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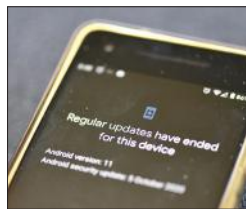
STRANGE RULES AT LAKHANPUR TOLL PLAZA BRING TROUBLE FOR PASSENGERS

The passengers travelling from different parts of India towards Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday complained that the authorities at Lakhampur Toll Plaza are....

P7 THINK

WHY YOU MAY HAVE TO BUY A NEW DEVICE WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT

We've probably all been there. We buy some new smart gadget and when we plug it in for the first time it requires an update to work. So we end up spending....



P11 SPORTS

AT AUSTRALIAN OPEN MEN'S FINAL, DJOKOVIC CHASES 18TH GRAND SLAM, MEDVEDEV 1ST

Novak Djokovic lost his first career Grand Slam final at the U.S. Open. Then he won his second, which came...

**Quote!**

The unexamined life is not worth living.
— Socrates

NEWS DIGEST**Lt Gen Raju To Be Army's New DGMO**

NEW DELHI: Lt Gen B S Raju, the General-Officer-Commanding of the Srinagar-based Chinari Corps, will be the new Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army, official sources said on Saturday. Lt Gen D P Pandey, currently serving as the Director General of the Territorial Army, will succeed Lt Gen Raju at the crucial corps in Srinagar that carries out the Army's counter-insurgency operations in Kashmir, they said. Lt Gen Raju, who » [More On P10](#)

3 Lottery Sellers Held For 'Cheating' People

SRINAGAR: Police arrested three lottery sellers on charges of cheating people in Sogam area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said Saturday. Mehrajuddin Shah, Yawar Irshad Malla and Wasim Akram Badroo were arrested after a woman from Takipora village of Lolab complained to police that the trio were cheating people in the name of lottery, they said. In this regard case, officials said, a case FIR No-03/2021 under section 420 IPC has been registered in Police Station Sogam.

Shell Explodes In School, Sweeper Injured

SRINAGAR: A sweeper was injured on Saturday after an old shell went off while he was cleaning a private school in Handwara area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district. Reyaz Ahmad Ahanger was cleaning the Hillwill School when the shell went off, leading to injuries to him, official sources said Saturday. He was shifted to hospital and his condition is stated to be stable, they said. SP Handwara Dr GV Sandeep said that investigations into the incident have revealed that it was old shell which » [More On P10](#)

Father, Son Killed In Highway Crash

JAMMU: A 70-year-old man and his son were killed while three others suffered injuries when a van and a truck collided on the Jammu-Pathankot highway in Samba district of Jammu region in the early hours of Saturday, police said. Both the vehicles were coming from Kathua and the accident took place near Mansar Morh around 2 am, a police official said. He said Hans Raj and his son Sohan Lal (35), residents of Ramgarh area of Samba, died on the spot, while three others Ramesh Chander (60), » [More On P10](#)

'They Were Once Mirrors': Green Srinagar's Stinking Waters

Augib Javed

64-years old Zahida vividly remembers her childhood days when she used to bath and fetch drinking water for home from Tsoont Kole—a navigational canal running through the Srinagar city. The water was so crystal clear, she recalled, that one could see face in it. "For us," she added, "the tributary was the makeshift mirror to groom our hair."

Zahida was born and brought-up in Kanimazar area of the old Srinagar, known as the "Venice of East" for its shimmering and serpentine water bodies. Back then, she would find solace at the banks of the water body. But now, it breaks her heart to see its putrefying plight.

Tsoont Kole is presently gasping



for breath, so do the other tributaries of the Dal Lake—that used to act like lungs for the iconic water body. The streams are choked with

garbage mostly polythene that could be seen piled up on the embankments as well as in the water. Successive regimes, environment

activists say, have failed to restore the glory of the pristine water bodies of Srinagar.

"In a place like Kashmir, when everything is dominated by politics and conflict, these things hardly get any space," said Zareef A. Zareef, a chronicler once part of Kashmir's 'Chipko Movement'.

Zareef blamed "unchecked political corruption" in the successive governments and peoples' ignorance towards religious and social values for the current situation of the water bodies.

"During my childhood days," the chronicler continued, "Nallah Mar was an important link connecting the business centre of Srinagar. It was considered as a lifeline of the city. However, with the arrival of motor transport, it gradually lost its sheen."

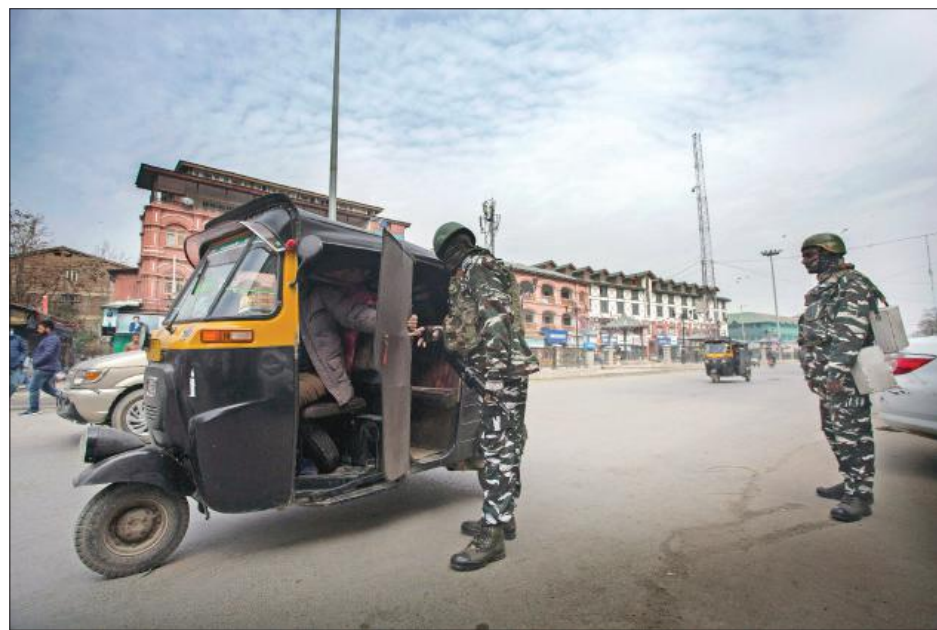
Also known as Mar Kol, Nallah Mar

connected the Brari Nambal lagoon to the Khushal Sar lake and thus provided navigability between the Dal and Aanchar lakes. It was filled up and converted to a road in the 1970s. Environment activists and experts term the "mindless move" as a death-knell to the Dal Lake.

Today, most of the pristine water streams of Srinagar have become open dumping yards. From households to shops, everything and anything finds its way to these water channels.

According to a report by the Jammu and Kashmir State Pollution Control Board, Srinagar generates 201 million litres of sewage daily but has the capacity to treat only 53.8 million litres.

"Disposal of untreated sewage into the Dal Lake and Jhelum river is one of the main » [More On P10](#)



KO Photo: Abid Bhat

Security Beefed Up In Srinagar After Fresh Militant Strikes

Badar Bashir

SRINAGAR: The government forces on Saturday stepped up vigil around vital installations and conducted random frisking in parts of this capital city in wake of spurt in militant attacks this week that left two policemen dead and a civilian injured.

Wearing bullet proof vests and helmets and carrying

assault rifles, CRPF personnel and cops carried out random frisking and identification checks at several places in the city, a day after two policemen were shot dead by militants in Baghat Barzulla area of the city on the Srinagar International airport road, witnesses told Kashmir Observer.

The forces, they said, had also erected » [More On P10](#)

IGP Calls For Strengthening Security Grid

Press Trust Of India

In the wake of the recent spurt in militant attacks in Srinagar, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar on » [More On P10](#)

Bihar Resident Arrested For Militancy Links

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A 25-year-old Bihar resident was arrested for his alleged links with militants in Jammu and Kashmir and was brought here on transit remand for questioning on Saturday, police said.

Javid Alam Ansari's name surfaced during questioning of Lashkar-e-Mustafa (LeM) chief Hidayatullah Malik and was arrested from his house at Deobahua village in Chapra on Monday night, a police official said.

Malik, a resident of Shopian, was arrested from the Kunjwani area of Jammu on February 6. He had formed LeM, an offshoot of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad outfit, in August last year.

Ansari was arrested from his house on Monday night by the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), Patna after it came to light that he had links with Malik and had supplied pistols » [More On P10](#)

PDP To Hold Presidential Polls On Feb 22

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) will conduct elections for the post of party President on February 22.

In a statement issued here, a party spokesman said that the members of the electoral college from Kashmir & Jammu provinces will vote to elect the party president on Monday in Srinagar and Jammu respectively. The three-year term of Mehbooba Mufti as the party president ended on October 31st last year but fresh elections couldn't be held » [More On P10](#)

Alert Sounded At Srinagar Airport**Covid-19 Test Report Now Mandatory For Inbound Travellers**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Taking no chance in view of rising coronavirus cases in parts of the country, the divisional administration on Saturday ordered a set of preventive measures, including preventing the inbound travellers to leave the airport until their test reports are received, in a bid to avert the spread of virus in the Valley.

The directions in this regard were passed by Incharge Divisional

Commissioner Kashmir Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary in a meeting convened here as part of the preventive plan to avert spread in the Kashmir division, an official spokesperson said.

He said that Choudhary directed for strengthening the preventive mechanism at the Srinagar airport instructing the Srinagar and Budgam district administrations to set up additional coronavirus testing facilities there and to enable quick receipt of test reports. "Dr Shahid instructed that no inbound traveller be allowed to leave the airport until their COVID-19 test report is received directing that test reports be issued on the spot before letting the » [More On P10](#)

IAF Withdraws Jammu Airport Closure Order**Restricted Flight Operations During Runway Resurfacing Work**

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The flight operations to and from Jammu airport would be restricted to seven hours for 41 days from March 10 as the Indian Air Force withdrew its earlier order proposing complete closure of the

airport for 15 days next month for resurfacing work of the runway, officials said on Saturday.

The decision was reviewed and modified by the IAF in consultation with the Airport Authority of India (AAI) at a meeting on Friday following instructions from the Union Defence Ministry, the officials said.

A day earlier, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar chaired a joint meeting » [More On P10](#)

HC Closes 'Unnecessary' PIL On Sangarmaal Allotments

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court has closed as "unnecessary" a Public Interest Litigation which had sought cancellation of all allotments in "Sangarmaal Shopping Complex" here and recovery of all dues as arrears of land revenue so that the amount

was used for welfare schemes within SDA's jurisdiction. "We do not feel that the Court has to remind the authorities about the implementation of the provisions of law and plans, regulating the development of the cities, towns etc., in Jammu and Kashmir," said a bench of Justices Ali Mohammad Magrey and Vinod Chatterji Koul.

"The petitioner has come in the PIL with vague pleadings and have not detailed out as to how

the public interest litigation is involved, in default of the authority having failed to adhere to the provisions of law," the court said, adding, "It is for the Government to look into all these matters, which are already regulated by the laws of the land...the instant petition, being unnecessary, shall stand closed."

In essence, the court said, the petitioner—Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Forum—was interested in promoting and securing the development of the local area, according to plan.

For that purpose, the court said, the authority has the power to acquire, hold, manage and dispose of land and other property to carry out building, engineering and other operations, to execute works in connection with supply of water and electricity, disposal of sewerage and » [More On P10](#)

Govt Aiming To Take J&K's Export Worth To Rs 5000 Crore: LG

Urges Srinagar, Jammu Be Opened To Regular Commercial International Flights

Observer News Service

Jammu: Asserting that his government is aimed to take Jammu and Kashmir's export worth from Rs 1400 crore to Rs 5000 crore in the next two years, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday requested that the twin capitals of Srinagar and Jammu be opened to regular commercial international flights to give a boost to tourism and trade.

Sinha made these remarks while speaking at the 6th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog, through virtual mode, an official spokesperson said Saturday. During the meeting, he said, the LG highlighted major reformative measures taken by the UT administration, besides apprising the meeting about the



new trajectory that the newly carved UT has undertaken in the past 17 months.

"After 5th August 2019, Jammu & Kashmir got new opportunities of socio-economic development that were not there for many decades. J&K is passing through a period of transition for development,

peace and prosperity. Today, among the people of Jammu & Kashmir, there is an outlook of hopeful optimism," Sinha said, as per an official spokesperson.

While making suggestions for giving further push to the developmental process in Jammu and » [More On P10](#)

HC Orders FIR Against Facebook India, Others In Online Fraud Case

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court has directed that an FIR be registered against Facebook India, its country head and six others on the complaint of a local resident that he was duped of over Rs 20,000 by an online fraudster through an advertisement placed on the popular social networking website last year.

In an order dated February

17, Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur said the in-charge, cyber cell of police would register an FIR and the same would be investigated by the concerned branch dealing with cyber offences.

The order was passed on a petition filed by Vivek Sagar through advocate Deepak Sharma.

The high court set aside the September 2, 2020 order by the special railway magistrate, Jammu directing SSP Crime Branch to » [More On P10](#)

How Smartphone Apps Extract Your Data Via Location Tracking

Agencies

Smartphone users are unaware of privacy implications of some permissions they grant to apps and services and researchers have been able to identify which kind of personal information the apps extract with location tracking on.

This is the first extensive study shedding light on the range of personal information that can be inferred from location-tracking data. C Consequently, the study by two researchers from University of Bologna, Italy and Benjamin Baron from University College London, the UK also shows how collecting such information can represent a violation of the users' privacy.

To this end, the researchers developed a mobile application—TrackingAdvisor—that continuously collects user location.

From the location data, the app can extract personal information and asks users to give feedback on the correctness of such information as well as to rate its relevance in terms of privacy sensitivity.

"Users are largely unaware of the privacy implications of some permissions they grant to apps and services, in particular when



it comes to location-tracking information", said Mirco Musolesi from University of Bologna.

Thanks to machine learning techniques, these data provide sensitive information such as the place where users live, their habits, interests, demographics, and information about users' personalities.

Through the TrackingAdvisor app employed in the study—published in Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies—researchers were able to identify which kind of personal information the app extracted and its privacy sensitivity according to users.

For the study, 69 users used TrackAdvisor for at least two weeks.

TrackAdvisor tracked more than 200,000 locations, identifying approximately 2,500 places and collecting almost 5,000 pieces of personal information concerning both demographics and personality.

Among the data gathered, the users find that the most sensitive pieces of information were the ones about health, socio-economic situation, ethnicity, and religion.

"We think it is important to show users the amount and quality of information that apps can collect through location tracking", Musolesi added.

"Equally important for us is to understand whether users think that sharing information with app managers or marketing firms is acceptable or deem it a violation of their privacy".

According to the researchers, analyses like this pave the way to designing targeted advertising systems that help users protect their privacy, especially with the data they deem more sensitive.

"Thanks to such systems, users interested—for example - in protecting information about their own health could receive a notification each time they go to a health clinic or hospital", said Musolesi.

But there is more. This could also lead to the development of systems that can automatically block the collection of sensitive data from third parties thanks to previously defined privacy settings, the authors noted.

Office of the Principal / Chairman Bangil Educational Institute UTIKOO (TANGMARG) KASHMIR

Recognized Vide Govt Order No 716-Edu of 2004
Dated 31-08-2004

Managing committee of the Institute at Present is following.

S. No	Name	Residence	Qualification	Occupation	Design in the Institute
01	Ab Rashid Shah S/o Qamardin Shah	Utikoo	B.A B. Ed	Retired Headmaster	Chairman/Principal
02	Ab Rashid Wani S/o Gh Qadir Wani	Utikoo	Elective Pass	Businessman	Administrator
03	Gh Mohd Wani S/o Fatma Mohd Wani	Utikoo	Matric Pass	Businessman	Organizer
04	Reyaz Ahmad Qadri S/o Peer Gh Mohiuddin Qadri	Utikoo	BA	Retired Range officer	Secretary
05	Gh Mohd Malik S/o Habibullah Malik	Utikoo	BA	Retired employee	Superintendent
06	Nazir Ahmad Qasim S/o Peer Gh Mohammad	Rawanpora	Molvi Fazil	Vice principal	Member
07	Fayaz Ahmad Parray S/o Gh Rasool Parray	Wuripora	M. A. M. Ed	Teacher	Member
08	Atiq Begum D/O Gh Mohd Lone	Utikoo	Matric	House Wife	Member
09	Shameema Begum W/o Mushtaq Ahmad Malik	Utikoo	B A B. Ed	Social Worker	Member

If anybody having any objection about managing committee will approach Director School Education within seven days from the publication of the notice. No Complaint after lapse of seven days not be considered for any objection

Yours Faithfully Chairman
Bangil Educational Institute UTIKOO

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SAD DEMISE

WITH Profound Grief And Sorrow We Inform The Sad Demise Of Mr Ghulam Hussain Akhooon S/O Late Ghulam Mohammad Akhooon Resident Of Check Sadrbal Behind Nit On 19-02-2021.His Fateh-I-Khawani Will Be Held On Monday , 22/02/2021, 7:30 Am At His Ancestral Graveyard Check Sadarbal.



BEREAVED
MR MOHAMAD YOUSUF AKHOON(BROTHER)
MR AKHTAR HUSSAIN AKHOON (BROTHER)

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JAMMU & KASHMIR PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LIMITED OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER JKPCC LTD GANDERBAL/BANDIPORA UNIT.

FRESH NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

NIT No: 01/e-Tendering/DGM/JKPCC/UNIT-Ganderbal-Bandipora of 2020-21 Dated: 18.02.2021

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, JKPCC Ltd, e-tenders (In Double cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K union territory Govt. CPWD, Railways and other States/U.T. and Central Governments for the following works.

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Amount In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (in Rupees)	Time of completion	Class of Contract	Class
1.	Construction of Balance finishing items of workshop Block Polytechnic College Bandipora (Composite Tender)	45.75	2500	60 Days	A & B -Class Civil	2nd

Position of AAA : Accorded Position of funds: Available

The Bidding documents consisting of specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18.02.2021
2.	Date of publishing of NIT Online	18.02.2021 at 4:00 PM
3.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 19.02.2021 from 4:00 PM to 11.03.2021 upto 4:00 PM
4.	Bid submission Start Date (Online)	18.02.2021 from 4:00 PM
5.	Bid Submission End Date	11.03.2021 upto 4:00 PM
6.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	12.03.2021, after 11:00 AM in the Office of the General Manager, (K) J&KPCC Ltd. Srinagar.
7.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

No: Ten/01-08
Dated:- 18-02-2021

DIPK-NB-5795/20

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager
JKPCC Ltd.
Unit-Ganderbal-Bandipora.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION KASHMIR

Subject: Inter-Provincial transfers.

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the information all the employees of School Education Department viz *lecturers/Master/Teachers/Non-teaching officials*, who intend to apply for inter-divisional/inter-provincial transfers shall apply online on the departmental website www.dsek.nic.in by or before 24/02/2021.

NO:DSEK/NT/INFORM/54/2021 /ALL/204-207

DATED: 19-02-2021

DIPK-13524/20

Sd/-
Director
School Education Kashmir

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DIVISION (PHE) BIJBEHARA

E- NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

(e-mail: phebijbehara230@gmail.com Telephone/Fax:01932-234230)

NIT No: Fresh e-NIT No 34/PHED/Bijbehara/ of 2020-21 Dated 17-02-2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders in Two cover system are invited on item rate basis from Registered Contractors registered J&K UT, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Advt. Cost Lacs	Cost of tender Doc Rs	Time for Compl Days	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1	Providing / laying / fitting of pipes for distribution system in various habitations of Brinly incl. completion of balance portion of quarter and fencing around structures WSS. Brinly Batapora	32.63	300	60	AAV/ BEE	NABARD
2	Balance portion including providing /laying fitting of pipes for supply mains and distt. System in Bon Tooru and Hard Tooru WSS Hard Tooru	43.57	400	60	AAV/ BEE	MNP Distt. Sector
3	Providing /laying / fitting of balance portion of supply mains on RS of K.P road from Burmzoo upto Khanwari Mattan incl shifting of existing connection to new supply mains WSS. Krangsoo	60.44	600	60	AAV	JKIDFC
4	Balance work of providing / laying / fitting of pipe network for WSS. Reshi Mohalla Khandipharie	35.79	300	60	AAV/ BEE	JKIDFC
5	Completion of pipe network by way of Providing / laying / fitting for WSS. Prakashpora	72.25	700	60	AAV	NRDWP

1. The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), terms & condition of contract can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the dates shown below:-

S. No.	Description	Date DD MM YYYY	Time
1	Publishing date of NIT	17 2 2021	10.00 AM
2	Download start date	17 2 2021	10.00 AM
3	Bid submission start date	17 2 2021	10.00 AM
4	Bid submission end date	27 2 2021	02.00PM
5	Bid opening date (Technical Cover)	27 2 2021	03.00 PM
6	Bid opening date (Financial Cover)	01 3 2021	11.00 AM
7	Only for those who qualify 1st cover Place for opening of bids and address for communication	Office Of The Executive Engineer PHE Division Bijbehara (phebijbehara230@gmail.com)	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

In case of bid of the lowest bidder is found unbalanced, he has to produce additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG before fixation of contract as per following break up within four days from the opening of tenders.

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz advertised cost on account of low rates	Additional performance security
1	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
2	Greater than 15% below	3%

The tenderer should in his own interest inspect and examine the site, its surroundings/topography, nature of ground, climatic conditions, accessibility or other relevant information at his own expenses and responsibility to satisfy himself before tendering for the advertised work. The bidder will have to execute each part of the work i.e. Civil / Electro-Mechanical part under the close supervision of the respective Engineer-in-Charge of Civil & Mechanical wings in-charge of the Scheme. If L1 fails to start the work within 15 days of the issuance of letter of intent or allotment, whichever is earlier, the department shall allot the work to the other willing Lowest bidder like L2, L3, L4 debarring the Contractor for a period of two years for participating in the e- Nit issued by the kmr. PHE Department Srinagar.

18.0 Any item of work which is required for satisfactory completion of the scheme / individual activity shall be exclusively responsibility of the contractor and no additional cost shall be paid to the contractor.

19.0 In case of any disputes / differences, the jurisdiction shall be to the Courts situated in Srinagar only. Supplies, if involved any, will be deducted at prevalent stock rates at the time of tender for such material. We look forward to your active participation.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor UT of Jammu & Kashmir

Executive Engineer,
(JSD) PHE Div, Bijbehara,

No: -PHEB/7713-7730
Dated:- 17/02/2021

DIPK-13475/20

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SONAMARG

Tel/Fax:- (0194-2416100 Ganderbal) Email:- sdaofficial@yahoo.com

TENDER NOTICE

e- NIT No. 03 of 2021 DATED: 19-02-2021.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, J&K, tenders are invited by Executive Engineer, Sonamarg Development Authority by e-tendering mode for operation of 5 MT/ Day segregator 01 MT/day Electro Magnetic Disintegrator, 5 MT/Day Composter from registered companies/ reputed firms/NGO's.

S.No	Name of Work	Period of Contract	Bid Amount/per annum	Cost of T/Doc.	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	Operation of 5 MT/Day segregator 01 MT/ day Electro Magnetic Disintegrator, 5 MT/Day Composter at Sarbal Sonamarg.	02 Years	-	1000/-	Registered Companies/ Reputed firms/NGO's.	Under Head Shri. Amarnathji Yatra 2021/ Capex Budget 2021-22

Position of AAA/TS:- Accorded

Position of Funds:- Committed.

1.The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	19-02-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 19-02-2021 3.00 P.M to 28-02-2021 04.00 P.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	From 19-02-2021 4.00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	28-02-2021 Up to 04.00 P.M
6	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	01-03-2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of Executive Engineer SDA, Mini Secretariat, Ganderbal

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Demand Draft (non refundable) in favour of Executive Engineer SDA (Tender Inviting Authority).

3. All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)

4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.

The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer, SDA.

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

Article III Scope of work:-

- Receive the pre-segregated waste at site.
- Segregation to be done before actually feeding the sate to the machines.
- Provided and applying of Bio-culture, Herbal Disinfectant, Absorbent in proper proportions to the waste. Maintain proper Heating inside the vessel for composting by means of Diesel Heating Blowers or otherwise.
- Operating the machine as per standard operating procedure of the manufacturing companies.
- In case of bad weather conditions or any other reasons if the waste is not brought to the plant or brought delayed, the company/firm shall have to process the same without keeping the same in backlog.
- The offered bid should include all the costs of chemicals & other required essentials and fuel/electricity charges needed during the operation.
- The compost thus produced have to be stored duly packed as per the direction of the department within the vicinity of Sonamarg Development Authority.

NIT No: - EE/SDA/754-59.
Dated:- 19-02-2021

DIPK-NB-5797/20

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Sonamarg Development Authority

RISE IN COVID-19 CASES OUTSIDE J&K

Preventive Measures Strengthened At Srinagar Airport

No Inbound Travellers To Be Allowed To Leave The Airport Until Their Test Reports Are Received: Shahid Choudhary

SRINAGAR: In view of the rising cases of COVID-19 as reported in some states of India the government in J&K is taking preventive measures aimed at averting spread of the infection in the UT.

In a meeting convened here as part of the preventive plan the Incharge Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary issued directions for putting in place required measures to avert spread in the Kashmir division.

He directed for strengthening the preventive mechanism at the Srinagar airport instructing the Srinagar and Budgam district administrations to set up additional coronavirus testing facilities there and to enable quick receipt of test reports.

Dr Shahid instructed that no inbound traveller be allowed to leave the airport until their COVID-19 test report is received directing that test reports be issued on the spot before letting the travellers go.

The instructions also come in the wake of a recent trend within Kashmir which shows a greater number of infections in travellers compared to local cases of COVID-19 infections.



Earlier while speaking during the meeting the Director Health Services Kashmir Dr Samir Mattoo who was also present said the situation surrounding COVID-19 in the division is positive adding that the transmission rate is also quite low. He observed that stricter measures at the airport are important to avert rise in infections within the division.

Meanwhile it's been decided that those travellers whose reports come positive would be isolated in order to prevent transmission and spread of the infection amongst the local population. Relevant protocol as given in the COVID-19 SOP manual will be followed in the case.

The meeting was informed that those with 48-hour-old RT-PCR negative reports from their departing cities will not have to undergo testing at the Srinagar airport.

It was informed that a rise in positive cases as reported in some states outside J&K along with the recent trend finding more infections in inbound travellers has necessitated taking these preventive measures as directed.

Additional District Magistrate Srinagar and Nodal Officer COVID-19 Mitigation Operations Srinagar Masarat Hashim, State Surveillance Officer IDPS and Nodal Officer COVID-19 Control Room Kashmir Division Dr Talat Jabeen Assistant Commissioner Revenue Budgam Raees Bhat, Chief Medical Officer Srinagar Dr Jehangir Bakshi and HOD Social & Preventive Medicine GMC Srinagar Dr Salim Khan attended the meeting.

Incharge COVID-19 Testing at Srinagar airport, Epidemiologists Srinagar and Bugam and officials representing SKIMS Soura, SKIMS MC&H Bemina and GMC Srinagar were also present in the meeting.

از نیابت ماگام بااجلاس جناب نائب تحصیلدار صاحب ماگام

عنوان: مضمون درخواست طاہر اہم وائے معرفت اور وائے مہیش اور وائے اولادان محمد اور وائے ساکنہ ماگام
برادر عطا جی ٹیکڈار ایریا سرٹیفیکٹ تحت SRO294

اشہار ہمداد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام
محکمہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست ہمداد ٹیکڈار ایریا سرٹیفیکٹ پیش کی ہے۔ جو کہ فخر ہذا میں زیر کاروائی ہے اور ایذا کرنے مطلوب ہے کہ یہ بذیل التزام پر منتقل ہے

محمد اور وائے ولد سلطان وائے	مزدوری	50 سال
عالیہ نگہ زہید محمد اور	گھریلو کام	48 سال
عشرت اور دختر	زیر تعلیم	22 سال
طاہر اور وائے پسر	زیر تعلیم	20 سال
عمر اور وائے پسر	زیر تعلیم	18 سال
مہیش اور وائے دختر	زیر تعلیم	16 سال
مسی مہی زہید محمد سلطان	عمر رسیدہ	70 سال

اسکے علاوہ عہد کی مہانت آمدنی ریلنگ و غیر ریلنگ 9166 ہے سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا انھیں کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہیمل کے امد چیل کریں۔ معاذ کرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہو گا۔

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از نیابت درگولہ بااجلاس جناب نائب تحصیلدار صاحب ماگام

عنوان: مضمون درخواست جاہد اہم ولد غلام محمد تلی و شانی اختر و الفت جان و سید جان دختران غلام محمد تلی
برادر عطا جی ٹیکڈار ایریا سرٹیفیکٹ تحت SRO294

اشہار ہمداد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام
محکمہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست ہمداد ٹیکڈار ایریا سرٹیفیکٹ پیش کی ہے۔ جو کہ فخر ہذا میں زیر کاروائی ہے اور ایذا کرنے مطلوب ہے کہ یہ بذیل التزام پر منتقل ہے

غلام محمد تلی ولد غلام حسن تلی	مزدوری	55 سال
حظیفہ بیگم زہید محمد	گھریلو کام	48 سال
جاہد اہم پسر	زیر تعلیم	20 سال
شانی جان دختر	زیر تعلیم	18 سال
فت جان دختر	زیر تعلیم	16 سال
سید جان دختر	زیر تعلیم	14 سال

اسکے علاوہ عہد کی مہانت آمدنی ریلنگ و غیر ریلنگ 4500 ہے سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا انھیں کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہیمل کے امد چیل کریں۔ معاذ کرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہو گا۔

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از نیابت نوپورہ

عنوان: مضمون درخواست بشیر اہم وائے ولد غلام احمد وائے ساکنہ نوپورہ ہمداد عطا جی SC
SRO294

اشہار ہمداد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام
محکمہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست ساکن دختر ہذا میں زیر کاروائی ہے اس نسبت پڑائی حلقہ سے راپورٹ قبول مطلوبہ تقوالت ریکارڈ طلب کے لئے جس سے کہاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل ساکنہ موٹو نو پورہ کا سکونت دار ہے کہ یہ بذیل افراد پر منتقل ہے کہ یہ سائل آمدنی مبلغ 59312 روپے تک ہے۔

بشیر اہم وائے ولد غلام احمد وائے
گھنسن بیگم زہید بشیر اہم
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ڈاکٹر بشیر

اسکے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کہہ نہیں بتایا گیا ہے سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا انھیں کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہیمل کے امد چیل کریں۔ معاذ کرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہو گا۔

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Public Notice

In apropos to the subject cited above Department of Horticulture Srinagar is implementing the scheme Backyard Horticulture under component Urban Rural Planation scheme Capex 2020-21. The quality fruit plants of elite varieties of different kinds predominantly apple are available on 90% subsidy that is at Rs 6/- plant which actually cost Rs 60/- . A minimum of 4 plants per house hold per beneficiary is targeted as the basic unit to promote nutritional gardening in the best interest of Urban / Rural populace.

Your goodself is requested to give an extra initiative for popularizing the scheme among the Rural/Urban masses. Your staff may contact our resource persons i.e Horticulture Development Officer Srinagar/ Zakura/ Shalimar at following contact No's.

1.	Saima Hameed	HDO Srinagar	6005926392
2.	Ashwani Sharma	HDO Zakura	9419100453
3.	Malik Abida	HDO Shalimar	7006646487

(C.L.Sharma)

Chief Horticulture Officer
Srinagar.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have purchased a vehicle Alto K10B bearing registration No Jk19 0714.Bearing chassis No MA3EADIEISO0 239891 Engine No K10BNO302382 Model 2011 from Sh.Fayaz Ahmad shah S/O Ghulam Mohi Din Shah R/O Asher Tehdil Banihal Disstt.Ramban. Now i intend to get the said vehicle transferred in my name .If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may contact the ARTO Ramban within the period of seven(07)days from the data of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Estates Department, Civil Secretariat J&K, Jammu.

Gist of e-NIT No. 01 Est of 2021
Dated: 19 -02-2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of J&K , e-tenders are invited from the registered reputed contractors/ dealers/firms/MSME units or registered suppliers for supply of various items and execution of various jobs in Civil Secretariat and other non move offices at Srinagar detailed as:

S.No.	Particulars	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document
1.	Carpentry Repair/Upholstery of old furniture	Rs. 0.20 lacs	Rs. 1,000/-
Date of Publishing of tender		20.02.2021	
Period of Down loading of documents		22.02.2021 from 10 A.M	
Bid submission start date		22.02.2021 from 2 P.M	
Bid submission end date (online documents)		05.03.2021 upto 4.00 P.M	
Date & time of opening of Bids (online)		06.03.2021 at 11.00 A.M or subsequent date in Room No.G-4 Civil Secretariat Sgr.	

The tender documents along with other Terms and Conditions of the NIT and relevant documents can be downloaded from website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.The tender shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

The bidders shall have to upload scan copies of the entire document like CDR / PAN/GST Number/Demand Draft/Tender Fee/registration Certificate duly renewed. The cost of tender documents shall be in the form of Bank Draft drawn in favour of Chief Accounts Officer, Estates Department J&K, payable at Srinagar/Jammu. Earnest money as mentioned above in the shape of CDR pledged to Director Estates Department. The cost of documents is non refundable while as earnest money is refundable.

sd/
Director Estates,
Govt. of J&K, Srinagar.

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Subject: Conduct of Mop-up round of up-gradation/ allotment counselling (physical) of B.Sc Nursing/ B.Sc Paramedical/ B.Sc Technology Courses-2020.

Reference: i) Notification No.061-BOPEE of 2020 dated 03.12.2020.
ii) Notification No.058-BOPEE of 2020 dated 07.12.2020.
iii) Notification No.061-BOPEE of 2020 dated 18.12.2020.
iv) F.No.1-6(1T)-2020-INC dated 24.12.2020.
v) Notice No.006-BOPEE of 2021 dated 08.01.2021.
vi) Order No.12-BOPEE of 2021 dated 16.01.2021.
vii) Notification No.058-BOPEE of 2020 dated 07.12.2020.
viii) Notice No.010-BOPEE of 2021 dated 19.01.2021.
ix) Notification No.018-BOPEE of 2021 dated 07.02.2021.
x) Notice No.022-BOPEE of 2021 dated 13.02.2021

Notice No: 23-BOPEE of 2021
Dated:19.02.2021.

Consequent upon the completion of second round of physical up-gradation/ allotment counselling of B.Sc Nursing/ B.Sc Paramedical/ B.Sc Technology Courses-2020 and subsequent receipt of shortfall from the Government / Private Colleges/ Institutions, it is hereby notified that the mop-up round of physical counselling for these courses shall be held at BOPEE Office, Srinagar/ Jammu from 22.02.2021 to 25.02.2021 simultaneously. The candidates interested to participate in the mop of round are advised to report at BOPEE Office, Srinagar/ Jammu between 9.30 AM to 10.30 AM, as per the schedule for conduct of mop-up round notified as under:-

Date	Rank	Remarks
22.02.2021	01 to 5102	All reserved category candidates including STL/STK/CDP/JKPM/SP
23.02.2021	01 to 1500	Open Merit candidates
24.02.2021	1501 to 3000	Open Merit candidates
25.04.2021	3001 to onwards	Open Merit candidates

Note:

- The candidates who have been up-graded during second round of counselling shall not be eligible to participate in the counselling.
- The candidates who have been allotted seat during second round of counselling but failed to join in the allotted College/ Institution shall not be eligible to participate in this round of counselling.
- The candidates who have been allotted seats during second round of counselling and have joined against the said seat shall be eligible for up-gradation.
- The candidates once up-graded shall not be eligible to participate in this round of counselling.
- The candidates who have been allotted seat during first round of counselling but failed to join the College/ Institution due to one or the other reason are also eligible to participate in this round of counselling.
- The candidates who have missed to participate in first and second round of allotment / up-gradation counselling shall be eligible to participate in this round of counselling.
- The Board shall conduct the counselling of all category candidates on 22.02.2021. The seat(s), if any, remaining unfilled on conclusion of counselling on 22.02.2021 shall be converted into open merit and subsequently filled-up w.e.23.02.2021 to 25.02.2021 on their own risk and responsibility.
- The reserved category candidates, if any, who wish to participate in counselling from 23.02.2021 to 25.02.2021 as open merit candidate shall be allowed to do so.
- Only such candidates are eligible to participate in mop-up round who have been allotted UT Ranks by the Board after Registration.
- The counselling shall be closed immediately on exhausting of seats.
- The seat matrix shall be uploaded on website of the Board in due course of time (www.jkbopee.gov.in).
- The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified by the Board vide e-Information Brochure/ Notifications/ Notices issued from time to time on the subject.

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No:BOPEE/Exam-35(iii)/2020

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- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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- Srinagar- Leh- (Closed)

This Day in History

- 1613 - Michael Romanov, son of Patriarch of Moscow, elected first Russian Tsar of the house of Romanov.
- 1675 - Prince Willem III appointed viceroy of Gelderland
- 1746 - Jacobite Rising 1745: British forces surrender Inverness Castle to Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite forces
- 1777 - British ambassador Joseph Yorke demands dismissal of Governor John de Graaff for saluting US flag
- 1782 - US Congress resolves establishment of a US mint
- 1848 - Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels publish "The Communist Manifesto" in London
- 1874 - Benjamin Disraeli succeeds William Gladstone as British Prime Minister
- 1901 - In Cuba, the constitutional delegates adopt a constitution much like that of the USA
- 1915 - Russian 20th Army corps surrenders to the German 10th Army after being surrounded
- 1916 - World War I: Battle of Verdun begins, leads to an estimated 1 million casualties
- 1917 - British troopship SS Mendi sinks off Isle of Wight, 646 die
- 1922 - Britain declares Egypt a sovereign state
- 1932 - Andre Tardieu becomes Premier of France
- 1937 - The League of Nations bans foreign national "volunteers" in the Spanish Civil War.
- 1947 - 1st instant developing camera demonstrated by Edwin Land in NYC
- 1969 - 1st launching of heavy N-1 rocket at Baikonur Kazakhstan (explodes)
- 1972 - Richard Nixon becomes 1st US president to visit China
- 1973 - Israeli fighters shoot Libyan aircraft down, killing 108
- 1974 - Israeli forces leave western Suez
- 1979 - Japan launches Hakucho X-ray satellite & Corsa-B (550/580 km).
- 1981 - Japan launches Hinotori satellite to study solar flares (580/640 k)
- 1981 - NASA launches Comstar D-4
- 1987 - Syrian army marches into Beirut
- 1991 - USSR announces Iraq agrees to a proposal to end Persian Gulf War US calls the plan unacceptable
- 1996 - Soyuz TM-23, launched into orbit
- 2012 -Yemeni voters go to the polls for a presidential election where the only candidate on the ballot paper is vice-president Abd Rabbuh Mansur al-Hadi
- 2013 - 83 people are killed and 250 are injured in a series of bombing attacks in Damascus, Syria
- 2013 - 21 people are killed and 54 are injured in a bombing in Hyderabad, India.
- 2014 - 11 people are killed after a Libyan Air Force plan crashes in Tunisia.
- 2014 -Police in Kiev open fire on protesters: 27 killed and around 570 injured
- 2016 - Bombings in the Syrian cities of Homs and Damascus kill 140 people, Islamic State claims responsibility

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IF THERE IS HELL ON EARTH, IT IS HERE

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR - The devil himself could not have conceived of tortures more horrible. Security forces drenched a local imam of Rafiabab with kerosene, set him alight, and flung him half-dead into his home, with a dire warning of consequence! still more hide-ous if the family let out even a chirp about the incident. As the cleric hovers between life and death in hospital, his relatives say police have refused to reg-istered a case.

Locals say the 35-year-old imam, Ghulam Hassan Kumar, of Shalakot, Rafiabab, was arrested by personnel of the 28th Rashtriya Rifles (RR) last Wednesday evening, i.e. the 14th of February, when he was on his way to the mosque. The RR-patrol which picked him up had accused him of signaling away some foreign mili-tants, who they said, had been working near the place of wor-ship.

Residents of the area and the imam's relatives and neigh-bours say that Kumar's captors had torn off flesh from his arms and legs during his eleven-day-long 'detention'.

He was flung into a blazing fire, and when he crawled out badly burnt, he was put through another ordeal: kero-sene oil was poured on his chest, and set on fire again.

When he miraculously sur-vived the torture, the RR major set him free on February 15. Dumping the imam near his home, he was warned neither to go to a hospital nor to inform anyone else. Ghulam Hassan had been i suffering his agony in silence, but seeing his condition deteriorate, some villagers and relatives mustered courage and shifted him to the Baram-ulla hospital. He is said to have sustained 90 per cent burns and doctors say his condition is critical. Relatives say they had tried to register an FIR but the police had refused to do so.

Meanwhile, Hassan has been shifted to the SMHS hospital here.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 21 February, 2001)

5 Pakistani Soldiers Killed By Terrorists In Balochistan Province



KARACHI: At least five Pakistani soldiers were killed and two others injured when suspected terrorists carried out attacks through remote-controlled bombs in two separate areas in the restive Balochistan province. The attacks targeting Frontier Corps (FC) soldiers took place on Thursday on the outskirts of Quetta and in a remote area of Kohlu district. The first attack took place in the Bypass area outside Quetta when a remote-controlled bomb fixed to a motorcycle was detonated near a Frontier Corps (FC) convoy in which a soldier was killed and two others injured, security officials said. The explosion took place near

a vehicle of the FC, which was on a patrol duty. In the second attack in the remote Kahan area of Kohlu district, terrorists attacked a FC checkpoint late at night in which four soldiers were killed. "The armed men opened indiscriminate firing on the checkpoint from where soldiers also retaliated," security officials said. Terrorists and separatists in the province which is the hub of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) activities have stepped up attacks on security personnel in recent days. On February 15, a similar armed attack on a FC checkpoint in the remote area of Kuch a soldier killed a soldier and injured others. PTI

3-Month Gap Between Oxford Vaccine Jabs Gives Better Efficacy: Study

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: A three-month interval between doses of the Oxford COVID-19 vaccine results in higher vaccine efficacy than a six-week gap, according to a new study which says the first dose can offer up to 76 per cent protection in the months between the two jabs. The results of the analysis from a phase 3 randomised controlled trial, published in The Lancet journal, suggest that the interval between doses can be safely extended to three months given the protection a single dose offers. According to the researchers, including those from the University of Oxford in the UK, this dosage regimen is beneficial while vaccine supplies are initially limited, and may allow countries to immunise a larger proportion of the population more rapidly. "Vaccine supply is likely to be limited, at least in the short term, and so policy-makers must decide how best to deliver doses to achieve the greatest public health benefit," said study lead author Professor Andrew Pollard from the University of Oxford. Mr Pollard believes policies of initially vaccinating more people with a single dose may provide greater immediate population protection than immunising half the number of people with two doses, especially in places where the Oxford vaccine is in limited supply. "In the long term, a second dose should ensure long-lived immunity, and so we encourage everyone who has had their first vaccine to ensure they receive both doses," he added. From the study, the researchers sought to understand the effect of different intervals on protection after the second dose, and the risk of infection between jabs -- either due to lower efficacy of a single dose, or rapid



waning of efficacy while waiting for the second dose. They combined data from clinical trials in the UK, Brazil, and South Africa, which together included a total of 17,178 adult participants. According to the researchers, these participants either received two standard doses of the Oxford COVID-19 vaccine, or a control vaccine/saline placebo. In the UK trial, they said a subset of participants received a lower dose of the vaccine as their first dose. The scientists compared the number of symptomatic COVID-19 cases in the control and COVID-19 vaccine groups, occurring more than 14 days after the second dose. They also estimated the impact of one or two doses of the vaccine on reducing COVID-19 cases as an indicator of how the vaccine might help to reduce transmission in the community. To evaluate the efficacy of a single dose, the authors assessed participants who had taken their first standard dose but tested positive for COVID-19 more than 21 days afterwards. According to the scientists, participants who were given their doses 12 or more weeks apart had greater protection than people given their two doses less than six weeks apart. They said the efficacy results were supported by immune response results in the participants, which found that binding antibody responses were more than two-fold higher in the group having their two vaccines with a longer delay.

Let's Prepare Together For Long-Term Competition With China, Biden Tells Europe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

US President Joe Biden on Friday told his European partners and allies to "prepare together" for long-term strategic competition with China, as he underscored the need of working with democratic partners to outpace every challenger. "You know, we must prepare together for long-term strategic competition with China. How the United States, Europe and Asia work together to secure the peace and defend our shared values and advance our prosperity across the Pacific will be among the most consequential efforts we undertake," Biden said in his address to the Munich Security Conference. "Competition with China is going to be stiff. That's what I expect and that's what I welcome because I believe in the global system, Europe and the United States together with our allies in the Indo-Pacific worked so hard to build over the last 70 years," he said. Biden said that they have to push back against the Chinese government's economic abuses and coercion that undercut the foundations of the international economic system. "Everyone, everyone must play by the same rules. US and European companies are required to publicly disclose corporate governance structure... to corporate governance structures and abide by rules to deter corruption in monopolistic practices," he said. Chinese companies should be held to the same standard. "We must shape the rules that will govern the advance of technology and the norms of behaviour in cyberspace, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, so that they are used to lift people up, not used to pin them down. We must stand up for the democratic values that make it possible for us to accomplish any of this, pushing back against those who would monopolise and normalise repression," he said.

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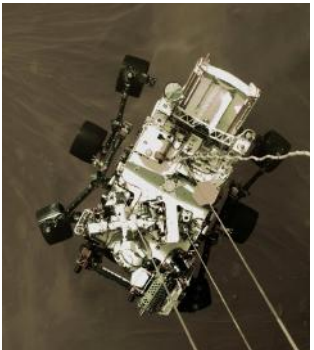
“WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE GOAL of a Europe whole and free and at peace. The US is fully committed to our NATO alliance, and I welcome your—Europe’s—growing investment in the military capabilities that enable our shared defence,”

Biden as a senator was a regular participant to the Munich Security Conference. He had addressed the premier European event as the vice-president thrice and once as a private citizen during the previous Donald Trump Administration. "The Transatlantic alliance is a strong foundation, the strong foundation on which their collective security and shared prosperity are built. The partnership between Europe and the United States is and must remain the cornerstone of all that they hope to accomplish in the 21st century, just as they did in the 20th century," he said. But the challenges being faced today are different, he noted. "We're at an inflection point. When I spoke to you as a senator and even as vice president, the global dynamics have shifted. New crises demand our attention. We cannot focus only on the competition among countries that threaten to divide the world or only on global challenges that threaten to sink us all together if we fail to cooperate. We must do both working in lockstep with our allies and partners," Biden said. In his address, Biden assured his European allies that the US will work closely with them to meet the range of shared challenges they all face. "We continue to support the goal of a Europe whole and free

and at peace. The US is fully committed to our NATO alliance, and I welcome your—Europe’s—growing investment in the military capabilities that enable our shared defence," he said. "You know, to me and to the United States and to us... we'll keep faith with Article 5; it's a guarantee. An attack on one is an attack on all. That is our unshakeable vow," he said. Biden said his administration strongly supports the diplomatic processes under way to bring an end to the Afghanistan conflict that is closing out 20 years. "We remain committed to ensuring that Afghanistan never again provides a base for terrorist attacks against the United States and our partners and our interest. Our European partners have also stood with us to counter ISIS," he said. The United States, he said, must renew America's enduring advantages, so that it can meet today's challenges from a position of strength. That means building back better economic foundations, reclaiming its place in international institutions, lifting up values at home and speaking out to defend them around the world. "Modernising our military capabilities while leading with diplomacy... revitalising America's network of alliances and partnerships that have made the world safer for all people.

‘Something We’ve Never Seen’: Mars Rover Beams Back Selfie Of Moment Before Landing

LOS ANGELES: NASA scientists on Friday presented striking early images from the picture-perfect landing of the Mars rover Perseverance, including a selfie of the six-wheeled vehicle dangling just above the surface of the Red Planet moments before touchdown. The colour photograph, likely to become an instant classic among memorable images from the history of spaceflight, was snapped by a camera mounted on the rocket-powered "sky crane" descent-stage just above the rover as the car-sized space vehicle was being lowered on Thursday to Martian soil. The image was unveiled by mission managers during an online news briefing webcast from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) near Los Angeles less than 24 hours after the landing. The picture, looking down on the rover, shows the entire vehicle suspended from



three cables unspooled from the sky crane, along with an "umbilical" communications cord. Swirls of dust kicked up by the crane's rocket thrusters are also visible. Seconds later, the rover was gently planted on its wheels, its tethers were severed, and the sky crane - its job completed - flew off to crash a safe distance away, though not before photos and other data collected during the descent were transmitted to the rover

for safekeeping. The image of the dangling science lab, striking for its clarity and sense of motion, marks the first such close-up photo of a spacecraft landing on Mars, or any planet beyond Earth. "This is something we've never seen before," Aaron Stehura, a deputy lead for the mission's descent and landing team, describing himself and colleagues as "awe-struck" when first viewing the image. **INSTANTLY ICONIC** Adam Steltzner, chief engineer for the Perseverance project at JPL, said he found the image instantly iconic, comparable to the shot of Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin standing on the moon in 1969, or the Voyager 1 probe's images of Saturn in 1980. He said the viewer is connected with a landmark moment representing years of work by thousands of individuals. Reuters/AP

Italy's Coastguard Searches For Survivors After Migrant Shipwreck

Agencies

The Italian coastguard has launched a rescue operation after a boat carrying at least 50 migrants and refugees capsized overnight off the coast of Lampedusa. The coastguard said on Saturday the incident took place 15 nautical miles (28km) off the southern coast of the Sicilian island as emergency crews were trying to bring the people on board its boat. A spokesperson said 45 people have been rescued so far and a helicopter has been deployed to help find survivors. Citing witnesses' testimonies, the coastguard said five to 10 people were believed to be missing. According to the latest data

gathered by the interior ministry, 2,931 migrants reached Italy this year by boat compared with the 2,065 that arrived during the same period last year. Lampedusa is one of the first points of entry for migrants trying to reach Europe by crossing the Mediterranean Sea from Africa. The UNHCR described the central Mediterranean as the most dangerous migration route worldwide -- one in six people who depart the shores of North Africa dies. Since the beginning of this year, 161 migrants have lost their lives attempting the perilous journey, and at least 20,000 migrants have died attempting the Mediterranean since 2014, according to data gathered by the International Organisation for Migration.

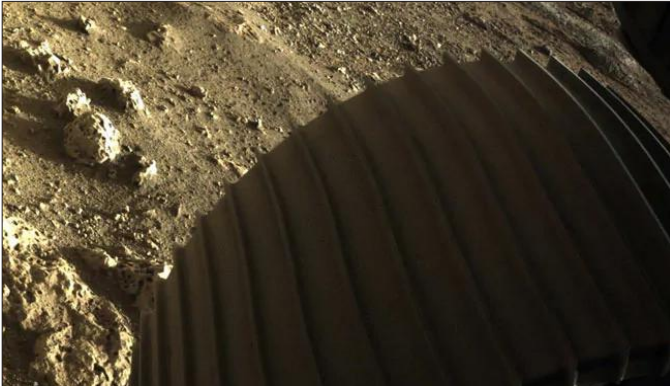


"Dare Mighty Things": Mars Rover Beams Back Spectacular New Images

Agencies

WASHINGTON: NASA on Friday released stunning new photographs from Perseverance, including one of the rover being gently lowered to the surface of Mars by a set of cables, the first time such a view has been captured. The high-resolution still was extracted from a video taken by the descent stage of the spacecraft that had transported the rover from Earth. At that moment, the descent stage was using its six-engined jet-pack to slow to a speed of about 1.7 miles (2.7 kilometers) per hour as part of the "sky crane maneuver," the final phase of landing. "You can see the dust kicked up

Perseverance has also been able to upload its first high-resolution, color photo showing the flat region it landed on in the Jezero Crater, where a river and deep lake existed billions of years ago. A second color image shows one of the rover's six wheels, with several honeycombed rocks thought to be more than 3.6 billion years old lying next to it. "One of the questions we'll ask first is whether these rocks represent a volcanic or sedimentary origin," said NASA deputy project scientist Katie Stack Morgan. Volcanic rocks in particular can be dated with very high precision once the samples are brought back to Earth on a future return mission -- an exciting development from a planetary science perspective. As the first images came in, "it was exhilarating, the team went wild," said mission operations system manager Pauline Hwang. "The science team immediately started looking at all those rocks and zooming in and going, 'What is that!' -- it couldn't have been better." The first two images were released on Thursday shortly after the rover landed, but they were lower resolution and in black-and-white because of the limited data rate available.



by the rover's engines," said Adam Steltzner, Perseverance's chief engineer, who estimated the shot was taken about two meters (six feet) or so above the ground. The three straight lines are mechanical bridges holding the rover underneath the descent stage, while the curly cable was used to transmit the data from the cameras to Perseverance. Another new image, taken by the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, captures Perseverance as it was parachuting down through the atmosphere at hundreds of miles an hour.

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Iran To Launch Production Line Of 100-Seat Passenger Plane

Agencies

The head of Iran's Civil Aviation Organization has announced plans to launch the production line of a 100-seat passenger plane and use IrAn-140 aircraft as a cargo jet. Speaking to Tasnim news agency on Friday, Touraj Dehghani Zanganeh hailed achievements made by Iranian knowledge-based companies in repairing and supplying aircraft parts. "We are expanding the aircraft manufacturing program in the country, according to which IrAn-140 plane will be used as a cargo aircraft. It will be used in mili-



tary units," he said. "In addition, we are working on launching the production line of a 100-passenger passenger plane." The IrAn-140 is a locally built variant of the Antonov An-140. It is assembled under license by Iran Aircraft Manufacturing Industrial Company (HESA) in Isfahan.

Iran has in recent years made great strides in developing its civil aviation sector in defiance of the sanctions that have sought to restrict the country's access to the sophisticated foreign technology. It has already been among the leading states in manufacturing military planes.

Facebook Has "Tentatively Friendled Us Again": Australia

CANBERRA: Facebook Inc is back at the negotiating table, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said on Saturday after the tech giant this week blocked news on its site in the country. Facebook's abrupt decision to stop Australians from sharing news on the site and strip the pages of domestic and foreign news outlets also erased several state government and emergency department accounts, causing widespread anger. The company has "tentatively friendled us again," Morrison told a news conference in Sydney. "What I'm pleased about is that Facebook is back at the table again." Facebook has publicly indicated no change in its opposition to a proposed law requiring social media platforms to pay for links to news content. Morrison was not asked about that.



Australia's Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said on Friday he had spoken with Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and further talks were expected over the weekend. It was not clear whether those talks have happened. Representatives for Frydenberg did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The stand-off comes as Aus-

tralia's vows to press ahead with the landmark legislation, which could set a global precedent as countries like Canada express interest in taking similar action. The Australian law, which would force Facebook and Alphabet Inc's Google to reach commercial deals with Australian publishers or face compulsory arbitration, has cleared the lower

house of parliament and is expected to be passed by the Senate within the next week. Canadian Heritage Minister Steven Guilbeault said on Thursday his country would adopt the Australian approach as it crafts its own legislation in coming months. Google, which has initially threatened to close its search engine in Australia, has announced host of preemptive licensing deals over the past week, including a global agreement with News Corp. Facebook's move had an immediate impact on traffic to Australian new sites, according to early data from New York-based analytics firm Chartbeat. Total traffic to the Australian news sites from various platforms fell from the day before the ban by around 13% within the country. **Reuters**

Start Dialogue With Pak To End Violence In J&K: Mehbooba To Gol



SRINAGAR: Former Chief Minister and the PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Saturday called for dialogue with Pakistan while asking New Delhi to think as to how long people of Kashmir shall have to be “sacrificed”.

“How long police and other jawans get sacrificed? This is a very big issue and it needs to be resolved so that people of Jammu and Kashmir live peacefully. See the young man was killed. He has two small kids. His father was killed at the age of 4. What will they do?” Mehbooba said after visiting Logripora Aishmuqam area of South Kashmir’s Anantnag district to express her sympathies with the bereaved family of a Police Constable Suhail Ahmad who was killed in the militant attack in the Baghat area of the city on Friday.

“Three police men were mercilessly killed yesterday within a few hours. The government of In-

dia should think about how long the people of J&K will continue to be sacrificed like this. Police and others jawans are getting sacrificed,” she said, adding, “I think the entire central government and BJP should think regarding Kashmir and start a process of dialogue so that bloodshed ends in Jammu and Kashmir.

She said that people are getting killed “everyday”.

“The government should initiate dialogue whether here or with Pakistan but they should start the process. The government is repeatedly saying that Pakistan is creating violence here. At least start the dialogue for stopping the violence,” she said. “Even graveyards are full in Kashmir now,” she added as per a GNS correspondent.

Two policemen were killed in a militant attack in the Bhagat Barzulla area of Srinagar while an SPO was killed in a gunfight at Beerwah Budgam.

29 Structures Closed Down Along Jammu Highway

JAMMU: In a major action, the district administration Jammu have closed at least 29 structures including many prominent business establishments located along national highway in Narwal-Sidhra area of Jammu city.

The owners of these establishments have been asked to produce documents to justify the validity. An official statement issued from the office of Deputy Commissioner Jammu said, it has been stated that around twenty nine structures have been closed on the highway in Jammu.

“These structures are located

between Narwal and Sidhra areas of national highway and prima facie appear the have been constructed on state land,” the statement reads.

“Other commercial establishments on same road which are not currently believed to be on state land are operating normally,” said officials.

They added that further proceedings will be initiated by revenue officials immediately and in case the owners have any legal and valid claim, that shall be duly considered before any measure is taken.

Body Of 38-Yr-Old Found In Handwara In Handwara



KUPWARA: A male body was on Saturday found in man town Handwara in north Kashmir’s Kupwara district. Medical Superintendent District Hospital Handwara Dr. Nisar said that a male body of around 38-year old has been brought to the hospital.

The body of Muhammad Amin Tantray of Khunbal Handwara was found within the main town.

He said that the body will undergo the postmortem and the cause of death will be ascertained accordingly.

Man Dies In Kulgam Mishap



Kulgam: A man was killed after the vehicle he was driving turned turtle in Yaripora area of South Kashmir’s Kulgam district on Saturday.

An official said that the man driving Scorpio vehicle bearing registration no. JK01Q-7999 lost control and turned turtle resulting in his on spot death.

He identified the deceased person as Tariq Ahmad Bhat son of Mohammad Abass Bhat, a resident of Manchwa.

He said that a case has been registered while the body has been handed over to his legal heirs for last rites.

Covid-19: 68 Test Positive In J&K, No Death Reported In Last 24 Hours

SRINAGAR: Sixty eight fresh cases of Covid-19 were reported in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday taking the tally of cases into 125,783 while no death related to Covid-19 was reported in the last 24 hours in the Union Territory.

Of the exact number of 125,783cases, 73,941 are from Kashmir and 51,840 from Jammu division. Officials said that among 68 new cases, 50 belong to Kashmir division while as 18 are from Jammu division, adding that the total number of positive cases in Kashmir division have reached to 73,941 including 72,159 recoveries and 1,229 deaths while as total number of positive cases in Jammu division have reached to 51,842 including 50,970 recoveries and 725 deaths.

The officials said that the total number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 700 including 553 from Kashmir division and 147 from Jammu division.

With 70 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in Jammu and Kashmir has reached to 123,129 which is 97.90 per cent of the total cases.

“Cases tested positive in J&K include 24 from Srinagar, 06 from Baramulla, 01 from Budgam, 07 from Pulwama, 00 from Kupwara, 06 from Anantnag, 02 from Bandipora, 02 from Ganderbal, 02 from Kulgam and 02 from Shopian in Kashmir division while as 18 from Jammu division include 10 from Jammu, 05 from Udhampur, 02 from Rajouri, 00 from Doda, 00 from Kathua, 01 from Samba, 00 from Kishtwar, 00 from Poonch, 00 from Ramban and 00 from Reasi,” officials disclosed.

As per officials figures,



26,742 positive cases including 461 deaths and 25,964 recoveries are from Srinagar, 8,180 including 175 deaths and 7,966 recoveries are from Baramulla, 7,851 including 7,691 recoveries and 119 deaths are from Budgam, 5,829 including 5,698 recoveries and 89 deaths are from Pulwama, 5,672 including 96 deaths and 5,572 recoveries are from Kupwara, 4,980 including 4,859 recoveries and 86 deaths are from Anantnag, 4,709 cases including 4,631 and 62 deaths are from Bandipora, 4,664 including 4,594 recoveries and 47 deaths are from Ganderbal, 2,717 including 2,651 recoveries and 54 deaths are from Kulgam and 2,597 including 2,533 recoveries and 40 deaths are from Shopian.

In Jammu division, 25,149 including 24,681 recoveries and 373 deaths are from Jammu district, 4,256 including 4,176 recoveries and 57 deaths are from Udhampur, 3,875 including 3,815 recoveries and 55 deaths are from Rajouri, 3,436 including 3,371 recoveries and 64 deaths are from

Doda, 3,256 including 3,203 recoveries and 53 deaths are from Kathua, 2,836 including 2,790 recoveries and 40 deaths are from Samba, 2,733 including 2,711 recoveries and 22 deaths are from Kishtwar, 2,520 including 2,479 recoveries and 24 deaths are from Poonch, 2,135 including 2,114 recoveries and 21 deaths are from Ramban and 1,646 including 1,630 recoveries and 16 deaths are from Reasi.

As per the daily information bulletin 1,257,447 persons in Jammu and Kashmir are under observation while 34,046 persons have been kept under home quarantine besides that 700 persons are in isolation.

According to the bulletin, 1,111,873 persons have completed surveillance period and 108,874 persons are under home surveillance besides that so far results of 4,993,409 samples are available.

Out of 4,993,409 the number of samples tested negative stands at 4,867,626 while as 125,783 have tested positive, among them 700 persons are active, 123,129 persons have recovered and 1,954 persons have died.

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Stage Set For Constituting First Ever District Development Councils In J&K



SRINAGAR: After holding elections for chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of district development councils in Jammu & Kashmir, the administration is set to constitute DDCs in all 20 districts of the UT.

Sources said that Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj would soon issue statutory orders notifying the constitution of DDCs.

“The State Election Commission would soon forward the names of chairperson, vice-chairpersons and elected members for issuing notifications. The DDCs shall be deemed to be constituted once department issues notifications,” they disclosed.

It is pertinent to mention here that each DDC will also have five standing committees.

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Strange Rules At Lakhapur Toll Plaza Bring Trouble For Passengers

SRINAGAR: The passengers travelling from different parts of India towards Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday complained that the authorities at Lakhapur Toll Plaza are resorting to unfair and illogical rules by asking them to board new vehicles after the mandatory covid tests and for which they have to pay fresh fare.

A traveller Shakeel Ahmad said that all the passengers en-route Jammu and Kashmir are asked to walk one kilometer by foot and are directed to get into a new vehicle towards Jammu or Kashmir.

He said that this strange direction is given to Jammu or Kashmir bound passengers, but the passengers coming by train or for Vaishno Devi visit are not put to this hassles.

“This strange treatment and direction is given to Jammu and

Kashmir bound travelers. It not only wastes our times, but we have to pay new fare from the Toll Plaza. Besides the passengers are asked to board private or government provided vehicles for reaching the destinations,” he said.

He said that no reason is given to such a strange arrangement which puts commuters to a lot of hassles and they fail to reach their destinations on time.

“All such passengers suffer because of this strange direction. It has resulted in immense suffering of employees, students, tourists, businessmen and other commuters,” another traveler Ajay Thakur said.

The passengers have appealed to the LG administration to look into the matter and demanded easing of the travel hassles at the Toll Plaza. (KDC)

Panels Set Up For Implementation Of Schemes For J&K’s Industrial Development

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Three committees, including an apex panel, have been constituted by the government for governance and implementation of a central sector scheme for the industrial development of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, according to a commerce and industry ministry notification.

The three-member apex committee will be chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha are the members.

This apex committee will “decide upon any modification in the scheme within its overall financial outlay which have not been specifically delegated under the power and function of other committees,” the department for promotion of industry

and internal trade (DPIIT)’s notification said.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration in January had announced a new industrial developmental scheme with a total outlay of Rs 28,400 crore to encourage new investment and to take industrial development to the block level and far-flung areas of the union territory.

The eight-member steering committee, to be chaired by DPIIT Secretary Guruprasad Mohapatra, will monitor the smooth implementation and issue detailed guidelines for execution including the different levels of delegation for registration and sanction of claims under the overall supervision of UT level committee.

It will also decide on matters relating to registration, commencement of production/operation, including extension of the dates.

Dr Farooq Calls For Protecting Linguistic Heritage Of J&K

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) President and Member of Parliament from Srinagar Dr Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said that mother tongue is the underlying component of one’s culture and identity and that every effort should be made to protect the linguistic diversity of Jammu and Kashmir.

In his message on the mother tongue day, Party President, while remarking on the importance of preserving the linguistic heritage of Jammu and Kashmir said the mother tongue must be the medium of instruction in schools especially at formative stages.

“It lays a strong foundation for the expression of creativity and personality development. It also fosters creativity at the formative stages. As far as Kashmiri language is concerned, it is richly endowed with classical as well as folk literature watered over thousands of years by various poets, sages, rhetoricians and linguists. Having a large number of speakers, Kashmiri enjoys the

privilege of being one of 22 languages mentioned in the eighth schedule, yet that does not put the language out of risk of getting extinct. Therefore the need of the hour calls for taking radical steps to protect it and propagate it. Urdu, no doubt glues all the people of Jammu and Kashmir together, but languages like Kashmiri, Dogri, Pahari, Gojri, Punjabi should not be relegated to obscurity,” he said.

Calling for a comprehensive strategy to help keep Kashmiri and other languages in Jammu and Kashmir alive, he called for prioritizing it in the education sector, especially during formative years of learning. In addition he emphasized on having Special grants for scholars pursuing research programmes in Kashmiri and other languages. Incentivization of Publication of journals, magazines and papers in the local native languages like Kashmiri, Dogri, Gojri, Pahari, Punjabi, he said would go a long way in protecting the linguistic heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

از نیابت کھرہامہ

مضمون کاغذات درخواست عرفان احمد واسرائی شفیق پھران محمد شفیق گھڈ ساکنہ ونو ضلع کپوارہ برادعطا نیکی RBA۔

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معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل دفتر ہذا میں زیر کاروائی ہے اس سلسلے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول ریکارڈ طلب کیا گیا ہے جس سے عیان ہے کہ سائل موضع دروئیں میں رہائش پذیر اور کسبہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔

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بکیم جان زید محمد شفیق گھڈ	گھر بی کام	50 سال	
نابدہ خانم دختر محمد شفیق گھڈ	زیر تعلیم	18 سال	
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منیر احمد ولد محمد عبدالرشید گوجر کھٹانہ	زیر تعلیم	10 سال	
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The Indian-American Survey

The 2020 survey carried out by Carnegie Endowment, tries to find and analyse the reasons for Modi's popularity in the United States

ASAD MIRZA

Indian Americans' policy views are more liberal on issues affecting the United States and more conservative on issues affecting India. Regarding contentious issues such as the equal protection for religious minorities, immigration, and affirmative action, Indian Americans uphold relatively more conservative views of Indian policies than of US policies

Indian-origin American citizens now comprise the second-largest immigrant group in the USA. Over the years with increasing political influence and playing an active role in the US internal politics, this group also tends to be actively involved in the politics of the country of their origin. Since the turn of the twenty-first century the burgeoning U.S.-India partnership, which has enjoyed steady progress and has touched on areas as diverse as climate change, defence, and space exploration. Thus, an analysis of their role and attitudes has an important influence on both the American and Indian policy makers besides the US-India relations.

Outreach to the far-flung Indian diaspora has been a signature element of Indian PM Narendra Modi since coming to power in 2014. Modi has focussed particularly on the Indian diaspora in the USA, a considerable percentage of whom is from his home state Gujarat, and has held two massive rallies in 2014 and 2019 on the US soil. These gatherings signified the particular importance that the Modi government has placed on the Indian diaspora as a force multiplier of India's foreign policy. The Indian American immigrant group has become the second largest in the United States and as per current count stands at more than 4 million.

These high-octane gatherings, however, naturally lead to a series of questions: How do Indians in America regard India, and how do they remain connected to developments there? What are their attitudes toward Indian politics and changes underway in their ancestral homeland? And what role, if any, do they envision for the United States in engaging with India?

To analyse these and other related issues Carnegie Endowment of the US, commissioned a survey on How Indian Americans Feel about India and Prime Minister Modi. The online survey was carried out by Devesh Kapur, Professor of South Asian Studies and director of Asia Programs at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; Milan Vaishnav, a senior fellow and director of the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Sumitra Badrinathan, a PhD student in political science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Survey Takeaways

The survey lists out four major takeaways from the analysis. First, Modi's popularity across most of the major demographic groups is striking. Second, older Indian Americans tend to be more favourably disposed toward Modi. His approval is highest among those



above the age of fifty (55 per cent), but it is nearly as high among thirty- to forty-nine-year-olds (53 per cent). However, there is no clear gender disparity: men and women approve of Modi in nearly equal proportions (49 and 50 per cent, respectively).

Third, Modi fares better among non-U.S. citizens, naturalised citizens, and immigrants who are more recent arrivals. Fifty-three percent of non-citizens and 52 per cent of naturalised Indian Americans approve of Modi compared to 44 percent of U.S.-born citizens. Interestingly, Modi's approval is lowest among Indian Americans who have been in the country the longest. For respondents who have been in the United States for more than twenty-six years, Modi's approval stands at 46 per cent.

Fourth, there are also striking patterns when analysing the data by occupation and region of origin. Indian Americans employed as engineers (including architects and computer scientists), are more supportive of Modi than non-engineers: 61 per cent of engineers approve of Modi compared to 48 per cent of non-engineers.

In terms of region of origin, the analysis used a respondent's 'mother tongue' as a proxy. Modi's support is greatest among those who speak Hindi or the languages of Western India (Gujarati and Marathi) at 66 and 65 per cent, respectively. Conversely, it is lowest among those from Eastern India (speaking languages such as Assamese, Bengali, or Odia) at 38 per cent and

those from primarily English-speaking families at 34 per cent.

The relationship between duration of stay in the United States and support for Modi could be either due to informational or selection effects. More recent arrivals are likely to be more plugged into the Indian political scene. At the same time, those who came to the United States earlier likely hailed from an Indian middle class forged in a polity dominated by the Congress Party, while recent migrants arrived during a time of BJP political dominance.

Major findings

On foreign policy, Indian Americans endorse efforts to deepen ties between Washington and New Delhi and share broadly negative views of China. However, they are more split on how far the two countries should go in confronting China. This study is the second in a series on the social, political, and foreign policy attitudes of Indian Americans. The major findings are briefly summarised below.

Indian Americans are divided about India's current trajectory. Respondents are nearly evenly split as to whether India is currently on the right track or headed down the wrong track. Indian Americans are especially concerned about the challenges which the government corruption and slowing economic growth pose to India's future.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is the most popular political party among Indian Americans. One-third of respondents favour the ruling BJP while just 12

per cent identify with the Congress Party.

Indian Americans hold broadly favourable views of Modi. Nearly half of all Indian Americans approve of Modi's performance as prime minister. This support is greatest among Republicans, Hindus, engineering professionals, those not born in the United States, and those who hail from North and West India.

Indian Americans' policy views are more liberal on issues affecting the United States and more conservative on issues affecting India. Regarding contentious issues such as the equal protection for religious minorities, immigration, and affirmative action, Indian Americans uphold relatively more conservative views of Indian policies than of US policies.

Indian Americans heavily rely on online sources for news about India, though they do not view it as particularly trustworthy relative to traditional news sources.

Indian Americans are broadly supportive of the US-India relationship. A plurality of Indian Americans believes that current levels of US support for India are adequate, while a large majority hold unfavourable opinions of China.

However, Indian Americans are divided about US efforts to strengthen India's military as a check against China. Foreign-born Indian Americans and those who identify as Republicans are more supportive of US efforts to support India militarily than their US-born and Democratic counterparts.

The parallels between a Modi-supporter be it in India or in the USA, are very uncanny and that's what provides foot soldiers to his politics, beside the well-educated and settled individual.

These stark realities are a definite pointer to the trajectory, which the Indian politics seems to have taken during the last 15-20 or so years. With BJP rising to be a regular actor on the national political scene, it has been able to consolidate its grip over power through a campaign led by PM Modi, and there seems to be no alternative to its brand of majoritarian politics to be replaced soon, as most of the significant political players in India have been swept to the margins, the Survey concludes.

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This Decade's Growth Champions

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With 2021 still young, and hope in the air thanks to new COVID-19 vaccines and a new occupant of the White House, we can finally stop covering our eyes in horror and peer furtively into the future. As the decade unfolds, which countries are likely to be the biggest economic success stories?

My bet is on South Korea, Vietnam, and Mexico, three countries at markedly different stages of development. South Korea is an advanced economy, while Vietnam is what the World Bank calls a lower middle-income economy, like India or Bangladesh. Mexico, an upper middle-income country like Colombia, Botswana, or Indonesia, is somewhere in between. I predict that each of these economies will outperform others in its cohort over the next ten years.

South Korea is the safest pick of the three. Beginning in the late 1970s, during the last years of Park Chung-hee's presidency, its economy gathered steam and sustained a two-decade-long growth run, before hitting the roadblocks thrown up by the 1997 East Asian financial crisis.

Rich countries have less growth potential than poorer ones. But among rich countries, South Korea's prospects stand out – mainly because of its investment in human capital. With 3,319 patent applications per million population in 2019, South Korea is head and shoulders above

other countries. Japan had the second-highest number, with 1,943, while China and the United States had 890 and 869, respectively. In April 2019, South Korea became the first country to launch a nationwide 5G campaign, and South Korean firms plan to capture 15% share of the global 5G market by 2026.

Moreover, South Korea has gone some distance toward solving a market failure that plagues all countries: teacher selection. As many studies, such as by Abhijit Banerjee and Andrew Newman, and Oded Galor and Joseph Zeira, have shown, schoolteachers are typically paid less than they should be, which I believe is because the effect of a good education cascades down to future generations. Good teachers are thus a bit like good climate policy: future generations benefit, but they have no influence over today's decisions.

South Korea has drawn some of its most talented people into teaching, and schoolteachers are among the country's richest people. The story of Cha Kil-yong, who earned \$8 million in one year teaching school mathematics online, has few parallels anywhere.

President Moon Jae-in's efforts to create a more equitable and inclusive society also augur well. Acts like moving the president's official residence from the palatial Blue House to a more ordinary government complex in downtown Seoul are symbolic but important gestures. My expectation is that South Korea's per capita income will overtake that of Japan within

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the next ten years.

Vietnam had a per capita income of just \$1,297 in 2010, when it was one of the world's three fastest-growing economies, along with India and China, both of which were richer. The country maintained its impressive growth rate since then, and its per capita income now exceeds India's.

This success story began in 1986, when the Communist Party of Vietnam's Sixth National Congress adopted the Doi Moi

policy of moving away from a command economy to a more market-oriented model. In recent years, Vietnam has cut its tariff rates, opened its borders to trade and foreign investment, and invested heavily in human capital.

Vietnam's impressive management of the COVID-19 pandemic has given the economy an additional shot in the arm. The country's low crude mortality rate of 0.4 COVID-19 deaths per million people and 2.9% economic growth in 2020, a year when most economies shrank, are remarkable achievements. The steady inflows of foreign investment that Vietnam is now attracting could make it one of the world's leading manufacturing hubs.

Unlike Vietnam, Mexico is reeling under the pandemic, and President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO), the latest world leader to be infected, must take responsibility for some of the mismanagement. Nevertheless, since AMLO became president in 2018, there has been a resurgence of hope. He initiated what he called Mexico's "Fourth Transformation," a progressive economic agenda that aims to promote growth and remove some egregious elite privileges. To emphasize this, AMLO refused to live in the presidential mansion, Los Pinos, opting for a simpler residence.

Along with Vietnam, Mexico has the greatest potential to become a global manufacturing hub. The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which entered into force last year, can further these three economies' integration. In fact, with

the US and Canada providing capital and advanced technology, and Mexico marshaling its ample labor force, the region could experience a major resurgence and outcompete China. Now that US President Joe Biden has taken office, trilateral relations should improve. All three countries will benefit, but Mexico will gain the most, because it has more scope for catch-up growth.

Finally, there is the puzzling case of India. Until a few years ago, the country's rapid growth of about 9% per year made it a major global economic success story. But the economy has since slumped, with falling growth from 2016 to 2020 – the longest slide since independence.

Yet, fundamentally, India is one of the strongest emerging economies. It has a world-class information-technology sector, a strong pharmaceutical industry, and a small segment of highly educated workers. The stumbling block is the country's divisive politics, which have eroded trust and caused the investment rate to fall steadily over the last few years.

If India can clean up its political act, it can be a global growth leader. But that is a big "if." At least for now, it puts India out of the running when it comes to picking this decade's likely economic winners.

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UPGRADE RAGE

why you may have to buy a new device whether you want to or not

MICHAEL COWLING

Perhaps the best we can hope for is for manufacturers to work harder to recycle and upgrade devices for consumers. Companies such as Apple already do this, with machines that can disassemble iPhones and remove the precious metals and components for recycling, but more work needs to be done.

We've probably all been there. We buy some new smart gadget and when we plug it in for the first time it requires an update to work.

So we end up spending hours downloading and updating before we can even play with our new toy.

But what happens when we can't update our gadgets any further?

Vintage technology

Every year vendors such as Apple and Google add to their list of vintage devices that no longer get operating system or security updates.

For example, owners of the Pixel 2 smartphone (released by Google in 2017) were told in late 2020 they would no longer receive regular scheduled system updates and security updates.

Upgrading to Google's newest smartphones won't insulate them from this problem for long. Owners of the latest Pixel 5 are told to expect this device (released in October 2020) to be made vintage in 2023.

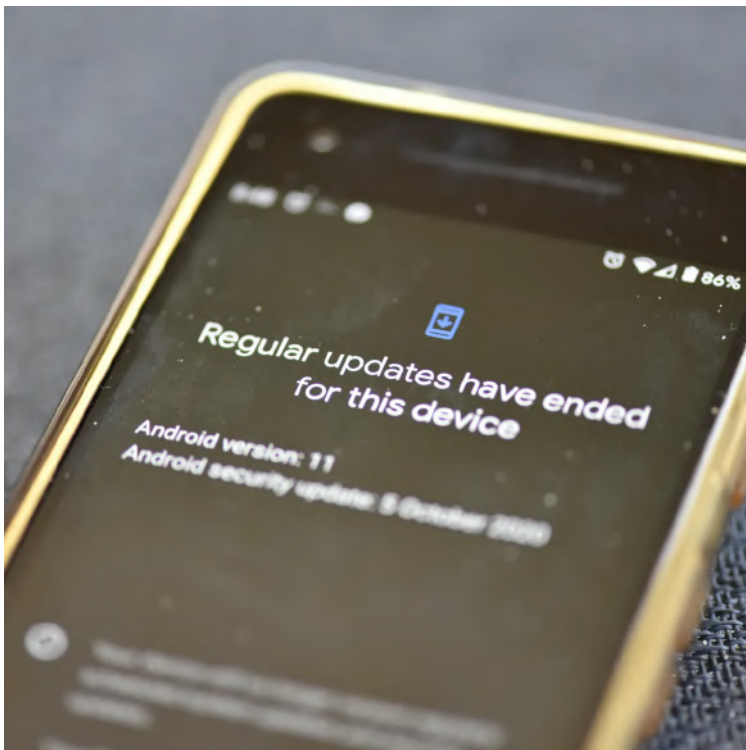
While Apple has a reputation for supporting devices for longer than Google and Samsung with Android, even Apple owners are occasionally in for a shock, such as those users who bought the Apple Watch SE or Apple Watch 3 late last year only to discover it only works with an iPhone 6s or above.

Even if an operating system vendor still supports a device, this presumes the apps and network connections will still work for older devices, which is not always the case.

The unrelenting march of technology

Technology is not what it used to be. Twenty years ago, we could buy a laptop and everything would work pretty much the same for over a decade.

For example, switch on an old Windows XP machine (no longer supported by Microsoft) and any installed Word and Excel software will be there just as we left them, still available for your document and spreadsheeting needs. (We



need to be careful about updating any software as then it might not work on the XP machine.)

If we want to play some old computer games, there's an argument that an old machine or operating system will be a better choice to play on as a newer machine will run the game too fast, or be incompatible and not run it at all.

But the world of technology has changed in the last ten years or so. More and more apps need a network connection to operate, or take advantage of new features in the software or hardware that didn't previously exist such as augmented reality (AR), so they need a new device to work.

Cables, chips and wireless networks

Even on the hardware front, there are concerns. Try and attach our old fitness band to our new smartphone and we might find the Bluetooth protocol it uses to communicate is no longer supported, or

the servers they used to run were attacked and taken down by hackers.

Backers of the original smartwatch, The Pebble, found themselves on the wrong end of this situation when the company was bought by Fitbit, who decided to shut down the Pebble servers. This effectively turned all Pebble watches into paperweights, although an unofficial fix was developed.

Assuming the hardware works, we might find the network connection deserts us.

The WiFi Alliance last year announced a new WiFi standard, increasing speeds for countries that support it.

But it's already the case that older WiFi devices running on older standards can have trouble connecting to new networks, and even if they can they are likely to slow down the whole network.

In the world of cellular networking, some parts of the old 3G

network (famous for powering the iPhone 3G released a little more than ten years ago) has been shut down in some countries (including Australia), with the whole service destined for the dustbin in several years. Even if we could power up that old iPhone, it wouldn't get any phone service.

A call for sustainable technology

So what's the solution to this problem of disposable and expiring technology? One suggestion is that manufacturers move to making devices more modular, comprised of several detachable components.

Components could then be replaced as they expire, just like we are able to do with desktop computers by replacing the video card, sound card or other components.

Some manufacturers, such as Essential, Motorola and Google have all tried this approach with a modular phone but with limited success.

The modularisation process results in a larger, more cumbersome device in a world where thin and svelte is everything.

Perhaps the best we can hope for is for manufacturers to work harder to recycle and upgrade devices for consumers. Companies such as Apple already do this, with machines that can disassemble iPhones and remove the precious metals and components for recycling, but more work needs to be done.

In particular, the commercial aspect of these initiatives likely still needs to be worked out. Some service providers offer trade-in in deals for old phones but you still have to pay for a new phone. Many people aim to use older devices to avoid paying for a new device after all.

Until manufacturers are willing to perhaps just do a straight swap of that old gadget for a new model with no money down, it's likely we will still live in our expiring device culture for a while yet.

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Covid-19 Has Changed University Teaching

Here are five things to stick with in the future

PAUL COWELL

COVID-19 has been extraordinarily challenging for universities and students, and the disruption will likely persist beyond the rollout of a vaccine. The demands on academic staff and students have been – and continue to be – unparalleled. Both must manage work-life balance while teaching and learning in a largely unfamiliar way, in the midst of persistent uncertainty.

However, in the space of 12 months, students and teachers have radically redefined their roles in higher education. Significant difficulties have largely been met with determination and invention.

Here are five changes made to higher education that it would be valuable to continue with after COVID-19.

Technology for learning

As a researcher whose work focuses on the economic investment and behaviour of students in higher education, I have noted the enormous potential for using technology to deepen and support learning outside the classroom. With lecture halls standing empty, this potential has been put sharply into focus.

Before the pandemic, the online learning environment existed predominantly as a virtual filing cabinet. It was a store of course materials, and not where any of the learning took place. The pandemic has illuminated what can be done with this online space: it can be engaging, enriching, and accessible.

Videos and interactive media are now part of how students learn, and discussion boards allow for conversations to continue and ideas to be recorded outside classes.

Redefining engagement

The very definition of student engagement is contentious, and varies by context. Largely, though, it refers to a



student's participation in their learning journey.

Before the pandemic, engagement and attendance were often synonymous: a student's participation in a course was measured by whether or not they turned up in person to lectures or classes. When no one can be physically present, we are forced to redefine what engagement truly means, and how we can be sure it is happening.

The interactions and discussions that students take part in online can say much more about engagement than simply showing up at a lecture. This is particularly true for those with caring or childcare commitments, who might have found regularly attending a class on

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campus challenging but are able to demonstrate their enthusiasm and insight more clearly online.

Creative assessment

High-stakes final assessments – such as written examinations, undertaken en masse in timed, silent conditions – are impossible during a pandemic. What's more, they are bad for student wellbeing, do not accurately represent skills such as creativity and often bear little resemblance to the real-world settings students will be entering after university. Traditional examinations have a focus on recalling information rather than exploring a topic.

Assessments that are open-book –

such as producing case studies, putting together policy briefing papers, and recording podcasts – reward curiosity and academic inquiry. Here, assessment is part of the learning journey. I have used this in my teaching, asking students to present videos, podcasts or blogs instead of traditional essays.

Students as partners

Online learning requires significant commitment from students, and students and lecturers have had to work together to achieve success. In many cases, this has led universities to increasingly regard students as partners in their education.

Students can co-design activities and assessments, making them active participants in their learning. Students can help shape the format of live activities, for instance, by giving regular feedback – something that is easier to carry out online.

Changing the formula

The combination of lectures and tutorials that, for many subjects, makes up a university education has been recognised as not always fit for purpose.

The sudden switch to online learning, with little warning or experience, has been difficult for many teachers and students. But, with time to plan, incorporating online teaching will allow lecturers to focus on what activities best suit the subject they are covering and design them to fit.

Lectures can be replaced with peer instruction – where students assume the role of instructor and teach their peers – or virtual field trips, where a class is able to take a virtual tour of a physical space.

COVID-19 has been a huge challenge for higher education – but universities can learn from this challenge to improve learning and teaching for the future.

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Wildlife trade drives declines of over 60 pc species abundance: Study

Press Trust Of India

International wildlife trade is causing declines of over 60 per cent in the abundance of species on the planet, say scientists who call for more research on the impacts of this severe threat across the world.

The scientists, including those from the University of Sheffield in the UK, found that wildlife trade is causing declines of around 62 per cent in the abundance of species, with endangered species suffering losses of over 80 per cent.

Although there are policies managing trade, the study, published in the journal Nature Ecology and Evolution, warned that without enough research on the effects of wildlife trade these policies cannot claim to safeguard species.

According to the researchers, at least 100 million plants and animals are internationally trafficked each year and the international wildlife trade is said to be worth between \$4-20 billion per year.

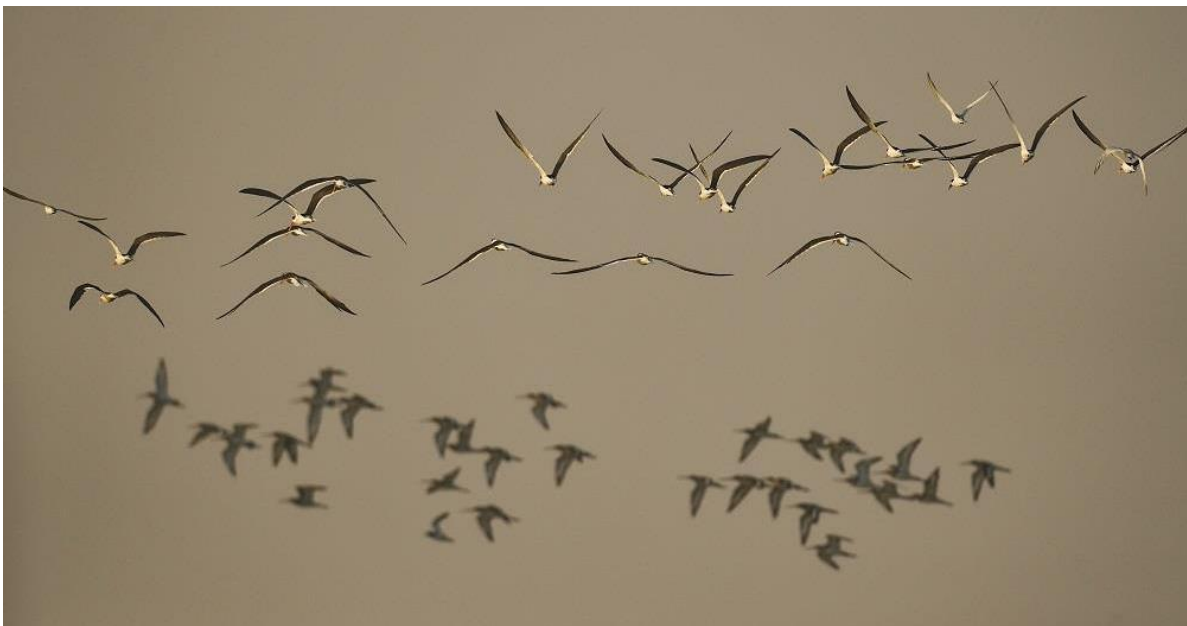
Citing some examples, they said wildlife trade continues to impact the decline of African

elephants due to the ivory trade and the demise of pangolin species across Africa and Asia.

The research called for better protective measures for threatened species and management of trade with trade still driving declines of 56 per cent in protected areas.

“Thousands of species are traded for pets, traditional medicines, and luxury foods but how this impacts species’ abundances in the wild was unknown,” said David Edwards,

“Such high levels of offtake suggests trade is often unsustainable, yet a lot of trade is conducted legally. As a society, we urgently need to reflect upon our desire for exotic pets and the efficacy of legal frameworks designed to prevent species declines



Professor of Conservation Science at the University of Sheffield.

While the declines in abundance are worse for species being traded as pets, the scientists said these were also caused by trade for bushmeat.

“Our research draws together high-quality field studies to reveal a shocking reduction in most traded species, driving many locally extinct,” said Edwards, one of the corresponding authors of the study.

The scientists believe trapping drives particularly severe declines in species at high risk of extinction and those traded for pets.

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yet a lot of trade is conducted legally. As a society, we urgently need to reflect upon our desire for exotic pets and the efficacy of legal frameworks designed to prevent species declines,” Edwards said.

According to the scientists, an understanding of how wildlife trade is impacting species is severely lacking in developed nations, and for many commonly traded wildlife groups, despite it being one of their biggest drivers of species extinction.

“Where extraction for wildlife trade occurs, we found large declines in species abundances. This highlights the key role global wildlife trade plays in species extinction risk,” said Oscar Morton, lead author of the research from the University of Sheffield.

Without effective management, Morton believes such trade will continue to threaten wildlife.

“For such a severe threat to global wildlife, we uncovered concerning limited data on the impacts of wildlife trade in Asia, North America and Europe, as well as a lack of data for many amphibians, invertebrates, cacti and orchids, despite these groups often being traded,” he added.

Scholarships This Week

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

Scholarship Name 1: GEV Memorial Merit Scholarship 2020-21 for Law Students

Description: GEV Scholarship Fund Trust invites applications from students pursuing law courses at undergraduate or postgraduate level in India. The scholarship aims to provide financial support to meritorious law students and help them pursue a quality legal education at premier Indian institutes.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open for Indian nationals only. They must be already enrolled in any year of an LLB/LLM degree course at a recognized law institute in India or applying for CLAT, LSAT-India, AILET, or any other law entrance exam in 2021. The students are required to have scored a minimum of 60% in Class X and XII board exams. They must have an annual family income not more than INR 10,00,000 (10 lakh) from all sources. Also, they must be willing to sign-up for scholarship fund's annual mentorship programs to assist and nurture the next batches of GEV Merit Scholars.

Prizes & Rewards: INR 50,000 to INR 2,00,000 per year
Last Date to Apply: 28-02-2021

Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/GMM3

Scholarship Name 2: IIM Ahmedabad Research Assistantship (EPABA) 2021

Description: Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad invites applications for IIM Ahmedabad Research Assistantship (EPABA) 2021 from master's degree holders.

Eligibility: The fellowship is open for candidates who hold a first-class masters degree. They must have an MBA degree with first class. They must have proficiency in R and Python. They must have Project/ Internship/ Job experience involving applications of statistical methods in solving real-life problems.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 40,000 per month
Last Date to Apply: 08-03-2021
Application mode: Via email only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/MRA7

Scholarship Name 3: SERB Core Research Grant (Individual Centric) 2021

Description: The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) invites applications for the SERB Core Research Grant (Individual Centric) 2021 from emerging and eminent scientists. The scheme provides core research support to active researchers and encourages emerging scientists in the field of science and engineering for an individual-centric competitive mode of funding.

Eligibility: The grant is open for Indian citizens. They must hold a regular academic/research position in a recognized academic institution or a national laboratory or in any other recognized R & D institution in India. The PI and Co-Investigator(s) should hold PhD degree in Science, Mathematics, Engineering or MD/MS/MDS/ MVSc degree at the time of applying for the grant.

Prizes & Rewards: Core research support
Last Date to Apply: 08-03-2021
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/RBC7ry
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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of the Chief Horticulture Officer, Srinagar

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Short Term Tender Notice

Short Term Tenders are invited in sealed envelope affixed with Rs.5/- Revenue Stamp from Registered Excavator owners/Contractors/ Suppliers and Alliance Dealers for rate offer per hour for leveling of land at Hi-Tech Walnut Nursery Zawaora with Terms and Conditions as mentioned below:-

S.No.	Name of the Destination
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Terms and Conditions:-

- Tender document can be obtained from the office of under signed during the office hours upto 24th of February 2021 against payment of Rs. 10/- and should be returned in single cover envelope affixed with Rs.5/- revenue stamp after completing the formalities by or before 25th of February 2021 upto 2.00 PM. The same shall be opened on the same day by the committee at 3 P.M in presence of the tenderers, if they wish to be present.
- The rate should be quoted per hour for land leveling of Nursery Area, pit digging for additional plantation of Walnut Plants, removing of shrubs across the fencing area, making of Bunds and earth filling in prominent figures without any cutting or overwriting.
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- The committee reserves the right to reject/accept any tender without assigning any reason, thereof.
- The successful tenderer shall have to complete the job within the period as may be specified in the formal supply order.
- CDR of the successful bidder shall be released only after successful completion of work..
- In case the successful tenderer does not follow the Terms and Conditions of the Short Term Tender Notice, this office will be at liberty to blacklist him for future and initiate necessary action against the tenderer as well.

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NIT56/ET/R&B/SUMBAL of 02/2021.

(Single Cover System)

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

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
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1	Construction of road by way of Nallah Muck from Culvert to dumping site phase (1st) M.C Sumbal.	3.68	200/-	12 Days	District Capex 2020-21	DEE Class Only

Position of AAA: Accorded
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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jk-tenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

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2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	20.02.2021 from 2.30P.M
3	Bid submission Start Date	20.02.2021 from 3.00 P.M.
4	Bid Submission End Date	26.02.2021 upto 4.00 P.M.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	27.02.2021 at 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority).
- All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
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- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No :- 81/ R&B of 2020-21 DATED:- 19 /02/2021.

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

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (in days)	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Development of Lawn by way of supply filling of good earth and turfing at Higher Secondary School Tarhama part of Construction of Compound walling and development of lawn at Higher Secondary School Tarhama	2.40	200/=	15	27-2-2021	D	4202 Education

Position of AAA: Accorded
Position of funds : Available

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

- The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan or simple uploading a copy of necessary Treasury challan / receipt (M.H 0059) only as per enclosed format.
- Actual Treasury challan / receipt be submitted to the concerned authority as per the order principal secretary to Govt. Finance Department No. A/24 (2017) / 651 Dated: 07-06-2018 duly endorsed by Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Baramulla / Kupwara vide his No. SE (R&B)/3741-46 Dated: 25-06-2018.
- All bidders has to submit bid security declaration form instead of earnest money deposit (EMD) as per the circular of finance department (Bid security form is as per Annexure "A" below).
- The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount of equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The successful bidder shall start the work within two days from the issue of allotment otherwise the action may be taken strictly as per norms

S.No.	Date of issue of tender Notice	19 /02/2021
1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 19/02/2021 A.M to 26/02/2021 4.00 P.M
3	Bid submission start date	19/02/2021 from 10.00 AM
4	Bid submission end date	26/02/2021 upto 4.00 P.M
5	Date & time of opening of bids (online)	27/02/2021 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender inviting authority).
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-
 - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov. into account bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).
- In case any new circular / instructions / order is issued by the competent authorities during the current financial year, the same shall be implemented / treated in force on all the tenders floated from time to time.

Sd./=
Executive Engineer,
R&B Sub-Division Magam

No:- R&B/5756-76

Dated:19-02-2021

GST Compensation Shortfall Released To States Touches Rs 1 Trillion

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The Centre has released Rs 1 trillion to states and UTs in four months since October 2020, to meet GST compensation shortfall, the Finance Ministry said on Saturday.

The ministry on Friday released the 17th weekly instalment of Rs 5,000 crore to 23 states and 3 Union Territories (Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir & Puducherry), taking the total amount released so far under the special borrowing window set up in October last year to Rs 1 trillion.

The Centre has been borrowing in government stock with tenor of 3 years and 5 years. The borrowing made under each tenor is equally divided among all states as per their GST compensation shortfall.

With the current release, the proportionate pending GST shortfall with respect to borrowing under 5 years tenor has been concluded for 16 states and 2 UTs.

Till now, 91 per cent of the total estimated GST compensation shortfall has been released to states & UTs with Legislative Assembly (Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir & Puduch-



The remaining 5 states, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim, do not have a gap in revenue on account of Goods and Services Tax (GST) implementation.

The Centre had set up a special borrowing window in October 2020 to meet the estimated shortfall of Rs 1.10 lakh crore in revenue arising on account of implementation of GST.

The borrowings are being done through this window by the Centre on behalf of states and UTs.

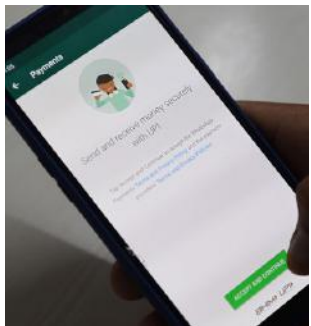
Under the special window,

erry), the statement said.

"An amount of Rs 1,00,000 crore has been borrowed by the Central Government through the special borrowing window at an average interest rate of 4.83 per cent.... Out of this, an amount of Rs 91,460.34 crore has been released to states and an amount of Rs. 8,539.66 crore has been released to the 3 UTs with Legislative Assembly," it said.

Total 17 rounds of borrowings have been completed so far starting from October 23, 2020.

Conveyed To Indian Govt Our Commitment To Protect Privacy: WhatsApp



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Hours after announcing the decision to go ahead with its controversial privacy policy update, WhatsApp on Friday said it has conveyed to the Indian government that it remains committed to protection of privacy of personal conversations across the country.

Last month, the messaging app had faced a volley of questions from the Indian government after it informed users that it was updating its privacy policy under which it could share limited user data with Facebook and its group firms.

The backlash and users opting for rival apps Telegram and Signal, prompted WhatsApp to delay the rollout to May but on Friday, the company said the

policy will be rolled out but the platform will allow users to read it at "their own pace".

WhatsApp will also provide a banner offering additional information on the update.

"Due to misinformation and based on feedback from our users, we have pushed back the timeline of acceptance of WhatsApp's terms of service and privacy policy to the 15th of May. In the meantime, we continue to engage with the government and are grateful for the opportunity to answer questions that we received from them," WhatsApp said in an e-mailed statement to PTI.

It added that the company has conveyed that it continues to protect the privacy of personal conversations across India and ensure that the platform remains safe and secure for everyone to engage on.

In a blogpost on Friday, WhatsApp said it will display a banner in the app in the coming weeks "providing more information that people can read at their own pace".

"We've also included more information to try and address concerns we're hearing. Eventually, we'll start reminding people to review and accept these updates to keep using WhatsApp," the Facebook-owned company said.

Tourists, Locals Join Pahalgam Winter Carnival

PAHALGAM: The popular tourist spot Pahalgam reverberated with colourful activities including cultural programmes, display of art and craft, live painting and calligraphy both by amateurs and professionals, traditional music performances by renowned singers, Tonga rides, adventure sports activities, attracting good participation of locals and tourists for the 2-day Pahalgam Winter Carnival being organised by Directorate of Kashmir Tourism in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation, Pahalgam Development Authority, District Administration Anantnag, Pahalgam Hotel & Restaurant Owners Association and Pahalgam Hotel & Guest House Owners Society.

The festival, inaugurated by Director Tourism Kashmir Dr. GN Itoo in presence of CEO Pahalgam, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, Joint Director Tourism, Tabassum Kamili, SDM Pahalgam, Naseer Ahmad, Deputy Director Tourism Publicity Ideel Saleem, Deputy Director, Registration, Ahsan-ul-haq Chishtis, Assistant Director Pahalgam Bilal Ahmad, is being conducted to revive the tourism sector which had been adversely affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to promote the popular resort for the winter season also.

The festival includes an exhibition of village crafts drawn from the adjoining village, the tapestry of cottage craft and handicrafts, cuisine, fruits, and other components of the village economy.



About 40 stalls displaying traditional art, craft, ethnic cuisine, street food, etc had been set up at the Pahalgam Club by various departments including Tourism, JKTDC, Handicrafts, Forest, Fisheries, Horticulture, Floriculture, Industries, Agriculture, J&K Women's Development Corporation, School of Design, Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering, Adventure Tour Operators of Pahalgam and other Private Entrepreneurs.

Youth in large numbers, who had registered for the festival, are showcasing their talent in singing, cultural activities, stand up comedy, painting, calligraphy, adventure sports, etc.

Hundreds of tourists who are enjoying the winter stay at Pahalgam also attended the event. The tourists were seen riding horses through the market enjoying the festive atmosphere within the Pahalgam market.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Tourism said the festival

is a part of the department's initiative to promote Pahalgam as a winter destination and also display rural flavour to visitors.

"Pahalgam is primarily a summer destination but we want to invite tourists to Pahalgam in the winter months also which looks so beautiful during snowfall. Though the Gulmarg ski resort is most sought after during winter months, this event will attract travelers from across the country to Pahalgam also during these months," said Dr. Itoo.

Later in the evening, musical concert and performances by famous singers like Noor Muhammad, Shazia Bashir, Abid Ali, Adil Manzoor, Shugufta and their groups, comedians like Anil Chingari and other artists enthralled the jam-packed audience with some popular numbers and acting skills.

Anchor and comperes also kept the audience glued through their skilful conduct of the programme.

Valediction Of 'Exhibition Cum Craft Mela' Organised By Directorate Of Handicrafts And Handloom, Jammu

JAMMU: An impressive valediction ceremony to mark end of Exhibition cum Craft Mela was today organised by Department of Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu, here at Kala Kendra.

During the 15 day Exhibition cum Craft Mela, 45 stalls were allotted to a total 69 artisans and cooperative societies, and district offices of the department.

The artisans from both Jammu and Kashmir divisions actively participated. A sale of approx. Rs. 45 lakh was recorded during the event.

On the valediction day, certificates were distributed among the artisans, representatives of cooperative societies and district offices of Handicrafts and Handloom department.

Speaking at the valediction day, artisans and representatives of cooperative societies appreciated efforts of the department in giving them a platform to sell their handmade products.

The participants urged upon the department to provide them support in other fields like new

innovations, exploration of market trends and platforms on national and international level.

The Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu assured the artisans all possible help in promoting their crafts.

The event was attended by the Joint Director, Handicrafts, Jammu, Joint Director, Handloom, Jammu, Deputy Director Admin, Deputy Director Trainings, Development Officer, Deputy Director Planning and all Assistant Directors of Handicrafts and Handloom Jammu.

Govt Likely To Remove Fare Band, Lift Other Restrictions On Aviation Sector: Puri

Agencies

With domestic air traffic expected to increase further in the coming summer season, the government may remove the fare band besides lifting other restrictions, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has said.

Replying to queries at the meeting of his ministry's consultative committee on Thursday, Puri also said domestic air traffic is increasing day by day and has now reached about 3 lakh passengers a day, an official statement said on Friday.

Puri also explained the Members of Parliament about various

steps taken by this ministry during the COVID-9 pandemic for the benefit of people as well as the aviation sector, said the statement.

"He informed about the fare bands introduced with floor price and ceiling price. He further said that in the summer schedule, as domestic traffic would increase more, the fare bands and some other restrictions are likely to be done away with," the statement added.

The minister also informed about the UDAN scheme giving details of the bidding process and the routes, the statement said.

It added that the minister said four rounds of biddings have been done and more than 700

routes have been sanctioned.

Also, over 300 routes have been operationalised under the scheme, the minister stated, as per the statement.

Terming the recently-launched Darbhanga airport in Bihar as one of the successful examples under the UDAN scheme, Puri further provided information about airports and flights in Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh as well to the members of the committee, it said.

The committee members made suggestions about airport privatisation, opening up of new airports, expansion of existing airports, and flying training organisations, among others, the statement said.

Forex Reserves Down By \$249 Million To \$583.697 Billion

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The country's foreign exchange reserves fell by \$249 million to \$583.697 billion in the week ended February 12, RBI data showed on Friday. In the previous week, the reserves had declined by \$6.24 billion to stand at \$583.945 billion. It had touched a record high of \$590.185 billion in the week ended January 29, 2021.

In the reporting week, the decrease in reserves was mainly due to a fall in the foreign currency assets (FCAs), a major component of the overall reserves.

FCAs decreased by \$1.387 billion to \$540.951 billion, weekly data by the Reserve

Bank of India (RBI) showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

After falling for two consecutive weeks, the gold reserves rose by \$1.26 billion to \$36.227 billion in the week ended February 12.

The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose by \$10 million to \$1.513 billion.

However, the country's reserve position with the IMF declined by \$132 million to \$5,006 billion in the reporting week, as per the data.



از نیابت ماگام بااعلام جناب نائب تحصیلدار صاحب ماگام			
معاونہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست RBA سرٹیفکٹ پیش کی ہے۔ جو کہ فز ہا میں زیر			
کا رہائی ہے اور اجراء کرنے مطلب ہے کہ یہ ذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے			
عبداللہ لون ولد خان لون	زمینداری	60 سال	
ذریعہ کھج زبج عبداللہ لون	گھریلو کام	50	
عزت اہد دختر	زیر تعلیم	19	
ذہر اہد	زیر تعلیم	17	
آہد اہد دختر	زیر تعلیم	16	
عزت اہد دختر	زیر تعلیم	10	
اسکے علاوہ مہ کی مہد اہدنی ذریعہ و غیر ذریعہ 5500 ہے سرٹیفکٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہی کے پیش کرے۔ عید گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہو گا۔			
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اشتہار بمراء آگاہی ہر خاص وعام			
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عبدالخالق ذون	وکا نداری	55 سال	سربرہ کبہ
حظیفہ بیگم	گھریلو کام	50 سال	
شاہدہ خالق	زیر تعلیم	22 سال	
ندیم خالق	زیر تعلیم	20 سال	
دانش خالق	زیر تعلیم	17 سال	
الفت خالق	زیر تعلیم	15 سال	
رفعت خالق	زیر تعلیم	15 سال	
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غلام محی الدین شیخ ولد محی	زمینداری	62 سال	سربرہ کبہ
حظیفہ بیگم	گھریلو کام	55 سال	
معصودہ بانو	زیر تعلیم	25 سال	
عمسبت بانو	زیر تعلیم	22 سال	
تنویر احمد	زیر تعلیم	20 سال	
الفت خانو	زیر تعلیم	18 سال	
عامر احمد	زیر تعلیم	16 سال	
اسرار احمد	زیر تعلیم	13 سال	
فیاض احمد	زیر تعلیم	28 سال	
اس کے علاوہ کوئی افراد کہہ نہیں ہے سائل کے کہہ کی ماہوارہ 7000 ہے سرٹیفکٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہی م اندر دختر پڑا میں پیش کرے معیار کرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہو گا			
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NEWS MAKERS

1.82 Lakh Kg Cocoon Produce Fetches Rs 4.09 Crore To 5900 Families In Udhampur

UDHAMPUR: Production of 1.82 lakh kilogram Cocoon has fetched Rs 4.09 crore to 5900 families of Udhampur associated with sericulture activities.

The information was given at a meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner, Dr Piyush Singla to review the performance of Sericulture Department Development in the district.

Giving details, District Sericulture Officer, Rajeev Gupta informed that Sericulture is the oldest Agro based Industry of J&K Union Territory. It has flourished in the rain fed areas of Jammu Province because of the reason that mulberry being a deep rooted plant once planted properly and cared properly

during first year gives leaf even during the seasons when other surface feeder crops like maize and wheat fail.

"It is a subsidiary occupation and more than 5900 families especially women are associated with it in Udhampur District", he said and added that the women get job at their door steps, rather indoor and earn with dignity as they do not have to go outside for work. The marketing is assured as it is organized by department itself by inviting silk cocoon buyers from all over India.

The DSO stated that in the year 2020 21, 4930 ounces of silkworm seed was distributed among 4681 farmers after in-



cubation and chawki rearing in 87 incubation centres with the result 1.824 lakh KG cocoon was produced and the farmers earned an amount of Rs. 409.448 lacs with an average

income of 8747/- per annum as additional income.

He said Cocoon crop is a short duration crop and the farmers can earn money by working for 20 to 30 days as compared to

other cash crops. During current year one farmer namely Krishan Lal of Sauntha has produced 76.850 Dry Cocoon Crop and earned Rs. 74928/.

Regarding departmental activities and infrastructure, he said that, Sericulture Udhampur has produced plant material of improved varieties in its 15 nurseries. The plants raised in the nurseries are further transplanted in the field through beneficiaries and on state land by the department.

He said department distribute about 1.00 lakh standard size plants annually for raising of Mulberry foliage qualitatively and quantitatively for production of quality bivoltine Cocoons by the farmers.

Shooter Manu Bhaker Alleges Harassment By Air India Employees, Gets Help From Sports Minister Rijiju

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Tokyo Olympics medal prospect Manu Bhaker has demanded action against two Air India employees for allegedly "harassing" and "insulting" the pistol shooter while she tried to board a flight to Bhopal from Delhi.

The 19-year-old Commonwealth Games and Youth Olympics gold medalist pistol shooter eventually managed to board the aircraft on Friday evening after the intervention of Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju.

Manu, one of the country's brightest medal hopes at the upcoming Games, thanked Rijiju for his prompt intervention but is also hoping for action against the Air India officials at Delhi airport. Later, Air India, too, apologised for the conduct of its staff.

"They can be held accountable for the harassment and insult I endured as trying to save their officials (Manoj Gupta and another security person of the airline) will only further damage Air India's reputation," Manu told PTI from Bhopal.

The champion pistol shooter added, "Air India is now claiming that they were just asking for documents and doing their job but I am sure everything was captured by the CCTV cameras. You can check.."

"They snatched my mobile and deleted the picture which my mother clicked as the harassment went on."

Having addressed the issue, Rijiju called Manu "India's pride." Air India also tendered an apology. "Ma'am we are really sorry that you have faced inconvenience while travelling with us. We request you to kindly share details of the issue along with your contact details over DM for us to assist you," Air India tweeted.

Manu said she had to go through the "ordeal" despite carrying all valid documents and clearance from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for travelling with her weapons and ammunition.

"But then they refused to recognise even DGCA and when I told them that I travel frequently

with my ammunition and that I am a shooter who is going to represent India in Olympics, they said 'whether you play in nationals or Olympics it doesn't matter to us'.

"Their conduct was unacceptable, I mean at least give some respect to athletes and don't insult



them every now and then. The main problem was not money but his behaviour. The ministry takes care of all our expenses," she said.

In another post, the air carrier wrote, "Dear Ms Bhaker Our Delhi Airport team has confirmed that the official at our counter had only sought for valid documents as per rules for carriage of your weapon on board."

On Friday, ISSF World Cup gold medalist Manu had lashed out at the AI officials and sought help from the authorities in a series of tweets.

"Not allowing me to board flight AI 437 at IGI Delhi and asking now 10200rs Despite all valid Documentation and DGCA permit. Top of that Manoj Gupta Air india incharge and other staff is humiliating me despite I have 2 guns and ammunition," she wrote tagging Rijiju and Aviation Minister Hardeep Puri.

"Think this type behaviour is not acceptable. Manoj Gupta is not even human. He is treating me like I am a criminal. Also his security incharge Such people need basic training of behaviour hopefully Aviation ministry will find out & will send him to right place."

"Not allowing me to board flight AI 437 at IGI Delhi and asking now 10200rs Despite all valid Documentation and DGCA permit. Top of that Manoj Gupta Air india incharge doesn't recognise DGCA. shall I pay this Bribes or," she had tweeted.



World's Biggest Stadium In Motera Leaves India

Cricket Stars In Awe

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: India's globe-trotting cricketers were astonished by the sight of the world's biggest stadium in Motera as it took them an hour to get used to the facility whose dressing rooms are connected to the gym.

The 1,10,000 capacity stadium is set to host its first international match -- the Day/Night pink ball Test between India and England from February 24.

"To be honest, to be in the world's largest stadium, we actually cannot wait to have the fans around and see the atmosphere, which will be

tremendous," said flamboyant all-rounder Hardik Pandya in a video posted by the BCCI.

"All the boys loved it, I think, for us, it took almost one hour to get used to the size of the ground, the kind of facilities it has provided us, I feel really, really proud that we have this in India, where we can host so many people and we can have wonderful games here."

Overwhelmed at its size and facilities, Pandya continued, "To be honest, I have not seen a gym connected to my dressing room... for the first time I think I have seen a gym connected to the dressing room, which is fantastic. "I can't thank the GCA enough and all the people who have worked really hard to make a stadium so wonderful that we can't wait to actually come back again and play here."

The four-match Test series is tied at 1-1 after India made a strong comeback with a resounding 317-run victory in the second match in Chennai.

Speaking about the new stadium,

India number three Cheteshwar Pujara said, "It's an amazing feeling, it's a huge, huge stadium and we all are looking forward to playing our first pink ball Test at Motera."

"It's an amazing ground with big dressing rooms, it's quite spacious and we are enjoying the facilities out here."

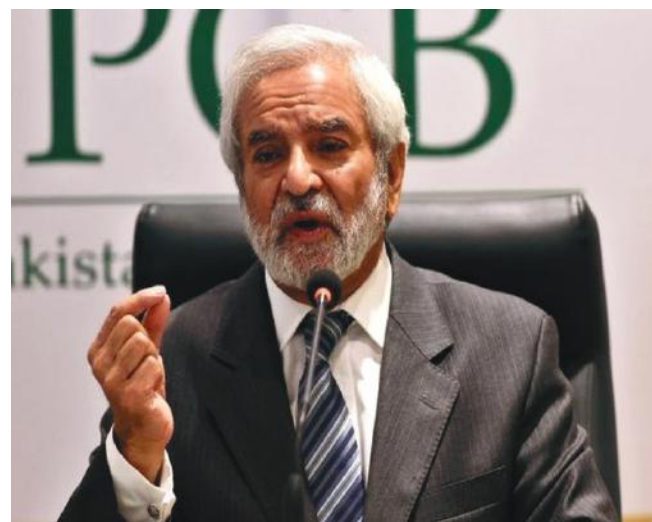
He also spoke about the gym. "The gym is next to the dressing room so you know it's very useful for guys who want to train in between the game or whenever there is time. Gym is excellent, it's quite spacious and we did our first gym session here today and we had a good time."

The stadium will also host the fourth and final Test between the two countries.

Opener Mayank Agarwal said, "To enter Motera and see the stands, the way it's built, it's fantastic. It's a massive ground, never before have we played in such a big ground and it feels great."

"We came specifically to the ground today just to have a gym

Pakistan Will Push For Relocation Of T20 World Cup In Absence Of Visa Assurance From India: PCB Chairman



Press Trust of India

LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ehsan Mani said they will push for the upcoming T20 World Cup's "relocation" to the UAE if India doesn't provide a written assurance that its team, fans and scribes will be granted visas for the event.

During an interaction with reporters at the PCB headquarters in Lahore, Mani said his board had expressed their views to the ICC.

"There is a need to change the 'Big Three' mindset," Mani said.

"We are not seeking written assurance for the visas of the national team only, but for the fans, officials and journalists as well."

The veteran cricket administrator added, "We have told the ICC that India should give written assurances by the end of March so that we know where we stand or we will push for the relocation of the World Cup from India to UAE," he said.

India is scheduled to host the T20 showpiece in October-November.

Mani also said that they wanted written assurances from the BCCI about the security arrangements for the Pakistan entire contingent.

He said on Friday the assurances were necessary given the "existing relationship" between the two countries.

In the absence of bilateral cricket between the two countries, Mani said his board had made its intentions clear to the game's stakehold-

ers -- within and outside the country -- that "PCB plans to run our cricket without India."

The PCB chairman also said the board was hopeful that all its cricketers would get vaccinated by the month of March and revealed that the upper brass was in contact with the National Command Operation Centre, which is coordinating Pakistan's coronavirus response.

Mani said that the PCB had worked a lot in getting teams to resume touring Pakistan for Test and white ball cricket.

He highlighted the board's efforts in hosting international cricket -- which saw tours from Zimbabwe for three ODIs and as many T20Is and South Africa for two Tests and three T20Is -- and an entire domestic season despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mani said that the PCB had not consulted the ICC before taking a decision to have full-fledged domestic and international cricket activities in the country for the current season.

He also expressed disappointment over Cricket Australia's decision to not send its men's team to South Africa and said, "At the peak of the virus in England in the summer of 2020, the Pakistan men's team toured England."

Speaking about this year's Asia Cup, he said Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) had created a window for the event, which will be held in the T20 format.

Naomi Osaka Wins Australian Open After Defeating Jennifer Brady 6-4, 6-3

Agencies

MELBOURNE: The trouble for Naomi Osaka at Grand Slam tournaments comes in Week 1. Get beyond that at the hard-court majors, though, and start preparing to etch her name on the trophy.

Osaka won her fourth title in her past eight appearances at a Slam, emerging from what initially was a tight Australian Open final and pulling away by grabbing six consecutive games to beat Jennifer Brady 6-4, 6-3 on Saturday.

With strong serving that produced six aces, Osaka improved to 4-0 in major finals, the first woman to start her career that way since Monica Seles did it 30 years ago. For Osaka, that is part of a 12-0 record so far in the quarterfinals and beyond at the majors.

The 2020 AP Female Athlete of the Year is also on a 21-match winning streak that dates to last season. That includes a championship at last year's U.S. Open. She also won the U.S. Open in 2018, and the Australian Open in 2019.

The 23-year-old Osaka was born in Japan and moved to the United States with her family when she was 3.

Brady is a 25-year-old American who was playing in her first Grand Slam final. She had to go through a hard quarantine for 15 days when she arrived in Australia in January because someone on her flight tested positive for COVID-19 when they arrived.

This was a big step up in competition during this tournament for Brady, who had not faced anyone ranked in the Top 25 nor anyone who previously appeared in so much as one Grand Slam semifinal.

During the pre-match coin toss, the silver women's trophy stood on a clear, plastic pedestal not far from Osaka on her side of the net. After beating Serena Williams in the semifinals, Osaka had made her intentions clear: "I have this mentality that people don't remember the runners-up. You



might, but the winner's name is the one that's engraved."

And she keeps making sure that name is hers.

It was cooler than it's been in Melbourne recently, with the temperature down below 70 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees Celsius) and a breeze that made serve tosses difficult for both players, who would catch the ball instead of hit it and say, "Sorry!"

The stadium was allowed to be at half capacity -- about 7,500 fans -- after spectators were barred entirely earlier in the tournament for five days during a COVID-19 lockdown.

Only two active women own more Slam titles than Osaka: Williams, with 23, and her sister, Venus, with seven.

Next task for Osaka is improving on clay and grass: She's never been past the third round at the French Open or Wimbledon.

On Saturday, the final was locked at 4-all, when Brady used an on-the-run lob winner that she punctuated by waving her arms to request more noise from the crowd. That earned a break point -- convert that, and she would serve for the opening set.

But Osaka erased the chance with a cross-court forehand winner, and two errors by Brady made it 5-4.

Osaka then broke to grab the set, helped by Brady's double-fault and a netted forehand on a short ball to end it.

That was part of the six-game run that put Osaka ahead 4-0 in the second and she was on her way.

Cricketer Tests COVID Positive Ahead Of Pakistan Super League Season 6

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: The Pakistan Cricket Board has informed that a player, whose name was not disclosed, has tested positive for the coronavirus ahead of the sixth edition of the Pakistan Super League, which starts here on Saturday.

"A player from another franchise team who had shown symptoms and was in isolation, has tested positive," the PCB said in a statement.

"He will now remain in quarantine for 10 days and will require two negative tests in order to integrate again with the side in accordance with the applicable re-entry protocols."

The PCB also stated that another player and an official of a separate team have been placed under three-day quarantine for breaching the bio-secure bubble.

They came in contact with a person outside the bubble on Friday.

The two individuals will now require two negative tests during the three-day quarantine period before they can re-enter the bio-secure bubble.



"The PCB is disappointed that two members of one of the sides showed carelessness and violated the bio-secure bubble protocols by coming into a contact with a person who was not part of the bubble," it said.

"As reiterated previously, the health and safety of all individuals associated with HBL Pakistan Super

League 6 is of paramount importance to the PCB and the event.

"All players, player support personnel, match officials and family members are once again reminded to diligently follow the PCB Covid-19 protocols as the PCB will not allow anyone to affect the integrity and credibility of the tournament," the cricket board added.

At Australian Open Men's Final, Djokovic chases 18th Grand Slam, Medvedev 1st

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MELBOURNE: Novak Djokovic lost his first career Grand Slam final at the U.S. Open. Then he won his second, which came at the Australian Open.

And look where he is now, more than a dozen years later: One victory from a ninth championship at Melbourne Park and his 18th major title overall, which would put him two behind rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal for the most by a man in tennis history.

Daniil Medvedev also lost his first career Grand Slam final at the U.S. Open. And now he will try to win in his second try, which comes at the Australian Open on Sunday against Djokovic.

"I know that to beat him, you need to just show your best tennis, be at your best physically, maybe four or five hours, and be at your best mentally, maybe for five hours," Medvedev said.

"I would say to win a Slam, especially against somebody (like) Novak, is already a big motivation, and I don't think there is anything that can make it bigger."

It is an intergenerational showdown Serbia's Djokovic turns 34 in May; Russia's Medvedev just turned 25 and another in the simmering standoff between the Big Three and the next wave of up-and-coming players hoping to supplant the group that has dominated for more than 15 years.



Federer, Nadal and Djokovic have combined to win 14 of the past 15 majors (Dominic Thiem at last year's U.S. Open was the exception), and 57 of the last 69.

"Spice it up a little bit," by adding a new name to the list of Slam champs, suggested Stefan Tsitsipas, the 22-year-old who came back from two sets down to eliminate Nadal in the quarterfinals before losing to Medvedev 6-4, 6-2, 7-5 in the semifinals.

"Wouldn't be bad."

Here's part of what makes this final intriguing: It pits one of the greatest ever to play the sport, and at a site he's dominated, against a player who currently is playing better than anyone in men's tennis.

The No. 1-seed Djokovic is 17-0 in Australian Open semifinals and finals, making him nearly as much of a lock on the blue hard courts of Melbourne Park as Nadal is on the red clay courts of Roland Garros.

"The more I win, the better I feel coming back each year," Djokovic said.

"I think it's kind of also logical to expect that. The love affair keeps going."

No. 5 Medvedev, meanwhile, is on a 20-match winning streak dating to last season, a run that features 12 victories against members of the Top 10 (one against Djokovic).

"The confidence, when you beat everybody, is just great," Medvedev said, "because I think people start maybe to be a little bit scared about you."

Another reason to watch: These guys play somewhat similar styles.

"When he's in the zone he doesn't miss. He goes down the line, cross, forehand, backhand. He doesn't miss. That's what is the most, the toughest, part of playing against him," Medvedev said.

"I think that's where I should be good, also."

Both are quite talented at roaming the court this way and that, covering ground to prolong points and frustrate foes, until finding an opening for switching from defense to offense in a snap.

That's how Medvedev produced the shot of the day week? tournament? year? longer? against Tsitsipas, ranging wide of the deuce court's doubles alley for a forehand

return of serve, before sprinting to his left, sliding with his feet at an awkward angle and producing a down-the-line backhand passing winner that was simply spectacular.

He marked the moment with a yell, then raised his arms overhead and did a bit of a hand dance, getting a crowd that had been pulling for his opponent to shower him with praise.

"I wanted them to recognize me, I would say," Medvedev explained, "because the shot was unbelievable." Djokovic's been doing that sort of thing for years.

And now that he's declared himself pain-free after hurting an abdominal muscle in his third-round victory he initially declared it was torn his full-on elasticity appears to be back at its best.

Then there is this aspect of the matchup: The one aspect of Medvedev's game that is superior, his serve, will go up against Djokovic's best-there-is return.

"For sure, when we get out there, we (will) both feel pressure," Medvedev said.

"I want to win my first one. He wants to win No. 18."

India's First Digital University Comes Up In Kerala



Kerala took a major step forward in its progress towards a knowledge society with the inauguration of the country's first Digital University, based in Technocity at Mangalapuram near Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan presided over the function, where Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, who is also the Chancellor of the Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology (KUDSIT), unveiled the varsity plaque.

Both the Governor and the Chief Minister addressed the function through video conferencing.

In his inaugural address, Khan said the launch of the Digital University is part of the state's resolve to embrace new technologies and desire to use them for bringing positive changes in the life of people and become a global hub for higher learning and technology.

Praising the state government for recent initiatives in higher education including the launch of Sree Narayana Guru Open University, the Governor said "In any aspect of life, knowledge brings courage, understanding, acceptance, unity and also liberates us from the clutches of ignorance."

"Thesociety expects the Digital University to provide intellectual support to lap up the new world of opportunities arising through artificial intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Data Analytics and other digital transformation courses," he said.

In his address, the CM said the launch of the first Digital University in the country would open tremendous opportunities for youngsters.

"There should not be a digital divide in the society. The government is involved in the efforts of attaining digital excellence in various fields.

We need to foster technically-talented people in accordance with the changes in the new world," the CM said.

Noting that the Digital University

aims at utilising the developments in digital technology for social progress, he said the benefits of digital technology should be made available for people in various walks of life.

According to official sources, the Digital University is set up by upgrading two-decade old Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management Kerala (IIITM-K), a center of excellence in information technologies established by Government of Kerala.

It is formed with a vision of creating a futuristic institution of higher learning, aspiring to set a global benchmark in Digital technologies and its management.

Its focus is on post graduate programmes and research besides building strong industry-academic and academic-academic linkages with leading institutions in India and abroad, they said.

The university is starting with five schools of knowledge—School of Computer Science and Engineering; School of Digital Sciences; School of Electronic Systems and Automation; School of Informatics; and School of Digital Humanities and Liberal Arts, covering science, technology and humanities aspects of the Digital world.

Each school will be offering master level programmes in computer science, informatics, applied electronics and humanities with various specialization of the industry 4.0 world.

The adoption of technology in design, pedagogy, assessment etc. is also a key driving factor for the new University, which focuses on early learners and re-learners with a host of programmes in cutting edge areas of technology.

Towards this, specialized centres in areas like Blockchain, AI&ML, Cyber Security, Big-data analytics, Biocomputing and Geospatial analytics are to be set up in collaboration with leading international academic, research and industry bodies.

Disease-Smelling Machine May Revolutionise Early Diagnosis

Medical detection dogs can smell many kinds of diseases like lung, breast, ovarian, bladder, and prostate cancers, and possibly Covid-19. In some cases, involving prostate cancer for example, the dogs had a 99 percent success rate in detecting the disease by sniffing patients' urine samples.

But since it takes long time to train such dogs, and their availability is limited, scientists have been hunting for ways of automating the amazing olfactory capabilities of the canine nose and brain, in a compact device.

A team of researchers at MIT and other institutions has come up with a system that can detect the chemical and microbial content of an air sample with even greater sensitivity than a dog's nose. They coupled this to a machine-learning process that can identify the distinctive characteristics of the disease-bearing samples.

The findings, which the researchers say could someday lead to an automated odor-detection system small enough to be incorporated into a cellphone, are being published in the journal PLOS One, in a paper by Clare Guest of Medical Detection Dogs in the U.K., Research Scientist Andreas Mershin of MIT, and 18 others at Johns Hopkins University, the Prostate Cancer Foundation, and several other universities and organizations.

"Dogs, for now 15 years or so, have been shown to be the earliest, most accurate disease detectors for anything that we've ever tried," said Mershin.

And their performance in controlled tests has in some cases exceeded that of the best current lab tests, he said. "So far, many different types of cancer have been detected earlier by dogs than any other technology."

What's more, the dogs ap-



parently pick up connections that have so far eluded human researchers: When trained to respond to samples from patients with one type of cancer, some dogs have then identified several other types of cancer—even though the similarities between the samples weren't evident to humans.

These dogs can identify "cancers that don't have any identical biomolecular signatures in common, nothing in the odorants," Mershin said. Using powerful analytical tools including gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GCMS) and microbial profiling, "if you analyze the samples from, let's say, skin cancer and bladder cancer and breast cancer and lung cancer—all things that the dog has been shown to be able to detect -- they have nothing in common."

Yet the dog can somehow generalise from one kind of cancer to be able to identify the others.

Mershin and the team over the last few years have developed, and continued to improve on, a miniaturized detector system that incorporates mammalian olfactory receptors stabilized to act as sensors, whose data streams can be handled in real-time by a typical smartphone's capabilities. He envisions a day when every phone will have a scent detector built in, just as cameras are now ubiquitous in phones.

Such detectors, equipped with advanced algorithms developed through machine learning, could potentially pick up early signs of disease far sooner than typical screening regimes, he says—and could even warn of smoke or a gas leak as well.

In the latest tests, the team tested 50 samples of urine from confirmed cases of prostate cancer and controls known to be free of the disease, using both dogs trained and handled by Medical Detection Dogs and the miniaturized detection system. They then applied a machine-learning program to tease out any similarities and differences between the samples that could help the sensor-based system to identify the disease. In testing the same samples, the artificial system was able to match the success rates of the dogs, with both methods scoring more than 70 percent.

The miniaturized detection system, Mershin says, is actually 200 times more sensitive than a dog's nose in terms of being able to detect and identify tiny traces of different molecules, as confirmed through controlled tests mandated by DARPA. But in terms of interpreting those molecules, "it's 100 percent dumber." That's where the machine learning comes in, to try to find the elusive patterns that dogs can infer from the scent, but humans haven't been able to grasp from a chemical analysis.

BJP's Shazia Ilmi Accuses Ex-BSP MP Of "Misbehaving With Her", Case Filed



NEW DELHI: A case has been registered against former Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MP Akbar Ahmad "Dumpy" on a complaint by Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) vice-president Shazia Ilmi accusing him of misbehaving with her at a private party, the police said today.

The police said the case was registered under sections 506 (threatening) and 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of the Indian Penal Code.

Akbar Ahmad could not be reached for a comment and did not respond to messages on the matter. In her complaint, Ms Ilmi alleged

that Akbar Ahmad allegedly started "misbehaving with her and passed lewd remarks" at a dinner party in southwest Delhi's Vasant Kunj area on February 5, according to the police.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southwest) Ingit Pratap Singh said they received a complaint from Ms Ilmi, and based on it, the case was registered on February 7. He said that an investigation is underway in the case.

Ms Ilmi today said Akbar Ahmad was "very much abusive and humiliating" towards her at the gathering. She confirmed that a complaint was filed by her with the police.

8 Held For Posing As Cops, Stealing Rs12 Crore From Hotel In Mumbai: Police

MUMBAI: Eight persons were on Saturday arrested for allegedly stealing Rs 12 crore from a plush hotel by posing as policemen in suburban Vile Parle here, police said.

The incident took place on Wednesday, when the gang gained entry into the hotel by posing as police personnel, raided the premises and decamped with cash to the tune of Rs12 crore, an official said.

An enquiry later revealed that it had not been a police raid but a robbery, and an offence was registered, the official said. The police examined CCTV footages of the hotel and its surrounding areas, and zeroed in on the gang, he said.

Based on a tip-off, the accused were subsequently apprehended, the official said, adding that further probe is underway.

Depression, Loneliness Peaking In College Students: Report

NEW YORK: A majority (83 per cent) of students said their mental health had negatively impacted their academic performance in the past month and that two-third of college students are struggling with loneliness and feeling isolated amid the pandemic, according to a new survey. The survey, which involved 33,000 college students in the US, revealed that the prevalence of depression and anxiety in young people continues to increase, now reaching its highest levels, a sign of the mounting stress factors caused by the pandemic.

"Half of the students in fall 2020 screened positive for depression and/or anxiety," said researcher Sarah Ketchen from the Boston University.

The results revealed that 94 per cent of the students said they wouldn't judge someone for seeking out help for mental health, which the researchers say is an indicator that also cor-

relates with those students who are likely to seek help themselves during a personal crisis (although, paradoxically, almost half of the students said they perceive that others may think more poorly of them if they do seek help).

"We're harsher on ourselves and more critical of ourselves than we are with other people -- we call that perceived versus personal stigma. Students need to realise, your peers are not judging you," Lipson said.

According to Lipson, the survey's findings underscore the need for university teaching staff and faculty to put mechanisms in place that can accommodate students' mental health needs.

"The faculty needs to be flexible with deadlines and remind students that their talent is not solely demonstrated by their ability to get a top grade during one challenging semester," Lipson said.

Air India Express Plane Hits Electric Pole On Landing In Andhra Airport

Hyderabad: An Air India Express plane hit an electric pole while landing in Andhra Pradesh's Vijayawada, news agency ANI reported.

"All 64 passengers on board the flight and the crew are safe," Vijayawada International Airport director G Madhusudan Rao said.

Air India Express said it has ordered an investigation into the incident. In visuals, the electric pole with several lights beside the runway is seen completely smashed to the ground. A large dent is also visible on the far end of the plane's right wing that hit the pole.

Air India Express is a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India, and



has a market share of 7.1 per cent in the country, according to company information on its website. The

low-cost carrier operates a fleet of 24 Boeing 737- 800 Next Generation aircraft.

Upset Over Farm Laws And Debt, Farmer, Son Die By Suicide

A debt-ridden farmer and his son allegedly died by suicide in Punjab's Hoshiarpur village, saying in a note that they were upset over the Centre's new farm laws and the state government's failure to waive their loans.

The farmer, Jagtar Singh (70), and his son Kirpal Singh (42) were found dead at their residence in Muhadipur village on Saturday morning, Deputy Superintendent of Police Munish Kumar said.

They had allegedly consumed a poisonous substance, police said.

In a suicide note recovered from their residence, they wrote that they were taking the extreme step because of debt.

They also accused the Congress government in Punjab of not honouring its promise of waiving their farm loans. They further mentioned in the note that they were also distressed as the Centre had not repealed the new farm laws. The two owned one acre of land. Their bodies were sent to Dasuya civil hospital for post-mortem, police said, adding they are investigating the matter.

Pandemic Made People Supportive, Caring On Twitter, Google

NEW YORK: The use of the words like sacrifice, share and help more than doubled on Twitter and Google from before the pandemic to the period after March 13, according to new research, saying that internet trends suggest Covid-19 spurred a return to earlier values and activities among people.

Researchers from University of California-Los Angeles and Harvard University analysed how two types of internet activity changed in the US for 10 weeks before and 10 weeks after March 13, 2020.

One was Google searches and the other was the phrasing of more than a half-billion words and phrases posted on Twitter, blogs and internet forums. Patricia Greenfield, a UCLA distinguished professor of psychology and senior author of the research, said the study determined that the pandemic inspired a resurgence of community-oriented values, with people thinking more about supporting one another.

Use of the word "help" on Twitter increased by 37% in the period after March 13, while use of the word "share" increased by 24%.

The research also found that use of the word "sacrifice" more than doubled on Twitter from before the pandemic to the period after March 13.

"Sacrifice" was a complete non-starter in U.S. culture before Covid," Greenfield said.

The change, the authors wrote, signified that Americans were plac-

ing more value on the welfare of others -- even if it meant putting their own lives at risk.

"One example was people's willingness to participate in the large Black Lives Matter demonstrations, even in the midst of a pandemic," said Noah Evers, a Harvard undergraduate psychology major and the study's lead author.

The use of words referring to basic needs for food, clothing and shelter increased significantly across Google searches, Twitter, internet forums and blogs. For instance, Google searches increased by 344 per cent for "grow vegetables" and by 207 per cent for "sewing machine," while Twitter mentions of "Home Depot" increased by 266 per cent. The study appeared in the journal Human Behavior and Emerging Technologies. Internet activity also revealed a dramatic increase in people's concerns about mortality.

After March 13, when the death toll began increasing dramatically, search activity for the word "survive" increased by 47 per cent, for "cemeteries" by 41 per cent, for "bury" by 23 per cent and for "death" by 21 per cent.

"Death went from something taboo to something real and inevitable," Evers said. Of all the words the authors analysed, the one whose usage increased the most during the pandemic was "sourdough," as baking bread became a trendy pastime while people were instructed to stay at home.

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