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Pak Firing Kills

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Indian Soldier On LoC

JAMMU: An Army soldier

was killed on Wednesday in

Pakistani firing along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and

Kashmir's Rajouri district, a defence spokesperson said. Sepoy Laxman, a resident of

Jodhpur in Rajasthan, was the fourth soldier killed this year in

cross-border firing along the LoC.

to unprovoked ceasefire viola-

tion on the LoC in Sundarbani sector of Rajouri. Our troops re-

sponded strongly to the enemy

He said Laxman was critically

injured in the firing and later suc-

cumbed to his injuries. >> More On P6

Deaths, 60 New Cases

SRINAGAR: Two more people

died of coronavirus in Jammu and

Kashmir on Thursday while sixty

fresh cases of virus were detected

across the Union Territory

Both the deaths were

Valley—one each from

Kupwara and Shopian dis-

tricts respectively, officials said.

With these deaths, the fatality

count has reached 1943 in J&K-

during the last 24 hours.

reported from Kashmir

Observer Monitoring Desk

fire," the spokesperson said.

2 More Corona

"The Pakistan Army resorted

WINTER DEPRESSION

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winter approach, do you

feel more difficult to

feel slowed down? Does it

DISORDER

OR SEASONAL AFFECTIVE



P3 NEWS **COOKING GAS REFILL RATES** CHANGED FROM 4 FEBRUARY, 2021

The Legal Metrology Department (LMD) today issued renewed rate of refill LPG cylinders (Domestic type 14.2Kg) with effect from 4th February, 2021 for ..



Coincidence is the mother of superstition — Zen Lounge **77**-

DIGEST

KU To Resume Online Classes From Feb 8

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir University has decided to continue online teaching mode for all the semesters except last semester/final year students from 8th February 2021. The university on recommendation of its constituent committee has decided to hold offline classes only for last semester students from 15th February as such the students shall be allowed physically to the university and its satellite campuses. Earlier the university had constituted a committee to decide on whether to start offline classes or not. The notification >> More On P6

Four Gamblers Held In Ganderbal: Police

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested four gamblers in a raid in Shuhama area of Ganderbal district. Acting on an input, a team from police post Nagbal carried out a raid in Shuhama and apprehended four gamblers from the spot, a police spokesperson said. He said besides playing cards, an amount of Rs 29,500 was also seized from their possession. The police identified the accused as Khazir Mohammad Rather, Faroog Ahmad Sheikh, Imtiyaz Ahmad Sheikh and Ghulam Mohammad Wani, all residents of Shuhama "They have been >> More On P6

Sumbal Shuts Down **Against Power Outage** SRINAGAR: A complete shutdown

was observed in Sumbal town of north Kashmir's Bandipora dis-

Dry Weather Across Kashmir For **One Week: MeT**

Some Respite From Cold As Night Temperature Rises

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The weather department Thursday forecast dry weather conditions across Kashmir for the next one week, as the minimum temperature in Srinagar settled above the freezing point for the first time in over a month as the mercury rose at most places in the Valley on Thursday, providing relief to the residents, even as the valley experienced fresh snowfall, officials said.

Srinagar city -- the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir -- recorded a low of 0.4 degrees Celsius last night, up from the previous



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he air traffic to and fro Kashmir was restored on Thursday hours after the flight operations were affected in the morning due to bad weather as most parts of the valley received >> More On P6

8 J&K Residents Languishing **In Foreign Jails: MEA**

Muraleedharan said in a written reply in Rajya Sabha **SRINAGAR:** At least eight while responding to a query member Prof. Manoi Kumar persons from Jammu and

above the freezing point.



will remain closed for vehicular traffic on Friday for maintenance and repair work, officials said Thursday. In a statement issued, traffic police said that on Friday no vehicular movement shall be allowed from >> More On P6

The city had recorded



he 270-km long Srinagar-Jammu highway

1221 in Valley and 722 in Jammu division, the officials said. Srinagar district with 458 deaths tops the >> More On P6

Authorities Complete Probe Into 'Custodial Death' Of Sopore Youth **Press Trust Of India**

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir have completed an inquiry Mohammad Ahsan Mir. told PTL

night of September 15-16. 'The inquiry has been completed," inquiry officer and additional district magistrate Baramulla,

P7 STATE **DEO ANANTNAG ORDERS RECOUNT ON PDP'S LARNOO SEAT**

The District Election Officer (DEO) Anantnag on Thursday ordered recount of the votes in Larnoo DDC seat on which PDP candidate was earlier..



the Delhi Police said nobody

has been named in the case.

come in the backdrop of glob-

Rihanna and Thunberg sup-

porting the farmers' protests

farmers' agitation, the teen

activist had shared "a toolkit

for those who want to help".

"Here's a toolkit if you want to help," tweeted

Thunberg, which takes the

user to a document contain-

ing details >> More On P6

against the three farm laws.

Delhi Police's remarks

celebrities such as singer

Lending her support to the

FARMERS' **PROTEST** TOOLKIT **Delhi Police Files FIR, Suspects Khalistan Link**



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police on Thursday said it has registered an FIR against unnamed persons in connection with the "toolkit", which was shared by teen climate activist Greta Thunberg and others on Twitter, with a top official saying that the initial probe has suggested the document's link with a pro-Khalistan group.

Asked whether the FIR has been registered against Thunberg, a top official of

Logjam In Lok Sabha

New Delhi: Lok Sabha proceedings were disrupted for the third consecutive day on Thursday as protests by Opposition members demanding a separate discussion on the three contentious farm laws created uproar, leading to repeated adjournments of the House. As the House assembled after the third adjournment at 7 PM, the opposition members shouted slogans against the agri laws. Rajendra Agrawal, who was in the chair, appealed to the members to go back to their seats so that the House can function normally. However, the House was >> More On P6

'Stars' Face Flak Over 'Identical' Tweets

Mumbai: A section of Bollywood celebrities on Thursday criticised big stars such as Akshay Kumar and Ajay Devgn for their similarly worded tweets in response to pop star Rihanna's post drawing attention to the farmers' agitation in India. Actor Taapsee Pannu, filmmaker Onir, actor Ariun Mathur and others criticised the show of solidarity by the big stars towards the government. Rihanna, the fourth most followed celebrity



zero degrees Celsius on December 29 last year and since then it >> More On P6

trict against Power Development Department's alleged inability to supply electricity in the area as per schedule. The shutdown was observed on the call given by Traders Federation Sumbal news agency KNT reported. The town has witnessed multiple protest demonstrations against PDD over the erratic power supply. The report said that all shops and other business establishments remained closed against unscheduled >> More On P6

Chadoora Youth Dies Of Heart Attack

SRINAGAR: A youth from Chadoora area of central Kashmir's Budgam died of a heart attack in Jammu. reports said Thursday. Umar Sidiq, a resident of Buchroo area of Chadoora suddenly fell unconscious near Irrigation Department office at Canal Road on Wednesday evening, news agency KNO reported. He was declared dead on arrival by the doctors at GMC Jammu. The deceased was preparing for SSB exams in Jammu. Locals, however, suspect a "preplanned murder" as the deceased's face had bruised marks on his face. The locals demanded >> More On P6

Kashmir are languishing in jails in foreign countries, Parliament was informed on Thursday. Among them, two are in Pakistan, two in Bangladesh and three each in Lebanon, Portugal and Cambodia, minister of state, External Affairs, V.

Agencies

Jha who had sought details of Indian nationals lodged in foreign prisons, domicile-wise, sex-wise and offence-wise. The eight persons from Jammu and Kashmir are among 7139 Indian prisoners including under-trials in the foreign jails, the MoS said. >> More On P6

NARCO-MILITANCY CASE

NIA Conducts Searches In Punjab Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The NIA on Thursday conducted searches in Punjab's Amritsar and Gurdaspur in connection with a narco-militancy case of Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahideen and recovered Rs 20 lakh and 130 bullets from a Hawala operator, an official said.

The searches were conducted at the premises of suspect Manpreet Singh of Amritsar, a close associate of charge-sheeted accused Ranjit Singh in connection with the investigation of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) narcomilitancy case, an >> More On P6

into the alleged custodial killing of a man in Sopore area in September last year, officials said on Thursday.

The inquiry into the death of Irfan Ahmad Dar (23) was ordered in the wake of protests in north Kashmir"s Sopore town after the man allegedly died in police custody on the intervening

He said the report will be submitted to deputy commissioner Baramulla who had ordered the inquiry.

Protests had erupted in north Kashmir's Sopore town after Dar allegedly died in police custody. While the police said Dar escaped from custody >> More On P6

J&K HC Stays Circular On New Stamp Duty

with effect from 1 January

2021 irrespective of the

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court has stayed a govern-ment circular issued by the Inspector General Registration, of J&K regarding stamp duty on 30 I&K December last year.

The Circular requires all Registrars and Sub-Registrars to charge stamp duty as per new rates



date of uploading of documents onto the National Document Generic Registration System NGDRS), date of filing of the documents with Registrars/ the

Sub-Registrars. "In the meantime, the impugned circular is-

sued by the Inspector General of Registration, J&K, Iammu is » More On P6

IN THE MEANTIME, THE IMPUGNED circular issued by the Inspector General of Registration, J&K, Jammu is stayed."

Courts To Resume Hearing From Feb 8

he chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Thursday amended the earlier notification and gave nod to the physical hearing of cases in all district, subordinate and the tribunal courts in J&K and Ladakh UT's from February 8. According to an order issued by Pankai Mithal keeping in view the latest SOPs of the Government of India, the physical hearing of the cases >> More On P6

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Government of India on Thursday cited dearth of All India Service (AIS) in Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory as the reason for merging J&K cadre of IAS, IPS and Indian Forest Service (IFoS) with the Arunachal Pradesh. Goa. Mizoram, Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre. According to the state-ment of objects and reasons

of "The Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation (amendment) Bill-2021" moved in Rajya Sabha on Thursday, the merger of J&K cadre with

AGMUT happened due to severe shortage of All India

The merger will facilitate posting of officers of AGMUT cadre in J&K to overcome deficiency of AIS officers to some extent, it further states. "There is a huge deficiency of the officers of All India Services in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The developmental schemes, centrally sponsored schemes and other allied activities suffer due to non-availability of All India Officers in the existing cadres of the Jammu and Kashmir >> More On P6

LG Says Vision To Transform Jammu, **Srinagar Into Vibrant Cities**

Observer News Service

vision of smart city projects was to transform Jammu and Srinagar into modern, sustainable and economically vibrant cities, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday passed specific directions for completion of the ambitious projects within timelines without any delay.

"The vision behind the ambitious projects is to transform Jammu & Srinagar into modern, sustainable



and economically vibrant He made these remarks cities with dedicated focus while chairing a high level meeting of Administrative on improving infrastructure & services, increasing Secretaries, experts on mobility and enhancing the Smart City Projects and othadministrative efficiency," er stakeholders here at Civil Sinha said on Thursday. Secretariat. >> More On P6

WRONG DEPICTION OF J&K, LADAKH W.H.O Put Out Disclaimer Over **Incorrect Indian Map: MEA**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday said the issue of "wrong depiction" of India's map on the website of the World Health Organisation (WHO) was raised strongly with the global body following which it put a disclaimer on the portal.

Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan provided the information in Rajya Sabha in response to a question on whether the map on the website

depicted the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in a totally different colour.

"The issue of wrong depiction of the map of India on the WHO website has been raised strongly with WHO including at the highest level," he said in his written reply.

"In response, the WHO has informed the Permanent Mission of India in Geneva that they have put a disclaimer on the portal," he added. Muraleedharan >> More On P6

Onus On Pakistan To Create Environment For Talks: India

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday said the onus is on Pakistan to create an environment free of "terror and hostility", days after Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa's comments that it is time to extend a "hand of peace in all directions".

"Our position is well-known. India desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan in an environment free of terror, hostility and violence," external affairs ministry spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

He was asked to comment on Bajwa's remarks.

"The onus is on Pakistan for creating such an environment," Srivastava said.

In an address at the graduation ceremony of Pakistan Air Force cadets, Gen Bajwa on Tuesday said Pakistan was firmly committed to the ideal of mutual respect and peaceful co-existence.

"It is time to extend a hand of peace in all directions," he said in comments largely seen as a message to India.

The ties between India and Pakistan came >> More On P6

on Twitter with over 100 million followers, on Tuesday >> More On P6

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Subject: Conduct of B.Ed. (Jammu) Entrance Examination tentatively on 07.03.2021 for admission in Government College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu-2020.

Reference: i. Notification No.003-BOPEE of 2021 dated 05.01.2021. ii. Notice No.Oll-BOPEE of 2021 dated 21.01.2021.

Notice No: 016-BOPEE of 2021 Dated: 04-02-2021.

It is notified for information of all eligible candidates who have applied for admission to B.Ed. Course-2020 at Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu, that the Board shall conduct the entrance examination for the said course tentatively on 7th of March-2021. The Notice regarding downloading of Admit Cards by the eligible candidates shall be notified separately. The candidates in their own interest are hereby advised to remain in touch with the official website of thg^BoardJor latest updates. *

Sd/- (Dr. Sunil Gupta)

Controller of Examinations J&K BOPEE No: BOPEE/Exam-17/2020 Dated: 04-02-2021. DIPK-NB-5417/20

اجتماعى فاتحه خواني محترم غلام حسن مير ساكن شاه فيصل كالونى (بی)لین نمبر۲نائٹی فیٹ صورہ ۳ فروری۲۰۲ کو اس دارِ فانی سے رحلت کر گئے۔(اناللہ واناالیہ راجعون) اب مرحوم کی اجتماعی فاتحہ خوانی ان کے مقبرہ رنگہ یورہ متصل ہامع مسجد نائٹی فیٹ صورہ میں دن کے ڈ ھائی بجے انجام دى جائيگى ـ سوگواران

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صول ليكل مير سرتفيك اشتهارعام حاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائلہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول لیگل ہیر سرُنفکیٹ پیش کیا ہے حسب ریورٹ لواری حلقہ سے سائلہ کا والدسمی محمد شفیح و گے مورنہ1 03/01/202 کوفوت ہو چکا ہے اور متوفی کے وار ثال یل درج ہے:۔ مصاحب كنيه معدولديت شته جمراه متوفى بيوه متوفى لروز ہبانو بیوہ محد شفیع و گ گھریلوکام 45 سال ختر متوفى رتعليم ىناءاختر دختر محد شفيع وگ 23 مال گھریلوکام 18 بال نشاءجان دختر ۔۔۔ 16 بال رزينة فيع دختر ___ ركعليم يسر متوفى 11 سال مقدس شفيع پسر۔۔۔ س کےعلاوہ اورکوئی فرد کنبہ میں موجود نہیں ہے لہذا اگر کسی شخص یا شخاص کو مرکورہ سر کفیک اجرا کرنے میں کو کی عزر يااعتراض ہوگا توايك ہفتہ كے اندراندردفتر ہازہ ميں پیش كريں بعد گزرنے معياد كوعز ريا اعتراض قابل قبول تحريرالصدرنا ئب تحصيلداراننت ناگ نېيں ہوگا. R ازنيابت نائب تحصيلداراعت ناك بااجلاس نزيراحمة فشخ صاحب رخواست منجانب: _ سائمہ جان دختر عبدالغفار شیخ ساکن شریورہ بالامخصیل وضلع ابنت ناگ بغرض حصول ڈیینڈنس فميك اشتهارعام املہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائلہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ڈیپنڈنس سرٹفکیٹ پیش کیا ہے< پرٹ پٹواری حلقہ سے سائلہ کا والدمسمی عبدالغفار شیخ مورخہ26/02/2020 کوفوت ہو چکا ہے متو فی محکم پیل کمیٹی میں ریٹا ئیر ملازم تھا متوفی کا کنبہ متوفی کے آمدانی پر ہی انصار رکھتے تھےاور متوفی کے ڈیدینڈ نٹ بزیل نام صاحب كنبيه معه ولديت رشته جمراه متوفى سمات ساجه بيكم بيوه عبدالغفار تشج بيوه متوفى گھریلوکام 64 مال فتر متوفى 24 مال بائمه جان دختريه لفت جان دختر ___ JL-20

اس سےعلادہ اورکونی فرد زنبہ میں موجود خمیس ہے لبذ ااگر کسی تحض یا ایٹناص کو مرکورہ مرلفیک اجرا کرنے میں کوئی عزر یا اعتراض ہوگا تو ایک ہفتہ کے اندراندر دفتر پازہ میں میژں کر س بعد کرز رنے معیاد کو عزر یا اعتراض قائل قبول خمیس ہوگا.



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GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR

ORDER NO: 260 of 2021 DATED: 03-02-2021

Whereas, on the basis of marks obtained by the candidates in the written test held on 16.08.2020 and options exercised by them, 24 candidates were engaged as Jr. Grade Nurses on contract basis under National Health Mission Programme (Scheme-B) vide this office Order No: 248 of 2021 dated: 11.01.2021 for a period upto 31.03.2021 for Covid-19 management or till covid-19 is over, whichever is earlier. Whereas, the candidates so engaged were supposed to join in the offices of Medical Superintendent, SMHS Hospital and CD Hospital Sgr within a period of 07 days from the date of issuance of the aforesaid engagement Order';

Whereas, the Medical Superintendent, SMHS Hospital, Sgr and Medical Superintendent, CD Hospital, Sgr. vide their letter Nos. Est-II/MS/ SMHS/8455 dated: 28.01.2021 and No: CDH/Est-II/2021/2310 dated: 30.10.2021respectively have intimated that 06 positions (three in each Hospital) have fallen vacant due to upgradation and non joining of the candidates within the stipulated period of time;

Whereas, vide this office Order No: 258 of 2021 dated: 03.02.2021, three more Jr. Grade Nurses were upgraded from Scheme-B to Scheme-A from CD Hospital, Sgr.

Whereas, these positions have been specially approved for Covid management of the above Hospitals and in view of upgradation and non joining of the 09 candidates, this office is bound to put in place the necessary manpower for smooth management of Covid-19 patient care services in the respective Hospitals;

Whereas, as per selection list issued vide this office notification No:NGS/MC/20/FINALSEL/NHM/GBPLD-COVID/JGNdated: 11.01.2021, the following 09 candidates are figuring in the waiting list:

S.No	Roll No.	Name of the Candidate	Parentage	Residence	Marks ob- tained in the written test
1	18295	RUQAYA BINTI HABIB ULLAH	HABIB ULLAH WANI	Wani Mohalla, Safapora Ganderbal	28
2	18365	SAIMA ADAZ	PEER ADAZ AHMAD	BRINTY BATPORA	28
3	16102	AEJAZ HABIB DAR	HABIBULLAH DAR	HANGAH, LAN GATE, BATAGUND	28
4	16738	Madeena	Ali Mohmad Laherwal	Kondabal yangoora Ganderbal	28
5	16426	FOZIA MOHI UD DIN	GH MOHI UD DIN LONE	SANGRAMA SOPORE	28
6	18957	ULFAT JAN	MOHD AFZAL GANAIE	NEW COLONY KAKAPORA	28
7	18985	UMMER JAN MUGLOO	ABDUL RASHID MUGLOO	ZARIPORA TIRGAM	28
8	16770	MARIYA QAYOOM	ABDUL QAYOOM MATTOO	BONAPORA BATTAMALOO	28
9	18371	SAIMA AYUB	MOHAMMAD AYUB SHAH	AGRIKALAN PATTAN BARAMULLA	28

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Dated: 02.02.2021.

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Name of Work	Cost	of T/	Time of completion (in days)	A A A / Position of Funds	TS.NO
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Electrification for proposed Oxygen Plant at Govt. Kashmir Nursing Home Srinagar	1.50	200	10	47 –MCS of 2020 Dt:- 28.08.2020	65 OF 01/2021
Electrification of newly Constructed Oxygen Plant (Ground Plus First Floor) at Govt. LD Hospital	2.25	200	10	51 MCS of2020 Dt:- 28.08.2020	69 of 01/2021

1. The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www. jktenders.gov.in from02.02.2021(18.00 hrs).

2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 03.02.2021 (10:00hrs) to 22.02.2021 (15:00 hrs) in two (02) cover.

3. The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 23.02.2021 (15.00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of ExecutiveEngineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

No: MHCHD/ TS/9321-25	Dated: 02-02-2021
DIPK-12534/20	

Now, therefore, in view of the above facts and circumstances, sanction is hereby accorded to temporary engagement of the above nine candidates on contract basis as Jr. Grade Nurses on consolidated monthly honorarium of Rs. 14,500/- per month under National Health Mission Programme (Scheme-B) for SMHS and CD Hospital, Sgr for a period upto 31.03.2021 or till Covid-19 pandemic is over, whichever is earlier subject to satisfactory performance of the candidate/approval of the competent authority. Terms and Conditions:

1. S.No:01 to 03 shall join in the office of the Medical Superintendent SMHS Hospital, Sgr, whileas S. No: 04 to 09 shall report to the Medical Superintendent CD Hospital, Srinagar for duties within 07 days from the date of issuance of this Order, failing which their engagement shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-intio without any further notice in this behalf. 2. The engagees shall be allowed to join only on production of the following documents;

a. Date of Birth Certificate

b. Domicile Certificate

c. Diploma/Degree Certificate

d. Diploma/Degree Certificate (Year Wise)

e. No Loan certificate from District employment Exchange and

District Industries Department.

Any other document as required under rules.

3. The temporary engagement of the above persons is subject to the outcome of the writ petition, if any pending in the Hon'bie Court of law. 4. The services hired will be purely on temporary basis for a period upto 31.03.2021 or till continuation of the scheme whichever is earlier and will automatically cease/terminate once the scheme is over. It is emphasized that the services are not being hired against any substantive post and as such won't confer any right upon the hired persons for regular/permanent appointment.

5. The hired persons shall submit an undertaking in the shape of an affidavit duly attested by 1st Class Magistrate to the effect: (i) That in case an adverse report about his/her character and Antecedents, Qualification, Date of Birth, Marks certificates etc, if any is received from the competent authority to whom the references shall be made by the concerned Medical Superintendents, the candidate shall have no right to claim his/her engagement as Jr. Grade Nurse and his/her engagement as such shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-intio. He/she will not also claim for any dues from Govt. Medical College, Srinagar as well in that case, (ii) That he/she has fully understood the terms, conditions and nature of his/her engagement in Govt. Medical College, Sgr. under National Health Mission Programme will not claim for regularization after completion of the term or at any point of time.

6. The engagement shall be governed by other terms and conditions, as are not specifically mentioned herein this Order but are made applicable in case of such engagements any time by the contracting authority.

7. The services of the hired persons shall be terminated in case their performance is not satisfactory/upto the mark.

8. Honorarium for one month will be kept as security deposit and will be paid to the engagee after culmination of the contract and after he/she clears pending dues and returns all assets/other records/items provided to him/her for due performance of his/her duties of such contractual services.

Sd/- Prncipal/Dean

No: NGS/MC/20/ Dated: -02-2021. DIPK-12522/20

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News

LAWDA Approves **15 Cases During 112th BOCA Meeting**



SRINAGAR: The Lakes and Waterways Development Authori- tended the meeting include ty (LAWDA) today approved 15 Chief Town Planner of Kashcases related to various build- mir, Joint Commissioner (P) ing related permissions dur- SMC, Collector LDA, Executive ing the 112th meeting of the Engineer Lake Division 1st Building Permission Authority LDA, representatives of Exat Miskeen Bagh, here.

under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chairman, J&K-LDA. Tehsildar North, Tehsildar Kh-anyar, and Law officer LDA.

During the meeting, 24 cas-15 were approved, 07 cases of 112th shall be uploaded on the were deferred while 02 others official website of the Authority were rejected.

ecutive Engineer Electric In-The meeting was convened spection Division, PHE, UEED, Meanwhile, it was given out es were decided out of which that the minutes of the meeting (www.jklda.org) once approved.

The other members that at-

21-day Remote Sensing, GIS **Training Begins At SKUAST-K**



SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir Uni- Fisheries, Prof MH Balkhi, in his versity of Agricultural Sciences inaugural address, said remote and Technology, Kashmir Thurs- sensing and GIS play an important day inaugurated a 21-day training role to monitor and manage natuprogramme on 'Remote Sensing and GIS Applications for Natural Resources Management'.

The remote sensing and geographical information system (GIS) training is being organised by the university's Division of Soil Science, Faculty of Horticulture under the World Bank-ICAR funded National niques for natural resource man-Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) for the institutional development of SKUAST-K.

faculties of SKUAST-K, the Univer- ditional subsistence-based agriculsity of Kashmir and some other ture has changed to a commercial institutions are participating in profitable vocation which is driven the 21-day training for enhancing by knowledge and technology. He their skills in RS and GIS for global said the new age agriculture needs a natural resource management.

ral resources and provide a flexible environment for storing, analyzing and displaying digital data.

He said the training will provide an opportunity for the participants to understand and utilize the specialized capabilities of the image source and analysing techagement and agriculture.

Director Planning and Monitoring and PI NAHEP, Prof Nazir Ahmad Total 30 students from various Ganie, in his address, said that trahighly skilled natural resource, who Director Education and Dean can use the GIS and remote sensing.

Director SKIMS Dr. A. G Ahan-

phasised the role of both pre-

ventive and curative strategies

adopted by SKIMS in the com-bat against Cancer Pandemic in

fact said and summed up "Can-

Are Eveready" "I Salute 'My White Brigade' @SKIMS." He expressed his

strong belief that Cancer one

day will be conquered exactly

the way any other pandemic

for that matter Corona Pan-

demic has been dealt with as

on date at SKIMS.

cer or Coronary or Carotid ...



TOURISTS TAKE SELFIE along the banks of Dal Lake, in Srinagar. as the minimum temperatures rose considerably across Kashmir Valley on Thursday Pic Abid Bhat

Cooking Gas Refill Rates Changed From 4 February



SRINAGAR: The Legal Metrology Department (LMD) today issued renewed rate of refill LPG cylinders (Domestic type 14.2Kg) with effect from 4th February, 2021 for all the districts of the Kashmir division.

As per the official handout, the rate of refill LPG cylinders (Domestic type 14.2Kg) at district Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, Anantnag, Kulgam, Bandipora, Ganderbal has been fixed at Rs 835/- by Oil Marketing Companies (OMC). For places of Rs 6.00 lacs was collected.

Baramulla, Pahalgam, Dooru the refill rate of cooking gas is Rs 843.50 and for district Kupwara, it is Rs 852/-The consumers have been

advised to ask the deliveryboy of cooking gas to conduct weight-check and leak-check before delivering the refill cylinder. Moreover, consumers should ask for the cash-memo carrying price of the refill gas. In case of any complaint, the department may be reached on toll-free number 1800-180-7114 during office hours.

Meanwhile, the LMD has booked 03 LPG distributors during the month of January for overcharging on refill cylinders. Besides it has also conducted 1312 market inspections in which 161 erring traders were booked for which a penal sum

KU To Resume Online Classes From 8Th February

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir last semester students from which lies with Kashmir Dot except last semester/final satellite campuses. year students from 8th Feb-

ruary 2021. The unive

University has decided to 15th February as such the stu- Com) reads that upon recomcontinue online teaching dents shall be allowed physi- mendations from constituent mode for all the semesters cally to the university and its committee, the university shall reopen for offline teach-Earlier the university had ing in a staggered manner constituted a committee to and in first instance only last decide on whether to start of- semester/final year students

Truck Driver

Found Dead

In Srinagar

SRINAGAR: A truck driver

was found dead on Thurs-

day in Mehjoor Nagar area

Officials said that the

driver identified as Kalwan

Singh (35) son of Harmeet

Singh, a resident of Sunjvan

Jammu was found dead in-

side a truck bearing num-

ber JK02CP- 7272 in Meh-

joor Nagar area of Srinagar.

taken to SMHS Srinagar for

legal medico formalities.

He said the body was

of Srinagar, officials said



DIAL-EMMA

TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686 PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883 PDD: 0194-2450213 FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155 CAPD: 18001807011 SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081 AIRPORTS SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 RAILWAYS SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259 ANANTNAG: 01932-228243 BARAMULLA: 0194-102029 BIJBHERA: 01932-228243 HIJRI PAMPORE: 01933-294132 CALENDAR • PATTAN: 01954-293507 QAZIGUND: 01951-296153 **HIGHWAY STATUS** Sgrr-Jammu highway - (Closed) JAMADI Mughal Road - (Closed) Srinagar- Leh- (Closed) -UL-SANI 1442 This Day in History 1962 - Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter PRAYERS and Saturn all within 16 degrees 1963 - Maarten Schmidt discovers enormous red shifts in guasars FAJR 1963 - Soviet lunar probe failure 1970 WSCV TV channel 51 in Fort Lauderdale, FL 6:01 IND) suspends broadcasting 1971 - Apollo 14, 3rd US manned Moon expedition, **ZUHR** lands near Fra Mauro Alan Shepard & Edward Mitchell (Apollo 14) walk on Moon for 4 hrs 12:45 1974 - John Murtha becomes the first Vietnam War veteran elected to the United States Congress ASR 1987 - Soyuz TM-2 launches 1989 - Kareem Abdul-Jabar becomes 1st NBA 4:24 player to score 38,000 points 1900 - The United States and the United MAGRIB Kingdom sign treaty for Panama Canal 1922 - Reader's Digest magazine 1st published 1958 - Test Cricket debut of Lance Gibbs, WI v 6:08 Pakistan, Port-of-Spain 1958 Vanguard TV-3 back-up launches into Earth **ISHA** orbit: reaches 6 km 7:28 1970 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site 1971 - Apollo 14, 3rd US manned Moon expedition, lands near Fra Mauro Alan Shepard & Edward Mitchell (Apollo 14) walk on Moon for 4 hrs 1987 - Soyuz TM-2 launches 1994 - 68 killed and 200 wounded after a mortar bomb is set off in Sarajevo





Observer News Service

SRINAGAR - Indefinite curfew was imposed in parts of the city tonight fol-lowing killing of five per-sons belonging to a particu-lar community by some unidentified gunmen at Mehjoor Nagar today.

A vast area around the place has been cordoned off and house to house searches launched to apprehend the killers.

The areas in which curfew was imposed fall in the jurisdiction of police stations Parimpora, Batamaloo, Rainawan, Ram Munshibagh, Sher Garghi, Sadr, Shaheed Gunj, Rambagh, Kot-

mendation of its constituent fline classes or not. committee has decided to The notification from dean classes physically from 15th hold offline classes only for academic affairs (a copy of February.

shall be allowed to attend

IMAM HUSSAIN HOSPITAL On A Way To Promise & Progress



N a joint specialized meeting of Council of patrons and the managing committee of imam Hussain Hospital Bemina on 2nd of February at Shah Abbas Hotel Srinager, under the chairmainship of Hujatul-Islam Aga Sayed Hassan Almosvi Alsafvi, various broader and scientifically motivated strategies were discussed to rejuvenate, upgrade and institutionalize Imam Hussain Hospital by bringing in latest technology, competition and capability.

Recognizing Imam Hussain Hospital as the national institution, the learned participatants emphasized a unified clean and sincere intention and intervention to for the highest standard of healthcare and patient care delivery. Upon this significantly, the community leadership and founder trustees expressed their deep desire and dedication to support the managing committee in their logical and meritorious endeavour and enterprise of mission and vision of the Imam Hussain Hospital.

The learned partipants that attended the meeting were as follows: Hujatul-Islam Aga Sayed Hassan Almosvi Alsafvi, Hujatul-Islam Molvi Masroor Abbas Ansari, Hujatul-Islam Aga Sayed Mohammad Hadi Almosvi, Janab Aabid Hussain Ansari, Janab Haji Mohammad Ismail, Janab Nasir Mirza, Janab Yusouf Hussainee, Janab Shabir Ahmad Razvi, Janab Dr Sayied Kazim, Janab Mohammad Hussain Mir, Janab Mirza Altaf Hussain, Janab Advocate Zaffar Mehdi, Janab Advocate Raja Anis, and Janab Mudasir Karim. The meeting summed off with a prayer by Aga Sayed Hassan Almosvi.

> **Publicity Secretary** Imam Hussain Hospital Srinagar

hibagh, Maisuma. Army and para-mili¬tary forces in strength have been deployed in these areas.

According to reports, 6 to 8 gunmen swooped on Mehjoor Nagar locality across Rajbagh around 6 30 p.m. today and re-sorted to indiscriminate firing on a group of Sikhs there. They also entered a couple of houses. In the shoot out over a dozen .Sikhs, including three of a fam-ily, were injured, some of them

seriously. The assailants who had reportedly come in a three-wheelers escaped from the area after the shoot-out.

All those injured were rushed to various city hospitals where four of them succumbed to their injuries.

Those admitted in nearby Bone and Joint Hospital were identified as Dharminder Singh (22) s/o Amarjit Singh r/o Aloochibagh, Amar Singh (35) s/o Prithipal Singh his mother, Chand Kour (48) and Balwant Singh (65) s/o Mai Chand Singh, all residents of Mehjoor Nagar. Of them, Balwant Singh succumbed to his injuries.

Four of the injured admitted in the SMHS hospital were identified as Surjit Singh s/o Nirmal, Samir Pal Singh s/o Kanwar Nain Singh, Kanwar Nain Singh s/o Khayam Singh and Satinder Kour w/o Kanwar Nain Singh, residents of Mehjoor Nagar. Of them, Surjit Singh and Samir Pal Singh suc-cumbed to their injuries.

(According to a report, one Gurmeet Singh had died on the spot.) Some of those injured were shifted to the SK Institute of Medical Sciences where they were suited to in critical condi-tion. I

A NAFA report said late in the evening that army and paramilitary forces had cor-doned off the Mehjoor Nagar locality and some adjoining ar-eas and started house-to-house searches. A Brigadier from 311 sub-area was stated to be com-manding the operation. The Inspector General of Police, Dr Ashok Bhan, was camping in the area along with several sen-ior police officials.

Unconfirmed reports sug-gested that the security forces had entered several houses in the locality. A local agency rang up an acquaintance in the area twice this evening. The first time he talked to the friend, but when he rang up again, some-one picked up the phone made no answer, suggesting that there was something wrong in the house. Fear and tension has gripped the locality, and reports indicated many residents had fled from their houses out of fear.

This is the second major incident in which members of the Sikh community have been tar-geted. On the night of March 20, 2000, some unidentified gun-men massacred 35 sikhs at Chattisinghpora, remote vil-lage of Anantnag district A few days later the police claimed having killed the 'militants' responsible for the massacre However, subsequent develop¬ments belied the police claim, and those killed by it turned out to be local civilian youth.

It may be recalled a judicial probe headed by Justice 6 R Pandian later indicted the police for the civilian killing following which the Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah had an-nounced setting up of a commis-sion of enquiry headed by a re-tired or sitting judge of the su-preme court to probe the Chattisinghpora massacre

Dr. Abdullah even ignored the Pandian Commission rec-ommendation to reinstate one Superintendent of Police on the plea that a linkage had been established between the Bragpora killing and the Chatisinghpora massacre.

However, the commission of enquiry is yet to be setup.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 05 February, 2001)

World Cancer Day **Celebrated At SKIMS** Dr. Reshma Roshan.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir Insti- gar while appreciating the Yeotute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) on man's services by all the cancer Thursday celebrated World Cancer Day at the auditorium of the institute. Specialists and the Supportive Services Staff involved in the

On the occasion, a scientific combat of cancer at SKIMS emprogram was organized in which experts deliberated on various topics of importance about prevalence, detection, awareness and treatment of various cancers.

While giving comprehensive overview of various can- or Corona..... Come On...... We cers prevalent in the UT of J&K, the experts as per a statement istressed for various preventives measures including early



screening, lifestyle modifications, healthy dietary habits etc to contain the disease which is a simple physically active lifespreading at the alarming rate style and good dietary habits

wider community participation to raise awareness and enphysically less active lifestyle to encourage prevention, detection and treatment of the has increased the tendency for disease. The experts also dis- developing cancers of various cussed treatment modalities types over a period of time. available for patients at SKIMS, which is the main centre in UT of J&K for providing specialized treatment to cancer patients. The experts included done for diabetes, hypertension, Prof. Nazir A Khan, Dr. Mir coronary artery diseases and Hussain, Dr. Shah Naveed and other such measure illnesses.

He said cancer doesn't spare anyone irrespective of age, gen-der, status and stressed on the fact that the human beings on the planet have gone beyond and is the leading cause of death. They also emphasized for changing in an atmosphere of Industrial and Machinery drivin a polluted environment that

He stressed the need for changing lifestyles, early detec-tion and diagnosis of cancers exactly the same way as we have

OPINION



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Bajwa's 'Hand Of Peace'

n a significant statement Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Wednesday called for resolving the Jammu and Kashmir issue in a "dignified and peaceful manner" between India and Pakistan. Speaking at the graduation ceremony at a Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Academy, General Bajwa said that Pakistan and India must resolve the longstanding issue of Jammu and Kashmir as per the aspirations of people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that Pakistan stands "firmly committed to the ideal of mutual respect and peaceful co-existence. It is time to extend a hand of peace in all directions".

General Bajwa didn't talk about a third party mediation but about a bilateral resolution of Kashmir issue. The statement came at a time when the relations between India and Pakistan have plunged to their lowest low in the wake of the revocation of Article 370 in August 2019. It has now been years since there's no formal dialogue between the two countries. And there's little hope of such a dialogue in near future. Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan is on record to have said that there will be no dialogue between the two nations as long as India doesn't reverse the withdrawal of Kashmir's autonomy. This is why General Bajwa's offer of "a hand of peace" has attracted some attention. For, it reveals a certain change of heart in Pakistan on engagement with India.

Whether, it's only a one-off statement will be known in the weeks and months ahead. In India, there has been no indication over the past two years that the government wants to reach out to Pakistan. Nor has Pakistan made any such effort. The reason for this is that the repeal of Article 370 has irrevocably altered the paradigm under which the two countries engaged. By integrating Kashmir, New Delhi has signalled that it no longer considers this side of Kashmir as disputed. Pakistan sees India's withdrawal of Kashmir's special status enshrined in Article 370 as a dilution of what it sees as the disputed status of the region. But New Delhi sees the changes to the constitutional position of J&K as its internal matter. Two positions look all but irreconcilable. But for a durable peace in the region, the two countries have to find a way to get together. This requires statesmanship on both sides. And this will only be possible if there's willingness on the part of the neighbors to resolve their issues.

OTHER OPINION



How Significant Is Chenab's **Ratle Hydro Electric Project?**

Maumil Mehraj and Maknoon Wani

IT BECOMES AMPLY clear that this project is not in fact as allencompassing as citizens are made to believe. By multiple standards, the Ratle Hydroelectric Power Project is a small project.





he Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, cleared the 850 MW Ratle Hydro Electric Project on the 20th of January. The government ap-proved an investment of INR 5281.94 crore for the project to be commissioned within 60 months.

The project located on the river Chenab in Kishtwar district of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, will be undertaken jointly by the center-owned National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) and Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Ltd (JKSPDC) with an equity contribution of 51% and 49% respectively

The construction activities of the Project will result in direct and indirect employment to around 4000 persons and will contribute in the overall socio-economic development of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," read a statement released by the Union Cabinet. While the claims will, in all likeliness, remain true for the construction period of the project, will a sustained employability be assured is a question that remains.

How will it benefit the region? The statement also said that Jammu and Kashmir would get free power worth INR 5289 crore and INR 9581 crore Water Usage Charges during the project's 40-year life cycle. However, the power-starved region is unlikely to benefit from the project immediately a few hours and then directed further 808.14 crore towards the project. This after it is commissioned. According to through pressure shafts, thereby do- investment seems very insignificant the implementation strategy, the union ing away with higher environmental since the electricity demand of the reterritory government will exempt the hazards like flooding and an increased gion is increasing every year. It remains project from Water Usage Charges for a period of 10 years. Moreover, the statement also says that the UT of Jammu and Kashmir will waive free power and its share of the GST. "...reimbursement of State's share of GST (i.e., SGST) and waiver of free power to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in a decremental manner, derstandable that hydroelectric power i.e., the free power to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir would be 1% in the 1st year after commissioning of the Project, and rising @1% per year to 12% in the 12th year." According to this arrangement, the union territory will reach a threshold of 12% (of the total power generation) in the 12th year of the commissioning of the project. This 12% royalty will be paid for the remaining 28 years of the project's life cycle. What is J&K's hydropower potential? Jammu and Kashmir has the potential to produce 16,475 MW of hydro- rives 40% of its total hydroelectricity power as per an assessment made by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA). exchequer has to pay huge bills to meet

A total of 3,210 MW is already being its electricity needs. On books, J&K proharnessed in the region. Out of this, duces surplus electricity, but most of it 21 power projects, and NHPC produces to long hours of load shedding across the remaining 2,009 MW from seven projects.

Is Ratle a run-of-the-river power project?

Ratle is reportedly a run-of-the-river hydroelectric project which is different from a conventional power plant. Such projects do not require a large reservoir (dam) to move the turbines to generate electricity. Large reservoirs often lead to flooding and loss of ing to the 18th Electric Power Survey habitat for both wildlife and humans. of India report published by the Minis-Run-of-the-river power projects have a relatively lesser impact on the local biodiversity because they do not energy requirement of 21,884 million lead to flooding. However, the power supply can often be seasonal because project is 3136.76 million units and the the water is not stored in a large dam. Such power projects use the flow of the river and natural terrain to achieve per annum) means that Ratle Power the water pressure required to generate electricity. According to the NHPC, the electricity needs of J&K. Ratle will operate with a 133 meter high concrete dam, which is only 30 meters less than Gujarat's Sardar Sa- 60,000 crore would be required in the rovar Dam, the third highest concrete dam in India. However, on speaking alone. Ratle Hydro Electric Project – a with a senior official from the project, it was explained to us that the above mentioned dam was more for the pur-but over a long period of 40 years. The pose of "stoppage" rather than "stor-Government of India has pledged INR age". What this entails is that the water 776.44 crore for the equity contribution will only be stopped for no more than of JKSPDC, while NHPC will invest INR

JKSPDC harnesses 1211.96 MW from its is exported to other states, which leads the erstwhile state.

According to the Government of India's Environmental Information System (ENVIS), J&K has a power demand of 17,323 million units, out of which the state sectors produce only 2.562 million units. There is a shortfall of 14,761 million units of electricity, which has to be bought from other sources, including the NHPC. Accordtry of Power, GOI, J&K shall have a peak load of 4217 MWs in 2020-21 with an units. The production capacity of the waiver of free power for a period of ten vears (at an incremental rate of just 1% Plant is unlikely to contribute much to

The 2015-16 budget of J&K had anticipated that an investment of INR state sector and joint venture projects joint venture project — will add INR 14,870 crore to the UT's exchequer to be seen whether the government will start new projects in the near future and give a larger share of electricity to the regional corporation which can directly benefit the people of J&K. All these observations, coupled with the insight provided by our sources, it becomes amply clear that this project is not in fact as all-encompassing as citizens are made to believe. By multiple standards, the Ratle Hydroelectric when it comes to the Chenab River, it is construction, and does not in fact violate the Indus Water Treaty as there is

Global Criticism

he farm protests have captured global attention, with a set of political, cultural, and environmental figures – including the popular artiste, Rihanna, the fourth-most followed person on Twitter – tweeting their solidarity with the protests. This has led the ministry of external affairs (MEA) to issue a statement, blaming "vested interest groups" and pointing to the evolution of the farm laws, the need to see protests within the framework of India's democratic structure, the efforts made to reach an agreement with farm groups, and the violence on Republic Day. This is unusual simply because the government usually ignores comments from non-State actors.

There are two distinct issues here. The first is the international solidarity that the movement has been able to generate, either due to the Sikh diaspora's network, the larger mobilisation by liberal, left, and human rights groups, or the nature of the international media's coverage of the protests. At a time when it is not unusual for narratives to be controlled through influencer networks and IT cells - and India is no stranger to either - it is entirely possible (no matter what the probability) that at least some of these displays of solidarity have been engineered.

But irrespective of the causes and the merits of the criticism (or the merits of the underlying protest), the fact is that it erodes India's soft power and image as a democracy. The government will have to recognise the intricate ways in which domestic developments intersect with global politics, especially at a time when social media has disproportionate power in shaping perception. The most substantive and effective way in which the Indian State can respond is by strengthening its own democratic framework and reiterating its commitment to individual liberty and the right to dissent, in principle and practice. Rihanna, for instance, with over 100 million followers on Twitter is unlikely to be cowed down by a troll army, or fears of falling sales of her music in India.

The second issue is the ability of this criticism – confined at the moment to private, even if influential, citizens in the West - to become a matter of inter-State deliberations. This is where the MEA's statement comes in. It can be read as an attempt to both counter what the government sees as "propaganda" to discredit India, and an effort to pre-empt foreign governments from being guided by the social media storm. It is unlikely that foreign governments, particularly the US, will, even if they issue token statements, make it a top diplomatic issue. But what is clear is that India, because of the ideological and economic shifts underway in the country and the subsequent polarisation, will face questions.

This requires ensuring that these transformations are democratically managed internally, and smarter strategic communication about the nature of these changes externally

Hindustan Times

to the regional corporation which can directly benefit the people of J&K

disturbance to the ecology of the area. Will this project alleviate J&K's power crisis?

Every winter, when the demand is higher than usual. Jammu and Kashmir witnesses acute power shortage because of supply shortfall and poor transmission infrastructure. It is ungenerating capacity gets massively decreased in the winter months, and the subsequent demand of electricity gets Power Project is a small project. Even increased in every household, but the question of performance on part of the one of the simplest projects in terms of administration stays. NHPC, a public limited company, has often been accused of depriving the region of its no storage of water involved. water resources. The royalty rate paid by the corporation towards the union territory has remained at a paltry 12%. In the past, the local legislators have called for the transfer of power projects from the NHPC. While NHPC deproduction from the region, the J&K

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Education For Children With Disabilities And (NEP) 2020

ndia's New Education Policy (2020) has replaced its 1986 education policy and ensures to address all issues of neglected dimensions in education for persons with disabilities. The main highlights of this policy for the Children With Special Needs are discussed as under:

- NEP recognizes the importance of creating enabling mechanisms for providing Children With Special Needs (CWSN) or Divyang, the same opportunities of obtaining quality education as any other child.
- 2. Children with disabilities will be enabled to fully participate in the regular schooling process from the Foundational Stage to higher education.

The Inclusive Education as a 'system of education is stressed upon wherein students with and without disabilities learn together.

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While preparing the National Curriculum Framework, NCERT will ensure that consultations are held with expert bodies such as National Institutes of DEPwD.

Schools/School complexes will 5. be provided resources for the integration of children with disabilities 6.

Recruitment of special educators with cross-disability training for children with severe or multiple disabilities shall be taken in hand. Barrier free access for all children with disabilities will be enabled.

Assistive devices as well as teach

ing-learning materials will be made available.

- NIOS will develop high-quality mod-9. ules to teach Indian Sign Language.
- 10. Adequate attention will be paid to the safety and security of children with disabilities.
- Home-based education will con-11. children with disabilities who are unable to go to schools and they shall be treated as equal to any other child in the general system.
- 12. Assessment and certification agencies, including the proposed new National Assessment Centre, PARA-KH, will formulate guidelines for conducting assessment, from the foundational stage to higher education in order to ensure equitable

access and opportunities for all students with learning disabilities.

13. The awareness and knowledge of how to teach children with specific disabilities will be an integral part of all teacher education programmes.

In conclusion, the above reforms/ tinue to be a choice available for changes can help children with disabilities get increased access to quality education, employment, health and other services, and develop a better awareness of their rights, thereby improving their quality of life, subject to a well planned implementation of the policy.

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Mindful Fridays Winter Depression Or **Seasonal Affective Disorder**

"Ye Wande Shikas Chu Mae Kharaan; Wandas Manz Chu Mae Souri Kharaan"

C SAD IS MORE than just "winter blues." The symptoms can be distressing and overwhelming and can interfere with daily functioning.

Isha Malik

hen the long dark days of winter approach, do you feel slowed down? Does it feel more difficult to wake up early in the morning? Do you face difficulty in concentrating on work; feel demotivated and sad for most part of the dav?

You may be one of the many people who get psychologically affected by change in the season. This condition is known as SADseasonal affective disorder. Though most of the people with this condition never seek professional help but they complain about experience SAD in the summer as well. feeling less cheerful, creative, energetic and productive during the winter season compared to the rest of the year.

In Kashmir, the cold weather lasts for more than six months, which leads to most of the people having significantly low levels of vitamin D due to less exposure to sunlight. A number of studies have shown a relationship between Vit D levels and depression, which to some extent explains why people living in cold regions have a higher risk of developing seasonal affective disorder. You might have heard many people around you saying

"ye wande shikas chu mae kharaan; wandas manz chu mae souri kharaan, beh chus/ ches na hekaan kih thi karith; mae chu nebar wuchun tuth kharaan, souri chu manhoos baasaan"

What is Seasonal Affective Disorder? As per APA- American Psychological Association

epression, or winter depression. In the Di-



es and symptoms similar to depression. The symptoms usually occur during the fall and winter months when there is less sunlight and usually improve with the arrival of spring. The most difficult months for people with SAD tend to be January and February. While it is much less common, some people

SAD is more than just "winter blues." The symptoms can be distressing and overwhelming and can interfere with daily functioning. However, it can be treated. It is more common among women than men. SAD may begin at any age, but it typically starts when a person is between ages 18 and 30.

SAD has been linked to a biochemical imbalance in the brain prompted by shorter daylight hours and less sunlight in winter. As seasons change, people experience a shift in their biological internal clock or circadian rhythm that can cause them to be out of step with their daily schedule. SAD is more common in people living far from the equator where there are fewer daylight hours in the winter. Symptoms and Diagnosis

Common symptoms of SAD include fatigue, even with too much sleep, and weight gain associated with overeating and carbohydrate cravings. SAD symptoms can Seasonal affective disorder is a form of vary from mild to severe and can include depression also known as SAD, seasonal many symptoms similar to major depression suc

Social withdrawal (feeling like "hiber-

nating") Increase in purposeless physical activity (e.g., inability to sit still, pacing, handwringing) or slowed movements or speech (these actions must be severe enough to be observable to others).

Feeling worthless or guilty Difficulty thinking, concentrating, or

making decisions. Thoughts of death or suicide (APA) Remember that the symptoms associated with SAD could be a result of some other underlying medical causes. Physical examination and some blood tests can help to confirm the diagnosis and rule out the presence of any other causal factor. Some specific illnesses that need to be considered are:

Hypothyroidism, hypoglycaemia, chronic viral illnesses, chronic fatigue syndrome etc. How is SAD diagnosed?

If you think you may be suffering from SAD, talk to your family doctor or a mental health professional. To be diagnosed with SAD, an individual must meet the following criteria: They must have symptoms of depres-

- sion (as mentioned in list above) The depressive episodes must occur dur-
- ing specific seasons (i.e., only during the winter months or the summer months) consecutive years This for at least 2 means there must be a temporal relationship between the onset of the symptoms and a particular time of the year. Full remissions also occur at a characteristic time of the year (e.g., depression disappears in spring). Causes of SAD:

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petite and sleep; a lack of sunlight may lead to lower serotonin levels, which is linked to symptoms of depression.

Body's internal clock (circadian rhythm) – your body uses sunlight to time various important functions, such as when you wake up, so lower light levels during the winter may disrupt your body clock and lead to symptoms of SAD

It's also possible that some people are more vulnerable to SAD as a result of their genetic predisposition, as mood disorders appear to run in families.

- Who is at more risk?
- Females
- Young adults
- Individuals living in cold regions with long winter season.
- Individuals with personal or family history of depression.
- Individuals diagnosed with depression or bipolar disorder.
- Females in post-partum phase **Treatment:**

SAD can be effectively treated in several ways which includes- light therapy, antidepressant medications, talk therapy or some combination of these. Although symptoms generally improve with the change of season, symptoms can improve more quickly with proper treatment.

- The main treatments are:
- Making lifestyle changes –getting natural sunlight, eat a healthy and balanced diet, and paying extra attention to stress management. Keeping yourself engaged in pleasurable activities and doing physical exercise for at least 30minutes- 3-4 times a week can prove to be quite helpful. Regulation of your sleep cycle is also important. Taking vacations in sunnier regions can also help one cope with SAD.
- Light therapy where a special lamp called a light box is used to simulate ex-posure to sunlight. It usually requires 20 minutes or more per day, typically first thing in the morning, during the winter months. Most people see some improvements from light therapy within one or two weeks of beginning treatment. To maintain the benefits and prevent relapse, treatment is usually continued through the winter. Because of the anticipated return of symptoms in late fall, some people may begin light therapy in
- early fall to prevent symptoms. Consulting a Clinical Psychologist (for CBT sessions) or a Psychiatrist, who will prescribe some antidepressant medicine – such as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)

agnostic Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5), this disorder is identified as a type of depression – Major Depressive Disorder with Seasonal Pattern.

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) was first described as a syndrome of recurrent episodes of depression that occur annually (usually in the winter season at same time each year) by Rosenthal et al. in 1984.

People with SAD experience mood chang-

- · Feeling sad or having a depressed mood
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed.
- Changes in appetite; usually eating more, craving carbohydrates.
 - Change in sleep; usually sleeping too much.
 - Loss of energy or increased fatigue despite increased sleep hours

The exact cause of SAD has not been fully understood yet, but it's often linked to- reduced exposure to sunlight during short winter days.

Lack of sunlight might stop a part of the brain called the hypothalamus from working properly; this may in turn affect-

- Production of melatonin melatonin is a hormone that makes you feel sleepy; in people with SAD, the body may produce it in higher than normal levels
- Production of serotonin serotonin is a hormone that affects your mood, ap-

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ental health can have a serious impact on a business. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 80% of adults with depression reported at least some difficulty with work, home, or social activities because of their depression symptoms.

Unfortunately, disorders like anxiety and depression often go undetected for months or years. Unlike physical illnesses, mental health issues are more challenging to pinpoint.

Even though mental health can often be a taboo topic, especially in the workplace, it appears that employees want their employer to champion mental health and well-being. According to a survey of office workers in July 2018 from Peldon Rose:

72% of employees want employers to champion mental health and well-being.

Nearly three-quarters of workers say they want their employers to champion mental health and well-being in the workplace. This is rated as more important than equality (48%), sustainability (38%) and diversity (31%).

This is the case for all generations, who prioritize mental health and well-being above all other causes - Gen Z (76%), Millennials (73%), Gen X (75%), Baby Boomer (56%).

After reviewing these findings, I wanted to learn more about how companies could help. So, I recently discussed this topic with Tomas Chamorro Premuzic, Manpower-Group Chief Talent Scientist.

"One of the best ways to create a culture that supports mental health is to ensure people experience their jobs in a meaningful and purposeful way. This can be achieved by giving employees autonomy and resources. If your team experiences support and independence, and that you trust them to do what they ought to do, they will generally be happier at work, which will reduce the risk of mental health problems," said Tomas.

"It's also important that managers do not check out from their employees. People need guidance and direction from a leader so the worst thing you can do is disappear or be unapproachable; in fact, the worst and most stressful type of leaders are absent - leaving their employees without direction or feedback, and showing little concern and consideration for their staff. This harms morale and well-being," according to Tomas.

How Employers Can Get Involved

While tackling mental health can be challenging, employers and HR professionals are in a powerful position to help change attitudes and offer a support system. Here are some

How To Create A Workplace That Supports Mental Health

Alan Kohll

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tangible ways you can help your employees:

Increase Awareness

Give employees access to education and resources from national organizations such as the American Psychiatric Association, the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, Mental Health America and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Companies can also develop their own initiatives and programs. For example, DuPont started an educational program to encourage employees to reach out to co-workers who appear to be in emotional distress. The company's ICU campaign (which stands for Identifying, Connecting and Understanding, as well as "I See You") includes a fiveminute video that teaches employees how to ask appropriate questions when someone appears to be struggling.

Offer Training to Managers

Provide opportunities for managers to attend relevant training to support staff living with mental health problems and the well-being of all staff. There is a tendency in management to seek a one-size-fit-all solution, but the reality is that there are systematic differences in the way people act, think and feel. Managers need to understand that every employee is different. "Being a good manager is to a great degree being able to decode what makes each of your employees unique

and how to manage this uniqueness. It is true that some people are very resilient and will need little support when things are not going well, while others will need your support and caring even during the good times," said Tomas.

Encourage Work-Life Balance

Work-life balance is an essential aspect of a healthy work environment and employers should offer flexible work options. Maintaining work-life balance helps reduce stress and helps prevent burnout in the workplace. Mental health charity Mind explains that flexible hours can provide a better work-life balance, greater control, a chance to avoid traffic, and the opportunity to attend medical appointments – all of which are important for those coping with mental illness. Research shows that 33% of those with longer commutes (over 60 minutes each way) were more likely to suffer from depression. They are 40% more likely to have financial worries and 12% more likely to report issues due to work-related stress. **Develop Mental Health Policies**

Without proper mental health policies in place, your company is missing out on a huge opportunity. For example, do you have policies to help prevent discrimination (including bullying and harassment) or prevent stigma around depression in the workplace? If you already have some policies

in place, review your current policies and see if they can better support employees. Need a little more inspiration? Check out how Influence & Co. wrote an entirely new mental health policy and openly discussed it with their team. **Treat People Fair**

According to Tomas, fairness is treating people like they want and deserve, rather than the same. For example, forcing everyone in your team to work in noisy or loud environments will suit the extraverts but tax the introverts; asking people to spend a great deal of time on creative brainstorming tasks will make your imaginative employees thrive while stressing out your conscientious implementers. Assuming that your employees share your values and preferences will create a climate of low diversity and inclusion, where people who feel different feel excluded and marginalized - all of which puts them at risks of health problems.

Provide Screening Resources

Employers can look out for their employees' mental health by encouraging participation in free and anonymous online screenings. National Depression Screening Day is an excellent opportunity for employers to begin to address mental health issues in the workplace. Employers can encourage employees to visit HelpYourselfHelpOthers.org and complete the depression screening questionnaire.

Monitor Employee Engagement

Pay attention to engagement surveys (engagement is the opposite of burnout). Most large companies survey employees' attitudes to see how they experience their work and jobs, but few are aware of just how important engagement is as a preventive factor of poor health issues. "Indeed, engagement is the best single metric of organizational well-being managers can extract. When people are engaged, they are enthusiastic, positive, and proud to be a member of the organization. All of these factors forecast positive well-being. In contrast, when people are disengaged they are at higher risk of burnout, stress, and alienation, all of which worsen people's health," explains Tomas.

Now, more than ever, it's critical to educate employees about mental health resources to avoid burnout. mental breakdowns and reduce suicide risk. Companies who invest in the mental health of their people and foster open dialogue about mental health issues will also be creating a positive workplace and a place where people want to work. It's a win-win Forbes

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Dry Weather

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was reeling under sub zero minimum temperatures.

The cold wave had intensified across the valley after heavy snowfall on January 3 and Srinagar recorded its lowest minimum temperature in 30 years on January 31 at minus 8.8 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 0.8 degrees Celsius, three degrees up from minus 2.8 degrees Celsius the previous night, the officials said.

Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 3.3 degrees Celsius – up from the previous night's minus 3.9 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature at the Gulmarg skiing resort, in north Kashmir''s Baramulla district, settled at minus 6.4 degrees Celsius last night -- down from minus 5.2 degrees Celsius the previous night.

The resort was the coldest recorded place in Jammu and Kashmir.

Kupwara town, in north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 0.6 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature in Kokernag, in the south, settled at minus 5.1 degrees Celsius.

Most parts of Kashmir received fresh, light snowfall on Wednesday night, the officials said.

Srinagar recorded 1.2 cm of fresh snowfall while Pahalgam received 1.6 cm, they said.

Qazigund received around five inches of snow, Kulgam recorded five inches, and

Shopian got four inches of snow, they added. The officials said there are reports of fresh snowfall in many other areas in the higher reaches of lammu and Kashmir.

According to the Met office, there would be significant improvement in the weather from Thursday afternoon onwards while it is expected to stay mainly dry for the next one week.

The minimum temperature is likely to fall by two to three degrees, it said.

Air Traffic

overnight snowfall, officials said. "The flight operations at Srinagar airport resumed in the afternoon after remaining affected for several hours in the morning due to bad weather," they said.

The officials said the accumulation of snow on the runway and poor visibility affected the operations in the morning.

"The operations were resumed after the improvement in the weather. However, a few flights were cancelled," they added. The officiale said 28 flights operated while

The officials said 28 flights operated, while three were cancelled.

The flight operations at the airport were affected on Wednesday as well, as most parts of the valley received snowfall.

A total of 14 flights were cancelled due to poor visibility on Wednesday.

Highway To

either side on Jammu-Srinagar highway in view of maintenance/repairing of the road. The statement also urged people to undertake journeys on highways only after confirming the status of the road from Traffic control units.

The handout further said that the Mughal road continues to remain closed due to snow accumulation.

Pak Firing Kills

Earlier, three Army personnel were killed in Pakistani firing along the LoC in January this year.

In 2020, over 5,400 instances of ceasefire violations by Pakistan, the highest in the past 19 years, were recorded along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir. A total of 36 were killed and over 130 injured in these ceasefire violations, according to the officials. On Tuesday, Lok Sabha was informed that a total of 10,752 cases of ceasefire violation have taken place along India's border with Pakistan in the last three years in which 72 security personnel and 70 civilians were killed, Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy said 364 security personnel and 341 civilians were injured in these ceasefire violations along the International Border and the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

digital strike on or before January 26 and tweet storms on January 23.

Logjam In Lok Sabha

adjourned for the fourth time till 8:30 PM as members did not yield to the request of the chair.

Earlier in the day, when the Lok Sabha assembled at 4 PM, members of the Opposition started shouting slogans against the government and the agri laws.

Few questions related to the ministry of roads and highways were replied by Union minister Nitin Gadkari.

But as sloganeering continued, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla asked members to return to their seats.

"Question Hour is the right of MPs...This behaviour is not good and I again request you all to return to your seats so that the House proceedings run properly," he said.

Shouting slogans and showing placards are against parliamentary tradition, he added. But the Opposition members refused to

relent forcing Birla to adjourn the House till 5 PM after about 20 minutes of proceedings.

When the House re-convened at 5 pm, members of the Opposition again started raising slogans.

Some ministers and members laid papers on the table of the House, and Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad introduced the Arbitration and Conciliation Amendment Bill, 2021.

Meenakshi Lekhi, who was in the Chair, asked the members to return to their seats, but they continued with their protests. Soon, she adjourned the House till 6 pm after about 15 minutes of proceedings.

When House reassembled at 6 pm, the Opposition continued its protests shouting slogans and showing placards.

Agrawal, who was in the chair, appealed to the members to go back to their seats so that the House can function normally.

"You have every right to raise any issue that you would like to. Please exercise this right. Please go to your seats, please don't show the placards. You can raise your issues through the discussion on the motion thanking the President for his address," he said.

However, the opposition ignored his pleas and continued the protests, forcing Agrawal to adjourn the House till 7 pm after just 10 minutes of proceedings.

'Stars' Face Flak

took to the microblogging site and shared a CNN news article headlined, "India cuts internet around New Delhi as protesting farmers clash with police."

"Why aren't we talking about this? #FarmersProtest," Rihanna wrote on Tuesday.

Post her tweet, Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg, Meena Harris, an American lawyer and niece of US Vice President Kamala Harris, actors Amanda Cerni, singers Jay Sean, Dr Zeus and former adult star Mia Khalifa voiced their support to the protesting farmers.

India on Wednesday reacted sharply to these tweets with several Bollywood and cricket stars and top ministers rallying around the government in its pushback.

The "temptation of sensationalist social media hashtags and comments is neither accurate nor responsible, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

Facts must be ascertained before the rush to comment, the ministry added, using the hashtags #IndiaTogether and #IndiaAgainstPropaganda to make its point.

Personalities including Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli, Lata Mangeshkar, Akshay Kumar Aiay Devgn Karan Johar and oth ers rallied around the government on social media using hashtags - #IndiaTogether #IndiaAgainstPropaganda as they reacted to a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs on the issue. These tweets advised people to not fall for "false propaganda" and support "an amicable resolution", rather than paying attention to anyone creating differences. Calling it "embarrassing" and "tragic", many in the film industry called out the celebrities for their sudden Twitter activity while they failed to notice or acknowledge the plight of farmers.

#IStandWithFarmers, he tweeted.

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Celebrity jewellery designer Farah Khan Ali tweeted, "Disappointed with the fraternity tweeting identical tweets that make it more like a marketing gimmick. Whatever their reasons & I'm no one to judge at least u could have tried to make it more original. Now you have given yourselves away. Reel Life Heroes VS Real Life Heroes."

Actor Sayani Gupta tweeted, Aiyooo! The cute Bhakts have awakened! (You know that moment in a zombie film climax, when the zombie was looking elsewhere, and a human was cautiously stepping away, and bam! It suddenly turns to him.) Just got that feeling!.

Bollywood celebrities have often been called out in the media for not speaking up on politically sensitive topics unlike their counterparts in the US.

Pointing out to this fact, actor Swara Bhasker wrote on Wednesday, "Aur Bolo 'Speak Up Bollywood, 'Speak Up celebrities'."

"Made in Heaven" star Arjun Mathur used the hashtags to mock celebrities for displaying an "utter lack of spine", a thought echoed on social media with 'Spineless Celebs' trending on Twitter.

"Let us stand together in displaying our utter and complete lack of spine, in safeguarding our hundreds of crore rupees of income and in supporting this military-style mobilisation against the very masses who have practically treated us as gods and to whom we owe everything we enjoy. Let no sane or humane voice interfere, nor influence you.

"They can spectate, not participate. Please do support us, as we intend to come for you next," Mathur wrote on Instagram.

Actor-TV host Sushant Singh said he was heartbroken with the support pouring in from the film industry for the government.

Why do you make those who are heroes or heroines in films your idols? Heartbroken now...

Thousands of farmers, mainly from Punjab, Haryana and UP, have been protesting for over two months at Delhi's borders demanding rollback of the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020.

Merger To

as such there is a requirement of merging it with Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, Union territories cadre so that the officers in this cadre can be posted in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir to meet out any deficiency to some extent," reads the statement of objects and reasons of the bill.

It further reads that the move will provide uniformity in the governance of all the Union territories and further enhance efficiency in their administration.

The bill was brought in the Parliament to replace ordinance brought on January 7 for merger of J&K cadre of coveted services with AGMUT cadre—(Agencies)

Authorities Complete

and his body was found later, his family claimed it was a "murder in custody".

8 J&K Residents

"Due to strong privacy laws prevailing in many countries, the local authorities do not share information on prisoners unless the person concerned consents to the disclosure of such information. Even countries which share information do not generally provide detailed information about the foreign nationals imprisoned."

To a question regarding the total number

The counsel further argued that the Inspector General of Registration has no jurisdiction to issue a circular in respect of charging of stamp duties.

Observing that the petition raises an important questions of law, the court admitted it to hearing and issued notice to the government returnable by April 12.

The court also directed the concerned Sub Registrar to consider the document in question presented by the woman for Registration. In case the same fulfills all other requirements of law and rules, the document be admitted to Registration without insisting in payment of stamp duty on revised rates, subject to filing of an undertaking by the petitioner (Shabnam) that in case she fails in this petition, she shall make good the deficiency of stamp duty." (GNS)

Courts To Resume

in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir as well as in the District and Subordinate Courts and Tribunals in UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh shall resume February 08.

It said that "However, to ensure that there is no complacency against the spread of COVID-19 infection. Advocates shall be allowed entry into the Court premises."

It further reads that, however, advocates shall themselves restrict their entry in a manner that only those Advocates enter the Court building on a given day whose cases are listed on that day before any of the Bench/Court.

"On entry into the Court building, Advocates shall strictly maintain the social distancing SOPs while waiting for hearing of their cases. They shall not huddle either in the well or in the gallery outside the Court Rooms. As and when their cases are finished they shall endeavor to leave the court premises at once."

As and when the Advocates finish their case in the Court room and exit it, they shall immediately leave the gallery and not stand there.

It reads that the entry of Clerks and agents of the Advocates into the Court rooms shall continue to be prohibited for the time being.

"Entry of litigants and public into the Court premises from the very outer gate shall continue to be prohibited. If, however, any litigant on any reasonable ground is compelled to argue his case personally, he shall be allowed entry into the Court premises subject to the condition that he makes an application at least two days prior to the date of hearing through e-mail to the Registrar Judicial/Presiding Officer of the Court disclosing such compelling reasons and seeking permission in that regard."

The order reads that the entry of the clerical staff of the Advocate General's office or of any Standing Counsel of any Department or any Government Officer shall continue to be prohibited in the Courtrooms for the time being, unless specifically summoned or called by any Court."

It reads that for the time being, Advocates are free to file their cases, applications etc., either physically or by virtual mode.

"The entry of Advocates in the office rooms/ branches of the High Court Registry/Courts

shall continue to be prohibited." It further reads that the aforesaid relaxation

of entry into 09.30 am till 05.00 pm on each working day.

It reads that the canteens located in the premises of the Court Complexes are also permitted to be opened and run with effect from 08.02.2021 subject to the strict observance of all the relevant SOPs, instructions.

"The canteen holders shall restrict/reduce the attendance of their workmen to 50% of their respective roll of employees."

It reads that this protocol will be reviewed periodically depending upon the trend of spread of COVID-19 infection.

stressed upon the necessity of proper interdepartmental coordination and also directed the officers to get a better exposure and understanding of different aspects of Smart City projects.

KASHMIR OBSERVER

"He also enquired about the measures taken while completing projects by Smart City Ahmedabad Development Ltd and issued directions to the concerned officers for effective implementation of different projects and IT based smart civic services in Jammu & Kashmir. He further emphasised upon the need of undergrounding of overhead utilities all along the proposed Complete Street development project," he said.

Keshav Varma, Chairman, Sabarmati River Front Development Corporation Ltd (SRFDCL); Mukesh Kumar, Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation; Nitin Sangwan, CEO, Smart City Ahmedabad Development Ltd and Jagdish Patel, General Manager, Technical, SRFDCL gave their valuable inputs for sharing of knowledge and expertise in implementing various aspects of Smart City projects.

According to the official spokesperson, experts from Sabarmati River Front Development Corporation Ltd explained the details and gave suggestions for development of Tawi River Front on the lines of Sabarmati River Front, besides flood control measures to be taken.

"They also briefed the chair about the challenges and best practices adopted during the development of Sabarmati Riverfront at Ahmedabad, and drew parallels between the Tawi River Front project," he said.

He further said that the CEO, Smart City Ahmedabad Development Ltd gave a detailed overview of projects undertaken by SCADL, while CEO, Jammu Smart City Ltd., Ms. Sushma Chauhan presented the status of similar projects executed & under execution in Jammu, including Integrated Command & Control Center; upcoming ICCC integrations; smart urban mobility & Intelligent Traffic Management System; City beautification; façade lighting & illumination; efficient green initiatives; solid waste management etc.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; concerned Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Jammu and Kashmir; IGPs Jammu and Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners, Jammu and Srinagar; Commissioners, Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Corporations; VCs JDA and SDA; HoDs; Chief Engineers and other senior officers attended the meeting, in person and through virtual mode, the official spokesperson added.

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2 More Corona

list followed by Jammu (371), Baramulla (174), Budgam (118), Kupwara (96), Pulwama (88), Anantnag (86), Doda (64), Bandipora (61), Udhampur (57), Kulgam (54), Rajouri (55), Kathua (53), Ganderbal (46), Shopian (40), Samba (40), Poonch (24), Ramban (21), Kishtwar(22), and Reasi (15).

Meanwhile, sixty fresh cases of Covid-19 were reported in J&K during the last 24 hours, taking the total virus tally to 124719, officials said on Thursday.

Among the fresh cases, the officials said 42 cases were reported from Kashmir Valley and 18 others from the Jammu division. Also, three districts from Kashmir and six from the Jammu division reported zero cases during the time.

Giving the district-wise break-up, they said, Srinagar reported 22, Baramulla 3, Budgam 3, Pulwama 4, Anantnag 5, Ganderbal 4, Kulgam 1, Jammu 8, Poonch 1, Ramban 2 and Reasi 7 new cases of Covid-19. (With GNS inputs)

Delhi Police

on ways to support the protest.

In the document, various urgent actions, including creating a Twitter storm and protesting outside Indian embassies, were listed which were needed to be taken to support the farmers' protest.

Addressing a press conference, Special CP (Crime) Praveer Ranjan said the Delhi Police has come across a document "toolkit" which has an action plan to spread social disharmony in the country and registered a case against its author on charges of criminal conspiracy, sedition and others.

He said the initial probe has revealed that the 'toolkit' has been created by a pro-Khalistani organisation.

He said documents uploaded on social media have a proper action plan about a

Actor Taapsee Pannu, who has been a vocal supporter of farmers issue, took a jibe at the government's campaign and said one should focus on strengthening the system.

"If one tweet rattles your unity, one joke rattles your faith or one show rattles your religious belief, then it's you who has to work on strengthening your value system not become a propaganda teacher' for others," Pannu wrote.

Actor Sonakshi Sinha, Akshay Kumar's costar of many films, was among the celebrities to support Rihanna's tweet.

The actor, in her Instagram stories, shared quotes from storysellers comics, which said the voices raised by the international celebrities are "about the violation of human rights, suppression of free internet and expression, state propaganda, hate speech, and abuse of power."

One of the stories on Sinha's Instagram also dismissed the argument that it was India's internal matter, saying, "these are not alien species but fellow humans who are speaking up for the rights of other humans."

Comedian-actor Vir Das said he was amazed to see how Indians got mobilized' over a tweet by Rihanna and Thunberg.

Honestly, I don't think Rihanna or Greta have anything more than superficial wisdom about Indian farmers. But gotta say it's hilarious to see literally thousands of shaky Indian men get mobilized over a tweet, all the while proclaiming how secure they are in their policymakers, he said.

Filmmaker Onir took a dig at the tweets in support of the government by noted personalities and termed the so-called support from Bollywood as a puppet show'.

It is so embarrassingly obvious that a whole bunch of celebs who do not value their voice have been sent a set message, which they are modifying a bit and postings. They Do what they have been told to. Tragic #puppetShow #worldWithFarmers of applications for repatriation received and total number of Indian nationals repatriated from foreign prisons since the enactment of the Repatriation of Prisoners Act in 2003, the MoS said: "After the enactment of the Repatriation of Prisoners Act in 2003, 205 applications for repatriation have been received and 73 Indian prisoners have been repatriated from foreign prisons."

He said there are 31 countries with which India has bilateral agreements in regard to repatriation of prisoners.

Regarding the inter-ministerial process of interaction between different Ministries and Departments and the average time taken to process repatriation requests, he said, "There is a regular process of inter-Ministerial meetings, consultation and coordination between the Ministries of External Affairs and Home Affairs on the issue of repatriation of Indian nationals in foreign prisons including in the context of bilateral agreements for Transfer of Sentenced Persons (TSP)."

Transfer of sentenced persons involves several stages of processing, namely obtaining consent of the transferring country, availability of complete documentation necessary for processing the request, obtaining comments of the State Government concerned and identification of the specific prison where the prisoner is to be lodged, making escort arrangements by the State Government concerned for transfer from foreign country to India, clearance from various agencies etc, he said further. "All these factors have to be attended to while processing request transfer, "he said, adding, "Therefore, no rigid timeline can be fixed for completion of such requests as the fulfilment of requirement depends on receiving complete documentation and clearance from foreign Governments, State Governments and other relevant agencies etc."

J&K HC Stays

stayed," said a bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar passed the orders after hearing a petition filed by one Shabnam Nazir who contended through her lawyer that date of the execution of a document determines the rate at which stamp duty has to be affixed on a document and not the date on which, the document is actually registered by the Sub-Registrar.

To support the contention, her counsel referred to Section 47 of the Registration Act, according to which, a document, irrespective of date of its registration, takes effect from the date of its execution.

NIA Conducts

NIA spokesperson said.

The case relates to the arrest of Hilal Ahmad Shergojri, an Over Ground Worker (OGW) of HM and a close associate of Riyaz Ahmed Naikoo, the then commander of HM who had come to Amritsar to collect funds to further the militant activities in Jammu and Kashmir, the official said.

According to the NIA official, Rs 29 lakh along with a truck was seized from the accused on April 25 last year by Punjab Police. The case was originally registered by Punjab Police on April 25 last year under sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in connection with the seizure of Rs 29 lakh which were drug proceeds, the official said.

Subsequently, sections of NDPS Act were added during investigation.

The NIA re-registered the case on May 8 last year and filed chargesheets against 11 accused in a special NIA court in Mohali.

Manpreet Singh, a hawala operator, had collected heroin, drug proceeds and weapons, and transported them in his cars as per directions of Ranjit Singh and Iqbal Singh, the NIA official said.

Manpreet Singh also delivered the drugs proceeds to the tune of Rs 35 lakh and weapons to chargesheeted accused Bikram Singh, a relative of Ranjeet in a March, 2020, the official said.

During searches conducted on Thursday, Rs 20 lakh of drug proceeds, 130 rounds of 9 mm, mobile phones, pen drive, one bunch of polythene bags used for packing heroin, a car, a two wheeler, documents related to properties and other incriminating documents have been seized from the house of the suspect, the NIA official said.

LG Says Vision

an official spokesperson said.

Stressing on timely completion of the Smart City Projects, Sinha, he said, passed specific directions to the concerned officers for completion of the projects within the set timelines without any delay.

He further said that the LG called for exploring every possibility to achieve the desired results and asked the concerned officers of Smart City projects in J&K to apply the learning gained from the experience of the officers of Smart City Ahmedabad Development Ltd during the implementation phase for various smart city initiatives.

Ås per the official spokesperson, the LG

ernment of India's position on the right depiction of its boundaries has been unambiguously reiterated."

Onus On Pakistan

The minister added:

under severe strain after India carried out strike on militant camps in Balakot in Pakistan in February 2019 following Pulwama attack.

The relations further deteriorated after India in August 2019 announced withdrawing special powers of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcation of the state into two union territories.

Notwithstanding the coronavirus pandemic in the region, Pakistan has been resorting to unprovoked ceasefire violations along the LoC and making concerted efforts to push militants into Kashmir.

KU To Resume

from dean academic affairs reads that upon recommendations from constituent committee, the university shall reopen for offline teaching in a staggered manner and in first instance only last semester/final year students shall be allowed to attend classes physically from 15th February. (KDC)

Four Gamblers

shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Case vide FIR No. 13/2021 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Ganderbal and investigation has been initiated," the police spokesperson said.

Sumbal Shuts

and long hours of power cuts in Sumbal and several adjoining villages. Traders Federation Sumbal said that over the past few weeks the unscheduled power cuts had increased considerably.

The Report said that SDM Sumbal visited the market and assured traders' federation that their grievance will be address, following which shopkeepers resumed their business.

Chadoora Youth

a probe into his death.

Meanwhile, a pall of gloom descended in the Buchroo area after the news of youth's death spread.

An official said that the post mortem report

"The body has been shifted to the mortuary room of GMC Jammu and his autopsy has been conducted," he added—(KNO)

News

Div Com Reviews Progress On Nashri To Banihal Stretch



JAMMU: Divisional Commis- different stages. The Div Com sioner, Jammu, Sanjeev Verma sought details of land acquisitoday reviewed the progress of 4 lanning work on Nashri to Banihal stretch of Jammu- Srinagar to land owners and shifting of National Highway-44, here at a electric towers. video conference meeting with concerned officers.

by senior Officers of NHAI and other concerned, while Deputy Commissioner Ramban along with concerned officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

took detailed review of the progress on land acquisition pertaining to Nashri to Banihal stretch.

The Deputy Commissioner tlenecks which are hampering Ramban apprised the Div Com the work progress. He also diabout the progress on each rected the NHAI to expedite the case and informed that most of the land acquisition cases where land acquisition has have been resolved, while been completed for timely other pending cases are also at completion of road projects.

tion, structure removal, disbursement of compensation

The Div Com asked the DC The meeting was attended plete the pending land acquisition cases, structure removal for smooth execution of work on the vital road project.

The concerned officers apprised the Div Com that the work on shifting of elec-The Divisional Commissioner tric towers has almost been

completed. The Div Com asked the concerned officers to resolve botpace of work on the stretches

...DDC Elections DEO Anantnag Orders Recount On PDP's Larnoo Seat



Thursday ordered recount of as an independent candidate. the votes in Larnoo DDC seat on ditional Commissioner Kashmir. votes in the constituency. The seat was earlier bagged by

SRINAGAR: The District Elec- her nearest rival Sajida Begum, Ahmad Bhat passed the instruction Officer (DEO) Anantnag on who was contesting the election tions to DEO Anantnag to hold recount of votes in the aforesaid DDC seat.

> Anshul Garg has issued a notification to hold recount of votes in the constituency tomorrow

Alleged Custodial Death Of Sopore Youth Make Inquiry Report Public, **Demands Family**

SRINAGAR: The family of Sopore youth has demanded that the inquiry report which has been submitted to government must be made public even as they have shown complete faith

into the inquiry. "We came to know that the inquiry officer has submitted the report that must be made public," the brother of slain youth, Javid Akbar said.

He said that our brother was innocent and killed in coldblooded murder by the Police. Irfan Ahmad Dar son of



KPC Condemns FIR Against Two News Portals

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KASHMIR OBSERVER



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Press Club on Thursday condemned through a standard procedure the registration of an FIR against two Kashmir based news portals for running a question if at all there was any story on a school in Shopian in factual inaccuracy in their sto-South Kashmir.

Thursday, the KPC manage- filed," the statement said. ment committee and executive and news organisations by filing cases against them.

of democratic set-up. Instead cerned.

of going ahead with the complaint or the registration of the case, the concerned authorities should have sought clarification from the news websites in ries. But no such procedure was In a statement issued on followed and instead a case was

"This authoritative approach members expressed concern apparently shows a deliberate over harassment of journalists attempt to pressurize journalists," the statement added.

The Club has urged the au-The Club wants to make it thorities to withdraw the FIR clear that a free and vibrant against the media organisamedia is key to the survival tions and the journalists con-

IGP Kashmir Gets COVID Vaccine Shot, Says It's Safe



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As a part of second phase of Covid-19 vaccination drive,the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Vijay any inhibition and avail this op-Kumar volunteered to be the first to receive the vaccine shot and inaugurate the vaccination drive at PCR Kashmir. uous efforts of the police person-Besides, other senior officers nel during the pandemic, he said of Police were also present on the occasion.

agencies and officials of Munic- to police officials."

ipalities and revenue department will be vaccinated.

IGP Kashmir while reiterating the value of vaccine, advised all the officials to shed portunity of administering the vaccine shots.

While appreciating the assidthat the vaccination drive will be a key factor in strengthening Talking to reporters after re- our defence against this disease

ceiving COVID-19 vaccine, the and will facilitate resumption of IGP Kashmir range said that in our daily life schedules. He also the second phase of the vacci- thanked the health department nation program, Police, Army, officials for their assistance in paramilitary, other security administering the vaccine doses

Div Com Reviews Progress On Major Developmental Projects



SRINAGAR: Divisional Commis- The Div Com also reviewed sioner Kashmir, Pandurang K the progress of work process Pole today chaired a meeting of on Grid Stations at Tengpora, officers to take stock of the work Batapora, Chadoora, Lassipora, progress on major developmen- Khrew, Khansahab, Transmistal projects across Kashmir.

The meeting among others old aged transformer bank at was attended by MD JKPCC, CE Pampore, underground power R&B. CE KPTCL, CEPHE, CE I&FC, cable project Wanganpora. SEKPDCL, SE I&FC, EE Sports besides various flood protec-Council and others concerned. tion and anti- erosion works At the outset, the concerned and WSS at Rangil, Rakh Khoi officers briefed the chair about Baramulla, Brinti Batpora Anwork achievement, progress antnag, Shangus, Tral, Lift Irmade on the projects and about rigation Schemes, and other bottlenecks being faced in the projects. way of execution through power point presentation. The major projects reviewed during the meeting included GMC Baramulla, GMC Anant- and various other departments nag, 200 bedded Pediatric Hospital Bemina, DH Ganderbal, 13 schemes YSS projects which includes Indoor Stadiums, additional block expedite the work process and at LD hospital, Semi Ring Road submit month wise progress Srinagar, NH444 road projects, and instructed the concerned Transit Accommodations for to ensure projects facing any Migrant Employees at Vessue, bottlenecks are addressed on Wandhama and Shekhpora, priority. bridges at Sharifabad, Bobsipora, Noorbagh and Ashmujipora, all works suspended due to hostel accommodations, and cold weather conditions at the various other major projects earliest to ensure all projects presently under execution in are completed within the set various districts.

sion lines, replacement of

Officials said that Sajida Bewhich PDP candidate was earlier gum had approached the Addeclared as winner following ditional Commissioner Kashmir the directives issued by the Ad- with an appeal to recount all They said following which in the Dak Bungalow Khanabal

the PDP candidate Khalida Bibi by appellate authority, Additional and has appointed Deputy DEO a margin of seven votes against Commissioner Kashmir, Bilal Anantnag as Nodal officer.

Meanwhile, DEO Anantnag,

He stressed on timely completion of all projects being executed by R&B, JKPCC, I&FC, Sports Council, PHE, KPTCL and agencies under various

He instructed concerned to

He impressed on resuming deadlines

hammad Akbar Dar, a resident of Sidiq Colony Sopore in

Baramulla district, shopkeeper aged to escape regarding which by profession was found dead home during a night raid a day earlier.

However, Police in its stateescaped while being taken for recovery of arms.

The statement said,"The of darkness and terrain man- death of the youth.

The Deputy Commissioner

Tujjar-Sharief." ment had claimed that the of the youth in mysterious cir- of Irfan Ahmad Dar. youth was an OGW and had cumstances, the family had

in the area forcing the authori- mitted the report to the govern-OGW while taking advantage ties to order a probe into the ment a few days ago and refused

a separate Case FIR No. 71/2020 Baramulla on 17th Septemin mysterious circumstances U/S 224 IPC was registered in ber 2020, appointing the ADC on September 16, after being Police Station Bomai and dur- Baramulla as the inquiry officer picked up by Police from his ing search; the body of OGW into the incident advising him was found near Stone Quarry of to submit the report within a stipulated time of 20 days into Immediately after the death the circumstances of the death

Meanwhile enquiry officer termed it a custodial killing, fol- ADC Baramulla Mohammad lowed by widespread protests Ahsan told KDC that I had subto share the further details.

DC Pulwama Receives First Jab Of Covid-19 Vaccination

PULWAMA: The Deputy Com- shot of Covid-19 vaccination, The DC got his first shot of missioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr after the 2nd phase of vac- COVID-19 vaccination today at Raghav Langer along with cination was started here for District Hospital Pulwama in Superintendent of Police on revenue officials all across the presence of CMO Pulwama and Thursday received their first district. other health officials.

Toy Fair Held At DIET Kulgam

KULGAM: A day long Toy fair was today presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Showkat Aijaz Bhat here at DIET Kulgam.

Hundreds of students from across the district participated in the fair to showcase their toys at the venue.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that such skills if picked at a young age can create numerous job opportunities and career options for the children in future.



Principal DIET highlighted a teacher in guiding and chan- the activities being conducted nelising the energies of students at DIET in the district.

NEWS MAKERS



...WORLD CANCER DAY **Cancer Society Holds Consultation Camps, Awareness Programs**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: On the eve of World Cancer Day (4th Feb 2021) Cancer Society of Kashmir organized a free Oncology Consultation Camp under the supervision of reputed Oncologists & expert doctors.

A large number of patients who had come from different corners of Kashmir Valley were examined. Poor and deserving patients who are registered with the society were provided free anti-cancer drugs as a matter required for G.I treatments were provided to all patients free of cost.

Endoscopy Screening of around 42 patients and Ultrasonography of 35 patients was also conducted free of cost on this occasion.

Besides, many discussions and awareness sessions about this dreaded disease were held on All India Radio Srinagar and DoorDarshan Kendra Srinagar. Wide publicity was also given in all the leading dailies of the Valley. The day long activities were carried out smoothly with active participation of staff members of the society under the supervision of Mr. of routine. Other supportive drugs Masood Ahamd Mir (General Secretary) who worked very hard to make this event a success.



SPORTS

'Briefly Discussed Farmers' **Protest In Team Meeting,'** Says India Captain Kohli

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: India captain Virat Kohli on Thursday said the ongoing farmers' protest against new agriculture laws has come up for discussion in his team meeting where everyone has "expressed what they had to".

Kohli, speaking online to the media ahead of the first Test against England here, did not divulge the details of the "brief" conversation on the matter.

"Like any issue present in the country, we do talk about it and everyone had expressed what they had to," Kohli said when asked about the agitation that has been going on for over two months.

'That's about it. We briefly spoke about it in the team meeting and we carried on discussing the team and game plans," he added. On Wednesday, Kohli was

among a host of Indian cricket stars, including the iconic Sachin Tendulkar who urged for unity in the country after some international celebrities like US pop star Rihanna called attention to the plight of the agitating farmers on social media. "Let us all stay united in this hour of disagreements. Farmers are an integral part of our country and I'm sure an amicable solution will be found between all parties to bring about peace and move

forward together," he had tweeted. India and England will lock horns in a four-match Test series starting Friday. Thousands of farmers, mostly from Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh, have been camping at Delhi's borders for over two months demanding that the three new farm laws be repealed.

Farmer groups have alleged that these laws, which allow farmers to sell their produce directly to a buyer, will end the traditional mandi system and the guarantee of a Minimum Support Price for their crops. The BJP-led government has rejected these apprehensions as misplaced.



Robbie Fowler Suspended For 4 Games, Fined For Racist **Insults Against ISL Referees**

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: East Bengal football club's high-profile English coach Robbie Fowler was suspended for four matches, and fined Rs 5 lakh after being found guilty of making "insulting" remarks against Indian referees at the ongoing ISL, but the former footballer insisted there was nothing racist about his outburst.

Fowler was handed the punishment by the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) disciplinary committee headed by senior lawyer Ushanath Banerjee and comprising Dr Madhav Milan Ghosh, Harsh Vora and Prateek Chadda. Fowler was in the dock for stating that he was "not sure whether the Referees have an Anti-English thing or Anti East Bengal thing" in the ISL being conducted in Goa.

"The Committee held such uterances and publications are gross

Committee withheld such sanction for the time being...," the order read

The AIFF panel instead "imposed sanctions of suspension of four matches upon Mr. Robert Fowler with immediate effect and a fine of Rs.5,00,000/ as codified under Article 58 of the Disciplinary Code, to be paid forthwith."

East Bengal had, earlier in the day, backed Fowler and denied that he was charged for making allegedly racist remarks. Fowler has expressed his displeasure with refereeing on more than one occasion in this edition of the league, which is his first.

The 45-year-old had remarked that the referees probably need a "bit of help" after East Bengal were denied at least two penalties in a 0-2 loss against NorthEast United FC in December. Then, after a goalless draw against Chennaivin FC in January, he termed the refereeing "disgraceful" and had said he's "fighting battles with the referees every single game and it's an absolute joke". Fowler had also been suspend-ed for one match after receiving his second caution of the season, which forced him to miss their match against Bengaluru FC on January 9. The disciplinary committee held that such comments of Fowler were meant to "impute by innuendos that the referees in India may be hostile toward British people and as such gave intentional unjust decisions against East Bengal." The Committee also directed the AIFF to "closely monitor the conduct and demeanour" of Fowler in all future AIFF games. It said that even a single case of indiscipline by Fowler would result in "major exemplary sanctions forthwith." The English great also tendered an apology for his behaviour and said his "intentions had been to protect his players and the team".



Real Kashmir Defeat Indian Arrows 6-0, Go 2nd In I-League Table

Press Trust of India

KALYANI (WB): Real Kashmir FC got back to winning ways in grand fashion, inflicting a 6-0 drubbing on Indian Arrows in an utterly lopsided I-League match here on Thursday, the result propelling the Snow Leopards into second place in the standings.

RKFC scored through Dipanda Dicka (42nd, 74th), Lukman Ademeni (51st), Haroon Amiri (61st), Chesterpoul Lyngdoh (80th) and Danish Farooq (86th).

Coming into the match on the back of two successive draws, Real Kashmir FC showed their swiftness in the field of play before trouncing their opponents by an embarrassing margin. Giving their fans something to

cheer about, RKFC's Haroon Amiri, Lukam Adefemi and Dipanda Dicka dominated the match with their skills. After a surge of attacks from Real Kashmir, the Arrows slowly got into the game, and put up a fight. They finally broke out and threatened the Real Kashmir goal in the 18th minute through Fela, but his weak shot was easily saved by Mithun Samantha.

Most of Real Kashmir's chances kept coming in from long balls and corners. Minutes after the water break, Mason Robertson wasted another opportunity to break the deadlock. The RKFC skipper broke past three defenders, before releasing a low strike, only to be denied by the Arrows keeper.

The Snow Leopards finally broke the deadlock in the 42nd Dicka made no mistake and minute, through Dicka, as the two tapped home from a close range to teams went into half-time with score his second, and Real Kashthe score reading 1-0 at the Kalymir"s fourth goal of the match. ani Muncipal Stadium.

Pratesh Shirodkar stole the ball off Brijesh Giri. Farhan Ganai then launched a long ball forward and Sajad failed to clear his line. Dicka pounced on the bouncing ball and headed it before the oncoming

Leopards doubled their lead.

in the 61st minute.

which was headed home by de-

fender Haroon Amiri to hand Real

Kashmir a three-goal advantage

match, Chesterpoul Lyngdoh and Danish Farooq scored one each in the 80th and 86th minute respectively to crush Indian Arrows. It was a clinical performance by Real Kashmir in the second half as

In the 74th minute, forward

In the final moments of the



Bukhari to open the scoring. the David Robertson-coached side Just after the first half, Lukam scored five goals in that period. Adefemi's bullet header in the 51st Real Kashmir made just one minute left the opposition goal-

change from their goalless draw keeper bewildered as the Snow against Gokulam Kerala FC, as head coach Robertson brought in Sena Ralte delivered an as-Farhan Ganai for Farooq. tonishing cross from a free-kick,

Indian Arrows, who lost narrowly to Chennai City FC, made two changes as coach Venkatesh Shanmugam started with Sajad Hussain Parray and Abdul Hannan.

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PAK VS SA 2ND TEST Pakistan 145-3 After Babar Azam, Fawad Alam Steady Ship On Rain-Hit Day 1



Agencies

RAWALPINDI: Captain Babar Azam and Fawad Alam steadied Pakistan's 1st innings with a century stand to reach 145-3 against South Africa on a rain-hit first day of the second cricket test on Thursday.

Babar raised his 16th test halfcentury and was unbeaten on 77 with a dozen boundaries while left-handed Alam continued his rich batting form to be 42 off 138 balls at tea. They did not resume as rain washed out the last session.

Pakistan was in trouble early after left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj took two wickets in 10 balls and fast bowler Andrich Nortje had Abid Ali caught at forward short leg. But Babar and Alam put the in-

nings back on track with an unbroken 123-run stand as the ball got older in the middle session on a dry pitch which eased out for batting. Babar caressed the offside field through some crisp cover drives, and was equally good off his back foot against the three fast bowlers. Maharaj bowled the bulk of the overs, his 25 conceding 51 runs for

two wickets. The Pakistan skipper completed his fifty with a flicked boundary off Wiaan Mulder -- the only change the Proteas made from the team which lost the first test by seven

wickets at Karachi last week. Alam scored a gritty century in the first test and continued to frustrate South Africa with his open chested batting stance.

South Africa had an injury scare when spinner George Linde left the field in the first session after the left-arm spinner tried to stop a hard drive off Babar off his own bowling. Linde didn't sustain a fracture but required stitches on

BABAR RAISED HIS 16TH TEST HALF-

CENTURY AND WAS unbeaten on 77 with a dozen boundaries while left-handed Alam continued his rich batting form to be 42 off 138 balls at tea. They did not resume as rain washed out the last session

his little finger.

Linde didn't return to the field in the middle session and South Africa management said he was subject to further testing.

Earlier, Proteas' skipper Quinton de Kock read the dry pitch well as the visitors snapped up three wickets for one run within four overs after Babar won the toss and elected to bat.

Maharaj could have dismissed Imran Butt off his first ball only to see Temba Bavuma miss a regulation slip catch. But Maharaj, who got plenty of spin and awkward bounce off the pitch with the new ball, struck in his third over and the eighth of the day when Butt, on 15, got a thin edge and de Kock hold onto a sharp catch behind the wickets.

Azhar Ali struggled for nine de-liveries and fell for a duck when Maharaj trapped the former Pakistan skipper off a full-pitched delivery that skidded through the right-hander.

Aiden Markram then snapped up a sharp reflex catch of Abid Ali on 6 at forward short leg off Nortje's short-pitched delivery to have Pakistan 22-3.

But Babar and Alam then combined in a century stand and took the home team to 63-3 by lunch. They added 82 runs in the middle session.

Pakistan retained the playing XI which won the first test. Leftarm spinner Nauman Ali, who became the oldest test cricketer in 72 years to take a 5-for in an innings on debut, got another chance on a dry pitch similar to Karachi. Nauman, 34, and legspinner Yasir Shah shared 14 wickets.

South Africa brought in fast bowling allrounder Mulder, who played two home tests against Sri Lanka. Mulder replaced Lungi Ngidi.

inconceivable derogatory and contemptuous aspersions apart from blatant malice on the part of Mr. Fowler and tends to offend the dignity, reputation and image of the Referees in India," read the disciplinary panel's detailed order which is in PTI's possession.

The panel asked him to explain what he meant by his statement. Fowler, according to the com-

mittee, did not respond and "said that he never intended to make any racist remarks and no malice was ever intended."

The Liverpool legend had made the controversial remark after East Bengal's 1-1 draw against a 10man FC Goa in Margaon on January 29. He was charged under Articles 50.4, 58 and 59.1 of the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

Of these, article 59.1 specifically deals with offences related to racist remarks. "...sanctions under Article 59(1)(a) of the Disciplinary Code could have been reasonably imposed upon Mr. Fowler, but the

AIFF Rejects Review Plea By East Bengal On Fowler Punishment

KOLKATA: The All India Football Federation's disciplinary committee on Thursday rejected a review plea by East Bengal to overturn their head coach Robbie Fowler's four-match suspension and Rs 5 lakh fine.

The Liverpool legend was on Wednesday found guilty of making defamatory and insulting remarks against Indian referees and was charged under Article 59.1 of AIFF disciplinary code that specifically deals with offences related to racist remarks.

Fowler had made the comments against Indian referees following their 1-1 draw against FC Goa in the ISL on January 29.

A day after the judgement, East Bengal top official Debabrata Sarkar made a request to the chairman of the AIFF disciplinary committee, Ushanath Banerjee, to "reconsider the decision in the larger interests of the century-old club".

But Banerjee turned down the plea and in a statement said: "The punishment given by the Committee unanimously for gross misconduct committed by Fowler does not call for any sympathetic re-consideration and once delivered, it is beyond any scope of review."

The suspension means that Fowler would miss the high-profile return-leg derby against ATK Mohun Bagan on February 19 and he can only resume in the team's concluding league fixture against Odisha FC on February 27.

In their maiden ISL season, SC East Bengal are lying 10th, above laggards Odisha FC, in the points table.

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