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I DON'T THINK STATEHOOD WILL **BE RESTORED TO J&K TILL BJP GOVT IS THERE: MIR**

J&K Pradesh Congress Committee chief Ghulam Ahmed Mir Thursday lashed out at the BJP led..



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RESEARCHERS DEVELOP VIDEOS SHOWING HELIX OF 'DANCING DNA'

For the first time, researchers in the UK have developed ground-breaking techniques for visualising in unprecedented detail how small circles of DNA..



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Do one thing every day that scares you.

Eleanor Roosevelt

NEWS **DIGEST**

Crime Branch Books Policeman For Fraud

JAMMU: The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday booked a policeman here for alleged fraudulent withdrawal of over Rs 5.53 lakh on account of fake medical bills for the treatment of his father who had in fact died a few years ago. The criminal case against selection grade constable Ravi Kumar of the Armed Range Office in Jammu was registered under >> More On P6

SSB Barracks Gutted In Midnight Blaze

SRINAGAR: At least five barracks of paramilitary Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) were gutted completely while several weapons were also damaged in a midnight blaze in Batamaloo area of the city, reports said Thursday. Around midnight fire raged from one of the barracks of SSB's 110 battalion located inside the Tatoo Ground Batamaloo, reports said Thursday. >> More On P6

CRPF Man Shoots Self Dead

JAMMU: A 45-year-old Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) man allegedly shot himself dead inside a security camp on the outskirts of Jammu city, officials said. Praful Kumar, who originally hailed from Assam, was on guard duty inside his post in Greater Kailash locality when he shot himself with his service rifle, the officials said. They said his colleagues >> More On P6

Arms Cache Recovered In Reasi

JAMMU: State forces have recovered a huge cache of weapons from a remote forest in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, a defence spokesman said on Thursday. The recovery included an AK 47 rifle with one sealed box of ammunition, one Self-Loading Rifle (SLR), one 303 bolt rifle and two Chinese pistols with magazines and ammunition, the spokesman said. The search operation was >> More On P6

Gunmen Loot Rs 3.50L From Budgam **Fuel Station**

SRINAGAR: Unidentified gunmen robbed a fuel station in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district on Thursday and decamped with Rs 3.50 lakh cash, police said. The gunmen struck at the fuel station located at Nadigam in the district late in the evening, a police official said. He said the local >> More On P6

Foreign Envoys On Meeting Spree In Jammu

West-Pak Refugees, DDC Members; BJP Leaders Call on Envoys



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Visiting envoys from nearly two dozen countries on Thursday met representatives of various civil

society groups and elected panchayat and urban local bodies (ULB) members here to get a first-hand appraisal of the situation during the recently held DDC elections -- the first democratic exercise in Jammu and Kashmir post the nullification of Article 370. Representatives of West Pakistani Refugees

Years Of Sufferings Ended On August 5: LG Tells Envoys

he abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's semi-autonomous status marked an end to the years of sufferings of the people and brought socio-economic development in the region and empowerment of people due to the efforts of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Territory's Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Thursday. "Years of suffering for J&K people ended on 5th August 2019. The efforts of respected Prime Minister Narendra Modi ushered the Union Territory into a new era, which has brought about >> More On P6

For Eritrean Envoy Change Is Visible

JAMMU: Change is visible in Jammu and Kashmir, said one of the 24 foreign envoys who visited the Union territory, during an interaction with Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at >> More On P6

Army Brief Envoys

SRINAGAR: Heightened vigil along the Line of Control has pushed militant groups and Pakistani establishments to send militants into India using tunnels dug under >> More On P6

Send Some 'Real' Tourists To J&K, Omar To Envoys

SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah took a dig on Thursday at the visit of 24 foreign envoys to Kashmir, asking them to send real tourists from their >> More On P6

Govt Seeking 'Character Certificate': Mehbooba

BARAMULLA: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti Thursday accused government of India of conducting >> More On P6

J&K Moves All Transactions, Including Salaries To RBI



Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday rolled out e-Kuber payments system of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in the Union Territory to replace the existing system for the purpose of

government payments. Financial Commissioner (Finance) Arun Kumar Mehta rolled out e-Kuber payments system of RBI on Thursday here in presence of General Manager RBI Jammu, Sandeep Mittal and Director General >> More On P6

NC MPs Skip Delimitation Panel Meet

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Two associate members from Jammu and Kashmir told the Delimitation Commission on Thursday that special

attention be given to the difficult terrain while carrying out the delimitation exercise in the Union Territory.

The commission, headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana >> More On P6

Govt Working For Development, Growth: LG

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the administration is working on a mission mode for the development of industries and businesses in the union territory as he called upon educational institutions to prepare skilled human capital in growth potential sectors.

He also asked the educational institutions to complement the administration's efforts in identifying the core strengths of the demography for



developing the emerging skill sets to fill the skill gap as per the demand.

He also advised the students to understand human behaviour >> More On P6

3 Women Die Of Corona In J&K

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Three women died of coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday even as 87 fresh cases of Covid-19, including 44 travellers were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

The three victims were—a 70-yearold from Gulshan Nagar Srinagar, two others, both 60 years from Kanipora Chattergam and Pinglish Tral in south Kashmir's Pulwama >> More On P6

3-Day Old 'Militant' Arrested

SRINAGAR: A newly recruited militant was arrested amid a cordon-and-searchoperation in Pulwama district of south

They said based on specific information about the presence of the militants, a joint CASO was launched by police and army's 55 RR. During the searches, a police officer said that one youth identified as Vilayat Aziz Mir alias Rasik son of Abdul Aziz Mir of Banpora Kakpora was arrested along with a pistol and a grenade. » More On P6

Kashmir on Thursday, officials said.

HC Orders Eviction Of Illegal Occupants **From Govt Quarters**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Thursday said that it was unfortunate that some former ministers, legislators, retired officers, politicians, and political persons etc., have illegally and unauthorizedly managed to continue to stav in the residential accommodation provided to them by the government though they are no longer entitled to such facilities.

Disposing of a Public Interest Litigation filed by it suo-moto in October last year, a division bench of Justices Ali Mohammad Magrey and Vinod Chatterji Koul ordered that the directions passed by the Court from time to time in the matter of eviction of unauthorized and illegal occupants from Government accommodation and recovery of rent shall be strictly implemented by the authorities concerned "in the same spirit in which they were meant to be.'

"At the very outset, we wish to observe that it is unfortunate that some former Ministers/ Legislators/ Retired Officers/ Politicians/ → More On P6

UN HR Experts Voice Concern Over New Laws in J&K

Say Changes Risk 'Undermining Minorities' Rights' In The Erstwhile State **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: At a time when envoys of over two dozen countries conducted two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to assess the ground situation, the United Nations human rights experts on Thursday expressed concern over special status revocation and enactment of new laws saying that the changes in the erstwhile state risk undermining minorities' rights

In a statement put out on its official website, the UN human rights experts Fernand de Varennes, Special Rapporteur on minority issues and Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief expressed concerned over India's decision to end Jammu and Kashmir's autonomy and enact new laws could curtail the previous



level of political participation of Muslim and other minorities in the country, as well as potentially discriminate against them in important matters including employment and land ownership.

The human rights experts said that the state of Jammu and Kashmir, the only state in India with a Muslim majority, was established with specific autonomy guarantees to respect the ethnic, linguistic and religious identities of its people.

They said that on >> More On P6



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- Photo Exhibition
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از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار ترهگام کاداری لدرون
نوان: مضمون درخواست عبدالرشيد ولد عالم الدين گوجر چوپان و تنور احمد و محمد ادريس پسران
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البده وخرّ زير تعليم 15
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	تربهگام بمراد عطا یکی بیکوارژ اربا سرانفیک تحت SRO294	
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١	معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بمراد بیکوارڑ اربا سرفیکیٹ میش کی معالمہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں کے درجہ اس کے ایک درخواست مشترا	
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Office Of The Assistant Regional **Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir** NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri: Fayaz Ahmad Reshi S/o: Gh Mohd Reshi R/o: Narbal Budgam Owner of Vehicle No: JK04E-5864 for issuance of Duplicate Registration Certificate Now therefore it is notified for the infor-



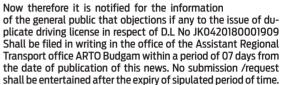
mation of the general public that objections if any to the proposed issuance of Duplicate Registration Certificate in respect of vehicle No. JK04E-5864 shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

No. ARTO/BUDGAM.2612 Dated 18-02-2021 mcb

Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir

Office Of The Assistant Regional **Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir** NOTICE

Where a application has been recieved from one. Shri :Javeed Ahmad Dar S/O: Mohammad Akbar Dar R/o: Methan Nasrullahpora Budgam for issuance of duplicate driving license. D.L. No JK0420180001909 Dated:09-04-2018



No. ARTO/BUDGAM.2605 Dated 18/02/2021 mcb

Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wronlgy spelled in school records as Mumin Javaid S/o Javaid Ahmad Bhat While the correct spelling is Momin Javid S/O Javid Ahamd Bhat which needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Welkin Edu. Trust Sopore within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Momin Javid

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KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED (KPDCL) Office Of The Executive Engineer Electric Division Budgam

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E-mail:edbudgam@gmail.comTelNo:01951-255218 NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: EDB_88_of_2020_21

Dated: 16/02/2021

For and on behalf of the Government of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders, are hereby invited from govt. approved Electrical Contractors for Creation of 100 kVA new Substation along with HT/LT network under Capex 2020-21 near Graveyard of Azad Sb Ranger Badgam under the jurisdiction of ESD Chadoora

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	1.	Name of work(s)	Creation of 100 kVA new Substation along with HT/LT network under Capex 2020-21 near Grave-
			vard of Azad Sb Ranger Badgam under the jurisdiction of ESD Chadoora ED Budgam, KPDCL.
	2.	Estimated Cost	INR 2.65 Lacs.

3. Period for completion of work. Within 10 days from the issue of Letter of Award.

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بعد كوئى عدر يا اعتراض كالمي تدل نهن مو كاه

اسك علاوہ عميدكى مماند آمدنى زراع و قيم زراع 5500 ب مرشكيد زير بحث اوا كرتے يا اگركى

نص یا افتاص کو کوئی عدر یا اعتراض جو تو وہ اپنا عدر یا اعتراض ساتھ یم کے اعدر چیش کریں۔ میعاد گزرنے کے

The tender document is available on website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below:

Α	e-Bid document Publishing date & time.	The e-Bid document to be published
		on website https://jktenders.gov.in on
		17/02/2021; 3:00 PM.
В	e-Bid document downloads start date & time.	17/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
С	Clarifications start date & time.	17/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
D	Clarifications end date & time.	19/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
Ε	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD	19/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
	and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format).	
F	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format).	26/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
G	Online Technical e-bid opening date & time.	27/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
Н	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids.	Office of Executive Engineer, ED Budgam
ı	Cost of e-Bid document.	INR 500.00
J	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit.	INR 5300.00.

1. Bidders/tenderers are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications. 2. The bidder/tenderers needs to submit the cost of e-Bid document in the government treasury and upload the challan/receipt as proof of cost of tender document. Any tender uploaded without the scanned copy of the challan/receipt is liable to be rejected.

3. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR from any Schedule Commercial bank only pledged to the Executive Engineer, ED Budgam. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department. Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD is required to be submitted by the successful bidder to the office of Executive Engineer, ED Budgam prior to the

5. The technical e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder/tenderer's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. Only those tenders shall be considered for evaluation who have deposited the earnest money and tender cost. 6. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids of the technically responsive bids shall be notified on Web Site https://jktenders.gov.in. This is conveyed

to the technically qualified bidder/tenderers automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. 7. The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof if any major lapse/deviation is

found. The decision of department will be final and binding. 8. Corrigendum, if any would be published on the website.

9. In no case shall the hard copy of the BOO submitted with the Techno-Commercial bidder which shall lead to rejection of the bid. Price Bid shall be up loaded only in the BOQ format provided online. 10. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Electric Division Budgan

No: EDB/6450-52. Dated: 16/02/2021

issuance of Letter of award only.

DIPK-NB-5744/20

E.mail: jksrtc@gmail.com **J&K Road Transport Corporation**

Rail Head Complex Jammu.

Abstract of e-NIT No: JKRTC/GML/CHT/2021-23/JMU/495. Dated: 12-02-2021

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation, e-Tenders, are invited from Reputed and Registered Transport Firms/Companies/Associations dealing in transportation of goods, for supply of trucks to JKRTC for the various Stations in Jammu Province (for meeting the left over demand of the JKRTC), on percentage commission basis to be offered on JKRTC freight rates applicable to Government Departments/Corporations/ Statutory bodies/other end users for the Year 2021-2023.

The tender document consisting of qualification eligibility criteria specifications, instruction/terms and conditions of contract and other relevant details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 15/02/2021 to 08/03/2021 upto 4.00 PM.

Sd/-

General Manager (Load) DIPK-NB-5734/20 JKRTC.

Office of the Estates Officer **Srinagar Municipal Corporation**



AUCTION NOTICE

Subject: Notice inviting offers/bids for allotment of contract for running of Municipal Car Parking Lot at Chesmashahi opposite Mughal Garden.

Sealed tenders/offers are invited from the interested parties for the allotment of contract for running of Municipal Car Parking Lot at Chesmashahi opposite Mughal Garden. The last date for the submission of tender applications is 05-03-2021 Upto 2:30 p.m. and the same shall be opened by the Tender Opening Committee on the same date at 3:00 p.m. in presence of the parties who may wish to remain available for this purpose. The other terms & conditions shall be as under:-

The bidder is required to submit the Call Deposit Receipt of Rs. 50,000/- for the site pledged to the Chief Accounts Officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation along with the tender application without which no tender shall be accepted or entertained.

The minimum reserve value fixed of the bid is 14.35.000/-The successful bidder shall have to deposit the bid amount in one go after which he will be allowed to run the Car Parking site.

The term of the contract shall be for 01 (one) year only.

The contractor shall have to collect the car parking fee from the general public as per the following schedule;

	Name of the vehicle	Fee per vehicle/per trip/per day
1.	Tourist Bus big size	Rs. 100/-
2.	Tourist Bus normal size	Rs. 75/-
3.	School Bus/Mini Bus/Tempo Traveler	Rs. 50/-
	Light Vehicle/Four Wheeler	Rs. 20/-
	Scooter/Motor Bike/Auto Rickshaw	Rs. 10/-
	Bicycle	Rs. 05/-

The orders of the Government issued from time to time shall have to be complied with by the contractor. The Competent Authority of the Corporation shall be having the right to accept or reject the bid/bids without assigning any

reasons thereof. In case there is no response from the general public, the Corporation would be competent to allot the lot/site to the interested party on negotiation basis.

No extension shall be granted in the term of contract after its expiry.

10. The Corporation shall not be responsible for any shutdown, bandh or any disturbance during the contract period. The Car parking lot/site shall be run under the close supervision of Ward Officer concerned of the Corporation.

12.

For any theft or damage of any vehicle, Corporation shall not be held or be responsible.

Chief Revenue Officer Srinagar Municipal Corporation

No.SMC/Est/1390 Date: 17/02/2021

turers or their sole authorized distributor/dealer

Schedule of Critical Dates/Information.

5.

DIPK-NB-5759/20

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office of the Executive Engineer Quality Control & Procurement Division, HMT, Srinagar

GIST OF TENDER

Dated: 17-02-2021.

e-N.I.T. No:-PHE/QC&PD/36/e-Tender For and on behalf of the Lt. Gove r of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-Tenders are invited on item rate basis in two covers (details recorded in tender document) from Registered Original red distributor/dealer who have ISO-9001:2015/ISO:13485/ISO-17025 certification of all the Chemicals/CRM/Equipment's as per specifications Manufacturers or their sole authorized distribu / details annexed to the e-NIT. $Supply Of Water Testing Chemicals/Reagents For Water Testing Laboratories Of Kashmir PHE \ Jal Shakti Department from Registered Original Manufacture of M$

General	
Client Name	Chief Engineer, Kashmir PHE, Jal Shakti Deptt. Srinagar.
Circle	Superintending Engineer, PHE Mechanical, Jal Shakti Department, Circle South, Srinagar.
Division	Quality Control & Procurement Division PHE Jal Shakti Department, HMT Srinagar.
Bidding Type	Open
Amount Details	
Estimated Cost	Rs 42.50 Lakhs Approx. (Rupee fourty-two Lakhs fifty thousands only)
Bid Document Fee	Rs 1500.00 In the shape of treasury Challan/e-transfer to J&K Bank A/c No:0005010100005110
(Non Refundable)	IFSC: JAKAOCHINAR
Bid document fee payable in the shape of treasury Chal-	Executive Engineer QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar.
lan/e-transfer under major Head MH-0215-Rev-Misc to:	e-mail: xenmandp@gmail.com
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 85000/= (Rupee eighty-five thousand only) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG from nationalized
	banks only having a branch in Srinagar.
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in favour of:	Chief Accounts Officer, Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Department, Srinagar.
Tender Dates	
Bid Document Downloading Start Date.	17-02-202106.00 PM
Bid Document Downloading End Date.	03-03-202102.00 PM
Clarification Start Date	17-02-2021 06 00 PM

Bid Document Fee	Rs 1500.00 In the shape of treasury Challan/e-transfer to J&K Bank A/c No:0005010100005110
(Non Refundable)	IFSC: JAKAOCHINAR
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Clarification End Date	_03-03-202104.00 PM
On Line Bid Submission Start Date	17-02-202106.00 PM
Bid Submission End Date	03-03-202104.00 PM
Date of opening of Cover 1st.	05-03-202102.00 PM
Bid Validity Period	180 days from opening of the Price Bid.
Officer Inviting Bid	Executive Engineer QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar payable at Srinagar.
Bid opening Authority	Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Deptt. Srinagar.
Address	Engineering Complex, Near Silk Factory, Raj Bagh Srinagar Kashmir -190001. (e-mail: kmrphed@
	gmail.com)
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No.:PHE/OCPD/6710-6722

Jal Shakti (PHE) OC&PD DIPK-13349/20

I Don't Think Statehood Will Be Restored To J&K Till BJP Govt Is There: Mir

gress Committee chief Ghulam Ahmed Mir Thursday lashed out at the BJP led government for issuing an ambiguous statement over restoration of statehood to J&K, stating he was of the belief that "no statehood will be restored till BJP regime is there."

"I have keenly heard the statement of (Home minister) Amit Shah in the Parliament. He stated that the statehood will be restored at an appropriate time. What does that mean? That statement is totally ambiguous," Mir told reporters in Srinagar. "I don't think statehood is injustice with the people. The as projected by the media. They will be restored to J&K till the Government of India wants to met those who speak BJP lan-BJP government is at the Centre, let alone article 370 and 35 A."

Mir slammed Centre for sky-

Lok Adalats In Anantnag On Feb 20

ANANTNAG: A Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of MACT cases will be held in the court of Principal District & Sessions Judge Anantnag

under the Chairmanship of Naseer Ahmad Dar, Chairman District Le-

All the concerned Advocates and Insurance Companies have been re-

quested to identify and submit the cases to be taken up in the said Lok

Adalat to the DLSA, Anantnag. Similarly, Tehsil Legal Services Committee Bi-

jbehara will also hold a Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of cases pending

U/S 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, Criminal compoundable and Civil &

The Bar Members have been requested to approach TLSC Bijbehara re-

garding the cases to be taken up in the said Lok Adalat. The litigants who

are interested to settle their disputes in the above scheduled Lok Adalats

are being informed to approach the concerned courts immediately so that

SDM Asks For Identification Of Bunker Sites

KUPWARA: Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Karnah, Dr. Bilal Mohi-u-

din Bhat today convened a meeting of concerned officers and elected

public representatives to review the proposal for construction of indi-

posal for construction of Individual bunkers in border areas of Kup-

Line of Control have been prioritised for construction of said bunkers

in the Karnah sub division. These villages also include Jabdi, Amrooi

Saidpora and Hagitera. The SDM informed that construction of 300

Individual bunkers at an estimated cost of Rs.5 lakh per bunker is pro-

He directed the concerned DDC and BDC members for identification

The meeting was informed that the Government envisages a pro-

It was given out in the meeting that 17 villages located near Actual

vidual bunkers in the border areas of Karnah subdivision.

their cases shall be listed for amicable settlement in these Lok Adalats.

300 Bunkers To Be

wara district to the extent of Rs. 20 crore.

posed by the Sub Divisional Administration.

Constructed At Karnah

Family disputes in the court of Sub. Judge Bijbehara on 27 February, 2021.

gal Services Authority (PDJ) Anantnag on 20 February, 2021.



backward further," he said. On the visiting European

adding that "why EU delegations aren't set to rape capital of India which is Uttar Pradesh,

time. What does that mean? That statement is totally ambiguous,"

JK Govt's Grievance **Portal Goes Offline**

SRINAGAR: The Grievance Portal of Iammu and Kashmir government has been temporarily suspended for the server maintenance and is likely to be restored by Friday evening.

An official said that the Grievance Portal of government of J&K, JKIGRAMS (www.jk grievance.in) has been temporarily suspended due to site enhancement and server maintenance, which is be- row evening. (KDC)



ing undertaken by the developers. He further said that the portal is likely to be restored by tomor-

Director Agri Discusses Strategies For Implementation Of Agriculture Export Policy

SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Food Export Development Authority (APEDA).

It was given to understand Kashmir, Chowdhary Moham- that Kashmir has a huge potenmad Iqbal today convened a tial of exporting Saffron, Rice, meeting here to chalk out the Vegetables, however presently strategy for implementation of the market linkages to these agriculture export policy sub- products are seldom in place mitted by Agriculture Processed and thus there is a dire need to look into this aspect.

The meeting was attended by Deliberating upon the draft paper submitted by Deputy General tension Mohammad Muzaffer Manager for creating market link- Hurrra, Joint Director Agriculture ages of the products produced in Inputs / Marketing/ PMH Amir U Kashmir viz. Saffron, Zeera, Exotic Din Andrabi, Joint Director Apivegetables, Sweet Corn etc., it was culture & Mushroom Developresolved that a comprehensive ment Farooq Ahmad Shah, Joint strategy will be evolved with re- Director Seeds, Pesticides and Fer-

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HIGHWAY STATUS

Sgrr-Jammu highway - (Closed)



Mughal Road - (Closed) Srinagar-Leh- (Closed)

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This Day in History

- 197 Lucius Septimius Severus' army beats Clodius Albinus at Lyon
- 356 Emperor Constantius II shuts all heathen temples 607 - Boniface III begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 842 Medieval Iconoclastic Controversy ends as a council in Constantinople formally reinstates the veneration of icons in churches 1512 - French troops under Gaston de Foix
- occupy Brescia 1574 - Spanish troops plunder Krommenie,
- Wormerveer & Jisp, Netherlands 1634 - Battle of Smolensk: King Wladyslaw IV of Poland beats Russians [NS=Mar 1]
- 1674 Netherlands & England sign Peace of Westminster (NYC becomes English).
- 1797 One third of papal domain ceded to France 1819 - British explorer William Smith discovers the South Shetland Islands, and claims them in the name of King George III
- 1856 Tin-type camera patented by Hamilton Smith, Gambier, Ohio

1878 - Thomas Edison is granted a patent for

- his gramophone (phonograph) 1920 - Netherlands joins League of Nations 1936 - Manuel Azaña becomes Prime Minister of
- Spain for the second time 1942 - Japanese troops land on Timor
- 1943 German tanks under Generalmajor Karl Buelowius attack Kasserine Pass, Tunisia
- 1944 823 British bombers attack Berlin
- 1944 U-264 sinks off Ireland 1945 - 980 Japanese soldiers reportedly killed
- by crocodiles in 2 days on Ramree Island, Burma 1945 - Brotherhood Day-1st celebrated
- 1949 Mass arrests of communists in India 1952 - French offensive at Hanoi
- 1959 Britain, Turkey & Greece sign agreement granting Cyprus independence
- 1959 Gabon adopts its constitution
- 1963 USSR informs JFK it is withdrawing several thousand troops from Cuba
- 1970 USSR launches Sputnik 52 & Molniya 1-13 communications satellite
- 1977 Space shuttle Enterprise makes 1st Test flight atop a 747 jetliner
- 1984 USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk USSR 1985 - 150 killed when a Spanish jetliner
- crashes approaching Bilbao, Spain
- 1986 King Hussein of Jordan severs ties with PLO
- 1987 US President Reagan lifts trade boycott against Poland
- 1990 Soyuz TM-9 lands
- 1992 Peter Collins discovers nova Cygni 1992 1998 - Soyuz TM-26 lands
- 1998 US hockey team destroys their rooms at Olympic village in Japan
- 2001 An Oklahoma City bombing museum is dedicated at the Oklahoma City National Memorial 2002 - NASA's Mars Odyssey space probe begins to map the surface of Mars using its
- thermal emission imaging system. 2007 - Blogging website Tumblr is founded by David Karp in New York
- 2008 Toshiba announces its formal recall of its HD DVD video format, ending the format war between it and Sony's Blu-Ray Disc
- 2008 Serzh Sargsvan wins the Armenian
- Presidential Election 2012 - 44 people killed in prison brawl in
- Apocada, Mexico, between two rival drug cartels
- 2013 12 people are killed and 11 are injured after a Yemeni Air Force plane crashes in Sana'a

From KO Archives

FAROOQ ADVOCATES 'PRO-ACTIVE' JK POLICY

Observer News Service

JAMMU - Chief minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah today said he was never opposed to prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's peace initiative in the state which would be carried forward to its logical end.

Winding up discussions on the motion of thanks on the gov-ernor's address in the legislative assembly, Abdullah urged the comity of nations to pressurise Pakistan to stop militant violence in Jammu and Kashmir.

The chief minister launched a frontal attack on the Hurriyat Conference who, he said, ac-cused him of scuttling the peace process saying I am for peace, am never opposed to peace. He said killing of innocent peo-ple, were continuing unabated in the state despite the cease-fire and suggested a pro-active strategy to deal with militants. According to a NAFA re-port, Dr. Abdullah advocated a more aggressive 'pro-active' policy for Jammu and Kashmir adding this was the only way Pakistan could be brought un¬der pressure.

Stating he was never opposed to talks with Hurriyat leaders, Abdullah said let the Centre treats the Hurriyat the way it wants and let them go to any country.

If those nearer and dearer to Pakistan come close to New Delhi, what objection I have, he said, adding the Centre was doing experiments.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 19 February, 2001)



push people of J&K economically guage and praise BJP," he said,

rocketing prices of petrol and Delegation, the PCC chief said of India which is Uttar Pradesh, diesel, stating that "if rates are it was a "stage managed show" why Kashmir only. Why PM Naaround 54 dollars per barrel, pet- organized by the Centre. "The rendera Modi is led government rol per liter should have been at EU members didn't meet any itself internationalizing Kashthe rate of Rs 60 in J&K, but here designated member from Con- mir issue by sending foreign enpetrol per liter is at Rs 90, which gress and National Conference voys to Kashmir."—(KNO)

I HAVE KEENLY HEARD THE STATEMENT OF (HOME minister) Amit Shah in the Parliament. He stated that the statehood will be restored at an appropriate

spect to each crop for its export tilizers Mohammad Iqbal Khan and market linkages so that the besides Deputy General Manager farmers of Kashmir get benefited. APEDA, Divendar Prasad.

Govt. Focusing On Developing Pilgrim

Tourism Circuit: Ittoo SRINAGAR: Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Dr. G N Itoo Thursday reviewed developmental works at

pilgrim sites in Kashmir Valley be-

ing executed by the Department. The projects envisage infrastructural development of the sites with special emphasis on pilgrim facilities including development of Sarais, dormatories, way-side amenities, parking, public convenience, illumination, ablution spaces, landscaping, besides renovation and repair works of the damaged infrastructure.

The Director Tourism along with Secretary Auqaf Department Khawaja Muhammad Tariq, Deputy Director M&W, Tourism Syed Zahoor visited the shrine of Hazrat Makhdoom Sahib (RA) and Khangah-e-Moula to take stock of the developmental works.

While stating that the Valley is circuit in Kashmir. "Jammu and Kashmir is rich in pilgrim tourism and for this; the development of plan to provide added facilities to



Dr Itoo said a sizable number of of assets, the Director Tourism

conditions To facilitate the visiting pilgrims, the Director Tourism said

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pilgrim, locals as well as tourists, emphasised upon executing agenreceiving good tourist footfall af- visit these revered pilgrim sites cies to ensure that all the pending ter the pandemic, Dr. Itoo said the every year for which every facil- tourism projects are completed at Government is also focusing on ity should be ready and in proper the earliest while maintaining the quality of work so that devotees don't face any problems while visiting these sites. He also sought both budgeted and high-end immediate repair works and respilgrim sites is getting focused accommodation would be con-toration of the damaged infraattention. The government has structed at these sites and the structure due to recent snowfall. chalked out a comprehensive projects worth Rs 2.76 crore have For this, he directed the officers to been submitted to the Union immediately submit the report on

of construction sites in consultation with PRIs so that the construction work of bunkers is started at an earliest. Executive Engineer SSD Tangdar, Tehsildar Karnah, BDOs of Tangdar and Teetwal, besides, DDC the pilgrims coming from within Ministry of Tourism for approval. the status of each project. Karnah and concerned BDC members attended the meeting.

Tarigami Condemns Attack On Restaurant Owner's Son SRINAGAR: The attack on the son of a famous restaurant owner in Srinagar is highly condemnable and such incidents have no place in the civilized world.

Attacking civilians by the combatants is an act of cowardice and must be condemned by all in one voice. Attacking and killing civilians can never be a solution to any problem as violence is never an answer to any problem. I express solidarity with the victim family and hope the injured civilian makes a complete and speedy recovery.

R/o Kutpora Shopian

از نیابت اگام بااجلاس جناب نائب تحسیلدار صاحب ما گام عنوان: مضمون ورخواست شاكر احمد واني ولد غلام احمد واني ساكنه ما گام بمراد عطا گِل بيكوارة ايرياً سرتفكيث تحت SRO294 اشتهار بمراد آگای هر خاص و عام معالمه مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بمراد بیکوارڈ ایریا سرلفیکٹ بیش کی ہے۔ جو کہ فتر بذا میں زر کاروائی ہے اور اجرا کرنے مطلب ہے کمیہ بذیل افتراد پر مشتل ہے کہ عاجرہ تیکم زوجہ غلام احمد کھر کیلہ کام 1 21 15 اسط علاوہ عمد کی مہانہ آ مدنی زرایع و غیر زرایع 10000 ب سرائنکیٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں کی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہیم کے اغد چیش کریں۔ میعاد

نے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہی ہو گاہ۔ از نیابت ماگام بااجلاص جناب نائب تحییدار صاحب ماگام بمراد عطا يكي بيكوارة ابرياً مرتفيكيث تحت SRO294 اشتهار بمراد آگای هر خاص و عام معالمد مندوجه عنوان السدر میں سائل فے ایک درفواست براد یکوارڈ ایریا سرافیکیٹ بیش کی ہے۔ جو کہ فتر بذا یں زیر کاروائی ہے اور اجرا کرنے مطلوب ہے کمید بذیل افتراد پر مشتل ہے ساره بيكم يوه غلام قادر گريلوكام سكينه بيكم زوجه ريويز احمد ذيثان احمه پسر پرويز احمه R1 726 / 727 18 اسك عاده عميه كي مهانه آمد في زراع و فير زراع 5666 ب مرتفيكيت زير بحث اوا كرف مين کسی مخض یا اشخاص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ یوم کے اندر چیش کریں۔ میعاد زرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہن ہو گاہ۔

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از دفترنا ئب تحصيلدار ديالگام بااجلاس جاويداحد حكيم صاحب درخواست منجانب: ـ نئاراحمد مير ولدغلام محمد مير ساكن سدٌّ وره تحصيلٌ وضلع اننت ناگ بغرض حصول بيک وار ڈائير يا سرٹفکيپ SRO 294/167 اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل صدر نے ایک درخواست بغرغل حصول بیک وارڈ ائیر یاسر نفکیٹ دفتر ہاز وہیں پیش کیا ہے حسب رپورٹ پٹواری حافۃ تفصیل افراد کنیہ بذیل درج ہے:۔

آمدانی	پیشه	عمر	نام صاحب كنبه معه ولديت
6000	دوکا نداری	36 سال	نثاراحدمير ولدغلام محدمير
	گھر بلوکام	35 سال	روقي نظهت زوجه نثاراحمه مير
	زريعليم	10 سال	محمه طازم پسر۔۔۔
		07 سال	محمدعارف پسر۔۔۔
		06 سال	محمدانس پسر۔۔۔
6000	دوکا نداری	60 سال	غلام محمر مير ولداسدالله
	گھر پلوکام	50 سال	ظريفيه بانوز وجه غلام محمرمير

اسکے علاوہ اور کوئی فر دکنبہ میں موجود تبین ہے سائل کا کنبہ پچھلے پندرہ سالوں سے دھ ہازہ میں ریائیشیز برہے اور سائل کی کنبہ کی سالنہ آیدانی=/164000 تک ہے اس حوالے سے اگر سی شخص یا اشخاص کو مزکورہ سرٹفکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں کوئی عذر یااعتراض ہوتو وہ سات دن کے اندراندرا پنااعتراض دفتر ہازہ میں پیش کریں۔معیادگزرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تحریرالصدرنا ئے تحصیلدار دیالگام

ازعدالت ایگزیمییومجسٹریٹ درجہاول (ٹائب تحصیلداراننت ناگ)بااجلاس نزیراحمد شخ صاحب۔ درخواست منجانب: عمرا قبال مير ولدمحمدا قبال ميرساكندانجي دُوره آزاد يوره انت ناگ بغرض اجرائي تاريخ پیدائیش سر ٹفکیٹ بنام عنابیہ بنت عمر دختر عمرا قبال میر۔

اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل/سائلہ مذکورہ بالانے عدالت منزامیں ایک درخواست حلفی بیان پیش کیا ہے سائل کے دختر کا تاریخ پیدائیش15/03/2019 ہے اس ختمن میں سر ٹفکیٹ پیدائیش نکا لئے کا خواہ ہے لہذا سر ۔ لفکیٹ بذکورہ کوا جراءکرنے میں اگر سی شخص کوکوئی بھی عذر بااعتراض ہوتو وہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندراندردوران دفتری اوقات میں پیش کر بے بصورت دیگر کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

ا يَّكِز يَكِثْيُومِجسٹريٹ درجہاول

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Calming the LAC

ndia and China are pulling back their troops from the south bank of Pangong lake area in eastern Ladakh following their agreement for "synchronised and organised disengagement". Unlike last year when the mutual understandings between the two countries didn't lead to disengagement on the ground, this time the agreement has been promptly translated into action. The videos and images released by the Indian Army have shown the two sides vacating the areas occupied by them over the past year. According to media reports, the Chinese have withdrawn 130-140 tanks, 30 artillery guns and some 2,000 troops from South Bank of Pangong Tso lake and 30 artillery guns and some 4,000-5,000 troops from the South Bank of the lake.

This is a welcome development after a yearlong stand-off that brought the armies of the two countries eyeball to eyeball. At times it appeared that the neighbours were on the verge of going to war. One such occasion was on June 16 last year when twenty Indian soldiers lost their lives in a bloody skirmish. There were other uneasy times as well when the two countries brought tanks to the border. But as it has turned out now, the restraint and the dialogue has paid off.

There are, however, three other major friction points which will need to be sorted out now. There has so far been no progress in the dialogue over the restoration of status quo ante in these areas. But there is hope that like Pangong Tso, the two countries will find a diplomatic solution to all the friction points along the Line of Actual Control, sooner than later. Solution to Pangong Tso stand-off has brightened the hope.

The problem in the negotiations so far has been that China has been loathe to go back to the status quo ante and has asked for mutual withdrawal. The incursions in the first place have been staged by China and the communist giant is not ready to vacate it unless India also withdraws from a portion of the border on its side of the LAC. But New Delhi can hardly afford to do it, not least because it considers the area its own. Doing so will be politically costly for the BJP government at the centre which is already facing severe flak for vacating Kailash ranges as part of its Pangong Tso agreement. But through sustained negotiations they certainly can find a way out. For a peaceful neighborhood it's important that India and China reach a modus-vivendi.

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On tax on PF incomes

inance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has stressed that Budget 2021-22 raises resources to push the economy without increased taxation. However, one change to the income tax law proposed in the Finance Bill, 2021, has triggered anxieties for the salaried class: withdrawing tax exemption on interest income accrued into Provident Fund accounts arising out of employ contributions exceeding 2.5 lakh 'in a previous year in that fund,' on or after April 1, 2021. The rationale some employees are contributing huge amounts into their PF accounts and getting tax-free incomes. Subsequently, the Revenue Department has pointed out the tax will only affect a small group of 'high networth individuals' (HNIs); the 100 largest employees' PF (EPF) accounts had a combined balance of over 2,000 crore. It can be no one's case that a social security scheme for formal sector workers should become an investment haven for the well-heeled corporate top brass. However, the threshold proposed to exclude the so-called HNIs appears low, as it would end up partially taxing PF income for even those putting away 21,000 a month towards their retirement — hardly a typical HNI given it may take the saver decades to attain a one crore rupee PF balance. The threshold also does not tie in with the 7.5 lakh limit set in last year's Budget for employers' contributions into the EPF, National Pension System (NPS) or other superannuation funds (rules for which are yet to be notified).

This is not the first time this government had tried to tax PF savings, citing its abuse by the rich. In the 2016-17 Budget, it proposed to tax 60% of EPF balances at the time of withdrawal, but backtracked after a backlash. Now, it has covered even government employees' contributions into the GPF, but left NPS investments over 2.5 lakh a year untouched. Tax treatment inequity between India's limited retirement savings instruments aside, employees and employers have some serious doubts on the implementation. The words 'in a previous year', for one, suggest this will be a type of retro-active tax — taxing future income even on past years' contributions of over 2.5 lakh. It is also not clear when and how the tax is to be paid — at retirement or each year that the PF rate is announced. The CBDT chief has said employees should include such income in their annual tax returns, which may work for GPF members whose interest rate is announced every quarter, but not for EPF accounts as interest rates are declared late and credited even later. Finally, this may not be smart timing for a government looking to lean on huge borrowings to dent large inflows into EPF — most of its corpus is captively deployed in government bonds. While the goal of targeting HNIs using the PF savings to avoid taxation is laudable, the Centre should consider recalibrating the arithmetic and operational details of this tax.

Continuous & Concurrent updation of Govt websites

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fter issuance of a circular by the General Administration Department (GAD) on 29.1.2021, a Government order was issued recently wherein a committee was constituted for continuous and concurrent updation of official websites. Vide Government order No: 148-JK (GAD) of 2021 dated: 13.02.2021 the Government accorded a sanction for constitution of a three member committee headed by the Secretary to Government Information Technology (IT) Department. State Informatics Officer (SIO) of National Informatics Center (NIC) J&K and a representative from J&K e-Governance agency to be nominated by Secretary IT Department are the two other members of the committee. The aim of constituting the committee is to continuously supervise the updation of official websites of Govt departments and districts in Union Territory of J&K.

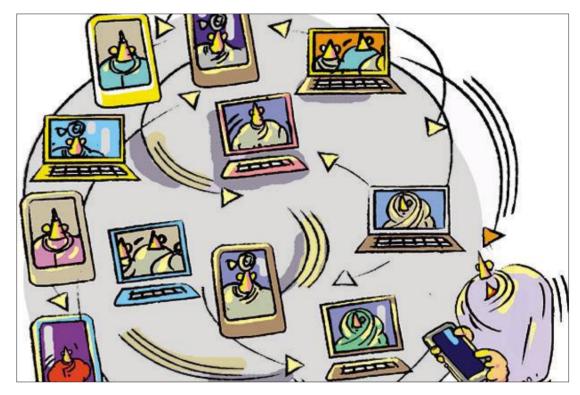
For the information of readers, a delegation of Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement has brought the matter related to the non updation of Government websites into the notice of Lt Governor Manoj Sinha when we met him in Srinagar on January 18th . For the last several years, the author has been highlighting the issue but there was no response from the Government. Finally, we had to take up this issue at the highest level with the Lt Governor. In one of my columns titled Social media outreach of Government published in Kashmir Observer on January 21st 2021, I had exposed many administrative departments and district websites who have not been updating their websites for last several years and on the other hand Government keeps making tall claims about implementing the flagship programme on digital transformation in India like digital India and many other programmes related to this.

Digital India

Covid-19 lockdown enhanced the digital transformation of India. It is said that India is now the 2nd fastest digitizing economy . The technology is growing fast, as the country is seen as a great destination for new products and a market that has yet to be tapped. The trend is affirmed by a recent report from the McKinsey Global Institute that shows businesses in India are transforming to the digital economy at a pace that trails only Indonesia. India is also the second fastest-growing market for digital consumers. The country had 560 million internet subscribers in 2018, trailing only China. The report says that Indian mobile data users consume 8.3 gigabytes (GB) of data every month on average, compared with 5.5 GB for mobile users in China and somewhere in the range of 8.0 to 8.5 GB in South Korea, which is an advanced digital economy. Enabled by massive investment in new technology and a huge internet market driven by 560 million connected consumers, India has emerged as an upcoming leader in digital solutions but when we see the other side of the story we have Government departments who are not even slightly bothered to upload the recent orders and circulars on their websites. They don't want people to see the beneficiary list of various Government schemes like PMAY, PM Kissan etc? They want to keep the public in the dark which strengthens mis-governance and

Good learning from COVID 19

COVID 19 pandemic which made lives difficult and brought a lot of miseries into the world economy taught us many lessons. We have now come to this conclusion that without meeting people physically or travelling long distances to attend workshops, seminars and meetings, the same can be held through virtual mode as well. Digital platforms like online zoom , skype etc have been used a lot during last 1 year . These facilities were available in the recent past also but its importance was not explored properly. Similarly, governments across the world became more active on social media during COVID 19 pandemic which has brought them closer to people. I have been following regular posts of various senior Government officers of J&K who were very active on social media during the peak of the COVID 19 pandemic. These of-



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ficers continue to be active even now. But when it comes to the updation and maintenance of the official websites of J&K Government we are lagging behind almost all the states and UT's. I appreciate that the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj department in Civil Secretariat has finally updated its website which was otherwise defunct for more than 2 years. The Tribal Affairs department website continues to be in shambles. I had written about it several times and even the February 18th deadline announced by GAD in its Jan 21st circular having reached closer, the Tribal Affairs department in J&K has not even uploaded the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and its rules on its website. The obsolete information related to repealed J&K RTI Act 2009 continues to be on the website. This are just few examples, I can quote hundreds of such examples. I wish all the Government websites in J&K were updated and activated on the pattern of GAD website which is the only well maintained official website in J&K Government.

Mohammad Ramzan's case

The implementation of Digital India flagship programme in J&K can be judged from the fact that J&K Public Service Commission (PSC) called a 71 year old man to its Jammu office for an appeal hearing. At a time when virtual meetings are given more thrust by Government. By calling an old man to Jammu from Srinagar seems not only absurd but this is an insult to Digital India programme. In one of my articles in this newspaper, I had highlighted how PSC was violating the Right to Information and Mohammad Ramzan Khan's application filed under the act remained unaddressed. Instead of rectifying its failures the PSC recently asked Mr Khan, father of an aggrieved J&K civil service aspirant to travel to Jammu from Srinagar for a simple RTI appeal hearing which can be done through video conferencing as well. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) should be taken to task by the authorities for issuing such order. Pertinently Mr Khan had filed an application under the RTI Act 2005 before the designated Public Information Officers (PIO) of JKPSC . In his reply dated 21.12.2020 the Deputy Secretary of J&K PSC Vinay Samotra who is the designated PIO had told the applicant that PSC does not provide evaluated answer scripts of the candidates. He however asked the applicant that he could inspect the papers as per record retention schedule.

Mr Khan had alleged that his son Irfan Khan had qualified J&K Combined Civil Services mains exam and appeared for interview, but could not find his name the list of qualifying candidates. He told me that Irfan fared well in the anthropology paper, but got less marks and thus wanted to know whether the evaluation has been made correctly or not? This is his right as in the past also PSC has provided such information on the direction of J&K State Information Commission. How can they deny the same when they have already provided it on several occasions? This is completely ridiculous and a violation of the orders of the Supreme Court, CIC and JK SIC as well. When the aggrieved filed an appeal, ironically he was asked to appear for an appeal hearing at PSC's

How is it possible for a senior citizen to travel 300 kms in harsh winter when Srinagar Jammu highway remains mostly blocked?

At a time when India is leapfrogging into the Fourth Industrial Revolution, how can authorities at helm in J&K Government not even make the official websites of the Government updated on a regular basis? When the Digital India flagship programme is transforming the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy, the Deputy Commissioners in UT of J&K fail to even put the updated data of centrally sponsored schemes like housing for poor (PMAY) and PM Kissan beneficiaries on their official websites? When the government's digital model is narrowing the digital divide and bringing technology to even the most remote parts of the country, many officers in J&K administration are not ready to be part of this digital revolution. I would suggest these officers particularly the erring Deputy Commissioners and HODs be declared deadwood and let bright officers be given chance to show their talent

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COVID 19 Pandemic and Economy

conomy and Education are two of the many sectors upon which this pandemic has had a variegated effect. The effects are not temporary and are expected to leave long lasting scars on these sectors. Economy is experiencing deep and a crippling effect through lower investments, erosion of human capital through loss of employment and disturbance of world trade and transport.

Investment

The pandemic has hit at a time when the world economy was already under tough times. The investment policy monitor (IPM) indicated specific investment policy responses to the pandemic that included measures aimed at supporting investors and domestic economies so as to protect the infrastructure and industries. The lockdown has brought down the real estate and infrastructure sector and led to a liquidity crisis. The closure of manufacturing plants and factories has had a negative impact on the economy which could lead to a vicious deficit in corporate capEx, decreased consumer demand and unexpected level of unemployment in the world. Investors all around are indecisive during the troubling times and it becomes imperative to take a cautious approach while investing in equity and equity related products. They have to follow the principle of proper asset allocation while going for certain investment. The apprehension of a liquidity trap together with inflationary pressures forces the investors for short term investment. Though there are areas where one can invest but one has to be cautious, stock specific and go for a staggered approach to reduce risk.

Pandemic and Unemployment

Unemployment rate in general increased by 11.2 percent between February and April 2020 but the rates among young workers was much more. Migrant workers fled urban centres and the economic activity came to a grinding halt in major cities. The world of work is profoundly affected. The economic and social disruption threatened the long-term livelihood of many. According to The International Labour Organisation, the COVID 19 crises can wipe out 6.7 percent of working hours, equivalent to 195 million full time workers. In developed economies like the US, the pandemic has been catastrophic in terms of labour and employment and it is a tale of woe across the globe.

The unemployment resulted from the closure of manufacturing units, packaging, storage and transportation, the workforce used to migrate to the potential areas of employment were confined to their homes resulting in their unemployment. The workers staying in foreign countries for long periods earning the country considerable foreign exchange had to return which caused a great jolt to the national income. This setback caused to the economy is likely to cast its pernicious shadow to overall growth of GDP.

World Trade and Transport

Pandemic has thrown challenges in trade and transport to the hilt. All means of transport having been suspended have brought the national and international trade to a grinding halt. The revenues of various modes of transport companies were reduced to a naught throwing the entire staff out of jobs. It will take a long time for these institutions to return to normalcy and regain their losses. Agricultural products, eatables and perishable items, due to their non-transportation from source caused huge losses and wastage which seems impossible to be recovered in the near future.

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Mental Health And Emotional Well Being In Children

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ental health is an important part of children's overall health and has a complex interactive relationship with their physical health and their ability to succeed in school, at work and in society. The emotional wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health. Both physical and mental health affect how we think, feel and act on the inside and outside. Good mental health allows children and young people to develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-composed, healthy adults whereas ignoring the mental health needs of a child or teenager may lead to life-long consequences for the child or teenager.

According to one estimate, mental health problems affect about 1 in 10 children and young people. They include various types of internalizing disorders such as mood disorders, anxiety disorders and externalizing disorders such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Conduct disorder etc. and are often a direct response to what is happening in their lives.

Alarmingly, however, a significant percentage of children and young people who experience a mental health problem have not had appropriate interventions at a sufficiently early age.

Suggestions to help children keep themselves mentally healthy:

Things that can help keep children and young people mentally well include: being in good physical health, eating

a balanced diet and getting regular

- having time and the freedom to play, indoors and outdoors
- being part of a family that gets along well most of the time
- going to a school that looks after the wellbeing of all its pupils
- taking part in local activities for young people.

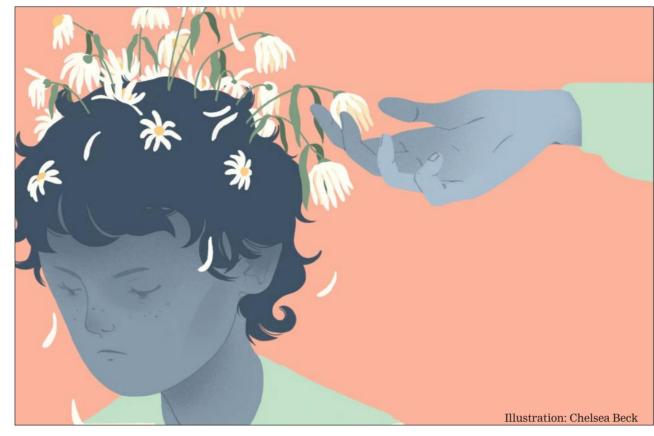
Other factors are also important, including:

- feeling loved, trusted, understood, valued and safe
- being interested in life and having opportunities to enjoy themselves being hopeful and optimistic
- being able to learn and having opportunities to succeed
- accepting who they are and recogniz-
- ing what they are good at having a sense of belonging in their
- family, school and community
- feeling they have some control their own life
- having the strength to cope when something is wrong (resilience) and the ability to solve problems.

Dealing with change:

Mostly things that happen to children don't lead to mental health problems on their own, but traumatic events can trigger problems for children and young people who are already vulnerable to develop mental health issues of various types

Changes often act as triggers:



changing residential place or school or the birth of a new brother or sister, for example. Some children who start school feel excited about making new friends and doing new activities, but there may also be some who feel anxious about entering a new school environment.

Teenagers often experience emotional turmoil as their minds and bodies develop. An important part of growing up is working out and accepting who you are. Some young people find it hard to make this transition to adulthood and may experiment with alcohol, drugs or other substances that can affect mental health.

Risk factors

There are certain risk factors that make some children and young people more likely to experience problems than other children, but that doesn't necessarily mean difficulties are bound to happen. Some of these factors include:

- having a long-term physical illness having a parent who has had men-
- tal health problems, problems with alcohol or has been in trouble with
- experiencing the death of someone close to them having parents who separate or d
- having been severely bullied or
- physically or sexually abused living in poverty
- acting as a carer for a relative, taking on adult responsibilities

What mental health problems commonly occur in children?

These are some of the mental health problems that can affect children and young people.

Depression affects more children and

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young people today than in the last few decades. Teenagers are more likely to experience depression than young children.

- Self-harm is a very common problem among young people. Some people find it helps them manage intense emotional pain if they harm themselves, through cutting or burning, for example. They may not wish to take their own life.
- Generalised anxiety disorder (GAD) can cause young people to become
- Very young children or children starting or migrating from one school to another school may have separation anxiety.
- Post-traumatic stress (PTSD) can follow physical or sexual abuse, witnessing something extremely frightening of traumatising, being the victim of violence or severe bullying or surviving a disaster.
- Children who are consistently overactive ('hyperactive'), behave impulsively and have difficulty paying attention may have attention defi-

cit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Many more boys than girls are affected, but the cause of ADHD isn't fully understood.

Eating disorders usually start in the teenage years and are more common in girls than boys. The number of young people who develop an eating disorder is small, but eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa can have serious consequences for their physical health and development.

Importance of early intervention:

Let us suppose there is a boy namely Rashid who is being physically abused by his father at his home and often acts out aggressively at school. His behavior is a natural reaction to the abuse, but his behavior may also mark the beginning of undiagnosed conduct disorder. His teachers simply see him as a troublemaker and continually punish his behavior. Later, Rashid drops out of school as a teenager because he finds it a harsh and unwelcoming environment and is anxious to leave his abusive home and fend for himself. However, holding down a job is difficult because Rashid often clashes with his coworkers and supervisors due to his aggression. Rashid has also begun to self medicate by abusing alcohol and has been arrested a number of times for alcohol and drug abuse. By the time Rashid finally receives a proper diagnosis of his conduct disorder (characterized by delinquency, lying, stealing etc.) and substance abuse. he is in his thirties and his mental health problems have become deeply ingrained. These mental health issues will require extensive therapy, which Rashid probably cannot afford without a job. Things could have been very different if Rashid was referred to a Clinical psychologist in his childhood who could have diagnosed

him and offered effective treatment.

What help is available?

If children have a warm, open relationship with their parents, they will usually feel able to tell them if they are troubled. One of the most important ways parents can help is to listen to them and take their feelings seriously. They may want a hug, they may want you to help them change something or they may want practical help. However, it's beneficial and even important to get help if your child is distressed for a long time, if their negative feelings are stopping them from getting on with their lives, if their distress is disrupting family life or if they are repeatedly behaving in ways you would not expect at their age.

If your child is having problems at school, a teacher, school counselor etc. may be able to help and if these professionals feel that the child needs some serious help, they can refer a child to professionals such as Clinical Psychologist/ Psychiatrist etc.

Different professionals often work together in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Parents can visit IM-HANS at Badamwari Srinagar where IMHANS in collaboration with UNICEF have established a CHILD GUIDANCE AND WELL BEING CENTRE where such children and adolescents with various mental health issues are treated for free. This centre has a team of professionals available to deal with the various mental health issues of the child. The team includes Child Psychiatrist, Clinical Psychologists, Mental Health counselors, Psychiatric social workers, Occupational therapist, remedial educationists, speech therapists, professionals who deal with autistic children, lawyers etc among others. Parents can also visit professionals in private practice to help their children resolve their issues.

In conclusion, parents and caregivers need to take responsibility towards the mental health and emotional well being of children and adolescents so that we as a society are able to produce a generation of mentally sound citizens who help in evolving the human race in a much better way. Otherwise ignoring the mental health needs of our younger generations may lead to social, economic and psychological burden that we may be unable to replenish for generations to come.

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What are the characteristics of strong mental health?

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ready weakened mental health service. As we emerge from this crisis, while some people may need specialist help with treating mental illness, everybody can benefit from strategies to improve

mid the coronavirus pandemic we are being warned of a "second wave" of mental health

problems that threatens to overrun an al-

mental health. This is because mental health is more than just the absence of mental illness. Positive mental health is a combination of feeling good and functioning well.

Mental illness vs mental health: what's the difference?

Mental health and mental illness are not simply two sides of the same coin. Mental health, just like physical health, exists on a spectrum from poor to

With physical health, some days we naturally feel stronger and more energetic than others. Similarly, some days our mental health is worse than others, and that too is a natural part of being human. We may feel tired, grumpy, sad, angry, anxious, depressed, stressed, or even happy at any point in time. These are all normal human emotions, and aren't on their own a sign of mental illness

Someone living with a mental illness can be experiencing optimal mental health at any point in time, while someone else can feel sad or low even in the absence of a mental illness.

Differentiating between poor mental health and symptoms of a mental illness is not always clear-cut. When poor mental health has a sustained negative impact on someone's ability to work, have meaningful relationships, and fulfil day-to-day tasks, it could be a sign of mental illness requiring treatment.

What does positive mental health look like?

Mental health is more than just the absence of

Positive mental health and well-being is a combination of feeling good and functioning well. Important components include:

- experiencing positive emotions: happiness, joy, pride, satisfaction, and love
- having positive relationships: people you care for, and who care for you
- feeling engaged with life

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- of daily life
- optimism: feeling positive about your life and
- self-esteem: feeling positive about yourself vitality: feeling energetic.

How can I cultivate my mental health?

Your mental health is shaped by social, economic, genetic and environmental conditions. To improve

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- meaning and purpose: feeling your life is
- valuable and worthwhile a sense of accomplishment: doing things that give you a sense of achievement or compe-
- emotional stability: feeling calm and able to manage emotions resilience: the ability to cope with the stresses
- mental health within society at large, we need to address the social determinants of poor mental health, including poverty, economic insecurity, unemployment, low education, social disadvantage, homelessness and social isolation.

On an individual level, there are steps you can take to optimise your mental health. The first step is identifying your existing support networks and the

coping strategies that you've used in the past. There are also small things you can do to improve

your mental health and help you to cope in tough helping others

- finding a type of exercise or physical activity
- you enjoy (like yoga) getting good sleep eating healthy food
- connecting with others, building and maintaining positive relationships
- learning strategies to manage stress having realistic expectations (no one is happy and positive all the time)
- learning ways to relax (such as meditation) counteracting negative or overcritical think-
- doing things you enjoy and that give you a
- sense of accomplishment. How do I know if I need extra support?

Regardless of whether you are experiencing a mental illness, everyone has the right to optimal mental health. The suggestions above can help everyone improve their mental health and well-being, and help is available if you're not sure how to get started.

However, when distress or poor mental health is interfering with our daily life, work, study or relationships, these suggestions may not be enough by themselves and additional, individualised treatment may be needed.

If the answer to RUOK? is no, or you or your loved ones need help, reaching out to your local GP is an important step. If you are eligible, your GP can refer you for free or low-cost sessions with a psychologist, exercise physiologist, dietitian, or other allied health or medical support services.

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Foreign Envoys

and Walmiki Samaj, the two communities who were deprived of voting rights over the past seven decades and voted for the first time in the local elections, briefed the envoys about their experience, officials said.

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The visiting envoys of several countries, including member states of the European Union, reached Jammu on the second leg of their two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. The envoys visited Kashmir on the first day of their tour on Wednesday.

We briefed them about the establishment of the three-tier panchayati raj and implementation of the 74th amendment. While the elections to panchayats was held for the fourth time in J-K compared to 14 times in rest of the country, the implementation of the 74th amendment of the constitution after 28 years was possible only after the abrogation of the Article 370, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta told reporters.

Gupta, a senior BJP leader who led a delegation in the meeting, said the previous governments in the erstwhile state were not interested in empowering the people at the grass-roots level.

They were only interested in Parliament and assembly elections, he said.

The delegation also briefed the envoys about other positives including development which has been speeded up after the August 5 2019 measure, Gupta

Vice president of West Pakistani Refugees Sukhdev Singh Manhas said, I told them what we have been subjected to over the past 73 years under the garb of Article 370 and Article 35A of the Constitution.

This was for the first time we voted in the local elections and for that we are thankful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. The post August 5 2019 development gave us rights and now we can vote, contest elections, avail government jobs and own properties, he said.

Echoing Manhas, Valmiki Samaj representatives --Akash Kumar and Vanisha -- said they told the envoys that the foremost benefit which they saw after the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 was that the community took part in the District Development Council (DDC) elections held in November-December last year for the first time.

Vandana, a BJP sarpanch, said the envoys were very curious to know about the response of the people during election campaigning.

We told them that the people are happy with the development which gave us a full-fledged panchayat system including 33 percent reservation to women, she said, adding the people overwhelmingly voted in the democratic exercise to choose their representatives.

DDC member Rajinder Sharma from Rajouri highlighted the issues of Pahari community and thanked the central government for granting four percent reservation in public sector employment and admission to educational and professional institutions.

The past governments ignored the community, which constitutes 9 percent of the total population of J-K with majority of them being Muslims, he said.

The community suffered immensely due to Pakistan-sponsored militancy as majority of its members live near the Line of Control and face frequent shelling from across the border. Sharma said.

He expressed hope that the Modi government + would do justice with this hardcore nationalist community by granting scheduled tribe status in near

Another DDC member from Rajouri Mohammad Igbal Malik said Article 370 was a huge barrier in the path of development especially in the far flung areas of the erstwhile state.

With its abrogation many deprived sections of the region including scheduled caste community. Valmiki Samaj, Gorkha community, women, Gujjars and Bakerwals have all got equal political, economic and social rights, he said.

He praised the central government for holding block development council and DDC elections to set up a three-tier panchayati raj system for the first time in the history of I-K

Years Of Sufferings

socio-economic development in the region and empowerment of the people", Sinha said, while interacting with the Foreign Envoys who were on their two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to assess

While interacting with the Foreign Envoys, the official spokesperson said, the LG spoke on the developmental changes J&K is witnessing. The LG, he said, observed that an ecosystem of democratic values, welfare principles and economic development has been developed in J&K and scores of measures are being taken by the Government for development and prosperity of the UT.

On reformative interventions being made by the Central government for boosting economic growth in I&K. Sinha, as per the official spokesperson said that the central government headed by Prime Minister has drawn up excellent ideas and initiatives of industrialization even in far flung areas of the Union Territory so that more jobs could be created for our youth.

"The Government is investing more than ever before in infrastructure, industries, education, healthcare, skill development, sustainable livelihood so that every citizen of Jammu & Kashmir has a safe future and earns recognition. Our collective aim is to continue implementing people-centric, development, and industry oriented policies," LG said, as per official spokesperson.

"Targeted solutions have been devised to address the issues like poverty, health, Skill development of youth, job opportunities and concrete steps are being taken to ensure that benefits of government schemes reach the last mile", he added.

He further said that women are also being provided with more opportunities to participate in economic development of the Union Territory and concrete support is being extended to those seeking a fresh start, he added.

Terming militancy as the biggest enemy of humankind, Sinha, as per the official spokesperson said that despite relentless attempts by our neighbour to destabilize the security situation and trigger social disharmony, the Government is resolute towards the holistic and equitable development of J&K.

"Recently, DDC's peaceful, violence-free and fair elections were held and the three-tier Panchavat system was established to strengthen the grass root democracy. Now, the true democracy is flourishing in the UT, which is not merely about governance but the feeling of fraternity, brotherhood, communal harmony and attitude of respect and reverence towards

each other," Sinha said. Replying to the queries by H.E Mr. Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador, France and H.E Mr. Abdoul Wahab Haidara, Ambassador, Senegal pertaining to the Economic development and investment friendly reforms taken place in the UT, the LG, according to the

official spokesperson observed that a new Industrial Development Scheme of Rs 28.400 crore has been unveiled for attracting investment in the UT, besides creating opportunities for the youth.

"Various incentives are being offered to the investors across the globe. Earlier, a mega relief and revival package of Rs 1350 crore was announced to help the I&K business sector to tide over their problems," he said

On being asked about the developmental measures taken by the Government, the LG observed that the Central and the UT Government are determined to preserve and create prosperity in J&K.

"Peace, Progress, Prosperity and People First- that is my vision for development of Jammu and Kashmir," the LG said, as per the official spokesperson.

On power generation, Sinha said that despite the immense potential of Hydro Power, only 3500 MW of power was generated in J&K in the last 73 years, causing small businesses and citizens to face power problems. We have approved several projects worth Rs 54,000 crore during the last 3-4 months and we aspire to generate 3500 Megawatt in only four years to make Jammu Kashmir power surplus, he added.

The official spokesperson further said that speaking on the problems faced by the people of J&K in the last seven decades; the LG observed that the people were deprived of development, basic facilities, their fundamental rights, and various acts passed by the parliament for the benefit of the people. He further added that the LG said that the Prime Minister has ensured that all the benefits of Central Acts now reach to the people.

"To make J&K the fastest growing region in the country, the Prime Minister has also provided the Union Territory with Rs 58,627 crore to establish Two AIIMS, Two IITs, IIMs, and execute world class infrastructure." Sinha said.

"J&K Administration at all levels is making tireless effort to rebuild the incredible economic and societal glory of Jammu and Kashmir. A culture of corruption had seeped far into the governance. We have transformed it into a transparent and accountable system in order to create a fair and just society." he added.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG also sought support from the global community in shaping a new future for Jammu & Kashmir.

"My effort is to create bliss, and seeds for flowering of each and every citizen of UT. You can see blooming of development in UT for yourself and fragrance spreading on the winds, I am sure, will be carried to every corner of the earth", he said.

The Lt Governor also thanked the Envoys for making this trip to see reality on the ground.

With the vision of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', we seek to work together as a team for the prosperity and well being of Jammu Kashmir and global community as a whole, the Lt Governor concluded.

For Eritrean Envoy

the Raj Bhawan here on Thursday.

Eritrea's Ambassador Alem Tshavye Woldermariam made the remark during the vote of thanks to the Lt Governor, an official release said.

He said the envoys' visit to J&K is an "eye opener" and improved the understanding of important issues concerning the Union territory.

Prominent among others present during the interaction between Sinha and the visiting envoys were the Lt Governor's advisors Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Farooq Khan and Baseer Khan, Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh, Financial Commissioners and Administrative Secretaries of I&K Government

The foreign envoys were on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir since Wednesday to get a firsthand appraisal of the government's efforts to restore normalcy and boost development in the erstwhile.

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Army Brief

seasonal river beds along the International Border in the Jammu region, the army on Thursday told a group of 24 foreign envoys visiting Jammu and Kashmir.

The envoys, including those from member states of the European Union (EU) and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), arrived in the union territory on a two-day visit on Wednesday to assess the development work and the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, especially after the erstwhile

state's special status was abrogated in 2019. They were given a detailed presentation by senior Indian army officers on the role of the Pakistani army in helping cross-border infiltration and supplying arms, and instances of unprovoked ceasefire violation by the neighbouring nation.

The envoys were briefed by the officers at the strategically-located headquarters of the army's XV Corps, which overlooks the Kashmir Valley.

The officials said that after the army made certain changes to the Counter Infiltration Grid along the Line of Control (LoC), the Pakistani establishment has been using a network of natural caves and sometimes digging tunnels under seasonal rivers along the International Border in Jammu region's Samba sector to push militants into India.

Highlighting the techniques used by Pakistanbased militant groups for infiltration, they said the establishment across the border is engaged in providing all support to militants in spreading violence in the union territory.

It was mentioned that the militants, who masterminded an attack on CRPF personnel in Pulwama in 2019 that left 40 personnel dead, had also infiltrated into India through a tunnel in the Jammu region.

The officials told the envoys that despite foiling several attempts of infiltration along the LoC, the Pakistan army continues to run militant camps across the border and violate ceasefire to help militants to enter into the Kashmir Valley.

In order to reduce loss of life, the Pakistani establishment is airdropping weapons from across the border using drones. These drones can carry payloads of around 12 kilograms, the army officials told the foreign delegation.

The envoys were shown seized weapons from militants having markings of the Pakistan ordinance

factory, they said. On the situation in the Kashmir Valley, the army officials highlighted Wednesday evening's incident in which a son of a prominent eatery owner was shot and critically wounded at his shop in a high-security area of the city.

This was a part of the militants game plan to silence either moderate voices in Kashmir or those who refused to follow their diktat, they said.

The army also gave a detailed briefing on how internet-warfare was used by Pakistani establishments to brainwash youngsters through social media platforms.

Coming to the situation post the abrogation of the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and its bifurcation into union territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir in 2019, the army officials said there has been no loss of life due to the action of state forces.

There has been a marked decrease in law and order problems and incidents of stone pelting have seen a sharp decline, the army officials told the visiting envoys, and also shared their experience during the recent District Development Council (DDC) elections which were conducted successfully.

Besides militancy and the situation along the LoC, the officials informed the envoys about the assistance being provided to people living in far-flung areas. They were also informed about the tourism sector in the Kashmir Valley and the achievements of the Kashmiri people in various fields.

The envoys from the EU, France, Malaysia, Brazil, Italy, Finland, Bangladesh, Cuba, Chile, Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Sweden, Senegal, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Ireland, Ghana, Estonia, Bolivia, Malawi, Eritrea and Ivory Coast arrived here on Wednesday amid heightened security arrangements in the city and elsewhere in the Valley.

Earlier, Superintendent of Police (Srinagar East) Sheema Nabi gave a presentation to the envoys about how the police dealt with challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was all about maintaining a balance between addressing people's problems and enforcing COVID-19 restrictions, she said.

Nabi said that humane touch and outreach helped the Jammu and Kashmir Police deal with the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic.

Send Some 'Real'

countries to Jammu and Kashmir.

"Thank you for visiting Kashmir. Now please send some real tourists from your countries to visit J&K. #envoysvisitIK" the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said in a tweet.

The envoys from European, Latin American and African countries arrived here on Wednesday on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir for assessing the ground situation in the Union Territory following the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution in August, 2019.

Senior Congress leader Saifuddin Soz described the visit of the envoys as a futile exercise on Wednesday.

Most of the prominent mainstream politicians from the Union Territory have maintained a silence on the visit of the ambassadors.

Govt Seeking

guided tours of foreign envoys to Jammu and Kashmir in return of an all is well certificate.

Addressing the first party workers convention of district Baramulla after August 5, 2019, Mehbooba said that the very efforts "smack of ill intention" when the government instead of trying to win hearts of minds of the people of the state, is seeking "character certificate" from the envoys of foreign nations through alleged guided tours to misrepresent the situation on ground.

"Instead of winning the hearts and minds of the people of J&K, New Delhi puts all its efforts to woo foreign envoys and seek their certificate on the situation here. Whereas the fact of the matter is that having almost a million personnel on ground in J&K the government still feels insecure," she said.

"No matter what they try to project in these guided tours, the world knows the reality of Kashmir. Where people have been robbed of their constitutional rights, voices muzzled and hundreds put in prisons without a rhyme or reason," she added.

She further said that though the government ants to change the goal posts, no ar cion can change the battle for the restoration of the special constitutional position of J&K and resolution of the larger political issue through dialogue & reconciliation remain fundamental demands & desires of the people.

J&K Moves All

Accounts and Treasuries, Finance Department, Mahesh Dass, an official spokesperson said. He said that the new payment system of RBI will replace the existing system for the purpose of government payments.

"All types of government payments including employee's salaries and pensioner's pensions would be done through RBI's e-Kuber," he said, adding "Initially, e-Kuber will be implemented in Civil Secretariat treasury on pilot basis and roll out of this system for other treasuries shall follow shortly."

The official spokesperson further said that I&K is the first Union Territory to implement version 2.9 of the newly launched payments system.

Expressing pleasure over the introduction of the new payment system, Mehta, as per official spokesperson said that the move would help to strengthen financial discipline in the UT.

"Financial Commissioner was informed that the system is capable of making 50 thousand transactions at a time. He was further informed that with the system, all government-related financial transactions will be dealt directly with RBI, without any intermediary bank. The system shall also overcome payment delays and eliminate risk of paper vouchers being lost in transit." he said.

He further said that Mehta was also apprised that through a web-based integrated system, Treasury Net, all treasuries would be allowed to access the e-KUBER payment platform.

"The completely automated process flow in this model ensures end-to-end message processing, accounting, generation and dispatch of scrolls seamlessly. The model ensures that all payments are processed efficiently and beneficiaries receive the payments without delay," the official spokesperson

NC MPs Skip

Prakash Desai, met here to seek suggestions from the associate members on the process of delimitation of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lok Sabha speaker had last year named Faroog Abdullah, Mohammad Akbar Lone, Hasnain Masoodi, Jugal Kishore Sharma and Union minister Jitendra Singh as the panel's associate members from Jammu and Kashmir.

Associate members are lawmakers from their respective states who assist the delimitation panel in redrawing parliamentary and assembly constituencies.

An official statement said while the commission had given written intimation to all five associated members on February 5, only Singh and Sharma attended Thursday's meeting.

The two associate members appreciated the commission's efforts and suggested that delimitation of constituencies should be, as far as practicable, for geographically compact areas, the statement said.

They said while delimiting the constituencies, regard should be given to physical features, the existing boundaries of the administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience.

They also suggested to the panel to give special attention to the difficult terrain while carrying out the delimitation exercise in the Union Territory.

Set up last year, the commission will delimit the constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, and those of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland in accordance with the provisions of the Delimitation Act, 2002.

Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra is an exofficio member of the delimitation panel.

Jammu and Kashmir is a Union Territory with provisions for a legislature. At present, it is under central

Govt Working

and people's attitudes and bring about necessary changes in order to serve the society at large

I-K administration is working on mission mode for development and growth of industries and businesses in the UT. There is a gap between what industries require and what we are producing, and there is an urgent need to bridge this gap, Sinha said.

Addressing the convocation of the National Institute of Technology, Srinagar, through the virtual mode from Raj Bhavan here, the Lt Governor said the investment in human capital, especially in professional institutions, and development of basic skills has to be developed.

In the coming days, with right intent and execution of reformative measures, we can meet the huge amount of vacancies that we need in manufacturing, services, electricity sector, food processing, IT-

enabled services, he said. The biggest danger from unemployment is that of underemployment and all of us, be it institutions, companies or government, have to work together on

The biggest reason for this is skill gaps and to fill the gap, the whole method will have to be rebooted and reinvented, he said.

Congratulating the students who received their degrees, Sinha said they have to understand that invention of technology alone is not enough.

There is a need for collaborative efforts, and engineering, design and management will have to work together so that the aspirations of society, nation and the world can be fulfilled, he added.

As a student of engineering, I believe that technical education is the initiation of comprehensive development of society, through which the youth can become the engine of a country's growth, he said.

3 Women Die

district, officials said. With these deaths, the fatality toll in J&K reached 1954-725 in Jammu and 1229 in the Valley. Meanwhile, 87 fresh covid-19 cases, 44 among them travellers were reported across J&K during the last 24 hours. While 11 new cases were detected from Jammu division, Kashmir valley reported 76 fresh cases of Covid-19. officials said.

Providing district-wise details, officials said Srinagar reported 48 cases, Baramulla 6, Budgam 10, Pulwama 6, Kupwara 0, Anantnag 1, Bandipora 3, Ganderbal 0, Kulgam 0, Shopian 2, Jammu 11, Udhampur 0, Rajouri 0. Doda 0. Kathua 0. Samba 0. Kishtwar 0. Poonch 0. Ramban 0 and Reasi 0. Moreover, 53 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and were discharged from various hospitals, 19 from Jammu Division and 34 from Kashmir valley. Meanwhile, Head of Chest Disease Hospital Dr Naved Nazir Shah warned against second wave, saying indications in this regard have started to come.

"Beware and cautious ... Indications of second wave beginning to come.. Maharashtra/Kerala starting to heat up again ... TAKE VACCINE whosoever get an opportunity and TAKE PRECAUTIONS..." he said in a tweet. (With GNS inputs)

3-Day Old

HC Orders Eviction

Vilayat , they said, was missing since February 15 and had joined the militant ranks. (GNS)

Political persons, etc., have illegally/ unauthorizedly managed to continue to stay in the residential accommodation provided to them by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, though they are no longer entitled to such accommodation," the

"Many of such persons continue to occupy residential accommodation commensurate with the office(s) held by them earlier and which are beyond their present entitlement. The unauthorized occupants must realize that rights and duties go correlative to each other, inasmuch as the rights of one person entail the duties of another person, whereas, the duties of one person entail the rights of another person," the court said, adding, "In this context, the unauthorized occupants must appreciate that their act of overstaying in the premise directly infringes the right of another. No law or direction can entirely control this act of disobedience, but for self-realization among the unauthorized occupants."

Apart from it, the court said that the natural resources, public lands and the public goods, like Government bungalows, official residence are public property belong to the people of the country. "The 'Doctrine of Equality', which emerges from the concepts of justice and fairness must guide the State in the distribution/ allocation of the same," the court said, adding, "Any former Minister/ Legislator/ Retired Officer/ Politician/ Political person, once he/ she demits the office, is on a

par with the common citizen, though by virtue of the office held, he/ she may be entitled to security and other protocols as per assessment of the concerned filed agency. But allotment of Government bungalow, to be occupied during the lifetime of such persons, would not be guided by the constitutional principle of equality."

The court also directed the Chief Secretary and the Secretary Estates Department to take all possible steps for ensuring eviction of the illegal and unauthorized occupants including Ministerial Bungalows/ Special Houses (Atype, B-type and C-type quarters), in tune with the mandate of law provided by the Supreme Court. "The Chief Secretary of the Government of

Jammu and Kashmir and the Secretary to Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Estates Department, shall ensure recovery of rent/ arrears of rent from the occupants of Government accommodation for the period for which they were in authorized/ unauthorized occupation of the said accommodation as Land Revenue.'

UN HR Experts

5 August 2019, the Government unilaterally and without consultation revoked the constitutional special status of Jammu and Kashmir, and in May 2020, passed the "so-called Domicile Rules" which removed protections given to those from the territory and subsequent changes to land laws are "further eroding" these

"The loss of autonomy and the imposition of direct rule by the Government in New Delhi suggests the people of Jammu and Kashmir no longer have their own government and have lost power to legislate or amend laws in the region to ensure the protection of their rights as minorities," the experts said. "The number of successful applicants for domicile

certificates that appear to be from outside Jammu and Kashmir raises concerns that demographic change on a linguistic, religious and ethnic basis is already underway," they added. They further said that the new legislation overrides

previous laws which granted the Kashmiri Muslim, Dogri, Gojri, Pahari, Sikh, Ladhaki and other established minorities rights to buy property, own land, and access certain state jobs. "These legislative changes may have the potential

to pave the way for people from outside the former state of Jammu and Kashmir to settle in the region, alter the demographics of the region and undermine the minorities' ability to exercise effectively their human rights," the experts said. They urged the Government of India to ensure that

the economic, social and cultural rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir are protected, and that they are able to express their political opinions and participate meaningfully in matters affecting them.

"The experts are in contact with the Government on this matter," the handout read

Crime Branch Books

relevant provisions of law following a communication received from zonal armed police headquarters, a spokesman of the Crime Branch, Jammu said.

In the letter, he said the zonal police headquarters revealed that after the scrutiny of a medical reimbursement claim of Rs 1,92,553 preferred by Kumar on account of medical expenses claimed by him on the treatment of his ailing father Prem Dass, it has manifested that the bills in question were based on a fake and fictitious claim, as the father of the official had already passed away in 2016.

Kumar with criminal intention had managed fictitious vouchers by concealing the death of his father with an aim to defraud the department and draw the money from the government exchequer by fraudulent means, the spokesman said. He said preliminary verification revealed that

Kumar's father had expired in 2016, but the individual used fake documents and cheated the department to draw huge amounts of money illegally from the government exchequer by producing fake bills after his In this process, the individual has drawn Rs 5,53,695 fraudulently from the office of Armed Range Office, $oldsymbol{+}$

and fraudulent vouchers in the name of his father from the places of his earlier postings, the spokesman said. An in-depth investigation is underway after regis-

Jammu. Moreover, it has also learnt that the individual

has similarly drawn huge amounts by producing fake

tration of a case against the accused, he added. (PTI) **SSB Barracks Gutted**

The flames instantly spread to the other barracks prompting the SSB men to come out and try to douse the flames. Fire tenders also rushed to the camp to

The belongings of SSB men including arms and ammunition were completely destroyed before the fire was brought under control a local news agency reported

An official said that an investigation has been started to ascertain the cause of fire.

CRPF Man

rushed him to hospital where he was declared brought dead.

The motive behind him taking the extreme step was not known immediately, the officials said, adding police have started inquest proceedings in this connection. (PTI)

Arms Cache

carried out by the Army and police in Makkhidhar forest area, the spokesman said. He said the recovery is the outcome of ongoing ef-

forts of police and the Indian Army to thwart and demolish any attempts to destabilise peace and development south of Pir Panjal ranges in Jammu region. Acting on an input, the spokesman said Army and police carried out the operation during the interven-

ng night of Wednesday and Thursday and effected

the recovery of the arms and ammunition smuggled from across the border. These war-like stores were spread over a large area in remote, uninhabited forests of Makkhidhar. Persistent and coordinated efforts of joint search by Army and police duly supported by local intelligence units has led to successfully unearthing the huge

cache of weapons and war-like stores, he said. (PTI) **Gunmen Loot**

police station has taken cognisance of the matter and started investigations. (PTI)



RESEARCHERS DEVELOP Videos Showing Helix Of 'Dancing DNA'



Press Trust Of India

or the first time, researchers in molecules of DNA. the UK have developed groundbreaking techniques for visualising in unprecedented detail how small circles of DNA adopt dance-like movements inside a cell.

scope technology and a supercomput- twists and writhes. er, the research team from the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, York and the John Innes Centre revealed that twisted DNA can develop kinks and creases that help to package it into compact

Getting a DNA molecule into a cell involves a process of folding called supercoiling, where the DNA is twisted and looped.

The footage shows in unprecedented detail how the stresses and strains that are placed on DNA when it is crammed inside cells can change its shape.

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lations to create videos of twisted

The images are so detailed it is possible to see the iconic double helical structure of DNA, but when combined with the simulations, the researchers were able to see the position of every Using advanced atomic force micro-single atom in the DNA and how it

"Seeing is believing, but with something as small as DNA, seeing the helical structure of the entire DNA molecule was extremely challenging. The videos we have developed enable us to observe DNA twisting in a level of detail that has never been seen before, said Dr Alice Pyne, Lecturer in Polymers & Soft Matter at the University of Sheffield, who captured the footage.

able to see DNA by using microscopes the resolution of experiments and en- are which we hope to be able to control squeeze their way into cells. that are limited to taking static im- able us to track how each atom of the someday, said professor Lynn Zechied-

croscopy with supercomputer simu- which are special because the mol- minicircles used in the study. ecule is joined at both ends to form a loop. This loop enabled the researchers to give the DNA minicircles an extra added twist, making the DNA dance more vigorously.

When the researchers imaged relaxed DNA, without any twists, they saw that it did very little. However, when they gave the DNA an added twist, it suddenly became far more dynamic and could be seen to adopt some very exotic shapes.

These exotic dance-moves were vised the research. found to be the key to finding binding partners for the DNA, as when they adopt a wider range of shapes, then a greater variety of other molecules find it attractive.

Dr. Pyne and her co-worker's new agree so well that they boost denatured and strangely shaped they twisted and compacted DNA circles

The study was published in journal

Nature Communications. The laws of physics apply just as well to the tiny looped DNA as to sub-atomic particles and galaxies. We can use supercomputers to understand the physics of twisted DNA. This should help researchers such as Professor Zechiedrich design bespoke minicircles for future therapies, said

Previous research from Stanford, which detected DNA minicircles in cells, suggests they are potential indicators of health and ageing and may

Dr Sarah Harris, Associate Professor

at the University of Leeds, who super-

act as early markers for disease. As the DNA minicircles can twist and Dr Agnes Noy, Lecturer at the Uni- AFM structures of our supercoiled bend, they can also become very comversity of York, who did the theoreti- minicircles are extremely exciting be- pact. Being able to study DNA in such cal modelling in the study, said: The cause they show, with remarkable de- detail could accelerate the development computer simulations and microscopy tail, how wrinkled, bubbled, kinked, of new gene therapies by utilising how

The study shows that DNA superrich from Baylor College of Medicine in coiling induces kinks and defects that The team looked at DNA minicircles, Houston Texas, USA, who made the DNA enhance flexibility and recognition.

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Study Sheds Light On Factors Linked With Elevated Risk Of Bone Fractures

Agencies

new study has identified various factors that may indicate whether a person faces a higher likelihood of experiencing a bone fracture over the next two decades.

The study, published in the Journal of Bone and Mineral Research, included 30,446 middleaged women and men who were followed from the early/mid 1990s to 2016. A total of 8,240 participants (27 per cent) had at least one fracture during a median follow-up of 20.7 years.

Older age, female sex, higher body mass index, a previous fracture, a family history of fracture after the age of 50 years, low leisure-time physical activity, heavy work, living alone, smoking, and



no or high alcohol consumption were factors independently associated with a greater likelihood of experiencing a fracture.

"Our results emphasize the importance of these factors in public health initiatives for fracture prevention," the authors wrote.

Air Pollution Kills Thousands In Megacities Despite Covid Lockdowns



Agencies

ir pollution caused tens thousands of deaths in the world's five most populous cities last year despite coronavirus lockdowns, researchers said on Thursday, urging governments to ditch fossil fuels and invest in a green recovery.

Environmental campaign group Greenpeace Southeast Asia and air quality technology company IQAir measured pollution levels across 28 cities - chosen according to where data was available and with a geographical spread.

In the five most-populated cities -- Delhi, Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Shanghai and Tokyo -- air pollution caused about 160,000 deaths and economic losses totalling about \$85 billion.

"A few months of lockdown hasn't really dented that long-term average of air pollution that people have been exposed to," said Aidan

"It is a little shocking to see how much upheaval there has been -- and we still have work to do to improve air pollution," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

Air pollution is the single largest environmental risk to human health globally, and kills an estimated 7 million people every year, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

The WHO says nine out of 10 people breathe polluted air, which is linked to strokes, lung cancer and heart disease -- and now equals the effects of smoking tobacco, health experts say.

The problem affects more cities in Asia than anywhere else in the world. Major causes include vehicle emissions, coal power plants, construction, festival fireworks, forest clearing, and burn-

ing of crops, firewood and waste. Delhi had the highest death toll among the five biggest cities, with some 54,000 deaths - or one per 500 people - due to high levels of tiny pollution particles, known as PM2.5, which can cause lung and

heart diseases, the study said. Japan's capital Tokyo suffered the highest financial cost with approximately 40,000 deaths and economic losses of \$43 billion, it added.

Lockdowns to stem the spread of the new coronavirus in major cities have forced millions to Farrow, an air pollution scientist at work from home, while slowing Greenpeace Research Laboratories economies have slashed carbon dioxide emissions

"We have seen changes in road traffic, aviation as well ...

but the major (air pollution) sources have continued to operate largely as before," Farrow said.

"The problem is vast and needs a big, multi-industry effort to address it," he added, calling for more investment in cleaner technologies, renewable energy and electrified public transport.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT: - EDS/e-tender/33 of 2020-21

Dated:-16 -02-2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-Tenders are hereby invited from registered A class Electrical Contractors/ registered with Inspection Agency of KPDCL or any other relevant Government agency enlisted with CPWD, MES, Railway, DGBRO of appropriate class for Improvement of HT/LT Network under the jurisdiction of O&M Division Shopian at Sub Division KELLER UNDER T&D ON PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document.

S. No	Name of Works	Adv. Cost. (Lacs)	Earnest Money.	Position of Funds.
1.	Improvement of HT/LT Network under the jurisdiction of O&M Division Shopian at Sub Division KELLER UNDER T&D ON PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS	2.90	2%of adv. Cost	AVAILABLE
2	Cost of e-Bid/ tender document) (Payable to Executive Er eceipt or Echallan Only)	ngineer ED Shopian vide
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5	Document Download / Sale Start Date & Time	16-02-202	1 (16.00 Hrs)	
6	Seek Clarification Start Date & Time	17-02-2021	(10.00 Hrs)	
7	Seek Clarification End Date & Time	17-02-2021	(1600 Hrs)	
8	Bid Submission Start Date & Time	17-02-2021	(17.00 Hrs)	
9	Bid Submission End Date & Time		1 (12.00 Hrs)	
10	Technical Bid Opening date & Time	27-02-202	1 (1400 Hrs)	

The Quoted rates shall be Firm, inclusive of all taxes and duties, transportation up to working sites. The rates shall include costs, if any attracted towards mandatory inspections / testing by the designated agencies and the department will not be required to pay / reimburse anything over and above the price quoted.

DIPK-NB-5733/20

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Office of the Deputy Director District **Employment and Counseling Centre Kupwara**

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Short Term Quotation

For and on Behalf of governor J&K State, sealed quotations duly affixed with a revenue stamp of Rupees 20/= are invited by this office for purchase of the below mentioned items from reputed/authorized dealers:-

S.NO	Desorption of item	Specification	
01	Cartridge	H.p 88A	
02	Water Purifier	Godrage/Aqua guard 10. Lt	

The bids shall be submitted in sealed cover contain signed and stamped letter as following:-

- Name of the firm
- Full address for communication Contact No of the firm
- Undertaking to the effect that the bids shall be valid for a period of six

Terms and condition

- Quotations shall be addressed to the Deputy Director, Employment and Counseling Centre Kupwara and must reach this Office by registered Post/ Speed post or in person within 05 days of publishing of this notice.
- The rates quoted by the firm should be free from any cutting overwriting whatsoever.
- The items supplied to be installed in the Office of the Deputy Director Employment Kupwara.
- The tenderer shall have to give full details with regard to Guarantee/Warrantee and service providing. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning
- The rates shall be inclusive to the installation charges and the successful bidder shall install the same within five days from the date of supply order.

Sd-DIPK-13374/20 **Deputy Director Employment** Kupwara

No: -EDS/TS/3827-33 Dated: 16-02-2021

IPL AUCTION

Chris Morris Most Expensive Foreign Buy At Rs 16.25 Cr, **Kohli Retained For Rs 17 Cr**



New Zealand medium pacer Kyle Jamieson goes to Royal Challengers Bangalore for Rs 15 crore. His base price was Rs 75 lakh

England pacer Tom Curran fetches winning bid of Rs 5.25 crore from Delhi Capitals. His base price was 1.50 crore

Sachin Baby bagged by Mumbai Indians for Rs 20 lakh

Indian Test specialist Cheteshwar Pujara bought by Chennai Super Kings for his base price of Rs 50 lakh

Uncapped Australian pacer Riley Meredith bought by Punjab Kings for Rs 8 crore. His base price was Rs 40 lakh

Indian pacer Umesh Yadav bought by Delhi Capitals at base price of Rs 1 crore

New Zealand pacer Adam Milne bought by Mumbai Indians for Rs 3.20 crore. His base price was Rs 50 lakh.

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Chris Morris on Thursday became the most expensive buy in the IPL auction history with Rajasthan Royals shelling out Rs 16.25 crore for the South Africa all-rounder even as uncapped players such as Karnataka's K Gowtham also hogged the limelight with hefty deals here.

bowling all-rounder Gowtham was bought for a record Rs 9.25 crore by the Chennai Super Kings. The 32-year-old is currently with the Indian team as a net bowler for the ongoing Test series against

England. Tamil Nadu's Shahrukh Khan, named after the Bollywood superstar, expectedly got a handsome Rs 5.25 crore deal from Punjab Kings, more than 51 times his base price of Rs 20

Shahrukh has been in the limelight with his exploits in the recent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

Gowtham, an IPL regular who was released by Punjab Kings, was the second off-spinner CSK bought after England's Moeen Ali. With the hefty price tag, Gowtham became the most expensive uncapped buy in IPL history. His base price was also Rs 20 lakh.

Morris' big pay day came after another all-rounder and perennial under-performer, Australian Glenn Maxwell, once again managed to attract a winning Rs 14.25 crore bid

from Royal Challengers Bangalore. Punjab Kings, who went into the auction with the maximum purse mong eight teams, paid Rs 14 crore to rope in Australian pacer Jhye Richardson, hoping he will plug the gap in their leaking bowling department.

The 24-year-old, who has played two Tests, 13 ODIs and nine T20Is for Australia, was the leading wicket-taker in the recent Big Bash League.

Punjab paid a big amount — Rs 8 crore — for another Australian pacer, the uncapped Riley Meredith. The 24-year-old has 43 wickets in 34 T20s that he has played.

Morris, who came with a base price of Rs 75 lakh, generated bids from four teams before it became a battle between Royals and Punjab Kings.

Royals eventually sealed it with a record bid which made Morris the costliest buy at the auction ever, surpassing Yuvraj Singh, who was bought by Delhi Capitals for Rs 16 crore in 2015.

The costliest player in the IPL remains Virat Kohli, retained for Rs 17 crore by Royal Challengers Bangalore. In 70 IPL games, Morris has scored 551 runs at 23.95 and taken 80 wick-

Talking about why Royals went all out on Morris, team COO Jake Luch

McCrum said: "We actually spoke to Chris before the auction itself, and did a full medical review of him. He's in a bubble in South Africa now, about to play the domestic competition."

"Chris is an ex-Royal and he's one of those players with experience and who can deal with a price tag like that. We've re-balanced the side this year, he will fill in an important role for us. He is a quality bowler through all phases of the game, and also he can win us the game with the bat as well," McCrum added.

Earlier, KKR made the opening bid for Maxwell but it eventually became a two-way war between Chennai Super Kings and RCB before the Virat Kohli-led team won him with a bid, which came to \$1.96 million.

"We wanted to get an X-factor player and we are delighted to get Maxwell," RCB Director of Cricket Mike Hesson said.

Punjab Kings, who had paid Rs 10.75 crore for Maxwell in the previous auction, had released the 32-year-old following the 2020 edition in which he made 108 runs in 13 games at 15.42.

In 82 IPL games, Maxwell has made 1505 runs at a modest average

England all-rounder Moeen Ali also went for a high price of Rs 7 crore to Chennai Super Kings. Both Maxwell and Moeen had base prices of Rs 2 crore.

"Absolutely buzzing to play for CSK. They have a massive fan base and I can't wait to meet them. I can't wait to play under Dhoni. My team-Curran is there too. This made my day, made my year," said Moeen in a video message.

Bangladesh star Shakib Al Hasan was lapped up by KKR for Rs 3.2 crore. He missed the IPL last year as he was serving a ban for failing to report a corrupt approach.

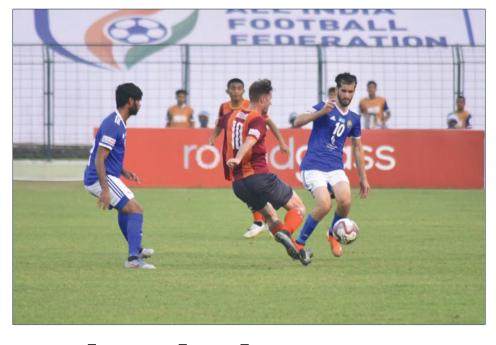
Australian pacer Nathan Coulter-Nile also ended up with a good deal, fetching a Rs 5 crore bid from Mumbai Indians. He had a base price of Rs 1.5 crore.

Australian Steve Smith, who was released by Rajasthan Royals, was bought by Delhi Capitals for Rs 2.20 crore, only Rs 20 lakh more than his base price.

At his base price of Rs 1.5 crore, England batsman Dawid Malan was a bargain buy for Punjab Kings, who went into the auction with the maximum purse among eight teams.

New Zealand fast bowler Adam Milne went to Mumbai Indians for Rs 3.2 crore, more than six times his base price of Rs 50 lakh.

Among the players who went unsold were Harbhajan Singh, Hanuma Vihari, Karun Nair, Alex Hales, Jason Roy, Adil Rashid, Kedar Jadhav, Mustafizur Rahman and Aaron Finch.



Real Kashmir Draw 1-1 With RoundGlass Punjab **As Both Teams See Red**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir FC on Thursday drew 1-1 against Round-Glass Punjab FC in a Hero I-League match, which saw both teams reduced to 10 men, at the Kalyani Municipal Stadium, Kalyani.

A 63rd minute altercation between Real Kashmir's Afghan international Haroon Amiri and Puniab FC's Bhutanese international Chencho Gyeltshen, resulted in the referee sending off

The match was played on a slow-tempo with both teams cancelling each other out in the middle of the park. Both Real Kashmir and I-League table toppers RoundGlass Punjab, focused on defensive stability and not conceding a goal on a counter-attack.

Punjab FC came close to scoring in the 6th minute of the match when Joseba Beitia found Papa Diawara inside the box with a long ball but Diawara's header was cleared off the line by a wellplaced Mason Robertson.

Real Kashmir's Goalkeeper Mithun Samanta made some important saves in the first-half of the match to keep RoundGlass strikers at bay.

Srinagar-based Real Kashmir came close in the 31st minute with Pratesh Shirodkar's outside-of-the-boot effort from outside the box which was only inches wide of the goal-post.

The second-half began with both teams looking to take full points from the game.

In the 51st minute, Punjab FC had a great chance when a long throw-in found Mohammad Irshad whose flicked header found Papa Diawara inside the box. But the Senegalese forward failed to direct his header goalwards from a close range and with no real pressure.

However, the match turned upside down with the two red cards as it opened up space on the pitch.

A 66th minute penalty kick

was awarded to RoundGlass Punjab FC after RKFC's Dharmraj Ravanan fouled inside the box. Joseba Beitia made no mistake from the spot-kick and slotted the ball into the bottom left corner to hand RoundGlass Punjab FC a one-goal lead.

It didn't take long for the Snow Leopards to respond as they found the back of the net in 72nd minute.

Captain Mason Robertson did well to find Dipanda Dicka in front of the goal and the Cameroonian forward made no mistake to tap in from close range.

The match ended 1-1 with Dipanda Dicka receiving the manof-the-match award. With this result, Real Kashmir stayed 2nd in the I-League table with 14 points from 8 games. While RoundGlass Punjab took the 1st spot with 15 points from 9 matches.

Real Kashmir will next play Aizwal FC on Tuesday, 23rd February. The game will kick-off at

Kings XI Punjab's Rs 5 Cr **Signing Shahrukh Khan Wants** To Carve His Own Identity

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Named after a Bollywood icon, drawing attention was no big deal for Tamil Nadu cricketer M Shahrukh Khan, but what fetched him an IPL contract worth Rs 5.25 was purely his big-hitting prowess that he displayed during the recent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

The 25-year old Tamil Nadu allrounder had a base price of Rs 20 lakh but Punjab Kings very happily shelled out a huge sum to secure his services after a fierce bidding on Thursday.

He grabbed attention with some power-packed performances as a finisher for Tamil Nadu in the domestic T20 event, which his team eventually won.

After his blistering 49 off 19 balls took TN past Himachal Pradesh in the quarterfinal from a tricky situation, his 7-ball 18 helped the team seal the title against Baroda.

He then attended trials with Rajasthan Royals, Kolkata Knight Riders and the Punjab franchise and it's clear he did make an impression.

"This year, I had no expectations. To be frank, I had nothing in my mind (about the auction). People were taking about the chances of me getting an IPL contract but I did not pay too much attention to it," he told PTI.

Shahrukh knows that IPL is a huge platform for any cricketer that helps in getting better.

"The IPL is a very big stage for any cricketer. Here, you get to play against and alongside the big names in international cricket. There is a lot to learn by just interacting with them and watching them. It has been the springboard for many cricketers to move on and play for the country," the TN batsman, who admires New Zealand captain Kane Williamson for on his on-field style, said.

suggestion of his mother's cousin, a huge Shahrukh Khan fan, the righthand batsman is seeking to create an identity of his own. His prospects of bagging an IPL

Named after the actor on the

contract were played up a couple of years ago but that didn't happen and resulted in disappointment. "I was disappointed, if I tell you I

wasn't (disappointed) I would be ly-ing," he said, adding: "But overcame it well. Instead of brooding over it, I

just thought about what next." Shahrukh, who made his firstclass debut in 2018 after having played for the state in List A and

T20s in 2014, rose through the

ranks. He was a star in school cricket



in Chennai and featured in the competitive TNCA League aged 13.

"But the stepping up to the next level, playing for Tamil Nadu was a different challenge," he said.

After his efforts in the TNPL, he came back in the Tamil Nadu team and has made his mark as a finisher in the last two seasons.

He worked on the role as a finisher and that has brought results.

"I was aware that I had to keep working on my role. Being a finisher meant one has to keep improving skills because a batsman can get found out soon. I have worked on my skills and focussed on hitting areas. There are still areas to improve, am just aiming to improving each day," he added.

He also said his trainer Azhariah Prabhakar, with whom he has worked since the age of 15, had helped him get stronger, both physically and mentally. "I will continue working with

him and try to keep improving," he concluded.

Cricket South Africa Approaches ICC To Lodge Complaint Against Cricket Australia

Press Trust of India

IOHANNESBURG: An irked Cricket South Africa (CSA) has finally lodged an official complaint with the ICC after Cricket Australia (CA) indefinitely postponed its nationa team's three-Test tour of that nation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Australia had earlier this month postponed their tour of South Africa next month, citing "unacceptable health and safety risk" in that country because of a fresh COVID-19 outbreak, a decision that virtually knocked them out of contention from the World Test Championship final later this year.

CSA had slammed its Australian counterpart for postponing the tour, saying it is "extremely" disappointing and will lead to "serious financial loss". It has now approached the ICC's dispute-resolution council on this matter.

According to a report in ES-PNcricinfo, CSA acting CEO Pholetsi Moseki has shot off a letter to the ICC, asking it "to look into whether CA's cancellation amounts to acceptable or unacceptable non-compliance as per the WTC terms, bearing in mind that the series cannot be rescheduled before the end of the WTC window, which is April 30, 2021."

CSA also wants the game's governing body to check the health

situation in South Africa to decide if Australia violated the FTP terms by postponing the tour. As per ICC's FTP terms and condi-

tions, member nations have an obligation to fulfil their commitments cluding government instruction. Citing a clause from WTC terms,

Moseki wrote that it is for the independent experts from South Africa to decide the severity of health risks that forced Australia to postpone their tour. "It would seem inappropri-

ate to appoint a health and safety consultant outside of South Africa given that such an expert consultant would be unlikely to properly and accurately comprehend the Covid-19 related risks within South Africa and how they may be adequately managed," Moseki wrote.

"Given the nature of the pandemic, it will inevitably require location-specific advice." Australia decided against touring South Africa as that country is currently battling a second wave of COVID-19 and a new variant of the virus.

It is not the first time that a cricket playing nation has cancelled a tour. In 2007 Australia decided against touring Zimbabwe on the advice of their government on political grounds and then in 2008 India didn't tour Pakistan due to tension between the two nations.

NOVAK DJOKOVIC To Enter Australian Open Final For 9th Time

Agencies

MELBOURNE: Novak Diokovic reached the Australian Open final for the ninth time by beating No. 114-ranked Aslan Karatsev 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. The top-ranked Djokovic is 8-0 in his previous trips

to the final at Melbourne Park. He is also unbeaten in all nine semifinals he has contested in Australia. Karatsev was the first man to reach the semifinals on his debut in a Grand Slam but his remarkable run came

on the blue court at Rod Laver Arena. The Russian qualifier was close for the first seven games and staged a comeback from 5-1 down in the second set but otherwise Djokovic was in command.

Diokovic has had an abdominal muscle problem since his second-round match but now says this is the 'best as I've felt the entire tournament'.

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Naomi Osaka Defeats Serena Williams To Reach Australian Open Final

MELBOURNE: As Serena Williams walked off the court after her latest so-close-yet-so-far bid for a 24th Grand Slam title ended with a loss to Naomi Osaka at the Australian Open, the 39-year-old American paused and put her hand on her chest while thousands of spectators rose to applaud.

Was this, Williams was asked at a news conference after the 6-3, 6-4 semifinal defeat, her way of saying goodbye? "If I ever say farewell," she replied with a smile, I

wouldn't tell anyone. When the next question returned the conversation to the subject of Williams' many mistakes Thursday (Wednesday night EST) twice as many unforced errors, 24, as winners, 12 she shook her head, teared up, said, I'm done, and abruptly walked out of the session with reporters. On Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. local time (3:30 a.m. EST), Osaka will meet first-time Grand Slam finalist Jennifer Brady of the United States for the championship. The 22nd-seeded Brady, who is from Pennsylvania and played college tennis at UCLA, prevailed in an epic, 18-point last game to edge No. 25 Karolina Muchova 6-4, 3-6,

6-4 in the semifinals. Brady dropped to her back at the baseline after saving a trio of break points, then converting her fifth match point when Muchova sent a forehand long. "My legs are shaking, Brady said. "My

heart is racing. She lost to Osaka in a three-set thriller in the U.S. Open semifinals last Septem-

"Everyone's just really excited whenever they play their first final," Osaka noted about what awaits Brady, "but they're also really nervous.

Williams was hoping to get to her 34th Grand Slam final but, once again, couldn't quite get the job done in order to add one more Grand Slam trophy to her collection of 23 and equal Margaret Court for the

most in tennis history. Osaka, who also beat Williams in the chaotic 2018 U.S. Open final that concluded with the crowd booing and both women in tears, reached her fourth major title match and stretched her winning streak to 20 matches by claiming the last

eight points. "I don't know if there's any little kids out here today, but I was a little kid watching her play," Osaka, 23, said about Williams, "and just to be on the court playing against her, for me, is a dream. The No. 3-seeded Osaka's Grand Slam collection also includes last year's U.S. Open and the 2019 Australian Open and she is, without a doubt, the most dangerous hard-court player in the women's

game at the moment.

That used to be Williams, of course. But she was off-target too much in this

"I could have won. I could have been up 5-Love, said Williams, who instead took a 2-0 lead at the outset before dropping the next five games. I just made so many er-

Her forehand, in particular, went awry, with no fewer than 10 unforced errors off that side in the first set alone. "Too many mistakes there, she said.

Williams' frustration was made plain early in the second set, when she leaned over and screamed, Make a shot! Make a After collecting her professional era-record 23rd Slam singles trophy at Melbourne Park while pregnant in 2017, Williams has reached four major finals and lost them all. She's also now lost in the semifinals twice in the past three majors.