you already had the virus and recovered, you still need to get vaccinated with a Covid-19 vaccine.' said DAK President and influenza expert Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

"Those who recover from Covid-19 infection are getting infected with the virus again," he said.

DAK president said we

infection are getting infected with the virus again

were under the impression that if a person gets infected with the virus, he/she will develop antibodies and will not get the disease again.

"But many people who recover from Covid-19 do not develop antibodies," he said adding "even those who mount adequate antibody response, their antibodies fade over time and they become susceptible again.' "What the virus is doing is in some way compromising aspects of our immune response leaving people vulnerable to repeat infections," said Dr Nisar "Vaccine will get

immunity may be much stronger and lasts much longer than immunity built by contracting the virus,"

"That means even if you have recovered from the virus, you should get the vaccine '

Dr Nisar said vaccine would protect you from getting Covid-19 infection and prevent you from getting seriously ill even if vou do get the virus. Getting vaccinated

may also protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from Covid-19.

If enough people are

Those who recover from Covid-19

vaccinated, we may even end the year-long pandemic.

He said Covid-19 vac-Position cine is a two-dose schedule Position with the second dose to be Receiving given 21 days after the first Publishin dose. The maximum effectiveness of the vaccine was Downloa **Bid Subm** observed 7 days after the

Department of Soil & Water Conservation **Office of the District Officer Soil & Water Conservation Division Baramulla / Bandipora**

Office at Kanthbagh Court Road Baramulla

Short Tender Notice e-NIT No: 04 of 2020-21 Dated: - 07-12-2020

For and on behalf of Honorable Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir/ Central Govt. organization for the following works.

| 5. NO | Item of Work | Adv Cost (Rs in Lacs) | E/M (Rs in Lacs) | Class of Contrac- tors | Cost of Tender documents | Time of Completion |
|----------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Erection of B.A.Barbed wire fencing in four strands onKiker Fence posts (2000 Rft) at Kanon-Bandipora Co. 110 (The rate shall include all leads and lifts, carriages, supplies). Complete jobbut excluding the Kiker fence post 260 No's which will be provided by the Deptt at PLP of site. (As per BOQ). | 1.15 | 2300.00 | DEE | Rs100.00 | 45 Calendar Days |
| 2. | Erection of B.A.Barbed wire fencing in four strands onKiker Fence posts (1600 Rft) at Kudoora-Bandipora Co. 114 (The rate shall include all leads and lifts, carriages, supplies). Complete jobbut excluding the Kiker fence post 208 Nos. which will be provided by the Deptt at PLP of site. (As per BOQ). | 0.92 | 1850.00 | DEE | Rs100.00 | 45 Calendar Days |
| J. | Erection of B.A.Barbed wire fencing in four strands onKiker Fence posts (2000 Rft) at MahienDrung Co. 48 (The rate shall include all leads and lifts, carriages, supplies). Com- plete jobbut excluding the Kiker fence post 260 Nos. which will be provided by the Deptt at PLP of site. (As per BOQ) | 1.15 | 2300.00 | DEE | Rs100.00 | 45 Calendar Days |

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of terms and Conditions of Contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from website: https://jktenders.gov.in

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around this.' He said there is evi-

dence that vaccine induced

second dose. That means full protection is achieved 28 days after the initiation of the vaccine. "While Vaccine is needed for all, it is not

recommended for preg nant women and children under 16 years of age. The vaccine hasn't been tested on expecting mothers and kids. But trials in these age groups are ongoing or planned," said Dr Nisar.

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id Submission End Date 17-12-2020 (04:00 pm) Date of opening of Technical Bid Online 18-12-2020 (11:00 am) The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: https://iktenders.gov.in The date of opening of technical bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. treasury bond Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account head 0406 (Forest) - Soil and Water Conservation Department Baramulla. The Bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 60 days from the date of opening bids All other terms and Conditions shall remain same as per PWD from 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed document. Sd/ **District officer** DIPK-10115/20 Soil and Water conservation Deptt. Baramulla/Bandipora Dated: 07/12/2020 No: DSCOB/e-tender/2020-21/623-27 Government of Jammu and Kashmir J&K Services Selection Board Zum Zum Building Rambagh, Srinagar (www.jkssb.nic.in) FINAL NOTICE. Whereas, J&K Services Selection Board issued final select list of candidates for the post of "Junior Staff Nurse (GMC)" Anantnag Divisional Cadre Kashmir pursuant to Advertisement Notification No. 08 of 2019, item No. 001 and forwarded the same to the indenting department for further course of action; and Whereas, recommendation of some candidates were kept withheld due to some deficiencies, which the said candidates were called upon to furnish the same within 30 days from the date of publication of select list; and Whereas, such candidates were given a notice vide No. SSB/Secy/Sel/44/2020/K/3429-31 dated 22.09.2020 to submit their requisite documents for release of their withheld recommendation within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of said notice Whereas, these candidates have not submitted the requisite documents within the stipulated time of 21 days due to which their cases could not be processed further. Now, therefore, in view of the above, all such candidates as shown in Annexure "A" are hereby informed through the medium of this notice to submit their requisite documents within a period of 10 days in the Central office of J&K Services Selection Board, Zum Zum Building Rambagh, Srinagar failing which they shall forfeit their right of being considered for recommendation to the respective Indenting Department and that their candidature shall also be cancelled forthwith (Sachin Jamwal) KAS, DIDK 10163 (30

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| S. No. | Sel. S.No. | Name of can- didate | Paentage | Address | Date of birth | Remarks |
| 1 | 4/OM | AASIA RASOOL | GH RASOOL SHEIKH | ACHABAL TRAHPOO ACHABAL TRAH- POO Anantnag Anantnag | 01/01/1996 | Recommendation withheld subject to production of date of declaration of result of B.Sc IVth year and date of completion of degree and production of bonafide certifi- cate of degree duly counter signed by competent |
| 2 | 10/OM | SABREENA GULL | MOHD ABDULLAH Shah | BOTINGOO SOPORE ZAINGAIR SIDIQIA COLONY BOTINGOO BOTINGOO SOPORE Dangarpora Baramulla | 15/02/1993 | Recommendation with held subject to production of unmarried certificate as on cut off date |
| 3 | 14/OM | UZMA IQBAL | MOHD IQBAL WAGAY | ASHMUJI MOOMIN ABADA Kulgam Kulgam | 10/02/1994 | Recommendation with held subject to production of degree |
| 4 | 34/OM | SAFIYA | | SOŬRA SOURA NEAR JENAB SAHIB SHRINE CITY Eidgah Srinagar | 05/01/1992 | Recommendation with held subject to production of unmarried certificate as on cut off date |
| 5 | 5/RBA | MEHRUN NISA | AB REHMAN WANI | QAZIGUND KULGAM NEAR ZIYARAT SHARIEF 902432 Devsar Kulgam | 01/03/1990 | Recommendation withheld subject to production of bonafide certificate of degree & unmarried certificate as on cut off date |
| 6 | 3/RBA Waiting | RAEEYA RAMZAN | ZANMIR | DIALGAM SADOORA NEAR MASJID Anantnag Anantnag | 12/05/1996 | Recommendation withheld subject to production of valid within date RBA Category cerificate and degree |
| 7 | 11/RBA Waiting | HEENAYASEEN | MOHAMMAD YASEEN Shah | | 18/04/1994 | Recommendation withheld subject to production of all Original documents |

1994 - 5m meteor 1994 XM1 passes within 100,000 km of Earth.

2006 - Moscow suffers its worst fire since 1977, killing 45 women in a drug rehabitational center.

2012 - 13 people are killed and 10 are injured after a bus rolls of a cliff and falls 100 meters in Taiwan.

2012 - Incumbent Ghanaian president John Mahama wins the general election amidst allegations of fraud.

2012 - The Social Liberal Union Party and Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta win by a landslide in the parliamentary elections.

2014 - CIA Torture Report released, detailing the CIA's use of torture on detainees between 2001-2006.

2015 - Attack on Kandahar airport by Taliban forces kills at least 37 before Afghan forces retake control.



Observer News Service

'EW DELHI: A two-member team of US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) today left for Srinagar in connection with the mys¬terious disappearance of the four foreigners kidnapped in 1995, official sources said.

The sources said this was a routine visit by the FBI officials as per the requirement of the United States laws where they have to submit a report every quarter.

Six foreigners — John Childs and Donald Fred Hutchings (both US nationals), Paul Wells and Keith Mangan (UK nationals), Dirk Hasert (German) and Hans Christian Ostro (Norwegian) - had been kidnapped in July 1995 from Pahalgam hills in South Kashmir.

The group responsible for kidnapping identified itself as Al- Faran. While Childs managed to give a slip to his abductors, the head of Norwegian abductee was found severed near Anantnag in August 1995.

The fate of other four hostages despite hectic search operation carried by the government and later by German and British po-lice remains unknown.

(Kashmir Observer, 09 December, 2000)

Apni Party will never indulge in politics of deceit: Mir

SRINAGAR: Appi Party Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir on Tuesday remarked that his party has committed not to indulge in politics of deceit or promise anything to the people that is not achievable by any means.

Addressing a series of party campaign meetings in villages like Sanoor Kalipora, Makhama, Wuhangam, Rathusn and Chewdara falling within DDC elections constituency Rathsun Beerwah, Mir said that Apni Party has not promised anything anywhere in J&K except for holistic development through the current elections.

"At a time when other political parties have changed their goalposts as per their past practices. Apni Party stands devoted to its agenda of peace and progress through the route of development," Mir observed.

The Apni Party senior vice president advocated for massive participation in DDC polls so as to have a council of grassroot level representatives at district

levels who would determine the contours of the developmental programmes as per their requirements.

"The end result of these elections is unlike what is being propagated by many regional political parties who compare these polls with

some referendum by the people. One fails to understa the audacity of these po cal parties who think can still hoodwink the pe through their misleading gans," Mir averred.

He added that I elections are purely me for the development planning program which will be formula by the grassroots le elected representatives

per the demands of t respective constituencie Mir expressed grati

to the people for repos trust and confidence on vision and agenda of A Party leadership which manifested by the incr ing number of people inc ing political veterans join this party from across a

mu and Kashmir.



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Peace in Afghanistan

In the peace agreement that paves the way for return of Taliban to power in the country, there has been little progress in the intra-Afghan talks so far. On a positive note though, the Afghan government and the Taliban have agreed framework rules for peace talks. The talks hosted by Qatar's capital Doha are hoped to lead to end of the ongoing two decade long war in the country. But the peace efforts have hardly reduced violence. There has been a steep rise in violence amid an accelerated withdrawal of US troops. Besides Taliban attacks, the ISIS too has increased its footprint in the country.

Meanwhile, despite losing the US presidential election, Donald Trump has ordered a drawdown of American forces in the country to around 2,500 by January. Critics of the peace efforts believe this would embolden Taliban and persuade it to play for time and try toppling the regime once all the US troops have left the country. Such a prospect can plunge the country deeper into civil war.

It will be interesting to see how the new US administration under Joe Biden that will take over on January 20 will deal with the situation. Many observers expect Biden to be more nuanced in his approach. Pakistan hopes its concerns to be accommodated more in the new US administration. In 2008, Pakistan had conferred Biden with the second highest civilian honor, 'Hilal-e-Pakistan'. Joe Biden and Senator Richard Lugar were behind the proposal to bring \$ 1.5 billion non-military aid to Pakistan. Biden will also want to withdraw troops from Afghanistan, but he is expected to be a steadier hand.

However, eventually the peace and stability in Afghanistan will have to be the responsibility of the regional powers. And it is unlikely to happen if the regional powers pursue their disparate interests in the war-torn country. The US will also need to make some subtle adjustment in its Afghanistan policy to make it work. In its current form, the policy almost entirely neglects the regional geo-politics, prevailing issues and the contending interests of the neighbouring countries like India and Pakistan which essentially keep the conflict going in Kabul. So rather than an Afghanistan-centric policy, US needs a broader regional approach to work for an integrated solution to the conflicts and the competing interests that in turn fuel the war in Kabul.

Here's hoping that unlike Trump whose approa

Why The PDP Needs Clarity, Not Ambiguity



n my last column for Kashmir Observer, I traced the history of the J&K National Conference (NC) since the 1930s. I argued why the region's oldest political formation needs to revamp and reinvent itself. In this latest piece, I will talk about the J&K People's Democratic Party (PDP), another major regional unionist force in Jammu and Kashmir. The PDP should stop taking refuge in ambiguity and doublespeak and summon courage to walk and talk Kashmir.

Does a weakened PDP have the political will to side with Kashmir?

Many theories have been floated with regards to the formation of the PDP in the late 1990s. One of the most talked about is that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) was allegedly behind the PDP's creation. The aim, according to this theory, was to thwart any future attempts by any single regional political force to blackmail New Delhi through the J&K Legislative Assembly.

Another interesting theory is that the Jama'at-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir, a sociopolitical and religious party which stands proscribed for now, also allegedly lent its support to the PDP in the Assembly elections. One of the many allegations is that the PDP leaders in the past have also sought help from a banned militant outfit. No concrete evidence is produced to corroborate this premise, though.

Be that as it may, the two decade-long political journey of the PDP has caught people's attention.

The Caravan in its January 2016 cover story reported on the view that the PDP, "was a creation of the National Democratic Alliance government, launched to fill the need of a 'pro-India party'" in Jammu and Kashmir. The Caravan story also quoted Liaqat Ali Khan, a former commander of the Ikhwan, a government-sponsored counter-insurgency group, that "all the Indian agencies were directed to support the PDP."

About the genesis of the PDP, the Caravan story argued that, "the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) government funded and supported the PDP to prop up opposition to the National Conference." The "purported reason for this move" was that the NC under the leadership of Farooq Abdullah had passed the autonomy resolution in the J&K Legislative Assembly with two-thirds majority.

This, according to the memoir of India's former deputy prime minister L K Advani, had "shocked" India and the A B Vajpayee-led government in New Delhi. Advani in his autobiography My Country My Life while talking about the NC's autonomy resolution in a chapter entitled Dealing With The Kashmir Issue writes: "The nation was shocked on June 26, 2000, during the Vajpayee government's rule in New Delhi, when the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly adopted a report of the State Autonomy Committee (SAC) and asked the Centre to immediately implement it. The SAC recommended return of the constitutional situation in Jammu and Kashmir to its pre-1953 status by restoring to the state all subjects of governance except defence, foreign affairs, currency and communication. In the J&K Legislative Assembly the autonomy resolution was adopted by voice vote. The view is that New Delhi wanted to avoid any similar embarrassment in future. A strong regional party could have passed any resolution in the assembly to cause further discomfort to New Delhi. According to this view, the PDP was formed to divide the Muslim vote bank in J&K and consolidate the Hindu vote in the plains of Jammu. Farooq Abdullah too has made such claim in the past. When the NC started asking for greater regional autonomy in the late 1990s and recommended the restoration of a 1952 agreement with New Delhi, the PDP came up with a new slogan Self-Rule. On its part, the PDP has officially denied both charges. In early 2000, the patron of the PDP late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed had famously and also controversially said that, "Kashmiri militants don't need guns anymore because their representatives are



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now in the Assembly". The Sayeed-led PDP in 2002 forged a partnership with the Congress to form a coalition government on a three-year rotation basis. From 2002 until 2005, Sayeed acted as the Chief Minister, while from 2005 to 2008, senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad took over as Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, the PDP's slogan was "healing touch" and it also talked about the resolution of J&K and advocated "Self-Rule" and "Joint Mechanism" as a viable solution. This was obviously a step ahead of the NC which always favoured regional autonomy, turning the clock backwards to 1953.

Interestingly, late Sayeed chose a party symbol that was telling in many ways. The pen and the inkpot. And the green flag. Everything was reminiscent of the erstwhile Muslim United Front or Muslim Muttahida Mahaz. In miming the MUF symbol was political messaging. It has been alleged that the PDP intentionally chose the party symbol for it had already been popularised among the Kashmiri masses by the MUF in the late 1980s.

Meanwhile, a fractured mandate in the Assembly elections of 2014 resulted in the formation of a coalition government that had the PDP and the BJP as partners. This alliance was described as "ideologically antithetical" and an "unholy alliance". Key Kashmir watchers also predicted this partnership as "political suicide" for the PDP. However, the PDP defended its alliance arguing that the electoral arithmetic dictated terms. Late Sayeed's decision to ally with the BJP came as a shock to his own supporters. They could not comprehend why he would join hands with the Narendra Modi-led BJP. joint venture as a "paradigm shift" in the political history of Jammu and Kashmir. In Spy Chronicles RAW, ISI and the Illusion of Peace, a book based on conversations between Amarjit Singh Dulat and Asad Durrani and written by journalist Aditya Sinha, India's former spymaster Dulat argues that, "Mufti underestimated Modi, overestimated himself, and found himself in a fix."

OPINION

Nonetheless, both sides appeared to have made compromises on their respective positions to form the coalition government in 2014, which lasted till June 2018. While the BJP did not press for abrogation of Article 370 and agreed to maintain the erstwhile state's constitutional position, the PDP did not include its vision of self-rule and joint mechanism for Jammu and Kashmir in the alliance document (Agenda of Alliance).

It was for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir's electoral politics that BJP, in March 2015, became part of any coalition government. This was unacceptable to a majority of people of the restive region because of the BJP's anti-Muslim track record.

The rest, as they say, is history.

In 2020, the PDP as a political force is finding itself on a sticky wicket. It is weaker as many of its senior leaders have deserted the party. Big names which have bid adieu to the party include co-founder Muzaffar Hussain Beig, Altaf Bukhari and Mohammad Rafi Mir. The party 's vouth lead er Waheed Ur Rehman Parra has been arrested and is accused of allegedly seeking help for the party from the banned militant outfit, Hizbul Mujahideen. The party summarily denies the charge and terms Parra's arrest as "politically motivated" Former Chief Minister and PDP President Mehbooba Mufti's movement, her party claims, has been restricted by the J&K administration on the orders of the BJP. The party members allege that New Delhi wants to break the PDP by lending support to the Apni Party led by a PDP deserter, Altaf Bukhari. Sometimes, the PDP is in jest referred to as the Papa Daughter Party. The joke is a reference to late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed and his daughter Mehbooba Mufti. It is a challenge for the party to walk the talk. It has thus far failed to practice what it preaches. In an interview with The Indian Express, Tassaduq Mufti conceded that the PDP had become a "partner in crime" when it joined hands with the BJP. One of the main reasons behind the PDP's current state of affairs is its ambiguity and lack of political will to side with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Its loyalty keeps swinging like a pendulum from Delhi to Kashmir, raising doubts about its very intent and purpose.

was transactional in nature, Biden administration takes a more integrated view of the regional situation in his dealings. This alone will help promote the cause of regional peace than the approach pursued by Trump.

OTHER OPINON

The dangers of misinformation

ver the weekend, Haryana's health minister Anil Vij announced that he tested positive for the coronavirus disease (Covid-19), leading many to draw connections with his participation in the trials of one of the vaccine candidates. The immediate media coverage and the social media conversations that followed conflated Mr Vij's diagnosis with the trial in a way that suggested that the inoculation of Covaxin from Bharat Biotech may be ineffective. In reality, it is not known whether the minister was given a placebo or the actual inoculation. Even if he did get a shot of Covaxin, it is not meant to be protective until he gets at least two doses (he got only one) and his immunity has had 14 days after that to build the necessary protection against Covid-19.

This is not the first instance in which inadequate information or improper understanding of a scientific process as complex as vaccine development has gained traction on mainstream as well as social media. Last week, cricketer Harbhajan Singh seemingly implied that recovery from natural infection appeared to offer more protection than vaccines, citing efficacy numbers that, in reality, hold no equivalence with disease recovery rates. A little earlier, at the end of November, the coverage of the adverse effect in a volunteer participating in the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine trial in Chennai amplified allegations that were later disproved.

Helped by misleading semantics and a lack of awareness, such conversations around vaccines are prone to misinformation and could erode trust. This problem has been particularly pronounced in the West - recent polls showed only 60% of Americans are willing to take a vaccine — although it has not taken hold in a country like India, where most people have seen disease more closely. The enormous gains from vaccine campaigns like that of polio are still largely fresh in everyone's minds. But this does not mean Indians are any less susceptible to misinformation on an issue where a difference between a headline and nuance could often be the line dividing fact and myth. Recent studies have shown that when it is amplified by sources that typically have high trust — like news organisations and celebrities - the spread of misinformation is more damaging and harder to mitigate. In these times, such groups must prioritise nuance. We must listen to experts first, before not just voicing but also forming our own opinions.

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Sayeed, on his part, described the PDP-BJP

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International Anti-Corruption Day

International Anti-Corruption Day is celebrated every year on 9 December all over the world. On 31 October 2003, the United Nations passed an anti-corruption pact and since then the day has been celebrated. The main purpose of this day is to eliminate corruption in order to maintain a prosperous, value-oriented society all over the world. On this day, many activities like conferences, speeches, rallies, exhibitions, dramas etc. are organized by the United Nations and the respective member

states with the spirit of fighting corruption.

Corruption is spreading very fast but it is not only a problem of any society, province or country; it has corrupted every person and system, it is necessary to stop this process and not wait. Power and selfishness have shown moral cowardice in perfecting corruption. Because of this, the confidence in the people got so much down that even the man who was standing on the right side seems to be false, corrupt and immoral. Eyes find truth

on that face. Corruption is a serious crime that undermines moral, social and economic development in all societies.

In today's time, no country, region or community has survived from corruption. It has spread to all parts of the world whether it is political, social or economic as well as weakens democratic institutions, contributes to government instability and slows down economic growth, we have to control over this huge problem. To achieve this, the United Nations decided to organize Anti-Corruption Day.

The question is what is corruption? Simply put, corruption refers to a kind of dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those who have power. It also spoils the structure of society. It kills people from their freedom, health, wealth and sometimes their lives.

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The solution to India's dangerous doctor shortage

Dr. G. Richard Olds

India's domestic medical schools can't supply those doctors alone. They don't have the capacity to educate that many people. Each year, Indian medical schools turn away thousands of qualified applicants. India is facing a severe physician shortage. The country needs roughly 600,000 more to meet the World Health Organization's recommended ratio of doctors to patients.

As the population grows, India will need as many as 2 million more doctors by 2030, according to a study in the Indian Journal of Public Health.

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International medical schools can provide the doctors India needs. For decades, these institutions have produced skilled physicians who are more than capable of addressing India's healthcare needs.

India is short on doctors of all types, particularly specialists. The country only has 20 percent of the surgeons and gynaecologists it needs. More than three-quarters of the country's community health centers lack a single OB/GYN.

This dearth of doctors harms Indians' health. A 2018 study published in The Lancet, a medical journal, found that "insufficient healthcare access" has worsened the burden of non-communicable diseases like cancer, heart disease, and diabetes in India. More than one in five Indians suffers from one or more chronic diseases.

Plenty of Indians want to become doctors. This year, almost 1.6 million students registered for the NEET exam, the standardized test required to gain admission to domestic medical schools.

But many who perform well on the test and have the potential to become top-notch doctors don't receive a single acceptance letter from an Indian medical school. The Christian Medical College in Vellore offered a spot to just 0.25 percent of applicants in 2015. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi receives upwards of 90,000 applicants but only



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has space for 72 students. That's an admission rate of 0.08 percent.

Altogether, Indian medical schools have space for just 5 percent of the students who take the NEET exam.

By comparison, the acceptance rate at Harvard Medical School -- one of the most selective schools in the United States -- is 3.3 percent. Less than 6 percent of applicants gain admission to Yale's medical school.

International medical schools can help promising Indian students who would like to become doctors achieve their dreams -- and eventually fill gaps in India's physician workforce. Graduates of international medical schools practice in a range of specialties worldwide, from paediatrics and surgery to obstetrics and gynaecology.

Few medical schools are as international as the one I lead, St George's University on the Caribbean island of Grenada. Our students come from nearly 100 countries, including India. Now students from India can start their medical education at Ramaiah University in Bengaluru. After one year in India, they move on to our campus in the Caribbean for two years of instruction before completing their clinical work in the United Kingdom, United States, or Grenada.

Additionally, St. George's allows students to earn a doctor of medicine degree, a more prestigious alternative to the "MBBS" undergraduate degrees offered at Indian institutions.

The coronavirus pandemic has laid bare just how severe India's doctor shortage is. International medical schools can supply the physicians the country needs to narrow that shortage - and provide a pathway to professional success for talented Indians.

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Vaccine and International Travel

Adrian Esterman

United Kingdom became Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for widespread use. Following a review by the country's drug regulator, the UK government announced it will begin rolling out the vaccine next week. Other countries are likely to follow soon, authorising the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine and possibly other leading candidates too. Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration says it's continuing to assess the Pfizer/BioNTech data. The world has been eagerly awaiting a COVID vaccine, touted since early in the pandemic as our best hope of returning to "normal". A big part of this is the resumption of international travel. Certainly, an effective vaccine brings this prospect much closer. But a vaccine alone won't ensure a safe return to international travel. There are several other things Australia and other countries will need to consider.



oped COVID risk ratings for different countries or jurisdictions. For example, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) rates the COVID situation in each European country as "stable", "of concern" or "of serious concern". These risk assessments are based on factors including each country's 14-day COVID case notification rate, the proportion of tests coming back positive, and the rate of deaths. Clearly, people from high-risk areas or countries will still need to quarantine on arrival, unless they have been vaccinated.

International travel in the age of a COVID vaccine

When people are vaccinated before boarding a flight, we can have confidence there will be significantly less COVID risk associated with international travel. However, the data we have at the moment doesn't tell us everything we need to know.

Let's take the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine as an example. They have reported the efficacy of their mRNA vaccine to be 95% in preventing symptomatic CO-VID-19, having tested it on around half of the 43,000 participants in their phase 3 trial (the other half received a placebo).

The vaccine appears to be safe with only mild side-effects in some participants. And notably, the study included people aged 65 and over and those with health conditions that put them at higher risk of more severe disease.

However, the study hasn't officially reported the efficacy of the vaccine against becoming infected, as opposed to displaying symptoms. While it's encouraging to know a vaccine stops people getting sick, this point is important because if people can still become infected with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes CO-VID-19), they may still be able to spread it.

Ugur ahin, BioNTech's cofounder and chief executive, believes the vaccine could reduce transmission by 50%. This puts something of a dampener on vaccina-

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tion being the key to the safe resumption of international travel.

At this stage, we also don't know how long immunity will last for those vaccinated with the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine. But as the trial will continue for several more months, some of this data should become available in 2021.

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alistically, years — to vaccinate everybody who wants to be vaccinated. It won't be feasible to expect every single person travelling internationally to be vaccinated.

There are several countries that appear never to have had community transmission. As of November, these included many Pacific island nations such as Tonga, Kiribati, Micronesia, Palau, Samoa and Tuvalu.

Then there are countries that have

COVID-19 under control with little, if any, community transmission. Examples include Australia, New Zealand, Vietnam and Singapore.

People arriving in Australia from these countries pose very little risk and should not need to quarantine, whether vaccinated or not. For other countries, it would very much depend on their epidemic situation at the time.

Some organisations have already devel-

Testing

Many countries now require a negative COVID test certificate before entry. For example, Spain requires a negative PCR test no more than 72 hours before travelling.

Similarly, some airlines, such as Emirates and Etihad, are mandating COVID testing before travel.

It would also make sense to have rapid antigen testing available at airport arrivals or border crossings. Although not as accurate as PCR tests, these tests would provide a second check that a traveller hasn't incubated COVID-19 on the way to their destination.

Even with vaccination, testing will still be important, as vaccination doesn't guarantee a passenger is not infected, or infectious.

Certificates and passports

Once COVID-19 vaccines become accessible, countries and airlines may well require visitors to produce a certificate of vaccination.

Qantas chief executive Alan Joyce has suggested all Qantas international passengers from next year would be required to have a COVID vaccination certificate.

There are also many groups around the world working on immunity passports and technologies to track travellers' virus status.

For example, the International Air Transport Association is developing a digital health pass which will carry testing and vaccination status.

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Life & Times

Travel restrictions effective in countries with low number of **COVID-19 cases: Lancet study**



NEW DELHI: Travel restrictions are effective in countries with low numbers of COVID-19 cases, or that have strong travel links with nations experiencing high rates of the viral infection, according to a study published in The Lancet Public Health journal.

The study also suggests that travel restrictions may have been most effective during the early stages of the pandemic, and the measures are unlikely to be effective when the virus is already spreading rapidly within a country.

"We recognise that these measures carry a high economic and social cost, so it is important that governments use travel restrictions in a targeted way," said Professor Mark Jit from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who led the study.

"Before introducing restrictions, they should take into account local infection figures, epidemic growth rates, and the volume of travellers arriving from countries heavily-affected by the virus," Jit explained.

The researchers used detailed flight data to compare the number of expected COVID-19 cases arriving from international flights with the number of infections arising from transmission within individual countries.

They produced estimates of international travellers in May and September 2020 based on two scenarios.

One scenario used flight data for the same months in 2019, assuming no reduction in travel numbers, and the other scenario was based on the expected reduction in passenger numbers. Numbers of COVID-19 cases and infection rates were estimated using a mathematical model that adjusts recorded cases to take account of asymptomatic and unreported infections.

Results were determined based on how imported COVID-19 cases would affect local epidemic growth rates, using country-specific reproduction number, or R number, estimates.

Where imported cases accounted for more than 10 per cent of infections within individual countries, they were considered to have a major impact on growth of the epidemic, the study found.

The work estimated that when imported cases accounted for less than 10 per cent, their impact on the growth of the epidemic is usually small, while those below 1 per cent would have

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an almost undetectable effect on epidemic size. The researchers noted that had there been no travel restrictions or reduction in travel volumes in May 2020, the imported COVID-19 cases would account for more than 10 per cent of infections in the majority of countries included in the analysis, the researchers said.

Imported cases would account for no more than 10 per cent of infections in 34 out of 136 countries, and less than 1 per cent in four, they said.

According to the estimates based on expected passenger numbers in May 2020, imported cases would have contributed to more than 10 per cent of total incidence in 74 countries, less than 10 per cent of total incidence in 62 countries, and to less than 1 per cent in eight countries.

However, by September 2020, had there been no travel restrictions or reduction in travel volumes, imported cases would account for more than 10 per cent of infections in only a small number of countries.

Imported cases account for less than 10 per cent of infections in 106 out of 162 countries, and less than 1 per cent in 21, the researchers said. According to the estimates based on expected

passenger numbers in September 2020, travel restrictions would have contributed to more than 10 per cent of infections in only 37 countries, less than 10 per cent in 125 countries and less than 1 per cent in only 44 countries.

The findings indicate that international travel restrictions were most effective at limiting local transmission of the virus during earlier stages of the pandemic, said the researchers, adding this is because imported cases led to outbreaks in countries with very few or no existing cases. –PTI

Sponsored Feature Bored of Straight Hair? Learn 6 Steps to Style With a Hair Crimper

seem to vanish overnight. Right? And now, with so many hair trends com- STEP 3: Blow-Dry Your Hair ing back to life, it can be confusing to discover your own style. However, fore you use the hair crimper mathere's one hairstyle that allows you to experiment with your look any way you want. Have you guessed it yet? Yes! We are talking about crimped hair.

Crimped hair has always been in fashion; from ponytails and pigtails to half-up dos, you've certainly seen the' 80s crimped hair look make a STEP 4: Brush Your Hair comeback across various social media platforms. No need to worry if the crimped hair trend! In this article, we talk about how to crimp your hair at home with a hair crimper.

How to Crimp Hair for The Picture-perfect Retro Look?

Here are 6 easy steps to get the crimper machine:

There are many hairdos out

there that look fabulous on day-old washed hair, but it's better to start on freshly shampooed hair when it comes to crimping. It would help if you used a good quality shampoo minous, and moisturized hair before you start crimping.

STEP 2: Apply Heat Protectant

Now, it's time to use a heat protectant as your hair is clean after

■ N the beauty world, often, un- spray forgiving your strands an allexpectedly, old trends become over sprit. This spray protects your new, and current ones sometimes hair against heat damage and decreases your blow-dry time.

Your hair must be fully dried be-

chine. After all, you do not want to damage your hair. Wait for your hair to air dry, and then blow-dry it completely. You can select a good dryer from premium brands like Vega that features 2 speed/heat incorporated switch and airflow setting to simplify

creating versatile hairstyles at home. Detangle any knots in your hair

using a flat boar bristle brush so you you happen to be out of the loop on have perfectly smooth hair surface before you start crimping. **STEP 5: Section Your Hair** The best way to achieve this

look is to break the main into parts, much like curling or straightening your hair. Part your hair into a sec**perfect crimped hair using a hair** tion at the top and bottom and split each of those parts into a section on

STEP 1: Wash Your Hair the left and right.

STEP 6: Prep Your Hair Crimper Machine You have two options: you can either use a new-fangled zig-zag iron or an old-school hair crimper. While conventional hair crimpers produce and conditioner to get smooth, lu- a more '80s look with super-fine curves and loaded texture, the latest zig-zag iron creates broader crimps for a modern touch that resembles

geometric waves. Plug the hair crimper and set it shampooing and conditioning. To to the lowest heat level, regardless begin, use a fast-dry heat protectant of whatever type of appliance you

select. Doing so allows you to style your hair without having to make several attempts. Usually, the thinner your hair, the lower your heat setting should be. You might need to use a higher heat setting for thicker hair.

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STEP 7: Crimp Away! Take a section-by-section approach to crimp your hair using a hair crimper machine. To create a volumized final look that's full of

definition and texture, break each of your four hair sections into smaller sections. Sandwich the iron plates horizontally over your hair while crimping to get your desired look.

Hold down the hair crimper for five to ten seconds per section, but depending on your hair's thickness, you might need to hold it for longer. So, before you get it just right, feel free to try it out a couple of times! Long Live the 80's Style

Now that you know how to crimp your hair, let your tresses hang loose or tie them together in a super-high pony, space buns, or whatever your heart wants. There are many hair crimper machines in the market; however, you must always invest in a good quality crimper from trusted brands like Vega. The Vega Classic hair crimper will increase your glam quotient because it gives your hair instant volume and a well-defined texture. The crimper comes with big ceramic coated plates featuring5 ridges that are ideal for all hairstyles. Their hair crimper machine covers a large portion of hair in one go. So, what are you waiting for? Check out their website today!

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The power supply scheduled curtailment programme is hereby published as Annexure "A1", "A2", "B1", & "B2", for the information of General consumers of KPDCL Circle Bijbehara District Anantnag and Kulgam. The Curtailment Programme is subject to review as per Demand-Availability position from time to time and the consumers are requested to use electricity judiciously to avoid overloading of Power System.

| Proposed Curtailment | program | me of 33/11KV R | eceiving Station | s under the jurisd | iction of STD Bijbel | nara, (Power to rer | nain OFF) | | | | |
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| Group A 11 KV Feeders Group B 11 KV Feeders Average Curtailment/ Day Anne | Akingam, Cher, Old Vessu, Nip gam, Sempora, Y B Dooru, Hill Chittergull, R.S Akhran, Nassu Matulhama, Ya 12.00 Hrs | pora, Issus, G ora, Y K Pora, Daderkoot, Ai er, Shankerpo .Pora, Schiche Manzmoh, W ripora A, Yarip ilment Prog | Vessu, Malv shmuji, Sirł ra, Dooru , N en, Nambal /altengoo, ora B, Behi ramme S | reribal, Dialg van, Sopat, F hama , Khira lowgam (Sha Kanelwan, T N Pora, Bo bagh, Sriguf | Pahloo, D am , Mir Ba angus), Ka Shamsipo gam, Dev fwara (Khi ara (Un N | K Marg, D H Pora azar, Brinti, Shang apran, Sadiwara, Ira, Momen, Frisa sar, Ahrebal, Bat ram), Wanpoh, M Metered Feede | rs) of O& M | (qam A, Hapa , Kelem, Arreh , Halmullaha, , iloo, Kokerna al, Aishmuqa oora, Hablish, ghama, & Dial | n, Nillow, Qaimoh AshmuqamA, & g A, Deethoo, Ut m B, Sirgafwara, Sehpora, Began gam (Ashajipora | asan Noor n, Tarigam Sangam Itersoo, Sł Saller, Ba n, Redwar | n, Pari- nangus atkoot, |
| Group A 11 KV Feeders Group B 11 KV Feeders Average Curtailment/ Day Anne Proposed C | Akingam, Cher , Old Vessu, Nip gam, Sempora, Y B Dooru, Hill Chittergull, R.S Akhran, Nassu Matulhama, Ya 12.00 Hrs | pora, Issus, G ora, Y K Pora, Daderkoot, Ai er, Shankerpo .Pora, Schiche Manzmoh, W ripora A, Yarip ilment Prog | Vessu, Malv shmuji, Sirł ra, Dooru , N en, Nambal /altengoo, ora B, Behi ramme S | eribal, Dialg van, Sopat, F hama, Khira lowgam (Sha , Kanelwan, T N Pora, Bo bagh, Sriguf | Pahloo, D am , Mir Ba angus), Ka Shamsipo gam, Dev fwara (Khi ara (Un N | K Marg, D H Pora azar, Brinti, Shang apran, Sadiwara, ra, Momen, Frisa sar, Ahrebal, Bat ram), Wanpoh, M Metered Feede Grid Station Lisse | rs) of O& M | (qam A, Hapa , Kelem, Arreh , Halmullaha, , iloo, Kokerna al, Aishmuqa oora, Hablish, ghama, & Dial | n, Nillow, Qaimoh AshmuqamA, & g A, Deethoo, Ut m B, Sirgafwara, Sehpora, Began gam (Ashajipora CL Bijbehara | asan Noor n, Tarigam Sangam Itersoo, Sł Saller, Ba n, Redwar | n, Pari- nangus atkoot, |
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| Group A 11 KV Feeders Group B 11 KV Feeders Average Curtailment/ Day Anne Proposed C Day Sunday | Akingam, Cher, Old Vessu, Nip gam, Sempora, Y B Dooru, Hill Chittergull, R.S Akhran, Nassu Matulhama, Ya 12.00 Hrs Xure"B2"Curta Curtailment progr MORNING 7:00-7:30AM AB | ilment Prog amme of 33/1 7:30-9 9:00AM 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1 | Vessu, Malv shmuji, Sirt ra, Dooru , N en, Nambal /altengoo, ora B, Behi ramme S KV Receivir DA 00- 10: :30AM 1:0 2 AB | eribal, Dialg van, Sopat, F bama , Khira lowgam (Sha , Kanelwan, T N Pora, Bo bagh, Sriguf TD Bijbeha ng Stations 1 Y 30AM- 1:0 0PM 3:3 | Pahloo, D am , Mir Ba Jangus), Ka Shamsipo Jogam, Dev fwara (Khi ara (Un N fed from G DOPM- 30PM | K Marg, D H Pora azar, Brinti, Shang apran, Sadiwara, ra, Momen, Frisa sar, Ahrebal, Bat ram), Wanpoh, M Metered Feede Grid Station Lisse EVE 3:30- 6:0 6:00PM 7:30 AC AB | rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs] o | rgam A, Hapa , Kelem, Arreh , Halmullaha, , iloo, Kokerna al, Aishmuqa oora, Hablish, ghama, & Dial Circle, KPD (Progent Content (Progent Cont | n, Nillow, Qaimoh AshmuqamA, & g A, Deethoo, Ut m B, Sirgafwara, Sehpora, Began gam (Ashajipora CL Bijbehara ower to remain O NIGHT 10:30AM- 1 1:00PM AB | FF) 1:00PM- 3:30PM BC | a, Pari- angus atkoot ai, 3:30- 6:001 AC |
| Group A 11 KV Feeders Group B 11 KV Feeders Average Curtailment/ Day Anne Proposed C Day Sunday Monday | Akingam, Chei, Old Vessu, Nip gam, Sempora, Y B Dooru, Hill Chittergull, R.S Akhran, Nassu Matulhama, Ya 12.00 Hrs xure"B2"Curta Curtailment progr. MORNING 7:00-7:30AM AB BC | ilment Prog amme of 33/1 7:30-9 9:00AM 10 8C AC A | Vessu, Malv shmuji, Sirt a, Dooru , N en, Nambal /altengoo, ora B, Behi /altengoo, ora B, Behi //////////////////////////////////// | reribal, Dialg van, Sopat, F hama , Khira lowgam (Sha , Kanelwan, T N Pora, Bo bagh, Sriguf TD Bijbeha ng Stations I Y 30AM- 1:0 0PM 3:3 BC AC | Pahloo, D am , Mir Ba Jangus), Ka Shamsipo Jgam, Dev fwara (Khi ara (Un N fed from G DOPM- 30PM | K Marg, D H Pora azar, Brinti, Shang apran, Sadiwara, ra, Momen, Frisa sar, Ahrebal, Bat ram), Wanpoh, M Metered Feede Grid Station Lisse EVE 3:30- 6:00PM 3:30- 6:00PM 7:30 AC AB AB BC | rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs NING 0- 7:30- 0-M 9:00P BC AC | ring am A, Hapa , Kelem, Arreh , Halmullaha, , iloo, Kokerna al, Aishmuqa bora, Hablish, ghama, & Dial Circle, KPD (Progent A) (Progent A) | n, Nillow, Qaimoh AshmuqamA, & g A, Deethoo, Ut m B, Sirgafwara, Sehpora, Began gam (Ashajipora CL Bijbehara ower to remain O NIGHT 10:30AM- 1 1:00PM AB BC | FF) 1:00PM- 3:30PM BC AC | a, Pari- nangus atkoot ni, 3:30- 6:00F AC AB |
| Group A 11 KV Feeders Group B 11 KV Feeders Average Curtailment/ Day Anne Proposed C Day Sunday Monday Tuesday | Akingam, Cher, Old Vessu, Nip gam, Sempora, Y B Dooru, Hill Chittergull, R.S Akhran, Nassu Matulhama, Ya 12.00 Hrs XUre"B2"Curta Curtailment progr MORNING 7:00-7:30AM AB BC AC | ilment Prog amme of 33/1 7:30-9: 9:00AM 10 8C AC AR | Vessu, Malv shmuji, Sirt a, Dooru , N en, Nambal /altengoo, ora B, Behi kV Receivin DA 00- 10: :30AM 1:0 : AB 3 BC 2 AC | reribal, Dialg van, Sopat, F hama , Khira lowgam (Sha , Kanelwan, T N Pora, Bo bagh, Sriguf TD Bijbeha ng Stations I Y 30AM- 1:0 0PM 3:3 BC AC AB | Pahloo, D am , Mir Ba angus), Ka Shamsipo gam, Dev fwara (Khi ara (Un N fed from C 00PM- 30PM | K Marg, D H Pora azar, Brinti, Shang apran, Sadiwara, ra, Momen, Frisa sar, Ahrebal, Bat ram), Wanpoh, M Metered Feede Grid Station Lisse EVE 3:30- 6:00PM 3:30- 6:00PM 7:30 AC AB AB BC AC AC | rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs NING 0- 7:30- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- | ring am A, Hapa , Kelem, Arreh , Halmullaha, , iloo, Kokerna al, Aishmuqa bora, Hablish, ghama, & Dial Circle, KPD (Progent A) (Progent A) | n, Nillow, Qaimoh AshmuqamA, & g A, Deethoo, Ut m B, Sirgafwara, Sehpora, Began gam (Ashajipora CL Bijbehara ower to remain O NIGHT 10:30AM- 1 1:00PM AB BC AC | FF) 1:00PM- 3:30PM BC AC AB | a, Pari- nangus atkoot ni, 3:30- 6:00F AC AB BC |
| Group A 11 KV Feeders Group B 11 KV Feeders Average Curtailment/ Day Anne Proposed C Day Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday | Akingam, Cher, Old Vessu, Nip gam, Sempora, Y B Dooru , Hill Chittergull, R.S Akhran, Nassu Matulhama, Ya 12.00 Hrs XUre"B2"Curta Curtailment progr MORNING 7:00-7:30AM AB BC AC AB | ilment Prog amme of 33/1 7:30-9: 9:00AM 10 8C AC AR BC AC | Vessu, Malv shmuji, Sirt a, Dooru , N en, Nambal /altengoo, ora B, Behi kV Receivin DA 00- 10: :30AM 1:0 : AB 3 BC 4 AB | reribal, Dialg van, Sopat, F hama , Khira lowgam (Sha , Kanelwan, T N Pora, Bo bagh, Sriguf TD Bijbeha ng Stations 1 Y 30AM- 1:0 0PM 3:3 BC AC AB BC | Pahloo, D am , Mir Ba Shamsipo Jogam, Dev fwara (Khi ara (Un N fed from G DOPM- 30PM | K Marg, D H Pora azar, Brinti, Shang apran, Sadiwara, ra, Momen, Frisa sar, Ahrebal, Bat ram), Wanpoh, M Actered Feede Srid Station Lisse EVE 3:30- 6:00PM 3:30- 6:00PM 7:30 AC AB AB BC AC AC AC AB | rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs) of O& M rs NING 0- 7:30- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- 0- | ring am A, Hapa , Kelem, Arreh , Halmullaha, , iloo, Kokerna al, Aishmuqa bora, Hablish, ghama, & Dial Circle, KPD (Progent and a second (Progent and a se | n, Nillow, Qaimoh AshmuqamA, & g A, Deethoo, Ut m B, Sirgafwara, Sehpora, Began gam (Ashajipora CL Bijbehara ower to remain O NIGHT 10:30AM- 1 1:00PM AB BC AC AB | FF) 1:00PM- 3:30PM BC AC BC | 3:30- 6:001 AC AB BC AC |
| Group A 11 KV Feeders Group B 11 KV Feeders Average Curtailment/ Day Anne Proposed C Day Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday | Akingam, Cher, Old Vessu, Nip gam, Sempora, Y B Dooru , Hill Chittergull, R.S Akhran, Nassu Matulhama, Ya 12.00 Hrs XUre"B2"Curta Curtailment progr MORNING 7:00-7:30AM AB BC AC AB | ilment Prog amme of 33/1 7:30-9: 9:00AM 10 BC AC AI AB BC AC AI | Vessu, Malv shmuji, Sirt a, Dooru , N en, Nambal /altengoo, ora B, Behi //////////////////////////////////// | reribal, Dialg van, Sopat, F hama , Khira lowgam (Sha , Kanelwan, T N Pora, Bo bagh, Sriguf TD Bijbeha ng Stations I Y 30AM- 1:0 0PM 3:3 BC AC AB BC AC | Pahloo, D am , Mir Ba Jangus), Ka Shamsipo Jgam, Dev fwara (Khi ara (Un N fed from C DOPM- 30PM | K Marg, D H Pora azar, Brinti, Shang apran, Sadiwara, ra, Momen, Frisa sar, Ahrebal, Bat ram), Wanpoh, M Actered Feede 3:30-6:0 6:00PM 7:30 AC AB AB BC BC AC AC AB AB BC | rs) of O& M Accia Alashama gus, Panipora Wangam, Va Jana Alashama Jarhama, Wa SNING O- 7:30- DPM 9:00Pl BC AC AB BC AC AC | ring am A, Hapa , Kelem, Arreh , Halmullaha, , iloo, Kokerna al, Aishmuqa bora, Hablish, ghama, & Dial Circle, KPD (Pr 9:00- M 10:30PM AC AB BC AC AB | n, Nillow, Qaimoh AshmuqamA, & g A, Deethoo, Ut m B, Sirgafwara, Sehpora, Began gam (Ashajipora CL Bijbehara ower to remain O NIGHT 10:30AM- 1 1:00PM AB BC AC AB BC | FF) 1:00PM- 3:30PM BC AC AC AC | n, Pari- nangus atkoot ii, 3:30- 6:001 AC AB BC AC AB |
| Group A 11 KV Feeders Group B 11 KV Feeders Average Curtailment/ Day Anne Proposed C Day Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday Friday | Akingam, Cher, Old Vessu, Nip gam, Sempora, Y B Dooru , Hill Chittergull, R.S Akhran, Nassu Matulhama, Ya 12.00 Hrs XUre"B2"Curta Curtailment progr MORNING 7:00-7:30AM AB BC AC AB | ilment Prog amme of 33/1 7:30-9: 9:00AM 10 8C AC AB BC AC AI AB BC AC AI | Vessu, Malv shmuji, Sirt a, Dooru , N en, Nambal /altengoo, ora B, Behi kV Receivii DA 00- 10: 30AM 1:0 30AM 1:0 30AM 1:0 4AB 3 BC 4AB 3 BC 4AC | reribal, Dialg van, Sopat, F hama , Khira lowgam (Sha , Kanelwan, T N Pora, Bo bagh, Sriguf TD Bijbeha ng Stations 1 Y 30AM- 1:0 0PM 3:3 BC AC AB BC AC AB | Pahloo, D am , Mir Ba Iangus), Ka Shamsipo Jogam, Dev fwara (Khi ara (Un N fed from C DOPM- 30PM | K Marg, D H Pora azar, Brinti, Shang apran, Sadiwara, ra, Momen, Frisa sar, Ahrebal, Bat ram), Wanpoh, M Actered Feede 3:30-6:0 6:00PM 7:30 AC AB AB BC BC AC BC AC BC AC BC AC | rs) of O& M Acciant Aishmu, Rambhama gus, Panipora Wangam, Va Jana Angb ipora, Gopaly larhama, Way rs) of O& M rs) | ring am A, Hapa , Kelem, Arreh , Halmullaha, , iloo, Kokerna al, Aishmuqa bora, Hablish, ghama, & Dial Circle, KPD (Pr 9:00- M 10:30PM AC AB BC AC AB BC AC AB | n, Nillow, Qaimoh AshmuqamA, & g A, Deethoo, Ut m B, Sirgafwara, Sehpora, Began gam (Ashajipora CL Bijbehara ower to remain O NIGHT 10:30AM- 1 1:00PM AB BC AC AB BC AC | FF) 1:00PM- 3:30PM BC AC AB BC AC AB | n, Pari- nangus atkoot ii, 3:30- 6:001 AC AB BC AC AB BC BC |
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New Zealand's Ardern **Apologises As Report Into Mosque Attack Released**

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Wellington: New Zealand has released an almost 800-page report into the March 2019 killing of 51 Muslim worshippers at two mosques in the city of Christchurch.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry report concluded that, while intelligence services had directed their efforts away from investigating right-wing threats and instead focused heavily on the "threat

In hindsight, while there were circumstances that could be linked to the Australian attacker's plan, the signs were too "fragmentary" and it was difficult to put together to establish evidence that merit immediate action, it said.

The inquiry was formed to look into the authorities' response and to determine whether the attack could have been prevented.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern apologised for the govern-

"While the commission made

no findings that these issues

would have stopped the attack,

these were failings nonetheless

and, for that, on behalf of the

800-page report can be distilled

into one simple premise: Mus-

lim New Zealanders should be

safe. "Muslim New Zealanders

should be safe. Anyone who

calls New Zealand home, re-

gardless of race, religion, sex

or sexual orientation should

be safe," Ardern said following

the release of the report.

"Ultimately, this roughly

government I apologise.



of Islamist extremist" activity, they could not have been alerted of an imminent attack.

report, released The Tuesday, took issue with Christchurch authorities for deploying "an inappropriate concentration of resources' on "other terrorism threats" in the country, distracting them from threats such as that posed by white supremacists.

However, the report said, "No single aspect of it [information available to authorities] could have alerted public sector agencies to an impending terrorist attack.'

Australia To Make **Facebook, Google Pay News Outlets For Content**

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Sydney: Australia finalised plans on Tuesday to make Facebook Inc and Google pay its media outlets for news content, a world-first move aimed at protecting independent journalism that has been strongly opposed by the internet giants.

Under laws to go to parliament this week, Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said the Big Tech firms must negotiate with local publishers and broadcasters how much they pay for



brawl in August when the U.S. companies warned it may it may stop them offering their services in Australia.

ing director Will Easton said



Nurse May Parsons prepares 90-year-old Margaret Keenan, the first patient in the UK to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 accine, at University Hospital, Coventry, England on December 8, 2020 [Jacob King/Pool via AP]

'V-Day': UK rolls out vaccine, 90-year-old woman first in line

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London: Margaret Keenan, a 90-year-old grandmother from Britain, has become the first person in the world to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine outside of a trial following its rapid clinical approval.

An early riser, Keenan received the jab at her local hospital in Coventry, central England, on Tuesday morning at 06:31 GMT, a week before she turns 91.

"It's the best early birthday present I could wish for because it means I can finally look forward to spending time with my family and friends in the New Year after being on my own for most of the year," said Keenan The UK began rolling out

the COVID-19 vaccine on Tuesday, dubbed "V-Day", the first Western country to start vaccinating its general population in what was hailed as a decisive watershed in defeating the coronavirus.

gan vaccinating thousands of doctors, teachers and others at dozens of centres in Moscow with its Sputnik V vaccine. That programme is being viewed differently because Russia authorised use of Sputnik V last summer after it was tested in only a few dozen people

UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock, usually reserved, said he felt "quite emotional", adding that 70 hospitals in the country would start the vaccine programme.

The mass inoculation will raise hope that the world may be turning a corner in the fight against a pandemic that has crushed economies and killed more than 1.5 million. although ultra-cold storage and tricky logistics will limit its use for now.

The UK has recorded 61,000 COVID-19 related deaths - more than any other country has reported in Europe, and over 1.7 million cases.

Oksana Pyzik, a teaching fellow at University College London's School of Pharmacy,

WHO Against Mandatory Covid-19 Vaccines

told Al Jazeera: "It is wrong to take what we would do in a regular year and apply that to this circumstance, because the sense of urgency, the funding and the level of collaboration have enormously shifted - that is what has made this possible. "We expect that [other]

vaccines that are not too far behind."

'Decisive turning point'

UK public health officials are asking the public to be patient because only those who are most at risk from COV ID-19 will be vaccinated in the early stages

Medical staff will contact patients to arrange appointments, and most will have to wait until next year before there is enough vaccine to expand the programme.

"I think there's every chance that we will look back on ... (Tuesday) as marking a decisive turning point in the battle against coronavirus," said Simon Stevens, the CEO of England's National Health Service.

Afghan Civilian Deaths From US Air Raids Rose By More Than 300 Percent

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Kabul: Deaths of Afghan civilians in air raids carried out by the United States and its allies "increased dramatically" since 2017 when Washington loosened its criteria and escalated attacks on the Taliban, according to a report released on Monday.

The number of civilians killed annually in US and coalition air attacks soared by 330 percent to some 700 civilians in 2019, said Neta C Crawford, co-director of the Costs of War Project at Brown University. More civilians died in 2019 than any other year since the beginning of war in 2001, according to the report.

The US pulled back on air raids after striking an agreement with the Taliban in February 2020. But the Afghan Armed Forces stepped up their own as they entered talks with the rebels. While total deaths from air attacks has fallen, attacks are now coming from Kabul's forces and have accelerated in recent months.

The Afghan Air Force (AAF), Crawford wrote, is now "harm-

ing more Afghan civilians than at any time in its history".

She said that in the first six months of 2020, 86 Afghan civilians were killed and 103 injured in AAF air raids.

In the three subsequent months, as Afghan-Taliban talks continued in Doha, the toll intensified, with 70 civilians killed and 90 injured.

She urged a negotiated ceasefire while the two sides discuss a deal, to avoid more civilian injuries.

But with the US accelerating the withdrawal of its troops, some worry that the Taliban could take advantage to further pressure Kabul's forces, sparking reprisals.

"Unless there is a ceasefire, both sides will continue trying to gain a tactical advantage while negotiations are under way. The toll on civilian lives is likely to increase," Crawford wrote.

According to the UN, at least 32,000 civilians have been killed and another 60,000 wounded in the last decade. when the organisation began compiling the data.

'Mount Everest 86 Centimeters Higher Than India's Calculation'

Press Trust of India

Kathmandu: Nepal and China today jointly announced that the revised height of the world's highest peak Mount Everest was 8,848.86 metres, about 0.86 metres or 86 centimeters more than the previous measurement done by India in 1954.

The Nepal government decided to measure the exact height of the mountain amid debates that there might have been a change in it due to various reasons, including the devastating earthquake of 2015.



The new height of Mt Everest, the world's highest peak, is 8,848.86 metres, China and Nepal jointly announced today, China's state-run Xinhua news agency said in a brief report. Nepal recalculates the height of Mount Everest at 8848.86 metres, the country's Foreign Minister Pradeep Gyawali announced in Kathmandu.

mately spilling into a public

said Monday that persuading people on the merits of a Facebook Australia man-Covid-19 vaccine would be far better than trying to make the

On Saturday, Russia be-

news conference.

"It is a much better posi-Geneva, Switzerland: The tion to actually encourage World Health Organization and facilitate the vaccination without those kinds of requirements.

"I don't think we envision countries creating a man

to do in order to protect themselves and those around them.

"The vaccine story is a good news story. It is the victory of human endeavour, potentially, over a microbial adversary," he said.

"We need to co

content that appears on their platforms. If they can't strike a deal, a government-appointed arbitrator will decide for them.

"This is a huge reform, this is a world first, and the world is watching what happens here in Australia," Frydenberg told reporters in the capital Canberra.

"Our legislation will help ensure that the rules of the digital world mirror the rules of the physical world ... and ultimately sustain our media landscape."

The law amounts to the strongest check of the tech giants' market power globally, and follows three years of inquiry and consultation, ultion Tuesday the company would review the legislation and "engage through the upcoming parliamentary process with the goal of landing on a workable framework to support Australia's news ecosystem"

A representative for Google declined to comment, saying the company had yet to see the final version of the proposed law.

Until recently, most countries have stood by as advertisers redirect spending to the world's biggest social media website and search engine, starving newsrooms of their main revenue source and bringing widespread shutdowns and job losses.

jabs mandatory.

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The WHO said it would be down to individual countries as to how they want to conduct their vaccination campaigns against the coronavirus pandemic

But the UN health agency insisted making it mandatory to get immunised against the disease would be the wrong road to take.

"I don't think that mandates are the direction to go in here, especially for these vaccines," Kate O'Brien, director of the WHO's immunisation department, told a virtual date for vaccination."

O'Brien said there may be certain professions in which being vaccinated might be required or highly recommended, such as respiratory technicians and intensive care medics in hospitals, for the safety of both the staff and the patients.

But WHO experts admitted there was a battle to be fought to convince the general public to take the vaccines as they become available.

The organisation's emergencies director Michael Ryan said people needed to ask themselves what they were willing

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ple and we need to persuade."

As for making vaccines mandatory, he said: "I think all of us who work in public health would rather avoid that as a means for getting people vaccinated.

"We are much better served to present people with the data and the benefits and let people make up their own minds.

"There are certain circumstances... where I would believe that the only responsible thing would be to be vaccinated," he added.

The new height is 86 centimeters more than the previous measurement. According to the measurement done in 1954 by Survey of India, the height of Mount Everest is 8,848 metres.

According to China's past measurement, the height of Mount Everest is 8844.43 metres which was four metres less than India's calculations.

The media reports said Chinese surveyors have conducted six rounds of scaled measurement and scientific research on Mount Everest and released the height of the peak twice in 1975 and 2005, which was 8 848 13 metres and 8 844 43 metres respectively.

In Tibetan language, Mount Everest is known as Mount Qomolangma

China and Nepal settled their border dispute in 1961 with the boundary line passing through the summit of Mount Everest.

Mount Everest is located in the collision and compression zone between the edges of the Indian plate and the Eurasian plate, where crustal movement is very active.

Sheikh Sabah reappointed **Kuwait PM**

Emir 'uwait's Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah has reappointed Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid al-Sabah as prime minister following parliamentary polls in the Gulf Arab state, which is facing its worst economic crisis in decades.

Sheikh Nawaf asked Sheikh Sabah to nominate members of a new cabinet for approval, state media said on Tuesday.

While the emir has the final say in state matters. the prime minister traditionally helps navigate the often tense relationship between the government and Parliament, where opposition candidates made gains in Saturday's legislative vote.

Sheikh Sabah, who had



been foreign minister since 2011 before being elevated to the post of premier in late 2019, faces the urgent task of overcoming legislative gridlock on a debt law that would allow Kuwait to tap international debt markets in order to plug a growing budget deficit.

Frequent rows and deadlocks between cabinet and the assembly, the Gulf region's oldest and most out-

spoken, have led to successive government reshuffles and dissolutions of Parliament, hampering investment and economic and fiscal reform in the cradle-to-grave welfare state.

The oil policy of the OPEC producer, which is set by a Supreme Petroleum Council, and foreign policy, which is steered by the emir, are unlikely to change under the new government.

US "Like A Third World Country": Trump As He Alleges Election Fraud Again

'ashington: President Donald Trump has likened the US to a "third world country" as he blasted the "rigged" election, reiterating his unsubstantiated claims about widespread voter fraud in the presidential polls.

The election was a "disgrace to our country", Trump told reporters at the Oval Office of the White House on Monday during a ceremony to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to wrestler and coach Dan Gable.

"It's like a third-world country -- these ballots pouring in from everywhere, using machinery that nobody knows ownership, nobody knows anything about. They have "glitches", as they call them. Glitches. The glitches weren't



glitches. They got caught sending out thousands of votes -- all against me," he said.

Democratic leader Joe Biden won the November 3 presidential election over Trump, who is continuing his legal efforts to upend his victory. Trump, a Republican, has allowed the official start of

Biden's transition to power but has not yet conceded defeat, alleging massive voter fraud and electoral malpractice.

However, state election officials and the media have denied such large-scale fraud. Election officials in key battleground states have declared Biden the winner, giving him an unofficial 306-232 edge in the Electoral College that determines the outcome of US presidential contests.

The Trump campaign has filed multiple lawsuits in several states, most of whom have been dismissed so far.

"If you look at the polls, it was a rigged election. You look at the different states. The election was totally rigged. It's a disgrace to our country," Trump told reporters, responding to a question ahead of the next week's meeting of electors who would cast their vote, formally putting their stamp on Biden's victory as the next US president.

"This was like from a third-world nation. I think the case has been made. Now we find out what we can do about it. But you''ll see a lot of big things happening over the next couple of days," Trump said.

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