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P3 NEWS **ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING IN STUDENTS: KU VC**

Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir, Prof Talat on Saturday urged teachers to be kind to students and encourage critical thinking in classrooms...



WINTER GOURMET: PHARI

Phari, the traditional winter cuisine of Kashmir is a reddish-brown smoked fish prepared traditionally during harsh winters and is believed to provide great resistance against diseases such as common cold.



11 SPORTS

JOE ROOT'S 218 HELPS ENGLAND POST 555/8 AGAINST INDIA AT END OF DAY 2

Skipper Joe Root continued to torment the Indian spinners with a majestic double century...



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Quote !

We learn from failure, not from success! — Bram Stoker

DIGEST

J&K Logs 65 New Covid-19 Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday recorded 65 new coronavirus cases that raised its tally to 1.24.850, officials said. The union territory did not report any death due to the infection in the past 24 hours, they said. Of the fresh cases, 15 were recorded from the Jammu division and 50 from the Kashmir division, the officials said. They said Srinagar district → More On P10

NIA Raids Jailed 'Drug Peddler's' House

SRINAGAR: The sleuths of National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted searches at the house of a man who is already facing detention in a drug peddling case in Central Kashmir's Budgam district and seized some documents. NIA sleuths accompanied by Police raided house of Manzoor Ahmad Mir in Kulhama area of Beerwah on Saturday and during searches seized some >> More On P10

Army Defuses Shell In Poonch

SRINAGAR: Army on Saturday defused an old rocket launcher shell in Surankote area of Poonch district, officials said

They said that at around 1030 hours, Army's 16 RR found the old rocket launcher shell laying at Mohra Bachai (Bella) in Surankote. Later Army's bomb disposal squad rushed to the spot and disposed of the shell, they said. (GNS)

Four Injured In **Head-On Collision**

SRINAGAR: Four persons on Saturday were injured in a road accident along the Srinagar-Jammu highway in Qazigund area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Jaisu Singh from Bhopal, Ganish Singh from Rajasthan, Mushtaq Ahmad Beigh of Handwara and Mohammad Altaf from Budgam were injured when two vehicles had a head-on collision on the highway near Levdora area of Qazigund on Saturday, news agency KNO reported. All the injured, → More On P10

Cong Protests Against Farm Laws In Jammu

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Saturday joined farmers' protest here and said it will continue its support to their agitation till the new three farm laws are revoked. Led by J-K Pradesh Congress Committee president G A Mir. the party activists staged a peaceful protest demonstration and blocked the Jammu-Pathankot bypass road at Rajiv Colony Chowk in support of the nationwide protest call by farmers. Congress fully backs the agitation of >> More On P10

Aim To Employ 80% J&K **Youth Within 5 Years: LG**

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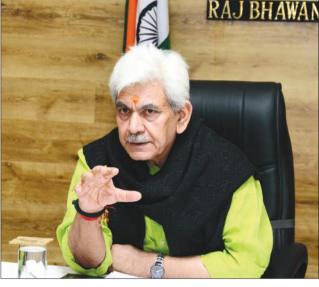
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said his focus is on providing job opportunities to 80 percent of the young population within the next five years.

Delivering the keynote address at the Harvard US-India Initiative (HUII) annual con-ference virtually, Sinha said development has replaced terrorism which was being exported relentlessly by the neighbouring country.

"My goal is to reach out and engage about 80 percent of the young population of Jammu and Kashmir within the next five years and make it possible for them to be an engine of growth for the overall socioeconomic transformation of the UT." he said.

"I would like to see each child of J&K prosper into a mature, successful and good human being. The potential of the youth is harnessed in a way that everyone contributes towards the prosperity of the UT. Together we will achieve the desired goal", he added.

HUII aims to engage students



around the world in a dialogue about India's most pressing political, social, economic, and environmental challenges, providing the youth an opportunity to hear from inspiring leaders and be a part of the discussion with them.

Speaking on the new dawn developmental change that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing, the Lt Governor observed that the narrative has changed now.

"From the very first day in office, I have adopted a targeted approach to address the issues pertaining to poverty, health, nutrition, gender equality, quality education, skill development of youth and have ensured that benefits of government schemes reach the last mile," he said. >> More On P10

India, Pak **Trade Fire In Macchil Sector**

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Indian Pakistani troops on Saturday exchanged gunfire along the line of control (LoC) in Macchil sector of Kupwara district.

Pakistani Rangers violated ceasefire by resorting to unprovoked firing upon the posts of Indian army in Machil sector along the LoC, official sources said.

"The fire was heavily retaliated and there were no immediate reports → More On P10

Warrant Against Hafiz Saeed By Delhi Court

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Saturday issued an arrest warrant against Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) chief Hafiz Saeed in a money laundering case related to militant funding in Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides issuing the non-bailable warrant (NBW) against Saeed, Special Judge Praveen Singh also issued warrants against three >> More On P10

Disqualify Members

ational Conference

on Saturday sought

Who Switched

Sides: NC To SEC



Security personnel inspect shootout site in Chanpora area of the city on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat.

Militants Strike In Srinagar, **CRPF Jawan Injured**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) constable was injured in a militant attack in Chanpora locality of uptown Srinagar on Saturday.

Constable Manoj Kumar Yadav of CRPF 29 Battalion was injured on Saturday afternoon when militants opened fire towards a road opening party (ROP) in Chanpora area of the city, officials told Kashmir Observer. Yadav, who received a bullet in his leg, was removed to the hospital for treatment.

The surprise militant attack triggered panic in the area prompting the shopkeepers to down their shutters and run for the safety of their lives. The movement of transport was also affected in wake of the shootout. Shortly after the attack,

a huge posse of state forces personnel reached the spot and cordoned off the area to nab the attackers. CRPF spokesperson, OP

Tiwari told Kashmir Observer that unknown militants opened fire on ROP in which a CRPF man was injured

"The jawan was rushed to hospital >> More On P10

Centre Deputes ...DDC ELECTIONS **Five IAS Officers** JKAP Chairpersons In 2 Districts, PAGD In One To J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Central government has approved intercadre deputation of five Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers to Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved proposals of Department of Personnel & Trainings (DOPT) for deputation of five IAS officers to Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, reports said Saturday.

According to orders issued by DOPT, these officers have been deputed to the newly carved out UT for period ranging between two to three years. Those deputed include → More On P10



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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) led by former finance minister

Altaf Bukhari has won the

elections to the post of chair-

person of two of the three

District Development Councils

disqualification of DDC members under the anti-defection law for swapping sides after contesting and winning polls from a particular party ticket, manifesto and symbol. NC raised the issue of defections of elected DDC members with the state Chief Election Commissioner J&K, KK Sharma >> More On P10

Wanted Militant Arrested In Jammu: Police

PressTrust Of India

wanted militant and commander of Lashkar-e-Mustafa, believed to be a frontal organisation of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit, was arrested on Saturday after police intercepted a car on the outskirts of Jammu city, officials said. A pistol and a grenade was seized from the possession of Hidayatullah Malik, an 'A' category militant from Shopian district, officials said, adding that he is being interrogated. Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Shridhar Patil >> More On P10

JK Reports Increased Cold Waves In Recent Years: Govt



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh report increased number of cold waves during the recent years, ministry of

earth sciences said. Responding in affirmative to a question by member Lok Sahba E.T. Mohammed Basheer if the Government was aware that the extreme climatic events have increased "significantly" across India → More On P10 **Kashmir Bound** Traffic On Highway Today

he 270-km Srinagar-Jammu highway will remain open for vehicular movement on Sunday and Valley bound vehicles will be allowed to ply on the vital road link, officials said Saturday. "Tomorrow (February 7), subject to fair weather and better road condition, only one way traffic shall be allowed from More On P10

Gulmarg Freezes At -10.4 Degrees PressTrust Of India

nimum temperaures across Kashmir dipped again on Saturday after a few days of respite from the intense cold wave conditions even as the mercury settled above freezing point in Srinagar, the Met office said. According to meteorological department's forecast, mainly dry weather would prevail in the valley over the next week. >> More On P10

4G Restoration Will Boost J&K's Economic Recovery: Trade Bodies



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Trade bodies and tourism players on Saturday welcomed the restoration of 4G mobile internet services in Iammu and Kashmir, saying it will boost economic recovery in the union territory.

inter-High-speed mobile net services were restored last midnight in 18 districts. The services were there in two districts - Ganderbal and Udhampur since August last year.

"It is better late than never. The government has realised how much losses our economy has suffered. This move will give a boost to the economic recovery now," president, Kashmir >> More On P10



Yarn And Yearning Of Young Kashmiri Crocheter

Auqib Javeed

Then 21-year-old Nazar Nasir shared the idea of crocheting with his family members, he was bluntly told not to pursue the women line of work.

But despite his family resistance, this Literature student from Lalbazar had made-up his mind to live his dream.

Crocheting has been a wellknown art amongst Kashmiris but it has been mostly pursued by the women for decades. It's quite rare that a male while breaking some rigid stereotypes has made a name in it.

As a matter of fulfilling routine, Nazar mostly kept himself busy with crocheting—a process of creating fabric by interlocking loops of yarn, thread, or strands of other materials using a crochet hook.

It first started in 2016, when Nazar's sister brought a crochet hook and some yarn from her aunt.

While she was wiggling the hook with the yarn strand, Nazar was so fascinated that he bought himself a hook and some yarn and started experimenting.

"I stayed up till 2 AM that night trying to figure out how it worked and ended up creating a tiny flower

in the process," he says. That year as Kashmiris faced lockdown due to the protests over the passage of the popular militant commander, Nazar firmly took to crocheting as a blend of boredom and curiosity.

"To begin with, I made a band and a hand warmer without even knowing the name and the way of the craft that summer," he recounts. Months later, as the internet was

restored, he did some research online and explored possibilities in the craft. That curiosity is still there making his craft journey rewarding and innovative.

"I've started to learn and practice Paper Art now and my next target is Embroidery," Nazar says. Today, while many of his classmates are still finding themselves at the crossroads due to the uncertainty in their homeland, Nazar is

showing the way. His creative and curious mind is making many believe that they can create their own niche without waiting for their degrees to complete. "For me,





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Study Suggests Some Food Contamination Starts In The Soil

When most people hear 'food contamination,' they think of bacteria present on unwashed fruits or vegetables, or undercooked meat. However, there are other ways for harmful contaminants to be present in food products.

Angelia Seyfferth, a member of the Soil Science Society of America, investigates food contamination coming from the soil where the plants grow.

"It all comes down to the chemistry of the soil," explains Seyfferth.

Most recently, Seyfferth has been studying rice. The elements arsenic and cadmium can be present in the paddies where rice is grown. She presented her research at the virtual 2020 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual

"Contaminants being taken up by crop plants

is a route of dietary exposure to contaminants that is understudied," Seyfferth says.

"We can help decrease human exposure to toxins by applying our knowledge of soil chemistry.'

Small amounts of arsenic and cadmium are present all over the globe and can be detected in many food products. It's the concentration in the vegetable or fruit, the chemical form of the element, and how much of it someone eats that determines if an individual experiences a negative health effect.

High concentrations of arsenic and cadmium are harmful to the body. Consuming low doses over a long period of time can even cause cancer.

Elements like arsenic and cadmium can be in different chemical forms depending on their environment. Contaminants are taken up by plants when their chemical form in the soil resembles a nutrient the plant needs.

"How food is grown affects not only the concentration of contaminants but also where the contaminants are stored within the food," says Seyfferth.

"If we understand the chemical forms of contaminants in soil, we can design solutions to decrease plant uptake of them." In rice, arsenic and cadmium uptake results from opposite conditions. Arsenic can be

taken up when the field is flooded. Cadmi-

um is more likely to be taken up when the

field is not flooded. Seyfferth's work has searched for a way to prevent plants from taking up arsenic and cadmium from the soil. This is often done by adding materials to the soil, called

An amendment helps change the soil environment. By changing the soil environment, researchers can help control the chemical forms and plant uptake of contaminants in

In this case, Seyfferth found that adding rice husk residue to rice paddy soils can help lower the amount of arsenic and cadmium taken up by the plants. Rice husk residue is plant material left over after processing rice for human consumption.

This solution is simple yet effective. Rice husk residue is high in the element silicon, which is an important nutrient for rice. The chemical form of silicon is similar to the form of arsenic taken up by rice plants when fields are flooded. This similarity helps 'distract' the plant, which prevents it from taking up as much arsenic.

In soils where cadmium is a problem, rice husk residue helps make the soil less acidic. This helps to lock up cadmium in the soil. The silicon in the husk may also help decrease the toxicity of cadmium.

"Not all sources of silicon behave the same

way though," says Seyfferth.

"In order for it to be effective, the silicon source must provide silicon in a high enough concentration during the time the rice plant is filling grain. Rice husk residue is a successful source because it breaks down slowly and releases silicon throughout the growing season."

High arsenic can decrease grain yield, but Seyfferth's work shows that adding rice husk residues can help prevent yield loss. Half of the world depends on rice as a staple food, so this research has exciting potential for positive impact.

In the past, Seyfferth has studied similar contamination issues in mushrooms.

For most American adults, the amount of arsenic and cadmium they consume from rice and mushrooms is not enough to cause concern. But there are other populations that eat these products more frequently

"People need to be aware of their daily load of contaminants, which depends on their body weight, the concentration and chemical form of the contaminant in the food, and the amount consumed," Seyfferth explains. "The daily load is highest for people who consume rice multiple times a day and who may also have arsenic in their drinking wa-

ter," she says. "Some examples include populations in South and Southeast Asia."

Angelia Seyfferth is an associate professor at the University of Delaware. This work was supported by the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and the University of Delaware. The 2020 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting was hosted by the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America.

Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir

Scholarship Name 1: IIITDM Jabalpur Department of Electronics and Communication Junior Research Fellowship 2021

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing Jabalpur invites applications for IIITDM Jabalpur Department of Electronics and Communication Junior Research Fellowship 2021 from BE/BTech/ME/MTech degree holders. The fellowship is meant for the project titled, "FPGA prototype of non-recursive key-based cryptosystem for the secure transmission of real-time privacy signal"

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Application mode: Via email only www.b4s.in/observer/CJF7

Scholarship Name 2: Piaggio "Shiksha Se Samriddhi" Scholarship for Class 10th/12th Passed Students 2020-21

Description: Piaggio Vehicles Pvt. Ltd. invites applications from children/wards of Drivers/Owners of three-wheeler community who have passed Class 10/12. The scholarship supports the study of students studying in Class 11/12/ITI/Polytechnic/Diploma/Undergraduate courses.

The scholarship is open for children/wards of Drivers/Owners of three-wheeler community. The applicants must have passed Class 10/12 with at least 55% marks (60% marks for studies in Class 11/12). They must be studying in Class 11/12/ITI/Polytechnic/Diploma/ Undergraduate courses at recognized institutions in India. The annual family income must be less than or equal to INR 3 lakh (3,00,000).

Prizes & Rewards: 80% of total fee reimbursement or maximum up to INR 20.000 per vear

Last Date to Apply: 28-02-2021 Application mode: Online applications only www.b4s.in/observer/PSD1

Scholarship Name 3: Tata Trusts Medical and Healthcare Scholarships 2020-21

Description: Tata Trusts invites applications from students who wish to pursue graduation and post-graduation courses in medical and healthcare sciences at Indian institutions. The scholarship aims to support meritorious students to pursue their academic dreams

The scholarship is open for students enrolled in UG or PG programmes in Healthcare and Medical Sciences disciplines. Applicants must have completed 1st year of UG studies OR must be enrolled in the 1st year of PG programme at a recognised institution in India. Applicants must have passed the minimum qualifying 'exam score criteria' for respective discipline of studies.

Prizes & Rewards: Variable award Last Date to Apply: 15-02-2021 Application mode: Online applications only Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/TTM8

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION KULGAM

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS TWO COVER SYSTEM

Fresh NIT No:-114 of R&B / Kulgam / 2020-21 / E-tendering / 8198-8218 Dated: - 03--02-2021 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis/%age basis(as the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

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Position of AAA = Accorded/Project Approved/Sanctioned. Position of Funds 1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule:

	1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	03-02-2021
	2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 04-02-2021,11.00 A.M
	3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	05-04-2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the
			Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Ang/Kulgam
	4.	Bid submission Start Date	06-02-2021 from 10.00 AM
	5.	Bid Submission End Date	26-02-2021 upto 4.00 P.M
		Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	27-02-2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer
			(R&B) Circle
	7.		Ang/Kulgam
	8.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed
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Rids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt / Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Anantnag/ Kulgam HQ Khanabal (tender receiving authority)

All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of nent (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below) work. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within O2 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of

Bidders can resubmit/withdraw the bids as specified. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Anantnag/Kulgam HQ

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

The earnest money shall be forfeited. If:

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To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form. 7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time

7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

9. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

2. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam (tender inviting authority) (The Date of

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Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required Defect Liability Period: 03 Years after date of completion.

All key construction material (i.e, cement, steel, bitumen, pipes etc) shall have to be arranged by the contractor strictly as per specifications with the approval of

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معاملة عنوان الصدر كي نسبت ايك مثل پيواري حلقه سوموصول ه و في مطابق رپورث پيوري حلقه سائل Member Advisory Board for Development of Patriti-/ Speeking Peoplےایک سرٹفیکیٹاس نبت حاصل کی ہے کہ سائل/سائلان پہاڑی بولنے والے طبقے سے ہے کمہ کی مہانہ آمدنی 600روپے ہے اور کمبہ بذیل افر د پر شتل ہے سجادا حمد پیرزاده ولدغلام کی الدین PO/FMLC/ADB/PSP-823-21 شفيقة بيكم زوجه سجادا حمد ييرزاده PO/FMLC/ADB/PSP-**&2**21 روقيه سجاد دختر سجاداحمه PO/FMLC/ADB/PSP26-21 PO/FMLC/ADB/PSP25-21 سا قب سجاد

مور 202-11-04 حاصل کی ہوئی ہےجس کے مطابق سائل اسائلان پہاڑی زبان بولنے والے طبقے ہے تعلق رکھتار کھتی ہے سرٹفیکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ اپنا عذر یااعتراض ساتھ یوم اندر دفتر بذامیں پیش کرے معیا دگرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں

PO/FMLC/ADB/PSP28-21 نائب تخصيلدا NI A

ايراسر ففيكيك (RBA) تحت SRO 294 زير ففيكيش نمبر 167 اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام حامله مندجه عنوان الصدر مين درخواست سائل دفتر مذامين زيركاروئي ہےاس سلسلے مين پيواري حلقه سے ر پورٹ بشمولدر یکارڈ طلب کیا گیاہے جس سے عیاں ہے سلمبد کی مہانہ آمدنی 4000رویے ہے اور 70سال تحمر بلوكام وبدالروف با نڈ *ے* ببدالرشيد باندے 33سال 28سال زاج الدین بانڈے ببدالروف باندے کا الگ چولہ ہے اسکی مہانہ آمدی 000 ہے ں کےعلاوہ کوئی افراد کمہ نہیں ہے سرٹفیکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کٹی تحض کوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو و پناعذریااعتراض ساتھ یوم اندر دفتر ہذامیں پیش کرے معیاد گرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول

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شمون درخوات منجانب ولى محمد بانڈے ولد مرحوم عبدالكبير بانڈے

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER **R&B DIVISION PULWAMA KMR.** N.I.T SL. NO:260 / R&B/EEP/Pul/2020-21/9660-70

DATED: 03-02-2021

For and on behalf of the Lt.Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, union Territory, the Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama invites Tenders for the following works from the Regd. Contractors in sealed envelope affixed with Rs.5/- Revenue stamps with Name and full address of the tenderer, Ref. NIT NO & Date and ref. to CDR NO & Date with amount only prescribed on the envelope. The tenders be addressed to:-

Executive Engineer PWD R&B Division Pulwama.

DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process

And should reach his office on or before ____ 11--02-2021_upto 4 pm

The tender documents can be had on cash payment (Non-refundable) on production of valid registration card upto 10-02-2021_2 pm.

S.NO			Earnest Money		Time for Completion		M.H. of Account
01	Providing of Water Supply to Health Sub Centre at Khadermoh By way of G.I Pipe line from		Rs.	DEE	10	Rs.	- Medical
	main connection to Building and making plinth protection around Building	Lacs	2000/-		Days	200/-	

Head Draftsman Tech Officer Executive Engineer. R&B Division Pulwama. DIPK-12577/20

City's 'Rigid Concrete Pavement' **Survives Harsh Weather Conditions**

tude to the team of engineers

and other officials at JKERA/

ITFRP for their dedication in

completing the project which

has not only eased our suffer-

ings but it has proved to be a

great relief for managing traffic

Another prominent trade

union leader and President, Nati-

pora Traders Association, Mehraj

Ahmat Khan hailed the govern-

ment for all their efforts in com-

pleting the project and hoped

snarls," Ahmad said.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: At a time when Kashmir witnessed harshest weather condition in last over three decades, citizens and commuters at large have hailed Jammu and Kashmir Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) and World Bank assisted Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) for speeding up the projectwhich survived the adverse weather conditions.

The J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) started work on Rs 9.16 crore 'Rigid Concrete ing the general public at large," Pavement of civil secretariat to Rambagh Chowk road in August 2020 and ever since the project helped us to provide better serhas been hailed by the locals, commuters and especially the business community.

The work on the sub-project Bank funded Ihelum Tawi Flood sponse from people at large.

"It is really good to see cer- general public. tain projects doing extremely

Observer News Service

thinking in classrooms.

within and outside the J&K.

ness," he said.

نائب تخصيلدار كهريام



well in Kashmir and also help-Businessman, Bilal Ahmad Bhat said. "Rigid Pavement has vices during harsh weather conditions and thanks to JKERA, [TFRP for that," Bhat said.

President, Traders Associabeing executed under World tion, Rambagh, Showkat Ahmad expressed gratitude to the team Recovery Project (JTFRP) has of engineers of JKERA/JTFRP for received an overwhelming re- completing the project in time and also providing relief to the

"We must express our grati-

veniences meted out by the locals and citizens in Srinagar.

Chief Executive Officer, resilient to floods by using the rigid concrete pavement technology instead of the conventional flexible pavement which was more susceptible to damappreciated his officials and technical team for addressing people's demands and also providing quality projects.

The project road connects Srinagar to Sheikh Ul Alam international Airport, having moderate intensity of commercial vehicles. Rambagh to Civil Secretariat is road like Rambagh, Solina, Al-Bagh, Magarmal Bagh, Saraibala,

and terminates at Civil Secretariat near Jehangir Chowk. Javed Iqbal Tara, Director,

J&KERA and JTFRP, Dr Syed Kashmir ERA informed that the Abid Rasheed Shah, said that road portion was constructed at 1.9 kms road stretch was be- an approximate cost of Rs 9.16 ing upgraded with an objec- crore. The project was complettive of making the vulnerable ed within the set deadline and portions of Indira Gandhi road directly benefited thousands of people living on both the sides of the road which include Rambagh, Solina, Allochi Bagh, Tulsi Bagh, Hazuri Bagh, Magarmal Bagh, Saraibala, Shaheed Gunj, ages during water logging. He Maharaji Bazar, Natipora, Bakshi Stadium and Batmaloo.

Director Planning and Coordination (P&C), JTFRP, Iftikhar Ahmad Hakim, said that this was for the first time that Concrete Rigid Pavement Technology was being used at a large scale for up-gradation of roads in J&K. The technology was bea highly commercial area with ingused as a long term protecsettlements on both sides of the tion against the recurrent damages caused due to the frequent lochi Bagh, Tulsibagh, Hazuri water logging during the torrential rains and to make the Batamallo, Shaheed Gunj etc. The vital road stretch leading up to more such unique projects are subproject road starts from the Srinagar airport more durable launched to ease out the incon- Rambagh near Barzulla Bridge and flood resilient.

with Directorate of Handicrafts

The awareness programme

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had a motivational, interactive

and Handlooms Kashmir.

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FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2479488,2452222,2452155 CAPD: 18001807011

SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081

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AIRPORTS

RAILWAYS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259 ANANTNAG: 01932-228243 BARAMULLA: 0194-102029 BIJBHERA: 01932-228243 PAMPORE: 01933-294132

• PATTAN: 01954-293507

· OAZIGUND: 01951-296153

Sgrr-Jammu highway - (Open)



- Srinagar-Leh- (Closed)

- 1831 Belgium adopts its Constitution
- Auckland, New Zealand, killing 189.
- superior British forces
- meeting in SF 1905 - Dominican Rep signs treaty turning over
- customs collection to US
- the threat of a socialist government
- train to a station received
- armies surrounded a Russian army
- 1928 1st solo England to Australia flight takes
- 1944 Germans launch counteroffensive at
- 1945 London, Washington and Moscow discuss
- final phase of World War II 1947 - Arabs & Jews reject British proposal to
- 1950 US & Great Britain recognize Bao Dai
- Voelklingen Germany kills 298 1962 - US President JFK begins blockade of
- Cuba by banning all Cuban imports and exports.
- renamed Muhammad Ali
- 1969 Al-Fatah-leader Yasser Arafat becomes president of PLO
- suffrage in a referendum
- 1976 World's largest telescope (600 cm)
- begins operation (USSR).
- 1977 Soyuz 24 launches with 2 cosmonauts
- 1978 Ethiopian offensive in Ogaden desert 1986 - Haiti's President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier flees to France Henri Namphy becomes leader of Haiti
- fraudulent returns gave the election to Marcos. 1987 - Police in South Korea make hundreds of
- biggest for 6 years, after a student died in custody. 1990 - Karachi police kill 22 anti-nationalistic demonstrators
- 1990 USSR Communist party agrees to allow
- 1991 The IRA launches a mortar attack on 10 Downing Street during a cabinet meeting. 1992 - Eueopean Union becomes official under
- 1994 Jim Nabors undergoes a liver transplant. 1997 - US & Russia announce summit set for
- 1999 Crown Prince Abdullah becomes the King of Jordan on the death of his father, King Hussein.
- 2000 Bahria University is established through Presidential Ordinance No. V of 2000 by the Government of Pakistan.
- fastest person to sail solo around the world

HIGHWAY STATUS

Mughal Road - (Closed)

This Day in History

- 1863 HMS Orpheus sinks off the coast of
- 1881 Battle at Ingogo, Transvaal: Boers beat
- 1889 Astronomical Society of Pacific holds 1st
- 1907 Conservative coalition take over Reichstag in Germany after rallying conservatives against
 - 1915 1st wireless message sent from a moving
 - 1915 2nd Battle of Masurian Lakes: German
- 1924 Benito Mussolini government exchanges diplomats with USSR
- off (Bert Hinkler)
- Anzio, Italy
- 1945 US 76th/5th Infantry divisions begin crossing Sauer
- split Palestine
- Vietnamese regime
- 1959 Fidel Castro proclaims new Cuban constitution
- 1962 Gas explosion in Luisanthal coal mine
- 1964 Cassius Clay converts to Islam, and is
- 1965 US begins regular bombing & strafing of
- 1967 A fire at a restaurant in Montgomery, Alabama kills 25 people.
- 1971 Switzerland votes for national women's
- 1974 Grenada gains independence from Britain (National Day)

- 1986 Corazon Aquino defeats incumbent Filipino dictator Ferdinand Marcos but
- arrests during protest demonstrations, the country's
- opposition political parties
- Maastricht treaties.
- Helsinki, March 20-21
- 2005 Britain's Ellen MacArthur becomes the

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KUPWARA PEOPLE INTRIGUED AT KILLINGS

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR - People in the border district of Kupwara are intrigued at the reports of some militants being killed by the security forces and the special operations group (SOG) personnel in various encounters during the past few days. The identity and nationality of the slain 'militants' has not been disclosed.

According to reports, troops" of 18 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) had claimed killing of two unidentified militants at the Patukhari behak in Dardpora area of the district last night. Giving the details, it said an encounter took place during a patrol in which one militant was killed on the spot while the other died of his own after being injured. Both were buried in the forests. Earlier, personnel of 32 RR and SOG had claimed to have

killed two militants in Kalaroos forests during an encounter. Their identity was not disclosed and were buried in the forest. People in Kupwara have expressed surprise at the unceremonious burial being given to the 'militants' without their identity being established or the last rites being performed as

is otherwise required in such cases. (KASHMIR OBSERVER, 07 February, 2001)

Encourage Critical Thinking In Students: KU VC

SRINAGAR:- Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir, criticality of education and environmental problems. Prof Talat on Saturday urged research in the society. He said the flagship Nateachers to be kind to stutional Education Policy-2020 dents and encourage critical

"Being rude to students ciplinary education and rewill scare them away from search and this calls upon education and inquisitive- teachers to "know something about everything" to be able Prof Talat said this while to answer questions posed inaugurating the online by today's knowledge-driven course, organised by the varstudents in the classrooms sity's UGC-HRDC, for college about their own subjects and and university teachers from about other subjects too.

Prof Talat said it was time In his presidential address, for amalgamation of sci-country as lead speakers.

نام سربراه كنبيه وكفصيل افرا دكنبيه

ثوكت احمد ولدبيا كوجر كهثانه

نامسر براه كنبيه وتفصيل افرا وكنبيه

عبدالرشيد ولدبيا كهثانه

ملير يتكمذ وجاعبدالرشيد

رويزاحمه پسرعبدالرشيد

روييندز وجدير ويزاحد

متاق احد يسرعبدالرشيد

رضيدوفتر شوكت احمد

شمون کاغذات درخوات شوکت احمد ولدیها گوجر کھٹانہ ساکنہ کھر بامہ مضلع کپوارہ بمرادعطا نیکی ST ک

اشتها ربمراد آگاهی هر خاص و عام

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بحث اجرا کرنے میں اگر کی فخص کوکوئی اعتراض وغیرہ ہوتو وہ وفتر ھذا میں اندرسات ہوم پیش کریں بعد معیاد گذر کوئی

از نیابت کھریامہ

اشتها ربمراد آگاهی هر خاص و عام

نمولدر پکارڈ طلب کیا گیاہے جس سے عیان ہے کہ سائل موضع تھر بامدییں رہایش پذیراور کمیہ بذیل افراد پر تھنتال

اس کے علاوہ کوئی افراد کمیز نہیں ہےاور کنبہ طذا کی ہا ہوآ رآ مدانی مبلغ۔۔۔=/ تک ہےاورسرٹفکیٹ زم بحہ

جرا کرنے میں اگر کسی پھنے کو کو کی اعتراض وغیرہ ہوتو وہ وفتر ھذا میں اندرسات یوم پیش کریں بعد معیاد گذر کو کی

ممون كاغذات درخواست غلام حسن كوجر جوبان ولدغلام دين ساكنه كربام ضلع كيواره بمراد

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شمولدر یکارڈ طلب کیا حمیا ہے جس سے عیان ہے کہ سائل موضع کھر ہامہ میں رہایش پذیرا ور کمیہ بذیل افراد پر مشتل

س کےعلاوہ کوئی افراد کمپٹریس ہےاور کنبہ طفذا کی ماہوآرآ مدانی مبلغ۔۔۔=/ تک ہےاورسر نفکیٹ زیر بحث اج

نے میں اگر سی شخص کوکوئی اعتراض وغیرہ ہوتو وہ دفتر ھذا میں اندرسات یوم پیش کریں بعدمعیاد گذر کوئی اعتراض

ھاملەمئەردچەعنوان الصدر بیس درخواست سائل دفتر ھذامی*س زیر*کاروائی ہے اس سلسلے میں پٹواری حلقہ ہے

عاملەمندرچەعنوان الصدر بیس درخواست سائل دفتر هذا میں زیر کاروائی ہےاس سلسلے میں پٹواری حلقہ ہے ریو

مضمون كاغذات درخواست عبدالرشيدولد بيا كهناندساكنه كعربام شلع كيواره بمرادعطا يكى ST ك

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اس كے علا وہ كوئى افراد كمبر تبيل ہے اور كتبه طفذ اكى ما ہوآر آمدائى مبلغ =/....

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مامله مندرجة عنوان الصدريين ورخواست ساكل وفتر هذابين زيركاروائي باسليل بين پنواري حلقه

بشموله ریکار ڈ طلب کیا گیاہے جس سےعیان ہے کہ سائل موضع کھریامہ میں رہایش پذیراور کمیہ بذیل افراد پرمش

Prof Talat said that social sciences and social sciences entists were better commu- for better approaches and nicators to disseminate the outcome on societal and

"In view of Covid-19 pandemic, social scientists have a far greater role to lavs emphasis on interdis- play to encourage people to know each other better and socialise more given the isolation, quarantining, trauma and stress they had to undergo," he said, congratulating the UGC-HRDC for organising the refresher course and selecting top-notch experts from different parts of the

Held At Safakadal, Srinagar SRINAGAR: To raise aware- handloom sector. A motivation- running in close cooperation ness among artisans and

schemes and incentives of the department, the Handicrafts and Handlooms department ment, informed the participants today conducted an Awareness Camp at Handicrafts credit card schemes incubated Block Office Safakadal, here.

The camp was organised

by the department under its Public outreach programme. The one-day affair was replete with sessions by the designers and master craftsmen from the School of Designs Srinagar on various design and innovations in the handicraft and

al and creative touch was given weavers regarding various to the camp by Handicraft Training Officers from the district. The officers of the depart-

Awareness Camp For Artisans

about the recently launched at the departmental level and explained to the audience about

the concept of innovative and The representatives of several banks also apprised the artisans and weavers about various concepts of entrepreneurship

and highly energetic session by the officers of the department who spoke on several avenues associated with the department and available to the artisans/weavers artisan registration, unit registration, Industrial cooperative formations, vendor and dealer

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replicative entrepreneurship. programmes on the occasion

that the financial institutes are

registration at departmental level and as well as facilitation/ guidance for registration in e-

Office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Kakapora NOTICE INVITING TENDER Short term E-NIT NO 27 OF 2020-21 (e-Tendering) For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K, e-Tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and Eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt, for the following works Class of Time of Cost of Lakhs In Rs Cutting/Closure of illegal ramps used for transportation of River material (sand) on Right side of River Jhelum t various spots RD.17000m to

RD.39500m by way of crate work (Part B) (fresh of NIT 23 of 2020-21 days 300/= CEE & DEE 2711 M&R Construction of toe protection on Right side of River Jhelum near the H/o Gh Mohi Ud Din Khan at Litter Khankabagh. (Fresh of ENIT NO. 24 of 600/= 15 days Cutting/closure of illegal ramps used for transportation of River material 2.09 2711 M&R (Sand) on right side of River Jhelum at various spots RD 17000 to 39500 mtrs (part A) (fresh of NIT 25 of 2020-21 S.No 10) 300/= Construction of flood protection work by way of cement concrete lining wall on both sides of Khrew Nallah at dhobi Mohalla, Gratabla Khrew neai BEE/ 4711 Capex the house of Faroog Ahmad Mir and others. Construction of F.P work by way of cement concrete lining wall at spots on 14.46 4711 Capex CEE/ DEE both sides of Khrew Nallah U/S Munpora Wuyan culvert at village Wuyan. Budget 15 days 1200/= Construction of foot bridge/lining wall on shalnag Nallah branch of 4711 Capex Khrew Nallah near the house of Faroog Ahmad Lone upstream Lone

Position of Funds: - committed.

Position of AAA:- Accorded

No of works Advertized: - (06) No) 1.The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, Set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the Departmental website www.jktenders.gov.inas per schedule of dates

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01	Date of issue of Tender Notice	05-02-2021 (18.00 PM)	
01 02 03 04 05	Date of start of downloading.	05-02-2021 (18.00 PM)	
03	Bid submission start date Technical/ Financial.	05-02-2021 (18.00 PM)	
04	Bid submission end date.	13-02-2021 (13.00 pm)	
05	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online).	13-02-2021 (15.00 Pm)	

Bids must be accompanied with proof of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury receipt/e-challan under (MH: 0070-0AS Remittance) in favour of Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Kakapora (tender inviting authority), and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in shape of CDR from any schedule or nationalized bank pledged to Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Kakapora (Tender Receiving Authority).

The date and time of opening of Technical Bids shall be notified on departmental websitewww.iktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Kakapora. The bid for the work shall remain valid for period of 90 days from the date of

The earnest money shall be forfeited if:-Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modification in terms and conditions of the bid. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 7 Days after fixation of contract.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on web sitewww.jktenders.gov.

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

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-3. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

Instructions to Bidder(ITB):-

Instruction to bidders regarding e-Tendering process:

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100dpi with black & white option. The Department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. 6. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury receipt/e-challan under (MH: 0070-OAS Remittance) in favour of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Kakapora and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in shape of CDR as applicable pledged to Executive Engineer Flood

Control Division Kakapora must be uploaded with the technical documents of the bid. Price Escalation and Taxes:-The item wise cost/ offer be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes till completion of work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required

All bidders shall upload the following information and documents with their Bids GST, PAN, Contact No., E-mail ID & Registration Card duly renewed for the The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid. If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate List/Quantity Schedule, cost of such item/items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/total contract value. No rate shall be allowed for such item/ items in the allotment of contract.

No.:-FCDK/Camp/3453-74 Dated:-5-2-2021 Executive Engineer DIPK-12640/20 Flood Control Division Kakapora

ہے۔ تفصیل کمنیداس رطرح سے بے فلام محدشاہ عمر55سال، پیشہ مزدوری محلیمہ باتوز وجفلام امحدشاہ عمر شلیم ۔ اس سے سلادہ کوئی افر او کرمیش ہے سر شکیف جراکرے میں اگر سی تھنس کوئی مدریا احتراش ہوتو وہ اپنا مذریا عتراض ساتھ بیم اعدروشتر نمایش چیش کرے معیادگرنے بعد کوئی بھی مدریا احتراض قابل آبال کیس ہوگا

بمرادحسول بيكوارد ايراسر الكليط 375 SRO 294/ اشتهار بمراد آگابی برخاص وعام

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Explainer: What the US Ending Saudi War Support Means For Yemen



seized Sanaa and began a march

south to try to seize the entire

country. Saudi Arabia, along

with the United Arab Emirates

and other countries, entered

the war alongside Yemen's in-

ternationally recognised gov-

The war has killed some

130,000 people, including over

13,000 civilians slain in targeted

attacks, according to the Armed

Conflict Location & Event Proj-

ect. The aid group, Save the

Children, estimates that 85,000

children under the age of five

have died from starvation or

disease since the war began.

Meanwhile, the coronavirus

pandemic rages unchecked as

Yemen's health care system has

been decimated by the war and

the Houthis suppressed infor-

The war has seen atroci-

ties from all sides. Saudi air-

strikes using American-made

bombs killed school children

and civilians. The UAE paid

off local Al Qaeda fighters to

avoid fighting and controlled

prisons where torture and

sexual abuse were rampant.

The Houthis employed child

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ernment in March 2015.

Agencies

resident Joe Biden's announcement that the US would end its support of a Saudi-led coalition's years-long war against Yemen's Houthi rebels is likely to increase pressure on the kingdom to end its campaign there. However, reaching an enduring peace for the Arab world's poorest country still remains in question.

The Iran-backed rebels remain firmly entrenched in the country's north and hold its capital, Sanaa. The rest of the country is being held by competing tribal, regional and political alliances, backed overall by the Saudi-led coalition that's been fighting there since 2015.

How those fractious forces respond will be key as the United Nations, the West and regional countries try to find a powersharing political arrangement that is agreeable for all sides. Yemen's long-troubled modern history suggests any deal will be difficult to reach and perhaps even harder to stick to.

Who is fighting in Yemen and why has it been so bloody?

Secretary of State Antony

Blinken discussed Iran and

The US State Department said

mate change were also discussed

commitment to coordinated action

Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian

The high-level conversation is the

new administration to explore how

Iran signed with world powers but

was abandoned in 2018 by Biden's

predecessor, Donald Trump.

"We just had a in-depth and im-

to overcome global challenges."

Iran nuclear deal.

said on Twitter.

in the meeting.

Blinken Discusses Iran With

UK, French, German Ministers

Yemen's war began in Sep-soldiers and indiscriminately tember 2014, when the Houthis laid landmines.

In 2020, UAE Drastically Cut **Funding For Palestinian Refugees IERUSALEM:** The United Arab Emirates drastically reduced its funding to the UN agency for

From 51 Million In 2019 To 1 Million

Palestinian refugees in 2020, the year it signed a US-brokered normalisation accord with Israel that was heavily criticized by

the Palestinian Authority. The agency known as UNRWA provides education, health care and other vital services to some 5.7 million registered Palestinian refugees across the Middle East, mainly descendants of the 700,000 Palestinians who fled or were driven out of Israel during the 1948 war surrounding its creation.

The UAE donated USD 51.8 million to UNRWA in 2018 and again in 2019, but in 2020 it gave the agency just USD 1 million, agency spokesman Sami Mshasha said Friday, after it was first reported by Israeli media.

"We really are hoping that in 2021 they will go back to the levels of the previous years," he said. Emirati officials did not immediately respond to a request

for comment early Saturday.

Last year the UAE normalized relations with Israel, breaking with a longstanding Arab consensus that recognition should only come in exchange for concessions in the peace process with the Palestinians, which than a decade.



co struck similar agreements shortly thereafter, in what the Trump administration touted as a historic diplomatic achievement. President Joe Biden welcomed the accords and has said he will encourage the resumption of direct peace talks.

The Palestinian Authority, however, viewed the agreements as a betrayal and harshly criticized the UAE. That may have prompted the federation of oil-rich sheikhdoms, which includes Dubai and Abu Dhabi, to slash aid.

Critics of UNRWA say it perpetuates the refugee problem created by the 1948 Arab-Israeli war and the Palestinians' dethe refugees and their descen- assumed office in 2009. PTI

dants. Israel adamantly rejects the idea of a right of return, which if fully implemented would leave the country with a Palestinian majority.

The Trump administration cut off all funding to UNRWA in 2018, one of several unprecedented steps it took to support Israel and isolate the Palestinians. The U.S. had previously given the agency around \$360 million a year.

The Biden administration announced last month that it would restore aid to the Palestinians, including to refugees, and says it will work to revive peace negotiations. The two sides have not held substantive peace talks since Israeli Prime has been moribund for more mand of a "right of return" for Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Climate Change May Have Had "Key Role" In Pandemic: Study

as SARS-CoV-2 first appeared.

away from saying the pandemic

would not have happened with-

Robert Meyer of Cambridge's zo-

crease in bats and bat-borne

coronaviruses make something

While the precise chain of

like this less likely to happen."

SARS-CoV-2 transmission from

animals to humans is yet to be de-

termined, Beyer said the changing

climate and habitat destruction

in Asia had driven virus-carrying

species into ever closer contact

"But I find it difficult to see

ology department told AFP.



navirus to humans by driving centrated in this "hotspot" area.

The virus, which has killed out climate change," lead author

to have originated in bats in that this climate-driven in-

Agencies

several species of pathogen-

carrying bats into closer con-

tact, research showed on Friday.

more than two million people

and caused unprecedented

global disruption, is thought

Researchers from the Univer-

sity of Cambridge used tempera-

ture and rainfall data over the last

100 years to model populations

of dozens of bat species based on

They found that over the last

century, 40 species had relocated

to southern China, Laos and Myan-

mar -- the area where genetic

analysis suggests the virus known

their habitat requirements.

Southeast Asia.

velop nuclear arms - an ambition Iran has long denied having - in return for the easing of US and other sanctions. In abandoning the deal ap-

make it harder for Tehran to de-

proved by former President Barack Obama, Trump restored the US sanctions it had removed and then piled on more. Speaking before Friday's meet-

other issues on Friday in a ing, a source familiar with the virtual meeting with his British, matter said it was unlikely to French and German counterparts as delve into great detail on Iran and the group weighs how to revive the was a first chance for the minis ters to discuss the issues.

The National Security Council will convene a meeting on Friday beside Iran, other issues including the coronavirus pandemic, to be attended by top US officials Myanmar, Russia, China and clibut not Biden himself.

"The meeting today is part of

and Blinken "underscored the US" an ongoing policy review. It is not decisional," White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki said on Twitter.

Biden, who took office last portant conversation on Iran... to month, has said that if Tehran rehandle together nuclear and returned to strict compliance with gional security challenges," French the 2015 nuclear pact, Washington would follow suit and use that as a springboard to a broader agree-Britain's Dominic Raab and Germent that might restrict Iran's many's Heiko Maas also took part missile development and regional activities.

Tehran has insisted that Washlatest step by President Joe Biden's ington ease sanctions before it resumed compliance, and ruled out to restore the 2015 nuclear deal that negotiations on wider security issues. But Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif hinted on Monday at a way to resolve the impasse over The nuclear deal limited Iran's who goes first by saying the steps uranium enrichment activity to could be synchronized. **REUTERS**

we penetrate deeper into their habitat but at the same time climate change can have the effect that it pushes the pathogen in our direction," he said.

The study, published in the journal Science of the Total Environment, urged governments to take measures including limiting urban expansion and farming, which it said would help to manage the risk of another pandemic of a disease endemic in wild animals.

It also called for greater effort to mitigate climate change to avoid large accumulations of wild species near human habitation.

"The fact that climate change can accelerate the transmis-Since each bat species carries sion of wildlife pathogens to Paris: Climate change may an average of 2.7 coronaviruses, humans should be an urgent wake-up call to reduce g the researchers said 100 strains transmission of the novel coro- of coronavirus were now conemissions," said Camilo Mora at the University of Hawaii, who contributed to the research. "Our paper is a long way

Kate Jones, Professor of Ecology and Biodiversity at University College London, said Friday's research was interesting but that the pandemic was a result of a variety of factors.

"Climate change certainly has a role to play in changing species distributions to increase ecological hazard," said Jones, who was not involved in the study.

"However, spillover risk is a complex interplay of not only ecological hazard but human exposure and vulnerability."

Habitat loss, for example, has also been a major driver in pushing wild animal species "It's two sides of a similar coin: closer to human populations.

Unwilling To Wait, Poorer Countries Seek Their **Own Vaccines**

got tired of waiting to get vaccines through a United Nations programme, so the small Censhots through a private deal.

bureaucratic processes or misguided decisions" to give citizens "the peace of mind" offered by the COVID-19 vaccine, said Juan Carlos Sikaffy, president of the Honduran Private Business Council, which helped complete the purchase by providing a bank guarantee. Other nations are getting

impatient too. Unlike past disease outbreaks, where less wealthy countries have generally waited for vaccines to be delivered by the UN and other organisations, many are now taking matters into their own hands. Experts are increasingly concerned that these go-italone efforts could undermine a UN-backed programme to get COVID-19 shots to the neediest people worldwide.

through donations or commer- herd immunity. cial deals — an approach that could leave even fewer vaccines dar Vucic said his country was for the programme known as forced to cut its own deals af-COVAX, since rich countries ter watching rich countries have already snapped up the majority of this year's supply.

Led by the World Health Organization, a coalition for epidemic they needed. preparedness known as CEPI and COVAX was created to distribute

NEW DELHI: With coronavirus COVID-19 vaccines fairly. Councases still climbing, Honduras tries can join either to buy vaccines or to get donated shots.

Mustageem De Gama, a diplomat at the South African mistral American country struck sion in Geneva, cited "a level of out on its own, securing the desperation" fuelled by spreading virus variants and "the un-Honduras "cannot wait on certainty of when any COVAX vaccines might arrive".



He doubted that countries that signed up for COVAX "will even get 10% of what they require".

Even if the effort succeeds, COVAX's stated goal is to vaccinate less than 30 per cent of people in poor countries, Countries including Serbia, meaning that governments Bangladesh and Mexico recent- must seek other sources to obly began vaccinating citizens tain enough shots to achieve

Serbian President Aleksanscramble for the scarce shots. He criticised nations that, he said, bought more doses than

"It's as if they intend to vaca vaccine alliance called GAVI, cinate all their cats and dogs,"

Myanmar Minorities Fear Renewed Violence After **Military Coup**



ories of half a century of crushing isolation under direct military rule.

Perhaps nowhere was the fear more intense than among the coun- sition towards semi-civilian rule try's persecuted ethnic minorities. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, a man UN experts have said should be investigated for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity along with other senior officers, is now the country's leader and has declared a

state of emergency for one year. "Now, those in power are holding weapons," said Moe Moe Htay*, madaw, but across the world, many 28. an ethnic Arakanese mother who fled fighting between the military, known as the Tatmadaw, and the Arakan Army, an ethnic armed group, in 2019. "I worry we will rebook example of ethnic cleansing." In turn to the past military era."

Under the military regime, which ruled from 1962 to 2011, the Tat- Muslim Rohingya of Rakhine State madaw ruthlessly went after civilians in areas where ethnic armed or- 740,000 seeking refuge in Bangladesh.

The Myanmar military's coup on ganisations were fighting rebellions. Monday sent shockwaves across Systematic rights abuses including the country, bringing back mem-extrajudicial killing, sexual violence, torture and forced recruitment led millions to flee the country.

In 2011, Myanmar began a tranand in 2015, the National League for Democracy (NLD), the party of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, won the elections by a landslide, allowing her to become the country's de facto leader.

Under a military-drafted 2008 constitution, her civilian government was left sharing power with the Tathad faith the global icon would stand firmly on the side of human rights.

Instead, Myanmar experienced what UN experts have called a "text-2017 the Tatmadaw launched "clearance operations" against the mostly which left at least 6,700 dead and

| THE FACT THAT CLIMATE CHANGE CAN ACCELERATE THE

with human populations.

transmission of wildlife pathogens to humans should be an urgent wake-up call to reduce global emissions,"

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"Erratic" Trump Should Not Receive Intel Briefings, Says Joe Biden

WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES: US President Joe Biden said Friday that his predecessor Donald Trump, who is awaiting a Senate impeachment trial on charges of inciting an attack on the US Capitol, should not receive classified intelligence briefings, as is customary for former presidents.

"I just think that there is no need for him to have the intelligence briefings. What value is giving him an intelligence briefing? What impact does he encouraging his supporters to challenges to Biden's win. have at all, other than the fact he might slip and say something?" Biden said in an interview with tifying Biden's election victory. the CBS Evening News.

January 6, when he is accused of despite losing dozens of legal minister and ambassador that



smash their way into Congress to prevent lawmakers from cer-

Trump insisted that the The new Democratic leader election had been stolen from cited Trump's "erratic behavior him, despite overwhelming unrelated to the insurrection" of evidence that it had not, and

While in the White House, Trump repeatedly triggered concern over his use or dis-

missal of intelligence. In May 2017, he reportedly shared classified information in a meeting with Russia's foreign

US intelligence believed put an ally's assets at risk. Trump also publicly ques-

tioned US intelligence's findings that Russia intervened in the 2016 election and carried out a massive hacking operation late in his term.

The former president has already been impeached by the House of Representatives for inciting the Capitol insurrection that left five people dead, and faces a trial in the Senate next week.

He had been impeached for a first time last year on charges of trying to force Ukraine to interfere in the November 3 elections in his favor.

Former presidents are traditionally entitled to intelligence briefings, but many Trump critics have voiced fears that he is a loose cannon who may let slip information vital to national security.

Intruder At Air Force One Base Sparks **Global Security Review**

WASHINGTON: In a serious breach of security, an intruder entered the highly secured Joint Base Andrews that houses the presidential plane, Air Force One, and accessed an aircraft used by US Vice President and other top officials. Following the incident, the US Air Force announced on Friday that it would conduct a

In a statement, Joint Base Andrews (JBA) confirmed a male individual with two outstanding warrants accessed one of the C-40B aircraft assigned to the 89th Airlift Wing on Thursday night. The unarmed intruder was arrested by authorities in Maryland. The base, 24 km from the White House in Washington, DC, is home to the unit responsible for Air Force One and other aircraft reserved for the country's elected leaders and top military brass. There was no indication the suspect, who was not named, had links to extremist groups, said base officials.

Christopher Plummer, Oscar Winner And Star Of The Sound Of Music, Dead At 91

Veteran Canadian actor Christopher Plummer, whose decades-long career featured an indelible star turn in "The Sound of Music" and an Oscar win late in life, died on Friday, his manager announced. He was 91. Plummer died at his home in Connecticut with his wife Elaine Taylor at his side, his longtime friend and manager Lou Pitt said. "Chris was an extraordinary man who deeply loved and respected his profession with great old fashion manners, self-deprecating humor and the music of words," Pitt said in a statement.

"He was a national treasure who deeply relished his Canadian roots. Through his art and humanity, he touched all of our hearts and his legendary life will endure for all generations to come." Plummer starred as the aristocratic widower Captain Georg von Trapp opposite Julie Andrews in "The Sound of Music," the beloved 1965 cinematic tale of a musical family and their mischievous governess in Austria on the eve of World War II.

Doctors Perform Unnecessary Cesarean Deliveries For Financial Gains

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: With alarming rise in unnecessary Cesarean deliveries in Kashmir valley, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday said majority of these surgeries are done for financial gains.

"Doctors are motivated by money to perform needless surgical deliveries," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

"Birth has become a lucrative business in Kashmir," he said.

'There is a well-oiled nexus between private hospitals and doctors that is pushing patients into cesareans they don't need."

"A perception has been generated that cesareans are better than normal deliveries," DAK President said.

"In order to convince perfectly healthy women to opt for tors tell them about so called benefits of the surgery.'

"First time mothers are especially targeted because if a chance of maternal mortality is woman has C-section once, she 4-5 times after an elective cewould need surgeries for subse- sarean than a normal delivery. quent pregnancies," he said.

"Doctors make more money for cesarean than a normal money for patient's longer stay and medical attention.'

suming and more profitable," Dr

"A doctor would do 12 cesar- said Dr Nisar.

eans in the time it takes to do one normal delivery."

"In government hospitals too, surgical births have increased dramatically," he said.

"To learn the technique postgraduate students perform cesareans when they are not re-

"C-section delivery is a surgical procedure used to deliver a baby through incision in the abdomen and the uterus," Dr Nisar said.

"While WHO states that Cesarean rates should not be more than 10 percent of the total deliveries and must be performed in emergency cases, the rates at Kashmir hospitals are as high as 80 percent."

He said unnecessary Cesarean section delivery is risky to both mother and child.

For mother, C-section raises elective cesarean section, doc- the chances of complications such as blood loss, infection or blood clots.

Studies indicate that the

For the newborn, it means delayed breast feeding, lower birth weight, respiratory problems delivery and hospitals rake in and increased rate of hospitalization.

"The natural birth is the ideal "A cesarean is less time con- way and if it was better to deliver through the stomach, nature would have surely made it so,"

DDC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson Elected At Kulgam

KULGAM: The election for District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (Kulgam) were held today at Kulgam.

All the 14 DDC members participated in the election process and elected Mohammad Afzal Parray as Chairperson (Party affiliation, CPIM) and Shazia Jan (Party affiliation National Conference) as Vice-Chairperson of the District Development Council, Kulgam. The whole election process was carried out by District Panchayat Election Officer (DPEO) Kulgam, Showkat Aijaz Bhat and his team smoothly. Later, DPEO administered the oath to both the Chairperson and

The DPEO also congratulated all these members and highlighted their role in taking the development of the district to the newer heights.

Critically Ill Patient Airlifted From Tulail Valley

BANDIPORA: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad, two critically ill patients were airlifted from snowbound Tulail area of Gurez valley to Bandipora for immediate medical relief on Saturday.

The district administration received an SOS from the family for evacuation of two patients- 80-year-old patient Mohammad Sultan and Khateeja of Neeru Tulail who were in need of immediate

evacuation for treatment. The Deputy Commissioner immediately directed to arrange a iirlift the patient and also ¡ the operation until the evacuation was completed.

The snow-clad Gurez valley remains cut off from the rest of the world during winters owing to heavy snowfall in the valley

Details Of Annual Property Returns-2020 Of Revenue Employees Put Into Public Domain

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole today said that the details of Annual Property Returns of all Revenue employees from Kashmir have been put into public domain as uploaded on Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir's official website for its easy access to all.

He said the details of property returns of all Revenue employees for the year- 2020 have been uploaded on the KASHMIRDIVISSION.NIC.IN website, under link of EM-PLOYEES CORNER as all districts wise scanned copies of property returns of all employees, have been flagged.

The Div Com issued strict directions to all Revenue employees to submit their details of Annual Property Returns-2021 forthwith.

In this regard, the Div Com issued necessary instructions to the concerned to ensure that all non- Gazetted employees furnish details of their both movable and immovable properties.



ment including Naib-Tehsildars, Girdawars, Patwaris, Junior Assistants and all other officials forthwith in the offices of concerned Deputy Commissioners.

He further directed that DCs shall ensure that details are submitted in the Divisional website accordingly.

details shall be deemed as non-source thereof.

ders and action shall be taken mit details of annual returns of against the said employee unemployees of Revenue depart- der Jammu and Kashmir Public Men and Public Servants Declaration of Assets Act, 1983.

As per the J&K Public Men and Public Servants Declaration of Assets and Other Provisions Act, 1983, every government employee is required to submit Annual Return of the Office before February- 15 and assets held by him and his to be uploaded on the official family members in the month of January every year and shall The Div Com said that any indicate the reasons for inemployee failing to submit the crease, if any, in the assets and

Restoration Of 4G With Small Apology Would Have Been A Healing Touch



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: While terming the restoration of 4G internet as helpful for student community, Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) said on Saturday that the government could have shown a small courtesy by announcing its restoration with a small apology.

The association said that when a small road is dug or there is interruption in TV services, even the contractor or store 4G internet and the hear- ernment to put in some fooloperator says 'sorry for inconing with regards to its petition proof mechanism to regulate venience' but here, high speed in Supreme Court was due next internet services. It causes iminternet service was cut off for week. "The government pre-mense loss to us. There should and there was not even a murmur or sadness in their words.

ly help our students who have been at a huge disadvantage over the last so many months. It was kind of a collective punishment to us for no fault and it pushed us years back," said G N Var president PSAJK. "Our mental right and the governschools suffered, other educational institutes suffered as no

one could work at its optimum." The association said that like the Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF) it had been at the forefront of legal battle to re- officers. We appeal the gov-18 months for millions of people empted the hearing because on the application of mind and what basis could have they again priority should be continubanned it. On one hand they say ance of this fundamental right

other hand the reason for the 4G ban was that the situation is not normal in Kashmir," Var said.\

The association also demanded compensation for the loss caused due to internet blockade. "One cannot undo the huge psychological and academic loss caused by 18 months of internet ban. But another aspect of it was financial loss which the government should consider for compensating," said Var. "Thousands of jobs were lost due to internet blocking. Thousands of opportunities for our students vanished in thin air. The expenses of our schools doubled and productivity plunged due to the situation.

The Association said that the internet has become a fundament should ensure its nonstop working in a transparent manner. "It shouldn't be that tomorrow 4G will be blocked again in accordance with the whims and wishes of some "The 4G internet will definite- the situation is normal and on and not its blockade," he said.

Delay In Disposal Of Files, Worst Form Of Corruption: DDC Budgam

Reviews Progress On B2V1, V2 & V3 Works

opment Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza today termed the delay in disposal of cases as the worst form of corruption.

The DDC said this while chairing a meeting here to discuss the geted B2V1, V2, V3 works could progress and issues pertaining to B2V1, V2 & V3 programmes in the district.

cers to work proactively and de- the quality of works underliver the benefits of the B2V1, V2 taken, convergence wherever and V3 programme to the public required and proper utilization at an earliest.

During the meeting, the CPO apprised the chair about the progress achieved in all B2V works while taking up detailed department wise review.

Speaking on the occasion, the est. He stressed for time bound and officials.

BUDGAM: The District Devel- completion of works under the ambitious B2V program.

He instructed the BDOs to improve the performance at ground level and speed up the process of estimation and accord of administrative approval so that the tarbe completed in time.

The DDC directed BDOs to submit action taken reports He stressed upon all the offi- within 10 days. He stressed on of funds so that the rural population is able to avail benefits of B2V1, V2, V3 works.

The meeting was informed that the work is going on in full swing on all B2V works.

Among others, the meeting DDC said that estimation, tech- was attended by CPO Budgam, nical sanction and allotment for ACD, CMO, CEO, Ex. Engineer remaining works of B2V2 and R&B, PHE, PDD, REW all BDOs V3 shall be finalized at an earli- and other concerned officers

Panchayat Members From Wahidpora-Lar Ganderbal Join **Apni Party**



SRINAGAR: Prominent Panchay- Muzaffar Reshi. at members and other political workers hailing from Wahidpo-Party on Saturday at its Party office in Srinagar.

The members who joined Apni Party were Ghulam Nabi Wani (Panch Lar), Muneera (Panch Lar), Wani Arif Ali, Aamir

carried out in presence of State concern," Muntazir expressed. District President Manzoor and Party youth leader party at local levels.

Welcoming the new entrants to the Party fold Muntazir Mohira-Lar Ganderbal joined Apni ud-Din said that Apni Party has pledged to work for the betterment of people of Jammu and Kashmir and resolve their grievances on priority basis. "We don't rely on empty slo-

ganeering as other political par-Majeed, Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, Shafat Ahmad Malla, Javaid Ahrather focus on politics of truth mad Wani and Owais Ahmad which demands sincerity and efforts at grass root levels. The The joining ceremony was welfare of people is our prime

The new entrants Budgam Muntazir Mohi-ud-din, gratitude to the Party leadership District President Kupwara Raja and avowed to strengthen the

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT) PHE GROUND WATER DIVISION SRINAGAR.

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3	Period of submission of Bids	06-02-2021 (11:00 A.M) 12-02-2021 up to (4:00 P.M)
4	Date of opening of Tender.	13-02-2021 at (02:00 P.M)
5	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive En	gineer Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar.
6		on-Refundable) in the shape of DD pledged to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE
	Ground Water Division Srinagar(at Sadd	ar Treasury Srinagar) or by cash against proper GR in this Division.
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Bid Validity Period: 40 Days Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Deptt. (PHE) Ground Water Div. Sgr. No: PHE/GWD/ 4541 Dated: 05-02-2021.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of the Chief Education Officer, Pulwama

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Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders with CDR of Rupees 5000/= are invited from registered dealers/Suppliers for renovation/repairment of conference hall & adjacent rooms along with installation charges and hardware items required, as per the details mentioned below.

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1	German made(Polished) paneling	730	wall
	of Conference hall	P. V.	2000
2	Polished paneling of Conference	350	Floor
	hall(action teas)	- Mark 1994	
3	PVC paneling of rooms	470	Wall

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE AS UNDER:

The tenders shall be accompanied with CDR of Rs.5000/= (Rupees Five thousand only) pledged in favour of "Chief education Officer Pulwama" from scheduled bank as earnest money which will be refunded to the unsuccessful tenders after finalization of contract. The tenderer shall be registered with sales tax Department under GST Rules, a copy of which shall be furnished to this office in absence of which tenders shall not be considered.

The rates should be quoted both in words and figures without cutting/overwriting.

The rates should be quoted for CEO Pulwama inclusive of all charges and GST, if any chargeable and billed for shall be allowed if liable under GST rules.

The successful tenders shall have to execute an agreement on the prescribed form within seven days after acceptance of tender is communicated to him (where required).

The successful tenderer shall not assign or sublet the contract indirectly or any part of the contract to any other agency. The tenderer shall quote rates in accordance with the samples and the successful tenderer shall make supplies strictly as per 7. approved samples.

If the successful tenderer fails to supply the goods in accordance with the approved samples or fails to deliver the goods within the specified period, CDR deposited will not be refunded and the tenderer will be liable to be blacklisted from future tenders of

If the successful tenderer fails to supply the goods in accordance with the approved samples to deliver the goods within the specified period, purchasing committee shall arrange supplies either by retendering or from open market or any other supplier at the

already approved costs. The successful tenderer shall have to complete the work within fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of supply order.

In case any dispute between the tenderer and order placing authority, the decision of the CEO shall be final and binding on all. 12. The successful Tenderers should deposit sealed samples, wherever required to the office of undersigned within a week from

the issue of tender. 13. Last date to deposit the tenders shall be 10/02/2021. No: CEO/Pul/Acctt/497

Dated: 04/02/2021

(Smt. Soni sonam quareshi) Chief Education Officer Pulwama

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In the Name of Law

Vaidushya Parth

What it effectively does

is, reverses the burden of proof and presumption of innocence and the maxim tends to be reversed from "bail is rule and jail an exception" to "jail is rule and bail an exception" line of a judicial order I read a few months back, where a Court relied upon metaphor to justify keeping an accused individual behind the bars, has stayed with me ever since because it raises a remarkably restless thought. If you're wondering about that line, it was this: "... when you choose to play with embers you cannot blame the wind to have carried the spark a bit too far and spread the fire." This is, albeit, a routine idiosyncrasy of Indian Courts to the question in relation to individual's liberty.

States do not have the power to detain or arrest their citizens, except in a narrow range of defined circumstances, as established by the law. The Courts, on the other hand, as sentinels on the qui vive, are duty bound to protect citizen's liberty.

Among all kinds of arrests, the arrest made under the preventive detention laws is subject to the most stringent standard of judicial review and proportionality, because it effectively involves liberty infringement of persons neither convicted of, and nor accused of, a crime, and proceeds upon the mere likelihood of the possibility of future crime.

The recent cases of political dissidents, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), throw some restless and edgy thoughts. A closer observation at the UAPA [one of India's preventive detention laws] confirms what Mahajan and Mukherjea JJ. in Gopalan's case rightly observed that 'preventive detention was repugnant to democratic constitutions and its inclusion in our Constitution was unfortunate, especially when no other



democratic Constitution was found to provide for preventive detention.'

The UAPA, with its s. 43D(5), makes it tougher to get bail by adding an extra condition to those already existing in the Criminal Procedure Code 1973, restricting the possibility of an accused being released on bail. Thus, in effect, reversing the presumption of innocence.

Generally, in criminal cases the burden to establish the guilt of an accused rests on the state. This dovetails with the essential principle of every accused having a presumption of innocence in her favour.

However, section 43D(5) of the Act restricts courts from granting bail to a person if "on a perusal of the case diary or the [police] report ... [the court] is of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusation against such a person is prima facie true."

In any criminal trials, the case di

ary and the charge-sheet reflects the position of the state, and under the UAPA, as long as the state's standpoint shows to make out an offence, a court cannot, under law, grant bail. Upon reading the provisions of this Act, it would suffice to add that it almost gets impossible to get bail once charges are framed in such cases if the public prosecutor opposes bail. Thus, an incarceration, under the UAPA, effectively results into a long imprisonment without any trial, which goes straight against the sacrosanct rule of law.

The UAPA is not only an isolated point; albeit, there is an entire curve of statutes carrying these stringent clauses. For example, inter alia, Section 37 (amended in 1989) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985 [NDPS]; Section 51A (inserted in 2002) of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972; Section49(7) of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002.

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the burden of proof and presumption of innocence and the maxim tends to be reversed from "bail is rule and jail an exception" to "jail is rule and bail an exception". And when these statutes are challenged before the court of law, the state argues of tilting the balance towards the amorphous concepts of 'national security' and 'greater good' which further goes on to strengthen the criminal-stereotyping principles. To add to the agony, this position is also upheld by the Indian SC in Kartar Singh v. Union of India.

The theory accepted both by English and Indian Courts is that in detaining a person preventively, the State is not punishing him but is merely preventing him from doing acts which it is suspected he might otherwise do. But, the way in which political prisoners are treated in jails has raised the question whether there is any justification for preventively detaining persons in jails. This clearly goes against the concept of preventive detention. The distressing experiences narrated by eight officials who had been preventively detained, made Justice J. C. Shah, in his "Shah Commission Report", to observe: "Man's inhumanity to man seems to know no limits at all - of the officials it is still worse".

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The Big Tech Takeover

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n January 15, Liu Jin, a 45-year-old driver for Alibaba's food delivery platform in the Chinese city of Taizhou, set himself on fire in protest over unpaid wages. "I want my blood and sweat money back," Mr Liu said in a video shared widely over social media.

Meanwhile, across the border in India, millions of farmers were refusing to vacate the streets of New Delhi. They had been protesting for months, stubbornly defying the central government's attempt to impose reforms that would put them at the mercy of giant corporations.

The two protests may be different in form, but have something fundamental in common. Each expresses outrage over the takeover of food systems by some of the world's largest technology companies. In China, Alibaba has been leading a wave of investments and takeovers by technology companies in the food system, most recently spending \$3.6bn to acquire the country's largest chain of hypermarkets. In India, similar moves are being made by companies like Amazon and Facebook, through the backdoor of e-commerce, to take over food distribution and retail in partnership with India's wealthiest tycons and the backing of the central

government's reforms.

Big Tech's ambitions with food and agriculture go beyond China and India. They are global and extend to all aspects of the food system, including what is being called digital agriculture. While some see in this a means to bring new technologies to farming, technology does not develop in a bubble. It is shaped by money and power both of which the technology sector currently enjoys.

In a new report, our organisation GRAIN looks at how Big Tech is promoting industrial agriculture and contract farming and undermining agroecology and local food systems through its development of digital agriculture platforms. As the report shows, the consequences are particularly severe for small farmers in the Global South.

Just as with other sectors of the economy, large corporations – be they technology companies, telecommunications, food companies, agribusinesses, or banks – are racing to collect as much data as



they can from all nodes of the food system and to find ways to profit from this data. These efforts are getting more and more integrated and connected through corporate partnerships, mergers and takeovers, enabling corporate capture of the food system.

By far, the biggest players in this mix are the global technology companies. Microsoft, Amazon and IBM are all busy developing digital agriculture platforms to collect large amounts of data, which can then be processed with their powerful algorithms to provide farmers with real-time data and analysis on the condition of their soils and water, the growth of their crops, the situation with pests and diseases and the looming weather and climatic changes they

This may be appealing for farms in areas where there is a lot of data collection (regular soil tests, field studies, yield measurements) and for farms that can afford technologies that collect data (like tractors, drones, and field sensors). For these farms, technology companies can gather enough quality data to provide advice on fertiliser application, pesticide use, and harvest times that can be fairly specific and useful. It helps a lot if these farms are cultivating large areas with single crops, as this makes data collection and analysis much simpler.

It is a different story for the 500 million or so small farm households in the world who produce most of the world's food. They tend to be located in areas where there are minimal to no extension services and hardly any central collection of field data. Nor can small farms afford the high-priced data gathering technologies to feed information to the cloud. As a result, the data technology compa-

nies collect on small farms will inevitably be of poor quality.

The advice small farmers will get from such digital networks, via text messages on their mobile phones, will be far from revolutionary. And, if these farmers are practising mixed cropping and other agroecological practices, any advice they receive will be useless.

Good advice to farmers is not really the end game here anyway. For the corporations investing in digital agriculture, the objective is to integrate millions of farmers into a vast, centrally controlled digital network. Once integrated, they will be heavily encouraged – if not obligated – to buy their products and to supply them with agricultural commodities, all of this functioning through the mobile money systems being developed by the same companies.

Big Tech's emerging digital platforms will not help farmers share their knowledge or promote their diverse seed and animal varieties. The platforms will emphasise conformity; participating farmers will have to buy the inputs that are promoted and sold on credit (at high interest rates), follow the "advice" of a chatbot to qualify for crop insurance (which they must pay for), sell their crops to the company (at a non-negotiable price), and receive payments on a digital money app (for which there is a fee). Any missteps can affect a farmer's creditworthiness and access to finance and markets. It will be contract farming on a mass scale.

These developments in digital agriculture are not divorced from Big Tech's aggressive moves into food distribution and retail. In fact, digital agriculture is building the centralised production systems upstream that will supply Big Tech's evolving operations downstream, which are rapidly displacing the small vendors, hawkers and other local actors who have long served to bring foods from small farmers to consumers. The stage is being set for today's small farmers and vendors to be tomorrow's pieceworkers for Big Tech companies.

But Big Tech's attempt to take over food systems will not go unchallenged. What we see today on the streets of New Delhi is just the beginning.

... Al Jazeera

Winter Gourmet: Phari

Jahanzaib khan

Smoking is an ancient fish preservation method. It is an effective method of fish preservation and works by the combination of three factors: drving, deposition of naturally produced chemicals resulting from thermal breakdown of plant material and salting. Smoked fish is ready to eat and also has great demand in western markets



the traditional winter cuisine of Kashmir is a reddish-brown smoked fish prepared traditionally during harsh winters and is believed to provide great resistance against diseases such as common cold. Mostly, Phari is cooked with collard greens (haakh) and the dish is locally known as "Phari Haakh". The dish still remains the tastiest and nutritious delicacy for winters. The preparation of Phari is an art gifted to the Fisher community of Kashmir, the process begins during autumn season with collection of wild grass "Narre gasse" from nearby areas and the wild grass is brought home and is well dried. The collected dry grass is then shaped into a platform on which fishes are laid and is then burnt slowly.

Smoked fish is a cherished food throughout the world due to its smoky flavour and delicate texture. Smoking is an ancient fish preservation method. It is an effective meth-

od of fish preservation and works by the combination of three factors: drying, deposition of naturally produced chemicals resulting from thermal breakdown of plant material and salting. Smoked fish is ready to eat and also has great demand in western markets.

For the preparation of Phari, the temperature is maintained above 30°c and the fish is smoked till it imparts all required attributes. The smoked fish has many benefits, it is protected from the microorganisms due to the surface barrier created by the smoke and also due to Bactericidal properties of smoke due to Chemical constituents like formaldehyde and acetic acid which prevent the growth of fungi, bacteria and inhibit viral activities. This is the reason why people found it beneficial during winters for resistance against common cold and cough. Smoke also increases the mineral concentration in Phari which makes it more nutritious, the smoke vapours have more than 200 chemicals Carbonyls, organic acids, phenols, organic bases, alcohols, hydrocarbons, trace minerals and others which impart colour and cause flavour enhancement in the fish.

The Phari also has antioxidant properties due to the presence of three important chemicals namely 2,6-dimethoxyphenol, 2,6-dimethoxy-4-methylphenol and 2,6-dimethoxy-4-ethylphenol in the smoke. The reddish brown or golden-brown colour of Phari is due to the deposition and subsequent oxidation of phenol.

Besides these health benefits, Phari also has negative impacts on health due to the presence of carcinogenic compounds attributed to smoke which contain traces of aromatic hydrocarbon 3,4 benzopyrene (C20H10) which is a carcinogenic that can cause tumours in humans and animals.

The average of carcinogenic compounds depends on the smoke, the carcinogenic compounds levels can be controlled by keeping lower smoke generation temperature and also to prevent the carcinogenic compounds new techniques such as electrostatic precipitation can be used which uses electrostatic precipitation filters to absorb the carcinogenic compounds and produces pure smoke which can be used. Smoking is one of the best methods to preserve the fish, the smoked fish is cherished for its flavours throughout the world, everything in the world has Pros and cons so has the Phari.

Swiss physician and chemist Paracelsus once said, "All things are poisons, for there is nothing without poisonous qualities. It is only the dose which makes a thing poison." It is important to eat anything in limit, if we eat smoked food prepared in a hygienic way and in a controlled manner.

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hose of us who grew up during the last years of the British Raj had little choice if we wanted a decent education but to go to Christian schools with such names as St Francis Xavier, run by Catholic priests.

There, by the time we matriculated, we were brainwashed to be in awe of the religion of our rulers and to think of all things English as superior. Of the textbooks we were obliged to buy, the major ones were imported from Britain, beautifully illustrated with portraits of English kings and queens, all shown to be remarkable souls.

We knew all about the British Queen Elizabeth and nothing about the Indian Emperor Asoka. Their religion produced adorable saints and a noble aristocracy, ours a bunch of barbarians who were invaders and looters. They ennobled their military aggression, calling it a holy Crusade, led not by cruel murderers but by "defenders of the faith", with such endearing names as Richard the Lionheart.

They presented the Muslim defenders as raiding thieves, labelling them "Saracens" — a word meant to instil in the public imagination the idea that they were pagan infidels who plundered the land of others. For the Christian nations, their cathedrals — from England to all the way to the contested Middle East — were tributes of original architectural grandeur, unlike any seen before, while the more ancient non-European houses of prayer, though prefiguring Christian design, were dismissively neglected.

The Christian Crusaders' label "Saracens", projecting the idea of Muslims as looters, was the old ideological perversion whereby one political power sticks upon its opponent the evils of which it is itself guilty. History provides us with any number of such examples; happily, history also provides us with a re-establishing of truth. And here is one: the historian Diana Darke telling the truth in her book, ironically titled Stealing from the Saracens: How Islamic Architecture Shaped Europe.

In her 'Introduction', Darke states how the 2019 fire at the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, France, inspired her to write her book. The Notre Dame fire aroused the flames of the Christian faith in the heart of the country: the old cathedral was the grandest symbol of the Catholic faith and, like all the great Gothic cathedrals, proclaimed Chris-

Muslims Shaping Europe

Zulfikar Ghose



tian superiority. However, Darke asks: "Are we ready ... to acknowledge that a style so closely identified with our European Christian identity owes its origins to Islamic architecture?"

Her challenging question makes the reader sit up with its implied declaration of her thesis. Hence, the subtle irony in the title Stealing from the Saracens: it was the Christians who were the "thieves and looters", stealing from the nations they had brighting iron has a for-

The European Christian invaders of the New World following Christopher Columbus's discovery, together with their conquests in Asia and Africa, made the world a European colony, where they suppressed native beliefs while asserting the hegemony of their own. Darke recounts how she was shocked to see in a 2019 exhibition, at the British Museum, "the widely reprinted and influential 15th century pictorial map of Jerusalem showing all the Christian pilgrimage sites carefully labelled in Lat-

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in", which perpetuated the suppression of the established truth that all those sites were of Muslim origin.

The central image in that map labelled the Dome of the Rock as "King Solomon's biblical temple" when, in fact, "the structure was a Muslim shrine

built in 691 by the ruler of Islam's first empire." As a result of the European belief in that untruth, states Darke, "many European churches were modelled on a Muslim shrine." She adds, "A profound Islamic influence can be seen in many of

Europe's most iconic buildings. She has a very instructive opening chapter on Christopher Wren, the British architect who designed St Paul's cathedral with its amazing dome that, though in the crowded heart of London, is still a marvel to be seen from the city's many distant perspectives. For the dome to be built and for its enormous weight to be held by the building's structure required complicated calculations and an unprecedented style. The design required new thinking and, as in all the arts, original form was to be discovered from a wide knowledge of traditional forms. Wren, states Darke, "took ideas from mosques in Istanbul." He praised, as we know from his correspondence, what he refers to as "the Saracen style"

without implying any pejorative designation, but simply as a substitute for "Islamic."

Darke points out that Wren and his intellectual friends knew that the knowledge to which Europe had awakened after the Dark Ages had, centuries earlier, been pioneered by the Arabs. The most eminent of these intellectuals was William Laud, who served as the chancellor of the University of Oxford and the archbishop of Canterbury. Laud avidly collected Arabic manuscripts, depositing them in the Bodleian Library. He endowed a chair, the "Laudian Professor of Arabic."

Another friend, Edward Pococke, whom Darke calls "the West's greatest Arabic scholar of his day", had worked for six years as a chaplain in Aleppo, Syria, where he collected "many magnificent Arabic manuscripts" and his scholarly mind was open to Islamic learning. Here, then, were the greatest scholars of the age, working in the service of Christianity, who eagerly accessed Islamic learning and brought it to England, and with St Paul's cathedral the physical symbol of how a Christian church should look took its shape from Islamic mosques.

Having established the principal point of her thesis with that conspicuous symbol, Darke then presents a lengthy architectural study of Europe's great cathedrals and other monumental sites, and demonstrates — leaving no doubt in the reader's mind — how dependent they were on Arabic solutions to complex architectural problems, as demonstrated in the construction of ancient Islamic monuments.

It is all there for modern tourists to see, not only in such obvious locations as Córdoba, Toledo and Granada in Spain, or the mosques in Istanbul, but also in cities such as Venice, with their ancient history of trading with eastern Islamic nations, and even in the great vaulting interiors and high arches first developed with geometrical precision by Islamic architects that appear so impressive in such iconic Christian cathedrals as Notre Dame and Chartres in France.

The columnist is a literary critic, Professor emeritus at the University of Texas and author of the novel The Murder of Aziz Khan and a collection of short fictions Veronica and the Góngora Passion

Dawn

Climate change may have influenced emergence of coronavirus, says study

Press Trust Of India

Climate change may have influenced the outbreaks of the novel coronavirus as well as the 2002-03 SARS pandemic virus, suggests a new study which says the global crisis triggered by the release of greenhouse gasses likely altered the distribution of bat species that carry these pathogens.

The study, published in the journal Science of The Total Environment, noted that the southern Chinese Yunnan province and neighbouring regions in Myanmar and Laos form a global hotspot of climate change-driven increase in bat richness.

According to the scientists, including those from the University of Cambridge in the UK, this region coincides with the likely origin of bat-borne ancestors of the two viruses -- SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2.

Based on earlier studies, the researchers said the number of coronavirus family of viruses present in an area is strongly correlated with the local bat species richness.

As the species richness increases increases, they said there may be an increase the probability that a coronavirus (CoV) with potentially harmful properties for human life is "present, transmitted, or evolves

"Species richness, in turn, is affected by climate change, which drives the geographic distributions of species by altering the suitability of ecological habitats, forcing species to disappear from some areas whilst allowing them to expand in others," the scientists wrote in the study.

In the study, the researchers estimated how climate change has impacted global bat species richness over the last century.

They said a global hotspot of climate change-driven increase in bat richness in the region may have been the likely origin of the bat-borne ancestors of the novel coronavirus and the SARS virus.

This provides a possible mechanistic link between climate change and the emergence of the two viruses," the study noted. According to the scientists, regions

around Central Africa, several scattered patches in Central and South America, and "notably a large spatial cluster located in the southern Chinese Yunnan province and neighbouring regions in Myanmar and Laos," have experienced significant increases in bat species richness due to climate change-driven range shifts over the



They said in parts of Myanmar and Laos there has been an estimated climate changedriven increase of around 40 bat species.

The scientists said this corresponds to a rise in the local number of bat-borne coronaviruses in the order of nearly 100 viruses, given that each bat species carries about 2.67 CoVs on average.

"Given the possibility raised by our analysis that global greenhouse gas emissions may have been a contributing factor in the SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks, we echo calls for decisive climate change mitigation, including as part of Covid-19 economic recovery programmes, they wrote in the study.

However, the scientists clarified that future research applying alternative models of vegetation change and species distribution is needed to confirm the pattern suggested in the study.

Commenting on the findings, Paul Valdes, Professor of Physical Geography at the University of Bristol in the UK, said "habitat loss may have played a much larger role in biodiversity change than any small effect from climate change and this is not incorporated into their model.

Valdes, who was not involved in the study, believes it is premature to conclude from the available data that climate change influenced the emergence of the novel coronavirus.

Kate Jones, Professor of Ecology & Biodiversity at University College London in the UK agreed. According to Jones, the risk of new viruses jumping from animals is a complex interplay of not only ecological hazard but human exposure and vulnerability.

"It may turn out that increases in human populations, human movement and degrading natural environments through agricultural expansion have a more important role to play in understanding the spillover process of SARS-CoV-2," she added.

Eating grapes may protect against sunburn, UV damage to skin

Agencies

ating grapes can help protect against sunburn and ultraviolet (UV) skin damage and natural components found in the fruits known as polyphenols are thought to be responsible for these beneficial effects, according to a new study.

The results published in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology revealed that participants in the study showed increased resistance to sunburn and a reduction in markers of UV damage at the cellular level.

'Grapes may act as an edible sunscreen, offering an additional layer of protection in addition to topical sunscreen products," said lead researcher Craig Elmets from University of Alabama, Birmingham in the US.

The study investigated the impact of consuming whole grape powder — equivalent to 2.25 cups of grapes per day — for 14 days against photodamage from UV light.

The participants' skin response to UV light was measured fore and after consuming grapes for two weeks by determining the threshold dose of UV radiation that induced visible reddening after 24 hours — the Minimal Erythema

The results showed that grape



consumption was protective as more UV exposure was required to cause sunburn following grape consumption, with MED increasing on average by 74.8 per cent.

Analysis of skin biopsies showed that the grape diet was associated with decreased DNA damage, fewer deaths of skin cells, and a reduction in inflammatory markers that if left unchecked, together can impair skin function and can potentially lead to skin cancer.

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tective effect with grape consumption and we were able to identify molecular pathways by which that benefit occurs — through repair of DNA damage and down regulation of pro-inflammatory pathways,

Most skin cancer cases are assoated with exposure to UV radiation from the Sun — about 90 per cent of non-melanoma skin cancers and 86 per cent of melanomas, respectively.

Additionally, an estimated 90 per cent of skin ageing is caused by

Date:-06/02/2021

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) LANDSCAPING DIVISION KMR. ENGINEERING COMPLEX, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR

TENDER NOTICE NIT No.e-81/2020-21/LSD/Srinagar/Jammu

Dated:- 06/02/2021

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

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2.		Restoration of various Parks at	Rs.0.6 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Bid Security.	10Days	13.02.2021	"DEE Class	M&R
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Administrative approval: -Accorded.

Note:- The above mentioned work shall be mandatorily completed during the current financial year 2020-21.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and condi-

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1	Period of downloading of bidding documents	06.02.2021	05.00 PM
١	Bid submission Start Date	06.02.2021	from 05.00 PM
١	Bid Submission End Date	12.02.2021	up to 06.00 PM
١	Deadline for receiving the Hard copy (Original e-challan	Hard copy to be submitted by the succ	cessful bidder (L1) only within seven
ı	or Treasury challan/receipt and EMD)	days after Financial evaluation.	
1	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	13.02.2021 at 11.00AM in the office of	the Executive Engineer R&B Land-
ı		scaning Division Paihagh Srinagar	-

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt (Non-refundable) along with bid security declaration certificate as per format (Annexure A), failure to do so shall be render the bidder as Non-Responsive

First lowest bidder has to submit Performance security Deposit 3% of allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG(BG validity should be 45days more than bid validity days i.e 120+45=165Days) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).

Bidder have to submit a Affidavit from its class magistrate that he will complete the unit or the property of the pro Bidder have to submit a Affidavit from ist class magistrate that he will complete the work on time, otherwise necessary action will be taken against the contractor under rules.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&E Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority)

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids. The earnest money shall be forfeited. If:-

Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

50% of the normal deposits (deducted at 10% from running bills) to be released after virtual completion of the work and balance 50% after

Additional performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after virtual completion of the work. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG shall be released after DLP is over successfully

No: -LD/4157-66

Dated:-06-02-2020

Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, DIPK-12686/20 Rajbagh, Srinagar

protection in addition to topical sunscreen products

No.101/4963/MVD/ANG NOTICE

TRANSPORT OFFICER ANANTNAG Date:-06/02/2021



ceived by this office from Mr.Adil Hussain Bhat S/O Ghulam Nabi Bhat R/O Siligam Aishmugam Anantnag(Party No.1st) as Transferor, (Seller) Owner of

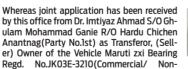
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covering under R/P No.N/A. and Mr.Mohammad Saleem Ganie S/O Nazir Ahmad Ganie R/O Gantilipora Bijbehara Anantnag(Party No.2nd) as Transferee (Purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted Vehicle from party No 1st and 2nd. And Cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Siligam. Before the case is disposed off on its merit, anybody have any objection regarding the proposed transfer Amy file his objection within (7) days from the publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned. No any representation / objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

Officer Anantnag MJA

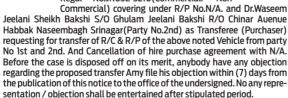
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NOTICE



Transport Officer Anantnag

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE SOGAM

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No:-GDCS/TENDER/68

Tender Notice

Dated: 04/02/2021

Sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamps of Rs O6/- are invited from the registered Dealers Companies dealing with automation of libraries. The tender should reach the office of the undersigned, within one week From the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper. The detail of the tender can be obtained from the office of the

The tenders should be properly sealed.

undersigned during all working days

Terms & Conditions Rs 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) pledged
To the undersigned should A call deposit receipt for an amount of accompany the tender.

3 The tenders without CDR will be rejected and will not be incorporated in the comparative statement The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereunto

Prof. Muhammad Shafi Lone Principal Govt. Degree College Sogam

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER ANANTNAG

No.101/4962/MVD/ANG Date:-06/02/2021

NOTICE

Malik R/O Danwath Kokernag(Party

No.1st) as Transferor, (Seller) Owner

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr.Nameela Nazir D/O Nazir Ahmad



of the Vehicle Tata Sumo Bearing Regd. No.JK03D-0685(Commercial/ Non-Commercial) covering under R/P No.N/A. and Mohd Iqbal Malik S/O Mohd Hussain Malik R/O Dhak Ram ban (Party No.2nd) as Transferee (Purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted Vehicle from party No 1st and 2nd. And Cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Kokernag. Before the case is disposed off on its merit, anybody have any objection regarding the proposed transfer Amy file his objection within (7) days from the

publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned. No any representation / objection shall be entertained after stipulated period. Assistant Regional MJA Transport Officer Anantnag

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER ANANTNAG No.101/4957/MVD/ANG Date:-06/02/2021

NOTICE



Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr.Farooq Ahmad Sofi S/O Abdul Rehman Sofi R/O Uranhall Khanbal Anantnag(Party No.1st) as Transferor, (Seller) Owner of the Vehicle LPT 3118 Bear-ing Regd. No.JK03F-2494(Commercial/ Non-Commercial)

covering under R/P No.JK/3/GP/HMV/2017-70. and Mr.Muzaffar Ahmad Reshi S/O Abdul Ahad Reshi R/O Sheikh Mohalla Bongam Shopain (Party No.2nd) as Transferee (Purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted Vehicle from party No 1st and 2nd. And Cancellation of hire purchase agreement with Cholamandalam Investement and Finance and Endorsement with JK Bank HR Shopain. Before the case is disposed off on its merit, anybody have any objection regarding the proposed transfer Amy file his objection within (7) days from the publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned. No any representation / objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer Anantnag

ازدفترنا ئب تحصيلدار تربكام بااجلاص يجاداحدبث مضمون كاغذات درخوات منجانب شفاعت راجاه تحسينه بانو دختر، عفيره بانو اولادان خضر محدلون ساكنه موضع كون تخصيل

معامله مندجه عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل وفتر ہذامیں زیرکاروئی ہےاس سلسلے مین پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمولدر یکار وطلب کیا گیاہے جس سےعیاں ہے کہ سائل موضع کون مخصیل مُدگام میں بایش پذریے کمیکی مہانة مدنی 47000 دو پہنے اور کمید بذیل افرد پرشتل ہے 57سال خصر محمدلون ولدعبدالستارلون ريثا سرملازم سرکاری ملازم 28سال هچمریلوکام 24سال نسينه بإنو ز رتعلیم 20 س کےعلاوہ کوئی افراد کھر نہیں ہے سرٹشکیک اجرا کرنے میں اگر کٹی ٹخص کوئی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ

پناعذر یااعتراض ساتھ یوم اندر دفتر بذامیں پیش کرے معیا دگر نے بعد کوئی بھی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول

از دفتر نا يب تحصيلدار تربكام بااجلاص يجاداحدبث مضمون كاغذات درخوات منجانب رگو براحمد دار عبدالصد دار ساكند موضع كون تخصيل تربگام بمرادعطا يكي بيكواردارياس لفتكييف (RBA) تحت SRO 294 زيشكيييش نمبر 167 اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام معامله مندجه عنوان الصدر ميس درخواست سائل وفتر بذاميس زيركارو كى ہےاس سلسلے مين پٹوارى حلقه سے رپورٹ بشمولہ دیکار ڈ طلب کیا گیاہے جس ہے عیاں ہے کہ سائل موضع ' کونن مختصیل مُدگام میں بایش پذریے کمیدی مہانی آمدنی 13000 روپے ہاور کمیہ بذیل افرد رمشتل ہے 60سال مزدوري 58سال 30سال محمدا شرف ڈار ولدعبدالصمد ينظورا حمد ولدعبدالصمد رشاه بیم زوجه محمدا شرف ڈار سالح بانو دختر محمدا شرف ڈار مران اشرف پسر گلشنه بیجیم زوجه منظوراحمد ڈار س کےعلاوہ کوئی افراد کہ نہیں ہے سڑھیکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی محض کوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ اپنا ذريااعتراض ساتھ يوم اندردفتر بذاميں پيش كرے معيادگرنے بعدكوئى بھى عذريااعتراض قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا

Circle Rates Slashed By 20% For Properties Across All Categories Of Areas In Delhi



Agencies

Deople eyeing a home in posh localities of Delhi like Vasant Kunj and Gold Links will have to pay over 1.5 lakh less on per square metre of land as the to economy post the COVID-19 government slashed circle rates by 20 percent for properties across all categories of areas in the city on contraction in the post-COVID era, Friday. Delhi Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, decided to reduce circle rates of properties in residential, commercial and industrial categories in the city by 20 percent for six months. The properties in Delhi are categorised revive the real estate sector which in eight classes from "A" to "H", with posh areas falling under "A" while least developed areas in "H" category, officials said.

"A" category areas -- 7.74 lakh encourage more people to transact per square metre -- will go down in real estate and avoid the stagnathey said. In "H" category, the 20 percent in the circle rate would

meter, they added. The minimum or registration charges, he said. The construction cost of commer- decision to cut down circle rates till cial properties will also decrease September 30, 2021, will also boost

egory areas, the officials said. In of "H" category areas, it will go down registration in 2020-21, the actual from 3,960 per square metre to collection has been 1,830 crore by

Destination In India'

(BIP) National General Secretary

Tarun Chugh Saturday said that

usher a new era of development

Union Territories.

economy of the region.

Union Budget Ushers Era Of

New Prosperity In J&K: BJP

'Kashmir Will Become Prime Tourist

SRINAGAR: Bharatiya Janata Party help the residents gain access to

Union Budget 2021-22 would the gas-based economy, he said.

in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh of Rs 30,757 crores would help

key initiative in the Petroleum and as Ladakh has been allocated Rs

Natural Gas sector, the announce- 5,958 Crore in the Union Budget,

ment of maiden gas pipeline, which the proposal of setting up a Cen-

has been pending for over a decade, tral University in Leh will benefit

would prove to be a big boon for the the students of the region gain

In the past due to lack of ad- government is further recognis-

ministrative push the project ing its commitment to fiscal fed-

showed no progress for a decade. eralism has provided funds to the

The Union Territory of Jammu UTs targeting connectivity, rural

and Kashmir will now reap the wellbeing as well as boosting the

The minimum rate of built up flats (per square metre) in more than four-storeyed buildings will be re-

duced from 87,840 to 78,272. Kejriwal expressed hope that the step will help in giving a boost pandemic. "While we are slowly recovering from the economic it is the duty of our government to take all steps to further reduce the financial burden on the common man," he said. The decision is expected to make it "substantially cheaper" for people to do property transactions, he said. It will also has been hit severely by the coronavirus pandemic and create new jobs, he added.

Revenue Minister Kailash Gahlot The existing circle rate of land in said the lowering of circle rates will 6.19 lakh per square metre, nation in the sector. A reduction of circle rate will be reduced from have an impact close to reduction 23,280 to 18,624 per square by one percent in the stamp duty 25,200 square metre to the revenue collection of the govern-20,160 square metre in "A" cat-ment, officials said. Against a target 5,300 crore from property

3.168 square metre, they added. November 2020, they added. P

better gas connectivity and adopt

clean fuel practices, thus boosting

The total budget allocation

boost the economic growth in

the region, he said, adding that

access to quality education. "The

MoS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh - File Photo

Many Developmental Initiatives For J&K In Budget 2021-22: MoS PMO

JAMMU: Maintaining that the Government of India (GoI) is working for the welfare of common masses, the MoS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh Saturday said that the recently announced Budget stores a lot of developmental initiatives for Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a news conference here Dr Jatinder Singh said that a huge budget has been sanctioned by the central government for the development of Jammu and Kashmir that include, better road connectivity, railways, metro for both the regions.

Singh said that there were rumours about the recent budget It will have a harsh impact and many will suffer loss but all the sectors have been given due share and no one has been omitted from the equal amount of

Flanked by the BJP J&K president Ravinder Raina and other leaders, the MoS said that a series of schemes and reforms were made in the budget.

"The introduction of national education council will benefit the students, new Sanik schools have been proposed. National education policy has been introduced having an exclusive benefit for the student community," he said.

"Start-up India initiative has been started for the youth to benefit them while the elderly over 75-year-old persons have been exempted from tax-paying. Women have been benefited with the allotment of gas cylinders," Singh said.

Singh said the entire world has accepted India but people are supposed to play their role

the government won't only show progress at the national level but internationally as well.

"Ever since Modi ji has become Prime Minister, the central government has worked for the wel-fare of people and huge projects have been announced including the AIIMS, Biotech park. We have always worked for a good sound society with a positive narrative under unity," he said.

"Very soon India will emerge as a powerful country across the globe with PM Modi's new idea desiring to see J&K as a great part of it," he said.

The MoS said that India will be a frontline nation across the globe and for that this union budget is a vision document.

"With this approach from PM Modi, the entire world has started positively and this budget from to look up to India now," he said.

Risk Of A Sharp Fall In Indian Banks' **Asset Quality Has Receded: Report**

Agencies

The Indian government's loans (NPLs), averting the risk of a -- was better than what Moody's and increased loan loss reserves sharp deterioration in asset quali- expected in the nine months to enable Indian banks to absorb ty, according to Moody's Investors December 2020, or the first three unexpected losses, which will

Service in a new report. "Ample domestic liquidity, March 2021 (fiscal 2021). loose monetary policy, morato-As a result, restructured loans ity and funding have improved. have not increased as much as we expected at the onset of the in 2021 will support borrowers' pandemic," says Alka Anbarasu, debt-servicing capability after

Moody's Vice President and Senior Credit Officer.

Asset performance at India's support measures for bank largest private sector banks borrowers have softened HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis quarters of the fiscal year ending

On the other hand, Yes Bank

ed Indian banks' asset quality. although its capitalisation, liquid-A recovery in India's economy cut spending amid economic un-

the support measures expire. As a result, a sharp deterioration in asset quality is now less likely than Moody's previously anticipated.

"Proactive efforts to raise fresh growth in non-performing Bank, IndusInd Bank, IDBI Bank capital, improving profitability support their credit profiles,' adds Anbarasu.

Strong deposit growth further riums on loan repayments and Limited, which was rescued by enhances liquidity and helps regovernment-guaranteed loans to Indian authorities in 2020, faces duce funding costs. Deposit growth small businesses have support- greater asset risks than its peers, outpaced loans at most banks through the third quarter of fiscal 2021 as consumers and businesses certainty, bolstering already robust liquidity at these banks.

benefits of the project that will tourism sector," he said. NEWS MAKERS

Sale Of Vegetable Seedlings At Lalmandi From 25Th Feb

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture and status of PM formalization of mi-Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad cro processing enterprise (FME). Iqbal today instructed the officers to come up with comprehensive



farming system.

He said that upcoming Farmer Field Schools at SM Farm Padgampora and Floriculture Nursery Lal- promote the vegetable cultivation mandi will serve as model centres for the purpose.

a meeting here to review physical/ fi- to start sale of vegetable seedlings nancial progress report under CAPEX/ CSS, major physical achievements, den Lalmandi which will continue organic farming in Kashmir province, to facilitate vegetable growers. area expansion under vegetable cultifer (DBT), status of KCC/PM-Kisan/ PM-KMY, Soil Health Card Schemes the meeting.

While deliberating about the physical/ financial progress under plans for establishing Farmers Field CAPEX/CSS, the Director laid stress Schools (FFSs) in all districts of val- upon the officers to achieve a cent ley to facilitate and strengthen the percent target within the stipulated linkage between youth and depart-ment to encourage active explora-to follow all codal formalities and tion and understanding of modern reach out to the farmers for delivery of departmental schemes judiciously so that the funds allocated are spent efficiently.

He also asked the officers to explore the possibilities for cultivation of Saffron on a trial basis in different districts of Kashmir division especially Baramulla and Kupwara. He further added that more and more training camps and tours within and outside the UT may be conducted on priority to upgrade the farming skills of the farmers.

He further instructed the concerned officers of all the districts to at district level so that more and more growers get benefited. He said The Director said this while chairing that the Department is committed from 25th February at kitchen gar-

All Joint Directors, Chief Agriculvation, status of Direct Benefit Trans- ture Officers and other concerned officers of the department attended

E-Tender Notice



On behalf of the Director, Craft Development Institute (CDI), Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, E-tender is hereby invited from qualified and experienced consultancy firms, individuals for Research and Documentation of Kishtwari Loi and Tweed craft to be registered under Geographical indication Act.

The complete Tender documents with the title "Hiring of Researcher for Research and Documentation of "Kishtwari Loi and Tweed craft" for Geographical indication Act is available on the website www.jktenders.gov.in and official website of the Department www.cdisgr.org. Interested bidders/Tenderers may view / download the ebid document and submit their e-bid online up to the date and time

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1	Date of Issue of tender Notice	06-02-2021
2	Document Download/Sale Start Date	06-02-2021, 2:00 PM
3	Start Date and Time for Uploading of Bids	06-02-2021, 04:00 PM
4	Date of pre Bid meeting	09-02-2021, 02:00 PM
5	Last Date and Time for Uploading of Bids	12-02-2021, 04:00 PM

Further Necessary details and information can be obtained from Craft Development Institute, BAMK, Nowshera, Srinagar-190011, Jammu & Kashmir, India, Tel. No. 0194-2411430/2411772.

Tender No. CDI/Advt./2020-21/ 184 Dated: 5th February 2021

DIPK-NB-5420/20

Sd/ Director, CDI

Paypal To Shut Domestic Payment Services In India From April 1



igital payment solutions provider Paypal on Friday said it will stop offering domestic payment services within India from April 1.

The US-based company will instead focus on enabling more international sales for Indian businesses.

"We will continue to invest in product development that enables Indian businesses to reach nearly 350 million Pay-Pal consumers worldwide, increase their sales internationally, and help the Indian economy return to growth," a PayPal spokesperson said.

The company noted that it had processed \$1.4 billion India last vear.

PayPal can have the greatest positive impact in India's economic recovery by pivoting its business to support customers where they need the company

most, the spokesperson said. "From April 1, 2021, we will focus all our attention on enabling more international sales for Indian businesses, and shift focus away from our domestic products in India," the spokesperson stated.

The spokesperson explained that this would mean PayPal will no longer offer domestic payment services within India from the said date.

Paypal was one of the payment options on platforms like worth of international sales Swiggy and BookMyShow.com.

ز دفتر نائب تحصیلدار کھاگ

خواست سجادا حمدا منكر ولد كلزارا حمدا منكر ساكنه كهاگ رادحسول بيكوار دُايرا برلفكييط 375 SRO 294/

ساشتهار بمراد آگاہی ہرخاص وعام

معامله مندرج بعنوان الصدر میں سایملان کے کاغذات دفتر مذامین زیر کا روائی ہے بروے رپورٹ پٹواری حلقہ و بیان تحلقی صدقہ ودیگردستاویزات پیش کردہ سے پایاجا تا ہے کہ سائلان اوراس کا والدیندرہ سال سے دہ ہٰوامیس رہایش پذریہ ہاور کھبی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہاور کمنبہ کی سالا نہ آمدی 450 رویے تک ہے جو کہ حد مقررہ سے تجاوز نہیں کرتی ہے۔ تفصیل کمنبہ اس رطرح سے ہے گلزاراحمامنگر عمر54سال، پیشہ مزدوری، زینیگم زوجہ عمر52سال پيشه كه يلوكام ، سجادا حمر 25 پيشه زرتعليم ، شو گفته اختر وختر 25 سال پيشه زرتعليم , روبينه اختر وختر 20 سول پيشه زير قليم، تتبسم ختر عمو 1 سأل پيشه زرتيعليم، ساحل پسر عمر 1 سال پيشه زرتيعليم اس علاوه كوني افراد كهمنيس ہے سرٹفیکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی محض کوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ اپناعذریااعتراض ساتھ یوم اندر دفتر ہذا میں پیش کرے حیادگر نے بعد کوئی بھی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

نائب تخصيلدا

از نیایت کھر ہامہ مضمون کاغذات درخوات فتح تحدولدشریف الدین کھنانہ ساکند کھر ہامہ صلع کپوارہ بمراد

اشتها ر بمراد آگا هی هر خاص و عا م معامله مندرجيمنوان الصدريين درخواست سائل دفترهذ امين زيركا روائي ہے اس سلسلے ميں پيواری حلقہ ہے رپورٹ

بشولدريكار وطلب كيا عيا ہے جس سے عيان ہے كه سائل موضع كھر باسديس ربايش پذير اور كمبد بذيل افرادير

ونت	عمر سک	پیشه	نام سربراه كنبيه وتفصيل افراد كنبيه
ريامه	65مال کم	14.30	تح محمد ولدشر بيف الدين كهثانه
	40 لا	زمنداری	بشيراحد يسرفغ محمد كمثانه
	35 مال	ز رتعلیم	باندز وجه بشراحمه
	13 مال	زرتعليم	ضريف وفتز بثيراحر
	10 بال	زرتعليم	لفرت دفتر بشراحمه
	08سال	زرتعليم	جاويد يسر بشيراحمه
	ا06ل	زرتعليم	ولشاده وختر بشراحمه

بحث اجرا کرنے میں اگر کمی شخص کوکوئی اعتراض وغیرہ ہوتو وہ دفتر حذامیں اندرسات یوم پیش کر میں بعد معیاد گذر کو

از نیابت کھریامہ مضمون كاغذات درخواست لالدين ولدنور مجروبشارت حسن پسرلالدين ساكنه كعربامة شلع كواره بمراد عطا نیکی ST_

اشتها ربمراد آگاهی هر خاص و عام

معامله مندرجة عنوان الصدر مين درخواست سائل وفتر هذامين زير كاروائي ہے اس سلسلے ميں پئواري حلقہ ہے رپورٹ بشولدر یکارڈ طلب کیا گیاہے جس سےعیان ہے کہ سائل موضع کھر ہامہ میں رہایش پذیراور کمیہ بذیل افراد پڑ

	سكونت	£	پیشه	نام سربراه كنبه وتفصيل افرا دكنبه
	كعربان	40 ال	زمینداری	لال دين ولد نورمجر حجام
		38 بال	للمريلوكام	نصاره بتيم زوجه نورقعه حجام
		18 مال	زرتعليم	بشارت حسن ولدنور محمرتبام
		12 بال	زرتعليم	خالده بإنو دختر نورجمه تجام
		10 مال	زرتعليم	رخصانه دختر نور محرتجام
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اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی مخص کو کو تی اعتراض وغیرہ ہوتو وہ دفتر ھذا میں اندرسات یوم پیش کریں بعد معیاد گذر کو ئی

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Delhi Police Warns Strict Action Against Travellers Found With Cartridges In Their Baggage At IGI

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: A day after 11 cartridges were found in the baggage of a passenger at the Indira Gandhi International airport here, the Delhi Police on Saturday urged travellers to re-check their belongings and warned of legal action against those found with ammunition.

A total of 13 cases, where ammunition has been found in the baggage of passengers during security check, have already been registered this year at the IGI Airport police station under sections

The advisory comes a day after a passenger at IGI's Terminal-3, who was travelling from Delhi to Maldives by a private airlines, was found carrying 11 cartridges of .32 bore in his check-in baggage, police said.

During questioning, the passenger had told the police that the recovered cartridges belonged to his licensed weapon and had also produced his valid arms license issued in his name with area validity for Haryana, a senior police officer said.

In another instance, a woman

travelling from Terminal-3 was also found in possession of one live ammunition during screening of her baggage and she could not produce valid documents for it, he said.

In both the instances, cases were registered under sections of the Arms Act at IGI Airport police station.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (IGI Airport) Rajeev Ranjan said as per legal provisions, an FIR is registered against such passenger for the possession of ammunition illegally without a valid license issued for Delhi or all India and

the passenger has to face criminal proceedings before the court of law.

"Such lapses affect the journey of the passenger badly as the they cannot embark on their journey and their co-passengers and family members also face an awkward situation," he said.

Last year, 66 such cases were registered under the Arms Act at IGI Airport and an appeal -- "Carrying Ammunition at Airport is a Non-Bailable Offence" -- was also circulated in public domain through various social media platforms of Delhi Police

First Women Team Inducted into CRPF's CoBRA Commando Unit

Press Trust of India

GURGAON: A maiden contingent of 34 CRPF women personnel was on Saturday inducted into its specialised jungle warfare commando force CoBRA, which will soon be deployed in the anti-Naxal operations grid of the country.

The Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) was raised under the CRPF in 2009 for undertaking intelligencebased jungle warfare operations. It has been an all-male affair for this unit till now.

The majority of CoBRA teams, whose commandos are expected to have tough mental and physical attributes, are deployed in various Maoist violence affected states while a few are based in the northeastern states for undertaking counter-insurgency operations.

A ceremonial event was held at the forces' camp in Kadarpur village here with CRPF Director General A P Maheshwari witnessing combat drills performed by the chosen women as he underlined that it was important to defeat gender-based beliefs and stereotypes.

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Aim To Employ

"For equitable development, I gave the mantra of "Jan Bhagidari" (people"s participation),"

Outlining various interventions made by the government towards holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir and empowering the people of the UT, the Lt Governor said District Development Council (DDC) elections were conducted successfully and peacefully.

"This has strengthened the grass-root democracy, finally establishing the three-tier panchayati raj system, which was implemented in other states almost 28 years ago," he said.

Last month, he said a new Industrial Scheme 2021 was unveiled that offers Rs 28,400 crores subsidy for attracting investment.

"[&K"'s service sector is growing at a historic pace and much ahead of states like Maharashtra, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu. We are taking industries to the block level to remove the disparities. The scheme is expected to create 4.5 lakh jobs," he said.

With a view to help small and medium IT ventures in Jammu and Kashmir, he said his administration is strengthening infrastructure and setting up new projects.

"Similarly, power projects worth more than Rs 54,000 crore will take off in due course of time to make the union territory self-reliant in the energy sector. Making J&K power sufficient. we aspire to generate 3500 megawatt in only four years to make Jammu Kashmir power sur-

It shows that no attempts were made during the last 73 years to generate opportunities for youth, he said.

Laying special emphasis on public participation in the developmental process, the Lt Governor said that no growth is possible without people"s participation.

"For effective governance and delivery of public services, jan bhagidari is crucial and various policies, programmes and schemes can + transform the villages if the government plays the role of a facilitator and people take up the job of planner and executor," he said.

He highlighted that universal health coverage scheme -- "Ayushman Bharat -SEHAT" -was launched recently to provide free of cost insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh per household per year in Jammu and Kashmir without any socio-economic discrimination which is the first of its kind anywhere in the country.

Multi-pronged strategies involving all necessary systemic interventions have been adopted, he said.

"With schemes like "Mission Youth" and "Mumkin", dedicated focus was given on livelihood generation, education, skill development career counselling and financial assistance providing necessary hand-holding to the youth,"

He said, India is ready to be the fulcrum of a new world order that is more just, humane, industrious, mutually beneficial and

"I sincerely believe that India, with a huge young and talented population, friendly ecosystem and the trust we have managed to build that we can deliver on promises, has allowed the nation to emerge as a popular destination for global entrepreneurs and corporates", he

India, Pak

about any damage to either of the side", the officials said.

Meanwhile, a senior police official confirmed the ceasefire violation in the Machil sector.

There is no report of damage from the sector as of now", he said

The latest flare-up at LoC comes three days after a soldier was killed in Pakistani firing in Rajouri district.

Sepoy Laxman, a resident of Jodhpur in Rajasthan, was the fourth soldier killed this year in cross-border firing along the LoC.

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 people 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. (With agency inputs)

Warrants Against

co-accused Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali, separatist Altaf Ahmad Shah alias Funtoosh and businessman from the UAE Naval Kishore Kapoor who are currently lodged in the Tihar central jail here, seeking their production before the court.

The court passed the direction while taking cognisance of a chargesheet filed in the matter by the Enforcement Directorate for alleged money laundering.

The judge also issued summons to the representatives of Watali's company M/s Trison Farms and Construction Pvt Ltd, which has also been named as accused in the matter.

Special Public Prosecutor Nitesh Rana, appearing for the ED, told the court that the accused hatched a criminal conspiracy to carry out subversive and secessionist activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The accused established a network of cadres who were funded through Pakistani agencies via hawala dealers and local conduits by raising funds through local donations and funds have also been received from abroad, Rana told the court.

The ED had filed a case based on an NIA matter against Saeed, Hizbul Mujahideen leader Syed Salahuddin and others for "conspiring to wage war against the government" and fomenting trouble in the Kashmir Valley.

The separatist leaders have been accused of taking a cut before handing over the money to generate trouble.

Saeed has also been accused of using the services of Watali for passing on the money to the separatists and some individuals who were actively indulging in stone-pelting in various areas of the Valley, the ED said in the charge

In the NIA's case, besides Saeed, Salahuddin and Watali, the agency had also named hardline pro-Pakistan separatist Syed Ali Shah Geelani's son-in-law Altaf Shah alias Altaf Fantoosh, Bashir Ahmad Bhat and Javed Ahmad Bhat as accused.

Militants Strike

where his conditions is stable," he added. He further said that investigations related to the attack have been taken up.

Wanted Militant

said a private vehicle was intercepted by police at Kunjwani bypass on a specific information leading to the arrest.

He said the militant attacked the police officer leading the party in an attempt to escape but was overpowered.

He is being questioned, the officer said, adding more details would be shared as the investigation progresses.

Police are searching for another associate of Malik who allegedly travelled with him from Kashmir to Jammu, officials said.

Centre Deputes

three natives of J&K and two officers from Uttar Pradesh cadre. Akshay Labroo, who is native of J&K, has been deputed to J&K UT for a period of three years from Tripura cadre. He is an IAS officer of 2018 batch.

Rahul Pandey and his wife Krittika, both IAS fficers of 2014 batch from Uttar Pradesh cadre, have been deputed to the UT for two years in relaxation of the policy.

Athar Amir-ul-Shafi, a native of Kashmir, who made it to the Indian Administrative Service securing the second rank, has been shifted from Rajasthan cadre to Jammu and Kashmir for a period of three years.

Basharat Qayoom, an IAS officer of 2016 batch from Jharkhand cadre, has been transferred to Jammu and Kashmir for a period of three years. It is worthwhile to mention that the

Government of India last month merged J&K cadre of IAS, IPS and Indian Forest Service (IFoS) with the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre. According to Ministry of Home Affairs, the

merger of J&K cadre with AGMUT happened due to severe shortage of All India Service officers in the UT.

The merger will facilitate posting of officers of AGMUT cadre in J&K—(Agencies)

JKAP Chairpersons

polls held Saturday, officials said.

The elections to the posts of chairmen and vice-chairmen were held in three districts of the valley -- Srinagar, Shopian and Kulgam -- in the first phase on Saturday.

The JKAP would be heading the DDCs in Srinagar and Shopian, while the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) the amalgam of six mainstream political parties won Kulgam.

In Srinagar, JKAP candidate Aftab Malik bagged 10 votes, while his rival bagged only three votes, the officials said.

They said the JKAP's Bilal Ahmad managed to win the vice-chairperson's post by securing nine votes while his PDP rival Manzoor Ahmad Bhat bagged only four.

The BJP's lone DDC member from Srinagar, Ajaz Hussain, also supported JKAP candidates for both the posts, they said.

In Shopian district of south Kashmir also, the Apni Party won both the chairman's and vicechairman's posts. The officials said IKAP candidate Bilgees

Akhtar polled eight votes, while her rival candidate from the PAGD secured six. They said the vice-chairman post was decided through a draw of lots as there was a tie and

it was also won by the JKAP. JKAP chief Bukhari congratulated the winning candidates and exuded confidence they

would work for the people. We are a new party and our politics is based on honesty. I thank the people for showing

faith in us, he told reporters here.

While the PAGD did not win in the two districts, it had a reason to cheer in Kulgam, also in south Kashmir, where the CPI(M) candidate M Afzal was elected the chairperson and National Conference's Shazia Jan as vice-chairperson.

Congratulations to Comrade M Afzal of our party CPIM for being elected as DDC chairman of district Kulgam and Shazia Jan of NC as vice chairman. We thank and appreciate the cooperation of all the elected DDC members of Kulgam for consensus and unanimity, CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami said.

Disqualify Members

impressing upon him to examine the issues as it violates the people's mandate and spirit of democracy, a party spokesperson said

He said that the party's Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani and MP Anantnag Hasnain Masoodi brought the issue of defections of elected DDC members of Shopian to the notice of Sharma urging him to disqualify such DDC members who have changed their party affiliation after being elected to DDC council from a particular party ticket, manifesto and symbol.

The statement further said that the party leaders said if the issue wasn't combated, it is likely to undermine the very foundations of democracy.

The NC spokesperson said that expressing their remonstration against the defections, the leaders said the elections were held on party basis and that people voted candidates to power because of a particular election manifesto

"They said such defections undermined the spirit of democracy and violated the people's mandate so such DDC members who have changed the party affiliations post elections should be disqualified and until proceedings in that direction were initiated such DDC members should be debarred from voting. The State election commissioner assured them that he would examine the matter," he said.

JK Reports Increased

in the 21st century, DR. Harsh Vardhan, minister for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences informed parliament that the increase in various extreme weather and climate events such as heavy rainfall, floods, droughts, cyclones, heat waves and cold waves have been observed in the country in line with the increase in the extreme events observed over various parts of the globe.

...it is found that, states like Rajasthan or Andhra Pradesh and Union Territories (UT) like Delhi is reporting increased number of Heat Waves and Haryana, J&K and Uttar Pradesh report increased number of cold waves during the recent years.'

He said that Jammu and Kashmir reported four cold wave days in 1971-80, 5 in 1981-90, 5 in 1991-00, 6 in 2001-10 and 7 in 2011-19.

To minimize the adverse effect of the hazardous extreme weather events, he said, India Meteorological Department (IMD) is effectively functioning in the country maintaining accurate weather forecasting along with early detection of natural disasters. "IMD is dedicated for monitoring, detection and forecasting of weather and climate including early warning for severe weather events such as, heavy rainfall, extreme temperature, thunderstorms, cyclones etc. The weather forecasting and early warning systems in the country are comparable to most of the developed countries in the world," he said, adding, "Efforts are continuously made to enhance the level of efficiency of the forecasting systems and to improve skill of weather forecast.

During the past few years, he said, IMD has been continuously improving weather prediction services in terms of accuracy, lead time and associated impact.

"The accuracy of the weather forecast is more than 80% qualitatively and 65-70% quantitatively for various regions in the country. The forecasts and warnings are issued by IMD at the national, State and district levels. It has a network of State Meteorological Centres for better coordination with State and district level agencies," he said, adding, "With the upgradation of observations and prediction system noticeable improvements have been made in the recent past in the skill of prediction, especially with respect to heavy-rainfall, heat-wave, thunderstorm and cyclones."(GNS)

Kashmir Bound

Jammu towards Srinagar including Ramban-Banihal (local traffic) on Jammu-Srinagar highway. No vehicle including fresh perishables shall be allowed in the opposite direction," A communiqué issued by Traffic Police Headquarters J&K on Saturday said

It further added that the Mughal road, connecting south Kashmir's Shopian and Poonch district in Jammu, also remains closed due to accumulation of snow.

Also, the official statement said that Srinagar-Leh highway has been officially closed on the orders by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir on December 30.

Gulmarg Freezes

Night temperatures fell at all weather stations in the valley on Friday, officials said. However, the minimum temperature stayed above freezing point in Srinagar the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir which recorded a low of 0.6 degrees Celsius last night slightly down from the previous night's 1.0 degrees Celsius, they said. The minimum was still one degree above

normal for this time of the season, the officials Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 3.2 degrees Celsius down from the previous night's low of minus 0.8 degrees Celsius, the officials

Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 6.3 degrees Celsius down from minus 3.6 degrees Celsius the pre-

The minimum temperature at the Gulmarg skiing resort, in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, settled at minus 10.4 degrees Celsius last night a degree down from the previous night.

Kupwara town, in north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 1.8 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature in Kokernag, in the south, settled at minus 2.5 degrees Celsius.

The Met office said that the weather is expected to stay mainly dry for the next one week, but the minimum temperature is likely to fall by two to three degrees.

4G Restoration

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Sheikh Aashiq said.

"Every sector was affected, especially our export-oriented industry which officially declined 40-50 per cent due to its non-availability. The low speed 2G services did not serve the purpose," he said.

Restoration of high-speed mobile internet would especially help the young, budding, entrepreneurs who are dependent on social media, he

"Though the government has realised it now, the impact of non-availability of high-speed internet will last long. It will last until the government realises how to boost them, to provide them sops or cushion for running their businesses," he said.

Aashiq said education was one of the most important sectors which suffered a great deal over the last year-and-a-half.

He hoped that the security situation remains good so that these services continue without any interruption. The valley's tourism industry termed it a big

confidence building measure for tourism and other sectors. "The tourism fraternity and all the stakeholders thank the government for the restora-

tion of 4G services in J-K. It is a welcome step and a big confidence building measure for tourism and allied sectors" said Asif Burza, a hotelier and president of Pahalgam Hotel and Restaurant Owners Association. He said the move will not only give a sense

of confidence to the tourists, but will also help the industry in providing better logistics and services.

Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) termed the restoration of 4G internet as helpful for the student community.

"The 4G internet will definitely help our students who had been at a huge disadvantage over the last so many months. It was kind of a collective punishment to us for no fault and it pushed us years back. Our schools suffered, other educational institutes suffered as no one could work at its optimum," said PSAJK presi-

He, however, said the government could have shown a small courtesy by announcing its restoration with a small apology.

"Like Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF), the PSAJK had been at the forefront of a legal battle to restore 4G internet and the hearing with regards to its petition in the Supreme Court was due next week. The government pre-empted the hearing because on what basis could they have again banned it.

"On the one hand they say the situation is normal and on the other the reason for the 4G ban was that the situation is not normal in Kashmir." he said

The association also demanded compensation for the loss caused due to internet

Yarn And Yearning

crocheting is not just a small business, but an escape from the world. I almost forget my being while crocheting," says Nazar, whose passion turned profession has a brand name now-Knotty Crafts.

"It's so healing and so peaceful to me that I can work non-stop without worrying about anything else." But being a "solo male worker", it's been

to run a small venture. There're many steps involved from sourcing the material to making and packing and sending the product to the customer. And then comes marketing, photography and public

hard for Nazar to manage all the work required

"Throughout this journey, it has been hard to strike a balance between my studies and the craft, but being a freelancer, I've always had this liberty to work as per my leisure," he says.

"I've no higher authority to answer to and that has helped me strike that balance. I've studied and worked at the same time and by the grace of almighty, I've excelled in both

As a tech-savvy, Nazar is also making use of the online tools to build his brand. As part of his marketing strategy, he keeps sharing his creative work with his swelling social media following.

"I earned a huge customer base within five years with the help of social media," the crocheter says. "I will always try to explore and create more interesting things."

Nazar wishes to share the knowledge and experience that he has gained throughout these years with the people who are looking for ways to earn or divert their minds from the "stressful life" in Kashmir.

"A craft is not just a way to earn an honourable living," he believes, "but also a source of peace and solace to your mind and soul."

But in a society where knitting and crocheting are considered too feminine a profession to be taken up by men, it was very difficult for him to create his mark in the field.

However, paying no heed to criticism, Nazar started crocheting and two years later, he doesn't regret his decision. "People always talk and they say what they

have to say, but today those who criticized me are always there for appreciation," he says. No craft or job is associated with any particular gender, he believes, "and if you're passionate enough about what you do, you'll surely shut all the mouths speaking negativity and

they'll be forced to appreciate it." J&K Logs 65 New

recorded the highest of 26 cases which in-

cluded 11 travellers. While eight districts of the UT did not report any fresh case, 10 others had fresh cases in single digits, the officials said. Pulwama reported 10 COVID-19 cases.

The number of active cases is 631 in the union territory, while 1,22,275 patients have recovered so far, the officials said. A total of 1,994 people have died of coronavi-

rus in the union territory so far. **NIA Raids Jailed**

documents, including a check book and

rently facing detention under NDPS Act and is

languishing in Jail in Ahmedabad Gujrat since

Aadhaar card of Mir, news agency KDC reported while quoting official sources Pertinently, the owner of the house is cur-

Four Injured In the report said, were shifted to a nearby hospital in Qazigund for treatment. However, the

wounded people to SHMS, Srinagar for specialised treatment.

the country, Mir said.

Cong Protests farmers who have rejected the three black laws and are protesting for over 70 days across

He alleged that the rigidity of the BJP-led government at the Centre was responsible for the present situation. Around 157 farmers have lost their lives in

the agitation but the government is trying to tire out the farmers instead of conceding to their genuine demands, Mir said. The Congress leader said his party would continue its protests if the three black laws are

not repealed. Farmers are the backbone of the country who feed millions of souls. They are feeling cheated as they were never consulted before framing of the laws, he said.

protests at several places along the Jammu-Pathakot highway on Saturday. J-K Kissan Vikaas Front staged a protest at Digiana in Jammu while All India Kisan Sabha

held demonstrations in Kathua, officials said. (PTI)

Groups of farmers staged peaceful sit-in

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PAK VS SA 2ND TEST

Pakistan Reach129/6 With A 200-Run Lead On Day 3 **Against South Africa**

Agencies

RAWALPINDI: The lower order increased Pakistan's lead to 200 runs against South Africa on the third day of the second and final test on Saturday.

Allrounder Faheem Ashraf and Mohammad Rizwan were dropped off successive deliveries before featuring in a 52-run sixthwicket stand which guided the home team to 129-6 in the second innings at stumps.

Rizwan was unbeaten on 28 but Ashraf fell late in the second session for 29 when he sliced a catch at point to give George Linde (3-12) his third wicket.

Earlier, fast bowler Hasan Ali's (5-54) five-wicket haul earned Pakistan a vital 71-run first innings lead as the visitors were bowled out for 201, half an hour after lunch.

Hasan, returning to the five-day format after a two-year absence due to injuries, picked up three wickets on Saturday, but poor running cost South Africa with two batsmen getting run-outs.

Temba Bavuma, who resumed on 15, fought a lone battle to remain unbeaten on 44 off 138 balls before Hasan wrapped up the innings by claiming the last two wickets of successive deliveries.

The diminutive Bavuma successfully overturned a leg before decision against him in the fourth over of the day, but could not get enough support from the lower order.

Bavuma and Wiaan Mulder (33) dug in for 90 minutes and raised a half century stand before Pakistan struck with two quick wickets.

Mulder was shaping up well against the spinners as he lofted Yasir Shah for a six over long off and also swept well against leftarm spinner Nauman Ali before he was run-out while going for a needless second run.

George Linde scored a run-aball 21 with three fours and a six before he was deceived by Hasan with a slower delivery and was

Resuming on 106-4, captain Quinton de Kock's poor run of form in the series continued when he could add only five to his overnight score of 24 and was clean bowled by ShaheenAfridi (1-37) in the third over of the day.

De Kock, who hit five boundaries late on the first day, attempted an over-ambitious drive against Afridi too soon and dragged the ball back onto his stumps.

Pakistan should have got Maharaj without scoring before lunch but Yasir Shah dropped him in the second slip before Nauman missed a sitter shortly after the break.

Umpire Ahsan Raza erred for the second time in the day when Maharaj successfully went for lbw television review after the onfield umpire had ruled him out off Hasan as South Africa moved to 188-7 at lunch.

Hasan returned after lunch and cleaned bowled both Maharaj and No. 11 Andrich Nortje and Rabada was run out. Pakistan's problems up front continued in the series after it lost openers Abid Ali for 13 and Imran Butt for zero before going to tea at 42-2 to lead by 113 runs.

KagisoRabada trapped Butt lbw before Pakistan had scored in the second innings. The right-handed opener, who made his test debut at Karachi where Pakistan won by seven wickets, could score only 36 runs in four innings after Shan Masood was dropped for the home series.

Abid also had below-par scores of 4, 10 and 6 in the previous three test innings before he was caught behind off left-arm spinner KeshavMaharaj for his top score in the series.

Babar Azam (13) fell leg before wicket for the third time in the series against Maharaj as the Pakistan skipper failed to read the arm ball of the left-arm spinner which didn't turn.

Linde then reduced Pakistan to 76-5 when he had Azhar Ali Ibw and FawadAlam offered a regulation bat and pad catch.



Introductory Ski Course For 6th Batch Of Boys Begins At Gulmarg

SRINAGAR: After five Ski batches of boys and girls completed their Introductory Ski Course being Sponsored by the Tourism Department, the 6th and the final batch of boys was flagged off from TRC, Srinagar towards Gulmarg on Saturday.

Deputy Director (Recreation), IdeelSaleem, Deputy Director (Registration), Ahsan-ul-haq Chishti and Tourist Officer, MudasirMushtaq interacted with the participants before flagging them off to Gulmarg.

The group of participants drawn from various districts of J&K will undergo the 7- Day Introductory Ski Course at Gulmarg during which the group will be introduced to the basics of Skiing. All the lodging & boarding and the

Ski equipment is being provided free of cost by the Tourism Department. A four member Ski Instructors team is imparting Skiing training to these beginners.

The Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir had drawn a weekly calendar for imparting skiing training to as many as 6 groups this season. Among these 6 groups, two were exclusively meant for girls.

The first five batches with twenty participants in each group completed their Introductory Ski Course on 31 Dec, 2020, 13 Jan, 20 Jan, 27 Jan and 6 Feb, 2021. This winter season, boys and girls from other States /UTs including Kerala, West Bengal, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Punjab, New Delhi and Ladakh also participated as part of the Adventure Tourism promotional initiatives by the J&K Tourism

Department and to give opportunities to the youth in the snow sports arena. The boys and girl participants expressed immense joy and thanked the Tourism Department for the unique learning and thrilling opportunity provided to them this winter season.

During the course of the Introductory Ski training, three of the best among the trainees in each of the six groups will be selected and sponsored by the Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir for Intermediate & Advance level courses.

Apart from the Tourism Department, hundreds of boys and girls are being imparted basic Ski training this season by the Youth Services & Sports Department. The Indian Institute of Skiing & Mountaineering has also been conducting various Ski training courses at Gulmarg.

'Will Do Everything To Round Off Joe Root's Special Test With A Win,' Says Ben Stokes

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Joe Root is one of the best batsman in the world, an incredible athlete and above all an inspirational captain, is how England vice-captain Ben Stokes described his skipper on the momentous occasion of his 100th Test match.

Insisting that he was privileged to have handed over Root his 100th Test cap, Stokes said a winning start to the four-Test series would be a perfect gift for Root.

"There was no better example of this for me than a few years ago when I was going through a well documented period in my life that was pretty tough.

But even though he had plenty on his plate as England captain and with an Ashes tour to play in, not once did he distance himself from me, quite the opposite," he said.

"At those times, he wasn't my captain, he was my friend. It was a time when I didn't have a huge amount of support from too many people, but Joe had my



THERE WAS NO BETTER EXAMPLE of this for me than a few years ago when I was going through a well documented period in my life that was pretty tough. But even though he had plenty on his plate as England captain and with an Ashes tour to play in, not once did he distance himself from me, guite the opposite."

"I'll certainly be doing whatever I can with bat, ball and in the field over the next five days to try and secure the win that we all desperately want in the first Test against India," he said.

"It would be the perfect way to round off a very special few days for Joe (Root).'

Root continued his red hot form and hit a century against India on his 100th Test here on Friday.

"What a proud thrill it was to be asked to present our captain Joe Root with his 100th cap in a team gathering before the game. These are special moments that you carry with you through your career and it was great to be able to mark the moment with a few heartfelt words," Stokes wrote in a column for the Guardian.

"For most people, Joe is an incredible athlete, one of the very best batsmen the game has seen, and an inspirational captain and leader.

"But for some Joe who is a kind and thoughtful person and a down to earth lad from Sheffield who happens to be really good at cricket," he added.

Describing Root's down-toearth, friendly behaviour further. Stokes cited an example when the English skipper stood by his side during a low phase in his life after being involved in a brawl outside a night club in Bristol.

back so I'll always hold him in the highest esteem with the way he handled that situation."

Stokes was referring to his involvement in the nightclub brawl in Bristol in September 2017 in the middle of an ODI series against the West Indies. That incident led to the all-rounder missing the 2017 18 Ashes and the second Test match against India due to subsequent trial. He also lost his apparel sponsorship with New Balance.

"And that wasn't just publicly in the media, but in private too. He was going through his own tough time down in Australia but he stayed in constant contact and that meant a huge amount to me," Stokes said referring to Root's support. "It is why in situations where

he needs me, I will do anything I can for him. If people wonder why I'd run through a brick wall for him, it is because of this." Stokes said he was proud

be Root's deputy as they make a good team.

"I couldn't be more proud to be his vice-captain, a position that looked a long way off not too long ago, but even on this issue his lovalty towards me has never wavered," he said.

"I like to think we make a good team and we have different skills that can hopefully work well to help the team.

BROTHERHOOD LEAGUE Thrilling Contest Between DIPR Club, Secretariat Blues Results In Tie

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JAMMU: In the ongoing Brotherhood League T-20 Cricket tournament, a thrilling contest was witnessed between DIPR Cricket Club (Team Information) and Team Secretariat Blues at the Sidhra Forest Ground here, resulting in a tie.

After winning the toss and batting first. Secretariat Blues scored 185 runs in allotted 20 overs with Asif Ahmad scoring 74 runs and Ajaz Dar scoring 42 runs. For Team Information, Nasrullah took three wickets while as Ubair Yousuf and Naman Bharadwaj picked one wicket each.

Chasing the target of 186 runs, Team Information managed to score 185 runs only and the match resulted in a tie. For Team Information Abid Kharadi, Ubair Yousuf and Mukesh scored 49, 34 and 30 runs respectively. Both teams were awarded one point

each as the game resulted in a tie. On Sunday, DIPR Club will lock horns with Team Forest XI at the same venue.

Pertinently, the Brotherhood T-20 cricket tournament is being held under the chairmanship of Rouf Ahmad Bhat, President, Civil Secretariat Non-Gazetted Emplovees Union (CSNGEU) and is being organised by Gayoor Iqbal.

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IND VS ENG 1ST TEST

Joe Root's 218 Helps England Post 555/8 Against India At End Of Day 2

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI:Skipper Joe Root continued to torment the Indian spinners with a majestic double century that placed England in a commanding position and scuttled home team's chances of enforcing a favourable result in the first Test here on Saturday.

England ended the day two at an intimidating 555 for eight, built around Root's 218 that was result of a near nine-hour effort in which he faced 377 balls.

Root became the first cricketer to score a double hundred in his 100th Test but more importantly it was an innings that will be archived for future generations as a ready reference on how to play spin on Indian pitches.

The pace of his innings on the second day was a bit in contrast to how he played on the first day when he was the enforcer and Dom Sibley the grafter.

On the second morning, it was Ben Stokes who entered the stage and made it his own with big hitting. He smashed 82 off 118 balls with 10 fours and three sixes and let Root rotate the strike in their 124-run stand.

Stokes though was in awe of Root's batting style, especially the way he countered the spinners.

'It makes us all feel, you know, pretty rubbish (laughs), the way he makes batting looks. I was a quite surprised he run down the wicket and packed a six to bring up a double (century), 'Stokes said at the press conference after day's play.

"He is in phenomenal form and just making things look very very easy and the way that he plays spin, well dominates spin, it's incredible to watch.

"I don't think half England batsman ever play spin in the way that he does. He's just got options, he has got an answer for everything that's thrown out and yeah, he's just a delight to watch him at the moment."

England didn't declare after beng well past 500 which was like driving home a point and piling on the misery on an Indian team which has now been shaken up on a track where nothing happened for two days.

While Root will be lauded for sure for his second double hundred in last three Test matches, it was Stokes, whose counter-attack deflated the home team.

He started by coming down and lofting RavichandranAshwin over long for a six and then used the giant stride to slog sweep the senior offspinner for a boundary.

In fact, Ashwin (2/132), who was brilliant over two days, was only a bit rattled when Stokes gave him the charge. Although Root hit Ashwin for two sixes -- the second one bringing up his fifth career double hundred for the England captain -it was Stokes who gave him and the other spinners a big charge.

Also the only one who played Ishant Sharma with some degree of confidence was Stokes. While Root defended well against the veteran pacer, it was Stokes, whose on-drive and square drive off successive deliveries from the pacer did change his skipper ViratKohli's facial complexion, which remained grumpy for the most part of the day.

Ishant (2/52) bowled as best as he had in any unfavourable condiold ball on one of the flattest tracks will be remembered for a long time. The pace never dropped even hen he was well past bowling his

tions, something that the score-

The veteran of 98 Tests finally got

a couple of wickets at the fag end of

the day but his performance with

board wouldn't perhaps tell.

20th over as the tattered old ball would consistently tail in. But Ishant, Ashwin and Jasprit-Bumrah (2/81)'s good work was

undone once again by rookie Washington Sundar. And Shahbaz Nadeem (2/167) for all his experience at the domestic level for a decade and half, probably understood that he probably

is a bit less-skilled when facing a

team full of quality players of spin. His wickets column would read that he had got Stokes and Root but it was well after they had accomplished what they had set out to do. Root and Stokes showed how to

stay low and try and take the ball below the eve-line. Since the duo couldn't build a lot of pressure from one end, the onus was always on either Ashwin or Ishant or Bumrah to strike and keep the pressure.

Root's strike-rate against pacers was in mid-30s and against spinners, it was in the high 70s, underlining his dominance against Washington and Nadeem. They gave away easy singles and doubles to Root, who scored 130 runs in singles, doubles and that odd triple apart from hitting 19 boundaries and two sixes.

And not to forget the runs that he had to run for his various batting partners during the course of the England innings.

Protest-Resistant Glazers Bemused By Manchester United Fans' Dissent awful news for the club." said Manchester

Agencies

MANCHESTER: Protests against his family's ownership of Manchester United have long bemused Joel Glazer. "I get that some fans don't like us," he said.

"To hate us when the club has been so successful, it's extraordinary." The co-owner's bewilderment over vit-

riol came after seeing Old Trafford packed at a game in 2010 with green-and-gold scarves being waved by fans who, in a show of dissent, adopted the club's colours from its 1878 formation.

The insight into ownership's thinking was revealed in a book by a former staff member, necessary by the lack of any public comment by the Glazer family.

The silence has highlighted the lack of any attempt to heal the rift. The Glazers have staunchly maintained a distance from supporters, who have not mounted any sustained fight to oust them.

Contrast, then, the Glazers' passion and joy last month after seeing the family's other sports team the Tampa Bay Buccaneers win at Green Bay to advance to a Super Bowl matchup against the Kansas City Chiefs this weekend.

The family doesn't talk to fans or media in England, let alone Manchester, in the manner similar to the way they explain their deci-

sions at the Bucs, often at length. "We've known from the beginning they're United season ticket holder Scott Patterson, who runs the Republik of Mancunia website. "Showing no interest in communicating

with the fans makes things worse." This could be the Glazers' most successful vear on both sides of the Atlantic since 2003. when the Buccaneers last won the Super Bowl and United won the English Premier League. United is mounting its best title challenge since winning its record 20th English league trophy in 2013.

Just don't expect to see any public celebrations in England featuring the six siblings of

the late Malcolm Glazer who control United. Joe Glazer stated the family has a policy of a "reluctance to engage" in a parting message to his media adviser TehsinNayani, whose publication of exchanges with his boss in a 2015 book, "The Glazer Gatekeeper," showed internal discussions about the tumult and loathing of the family's ownership.

Despite a public offering of Manchester United on the New York Stock Exchange in 2012, the Glazers remain in control approaching the 16th anniversary of their takeover. The valuation of the club has risen to around USD 3 billion, ending hopes of a fan takeover.

In 2005, the Glazers arrived to effigies being burned in the streets outside Old Trafford. A club with no debt before the takeover has been paying the price of the leveraged takeover ever since, with payments on interest, debt and dividends to the Glazers costing United more than 1 billion pounds (1.5 billion).

The thing that's protected Manchester United against any trouble is the commercial nature of their machine which is very similar to what they have been able to deliver in Tam-

Hallam University in northern England. United's revenue has swelled from 166.4 million pounds (USD 300 million) in the year before the takeover in 2005 to a record 627.1 million pounds (USD 783 million) in 2018-19 before the pandemic.

pa." said Rob Wilson, who lectures at Sheffield

United did not need the Glazers in 2005 to transform a team longing to win the championship again, as was seen with the arrival of Roman Abramovich at Chelsea in 2003, Sheik Mansour's Abu Dhabi buyout of Manchester City in 2008, and with fellow American sports tycoons from the Boston Red Sox at Liverpool in 2010.

United had won the Premier League eight times in 13 years before the Glazers arrived, a return to dominance engineered by manager Alex Ferguson. He would win the league another five times and the Champions League again before retiring in 2013 despite austerity in the transfer market.

Replacing Ferguson after 26 years in charge has proved trickier than imagined for a team on its fourth manager since 2013. The only Premier League title parades these days in Manchester are staged by neighbour City, which collected the trophy for the first time only in 2012.

US Moves To End Terror Designation Of Yemen Huthis

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The US has moved to delist Yemen's Huthi rebels as a terrorist organization, removing a block that humanitarian groups said jeopardized crucial aid as the country's warring sides cautiously welcomed a push for peace by President Joe Biden.

The grinding six-year war in Yemen has killed tens of thousands and displaced millions, triggering what the United Nations calls the world's worst humanitarian disaster.

A State Department spokesperson said on Friday they had 'formally notified Congress" of Secretary of State Antony Blinken's intent to revoke the terrorist displaced and close to 80% of Yemen's population of 29 million people need of some form of aid

Cautious optimism

Biden on Thursday announced the withdrawal of US support for the Saudi-led offensive in his first major foreign policy speech since replacing Donald Trump.

Yemen's internationally recognised government, which is backed by a Saudi-led military coalition, welcomed his remarks, and stressed the "importance of supporting diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis."

It hailed the appointment of Timothy Lenderking as US envoy,



citizens," the spokesperson said.

"Our action is due entirely to the humanitarian consequences of this last-minute designation from the prior administration," they said, adding the US remained committed to helping Saudi Arabia defend its territory against attacks by the rebels

Blinken's predecessor Mike Pompeo announced the designation days before leaving office last month, pointing to the Huthis' links to Iran, an arch-enemy of Trump, and a deadly attack on the airport in Yemen's second city of Aden in December.

Aid groups say they have no choice but to deal with the Huthis, who are the de facto government in much of Yemen, and that the terrorist designation would put them at risk of prosecution in the

According to the UN, more than

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ka jam' called by the farmers'

Aunions protesting against the

Centre's new agriculture laws, Con-

gress leader Rahul Gandhi on Satur-

day said the peaceful 'satyagraha' of

the 'annadatas' (farmers) is in na-

tional interest as the farm laws are

Farmers' unions had on Mon-

day announced a countrywide

'chakka jam' on February 6 during

which they would block national

and state highways between 12

noon and 3 pm to protest against

the internet ban in areas near

their agitation sites, harassment

allegedly meted out to them by

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est—these three laws are not just

harmful for farmers-labourers.

but also for the people and the

country. Full support!" Rahul

yanka Gandhi Vadra also slammed

the government over the farmers'

issue by posting on Twitter a picture

of the multi-layered barricading at

of fear?" she tweeted along with

"Why do you scare by the wall

one of the farmer protest sites.

the picture.

Congress general secretary Pri-

Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi.

"The peaceful satyagraha of

authorities and other issues.

"harmful" for the country.

Satyagraha Of Farmers Is In

National Interest, Says Rahul Gandhi

missiles will not stop until there is a ceasefire... they are the ones who started the war, and they are

the ones who should end it." Saudi Arabia -- which has led a military intervention against the Huthis since 2015 -- reacted by reasserting its commitment to a political solution in Yemen.

kingdom welcomed Biden's "commitment to cooperate with the kingdom to defend its sovereignty and counter threats against it," according to the official Saudi Press Agency.

But for Yemenis, talk of a solution is very far from their reality.

"The war won't end; no one wants it to end. This is just propaganda," said Huda Ibrahim. a 38-year-old housewife from the port city of Hodeida said.

"I'm not optimistic and I don't believe anything about ending the war. How will it end when clashes don't stop even for one night?"

The Congress had on Friday ex-

tended support to the countrywide

'chakka jam' called by the farmers'

unions, saying party workers will

stand shoulder to shoulder with

Thousands of farmers have

been protesting at Delhi's bor-

ders with Harvana and Uttar

Pradesh, demanding the rollback

of the Farmers' Produce Trade

and Commerce (Promotion and

Facilitation) Act, 2020; the Farm-

ers (Empowerment and Protec-

tion) Agreement on Price Assur-

ance and Farm Services Act, 2020,

and the Essential Commodities

The protesting farmers have ex-

pressed apprehension that these

laws would pave the way for the

dismantling of the minimum sup-

port price system, leaving them at

However, the government has

maintained that the new laws will

bring farmers better opportuni-

ties and usher in new technolo-

Earlier in the day, Rahul Gandhi

attacked the government over a

media report that post-budget

there had been a rise in prices of

petrol, diesel and LPG gas cylin-

ders, saying that the Modi govern-

ment has disrupted the budget of

both the country and of homes.

gies in agriculture.

the "mercy" of big corporations.

(Amendment) Act, 2020.

farmers in their protest.



Will Remain At Delhi Borders Till Oct 2, No Compromise On Demands: Rakesh Tikait

Press Trust Of India

GHAZIABAD: Farmer leader Rakesh Tikait on Saturday said the protesters demanding the rollback of the contentious agrimarketing laws on Delhi's outskirts will stay put till October 2 and there will not be any compromise on the demands.

Farmers will return home only after the government repeals the contentious legislations and make a law ensuring legal guarantee for the minimum support price (MSP), the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader said.

"We will sit here till October 2," he added.

"If the government is understanding this, then talk to farmers. Make a law on the MSP, take back the three laws, only then will farmers return to their homes," said Tikait, who is camping with his supporters on a stretch of the Delhi-Meerut highway since late November

Interacting with the press, he claimed a few inputs had been received regarding some miscreants "trying to disrupt peace" during the "chakka jam" that was announced for 12 pm to 3 pm on Saturday. "Because of these inputs,

we had decided to call off the 'chakka jam' in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand," the 51-year-old Tikait, credited with reviving the

farmers' stir, said. He also urged farmers to en-

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NEW DELHI: A hacker group has al-

legedly leaked data of Army personnel

using Bharti Airtel network in Jammu

and Kashmir. However, the company

Rabbit Team, hacked some Indian

websites and posted the data on the

The hackers shared some links of

those web pages on Twitter in a com-

ment over a tweet of cyber security

researcher Rajshekhar Rajaharia and

The query sent to the Indian Army did

tagged several media organisations.

not elicit any reply but an Army official

said: "We are not aware of any such in-

formation but it appears to be malicious

When contacted, Bharti Airtel spokes-

"We can confirm there is no

person denied any breach of its server.

hack or breach of any Airtel system

intent of some inimical elements".

web pages of those portals.

The group, with the name of Red

has denied any breach in its system.

Neither let the numbers go down at the protest sites, nor overcrowd these, he said.

"Don't be in any illusion. Neither the platforms nor the leaders of the protest will change. They will sow iron nails, we will sow crops," he added.

"Hum hi kisan hain, hum hi jawan hain (We are the farmers and we are the soldiers). This is going to be our slogan for the movement," he said.

Tikait urged farmers joining the protest at Delhi borders to bring a fistful of soil from their farmland and take back a similar amount of "mitti" of the revolution from the protest sites.

"Go and spread this revolutionary soil in your farms and traders will never look at your farmlands (to usurp it)," Tikait said.

"This movement will continue for a year. It's an open offer and proposal to the government. A law on MSP will have to be made, without that we won't go back home. Three laws will be taken back. Both these demands have to be met and there will not be any compromise on that. There cannot be a bigger movement. We cannot quit the protest, nor are we leaving the

government," he said. "If the laws are not made now, then it won't happen ever. Farmers of the country have been

Hackers Allegedly Leak Data Of Army Personnel

Using Airtel Network; Company Denies Any Breach

access to some data as per regulatory

requirements. We have apprised all

the relevant authorities of the mat-

ter to, therefore, investigate this and

with our security team for over 15

months now and has made varying

claims in addition to posting inac-

curate data from one specific region,"

initially accessible with mobile num-

ber, name and address of subscribers

but stopped working after sometime.

PTI claimed that it has access to pan-

India data of Bharti Airtel through

a shell uploaded on the company's

server and will leak more data soon.

failed to show any credible evidence

of possessing pan-India data of Bhar-

Rajaharia said that hackers have

Red Rabbit Team in a message to

The links shared by the hacker were

"This group has been in touch

take appropriate action."

the spokesperson said.

are given in Punjab and Haryana but not across the country. This (protest) is for the whole country. They will try to divide us, saying it's a movement of one state. But that it is not. It's a pan-India movement," he added.

The BKU leader appealed to farmers not to get involved in contract farming.

"Your land will provide you employment. Do not be misguided that businessmen will provide you jobs. They will usurp you land. They will take your land for contract farming at hiked rates but do not lease it to them. Don't give your land," he said.

Tikait said protests will be held at police stations in the areas where notices are being served on people who participated in the stir. "Those joining farmers protest are getting police notices. But those who joined violence in Ayodhya were not sent any notice. How many people were there? Who take guarantee for that and why was the mob not stopped there," he said.

Amid a stringent security set up installed around the Ghazipur protest site, the farmer leader, flanked by his supporters, also interacted with Delhi Police officials.

"Nobody can touch the farmlands, the farmers will protect it. Both farmers and soldiers should come forward for it," Tikait said.

"The hacker group failed to show

evidence that they have a whole

India database. Their claim of shell

upload may be also fake. The video of SDR portal seems real but only a

short portion of data may leak via

this. It is still unclear how they got

access to whole Jammu and Kashmir

Telecom operators are required to

give access to government and law

enforcement agencies of subscriber

data registration (SDR) portal through

which phone numbers and subscribers details can be verified. Rajaharia said

"The website which was used

to upload alleged Airtel data was

hacked on December 4, 2020 by Mr

Clay (TeamLeets - a Pakistani Hacker

Group). This indicates that a Paki-

stani hacker group TeamLeets may be

behind this data leak," Rajaharia said.

that hackers may be from Pakistan.

subscriber data," he said.

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Harvard Astronomer Argues That Alien Vessel Paid Us A Visit

Agencies

iscovering there's intelli-gent life beyond our planet could be the most transformative event in human history -- but what if scientists decided to collectively ignore evidence suggesting it already happened?

That's the premise of a new book by a top astronomer, who argues that the simplest and best explanation for the highly unusual characteristics of an interstellar object that sped through our solar system in 2017 is that it was alien technology.

Sound kooky? Avi Loeb says the evidence holds otherwise, and is convinced his peers in the scientific community are so consumed by groupthink they're unwilling to wield Occam's razor. Loeb's stellar credentials -- he

was the longest-serving chair of astronomy at Harvard, has published hundreds of pioneering papers, and has collaborated with greats like the late Stephen Hawking -- make him difficult to dismiss outright.

"Thinking that we are unique and special and privileged is arrogant," he told AFP in a video call.

"The correct approach is to be modest and say: 'We're nothing special, there are lots of other cultures out there, and we just need to find them." Mysterious visitor

Loeb, 58, lays out the argument for the alien origins of the object named 'Oumuamua -- "scout" in Hawaiian -in "Extraterrestrial: The First Sign of Intelligent Life Beyond Earth."

The facts are as follows. In October 2017, astronomers observed an object moving so quickly, it could only have come from another star -- the first recorded interstellar interloper.

It did not seem to be an ordinary rock, because after slingshotting around the Sun, it sped up and deviated from the expected trajectory, propelled by a mysterious force.

This could be easily explained if it was a comet expelling gas and debris -- but there was no visible evidence of this "outgassing." The traveler also tumbled in a

strange way -- as inferred by how it got brighter and dimmer in scientists' telescopes, and it was unusually luminous, possibly suggesting it was made from a bright metal. In order to explain what hap-

pened, astronomers had to come up with novel theories, such as that it was made of hydrogen ice and would therefore not have visible trails, or that it disintegrated into a dust cloud. "These ideas that came to explain

specific properties of 'Oumuamua always involve something that we have never seen before," said Loeb. "If that's the direction we are

taking, then why not contemplate an artificial origin?'

Sailing on light 'Oumuamua was never photographed close-up during its brief sojourn -- we only learned of its existence once it was already on

its way out of our solar system. There are two shapes that fit the peculiarities observed -- long and thin like a cigar, or flat and round

like a pancake, almost razor thin. Loeb says simulations favour the latter, and believes the object was deliberately crafted as a light

sail propelled by stellar radiation. Another oddity was the way the object moved -- compounding the strangeness of its passage.

Before encountering our Sun, Oumuamua was "at rest" relative to nearby stars -- statistically very rare. Rather than think of it as a vessel hurtling through space,



from the object's perspective, our solar system slammed into it.

"Perhaps 'Oumuamua was like a buoy resting in the expanse of the universe," writes Loeb.

Like a trip wire left by an intelligent lifeform, waiting to be triggered by a star system. Uniting humanity

Loeb's ideas have placed him at

odds with fellow astronomers. Writing in Forbes, astrophysicist Ethan Siegel called Loeb a "once-respected scientist" who,

having failed to convince his peers of his arguments, had taken to pandering to the public. Loeb, for his part, protests a "culture of bullying" in the academy that

punishes those who question orthodoxy -- just as Galileo was punished when he proposed the Earth was not the centre of the universe. Compared to speculative yet

respected branches of theoretical physics -- such as looking for dark matter or multiverses -- the search for alien life is a far more common sense avenue to pursue, he said.

That's why Loeb's pushing for a new branch of astronomy, "space archaeology," to hunt for the biological and technological signatures of alien life.

"If we find evidence for technologies that took a million years to develop, then we can get a shortcut into these technologies, we can employ them on Earth," said Loeb, who spent his childhood on an Israeli farm reading philosophy and pondering life's

MP: Four Women Students Get 5-Year Jail In Ragging Suicide Case

Press Trust of India

BHOPAL: Probably in a first such verdict in Madhya Pradesh, a court in Bhopal has handed five-year imprisonment to four women students of a private pharmacy college for abetting suicide of another student in a 2013 ragging case.

In his order on Friday, Additional Sessions court judge Amit Ranjan also imposed a fine of Rs 8,000 on each of the convicts---Devanshi Sharma, Kirti Gaur, Deepti Solanki and Nidhi Magre--- the prosecution said.

"With promising dreams, talented and competent children go to universities, colleges and schools. But end their lives due to the torture of ragging. In such circumstances, the dreams of students along with their parents get shattered," the judge observed.

The court absolved a teacher of the college from charges for want of proof.

The prosecution said the convicts mentally and physically tortured Anita Sharma, following which she hanged herself at her home near PNT crossing here on August 6, 2013.

The victim had mentioned names of the four students in her suicide note, it said.

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Punjab & Haryana HC issues Notice to Centre, Haryana Over Internet Suspension

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The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Friday issued a notice to the Centre and Haryana government over the suspension of internet services in the state over the farmers' agitation. The Haryana government suspended internet services in 17 districts after the violence during the farmers' tractor rally on Republic Day.

While the Harvana government justified the suspension as being part of measures to prevent disinformation and spread of rumours, farmers' unions allege the move was aimed at disrupting their protest.

A plea was filed against the suspension of internet services in the Punjab and Haryana High Court by multiple petitioners through advo-

Live Law reported the plea said, "Internet services now stands as part

of fundamental rights because to exercise almost every freedom, from expression to practice any profession, internet has become a lifeline." The plea referred to the adverse impact of the internet shutdown on business activity. The plea described the suspension of internet services as "an act of maliciousness inflicted on the people of Haryana" to deter support for the farmers' agitation.

The plea sought the immediate restoration of internet services and declaration of any such sudden suspensions without notice as "illegal, unconstitutional," Live Law reported. The plea also sought that the gov-

ernment give prior notice of seven days

for suspension of internet services. Hearing the plea, the bench of Justice Fatehdeep Singh issue a notice to the Centre and Haryana governments. The matter has been posted for further hearing on Monday.

Reputation At Stake: Raj Thackeray

NS chief Raj Thackeray on Saturday said the Union **IV** government should not have exposed Sachin Tendulkar and Lata Mangeshkar to social media trolling by involving them in its campaign to counter tweets by foreign celebrities in support of ongoing farmers' stir.

If American pop star Rihanna and others supporting the agitation against new agriculture laws was interference in India's internal matters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's slogan in support of Donald Trump too was problematic, he said.

Many celebrities including cricket icon Tendulkar and legendary singer Mangeshkar rallied around the government on social media using hashtags #IndiaTogether and #IndiaAgainst-Propaganda following tweets by Rihanna and climate activist Greta

"The Centre should not have

Govt Shouldn't Have Put Lata, Sachin's

asked Sachin Tendulkar and Lata Mangeshkar to tweet in support of its stand and put their reputation at stake. Now they have to face the wrath of social media trolling," Raj Thackeray told reporters.

The government should have limited its use of celebrities in its campaign to actors such as Akshay Kumar, he said

(Tendulkar "They Mangeshkar) are true legends in their fields, but otherwise very simple persons. They should not have been asked to tweet with the same hashtag. They tweeted what government asked them to tweet, and now they are at the receiving end," he said.

The MNS chief also wondered how many Indians knew who

Rihanna was until she tweeted about agitating farmers' plight. There was no need for the government to ask her to not get involved in the issue, Thackeray opined.

"By the same logic, there was no need to hold a rally in the United States saying 'Agali Baar, Trump Sarkar (next time, Trump government). It was that country's internal matter," he said, referring to Modi's rally in Houston when Donald Trump was US president. Thackeray also said the laws

against which farmers are agitating can have some flaws which can be rectified. "If the government wishes to

solve the issue, it can sit with farmers' leaders, hold talks and make necessary changes in these laws," he said. The MNS chief also said that the

new laws must not benefit only a handful of corporates. "I think the laws have some

plus points but the Centre needs to discuss them again with state governments." he said.

describing it as "another imdesignations The move, which will take efportant step" taken by the US to fect shortly, comes a day after "end the war caused by the Iran-Biden announced an end to US backed Huthis.' support for the Saudi-led offen-The Huthi rebels also welsive operations in Yemen. comed the approach of the new "This decision has nothing to US administration. do with our view of the Huthis "We are cautiously optimistic," and their reprehensible conduct, Huthi official Hameed Assem told including attacks against civilians AFP on Friday. But he also warned that "our and the kidnapping of American