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P3 CITY

'IMAM HUSSAIN TAUGHT US TO NEVER SURRENDER BEFORE FALSEHOOD'

Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid Wednesday paid tribute to the Martyrs of Karbala especially Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) – the beloved grandson of the beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) –

THINK

US, TALIBAN AND THE STUNNING DEFEAT

Two years after the withdrawal of J&K's special status, Kashmir is far from coming to terms with the unprecedented move. On the day of its second anniversary, 5 August, this was evident. While the BJP held rallies



P5 STATE

'KASHMIR IS A COUNTRY' REMARK OF PUNJAB CONGRESS LEADER TRIGGERS CONTROVERSY

A statement by Malvinder Singh Mali, advisor to Punjab Congress unit president Navjot Singh Sidhu, has triggered controversy after Mali on his Facebook account, wrote, "Kashmir is a country of...



Quote!

If Hussain (A.S) had fought to quench his worldly desires...then I do not understand why his sister, wife, and children accompanied him. It stands to reason therefore, that he sacrificed purely for Islam

—Charles Dickens

NEWS DIGEST

Karbala Has A Unifying Message For All: LG

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on the eve of Ashura, urged people to follow the path of righteousness, courage, and truth. In his message, the Lt Governor remembered the martyrs of Karbala on Ashura, the 10th day of Muharram, an official spokesperson said. "He observed that martyrdom of Hazrat Imam • More On P10

Cooking Gas Gets Costlier By Rs 25

NEW DELHI: Domestic cooking gas LPG price on Wednesday was increased by Rs 25 per cylinder – the second straight month of increase in rates. Subsidised LPG now costs Rs 859 per 14.2-kg cylinder in Delhi, according to a price notification of oil companies. This is the second straight month of a price increase. Rates were hiked by Rs 25.50 per cylinder on July 1.

Old Shell Defused In Rajouri

JAMMU: The government forces detected and defused a mortar shell in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Wednesday, officials said. The rusted explosive shell was recovered from a water channel near Agrati area, they said. Government forces defused the shell safely. • More On P10

Elderly Man Injured In Bear Attack

SRINAGAR: An elderly man was attacked and injured on Thursday by a bear in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. 58-year-old Bashir Ahmad Mi, a resident of Dodipora village in Handwara was injured after being attacked by the bear in an orchard in his native village on Thursday morning, reported news agency GNS. The man, who suffered injuries on his face, was • More On P10

Ladakh Reports 11 New Covid Cases

LEH: Ladakh has recorded 11 fresh Covid cases, taking its overall tally to 20,466, with active cases increasing to 81, officials said on Wednesday. The Union Territory has registered 207 Covid-related deaths – 149 in Leh district and 58 in Kargil district – since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. A total of 20,164 patients have recovered till date. Of the 11 cases reported • More On P10



On the ninth day of Muharram, mourners took out a procession in boats in the interiors of Dal Lake on Wednesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Govt Not To Allow Traditional Ashura Procession

ZAID BIN SHABIR

SRINAGAR: The district administration is imposing restrictions in parts of this capital city on Thursday to prevent the Ashura procession from its traditional Abi Guzar-Zadibal route. Official sources told Kashmir

Observer on Wednesday that restrictions under section 144 Cr PC will be imposed in the areas falling under the jurisdiction of Police Stations Shaheed Gunj, Batmaloo, Shergari, Karan Nagar, Kothibagh, Maisuma, Kral Khud, and Ram Munshi Bagh to prevent the people from taking out the

Ashura procession. Similarly, curbs are also likely to be imposed in several areas of the Old City, especially Nowhatta and Mahrajgunj amid apprehensions of law and order situation, they said. The two major processions of 8th and 10th Muharram were banned • More On P10

AT LEAST SIX MOURNERS WERE INJURED and dozens detained as government forces burst teargas canisters, fired pellets and warning shots to break up procession by several thousand youth in defiance of administration imposed curbs.

Police, BJP Trade Barbs Over Slain Worker's Security

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday rubbished police claim that the law enforcing agency was not approached for the security of Javid Ahmad Dar, its worker shot dead by militants in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district. Shortly after Dar's killing on Tuesday, police had said they

were not approached for his security. "The JKP statement is baseless and is based on malice designed," BJP's Kulgam president Abid Hussain Khan said in a statement. According to officials, the assailants fired upon Dar near his residence in the Brazloo Jageer area of the south Kashmir district at around 4.30 pm on Tuesday. • More On P10



BJP Sarpanch Arrested With Pistol

A Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Sarpanch has been arrested with a pistol by police in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, official sources said Wednesday. They said BJP Sarpanch namely Aqib Shafi Badar son of Mohd Shafi resident of • More On P10

J&K Govt Creating Gender-Inclusive Ecosystem: LG

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said his administration is creating a gender-inclusive ecosystem in the union territory so that women have a better access to education and economic growth.

Sinha was interacting with beneficiaries from J&K under the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Pragati and Saksham scholarship schemes, through virtual mode.

In a first, 480 talented women from J&K have been included in the degree and diploma courses of the Pragati scholarship. J&K has also got nine scholarships under the Saksham scheme for Persons with Disabilities. He said • More On P10



"The J&K government is creating an ideal, gender-inclusive ecosystem where they have better access to education and economic growth, putting them at the heart of our development initiatives and making those on the margins aware of their rights," the LG said, terming women vital agents of change. He said • More On P10

4 Held For Selling Pak MBBS Seats For 'Funding Militancy'

Separatist Leader Zaffar Akbar Bhat Among Those Arrested

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday announced the arrest of four separatist leaders, including some constituents of the Hurriyat Conference, for "selling" MBBS seats in Pakistan to Kashmiri students and using the money to support and fund militancy, an official spokesperson said here. The Counter Intelligence (Kashmir), a branch of CID Department of J&K Police, had registered a case in July last year after receiving information through reliable sources that several unscrupulous persons, including some Hurriyat leaders, were hand in glove with some educational consultancies and were selling

Pakistan-based MBBS seats and seats in other professional courses in many colleges and universities. The probe into the case suggested that the money collected from the parents of the aspiring or potential students was used, at least partly, to support and fund militancy and separatism in different ways, the spokesperson said.

The case was registered under sections of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act and the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, he said. During the probe, it surfaced that MBBS and other professional degree related seats in many cases were preferentially given to those students who were close family members or relatives of killed militants. There were also cases where the quota allotted to individual • More On P10

ED Grills Mehbooba's Mother In PMLA Case

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Gulshan Nazir, mother of former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti, on Wednesday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here and answered questions in a case related to money laundering even as the PDP alleged that the Centre had "tali-banised" and "subverted" all institutions.

Accompanied by Mehbooba, who is also president of the People's Democratic Party, Nazir was quizzed by the ED officials for nearly four hours.

Mehbooba was also present during the questioning at the



agency's office located in the Civil Lines area here, they said. After the questioning, she tweeted, "In New India, being summoned by agencies like NIA and ED has become a ritual for whoever disagrees with GOI's divisive agenda and policies. In my mother's case, the chronology is quite clear." • More On P10

Four Pck Residents Nabbed Along LoC

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Four residents of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (Pck) were apprehended by Army personnel on Wednesday after they intruded into the Indian side in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The Pck residents, aged between 9 and 24 years, were taken into custody soon after they crossed over the Line of Control (LoC) • More On P10

....ESCORTED BY TALIBAN

India's Midnight Evacuation From Afghanistan

Agenceis

KABUL (AFP): Outside the main iron gate of the Indian embassy in Kabul, a group of Taliban fighters waited, armed with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

Inside the compound were 150 Indian diplomats and nationals, growing increasingly nervous as they watched news of the Taliban tightening their grip on the capital, which they took a day earlier without a fight.

Their position was a precarious one.

Pakistan has long been the Taliban's biggest supporter, using the country for so-called "strategic depth" in never-ending



battles – real and diplomatic – with archrival India.

India, in turn, strongly backed the government that took over when the Taliban was removed, earning them hatred and enmity

from the hardline group.

But the Taliban fighters outside the Indian embassy were not there to exact revenge but rather to escort them to Kabul airport, where a military

aircraft was on standby to evacuate them after New Delhi decided to shut its mission.

As the first of nearly two dozen vehicles drove out of the embassy late on Monday, some of the fighters waved and smiled at the passengers, an AFP news agency correspondent among them.

One guided them towards the street leading out of the city's green zone and on the main road to the airport.

The embassy's decision to ask the Taliban to shepherd the Indians out was made when the fighters closed access to the once heavily fortified neighbourhood after capturing Kabul the previous day.

A quarter of the 200 or so people who • More On P10

SHO Who Thrashed Journalists Transferred

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Hours after Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh ordered immediate action against him, the Jammu and Kashmir police on Wednesday removed a middle rung officer from his position for beating up journalists during a Muharram procession in this capital city on Tuesday.

Shergarhi police station SHO Aftab Ahmad Bhat was among nine officers shifted from their places of posting by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of Srinagar Sandeep Chaudhary.

Bhat allegedly beaten up photojournalists on Tuesday while they were covering the Muharram procession.

Earlier in the day, the Director General of Police (DGP) had directed the Srinagar SSP to take

immediate action against the erring officer.

"DGP J&K Sh Dilbag Singh takes serious view of undesirable behaviour with some media men in Srinagar yesterday. SSP Srinagar directed to take immediate action against the erring police officer," the Jammu and Kashmir Police said on its official Twitter handle.

The attack on journalists evoked criticism from various quarters.

The police also detained a few Shia mourners at Jehangir Chowk in the city as they tried to take out a procession to mark the eighth day of the 10-day Muharram mourning period.

As the media personnel, mostly photo and video journalists, were discharging their professional duties, • More On P10

Police 'Abused' Their Authority: CPIJ

Observer News Service

Expressing concern over the attack on journalists by police during a Muharram procession in Srinagar on Tuesday, the international media watchdog Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has asked Jammu and Kashmir government to order a probe and hold those responsible to account.

"Jammu and Kashmir police abused their authority today by attacking journalists who were simply doing their jobs and documenting an event of public interest," said Steven Butler, CPJ's Asia program coordinator, in Washington, D.C. • More On P10



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از نیابت دیگام با اجلاس جاوید احمد حکیم صاحب
درخواست منجانب: عادل رشید، سید احمد ولدان عبدالرشید وانی ساکن پورہ انت ناگ
بغرض حصول بیک وارڈار یا RBA سر قلیٹ -
اشتہار برادر آگاہی ہر خاص و عام -
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈار یا سر قلیٹ دفتر
پیش کیا ہے جو زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پڈاری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے میاں ہے کہ
سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں -

پیشہ	عمر	ادائی
مزدوری	60 سال	5000/=
گھریلو کام	55 سال	
زیر تعلیم	24 سال	
زیر تعلیم	20 سال	
زیر تعلیم	18 سال	

عادل رشید وانی ولد غلام احمد وانی
۲۔ منظورہ پاؤز وجہ عبدالرشید وانی
۳۔ عادل رشید ولد عبدالرشید وانی
۴۔ سید رشید دفتر عبدالرشید وانی
۵۔ عزیز رشید دفتر عبدالرشید وانی

اسکے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کنبہ موجود نہیں ہے۔ سائل کے کنبہ کی سالانہ آمدنی = 1,20,000 روپیہ تک
ہے۔ لہذا سر قلیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتے کے اندر دوران
دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار گذرے بعد منتظر اخبار عدالت ہذا کو اپنے عذارت
پیش کریں۔ بعد گذارنے میعاد کو بھی عذارت یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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اطلاع عام -
میری دسویں جماعت پاس سر قلیٹ کلی پیگ ہوئی ہے اس پاس کی ڈپلیکٹ کٹائی مطلوب ہے اس ضمن
میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی بھی عذارت یا اعتراض ہوگا وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر پرنسپل کورنٹنگ کزلز ہائیئر
سیکنڈری سکول رانی باغ کے دفتر میں پیش کریں معیار گذرے بعد کوئی بھی عذارت یا اعتراض قابل قبول
نہیں ہوگا۔
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ممتازہ دفتر محمد شفیع موٹی ساکنہ نی بستی انت ناگ
المستھر

ٹھیکہ داری کا رڈ ٹکانا مطلوب ہے
ہر خاص و عام کو مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ منظر کوڈی کا ٹھیکہ داری کا رڈ ٹکانا مطلوب ہے۔ اس بارے میں
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نذیر احمد خان ولد دلعل خان ساکنہ گوپا پورہ کلاں انت ناگ
المستھر

از نیابت انت ناگ با اجلاس ایکو کیو جیسٹریٹ درجاول انت ناگ
مضمون درخواست منجانب: جینا آر جی، دفتر محمد رمضان شاہ ساکنہ جینا انت ناگ
بغرض حصول بیک ہیر سر قلیٹ
اشتہار برادر آگاہی ہر خاص و عام -
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک ہیر سر قلیٹ دفتر پڈایش
پیش کیا ہے جو زیر کاروائی ہے۔ حسب رپورٹ موٹی کے والد مورخہ 29/05/2021 کو فوت
ہو چکا ہے۔ موٹی کے وارثان جائز بذیل ہے۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	رشتہ بہرہ	پیشہ	عمر
01	جینا آرہہ دفتر محمد رمضان شاہ	بچی	گھریلو کام	44 سال
02	فردوسہ دفتر محمد رمضان شاہ	بچی	گھریلو کام	46 سال

موٹی کا کنبہ تین افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ سر قلیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ دفتر پڈایش
میں سات دن کے اندر اندر پیش کریں۔ بعد از معیار گذرے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
(تحریر الصدا یگر کیو جیسٹریٹ درجاول)
RNA

از نیابت شاکس با اجلاس ایکو کیو جیسٹریٹ درجاول شاکس جیسٹریٹ
درخواست منجانب: راسک گلزار، سانیہ گلزار، ارواد اوند -
گلزار احمد موچی ساکنہ چترہ پورہ تحصیل
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کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں -

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۵۔ سانیہ گلزار دفتر گلزار احمد موچی
۶۔ سائل گلزار ولد گلزار احمد موچی

پیشہ	عمر	ادائی
پیشہ	50 سال	LPC
گھریلو کام	49 سال	
ڈرائیور	30 سال	5000/=
زیر تعلیم	25 سال	
زیر تعلیم	19 سال	
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کنبہ زیر بحث کو ہیڈ میں زیدہ تعدادی 02 موجود ہے۔ جس سے کنبہ زیر بحث کی سالانہ آمدنی
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رئیس انجمن نایک ولد عبدل عزیز ناٹیک ساکنہ گاندھیل انت ناگ
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01	ایمن بیگم غلام احمد قادری	زوجہ	گھریلو کام	78 سال
02	اشتیاق احمد قادری ولد غلام احمد قادری	پسر	سکسڈ ملازم	63 سال
03	فردوسہ احمد قادری ولد غلام احمد قادری	پسر	تجارت	59 سال
04	رخسانہ اختر دفتر غلام احمد قادری	دفتر	گھریلو کام	56 سال
05	مریبا اختر دفتر غلام احمد قادری	دفتر	ملازم	55 سال

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(تحریر الصدا یگر کیو جیسٹریٹ درجاول)
RNA

از عدالت ڈسٹرکٹ اینڈ سیشن جج سوپور
با اجلاس: انجاز احمد خان
اشتہار برادر ہر خاص و عام
1. Mst Posh Begum Wd/o Lt. Irshad Ahamd Sheikh ,
2. Shahid Ahamd S/O Lt Irshad Ahamd Sheikh
3. Khushbu D/o Irshad Ahamd Sheikh
4. Faizan S/o Lt Irshad Ahamd Sheikh R/os Sher Colony B- Sopore
V/S Public in General
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکنان نے ایک درخواست سبب جا نشینی سر قلیٹ
بابت وصول رقم مبلغ 700000
تک ساکنان پیش کیا ہے۔ لہذا بذریعہ اشتہار ہر خاص و عام کو مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ
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For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir e-tenders in single cover system are invited from reputed and experienced Registered Electrical/Mechanical contractors/ Workshop holders /Firms whose registration are valid in terms of standing rules with sufficient experience and financial resources dealing with below mentioned works and other similar works of the same capacity or higher for the following work:-

S. No	Name of the work	Tender document Fee (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Time of Completion	Tender validity
1	Hiring of registered commercial vehicle (Fuel Type HSD only) along with Driver on monthly basis not older than 10 years from now.	100/-	5000/-	03 days	90 days

The contract will be initially for a period of one year. However, the contract may be extended subsequently, on mutual consent, and on same terms and conditions for a period of one year on review of performance, depending upon the requirements and administrative conveniences of the office.
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S No	Description	Model	Type of fuel	Quantity
1.	Vehicle along with driver on monthly basis	Fortuner/ Innovaas per equivalent as per motor Garages Clarification	HSD (only) to be provided by the department	01 vehicle

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

S. No.	Description	Date			Time
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A	Publish Date	17	08	2021	11:00 AM
2	Download start date	17	08	2021	11:00 AM
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4	Clarification End Date	19	08	2021	04:00 PM
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6	Bid submission end date	27	08	2021	12:00 PM.
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Subject: Document Verification of Provisionally Shortlisted Candidates for Class-IV posts of various Department, (UT, Divisional Cadre Jammu/Kashmir and District Cadres) advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2020 dated 26.06.2020 — Re-scheduling of dates req.
The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board has scheduled Computer Based Test (CBT) for different posts of the Health and Medical Education Department advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2021 dated 26.03.2021, from **17th August to 24th August 2021**. It is imperative to deploy requisite manpower for ensuring transparency, fairness and efficiency in the written examinations scheduled by the Services Selection Board.
In view of the above, it has been felt expedient to postpone the ongoing Counselling-cum-Documnt Verification of Class-IV posts during the aforesaid period to spare the required manpower for conduct of scheduled CBT.
Accordingly, it is hereby notified for the information of all the concerned that the Counseling-cum-Documnt Verification of Class-IV posts scheduled to be held **w.e.f 16th August to 24th August 2021, is hereby POSTPONED** till further orders. Next date shall be announced separately.
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No. SSB/COE/Class IV/2021/ 5484-92
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Taliban co-founder Back In Afghanistan

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The Taliban's co-founder returned to Afghanistan Tuesday following the group's stunning takeover of the country, hours after they told government staff to return to work -- though residents reacted cautiously and few women took to the streets.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar's arrival from Qatar -- where he has spent months leading talks with the United States and then Afghan peace negotiators -- crowns a stunning comeback for the Taliban after being ousted 20 years ago.

Tens of thousands of people have tried to flee the country to escape the hardline Islamist rule expected under the Taliban, or fearing direct retribution for siding with the US-backed government that ruled for the past two decades.

Significantly Baradar, now deputy leader of the group, chose to touch down in Afghanistan's second biggest city Kandahar -- the Taliban's spiritual birthplace and capital during their first time in power.

He landed hours after evacuation flights from Kabul's airport restarted after chaos Monday when huge crowds mobbed the apron, with some people so desperate they clung to the fuselage of a US military plane as it rolled down the runway for take-off.

The Taliban led a pariah regime from 1996 to 2001, infamous for a brutal rule in which girls could not go to school, women were barred from working in jobs that would put them in contact with men, and

people were stoned to death. Now the Taliban are back in power, they have sought to project an air of restraint and moderation, including by on Tuesday announcing a "general amnesty" for government workers.

"Those working in any part or department of the government should resume their duties with full satisfaction and continue their duties without any fear," a Taliban statement said.

Some shops also reopened as traffic police were back on the streets, while Taliban officials planned a first diplomatic meeting -- with the Russian ambassador.



A Taliban official also gave an interview to a female journalist on an Afghan news channel, and a girls' school reopened in the western city of Herat.

Russia's foreign minister Sergei Lavrov said the Taliban had sent a "positive signal" by showing a "readiness to respect the opinion of others."

UAE says Afghan President Ashraf Ghani is in the country



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Kabul : The United Arab Emirates says it has accepted Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and his family for "humanitarian considerations."

Ghani fled Afghanistan just as

the Taliban approached Kabul.

The statement carried by the UAE's state-run WAM news agency on Wednesday did not say where Ghani was in the country. It quoted the country's Foreign Ministry in a one-sentence statement.

Iran ups uranium enrichment to 60%



Iran has established a process to accelerate production of highly enriched uranium, the UN nuclear watchdog said on Tuesday, with talks to save the 2015 nuclear deal at a standstill.

International Atomic Energy Agency director Rafael Grossi informed IAEA member states that Tehran was boosting such capacity at its Natanz enrichment plant.

The agency verified on Saturday that "Iran had configured a new operational mode for the production of UF6 enriched up to 60% U-235," Grossi said in a statement to AFP.

This involved using two centrifuge cascades compared to one previously, he added. The move takes Iran closer to the 90% purity level needed for use in a nuclear weapon. Tehran had started in mid-April to enrich uranium to 60%.

The Islamic republic has gradually rolled back its nuclear commitments since 2018, when then US president Donald Trump withdrew from a multilateral nuclear deal and began imposing sanctions.

The 2015 deal known formally as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, gave Iran relief from sanctions in return for curbs on its nuclear program.

Under the accord, Iran had committed to keep enrichment to 3.67%, though it had stepped this up to 20% in January. Trump's successor Joe Biden said he hopes to revive the nuclear deal and indirect talks in Vienna, through European intermediaries, started in the Austrian capital in April. But the talks broke up on June 20 without any discernible progress.

The EU said earlier this month that Iran is ready to resume talks under new president Ebrahim Raisi, and meetings could take place in Vienna from early September.

Meanwhile the United States on Monday urged Iran to return to the negotiations, voicing alarm over Iranian production of uranium metal reported by the UN nuclear watchdog.

According to the report presented by Grossi, Iran has made 200 grammes of the metal, after having announced such a project in July for research purposes.

The State Department said Washington believed Tehran "has no credible need to produce uranium metal."

Under the 2015 deal, Iran promised not to produce the metal, which can be used to build a nuclear bomb.

China sifts opportunity from ashes of US Afghan project



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While Beijing stresses it has no desire to direct any future political settlement in Kabul, it appears to have scented opportunity to press its Belt and Road interests as the US pulls out

China's overtures to the Taliban indicate a bid to extract maximum benefit from the dramatic collapse of the US project in Afghanistan.

But Beijing will remain watchful of the hardliners now running the show in Kabul, especially as Afghanistan borders China's eastern Xinjiang province, home to the Muslim-majority Uighurs, analysts say.

Around a fortnight before the Islamists seized power in a lightning offensive that stunned the world, Foreign Minister Wang Yi hosted a Taliban delegation in Beijing.

And just one day after the Taliban entered Kabul, China said it was ready to deepen "friendly and cooperative" relations with Afghanistan.

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Pragmatism prevails

As power transitions to the Taliban, Beijing has a few key demands, said Hua Po, an independent political analyst in Beijing.

"The first is to protect China's investments and ensure security of Chinese nationals," he says.

"Second, it is necessary to cut off relations with East Turkestan (Xinjiang) separatists and not let them return to Xinjiang."

But pragmatism appears to be prevailing over ideology towards a group whose religious doctrines have in the past left China queasy.

And the Taliban appear to have understood that if they want good relations with China, they will have to leave China's Muslims -- whose plight is a rallying cause for Islamists worldwide -- alone.

A Taliban spokesman, Mohammad Naeem, has vowed that "Afghanistan's soil would not be used against any country's security."

In China, state media has buffed up the potential of driving major economic schemes under the new regime, from the Aynak Copper Mine project -- Afghanistan's largest copper deposit, and the world's second-largest -- to the northern oil fields of Faryab and Sar-i-pul.

Beijing-backed firms have already pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into rights to mine and build, but extreme insecurity has iced most of the plans.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's generous lithium deposits -- the country has been dubbed the 'Saudi Arabia of lithium' -- have manufacturers of electric vehicles which run on the mineral licking their lips.

And China is the world's largest EV maker.

The Taliban, who stand to benefit hugely from building ties with Beijing, "look forward to China's participation in the reconstruction and development of Afghanistan," foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters on Monday. "We welcome this," she said.

China's embassy in Kabul remains operational, although Beijing began evacuating Chinese citizens from the country months ago as security deteriorated.

'China knows the history'

Afghanistan has for centuries been a cauldron of big power aspirations in central Asia -- many of which have eventually run aground.

While the Taliban are trying to rebrand as a more moderate force than during their first brutal hardline incarnation, they remain an unpredictable entity leading a volatile country.

"China knows this history, and they know that this is a government that they are not going to entirely trust," said Raffaello Pantucci, a senior fellow at the S

Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore who specializes in Afghanistan.

And that makes a hasty investment drive unlikely, he said. "Why is it suddenly a more attractive prospect now, when you have a less stable situation with a government that is not immensely reliable?"

"I don't foresee Chinese companies saying, 'let's go and mine some lithium' especially in some parts of the country that are still very dangerous," Pantucci added.

Propaganda win

But where China is reaping the benefits already is on the propaganda front, with Beijing openly wringing maximum propaganda value from America's spectacular foreign policy failure in Afghanistan.

Its state media pumped out the images of desperate Afghans flooding Kabul airport in an effort to flee on Monday as a sign of the chaos prompted by the US retreat.

On Tuesday, foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua said Washington had left "an awful mess of unrest, division and broken families" in Afghanistan.

"America's strength and role is destruction, not construction."

State media has peddled the idea that America's rush from Afghanistan reflects its fair-weather attitude to all allies -- including in Taiwan, which seeks strength from Washington's security guarantee as it defies Beijing.

US President Joe Biden, hampered over the disorderly retreat, has defended the withdrawal saying China and Russia would "love nothing more" than his country to have continued to sink resources into the Afghanistan quagmire.

But once the moment for quick point-scoring passes, China will take a much colder pragmatic view of Afghanistan under the Taliban, analyst Hua said.

3 Dead Following Anti-Taliban Protests In Jalalabad



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At least three people were killed, and more than a dozen injured after Taliban militants opened fire during protests against the group in the Afghan city of Jalalabad on Wednesday, two witnesses told Reuters.

The witnesses said the deaths followed an attempt by local residents to install Afghanistan's national flag at a square in the city, some 150 km to the east of Kabul. Video footage shot by Pajhwok Afghan News, a local news agency, showed protesters in the city who were carrying

the Afghan flag fleeing with the sound of gunshots in the background. A former police official told Reuters separately that four people had been killed and 13 injured in the protests, without elaborating further.

It was not possible to verify how the deaths occurred.

"There were some troublemakers who wanted to create issues for us," a Taliban militant present in Jalalabad at the time of the incident told Reuters. "These people are exploiting our relaxed policies."

Taliban spokesmen could not immediately be reached for comment.

400 people booked for harassing, molesting Pakistani YouTuber girl



Lahore police have booked 400 people who allegedly harassed and molested a YouTuber girl on Pakistan's Independence Day at the historic Minar-i-Pakistan, officials said.

The police got into action following the videos of her harassment and molestation that went viral on social media, with calls to Prime Minister Imran Khan and Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar to take action against the culprits.

The incident took place on August 14 when hundreds of youngsters were celebrating Independence Day at Azadi Chowk near Minar-i-Pakistan in Lahore. In the videos, hundreds of young men can be seen throwing the girl in the air for fun, dragging her, tearing her clothes and molesting her. They also took off her shalwar (trouser) and molested her.

"After the videos went viral on Tuesday, the police approached the girl on the order of the high-ups and persuaded her to register FIR," a senior police official told PTI. He said the girl was still traumatised and broke into tears while narrating what had happened to her on Independence Day.

She said in the FIR that she and six other members of her YouTube channel visited Azadi Chowk to record a video

clip of the Independence Day celebrations.

"We were shooting the clip when a good number of youngsters started teasing me. They were joined by more and more. Seeing the suspects harassing me, the security guard of the Minar-i-Pakistan Park opened the central gate to let her enter to take shelter. When I crossed the gate and entered the park, the suspects came after me. They tore my clothes and molested me. They dragged and tossed me up in the air for fun. They also beat my team members, and used abusive language," she said and added the humiliation continued for an hour before some people (of them) finally managed to rescue her.

She alleged that during this shameful incident her cell phone, a gold ring and cash worth PKR 150,000 were snatched as well. The police officer said with the help of video footage, the suspects will be arrested soon. There were reports on social media that the girl was carrying two flags—a Pakistani and an Indian—to use them for her TikTok video clip in connection with the Independence Day of both countries. Someone from the crowd raised an objection to this, and afterwards this incident took place.

The police however did not confirm this social media report.

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Taliban Gained "Fair Amount" Of US Defense Equipment: White House

Washington: The White House acknowledged Tuesday that the Taliban had amassed a significant amount of US military equipment after seizing control of Afghanistan following two decades of war with American forces.

Pictures and videos have shown the Taliban with firearms and vehicles that Pentagon troops used or provided to the Afghan national security forces, as well as advanced UH-60 Black Hawk attack helicopters and other equipment at the Kandahar airport.

"We don't have a complete picture, obviously, of where every article of defense materials has gone. But certainly, a fair amount of it has fallen into the hands of the Taliban," said White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan.



"Obviously, we don't have a sense that they are going to readily hand it over to us," he said.

Sullivan said losing control of millions of dollars worth of military supplies to an enemy is an example of "the difficult choices a president faces ... in the context of the end of a 20-year war."

He noted that the Black Hawks had been supplied to Afghan government forces to help battle the Taliban insurgency. But the government forces succumbed to the Taliban terrorists quickly, and gave up control of large stores of weaponry and their helicopters.

Saudi Arabia Extends Iqama, Visit Visa Validity Till Sept 30

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The government of Saudi Arabia recently started extending automatically the validity of residence permits, well-known as Iqama, for expatriates stranded outside the Kingdom in countries from which entry is suspended due to the Covid-19 crisis.

The extension -- now valid until September 30 -- is also being applied to visit visas as well as exit and re-entry visas and will be done at no extra cost, according to the Khaleej Times.

The extension can be conducted via the link: enjazit.com.sa/enjaz/



extendex, the Gulf News reports citing the Saudi Foreign Ministry.

"This decision is part of the kingdom's efforts to mitigate

impacts of precautionary measures against Covid-19," the ministry said in a statement.

Last month, Saudi authorities extended the validity of residence permits and visas of expatriates who are stuck abroad due to travel restrictions until the end of August. Starting from July 4, Saudi Arabia suspended flights with the UAE, Vietnam, and Ethiopia, citing concerns about Covid-19.

In February, the kingdom banned flights with 20 countries to limit Covid transmission.

The travel ban is now in place with Argentina, Afghanistan, Brazil, Egypt, Ethiopia, India,

Lebanon, Pakistan, Turkey, South Africa, the UAE and Vietnam. This move is in keeping with the Saudi authorities' continuing efforts to deal with the repercussions of the pandemic.

It also falls within precautionary and preventive measures that guarantee the safety of citizens and residents and contribute to mitigating financial and economic impacts.

The General Directorate of Passports indicated that the extension will be carried out electronically in cooperation with the National Information Centre without the need to visit the departments of passports.

640 Kanals Of Land Encroached Around Wular Lake

KO News Desk

Srinagar: Authorities on Wednesday said that at least 640 Kanals of land around the parameters of Wular Lake have been encroached so far and to find out actual number of encroachers, a survey has been ordered.

The concerned authorities of the Wular Lake have removed encroachment of around 10 Kanals of land.

According to the minutes of the meeting chaired by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir P K Pole the concerned department has informed that there was approximately 90 Kanals of land under encroachment situated at outer parameters of Wular Lake out of which encroachment at 10 Kanals have been removed.

Pole was also informed that "In total, 640 Kanals of land is under encroachment including the government authorized or accommodated Sher Colony."

In the meeting, Pole directed the authorities that the matter of Kamas shall be taken with Rakhs and Farms so that action regarding the cultivation shall be taken as per National Green Tribunal (NGT) directions within fifteen days.

"Further, a survey shall be conducted in the Sher Colony where the details of descendants and other than descendants shall be explored within the fifteen 15 day and the excess cutting shall be completed within the same time period positively," Pole said.

He said that the machinery of accessing cutting shall be provided by the wildlife department.

In the meantime the authorities of Hokersar wetlands told Pole that at least 2273 Kanals of land have been provided to Kamas for paddy cultivation by Rakhs and Farms besides the plantation on 248 Kanals existed on Srinagar side

Jammu Chamber Demands Special Package For Covid-hit Sectors

Agencies

Jammu: Asserting that COVID-19 has badly hit tourism, transport and trade sectors in Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) on Wednesday demanded a special relief package for these sectors.

The Chamber also advocated continuation of the bi-annual 'Darbar move', an age-old practice under which the J&K government functions six months each in the twin capital cities.

It also asked the administration to focus on promotion of tourism in Jammu province, including the possibility of Wagah-type parade at Suchetgarh and revoking of the notification regarding re-registration of vehicles purchased by local residents from outside the Union Territory.

The demands were highlighted in a memorandum which was submitted by a five-member delegation led by JCCI President Arun Gupta to Chief Secretary A K Mehta at a meeting here, a spokesperson of the trade body said.

Sharing the copy of the memorandum, the JCCI said the practice of darbar move was aimed at "maintaining communal harmony" among the people of Jammu and Kashmir regions and "we therefore request (the government) to continue the practice".

J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha administration had on June 20 announced that the J&K administration has completely transitioned to e-office, thereby ending the practice of the bi-annual 'darbar move'.

"Now, both the Jammu and Srinagar secretariats can function normally for 12 months. This will save the government Rs 200 crore per year, which will be used for the welfare of the deprived sections, he had said.

However, various stakeholders, including traders and transporters, have openly voiced their resentment against the decision on the plea that the

practice, which was started by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1872, gives a big boost to Jammu economically.

Thousands of families from Kashmir used to move along with darbar to spend winter in Jammu.

The JCCI advocated special incentives for tourism, transport and trade sectors, saying the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic last year and subsequent lockdown had hit them hard.

"We urge the government to make some mechanism for survival and revival of these sectors," the memorandum said, also requesting for a revival package to give relief to the small-scale business houses especially the non-essential shopkeepers.

The JCCI demanded continuation of the VAT and power amnesty scheme and also pleaded for relief to the business community from paying rent to various departments for the lockdown period.

Claiming neglect of the Jammu region in the tourism promotion, the memorandum called for focussed attention on Patnitop, Bhaderwah, Banj, Sarthal, Kishtwar and Doda. Besides, it also requested the Centre to explore the possibility of Wagah-type parade at Suchetgarh in R S Pura sector of Jammu to boost border tourism.

The trade body requested for completing of pending work on the ongoing projects like artificial lake on River Tawi, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex, and development of banks of river Tawi on the pattern of Sabarmati and heritage circuit at the earliest.

It demanded removal of security pickets in and outside the famous Raghunath temple in the city, claiming that the installation of the pickets have affected the flow of devotees.

The JCCI called for intensification of vaccination drive against COVID-19 across the Union Territory and allowing functioning of banquet halls and cinema halls with 50 per cent capacity.

'Kashmir Is A Country' Remark Of Punjab Congress Leader Triggers Controversy

AAP Demands Clarification From Sidhu

KO News Desk

Amritsar: A statement by Malvinder Singh Mali, advisor to Punjab Congress unit president Navjot Singh Sidhu, has triggered controversy after Mali on his Facebook account, wrote, "Kashmir is a country of Kashmiris, in accord with the agreement when it left India in 1947 and in violation of the UNO decision, Kashmir was cut into two pieces, which has been occupied by Pakistan and India."

Mali has written these things while posting a picture of Lal Chowk in Kashmir lit by the tricolor on August 15.

Singh, has been a strong critic of Punjab CM Amarinder Singh and the state government's style of functioning.

Meanwhile, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab in-charge and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Jarnail Singh on Tuesday sought Punjab Congress president



Navjot Singh Sidhu's clarification on the remarks made by Mali.

Addressing a Press conference, Singh said it is unfortunate that the advisor to the Punjab Congress president has described Kashmir as a separate country.

"In fact, this is not the remark of Navjot Singh Sidhu's advisor, but the truth of Sidhu's

own thinking. Sidhu is asking his advisers to say what he wants to. What bravery is this? Sidhu should show courage to say whatever he wants to about Kashmir or about the collusion between Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh and Prime Minister Narendra Modi," the AAP leader said.

Jammu Couple Booked In Fraud Case

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Crime Branch Jammu Wednesday booked a couple of Satwari Jammu in a criminal case for involvement in hatching criminal conspiracy and cheating a complainant of Rs 8,00,000/.

The duo has been identified as Bashir Ahmed, son of Shah Muhammad and his wife Meena both residents of Narwal area in Satwari.

Crime Branch in a statement said that the couple after offering sale of their house to the complainant against a total monetary consideration of Rs.11.00 Lacs, despite knowing the fact that the land they were offering for sale, actually belonged to State/Defence Cantonment/Waterworks.

"A written complaint was

d lodged by Sandeep Kumar Suri alleging that the accused couple after getting the knowledge of his requirement of a residential house, offered to sell their house for a total consideration amount of Rs 11,00,000/ and on the request of the accused the complainant paid an amount of Rs 8,00,000/ as advance money with rest of the amount to be paid at the time of registration of sale deed /handing over the possession of said house."

The statement said that an agreement to sell was also executed between the two. The complainant had requested the accused number of times to execute the sale deed and hand over the possession of the house to him but the accused delayed it on one or the other pretext. After waiting for about 1 ½ years, the

complainant got suspicious over the behaviour of the accused and he enquired from the Revenue Department about the status of the land and house in question, where he came to know that the land over which the house of the accused exists does not belong to the accused and they are in illegal possession of the land. The complainant then insisted the accused person for a refund of his advance amount paid to the accused. The accused assured the complainant that he would be proceeding on voluntary retirement from service and would refund his money from the retirement benefits, whereas the accused had already taken retirement benefits way back, thus duping the complainant of Rs. 8.00 Lacs with undue benefit to himself.

Govt Approves Rs 692L For NAIP-III Implementation

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Principal Secretary to Government, Animal and Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Departments, Navin Kumar Choudhary Wednesday released the first instalment of Rs 692.28 lakh under NAIP, phase-III against total plan of Rs 21.06 Cr approved by Gol.

He chaired a meeting of senior functionaries of Animal Husbandry Department at Civil Secretariat, here to discuss and review the implementation of Nationwide Artificial Insemination Program (NAIP), phase-III in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, threadbare discussions were held on Action Plan of NAIP-III for implementation in UT of J&K.

Speaking during the meeting, the Principal Secretary said that the main aim of the program is to achieve 70 percent Artificial Insemination coverage over next 5 years. He also said that bovine breeding with AI technology by using frozen semen straws of high pedigree progeny tested bulls is a basic requirement for achieving considerable increase in milk production and productivity.

Objective Of Establishing CU's To Boost Higher Education Facilities: Govt LG's Adv Reviews Functioning of Cluster Universities

SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar Wednesday said that the main objective of establishing cluster universities was to boost the existing higher education facilities in J&K by diversification of the academics with introduction of latest job-intensive courses at the graduate

and post-graduate levels.

He was speaking during a high level meeting to discuss the plan for smooth functioning of Cluster Universities of Jammu and Srinagar at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chancellor, Cluster University, Jammu, Prof. Bechan Lal; Vice Chancellor, Cluster University, Srinagar, Prof. Qayyum Husain; Director Colleges, J&K,

for communication, collaboration and co-operation using emergent IT tools for the students.

Advisor Bhatnagar asked the Vice Chancellors to chalk out the possibility of synchronizing the summer and winter zone sessions of both regions so that the academic time is not wasted for the students.

He suggested them that the curriculum and other aspects which

are coming up in these universities should be developed as per the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

He added that the NEP-2020 aims at the development of Higher Education in all aspects like innovation, research advancements and other related fields, which form the core objectives of establishing these universities.

While highlighting that the staff is critical for smooth functioning of these varsities, Advisor Bhatnagar asked the Vice Chancellors that all the vacant non-teaching posts should be filled on priority as per the statutes of the universities.

He further asked them that the teaching staff should be arranged from Higher Education Department besides the permanent recruitment process for the same should also be initiated for the smooth functioning of these important institutions.

The Advisor stressed upon the Vice Chancellors for maintaining highest standards of learning in these institutions as per the modern trends of education. He assured them of extending every possible assistance for realization of the objectives these Universities have been conceived for.

Youth 'Murdered' Over Love Affair In Shopian

Agencies

Shopain: A 21-year-old youth was allegedly murdered over a love affair in Shopian district of South Kashmir on Tuesday morning.

Police officials said that the body of Shahid Ahmed Ganie son of Manzoor Ahmed Ganie, a resident of Urpora area in Nagbal Shopian was found in the Turkwangam area of the district. Locals informed Police who later took the body for legal formalities.

The family members of Shahid alleged that he was murdered by the family of his girlfriend in Turkwangam, where Shahid had gone to meet his her.

"For the last five years he was in a relationship with a girl from Tukrwangam. However, the family of the girl never accepted them to-

gether. They tried to create every possible hurdle in their relationship but the girl always supported and stood by him against the wishes of her family," said one of the family members.

The case eventually went to the Police where it was mutually decided that they will be married. However, due to the intervention of elders of the village the marriage that was scheduled in January was later called off.

"Both of them were in contact with each other. They wanted to marry each other. Last night he had gone to meet the girl in the area and today his body was found in the surroundings of that area," a family member alleged.

According to police official, FIR has been lodged to investigate the case.

Liquor Smuggled On Air India Charter Flight To Leh, Seized

Agencies

Leh: Excise officers have seized over 250 bottles of liquor that were allegedly smuggled into Leh from Delhi on an Air India charter flight and arrested three people, including a contractual employee of the national carrier, officials said on Wednesday.

Acting on inputs, the seizure was made on Tuesday from two cars outside the airport, they said.

"There were eight cartons carrying around 170 bottles of liquor and about 100 beer bottles. The cartons had Air India charter flight's tag on them," an official said.

A contractual employee of Air India and two more people have been arrested in connection with the case, the officials said, adding that the cars have also been seized.

The excise officials have

sought information from senior Air India staff at Leh about the attempted smuggling, they said.

They have also sought details from Air India about the passengers on the basis of the luggage tags, the officials said.

Describing the modus operandi, they said that liquor bottles are sold to private hotels in Ladakh at higher prices as there is a shortage in the Union Territory.

This is not the first time that such a case has come to light. A few days back, excise officials had seized three cartons of liquor from outside the airport here.

The liquor had come on another Air India charter flight, they said.

A total of six people, including employees of a restaurant, have been arrested in these two cases, they said.



Government of Jammu & Kashmir						
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER DEPARTMENT OF FLORICULTURE KASHMIR SRINAGAR						
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS						
e-NIT No: 21 of 2021-22 Dated: 21.08.2021.						
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory, J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K 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	Class of Contractor	Major A/c Head.
1	2	3	4	5	7	8
01	(A) Repair/Restoration of Pop-Up irrigation system at New Sectt. Lawns Srinagar.	0.72	200/-	10- days	DEE	M&R (023) Non Plan
	(B) Raising of fencing available at site at Bagh-i-Shagooa Park Nigeen Srinagar.	0.54	200/-	08- days	DEE	M&R (023) Non Plan
	(C) Restoration of fountain system and repairment of gates and provision of wicket gate at Gung Baksh Park Nowhatta Srinagar (Part-B)	0.16	200/-	07- days	DEE	M&R (023) Non Plan
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:-						
1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	17/08/2021 from 03:00 PM to 25/08/2021 up to 04:00 PM				
2.	Bid submission Start Date.	17/08/2021 from 03:30 PM				
3.	Bid submission End date	25/08/2021 up to 04:00 PM				
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	26/08/2021 at 02:00 PM				
1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-Challan/copy of receipt from Treasury favouring of Executive Engineer, Floriculture Department Kashmir (Tender inviting authority) indicating name of work by crediting the requisite charges to the MH: 0406-02-112-Public Gardens (Floriculture Department Kashmir) in favour of Executive Engineer (Tender inviting authority)						
2. All Bidders have to submit/upload Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest Money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form as per Annexure "A" below)						
3. The 1st. Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/ within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.						
4. The date and time of opening of technical Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Department of Floriculture Kashmir Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).						
5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.						
6. The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, If:-						
a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.						
b. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.						
Any bid received beyond 15% above the advertisement cost of the work will be rejected.						
5. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.						
6.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.						
6.2 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.						
6.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form						
6.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.						
6.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of following necessary documents:-						
I. Tender document fee in the shape of Treasury Challan,						
II. Registration,						
III. Renewal of Registration (Current financial year)						
IV. Copy of GST of Current financial year up to June,						
V. PAN Card						
VI. Bid Security Declaration.						
However, hard copy from the successful (first lowest) bidder shall be obtained on call. In case of clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.						
Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.						
6. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.						
7. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury fee challan in favour of Executive Engineer Department of Floriculture Kashmir Srinagar and Earnest Money / Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR if applicable pledged to Ex. Engineer Department of Floriculture, Kashmir, Srinagar must be uploaded with the technical documents of the bid. The successful bidder shall submit original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), CDR / FDR (earnest money/bid security) and relevant technical bid documents to the office of tender opening authority by registered post/Courier /by hand.						
8. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case, they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.						
9. Price escalation and Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.						
10. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on Floriculture e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.						
11. Instructions to Bidder (ITB).						
11.1 All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-						
a) Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business.						
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K O V I E W

Muharram ban

Police on Tuesday detained several mourners and thrashed journalists as part of its effort to bar the Muharram procession in Srinagar's Lal Chowk. The attack on the journalists was inexplicable. They were just doing their job. But the police went after them and allegedly broke the camera of one of the journalists. Police had also erected concertina wires and barricades to stop the procession traditionally organized on the eighth of Muharram in areas around Lal Chowk that would culminate at Dalgate. Ironically, the ban was imposed after the government had earlier decided to allow the processions "as per the past practice." The government ban and the use of force on mourners and journalists has been condemned by the political parties.

Muharram gatherings continue to be banned in the Valley since the eruption of militancy in 1989, as authorities maintain that the religious gatherings have been used for propagating separatist politics and that they are a trigger for violence. In Srinagar, the vulnerable areas like Abi Gugar, Lal Chowk, Regal Chowk, Aali Masjid, Shaheed Gunj, Guru Bazaar and Hawal are placed under tight security restrictions to foil large gatherings of people. Government justifies the extreme measures citing the possibility of violence in the city. This has been a stock government explanation for prohibiting the Muharram religious processions over the past three decades. And such explanations are generally independent of the context and the circumstances prevailing at the time. The government always invokes dire prospects of mass disturbance disregarding the calm in the Valley.

Such justifications for strict security curbs are ironically at variance with the otherwise routine parading of peace in the region in government statements. But one misses the basic point about the prevailing normalcy in the state. If Kashmir is normal it is not because of the government, but because people themselves choose to be peaceful. Yes, there is a chance that the situation could deteriorate but that often happens when the government messes things up and uses disproportionately more force than the situation warrants. During the 2016 unrest, it was the killings of youth on a daily basis that became a distinct factor in keeping the situation on the boil. And it was only when killings stopped that situation slowly returned to normal.

The point is not that the government is to blame for everything but that in its obsessive effort to maintain peace it sometimes encourages the trouble. The disruption of religious events like Muharram prevents people in the Valley from practicing their faith which in turn engenders anger against the government, a source of violence. It is the government's responsibility to allow Ashura procession. Of course, there should be adequate security in place but it should not be there to impede but facilitate the occasion.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Taliban's Challenge

THE swiftness with which Kabul fell to the Taliban without a shot being fired has taken the world by surprise. The Afghan Taliban now control the entire country and will dominate whatever interim government ultimately takes shape. With former president Ashraf Ghani fleeing Afghanistan, it is not clear how many of the key people who constituted his government would be acceptable to the Taliban in the new set-up.

What is fairly clear is that the Taliban, militarily victorious as they are, cannot expect to gain international credibility and recognition if they do not reach out to their former rivals. In addition, the Taliban have to also prove that they have changed since the last time they ruled Afghanistan. The global appetite for their brand of governance, marked by severe curtailment of women's rights and rampant violations of human rights, is running thin. They now control a war-ravaged country that desperately needs international assistance to subsist.

The Taliban may feel flush with their victory, but they must realise that governing Afghanistan will require more than military muscle and grit. They have done well to engage key players like the United States, China, Russia, Pakistan and Iran, but from here onwards they will also have to display a behaviour that is acceptable not just to these countries but to the international community as a whole. It is in this respect that the Taliban should waste little time in establishing a broad-based set-up and show by their actions that they respect the rights of women. The world will be keenly looking especially at how the Taliban react towards girls' education. So far the level of violence has been low. The Taliban will need to maintain this peace and calm even as they consolidate their position.

The grim images of Afghans crowding departing American aircraft at the Kabul airport, hanging on to the planes as they took off and falling to their deaths will remain etched in the world's memory for a very long time. They will continue to haunt the memory of those policymakers who believed spending \$83bn on the Afghan military would produce a force capable of withstanding the Taliban onslaught. There are sobering lessons in this for those willing to learn.

Dawn

Marwan Bishara

Such is the lesson most 20th-century colonial powers learned the hard way, as any military historian would tell you. Afghans knew that the US may have controlled the timings of its deployments but the Taliban had the time. And it had the will

US, Taliban and the Stunning Defeat



Last week's turn of events in Afghanistan has been utterly shocking but hardly surprising.

The Taliban's blistering take-over of the country's main cities was breathtaking in its speed and ease, culminating in their march on the capital almost unopposed as President Ashraf Ghani fled the country.

It was expected, yes, but no so rapidly, so victoriously, so humiliatingly.

Since the war began almost 20 years ago, successive US administrations have ignored the writing on the wall, prolonging the inevitable, while failing to prepare for it.

It took the US and its allies only two months to "liberate" Kabul from the grip of the Taliban in 2001, and less than two years for the smug Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, to declare at a news conference in Kabul on May 1, 2003, that "major combat activity" was over.

But it was not over. Not by any measure.

As the US occupation stumbled, the deposed Taliban regrouped and launched a merciless asymmetrical war on the US and Afghan government forces for much of the following two decades.

But successive US administrations deliberately deceived the American public into thinking everything was dandy on the war front in Afghanistan, when in fact, it was anything but – just as they did previously during the Vietnam war.

The scene of US personnel fleeing Kabul last week, just as they did Saigon in 1975, was downright eerie.

The US has suffered a few thousand casualties, but tens of thousands of Afghan security forces have died, and an untold number of civilians have become the real victims of the war, which has destroyed the lives and livelihoods of countless families and communities.

During the past decade, the Taliban has demolished Washington's "clear, build and hold" strategy, terrorising entire communities that cooperated with the US forces.

The total collapse of the Afghan government forces following the withdrawal of the remainder of US combat troops has left many in Washington and other western capitals scratching their heads for answers.

Some of these answers have

been readily available by the "we-told-you-so" war sceptics, who long warned that Afghanistan was a proven "graveyard of empires", whether it is the 19th-century British empire or the 20th-century Soviet empire.

In the words of the ancient Greek Macedonian emperor, Alexander the Great, Afghanistan is "easy to march into but hard to march out of".

But an overconfident post-Cold War America was in no mood for such historical references after the 9/11 attacks hit at the heart of its economic and military symbols in New York and Washington and killed almost 3,000 Americans.

Those of us who warned against waging vengeful wars and occupying faraway lands as a way to combat "global terrorism" and establish a "pax America" in the greater Middle East, were ignored.

The Bush administration's decision to launch a second disastrous and costly war against Iraq left Afghanistan in dire straits, and for all practical purposes, Washington was unable to recover the initiative afterwards.

The failure of the Obama administration's Afghanistan-Pakistan strategy of troop surge signalled the beginning of the end of the war. From then on, only its pride prevented it from recognising the obvious and acting on it.

The Trump administration's decision to engage the Taliban diplomatically appeared to be the beginning of the US surrendering the country to the hardline group in part or as a whole.

The Biden administration's decision to speed up US withdrawal regardless of the diplomatic, military or strategic outcome, left the Afghan government to fend for itself, while knowing all too well it could not last long.

But was it really inevitable?

It is hard to say what would have been the outcome if the US remained focused on Afghanistan, rooting out al-Qaeda and paving the way towards a more stable regime with the help of neighbouring countries. Even Iran offered to help during those early years.

But the Bush administration's decision to launch the "global war on terror", including the disastrous war on Iraq, eventually downgraded and bungled its Afghan mission.

It also alienated major regional and international allies by

its exclusionary "US or against US" approach to the Middle East and international affairs.

Afghanistan was left on the backburner and came to be known as the "forgotten war" as US attention focused on Iraq. Then came the 2008 financial crisis further forcing Washington to turn inward, weakening its foreign commitments.

But even if the US had remained totally focused on Afghanistan, there was no guarantee that it could have accomplished the more modest mission of stabilising the country.

In fact, since World War II, the US has failed to decisively win any major war, whether in Korea, Vietnam or Iraq.

Moreover, geography has long trumped strategy in such asymmetrical conflicts as that of Afghanistan, where local forces and regional dynamics outperform and outmanoeuvre the more sophisticated imperial forces deployed from across the seas.

Such is the lesson most 20th-century colonial powers learned the hard way, as any military historian would tell you.

Afghans knew that the US may have controlled the timings of its deployments but the Taliban had the time. And it had the will.

The US may have won certain hearts and minds, especially in Kabul, where it spent untold sums of money, but Afghans knew deep in their hearts that America will depart sooner or later, and they would have to deal with the Taliban.

It did not help that their successive governments were rather inept and corrupt, garnering little or no confidence. Their complete dependency on US military and financial aid ensured they would never be able to try to stand on their own.

The same applied to the armed forces. Despite outnumbering the Taliban four to one, corruption, nepotism and neglect reigned high, especially among the top brass.

In sum, this may have been inevitable considering the US blunders and its partners' failings, but it did not have to be so utterly humiliating.

But then again, the humiliation may be the one silver lining after the two decades of tragedy, teaching Washington to avoid war at all cost in the future, especially those horrific wars of choice in the greater Middle East.



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The Parallel Pandemic

The ongoing covid pandemic is paralleled by another pandemic, that's the rapid increase in mental health issues. This rising distress levels have led to an upsurge in depression and suicides across the world. The conformity to households and the isolation and humdrum existence induced by the pandemic has substantially impacted our mental health. Even though the pandemic is receding now but the fear of attending social events and interacting like pre pandemic times is still intact and rightly so. The fear of contracting the

virus, or becoming a carrier hovers over our mind all the time and this severely hampers our ability to go about our normal lives. The disruption in our routines and solitary and virtual education or work life devoid of meaningful human interaction has adverse effects for our well being and has led to an alarming increase in anxiety and depression. The alarm mode that we have been in for the past two years has been debilitating and has led to a tremendous increase in complaints of brain fog which hamper our ability to concentrate. Despite the gravity and enormity

of the problem, little effort has been made to tackle it, it is not given the attention that it requires. The negative social connotations attached to mental health is a major reason why is its neglected and brushed under the carpet, the refusal to acknowledge the problem has further intensified the problem and been a major reason for policy failure regarding the growing mental health crises. Change in social attitude towards mental health is essential to deal with this problem efficiently. It is pertinent for that state to take an active role in mitigating this cases through social awareness

about mental health and provision of mental health care and counselling services to the distressed. Allocating colossal amounts of money for the health sector is crucial and the need of the hour. The government should upscale this sector, recruit psychologists, establish mental health clinics and provide free online and offline counselling to the ones requiring it. Addressing this issue will not only be beneficial to the individual but also the society at large.

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Commemorative services remind the faithful of the core message behind Imam Husayn's martyrdom: establishing justice and fighting injustice. Arbaeen also marks an important turning point in the movement of Karbala. This day the Ahlul Bayt reached the land of Karbala after the end of their captivity in Umayyad prisons and visited the graves of their beloved. Thus Ashura is martyrdom day of the history makers and Arbaeen is pilgrimage day of Ashura makers. Editor
DR Muhammad Iqbal (1877- 1938) known to the world as the Poet-Philosopher of the East, devoted his life to awaken the Muslim Ummah and to make it pursue the path of spirituality, knowledge, jihad, sacrifice and martyrdom.

Dr Iqbal had an abiding faith in Ahlul Bayt (the Chosen Descendants of the Holy Prophet). He was intensely moved by the tragic events of Karbala so much so that in many of his couplets he carried a universal message to the mankind for emulating Imam Husayn who sacrificed his life at the altar of Truth. His elegies on the martyrdom of Imam Husayn stand unmatched and are an eye-opener to all those who are giving a mere lip-service to Islam.

In the following couplets Dr Iqbal gives vent to his sentiments and feelings on Imam Husayn:

Jis tarah mujhko shahid-e-Karbala say piyar hay
Haq ta'ala ko yatimon ki dua say piyar hay

Dr Iqbal expresses his extreme love for Imam Husayn. Just as Almighty Allah loves to listen to the invocation of the orphans, he also has the same kind of love for the martyr of Karbala.

Roney wala hoon shahid-e-Karbala kay gham may mayn
Kya durrey maqsad na daingay Saqi-e-Kausar mujhey

Dr Iqbal has a sincere and genuine faith in Imam Husayn. The hero of this episode Imam Husayn, the brave son of the bravest of the brave Ali and grandson of the Holy Prophet, took up a firm stand not to acknowledge Yazid as the Caliph of Islam. It is a fight for the preservation of the principles and tenets of Islam. Imam Husayn arrived in Karbala on the 2nd of Muharram 61 A.H. along with his small children, women, and some comrades numbering 72 only. On the 10th of Muharram he was brutally killed. This was the tragedy over which Iqbal sheds tears. He believes that mourning and wailing over him would lead to his (Iqbal's) salvation. He also believes that Suqi-e-Kauthar Lord of Kauthar (Cistern in Paradise) Le. Imam Ali loves those, who weep for Imam Husayn. He hopes and prays that since he sheds tears out of grief for Husayn, Imam Ali would give him all the help he needs.

Gharib-o-sada-o-rangi'n hay dastan-e-Haram
Nihayat iski Husayn ibtida hay Ismail

Dr Iqbal says that the event of the construction of Kaba is very simple and interesting. Prophet Ismail suffered great pains in its construction. The Holy Prophet purged it from the idols that were in it, and so raised its glory. The first stone was laid by Ismail indeed. He offered for sacrifice his own life but the sacrifice was not completed as he was replaced by a ram and according to the Holy Qur'an the great sacrifice or Zibh-e-Azim was to come later and completed by one of his descendants, Husayn. So in fact culmination of the spirit of love for Allah was manifest when Imam Husayn sacrificed his life and preserved the dignity of the Holy Kaba.

Haqiqat-e-abadi hay maqam-e-Shabbiri
Badaltay rahay hain andaze Kufio-Shami

Dr Iqbal here compares two things Shabbiri or Husayniyat, i.e. principles enunciated and adhered to by Imam Husayn, and Yazidiyat, i.e. worldly power and authority. Husayn was the symbol of devotion to and love for Allah, i.e. submission to none except Allah.

The spirit as shown by the rulers of Kufa and Syria, is always changing since it tries to gain strength through fraud, dishonesty, and political expediency and maneuvering as against this truth never changes. So the reality Imam Husayn has achieved, is a reality which shall be hailed and acknowledged for all times to come.

Qafilay Hijaz may ek Husayn bhi nahin
Garche hai tabdar abhi wadi ey Dajlao Furat

Dr Iqbal was distressed to note that Iraq was under the yoke of the British. He was disappointed that the Muslims had lost courage and were suffering humiliation. The land of Tigres and Eupharates called some staunch devotee of Islam who could relieve them of their serfdom. Iqbal only wished a man, a follower of Imam Husayn might come up to help the Muslims of Iraq!

Sidq-e-Khalil Bhi hay ishq sabr-e-Husayn bhi hay ishq



Allamah Iqbal on Imam Hussain(A.S.)

Dr. Ibrahim Ayati

“Our Holy Prophet conquered the Battles of Badr and Hunayn through his ardent love for Allah. Similarly Imam Husayn showed his patience in the battlefield of Karbala where he, with his family and comrades, not only suffered the pangs of three days’ thirst, but willingly sacrificed his life for the cause of Truth and love for Allah. Love for Allah is a quality, a force, an impetus, which creates in us extraordinary patience and forbearance

Marika-e-wujud maiyn Badr-o-Hunayn bhi hay ishq

Dr Iqbal says that love of Allah manifests itself in many ways. Prophet Ibrahim had to suffer many difficulties in the cause of Allah. He accepted being thrown into the fire, and the fire was turned into a blooming garden.

It showed his intense love for Allah. Our Holy Prophet conquered the Battles of Badr and Hunayn through his ardent love for Allah. Similarly Imam Husayn showed his patience in the battlefield of Karbala where he, with his family and comrades, not only suffered the pangs of three days’ thirst, but willingly sacrificed his life for the cause of Truth and love for Allah. Love for Allah is a quality, a force, an impetus, which creates in us extraordinary patience and forbearance.

Ek faqr hay Shabbiri es faqr mayn hay meri
Miras- e-Musalmani, samaya-i-Shabbiri

Dr Iqbal says that the life of a dervish is a very noble way of living but it is different from the life of a mendicant or friar who lives on begging or in seclusion. We should learn from Imam Husayn who while passing the life of a dervish had no other consideration except love of Allah and submission to His will. Our treading the path practised by Imam Husayn will bestow on us the title of Chief among the people. A Muslim has inherited this wealth from Imam Husayn, and we should make the best use of it. Imam Husayn has given us the lesson of self-sacrifice, patience, and forbearance and submission to none except Allah.

An Imam-e-ashiqan pooray Batool
Sarvay azadi ze bustan-e-Rasul

Now Dr Iqbal opens his praises for the son of lady Fatima. He was the chief of the lovers of Allah, and an evergreen tree from the garden of the Prophet. Imam Husayn who stood against the forces of evil, refused to acknowledge Yazid as the Caliph of Islam, and upholding the dignity of Islamic principles sacrificed his life along with a small band of 72 of his followers, at the battlefield of Karbala.

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“What a good carriage it is!” The Prophet said, “And what a good rider it is!” Dr Iqbal mentions this event to show what affectionate feelings the Holy Prophet had towards his grandson.

Surkh roo ishq-e-ghayoor az Khoon-e-oo
Surkhiye in misra az mazmoon-e-oo

Dr Iqbal says that it is because of

Imam Husayn’s blood that the modest love has gained honor and dignity. This couplet can well serve a title for the episode of the Tragedy of Karbala which shows how piously and valiantly Imam Husayn defended the tenets of Islam, sacrificed his own life along with his kith and kin, sincere followers, and comrades, and raised the honor of love to its acme.

Darmiyan-e-Ummat an Keywan janab,
Hamchu harfe-Qul Huwallah dar Kitab

Dr Iqbal shows here the position of Imam Husayn. He says that among the followers of the Holy Prophet Imam Husayn is like the Divine phrase Qul huwallah (Say He is Allah) meaning that Allah is One, in the Holy Qur’an. Since the entire Holy Qur’an turns to this verse -Qul Huwallaho Ahad (Say that He is One) similarly the whole Islamic world turns towards Imam Husayn who is the source of our guidance. Dr Iqbal knows the tradition of our Prophet: “Husayn is from me and I am from Husayn” i.e. Husayn is his grandson and that he (the Prophet) would be made known by him, and his mission would be fulfilled by Imam Husayn who sacrificed his life to immortalize Islam and its tenets.

Musa o Firaun-o-Shabbir or Yazid
In do quwwat az Hayat amad padid.

Ever since the creation of life two opposing forces have been at war with each other-virtue and vice, Right and wrong. Musa (Moses) rose against Firaun (Pharoah) and Shabbir (Imam Husayn) rose against Yazid. These struggles were between the Right and the wrong. Consequently the Right prevailed upon the wrong and it was proved that Right is might.

Zindah haq az quwwat-e-Shabbiri ast
Batil akhir dagh-e-hasrat miri ast

Dr Iqbal says that Truth or Islam exists today because of the strength shown and the spiritual power exercised by Imam Husayn. In other words Imam Husayn made Islam immortal. The wrong was crushed to annihilation in spite of its apparent success. Yazidism or the principle enunciated by Yazid is looked down upon by all, but Husayn’s blood spilled at Karbala still enlivens our hearts and

makes us feel that his sacrifice to support the Right against the wrong was unparalleled in the history of mankind.

Choon Khitlafat rishtah az Qur’an
gushtkht
Hurriyat ra Zahr under Kam rikht
Khast an sar Jatwaey Khairut Umam
Choon Sahabe Qibtah Baran dar qadam
Bar zamin-e-Karbala Barid o raft

Lalah dar wiranaha Karid o raft
Ta qayamat qat’ay istibdad kard
Mauje Khoone oo chaman ijad kard

Dr Iqbal says that when the Islamic Government severed its relation with the injunctions of the Holy Qur’an the Muslims suffered moral degradation. It marred their freedom. When the rulers indulged in all sorts of vicious habits and satisfied their carnal desires against the clear-cut injunctions of the Holy Qur’an the whole social structure was impaired. Nobody could utter a word against the tyrant ruler and his associates. Then arose that chief of the Muslims (Husayn) like blessed cloud with rain of mercy under his foot. It rained blessings on the sands of Karbala and turned that desert into a garden. It is the place where Imam Husayn with his kith and kin, children and comrades, numbering 72 only, faced a huge army and courted martyrdom after three days starvation and thirst on the 10th of Muharram 61 A.H. Husayn was undoubtedly the savior of freedom and Karbala has become the symbol of struggle against tyranny. Husayn’s role at Karbala was So magnificent that it eradicated for ever the savage idea of cruelty and cold-bloodedness. The wave of his blood has created a garden which is symbolic of his sacrifice for the preservation of freedom and Truth.

Bahre haq dar Khak-o-khoon ghaltida ast
Pas bina ey la illah gardida ast

Dr Iqbal says that Imam Husayn voluntarily gave his life at Karbala for the sake of Allah or Truth. So it goes without saying that Husayn laid the foundation of the cardinal Principle of Islam -the belief that there is no god except Allah. Since Islamic principles were being twisted, distorted and exterminated it was Husayn’s blood which gave it a new life.

Mudda a yash saltanat boody agar
Khud na hardy ba chunin sammame safar

That Imam Husayn’s only aim in refusing to accept Yazid as Caliph of Islam was to preserve Islam, can be borne out from the fact that while he left Madina for his journey towards Kufa he had a small band of his relations and followers, including women, and children. Had he the intention of fighting a political battle he would not have gone there with such people as he took with him. Those Who accompanied Imam Husayn included his sisters, wives, children (even a six month old child was with him) and some followers, some of whom were more than eighty years of age.

Dushmanan chun rig-e-sahra la tu’ad
Dostan-e-oo ba yezdan ham ’adad

In the Battle of Karbala the number of the enemy was as countless as the particles of sand, but the number of Imam Husayn’s friends was only 72.

Tigh-e-la choon az miyan buroon kashid
Az rag-e-arb?be b’til khoon kashid
Naqsh-e-Ilallah bar Sahra nawisht
Satre-unwan-e-najat-e-ma nawisht
Ramz-e-Qur’an az Husayn amokhteem
Za atishe-oo Shoalaha andokhteem

Imam Husayn took up his sword of ‘La’ or ‘No’ that is, there is no deity (except Allah) and crushed infidelity. He imprinted the mark of Ilallah (Tawhid), or monotheism in the wilderness of Karbala. It was a title for our salvation. In fact we have learnt the lesson of Tawhid or monotheism from Imam Husayn, who taught us in a practical way the secret of Qur’an by sacrificing his life for the sake of Allah and for completing the mission of his grandfather, the Prophet. We have gathered warmth from the fire of love for Allah that Imam Husayn possessed. Dr Iqbal means that the love for Allah shown and the sacrifice made by Imam Husayn at Karbala should serve as the best lesson for all the people of the world.

Shawkat-e-Sham-o farray Baghdad raft,
Satwat-e-Ghamata ham az yad raft
Tar-e-ma az zakhma ash larzan hanooz,
Tazah az takbir-e-oo Iman hanooz

Dr Iqbal says that kingly grandeur gained through political battles never survives. The pomp and vanity of the thrones of Syria and Baghdad which were once seats of great kings is no more present. Nobody remembers the splendor of Gharnata i which was the seat of Spanish Kings. But the reverential call of Husayn at Karbala -his call of La Ill?h? Ill?Il?h is still echoing in our ears and thrilling our hearts.

Ay sab’ay pak-e-dur uftdagn,
Ashk-e-ma bar khak-e-pak-e-oo rasan

Iqbal’s intense love for and faith in Imam Husayn is apparent from this couplet. Fondly addressing himself to the breeze, which proverbially carries the message of the lover to the beloved, who is at a remote place. Iqbal asks her to carry his tears to the sacred tomb of Imam Husayn. Dr Iqbal weeps in sad and blessed memory of Imam Husayn and wishes to place his tears over his Imam’s grave.

The above is an excerpt from Dr Ibrahim Ayati’s book, “A Probe Into the History of Ashura

Are 'people persons' also 'machine persons' when they interact online?

Agencies

A new study has revealed that people's personalities, such as how extroverted or introverted they are, and their gender can be linked to how they interact online, and whether they prefer interacting with a system rather than with other people.

The findings of the study were published in the journal 'Computers in Human Behavior'.

In the study, a team of researchers found that people considered websites more interactive if they had tools to facilitate communication between users, often referred to as computer-mediated communication, or CMC.

However, male extroverts also considered sites with tools that let them interact with the computer, called human-computer interaction, or HCI, to be more interactive compared to extroverted women, who viewed sites with CMC tools to be more interactive.

"When you go to a website -- for example, the Google search engine -- you're essentially engaging in HCI, which is different from CMC, which is when you're communicating with other humans through computer technology," said S. Shyam Sunder, James P. Jimirro Professor of Media Effects in the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications and co-director of the Media Effects Research Laboratory.

"When we talk about HCI here, it's really about the degree to which the system or the machine allows us to interact with it, and it includes everything from how we swipe and tap on our mobile devices, to

how we try to access different information through links on a website," added Sunder.

When we talk about CMC, it is about the tools to chat with somebody else, like a customer service agent through an online portal, or when we're having a video chat via zoom, for example," explained Sunder.

Knowing who your web visitors are and what engages them is an important part of creating good user experiences, added Sunder, who is also an affiliate of the Institute for Computational and Data Science.

"For developers, it's useful to know who will appreciate what types of interactivity that you have to offer, or what kind of interactivity should you offer to which kind of people. These are actually quite important business decisions because they cost a lot of money and have a lot of backend consequences," said Sunder.

For example, in an e-commerce site, which may be primarily trafficked by women, the findings suggest that efforts should be made to provide ways to talk to other people, such as chat tools, rather than simply tools to interact with the computer, such as being able to turn an image of a product in all directions.

Real-world behaviours in the virtual world When people use websites, many of the habits and behaviours they have adopted in real life influence their behaviours online, said Yan Huang, assistant professor of integrated strategic communication in the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication, University of Houston and first author of the paper.

The study is in line with that, she added, demonstrating how people who are ex-



troverted in real life also like to interact in virtual settings.

"Our findings largely supported the hypothesis that as people's level of extroversion goes up, they're more likely to recognise the interactive potential of the site, no matter if it's communicating with the machine, or using the computer to talk to other people, but gender also made a differ-

ence here," said Huang.

"What we saw was that extroversion has slightly different effects for men compared to women, in terms of the types of interactivity that they appreciate more," continued Huang.

Interactivity also boosted attitudes about the website, improving the chances that the users would find the site interest-

ing or appealing, she added.

To study the reaction to web tools, the researchers set up four different experimental conditions and randomly assigned each of the 99 participants to one of those conditions.

They were asked to browse a movie news website that either featured or did not feature, tools to communicate with the machine and/or other humans.

In this case, hyperlinks were used to interact with the system, while a comment function was used to communicate with other humans. Participants were instructed to imagine that they were going to choose a movie to watch as they browsed the site for at least three minutes.

After they browsed the website, participants answered a series of questions assessing their experience on the website and their attitude toward it.

They also answered questions that were used to determine their level of extroversion, such as "I see myself as someone who likes to mix socially with people" and "I usually let myself go and have a good time at a party."

Because tools that developers are using to communicate both with the computer and with fellow users are always growing and changing, future studies could examine how these newer tools influence people, according to the researchers.

"In this study, we only operationalised one function for CMC, which was the comment function and one function for HCI in the form of layered hyperlinks," said Huang.

CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT CIVIL SECRETARIAT SRINAGAR/JAMMU

Notice inviting Tender/RFP

e-NIT NO. CAW-03 OF 2021.

JAMMU, August 17, 2021.

Subject: RFP for empanelment of Fixed Wing Aircraft Company for hiring the aircraft on requirement basis.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, proposals are invited from reputed and registered aviation companies having airworthy multi engine Jet Aircraft duly certified and endorsed on its Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP) from DGCA, Government of India for an initial term of two years, extendable by one year w.e.f 01.09.2021 for multi-purpose use of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir as per tender schedule specified below:

NSOP holders with conditions laid down in Para 5.5 B (vii) of the main e-tender/RFP document can also apply.

Tender schedule

EVENT	TARGET DATE
Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	17.08.2021 17:00Hrs
Start date of Downloading of Documents	17.08.2021 17:30 Hrs
Last date to send in request for clarification on the tender, (through email on jkccivilaviation@gmail.com)	19.08.2021 12:00 Hrs
Pre bid meeting/pre proposal meeting	20.08.2021 12:00 Hrs
Start Date for submission of bids	20.08.2021 16:00 Hrs
Last date and time for submission of Tenders/ Bid	25.08.2021 14:00Hrs
Time and date of opening of Technical Bids	26.08.2021 14:00Hrs
Time and date of opening of Financial Bids (tentative, subjective to decision of the Committee).	To be informed

Other details

S.No.	Item	Particulars
(a)	Tender Reference	CAW-03 of 2021
(b)	Tender Fee	Rupees 20,000.00 only, to be submitted Online through Payment Gateway/ Demand Draft, A/c No.0110010100000281, IFSC - JAKAOMOVING, J&K Bank Moving Secretariat Branch in the name of Accounts Officer, Civil Aviation. Tender fee is non-refundable
(c)	Place of Pre-Bid Meeting	Office of Civil Aviation Commissioner, Civil Secretariat, J&K, Jammu/Srinagar
(d)	Address of Communication	Office of Civil Aviation Commissioner, 2/19, Civil Secretariat, J&K, Jammu-180001
(e)	Email Address	jkccivilaviation@gmail.com
(f)	Contact person	Capt. S. Katoch, Commissioner (Technical)
(g)	e-Tendering Website	https://jktenders.gov.in

- The tender document along with other Terms and Conditions of the NIT and relevant documents can be downloaded from the Union Territory Website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The tender shall be deposited in electronic format on the Union Territory website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The tenders uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on 26.08.2021 or any other subsequent date convenient to the Tender/Purchase Committee in the Office Chamber of Commissioner (Technical), Civil Aviation Department, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Room No. 2/19, Jammu.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Submission of hard copy is exempted. However, demand draft regarding tender fee and EMD are required to be submitted before opening of bid.
- Documents required to be notarized for submission may be submitted on the letter head under the signature of the authorized signatory.
- Scanned copies of all necessary documents as per tender documents need to be uploaded as part of the technical bid. These documents, in original, may be asked for submission subsequently, if needed.
- Instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process: Bidders are advised to get Digital Signature Certificate as per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from approved vendor.
- Bidders have to submit their bids in two bid format i.e. Technical and Financial Bid online in electronic format with Digital Signature. Financial Bid shall be submitted ONLINE only. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned document.
- Bidders must upload the scanned copy of all necessary documents, like CDR/PAN/Demand Draft/Online receipt (Tender fee)/Registration certificate duly renewed online as per dates mentioned above.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reason.
- The Tender/Purchase Committee shall reserve the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.
- The rates offered should be quoted in figures as well as in words inclusive of all taxes and levies or any other charge.
- The payment shall be released after successful completion of the contract.
- Any erasing/overwriting/mutilation in the tender form will result in outright rejection of the tender.
- Conditional and ambiguous tender will not be entertained.
- The terms and conditions as reflected in tender document, are mandatory and should be read very carefully by the intending tenderers while furnishing their tenders, which shall form a part of this NIT.

DIPK-6869/21
No. CAW/Estt/Tech/2020-21/ 1293-1303

JAMMU, August 17, 2021

(S. Katoch)
Commissioner (Technical)
Civil Aviation Department

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

For and on behalf of the University e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Electrical Contractors registered with Union territory of J&K Govt., PDD/PW Departments, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the following work:-

S.No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost of the work (In Lacs)	Cost of tender document (In Rs.) In shape of E-Challan	Time allowed for completion of the work	Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender	Time and Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contract
1.	2	3	5	6	7	9	10
1.	Electrification for Raising of 2 nd Floor of Vice Chancellors Secretariat and Administration Block towards west side at Main Campus.	13.00	Rs.2,600/-	12- Months	17-08-2021 To 31-08-2021 (6.00PM)	02-09-2021 (11.00AM)	"AAY"
2	Electrification of Zabarwan Guest House for Ground Floor at Main Campus.	34.13	Rs.1,100/-	04- Months	17-08-2021 To 31-08-2021 (6.00PM)	02-09-2021 (11.00AM)	"AAY"
3	Electrification of Residential Block for Coordinator North Campus.	17.15	Rs.800/-	03- Months	17-08-2021 To 31-08-2021 (6.00PM)	02-09-2021 (11.00AM)	"AAY"

The bid forms and other details can be downloaded from the website www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in

NIT No: - F (E.Tend) (UCD) KU/28/21
DATED: -17-08-2021

DIPK-NB-2729/21

Executive Engineer

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

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Subject:- Extension for Admission Notice for the academic session 2021-22-23 in Govt ITI Budgam

EXTENSION NOTICE

The last date for submission of online admissions for the academic session 2021-22-23 in Govt.ITI Budgam which was fixed earlier as 15th of August vide this office admission notice issued under endorsement No.ITI/Bdg/2021/205-10 dated:16-07-2021 and ITI/Bdg/2021/289-97 dated: 07-08-2021 is hereby extended up to 25th of August, 2021.

Further, the details of trades are available in our official website of the Institution : www.itibudgam.org

(Tawheeda Habib)

Principal

DIPK-6817/21

No.ITI/Bdg/2021/351-58

Dated: 16-08-2021

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SUB TRANSMISSION DIVISION-IIND, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR

Tender Notice

eNIT No STD-II / 59 of 2021-22 Dated 14-08-2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, (In Two Cover System) is hereby invited from A-class electrical contractors for "Segregation of Feeder No 4 of at 33/11kV Receiving Station Bemaia II"

SNO	Description of Work	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost (In Rs)	Last date of submission of e-bid
01	Segregation of Feeder No 4 of 33/11kV Receiving Station Bemaia II	Rs 13100/- OR Submission of Bid Security Declaration Form for EMD (Provided in the tender document)	Rs6.52Lacs	10-09-2021; 2:30pm

- Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications by the bidder.
- The tender document is available on website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid on line up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 20-08-2021; 5:00pm
B	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	20-08-2021; 5:00pm
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)	10-09-2021; 2:30pm
D	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	27-08-2021; 10:00am
E	e-Bid submission (End) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	10-09-2021; 2:30pm
F	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	13-09-2021; 2:30pm
G	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders
H	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids	The office of Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar
I	Cost of e-bid document	Rs500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred Only)
J	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs 13100/- OR Submission of Bid Security Declaration Form for EMD (Provided in the tender document)

- The bidders need to submit the proof/Cost of e-Bid document as stated above through e-Challan/Treasury Receipt pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar to be credited to M.H-0801-Power payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the e-Challan/Treasury Receipt must be enclosed along with the e-Bids. No demand Draft shall be accepted.
- All the e-Bids must be accompanied by EMD/Bid Security Declaration Form for EMD (Provided in the tender document)

- Hard Copy of e-bid (complete) shall have to be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar only from the bidder who is declared LI after opening of financial bids.
- The date and time of opening of financial bids shall be notified on web site <http://jktenders.gov.in>. This is conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The financial bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same web site at the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar.

- The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder' representative will be required to be produced.
- The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the same time and place.

- All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be up loaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.
- To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' class III (b) as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.
- Hard Copy of e-bid (complete) shall have to be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar only from the bidder who is declared LI after opening of financial bids.

- The name of the bidder and e-NIT no. shall be clearly written on the cover.
- Any other information regarding e-tendering process can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer , STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar.

- Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Sub Transmission Division-II,
Rajbagh, Srinagar.

No:STD-II/1778-80/Ts
DIPK-NB-2678/21

Dated: 14-08-2021

To Facilitate Sale Of Cocoon Production, SDD Organises Annual Cocoon Auction

KO NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: The Directorate of Sericulture Development Department (SDD), Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday organized an Annual Cocoon auction market at Tulsi Bagh here to facilitate sale of Cocoon production of sericulture farmers of the valley.

Director SDD, J&K Manzoor Ahmad Qadiri inaugurated the phenomenal activity of marketing of silk cocoons in Kashmir Division.

Special Secretary to Govt Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department UT, Farooq Ahmad Dar, Director Agriculture Department, Mohammad Iqbal Chowdhary, Dean Faculty-Temperate College of Sericulture, SKUAST-K, F A

cut throat competition amongst the buyers as the silk process has been witnessing sudden surges for the last few months.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director said that the silk industry is an old industry of J&K which provides employment to a large number of people. Besides, he said the auction market was being organized every year in the month of September but on the demand of silk farmers the event was held in August, this year.

He informed us that the market has improved this year and the trend is very encouraging and further asked the buyers to keep a positive attitude while purchasing cocoons from farmers.

He also informed that the government will provide in-



Bakal, Joint Director and Project Executive Officer J&K, Ghulam Nabi Mir, Assistant Director Kashmir Sericulture, Central Silk board Officers, District Sericulture Officers and Cocoon producers were present on the occasion.

The cocoon auction market offers an interface between the Cocoon growers and local outside buyers. There is a health

centives to the farmers according to the cocoon production which will ensure healthy competition among the farmers.

A huge population of silkworm peasantry is participating in the markets and a good number of buyers are enthusiastic to book the profit on account of the purchase of international quality silk.

DDC Pulwama Distributes 11 commercial vehicles to unemployed youth

KO NEWS DESK

PULWAMA:-- The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Pulwama, Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary today distributed 11 commercial vehicles including 09 Mahindra Mobile vehicles and 02 TATA load carriers among selected unemployed youth under 'MUMKIN' scheme at DC office complex, here.

MUMKIN is a Customized Livelihood Scheme for the Youth in the age group 18-35 of J&K launched by J.G. J&K in November, 2020.

The vehicle distribution ceremony was organised by DE&CC Pulwama, AD Employment Pulwama besides officials of DE&CC Pulwama, Mahindra and TATA Company were present at the event.

Earlier in the month of May 2021 the applications were invited through JK e-Services Portal and about 84 applications were received online in respect of District Pulwama. After due verification & scrupulousness of the application, District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) chaired

by DC Pulwama approved 14 applications during the first phase. 03 commercial vehicles were already handed over to the beneficiaries approved by DLIC in the last month.

The purpose of the scheme is to facilitate the youth to establish a sustainable livelihood in the transport sector by providing financial assistance for purchase of small commercial vehicles.

Under the scheme, the banking partner extends the loan facility to the extent of 100 percent of the On-road Price of the vehicle purchased. Mission Youth, J&K provides an amount of Rs 80,000 or 10 percent of on-road price of the vehicle (whichever is lesser) as upfront subsidy.

The vehicle manufacturer (Scheme Partner of Govt.) also provides an upfront special discount, not less than the amount of subsidy.

On the occasion, the DDC said that the Mumkin Scheme is a way forward for unemployed Youth to make their dreams a reality. He also congratulated the recipient beneficiaries and wished them success in their chosen livelihood under the transport sector.

As Afghanistan's central bank governor flees, currency drops

Afghanistan's central bank acting governor departed the country as Taliban fighters took control of the capital, with the rising political turmoil pushing the nation's currency to a record low.

The Afghan fell 1.7% Tuesday to 83.5013 per dollar, a fourth day of decline, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The central bank was told there would be no more dollar shipments on Friday, which curtailed its ability to supply currency and led to more panic, Acting Governor Ajmal Ahmadly wrote in a Twitter thread.

Ahmadly got on a military plane at the airport where thousands sought to leave as the Taliban's rapid territorial advance led to the collapse of the government. There was no evacuation plan, and President Ashraf Ghani's departure without creating a transitional government contributed to the chaos, Ahmadly wrote.

"Currency spiked from a stable 81 to almost 100 then back to 86," the central banker wrote. "I held meetings on Saturday to reassure banks and money exchangers to

calm them down."

On Sunday, the governor left the central bank and went to the airport where he saw other government leaders. More than 300 passengers were packed into his flight, though it had no fuel or pilot, he wrote.

"It did not have to end this way. I am disgusted by the lack of any planning by Afghan leadership," he wrote.

The turmoil in Afghanistan spilled over into markets in Pakistan.

Sovereign dollar bonds due 2031 for Pakistan dropped 1.8 cents on Monday, the biggest decline since the government priced the notes in March. Pakistani dollar bonds were the biggest losers in Asia on Monday, according to a Bloomberg Barclays index. The notes rose 0.2 cents on the dollar on Tuesday to 100.5 cents.

Investors are concerned over any impact on law and order in Pakistan, and whether "global forces will try to isolate Pakistan" due to its alleged support of the Taliban, said Abdul Kadir Hussain, the head of fixed-income asset management at Dubai-based Arqam Capital.

Handicrafts Council To Conduct Aggressive Market Inspection Across J&K



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SRINAGAR: The first meeting of Handicrafts Quality Control Council (QCC), was held here under the Chairmanship of Director Handicrafts & Handloom (H&H), Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah.

The meeting was attended by Director Handicrafts & Handloom Jammu, Director Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), representative of Craft Development Institute (CDI), Deputy Director Quality Control as official members and President KCCL, President Meeras Society and President Tahfuz as non official members.

During the meeting, the Director H&H, Kashmir apprised the members about the initiatives undertaken by the

department for promotion of GI registrations aimed at restricting the misbranding of Kashmir art and crafts.

It was unanimously decided that an aggressive market inspection drive will be initiated in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions simultaneously so that the menace of fake machine made products is checked in the markets.

The role of non official members Meeras and Tahfuz for promotion of GI branding was highlighted during the said meeting, and their support and cooperation was also sought to disseminate the benefits of GI registration among artisans and manufacturers associated with these societies.

All the members expressed their wholehearted support for the initiatives of the department and desired that Jammu

& Kashmir Handicrafts Quality Control Act be implemented in letter and spirit.

Meanwhile, all the dealers and manufacturers of Kashmir Arts & Crafts were advised to promote GI labeling on the notified items, and refrain from sale of machine made items in the name of Handmade Kashmir Art. The department of Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir/ Jammu is contemplating strict penal measures against any person(s)/showroom owners found violating the norms of Jammu & Kashmir Handicrafts Quality Control Act.

Director H&H, Kashmir emphasized upon the necessity of spreading the awareness about GI so that maximum number of certified GI users can get registered with Meeras and Tahfuz.

SBI Chairman visits J&K Bank, interacts with the CMD

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SRINAGAR : During a visit to UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Chairman, State Bank of India (SBI) Dinesh Kumar Khara paid a courtesy visit to J&K Bank Corporate Headquarters and interacted with the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) R K Chhibber. He was accompanied by the CGM Anukool Bhatnagar, GM Vinod Kumar Mishra, DGM Ajitoo Parashar and Regional Manager Fayaz Ahmad.

The distinguished guests were warmly welcomed by Chairman and MD R K Chhibber along with other senior officers of the Bank.

Expressing his deep gratitude, the CMD said, "I feel highly honored to receive you and thank you for being courteous enough to accept my invite." On the occasion, Chairman SBI Dinesh Kumar Khara thanked



the CMD for invite, hospitality and appreciated role of J&K Bank and its business model in economic upliftment of the people of UT.

Meeting over a cup of tea, both the Chairpersons exchanged views on the fast evolving financial and banking landscape of the country besides discussing the issues related to the growing role of the banks in transforming

the economies of UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

The interaction will help in strengthening the relationship further between the largest bank of the country and the major financial institution of Jammu and Kashmir as the former plays the role of lead bank in UT of Ladakh, while as, the latter is the lead bank in UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Afghan Fallout: Is Chabahar Now A Dead Investment For India?

New Delhi: India has emerged as the sore loser of recent developments in Afghanistan if one considers New Delhi's foot-dragging on a major port project in south-eastern Iran, a policy that was meant to comply with US sanctions, says an analyst.

Sanjay Kapoor wrote in his article for Hardnews on Monday that the rise of the Taliban in Afghanistan had left India with almost nothing from Chabahar port development, a joint project with Iran which was meant to facilitate trade from the Indian Ocean to Central Asia.

"The huge Chabahar Port project in Iran, meant to al-

has provided India with sufficient waivers from the sanctions to allow works to continue in Chabahar.

"The current government in Delhi did not want to do anything to antagonize the US government after it had imposed sanctions on Iran," wrote Kapoor, adding that the US on the contrary chose to partner with Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan to set up a new "connectivity route" in the region.

Iran has been unhappy with the way India has tried to comply with US sanctions. Quotes from Iranian sources in Hardnews article showed that



low India to side-step Pakistan and take the land route to Afghanistan and Central Asia, seems like a dead investment now -- a dream gone sour" read part of the analysis. Kapoor said that India was to blame for delays in finishing the Chabahar project as the country decided to adopt an overcautious approach to avoid potential penalties from US regime of sanctions on Iran.

That comes as Washington

India's foot-dragging on Iranian projects, including on a major gas field development work in the Persian Gulf, had also caused enough irritation Tehran. The Indian government, through the periodic visits of its Foreign Minister, S Jaishankar, and other officials, has routinely expressed its commitment to complete the project. However, the Iranians have a different story to tell.

And it is not a happy story with a happy ending.

Bhat Reviews Capex other CSSs, functioning of departmental farms, nurseries

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SRINAGAR : The Director General (DG), Horticulture Kashmir, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat today visited Budgam to review the Capex and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) besides, the functioning of departmental farms, nurseries and various departmental activities.

While reviewing the progress made under departmental scheme, the DG instructed the officers to ensure cent percent expenditure and warned that any laxity will entail strict action.

He also urged the field functionaries to make frequent visits to the field and provide the growers with

latest technical knowhow, besides giving wide publicity to different Departmental schemes.

Later, the DG visited the Fruit and Vegetable Processing Centre, Budgam. He expressed his satisfaction over the work being carried out and as an acknowledgement felicitated Manager-cum-Chemist, Budgam with a letter of appreciation for the excellent work.

He further added that the Centre should also be used to impart training to the youth particularly women folk on canning and processing of fruit and vegetables, in order to enable them to generate employment opportunities for themselves.

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MPs Panel Meets Representatives Of Local Bodies, Business And Trade In J&K

SRINAGAR: The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on Wednesday met members of local bodies who raised various issues related to development projects and strengthening of grassroots institutions in Jammu and Kashmir.

Representatives from industries, businesses, hospitality and the hotel industry also held discussions with the committee, comprising 28 members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, and highlighted the problems faced by various sectors due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee, headed by senior Congress leader and member of the Parliament Anand Sharma, is visiting the UT to hold discussions with stakeholders on issues of "administration, development and people's welfare" and take stock of the situation.

"The committee held detailed interaction with the representatives of the grassroots institutions, viz, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies, which included the Mayor, Srinagar City and Presidents of various Municipal Committees and Councils and District Development Council Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons apart from the Chairpersons of the Block Development Councils," an official spokesman said.

The panel deliberated upon different issues pertaining to infrastructure, development, employment opportunities,

business and trade, tourism, government-run schemes and other issues, the spokesman said.

The representatives of Panchayati Raj institutions presented their views on their further empowerment as per the 73rd and 74th amendments.

The committee members listened to all the demands and grievances put forth by the representatives and assured them that their suggestions will be included in the panel's report.

The representatives from industries, businesses, hospitality and hotel industry, tourism, etc made suggestions with regard to loans, incentives, schemes, etc for the sustainability of industries in the UT.

Meanwhile, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation on Wednesday visited Gulmarg in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir to take stock of the implementation of the nationwide Swachh Bharat Mission there.

The 12-member committee headed by Pratap Singh Bajwa enquired from the officers of Central Pollution Control Board, J&K Pollution Control Board and district administration about the measures taken to implement the objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) there, the official spokesman said here.

The Committee asked about the measures taken by them to implement

different rules and regulations regarding the management of municipal waste, he said.

"The committee further enquired about the framing, compliance and adherence to the Acts and Rules made therein by the administration," he added.

The Chairman of the JKPCB, Suresh Chugh, informed the committee that the businesses are given consent by the Board after assessing their compliance with all the pollution control measures.

The parliamentary committee was apprised that the famous ski resort is visited by lakhs of local, national and foreign tourists each year.

They were also apprised that in order to keep the tourist destination clean the Gulmarg Development Authority has established a Sewerage Treatment Plant with a capacity of three tonnes per day.

The committee was informed that door-to-door collection of waste is done each day from hotels, huts, shops, and wayside amenities.

Around one tonne of dry and wet waste is generated and collected and treated by the administration, the officials told the committee.

Both biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste is treated at the STP with the help of auto-digester and magnetic disintegrator respectively, the committee was informed.

LG lays foundation for Rs 24.4 cr Durga Bhawan at Vaishno Devi Shrine

Katra: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday laid foundation for the Durga Bhawan, a high utility pilgrim-centric facility worth Rs 24.4 cr to facilitate pilgrims of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine. The Lt Governor also attended the ground-breaking ceremony of the new facility.

The Lt Governor, who is also the Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has been laying high priority to enhancing facilities for the convenience of the pilgrims. On completion, the facility will accommodate 4000 pilgrims.

While directing the CEO SMVDSB and the executing agency for speedy execution of work, the Lt Governor fixed 18th August, 2022 as the timeline for the completion of the new Durga Bhawan. He further directed for timely mobilization of required manpower to complete the project in a record period of 12 months.

I express my gratitude to the devotees who have stepped forward and contributed to this noble cause. About Rs 6.83 cr has already been received as donation and more than Rs One crore will be received in the next two months, said the Lt Governor.

Recalling the meeting held in the month of March, the Lt Governor observed that specific directions were passed to the concerned

agencies to aesthetically design the building, besides providing maximum convenience to the devotees

In the last one year, many interventions like Postal delivery of Prasad, mobile app for live darshans, online registration system etc have been made to facilitate the devotees. Adding to the efforts aimed at accentuating additional facilities catering to the needs of the pilgrims, the 5-storey Durga Bhawan will have all requisite amenities, besides having adequate provision for harnessing clean energy, recycling of wastewater linking up with existing STPs, provision of elevators etc, the Lt Governor said.

He further appreciated the efforts made by all those associated with the management of the pilgrimage for the smooth conduct of the yatra in adherence to all Covid protocols.

Speaking on the UT Government's future deliverables for promoting religious tourism in Jammu, the Lt Governor said that the government is planning to develop a pilgrimage tourism circuit connecting Mata Vaishno Devi, Purnamandal- Utterbehni, Mansar-Surinsar and Shiv Khori together, besides promoting the unexplored tourism potential of Jammu to attract more tourists.

JSW Foundation has already conducted a study for conservation and

restoration of Shiv Khori heritage site in Reasi. Jammu ropeway has connected three major temples of Jammu city viz. Peerkho, Mahamaya temple and Bahu temple, and has become a major tourist attraction in the region, said the Lt Governor.

We are looking ahead to organize a 3-month long festival in Jammu to popularize various tourist destinations, added the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor also expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi for including rejuvenation of the Purnamandal and Utterbehni of Jammu under PRASAD scheme.

Ramesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, briefed the Lt Governor about the pace of implementation of this prestigious project.

Construction of Durga Bhawan is part of the approved Master Plan of Bhawan area, prepared by the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi. The Master Plan seeks to achieve the target of ensuring maximum accommodation for pilgrims by 2031.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) and the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) have already inked a memorandum of understanding for the construction of Durga Bhawan, as approved in 65th meeting of SMVDSB, it was informed.

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in 1989 by the then Governor administration fearing the processions may turn into pro-Azadi demonstrations. Ever since only small mourning processions are allowed in interiors of Srinagar city in Shia dominated areas.

Ashura that marks the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussain (AS) and his kin and faithful companions in the deserts of Karbala 1400 years ago is commemorated in Kashmir with religious fervour from centuries.

If sources are to be believed, the district administration and top police brass today held a series of meeting to chalk out strategy to deal with tomorrow's situation.

The meeting, sources said, gain significance in the backdrop of stiff resistance demonstrated by the mourners while leading traditional 8th Muharram processions through many parts of the city on Tuesday.

At least six mourners were injured and dozens detained as government forces burst tear-gas canisters, fired pellets and warning shots to break up procession by several thousand youth in defiance of administration imposed curbs.

Pertinently, early this month, the divisional administration announced the Muharram processions will be allowed through traditional routes this year. Days later, the administration modified the directions stating that appropriate decisions for suitable action will be taken by the District Magistrates' in consultation with police, health and other stakeholders.

WHO Issues

Covishield vaccines to countries in Asia, Africa and South America - as part of deals that were inked with various governments and the global Covax scheme for poorer countries.

India, which is the second worst-affected country in the world, aims to vaccinate all its people by the end of this year.

About 13 per cent of the population has been fully vaccinated since the beginning of the drive in January.

J&K Logs 100

on Wednesday, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 323682, officials said.

Giving district-wise details, officials said, Srinagar reported 24, Baramulla 5, Budgam 6, Pulwama 5, Kupwara 9, Anantnag 4, Bandipora 4, Ganderbal 9, Kulgam 7, Shopian 1, Jammu 5, Udhampur 4, Rajouri 5, Doda 6, Samba 1, and Kishtwar 5 new cases of Covid-19. The four districts of Poonch, Ramban, Reasi and Kathua reported no new case of coronavirus.

Also, the officials said that 132 more Covid -19 patients have recovered—32 from Jammu division and 100 from the Valley.

The officials further said that one more person succumbed to virus in Jammu thus taking the overall fatality count in J&K to 4399—2160 in Jammu and 2240 in Kashmir.

One fresh confirmed case of mucormycosis (black fungus) was reported today, they said. Thus far 42 black fungus cases have been confirmed in J&K, the officials added. (With GNS inputs)

4 Held For Selling

Hurriyat leaders were sold to anxious parents who desired their children to have MBBS and other professional degrees in one way or the other.

More than 80 cases were studied in which either the students or their parents were examined for academic years between 2014-18.

Searches were undertaken in about a dozen premises in the valley to look for evidence of collection of money and its further usage. The analysis of digital records and paper receipts as well as records pertaining to bank transactions revealed that a sizable portion of the money was kept aside for personal use.

"Evidence also came on record to show that money was put into channels that ended up supporting programmes and projects pertaining to terrorism and separatism. For example, payment for organising stone pelting also could also be traced and brought on record," the spokesperson said.

He said that Pakistan's snooping agency, ISI, had initiated the programme for "incentivising terrorism by compensating the family of slain terrorists" by way of providing free of cost

MBBS and engineering seats.

However, during examination of witnesses it emerged that many were disappointed as monetary consideration was given precedence over the intended objective of the ISI programme.

As per investigation, on average a seat's cost ranged between Rs 10 to 12 lakh but in some cases, the price was brought down on the intervention of Hurriyat leaders. In other words, depending upon the political heft of a Hurriyat leader who intervened, concessions were extended to the aspiring student and his family.

Those arrested by the CIK were Mohammad Akbar Bhat alias Zaffar Bhat, self-styled chairman of Salvation Movement, Fatima Shah, Mohammad Abdullah Shah and Sabzar Ahmad Sheikh.

Police are also looking for Bhat's brother, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, and Shah's brother, Manzoor Ahmad Shah, and others in connection with the case. The two named accused had exfiltrated to Pakistan during early 1990s for illegal arms and ammunition training and settled down on the other side.

They played a key role on behalf of ISI in facilitating matters pertaining to admissions under this category for this set of Hurriyat linked persons in India as part of a nefarious design of pumping money into militancy and other "terrorist related activities".

A conservative estimate indicated that the money involved could be around Rs 4 crore per annum, on the basis of the fact that allocation of seats for distribution by individual Hurriyat leaders were around 40 seats for MBBS programme every year.

It could also be more. This aspect is still open and a matter of further investigation, the spokesperson said.

The investigation has also revealed that both at the time of collecting money from the parents as well as channelling it for use by militants and separatists, intermediaries used to layer the transactions to conceal the end-use, he said.

Police, BJP Trade

A police spokesman had said Dar was a contractor by profession.

According to the district police, no one had approached it for providing security to him (Dar) and even local BJP leaders did not share his name in the list of PPs (protected persons), he said.

However, Khan claimed that he had met the Kulgam Deputy Commissioner on August 10 and made a proper representation on the BJP letterhead about the need for providing security to 30 party workers in the district.

"Javaid Ahmad Dar is at serial number 5 in the list and same was forwarded to SSP Kulgam through WhatsApp," Khan added.

He said while some of the party workers were accommodated at safe locations but Dar was among those left out.

Khan appealed to the Jammu and Kashmir administration to investigate the matter.

"There are 1,270 designated (BJP) karyakartas from district Kulgam who work for the welfare of common people. The LG administration should investigate the matter within 48 hours or it shall be responsible for (safety) of our karyakartas," he said, adding "nine workers were killed in last two years" in Kulgam district alone.

BJP Sarpanch

Quimoh Kulgam was arrested along with the pistol from his residence in Quimoh area of the district.

A police officer told a local news agency GNS that further investigations have been initiated in this regard.

"He is presently being interrogated," the officer said.

J&K Govt Creating

social and economic equality for women is integral to achieve rapid development.

"Women empowerment and their equal presence in the tech sector are important to build a strong community, a resilient state, and a stronger country," Sinha said, adding, "It is necessary that our girls are well-equipped with necessary knowledge, skills, and self-confidence and are included at all levels of governance."

He said the AICTE's scholarship program and the UT government's initiatives like Hausla, Tejaswini, Umeed, LG Super 75, Parvaz and Mumkin are some of the major steps taken in the direction of women empowerment and bridging the gender gap.

The LG made a special mention of Sheetal Devi, one of the first 10 beneficiaries of the "Mumkin" scheme being provided with a mini-commercial vehicle to the youth at zero margin money for permanent employment. Like her, around four lakh such women have been socially and economically empowered by connecting them through various programs, he said.

Sinha stressed on proper implementation of policies and the need to focus on skill training and re-skilling of women so that they have an equal share in future economic opportunities.

"Collective efforts are yielding favourable results. During Kashmir University's convocation, there were 94 gold medalists in 2021, out of which 77 per cent or 66 were women. Similarly, during the convocation of the Islamic University of Science and Technology, majority of gold medalists were women which is a clear sign of women empowerment," he said.

Speaking on the various interventions introduced by his administration in the last one year, in terms of promoting technical education in J&K, the LG said the government has made headways in strengthening industry-academia partnerships and skill development of students at higher secondary level.

"In collaboration with Tata Technologies, we are setting up 14 centres for invention, innovation, incubation and training, out of which two centres have started in Baramulla and Jammu," he said.

The LG said Rs 200 crore has been allocated to the colleges for skill development so that young professionals can be trained in the cutting edge Industry 4.0 technology like artificial intelligence, internet of things, 3D, data-analysis, robotics, and all other subjects.

Sinha advised the students to avail this golden opportunity to contribute to national development with their technical expertise, and overcome the modern day challenges with their collective efforts.

The students also shared their experiences on how these endeavours in the form of scholarships have brought about a massive transformation in their lives.

ED Grills Mehbooba's

"The last time she received a summons was when the PDP boycotted the Delimitation Commission followed by another summons when I staged a peaceful protest on 5th August criticising the illegal abrogation of Article 370," Mehbooba said.

She took a dig at a certain section of the media and said "Unfortunately agencies like NIA and ED that should be working on serious cases are weaponised to harass and punish political opponents. GOI has Talibanised and subverted all institutions inc Godi media (sic) to the extent where instead of upholding the truth they peddle their lies".

Nazir, the wife of former union home minister and ex-chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, had earlier been summoned on three occasions, a move which was termed by the PDP as a political vendetta against the party which has been opposing the abrogation of the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The criminal case filed under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) is linked to the recovery of at least two diaries by the ED after raids on an alleged associate of Mehbooba.

The diaries contain the details of some purported payments made from the chief minister's discretionary fund in alleged contravention of rules, the officials said.

These funds are alleged to have been diverted during the People's Democratic Party (PDP) rule in the erstwhile state.

A few lakh rupees from these funds are alleged to have been transferred into the accounts of Nazir and some others, and the ED wants to question her about it, the officials said.

Veteran politician and CPM leader M Y Tarigami also tweeted saying "Summoning aged wife of former union home minister by ED is glimpse of coercive tactics employed by

central government to kill dissent".

Four Pck Residents

in Chaka Da Bagh area.

They were taken away from the spot for questioning, the officials said, adding that further details were awaited.

India's Midnight

had gathered at the foreign mission had already been flown out of Afghanistan before the country's new leaders took full control of the city.

"When we were evacuating the second group ... we faced the Taliban, who refused to allow us to exit the green zone," said an official who left with Monday's group.

"We then decided to contact the Taliban and ask them to escort our convoy out."

Two separate pledges of an escort failed to materialise during the day, unnerving the large group hunkered down at the embassy, with one diplomat likening the experience to "house arrest".

It had been dark for several hours when the cars finally left the compound and embarked on the five-kilometre (3-mile) journey to the airport.

The snail-paced journey took five hours, with passengers passing each minute in constant fear of a potential attack.

'I immediately knew it was time to leave'

Unfamiliar checkpoints had been set up and thousands of people displaced by the war were along the road.

At intervals, the Taliban fighters accompanying the Indian convoy jumped out of their own vehicles and aimed their guns at the crowds, forcing them to step back.

One man who appeared to be commanding the troops fired a few rounds in the air to scare back a large group gathered around one intersection.

The escort departed once the convoy reached the airport, where American soldiers had taken up positions and were coordinating flights.

After a wait of another two hours, the group boarded a C-17 Indian military transport plane that took off at dawn, landing at an air force base in the western Indian state of Gujarat later that morning.

"I'm so happy to be back," Shirin Pathare, an Air India employee flown out of Kabul, told the AFP news agency as he stepped off the aircraft. "India is paradise."

Another Indian citizen, cradling his two-year-old daughter, recalled the chaos and anxiety of his hasty departure from his office and the city.

"Just hours before I took the flight a group of Taliban visited my workplace," said the man, declining to give AFP his name.

"They were polite but when they went, they took two of our vehicles. I immediately knew it was time for me and my family to leave," he added.

SHO Who Thrashed

police swung into action and lathicharged them.

The policemen, armed with batons, also thrashed some of the journalists and damaged their equipment.

Police 'Abused'

"The Indian government must take immediate action against those involved in this violent act, and send the message that police must allow journalists to do their jobs without interference," he added.

Quoting news reports and journalists, the CPJ spokesperson said that the incident occurred when police officer Aftab Ahmad entered into an argument with Waseem Andrabi, a photographer with the Hindustan Times newspaper, over the presence of news media at the procession, which had been banned by the government

"Ahmad shoved Andrabi during the confrontation, and when Burhan intervened to try and calm the situation, Ahmad ordered police officers to attack Burhan and other journalists, according to Burhan and Free Press Journal freelance reporter Sajjad Hameed, who was also at the scene," the spokesperson said.

The Police officers, he said, are seen beating and chasing a group of journalists in videos and images shared on Twitter. Journalists told

CPJ that they sustained minor injuries during the scuffle, and at least one reporter's camera was broken.

According to the CPJ spokesperson, Burhan and Hameed told the media watchdog that officers hit them each a few times on their legs and arms; Burhan sustained bruises on his right leg, and Hameed bruises on his left leg and right arm.

"Hameed also told CPJ that officers broke his camera during the assault.

Police attacked between 10 and 15 journalists, Hameed told CPJ. CPJ was unable to immediately identify all of those journalists or the extent of their injuries," the spokesperson said.

Quoting freelance journalist Hameed, the CPJ said that the police stopped their assault after BBC Urdu photojournalist Shafat Farooq sat on the ground in protest, and was joined by other journalists, and videos of the incident shared online. The video of the incident, he said, shows a police officer charging toward Farooq with a baton as he sits, but the officer is stopped by a superior

"I decided I will not run away. The police can do whatever they want. We were doing our job and they have no right to assault us like this," Farooq told CPJ.

The CPJ spokesperson said that calls and texts to police officer Aftab Ahmad and senior superintendent of police (SSP) Srinagar were made but no immediate response was received

Karbala Has A

Hussain (AS) and his companions has a unifying message for all of us to uphold the high principles of human dignity and justice," he said.

The LG, he said, prayed for sustained peace and prosperity in J&K and hoped that the occasion would further strengthen the bond of brotherhood among all communities.

Old Shell Defused

Non-subsidised LPG rates were increased on August 1 by the same proportion, and now the subsidised cooking gas prices have been raised. There is hardly any difference in the rate of subsidised and non-subsidised cooking gas.

Industry sources said the subsidised LPG price was not raised on August 1 because Parliament was in session and the government could have been attacked by the opposition.

The latest increase in subsidised LPG price now has taken the cumulative rate hike since January 1 to Rs 165 per cylinder.

The government eliminated subsidies on LPG by raising rates every month. These monthly increases led to the elimination of subsidies by May 2020.

The price of domestic cooking gas has more than doubled in the last seven years. The retail selling price of domestic gas was Rs 410.5 per 14.2-kg cylinder on March 1, 2014.

In Mumbai, a 14.2 kg LPG cylinder now costs Rs 859.5, while in Kolkata, it is priced at Rs 886. For people of Chennai, an LPG cylinder will now cost Rs 875.50, up from Rs 850.50.

Meanwhile, diesel prices were cut by 19 to 21 paise across the country, while petrol prices remained unchanged, according to the price notification.

This is the first change in price in over a month. Petrol continues to remain unchanged at Rs 101.84 a litre in Delhi.

Diesel rates have, however, been reduced to Rs 89.67 per litre from Rs 89.87. In Mumbai, the fuel now costs Rs 97.24 per litre. (PTI)

Elderly Man

rushed to the district hospital Handwara for treatment.

Meanwhile, a team of the wildlife department has been rushed to the spot to trace the wild bear, the official added.

Ladakh Reports 11

on Tuesday, 10 were found in Leh, while one came from Kargil. A total of 1,997 sample reports, including 1,139 from Leh and 858 from Kargil, came out negative, the officials said. No Covid death was reported in Ladakh on Tuesday.

There are 69 active cases in Leh and 12 in Kargil, the officials said, adding that seven patients recovered from the diseases on Tuesday. (PTI)

IPL 2020: Steve Smith Set To Play, Finch On Track To Recover For T20 WC

Press Trust of India

MELBOURNE: Star Australian batsman Steve Smith, who had been sidelined due to an elbow injury, is expected to make a return during the IPL, while limited overs team skipper Aaron Finch is on track to recover in time for the T20 World Cup.

Smith had given the tours of the Caribbean and Bangladesh a miss due to a left elbow injury, which had been troubling him since last year.

However, he has been recovering well with the 32-year-old batting in the nets for an hour at a time at New South Wales' training and is set to be available for the resumption of the IPL, according to cricket.com.au.

The IPL, which had been suspended in May due to multiple COVID-19 cases in its bio-bubble, has since been rescheduled to complete the remaining games between September 19 and October 15 in the UAE, finishing just two days before the T20 World Cup which has also been relocated to the region from India.

"It seems to be going really well. I know that he's (Smith) been building up his batting time over the last couple of weeks ? I know that would have been difficult to have a time limit on his net times," Finch told cricket.com.au on Wednesday.

"From all reports he's been really strict with that, making sure he doesn't overdo his elbow so it hinders his rehab,"

he added.

Smith was acquired by Delhi Capitals for Rs 2.2 crore in the auction earlier this year.

"He's going really well. The last time I spoke to him he wasn't having any pain batting so that was a real positive. He's going to be such an important part of our campaign," Finch said.

The white-ball skipper, who recently had a surgery on his left knee, is confident of being fit before the World Cup.

"I'm confident of that (being fit for the World Cup)," said Finch.

"It will be come down to pretty minimal match practice which I think being older and being around for quite a while plays into my hands a bit, having (previously recovered from) some injuries where you don't have a lot of lead time into a series.

"I think that will help me. The surgery went as well as it could have and I'm walking around with no pain, which is the most important thing at this stage," he added.

Smith and Finch's return to the T20 squad ahead of the World Cup will be a big boost for the Australian side, which has lost five successive T20 series while winning just six of the 21 matches in the past year.

They lost two back-to-back series against West Indies and Bangladesh, which were intended to provide useful preparation ahead of the World Cup, with a similar 4-1 margin.



ICC TEST RANKINGS

KL RAHUL Jumps To 37th, Virat Kohli Remains Fifth

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Riding on his brilliant century against England in the second Test at Lord's, KL Rahul jumped 19 spots to 37th place, while his skipper Virat Kohli continued to remain India's top-ranked batsman at fifth position in the latest ICC rankings released on Wednesday.

Rahul, who had re-entered the rankings in 56th position last week, had scored 129 in India's first innings against England to play a big role in his side's 151-run win.

Kohli, who had dropped a spot last week, remained static at fifth, while opener Rohit Sharma and wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant also retained their sixth and seventh spots respectively.

England captain Joe Root, who started the series in fifth place and overtook Kohli after the first match

against India, has risen another two slots to be at second position after the second Test. He is on 893 rating points, only eight less than New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson.

India's Ravindra Jadeja moved down a spot to third in Test all-rounders' rankings, which also features senior India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin at the fourth spot.

In the bowlers' list, India speedster Jasprit Bumrah dropped a spot to 10th while his fellow pacer Mohammad Siraj, who took four wickets in each innings at Lord's, made significant gains, climbing 18 spots to reach 38th position.

England veteran James Anderson has gained one spot and is sixth after a five-wicket haul in the first innings while his pace colleague Mark Wood occupies the 37th spot.

Pakistan captain Babar Azam moved up two slots to eighth

position after scores of 30 and 55 in the first Test against West Indies in Kingston.

For the West Indies, who won by one wicket, Jermaine Blackwood has gained nine slots to reach 35th position after getting 22 and 55. All-rounder Jason Holder is up five places to 43rd and captain Kraigg Brathwaite, who missed a first-innings century by three runs, has advanced 18 places to 45th.

Holder has also moved into the top 10 for bowlers, his four wickets in the match lifting him two places to ninth position. Fast bowler Jayden Seales has soared 39 places to 58th after his eight-wicket match haul while Kemar Roach is another gainer, moving up two places to 11th.

For Pakistan, left-arm fast bowler Shaheen Afridi has gained four slots to reach 18th position after taking four wickets in each innings.

Babar Azam Hopes To Revive Pakistan's T20 Superiority



Agencies

DUBAI: Pakistan skipper Babar Azam wants to re-establish the team's 'superiority' in the shortest format of the game by winning the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup.

Pakistan, the T20 World Cup champions in 2009, will open their campaign in the 2021 event against India at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Oct 24.

"All the players are excited, motivated and enthusiastic, and view this tournament as an opportunity to showcase our prowess and re-establish our superiority in the shortest format of the game in conditions that suit us best," said Babar in an ICC media release.

The Babar Azam-led side will also face New Zealand and Afghanistan in Group 2 of the Super 12s stage, along with two qualifiers from Round 1. They will play New Zealand on Oct 27 and take on Afghanistan on Oct 29.

Talking about the Pakistan campaign in the T20 World Cup, Babar said: "The ICC Men's

T20 World Cup 2021 schedule announcement brings us one step forward in our preparations for this much-awaited global tournament.

"We will utilise the build-up period by playing in home series against New Zealand and England and will not only aim to fine-tune our final outlook but also win as many matches as possible so that we can carry that winning form and momentum to the United Arab Emirates," he added.

The Pakistan skipper remains 'focused' on inspiring the Green Army with his performances in the T20 World Cup.

"From a personal point of view, this will be my first ICC major event as Pakistan captain. I tasted success in 2017 and suffered disappointment in 2019 when we missed out on a semi-final spot by a fraction of a point despite beating both the finalists in league matches," said Babar.

"I remain focused on inspiring my side with my performances so that we can become the first Pakistan side to win an ICC major event in Asia."

Basketball Open Selection Trials For Boys & Girls On August 24



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) have announced open selection trials for boys and girls in Basketball on August 24.

The trials will be held at Srinagar's Gindun Sports

Complex in Rajbagh at 4:00 pm and the age cut-off has been limited to only those players who are born after 01-01-2010.

The selected players will train and hone their skills at Khelo India's Basketball centre in Srinagar.

Calling it a "good news for young and budding Basketball

players of Kashmir", a JKSC statement added that interested players are required to bring along their Aadhar card, 2 latest PP size photographs, water bottle, mask and sanitizer.

The statement added that players can call on +91 9797165935 to get more details.

Two Kashmiri Youth In Indian Cricket Team A Matter Of Pride: LG Sinha

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday congratulated two specially-abled local cricketers, Feroz Ahmad Ganie of Anantnag and Nayeem Ahmad Malla, a resident of Budgam, for their selection in the Indian cricket team by Board of Disabled Cricket Association (BDCA) India.

The two Kashmiri youths are all set to represent the Indian team internationally by competing in the upcoming tour of Bangladesh. The LG said that the two cricketers' achievement in the ODI, T20 and Test match series against Bangladesh will inspire J&K's youth.

have been selected in Indian Cricket Team by Board of Disabled Cricket Association, India."

"Your achievement in the upcoming ODI series against Bangladesh will inspire J&K's youth, make India proud," the tweet added.

Earlier the two players received their selection letters from the BDCA General Secretary, K Rami Reddy which read:

"On behalf of the BDCA and its Board members, I wish to inform and congratulate you that based on your past performance and the recently concluded four days probable Cricket Selections Camp at Hyderabad organized by Board of Disabled Cricket Association. You have been



In a tweet posted by the official Twitter handle, @OfficeofLGJ&K, of LG Sinha, he wrote, "Proud moment for J&K! Feroz Ahmad Ganie of Anantnag & Nayeem Ahmad Malla of Budgam

selected in the Indian cricket Team for the ODI, T20 series against Bangladesh."

The Bangladesh Series is scheduled to be held from September 12.

Sacramento Kings' Princepal Becomes First Indian On An NBA Title Winning Team

Press Trust of India

NEW YORK: Young cager Princepal Singh became the first Indian to be part of an NBA title winning team when his side Sacramento Kings clinched the 2021 NBA Summer League crown.

The 6-foot-9 forward made history by being the first Indian to be part of a championship roster at any level of the NBA.

The Kings dominated the championship game against the Boston Celtics, clinching the title with a 100-67 win on Tuesday.

The win also made the Kings the only franchise to win multiple Summer League titles,

having previously clinched it in 2014, according to the NBA.

In the final, Princepal, an NBA Academy India alumni, played the last 4:08 minutes of the game and put his name alongside Satnam Singh Bhamara.

During his time on the court, Princepal finished with two points by scoring the Kings final bucket which took them to 100, while also pulling down one rebound.

The 20-year-old's appearance in the championship game comes exactly a week after he made his brief yet landmark debut at the Summer League, where he checked-in for the final 1:22 minutes of a Kings' victory over the Washington Wizards.

TOKYO PARALYMPICS First Batch Of Indian Athletes Given Warm Send-Off

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The first batch of Indian athletes for the upcoming Tokyo Paralympics, including flag bearer Thangavelu Mariyappan left for the Games on Wednesday amid a warm send-off.

The eight-member group was accorded a send-off at the Indira Gandhi International Airport by officials of Sports Ministry, Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Paralympic Committee of India (PCI). Along with Mariyappan, Tek Chand and Vinod Kumar were the other two athletes that took the early morning flight to Tokyo.

"The entire country, including the honourable prime minister and sports minister, are cheering for us today. Every athlete who is going to take part in the Paralympics is already a winner and I wish all of them

good luck," said PCI president Deepa Malik while addressing the contingent.

For the first time, accessible vehicles were provided by Svayam India, PCI's accessibility partners, for the commuting of wheelchair-bound athletes.

"These accessible vehicles are customised for the needs of not only our athletes but also for all people with reduced mobility. Our players are our pride and they have every right to travel with dignity," said Sminu Jindal, founder of Svayam India.

These accessible vehicles were used by athlete Tek Chand who travelled from Rewari, Haryana and by Malik, who reached the airport from Noida. Another contingent of 14 members, including the president of PCI, will leave for the Japanese capital on Wednesday evening.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Afghanistan Name Avishka Gunawardene As Batting Coach

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The Afghanistan team will have a new batting coach in former Sri Lanka player Avishka Gunawardene, the strife-torn country's cricket board announced on Tuesday amid fresh turmoil at home following the takeover by Taliban.

The Afghanistan Cricket Board confirmed the development on its official twitter handle.

"Former @OfficialSLC batsman and coach, Avishka Gunawardene has been appointed as Afghanistan National Team's batting coach," the Afghanistan board tweeted.

In an international career spanning almost a decade, Gunawardene represented Sri Lanka in 6 Tests and 61 ODIs.

Van Gaal Wants To Make The Netherlands World Cup Champion

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AMSTERDAM: Two weeks into his third stint as Netherlands coach, Louis van Gaal has a clear goal: "To be world champion."

The Netherlands have reached three World Cup finals — in 1974, '78 and 2010 — and

lost them all. It won the 1988 European Championship.

"I have always done everything to help Dutch soccer and I think if I'd been in the position of the KNVB I'd also have chosen me," the 70-year-old coach said at his first news conference.

Cristiano Ronaldo Slams Disrespectful Transfer Rumours

Agencies

TURIN: Cristiano Ronaldo broke his silence on transfer rumours surrounding him, categorically saying that he was not returning to Real Madrid.

"More than the disrespect for me as a man and as a player, the frivolous way that my future is covered in the media is

disrespectful to all the clubs involved in these rumors, as well as to their players and staff," Ronaldo said in a lengthy post on Instagram.

"My story at Real Madrid has been written ... I know that the true Real Madrid fans will continue to have me in their hearts, and I will have them in mine."

Ancelotti Rules Out Madrid Re-Signing Ronaldo

Agencies

MADRID: Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti on Tuesday also ruled out the possibility of the club re-signing Ronaldo.

Ancelotti, who coached Ronaldo in his first stint as manager of the Spanish club between 2013-15, praised the Portugal forward but dismissed reports that Madrid wants him back.

"Cristiano is a Real Madrid legend and he has all my love and respect," Ancelotti said on Twitter. "I have never considered signing him. We are looking toward the future."

Madrid, coming off a season without titles, is reportedly trying to sign Kylian Mbappé from Paris Saint-Germain.

Sandesh Jhingan Joins Croatia's HNK Sibenik

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Sandesh Jhingan will become the first India international footballer to play in the Croatian top-tier league Prva HNL after completing a move from ATK Mohun Bagan to HNK Sibenik.

Named India's footballer of the year last month, the

28-year-old is already in Croatia and watched Sunday's home win against Hrvatski Dragovoljac.

"We expect good things from him as we have followed him on different platforms where we were able to see his past performances," said Francisco Cardona, CEO of HNK Sibenik.

ATK Mohun Bagan Beat Bengaluru FC 2-0 In AFC Cup Group Match

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: ATK Mohun Bagan began their AFC Cup campaign in style with an easy 2-0 win over another Indian club Bengaluru FC in a Group D match Male in Maldives on Wednesday.

Captain Roy Krishna struck in the 39th minute before Subhasish Bose added another goal in the 46th minute to give the Kolkata-based side a head start in the continent's second tier club competition.

Lewa Leads Bayern To German Super Cup Win Over Dortmund

Agencies

BERLIN: Robert Lewandowski scored twice for Bayern Munich to beat Borussia Dortmund 3-1 in the German Super Cup and give coach Julian Nagelsmann his first win in charge on Tuesday.

The Poland star, who scored a record 41 goals in the Bundesliga last season, opened the scoring in the 41st minute and got the decisive third goal in the 74th after Marco Reus had pulled one back for Dortmund.

"I'd like to start hoarding titles," Nagelsmann said after claiming his first with his first win as Bayern coach. "My predecessor and the players, they collected a lot."w

Global Suicide Deaths Up By 20K In Last 30 Years: Study

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The overall global death toll from suicide has risen by nearly 20,000 in the last 30 years, despite a significant fall in age-specific suicide rates during this period, finds an analysis of international data.

The analysis, published online in the journal Injury Prevention, showed that suicide rates are highest among those aged more than 70 in almost all regions of the world.

A team of researchers from the University of Hong Kong, drew on data from the Global Burden of Disease Study (GBD) 2019, providing population estimates for 204 countries and territories for 1950-2019 by location, age, and sex.

(minus 2,365 per cent).

The total number of male suicide deaths rose sharply, largely explained by male population growth (890 per cent) and changes in male population age structure (604 per cent). But these patterns weren't universal, the researchers said.

The overall contribution of population age structure mainly came from the 45-64 (565 per cent) and 65 plus (529 per cent) age groups, a trend that was observed in middle-income and high-income regions, reflecting the global effect of population aging, say the researchers.

"As suicide rates are highest among the elderly (70 years or above) for both genders in almost all regions of the world, the rapidly ageing population glob-



The overall number of suicide deaths rose by 19,897 from 738,799 in 1990 to 758, 696 in 2019, with the sharpest rise in lower middle-income countries where the death toll rose by 72,550 from 232,340 to 304,890.

The main contributors to this increase were population growth (1,512.5 per cent), followed by changes in population age structure (952.5 per cent). But these effects were offset by the substantial reduction in the age-specific suicide rates

ally will pose huge challenges for the reduction in the number of suicide deaths in the future," warned researchers including Dr Paul Siu Fai Yip, of the HKJC Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention, at the varsity.

Increasing life expectancy and declining fertility will continue to affect global age structure, with populations around the world continuing to "experience pronounced and historically unprecedented ageing in the coming decades," the researchers noted.

SC Stays Criminal Defamation Proceedings Against Aroon Purie

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed the criminal defamation proceedings against India Today group founder Aroon Purie.

A bench headed by chief justice NV Ramana and comprising justices Surya Kant and Justice Aniruddha Bose issued notice on the plea filed by Purie challenging the Delhi High Court order refusing to quash the defamation case against him, and also issued an interim order of stay. "Notice and interim stay", said the bench.

The bench queried senior advocate Amit Desai, representing Purie, why he can't apply for discharge before the criminal court. Desai submitted that the Supreme Court has held in the KM Mathew case that there is no



presumption against a chief editor and added that complainant himself has said that he is not aware of the role of a chief editor.

The Delhi High Court had refused to quash a criminal defamation complaint and summoning order against Purie in connection with an article published in India Today magazine in 2007. The news article 'Mission Misconduct' had reported on allegations against the then Indian deputy consul general in Edinburgh.

Taliban Stop Exports, Imports With India, Says Top Exporters Body



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NEW DELHI: The Taliban have stopped all imports and exports with India after entering Kabul and taking over the country on Sunday.

Dr Ajay Sahai, Director General (DG) of Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO), said that currently the Taliban has stopped the movement of cargo through the transit routes of Pakistan, thereby stopping imports from the country.

"We keep a close watch on developments in Afghanistan. Imports from there come through the transit route of Pakistan. As of now, the Taliban has stopped the movement of cargo to Pakistan, so virtually imports have stopped," he said.

India has long-standing relations with Afghanistan, especially in trade and investment.

"In fact, we are one of the largest partners of Afghanistan and

our exports to Afghanistan are worth around \$835 million for 2021. We imported goods worth around \$510 Million. But besides the trade, we have a sizeable investment in Afghanistan. We have invested around \$3 billion in Afghanistan and there are 400-odd projects in Afghanistan some of which are currently going on," Mr Sahai said.

"...Some of the goods are exported from international north-south transport corridor route which is fine now. Some of the goods go through Dubai route also which is working," he added.

Mr Sahai said India has healthy relations with Afghanistan in trade. Currently, Indian export profile includes sugar, pharmaceuticals, apparel, tea, coffee, spices and transmission towers. "Imports are related and largely dependent on dry fruits. We also import a little gum and onions from them," FIEO DG said.

Despite the fast-evolving situation in Afghanistan, the official is hopeful and optimistic about trade relations with Afghanistan.

"I am pretty sure over a period of time Afghanistan will also realise that economic development is the only way to move forward and they will continue with that kind of trade. I think the new regime will like to have political legitimacy and for that India's role will become important for them also," he said.

Federation of India Export Organisation expressed concern that in coming days dry fruit prices may go up due to the turmoil in Afghanistan. India is importing around 85 per cent of dry fruits from Afghanistan.

"I will say that may not directly impact the prices but the very fact that one of the sources of import no longer exists, speculation of increase in prices is not ruled out," Mr Sahai said.

Tension Returns As Assam Police Fire At Mizoram Residents

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Tension flared up again along the Assam-Mizoram border on Tuesday after the Assam police allegedly fired at three Mizo residents, reported PTI. One of them was injured in the alleged firing. The latest incident came weeks after five Assam police officers were killed after tensions escalated along the state's border with Mizoram. Assam and Mizoram share a 164.6-km-long border, which has long been a cause of dispute. Several rounds of dialogue since 1994 have failed to resolve the disagreement.

On Tuesday, H Lalhlangliana, the deputy commissioner of Kolasib district in Mizoram, told PTI that the incident happened around 2 am at the disputed Aitlang Tlangpui area along the border with Assam's Hailakandi district.

The three residents from Vairengte town had gone to the disputed area to collect meat from a friend, Lalhlangliana said. He said that the civilians were identified as Lalchandama, Lalduhawmi and Vanlalrovi, reported EastMojo.

When the three Mizoram residents reached the spot, they heard a loud whistle from their friend, who was identified as Nibus. When the citizens whistled back in response, the Assam police guarding the border opened fire, the deputy commissioner alleged. As they ran to take cover, Lalduhawmi sustained a minor injury on her arm, Lalhlangliana said, adding that she has been discharged from a hospital where she was administered first aid.

Calling for the incident to be taken "seriously", the deputy commissioner asked Mizoram residents to follow the government's advisory and not to visit the border area till peace is restored.

Lalhlangliana has written to Hailakandi Deputy Commissioner Rohan Kumar Jha, asking him to look into the matter and take immediate action. In his letter, he said that such incidents could flare up tension between the two states. The Kolasib deputy commissioner wrote another letter to his Hailakandi counterpart, alleging that around 50 personnel belonging to the Assam police were present at a road construction site at Aitalang

on Monday. He added that the Mizoram government has stopped such constructions three days ago at Jha's request.

Lalhlangliana said that the presence of police at the construction site has caused fear among Vairengte's residents.

Earlier on August 13, a school in Hailakandi was damaged after two bomb blasts took place near the state's border with Mizoram. A part of lower primary Sahebmar LP School in the Sahebcherra area was damaged in the blast.

Hailakandi's Superintendent of Police Gaurav Upadhyay had alleged that the school was damaged by miscreants from Mizoram. However, Vanlalaka Ralte, superintendent of police of Kolasib district, which shares the border with Hailakandi, dismissed allegations that the miscreants belonged to Mizoram.

While no casualties were suffered by Mizoram during the clashes on July 26, the state government claimed that around 200 Assam Police personnel had crossed a duty post manned by the Central Reserve Police Force and state police in Vairengte in Mizoram's Kolasib district.

Sedition Case Against Samajwadi Party MP over Taliban remarks

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Samajwadi Party MP from Sambhal Dr Shafiqur Rahman Barq has been booked for comparing Taliban occupation of Afghanistan with India's freedom struggle.

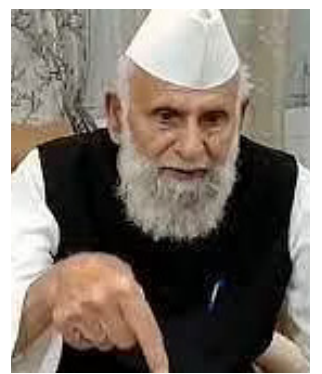
A case has been registered against the SP MP at the Sadar police station on a complaint lodged by Rajesh Singhal, regional vice president of BJP Western Uttar Pradesh, late on Tuesday night.

The charges against the MP include Sections 124A (Sedition), 153A (Promoting enmity between groups) and 295A (outraging religious feelings).

The Sambhal MP had issued a statement on August 16 hailing Taliban takeover of Afghanistan and comparing their assault on the country with India's freedom struggle.

He had said that the Taliban is fighting for the freedom of their country and it is an internal matter of Afghanistan.

"When India was under British rule, our country fought for freedom. Now Taliban wants to free their country and run it. Taliban is a force that did not allow even strong countries like Russia and the US to settle in their country," Barq had said.



Reacting to Samajwadi Party MP's comment, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Maurya had criticised Barq and said there is no difference between Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and the leaders of the SP.

"The Samajwadi Party can say anything, if such a statement has come from the SP on the Taliban, then what is the difference between Imran Khan and the leaders of the SP?" he had said.

Earlier, Peace Party spokesman Shadab Chauhan had also congratulated the Taliban on the 'peaceful' transfer of power in Afghanistan.

BJP spokesman Manish Shukla had come down heavily on Khan saying, "Chauhan's tweet reflects the posture of his Peace Party. We strongly condemn it."

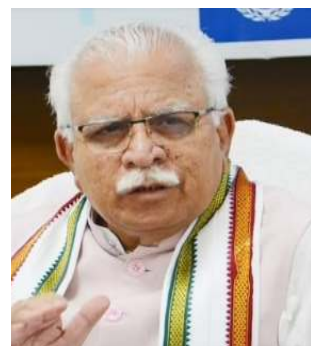
Haryana Bans Use Of Phrase 'Gorakh Dhanda'

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The Haryana government announced on Wednesday that it has banned the use of the word 'Gorakh Dhanda', generally used to describe unethical practices.

According to an official statement, a decision in this regard was taken by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar after a delegation of the Gorakhnath community met him and urged him to ban the use of the word as it 'hurts' the sentiments of Sant Gorakhnath's followers.

The Chief Minister said that as Guru Gorakhnath was a saint and using this word in



any official language, speech or in any context hurts the sentiments of his followers, therefore its usage in whatsoever context has been completely banned.

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