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WAYS OUT OF HEALTH

You've recently learned that someone in your office has been diagnosed with a rare disease, and you're curious to learn more about it. This is a common reaction and a good proportion of us will feel worried about our own health at least to some minimal

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THE TALIBAN CHALLENGE

THINK

WITH the fall of the last pocket of resistance, the Afghan Taliban now virtually control the entire country. It took days of fighting to clear the Panjshir valley that had remained out of the Taliban's domain during their previous rule. Having swept the entire northern



P11 SPORTS

CRISTIANO RONALDO SET FOR 1ST GAME BACK AT MAN UNITED

"Cristiano is in the house," United midfielder Bruno Fernandes said. As if anyone wasn't aware. One of the best players in the history of soccer is making



Widom Quote!
Take responsibility for yourself; it's very rewarding.
— Amanda Green

NEWS DIGEST

Train Services To Remain Suspended Today

SRINAGAR: Authorities have ordered suspension of train service in Kashmir Valley on Friday due to "precautionary measures". An official said that the train service shall remain suspended between Banihal to Baramulla and vice versa. While no **More On P10**

KU Listed Among Top 50 Universities

SRINAGAR: Continuing its march towards academic excellence, the University of Kashmir has figured among top 50 universities in the all-India ranking of varsities conducted by the Union Ministry of Education under the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)-2021. **More On P10**

Policeman Shoots Himself Dead in J-K

JAMMU: A policeman allegedly shot himself dead with his service rifle in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Thursday, officials said. Javed Dar, a selection grade constable of the Indian Reserve Police (IRP), was a resident of Tral in south Kashmir. The body would be handed over to the family after completing medico-legal formalities, they said.

2-Year-Old Girl Drowns in Handwara

SRINAGAR: A two-year-old girl drowned in a nallah in Handwara area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Thursday, official sources said. They said the girl Aliya Jan daughter of Javid Ahmad Bhat of Tulbul Sopore was at maternal home when she slipped into a rivulet passing through the house at Hanga Mawar Handwara. The girl was shifted to **More On P10**

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Single Shot 96.6% Effective In Preventing Death, 2 Doses 97.5%: ICMR

NEW DELHI: One dose of Covid-19 vaccine is 96.6 per cent effective in preventing death, while two doses prevent death by 97.5 per cent, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said on Thursday.

According to ICMR Director General Dr Balram Bhargava most deaths in the second wave of Covid-19 in April-May were recorded among the unvaccinated.

Addressing a press conference on the Covid-19 situation in the country, the ICMR chief cited the data collected between April 18 till August 15 this year and categorically stated that vaccination prevents deaths.

He added "this vaccine protective effect against death is there in all age groups, whether it be 60 and above, whether it be 45-59 and 18-44 years".

Echoing similar sentiments, Niti Aayog member (Health) Dr V.K. Paul said it is clear that two doses of Covid-19 vaccine show complete protection.

Dr Paul, who is the chief of Covid-19 Task Force, further said about 72 crore vaccine doses have been given so far.

"58% above 18 years given single dose, it should be 100%. No one should be left behind...Those left should get



administered to develop herd immunity," he added.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, who was also present during the media briefing, said the pace of vaccination and coverage is rapidly increasing.

"The average per day dose administered has increased from 20 lakh in May to 78 lakh in September. This number is expected to climb even higher," he added. **More On P10**

Top Security Brass Reviews Kashmir Situation in Delhi

Amit Shah Chairs Meet Attended By LG, NSA And Army Chief Agencies

NEW DELHI: In the wake of Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, official sources said.

Shah's meeting with top functionaries of the central government and Jammu and Kashmir administration came two days after the Taliban announced its interim government in Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, NSA Ajit Doval, Army Chief General M M Naravane, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, Director of Intelligence Bureau Arvinda Kumar, R&AW chief Samant Goel, BSF DG Pankaj Singh and CRPF chief Kuldip Singh attended the meeting.

There have been reports that Pakistan-based militant groups like Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba — both active in Jammu and Kashmir have shifted



their bases to Afghanistan with a friendly Taliban regime in place.

The home minister reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and steps being taken to check infiltration from across the border and maintain peace in the union territory, official sources said.

Sirajuddin Haqqani, the new acting interior minister of Afghanistan, is the head of the Haqqani network, which was

responsible for attacks on Indian assets, including the Indian embassy in Kabul, in the past.

Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen last week had said "As Muslims, we also have a right to raise our voice for Muslims in Kashmir, India or any other country".

A home ministry spokesperson said Shah held the meeting to review the security and development issues of the Union Territory of **More On P10**

4 Journalists Face Arrest, Quizzed for 2nd Day

IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, Says It's Not Harassment Of Journalists, Media Men Shouldn't Spread False News Agencies

SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police Kashmir Vijay Kumar on Thursday asked journalists not to "interfere unnecessarily in investigation of case by spreading false narrative" even as he said four scribes being questioned by police would be arrested "after collection of solid evidences". Police said that four journalists were quizzed in connection with the investigations related to a blog—Kashmirfightwordpress.com case and they will again be questioned tomorrow (Friday) while as scrutiny of their gadgets have showed



they had numbers of Pakistan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

The police also said that the four journalists, whose houses were raided on Wednesday, were in touch with many virtual numbers as well.

"During investigation of FIR 82/2020 Police Station Kothibagh, credible evidence was found which links the following persons with the mastermind who is behind the blog kashmirfightwordpress.com," Inspector General of Police Kashmir range, Vijay Kumar was quoted as saying.

"Based on this **More On P10**

Rahul Gandhi Begins Jammu Visit from Katra

Observer News Service

JAMMU: All Indian Congress Committee vice-president and Member Parliament Rahul Gandhi on Thursday paid obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and also participated in evening Atka Aarti.

Gandhi, who arrived in winter capital on a two-day visit Thursday, moved towards temple town of Katra, the base camp of Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and walked on foot to the famous cave shrine in Trikuta hills of Reasi district.

Officials said that hundreds of youth Congress workers accompanied him throughout the difficult 12-kilometres trek.

Gandhi reached Bhawan in the evening hours and also participated in Aarti.

The Congress MP will address a workers' convention at Jammu on Friday and will meet separate delegations of local leaders during a luncheon **More On P10**

...PMLA CASE

Delhi HC Fixes Mufti's Plea for Final Hearing

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court Thursday fixed for final hearing a plea by former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti challenging the Constitutional validity of certain provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh listed the matter for September 14 for final disposal of the petition.

Mufti, in her plea filed in March, has also challenged issuance of summons to her **More On P10**

NC Mourns Death of Trilochan Singh Wazir Decomposed Body of Ex NC MLC Found in Delhi Flat

Observer News Service

JAMMU: In a shocking incident, the decomposed body of a former Jammu and Kashmir Member of Legislative Council and National Conference leader, Trilochan Singh Wazir was recovered by the police from a flat in Delhi's Basai Darapur on Thursday.

Trilochan was also the President of the District Gurdwara Committee in Jammu besides a prominent transporter.

Police said the body was recovered from the third floor of a residential complex in Basai Darapur in West Delhi, adding that the flat was taken on rent in the name of Harpreet Singh



a few months back.

"A mobile phone has also been recovered from the deceased, which has been identified as that of Trilochan Singh Wazir," the police said.

As per initial **More On P10**

Study Finds 84.4% People In Kashmir Exposed To Covid-19

Srinagar, Anantnag Have Highest Seroprevalence; People Urged To Follow CAB, Go For Vaccination

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A pan-Kashmir study has found an overall 84.4% seroprevalence of IgG antibody against COVID-19. This means that more than 2/3rd population had been exposed to the virus.

The pan-Kashmir cross-sectional sero-study was conducted among general population and

various subsets of population which include police personnel, healthcare workers, pregnant women by government medical college Srinagar in collaboration with Community Medicine departments of SKIMS, SKIMS Medical College Srinagar, Government Medical College Anantnag and Government Medical College Baramulla with full support and cooperation from directorate of health sciences Kashmir and supported by National Health Mission. The Department of Community Medicine GMC Srinagar **More On**

COVID-19: J&K Adds 170 Fresh Cases

Jammu and Kashmir Thursday witnessed 170 fresh positive cases of Covid-19 taking the number of total active cases in the Union Territory to 1,263. However, no death was reported in the last 24 hours.

With no fresh fatality, the death toll in J&K stood at 4,411 and 170 fresh positive cases reported on Thursday has pushed the tally of positive cases to 326,480.

Of the exact number of 326,480 cases, 203,243 are from Kashmir division and 123,237 **More On P10**

We're Open for Business, Come Invest in J&K: LG

- J&K's New Rs 28,400 Cr Industrial Development Scheme Is Unlocking The Investment Flow
- Says Government Will Be A Facilitator, Partner, Provider, Collaborator And Promoter

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: The new Rs 28,400 crore Industrial Development Scheme is proving to be a game changer in facilitating the industrial growth in J&K, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said on Thursday while inviting investors from across the globe to come and invest in Jammu and Kashmir.

The new industrial scheme, offering a host of attractive Industrial Incentives, a supportive framework of Ease of Doing Business, coupled with the Land Bank of 12,000 acres, private industrial estate development & a strong MSME ecosystem, is unlocking the investment flow and welcoming



the potential investors to look at J&K as a great business opportunity, added the Lt Governor.

Sinha was addressing "ELARA India Dialogue 2021" through virtual mode.

Hundreds of company representatives from across the country and abroad attended the dialogue.

"This is the new Jammu Kashmir determined to reverse the trend of the **More On P10**

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Lost in the Heap of Waste

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THIS IS THE NEW JAMMU KASHMIR DETERMINED to reverse the trend of the past seven decades by pushing the targets for economic growth and employment. Our aim is very clear- deepen the trust with business conglomerates, build the industrial base for the economy and strengthen the social stability."

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100% Scanning Of Revenue Records In Srinagar

Target Of 2 Weeks Set For Digitisation Of Massavis



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In order to review the progress achieved on the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP), the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Thursday chaired a meeting of concerned Officers of Revenue Department at meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, here.

The meeting held threadbare discussions on computerization of Land Records including Scanning of Revenue Documents/ Maps, Digitization of Maps and Quality check of scanned data, Scanning of Massavis besides, Updation and Digitization and Authentication of Jamabandies.

While reviewing the progress achieved on Scanning of Revenue Documents, the Deputy Commissioner was informed that till date 2873514 Revenue documents have been scanned out of which 2251046 documents have been approved by the concerned authorities after Quality check.

The DC was also informed that all 1605 Massavis have been scanned in Srinagar district out of which 1588 Massavis have been approved after a Quality check by the concerned authorities.

With regard to Updation/ Digitization of Jamabandies in Srinagar district, the DC was informed that there are 137 Revenue Villages in Srinagar and Jamabandies of all 137 Villages have been updated by the concerned Tehsildars, out of which 120 Jamabandies have been

digitized by the concerned agency so far and remaining process will be completed soon.

Highlighting the importance of Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme, the Deputy Commissioner said that the main aim of DILRMP is to usher in a system of updated land records, automated and automatic mutation, integration between textual and spatial records, inter-connectivity between Revenue and Registration, to replace the present deeds registration and presumptive title system with that of conclusive titling with title guarantee and its integration with the Sub-Registrar offices which also need to be computerised so that updation of land record could be done automatically and dynamically.

The DC directed the concerned to complete the Quality check of all remaining Revenue documents by September 19. He was also instructed to prepare a complete and authenticated database of all Revenue record for future use and reference.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Khurshid Ahmad Shah, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr Syed Hanief Balkhi, Sub Divisional Magistrate, West, Akshay Labroo, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rayees Ahmad, all Tehsildars and other concerned were present in the meeting.

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Ward Wise Cleanliness Ranking Chanapora Ward Bags Number-One Rank

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The civic body Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has ranked Chanapora Ward as 'Number-One' in cleanliness and sanitation while Hyderpora Ward has been categorized as the 'poorest' one.

In Ward wise cleanliness ranking, Chanapora Ward (31) has obtained 275 marks out of 300.

Sources told a news agency that the Project Management Unit (PMU) of Srinagar Municipal Corporation had conducted a cleanliness survey in 35 wards of Srinagar city.

Chanapora ward was declared number one in cleanliness followed by Lal Chowk and Pantha Chowk.

Ajaz Ahmed Thokar, Ward Officer Chanapora gives credit to his field staff saying it is a team effort.

SMC had created 4 categories

'Good', 'Satisfactory', 'Fair', and 'Poor' under which the performance of 15 Wards including Chanapora have fallen in 'Good' category. The 10 Wards have been categorized as 'Satisfactory' while the performance of 8 Wards have been declared 'Fair' and 2 Wards fall in 'Poor' category.

As per the Project Management Unit (PMU) ranking, Chanapora Ward leads in cleanliness ranking followed by Lal Chowk, Pantha Chowk, Hazratbal, Parimpora HMT, Jawahar Nagar, Baghi Mehtab, Nai Sarak, Madin Sahab, Soura, Zaina Kadal, Khanyar, Nowshera, Islamiyabal, Karan Nagar, Jamalata, Lal Bazar, Qamarwari, Lawaypora, Humhama, Khumani Chowk, Bemina, Hawal, Ahmed Nagar, Kralyar, Zakoora, Safakadal, Batamalo, Dal, Palapora, Magarmal Bagh, Makhdhoon Sahab, Bota Pora, Nishat and Hyderpora. (KNT)

Three Shops Guttred In Blaze At Soura Market

SRINAGAR: Three shops were gutted in a massive blaze that broke out at a shopping complex in Soura area of Srinagar on Thursday morning.

Official sources said that fire broke out in a commercial shopping complex of Abdul Hameed Teli in Soura today morning, in which three shops got completely damaged.

They said that the shops included a bakery shop of Ghulam Mohammad Bhat son of Abdul Salam, Mobile Phone shop of Munir Ahmed Khan son of Merajuddin and a Barber shop of Shamim Ahmed.

"Soon after the incident, fire tenders were rushed to the area to douse off the flames, however, three shops were completely damaged before fire was brought under control," they said.

They said that the cause of the fire could not be immediately ascertained.

DC Srinagar Visits Parimpora Bus Terminal

Directs For Better Civic Facilities For Transporters & Passengers

SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today visited Parimpora Bus Stand for on the spot redressal of issues of Transporters and Passengers.

The DC was accompanied by Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir, Sajid Yehya Naqash, ARTO Srinagar, Officers from Srinagar Development Authority, R&B, Traffic and other concerned departments

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the stakeholders including Transporters and received first hand appraisal about the problems confronting them and Passengers at the Bus terminal.

The DC directed all concerned officers to immediately take all necessary measures for macadamization

of approach road at the Bus Terminal, construction of toilet Block for Transporters/ passengers, removing of scrap material besides ensuring proper hygiene, cleanliness, lighting and drainage system in and around the Parimpora Bus Terminal.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Kashmir Transporters Welfare Association, led by Shabir Ahmad Matta called on the Deputy Commissioner in his Office Chamber and put forth various issues before him regarding welfare of Transporters of Srinagar district.

The DC gave patient hearing to the delegation and assured that all the issues raised by them will be redressed on priority and he himself will take on the spot inspection of the Parimpora Bus Terminal.

Several Deputations, Individuals Call On Advisor Khan

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Several deputations and individuals on Thursday called on Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan at Civil Secretariat here and raised various issues of public importance pertaining to several departments.

The Advisor while interacting with the deputations assured that the issues projected by them would be resolved in a time bound manner. He said that instructions already stand passed to all the departments and officers to ensure that people have smooth access to availability of basic amenities. He also said that directions have been passed to ensure that the implementation of various developmental initiatives are paced up.

The Advisor met deputations

and individuals from Srinagar, Ganderbal, Sopore, Anantnag and other areas who raised several issues related to Industries, PDD, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Tourism, Floriculture and other sectors and sought intervention of the Lieutenant Governor's administration for early redressal.

A delegation of employees of Lakes and Waterways Development Authority met the Advisor and projected several issues and sought their redressal. Similarly a delegation of people from Sopore raised various developmental issues of their locality. Likewise several individuals also raised their matters related to various sectors.

The Advisor assured them that all of their genuine issues would be looked into for time-bound redressal.

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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

This Day in History

- 1547 - Battle of Pinkie, Midlothian: English beat the Scots
- 1785 - Prussia signs trade agreement with US
- 1910 - Great Idaho Fire destroys 3 million acres of timber
- 1919 - Treaty of St Germain: Austria ends incorporation with Germany
- 1919 - China becomes a member of the League of Nations
- 1926 - Allies-German treaty of Koblenz drawn
- 1926 - Germany joins League of Nations
- 1939 - Canada, under the leadership of Mackenzie King, declares war on Germany
- 1942 - British troops land on Madagascar
- 1942 - RAF drops 100,000 bombs on Dusseldorf
- 1943 - British 8th army occupies Tarente
- 1943 - German troops occupy Rome and take took over the protection of Vatican City
- 1951 - British begin economic boycott of Iran
- 1965 - Great Britain performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1972 - West Germany beats Pakistan 1-0 to become first European nation since 1920 to win the field hockey Olympic title; marred by disgraceful behaviour of Pakistani players, fans & officials after losing the Munich final
- 1973 - Muhammad Ali defeats Ken Norton
- 1974 - Portugal recognizes independence of Republic of Guinea-Bissau
- 1990 - Iran agrees to resume diplomatic ties with Iraq
- 2007 - Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif returns to Pakistan after seven years in exile, following a military coup in October 1999.
- 2019 - Alibaba chairman Jack Ma steps down, succeeded by Daniel Zhang
- 2019 - Malaysia's National Disaster Management Agency deliver half a million face masks to Sarawak state, after more than 930,000 hectares (about 2.3 million acres) burnt in Indonesia cause hazardous levels of air pollution



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From KO Archives

Army Officer Among 12 Killed


3 Ikhwanis Held For Killing 60-Yr Old

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: An army officer and nine militants were among 12 people killed in militancy related violence across the state since yesterday. A grenade explosion in Kupwara town yesterday left seven persons including two special police officers injured. Police arrested three counter insurgents for torturing a sixty year old retired patwari to death.


Reports from Baramulla said an army lieutenant was killed in an encounter with militants at Darcipora in Kralapora area of Kupwara district last night. He was identified as Lt Amit Singh of 1/9 OR. The militants managed their escape from the spot. In another encounter at Khupriliayan and Badwan village in Gurez area of Baramulla district, which lasted three days, three militants and an army jawan were killed. Reports said stores or new bunkers have been constructed and with heavy deployment of soldiers, the security has been tightened in the area to prevent any infiltration bid. Official sources said two militants of Hizbul Mujahideen were killed in an encounter with a joint patty of police and security forces in the forests of Inderwani Sogarn in Kokernag area of Anantnag district yesterday. They were identified as Abdul Rahman Magray alias Nikka of Watoo and Mushtaq Ahmad Mir alias Maulvi of Katarsoo. A KPS report said Muhammad Yousuf was the 'owner of the house, which was reduced to rubble due to mortar shelling by the security forces. The Ikhwanis working with the security forces pounced, on him when he was trying to come near his destroyed house. His bullet riddled body was recovered by the Qazigund police this morning which evoked a spontaneous demonstration by the villagers in protest against the killing. Police arrested the three Ikhwanis Shabbir Ahmad Dar, Abdul Rahman Magrey and Mushtaq Ahmad Mir for the 'reprisal killing Muhammad Yousuf. He bore torture marks over his body.

(Kashmir Observer, September 10, 2000)



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For and on behalf of Vice Chancellor Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs. 5/- are invited from the interested and eligible firms/authorised dealers/suppliers dealing with printing work for Annual Rate Contract (2021-2022) of Printing Items as mentioned in the Annexure-A of the tender document. The tender document can be obtained from the office of Assistant Registrar (Procurement & Stores) or can be downloaded from the University website: www.iust.ac.in. The tender document should be accompanied with DD of Rs. 500/- (non-refundable as tender document fee) favouring Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora Pulwama (J&K). The last date for submission of tenders shall be **24-09-2021 (2.00 pm)**. Terms and Conditions apply.
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NIT NO.: RFP 08-SSCL of 09/2021 **DATED: 07/09/2021**

Subject: Notice inviting tenders for "Operation, Maintenance and Management of Surface Car Parking Facility for a period of 2 years at Residency Road, opposite Kotli Bagh Police Station in Srinagar City".
Chief Executive Officer (CEO, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), invites online offers, on the basis of highest quoted Monthly License Fee (MLF), from registered and reputed Firms/Agencies/Enterprises/Companies having experience and expertise in Operation, Maintenance and Management of on street /off street public parking lot / private parking lot / Multi level parking / Mechanized Parking / Toll Plaza, for the following work:

S. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Document (INR)	Minimum Monthly Reserved Bid Amount (INR)	Time Duration for O & M (Years)
1.	Operation, Maintenance and Management of Surface Car Parking Facility for a period of 2 years at Residency Road, opposite Kotli Bagh Police Station in Srinagar City.	3,000.00	90,000.00	2 years

- The Request for Proposal (RFP) document, consisting of bidding information, eligibility criteria, terms of reference, conditions of contract and other details, can be seen/downloaded from the e-procurement portal of J&K Govt. <http://jitenders.gov.in> as per the schedule of dates given hereunder:

S. No.	Particulars	Schedule Date & Time
1	Date of issue of Notice for RFP	07/09/2021
2	Document download Start Date & Time	07/09/2021, 12:00 Hrs.
3	Last Date for receipt of requests for clarifications.	08/09/2021 up to 14:00 Hrs.
4	Pre-Bid meeting Date & Time	08/09/2021 at 14:00 Hrs.
5	Bid Submission Start Date & Time	07/09/2021, 12:00 Hrs.
6	Bid Submission End Date & Time	08/09/2021, 16:00 Hrs.
7	Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	22/09/2021, 14:00 Hrs.
8	Financial Bid Opening Date & Time	To be intimated separately.

- The Cost of Tender Document is non-refundable and is to be paid through online mode in favour of Srinagar Smart City Limited with Bank Account details as under:
Name of Bank: Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd.
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- Interested and eligible bidders may submit their complete proposal as prescribed in the Request for Proposal (RFP) along with the receipt of requisite Tender Document Cost and all other required documents.
- The bids shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the due date of submission of bids. To this effect, the bidder has to submit, along with his bid, a duly filled and signed "Bid Securing Declaration Form" provided in the RFP document.
- The eligible firms registered as Micro and Small Enterprises shall be provided tender document free of cost, subject to furnishing of relevant valid certificate/documents for claiming such exemption.
- The bidder is required to quote a Monthly License Fee (MLF) in an amount not less than the "Minimum Monthly Reserved Bid Amount", as specified in this NIT, and the selection will be done on **highest quoted Monthly License Fee (MLF)** as per the procedure described in the RFP.
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- Any information regarding the NIT can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.

DIPK-NB-3276/21
No: SSCL/CEO/S069-70
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Chief Executive Officer
Srinagar Smart City Limited.

Google Sees Future Of Work As ‘Hybrid’



Agencies

SAN FRANCISCO: Google on Wednesday ramped up cloud collaboration tools for businesses, expecting “hybrid” work routines to remain even after the pandemic has ended.

The internet titan competes with Microsoft, Zoom, Facebook and others with online services that employees can use to collaborate remotely.

Tech giants turned to their own tools after abandoning campuses early in the pandemic, which fueled a fierce remote work trend.

“We’ve seen a radical transformation, and a lot of that transformation is here to stay,”

Google product management director Dave Citron said during a briefing on new Work-space offerings.

“But I think it is too early to say that the 40-hour work week in a cubicle is permanently dead across all industries and regions.”

Major tech companies themselves have postponed workers returning to offices and expect the new norm to become “hybrid” routines that mix being on-site with working remotely.

Google said it has created a hybrid work handbook for how to take advantage of tools, as well as software for employees to conduct efficient meetings no matter where they are working from.

Israel Arrests Relatives Of 6 Palestinians Who Escaped From Jail

Agencies

RAMALLAH: Israeli troops have arrested at least six relatives of Palestinians who broke out of a high-security jail, a local watchdog said on Wednesday amid protests in support of the escapees.

The six Palestinians staged their jailbreak on Monday through a hole they had dug under a sink in a Gilboa prison cell in northern Israel — reportedly using a spoon.

Israel has deployed drones, road checkpoints and an army mission to Jenin, the home town in the occupied West Bank of many of the men locked up for their roles in attacks on the Jewish state.

The Palestinian Prisoners’ Club said two brothers of Mahmud Ardah, described in local media as the mastermind of the escape, have been arrested.

The army has also taken into custody four other people — fellow family member Dr Nidal Ardah, two brothers of Mahmud’s cousin and fellow fugitive Mohammad Ardah and the father of Munadel Infeiat, another escapee.

All three of these escapees are members of the Islamic Jihad armed group.

Amani Sarahneh, a spokeswoman for the prisoners’ group, said that others could also have been arrested, while some had been only briefly detained.

The Israeli army — which has occupied the West Bank since 1967 — said “several arrests were made overnight”, without elaborating.

“Holding someone in order to coerce a relative to do something is a mafia-style tactic,” tweeted Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine director for Human Rights Watch, on Wednesday.

An Israeli injunction is in effect against publishing details of the jailbreak investigation, even as local media report on the scramble to recover from the embarrassing lapse and prevent any



possible attack by the fugitives.

The group on the run includes Zakaria Zubeidi, a former militant leader from Jenin.

The Palestinian Prisoners’ Club reported “tensions” in Israeli prisons on Wednesday.

A spokeswoman for the Israeli prison authorities confirmed that fires had been lit in Ktziot and Ramon jails.

“The situation is now under control, the fires have been extinguished,” she said as Palestinian groups called for rallies later Wednesday in Nablus, Ramallah and Jenin in support of the men on the run.

Many people in the Gaza Strip and in Jenin took to the streets to celebrate when news of the escape broke on Monday.

Gilboa prison — which opened in 2004 during the second Palestinian intifada, or uprising — is a high security site where hundreds of Palestinians are detained among other inmates.

The prison service said all those held at Gilboa over “security offences” were being relocated in case more escape tunnels have been dug beneath the facility.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett has called the breakout “a serious event that required a comprehensive effort by all of the security services”.

His Palestinian counterpart, Mohammed Shtayyeh, said on Tuesday he was “happy” about the jailbreak.



CIA Director In Pakistan Discusses Afghan Situation With Top Army Brass

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ISLAMABAD: US’ Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Burns on Thursday met Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) head Lt General Faiz Hamid during which they discussed issues related to regional security issues and the current situation in Afghanistan, the Pakistan military said.

The meeting was held after the Taliban on Tuesday unveiled a hardline interim government with at least 14 members of the Cabinet, including Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund — who is on the UN Security Council’s terrorism blacklist — as the acting Prime Minister.

William Burns and General Bajwa exchanged views on matters of mutual interest, regional security and the current

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situation in Afghanistan, the Pakistan Army’s media wing, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said in a statement.

ISI Director-General Faiz Hamid was also present during the meeting, it said.

“It was reiterated that Pakistan remains committed to cooperate with its international partners for peace in the region and ensuring a stable and prosperous future for (the) Afghan people,” the statement said.

William Burns’ Islamabad visit — the first high-level visit by a US official to Pakistan after the completion of US troops withdrawal from Afghanistan on August 31 — comes days after the ISI chief dashed to Kabul

on an unannounced visit last week and met Taliban leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar.

Before coming to Pakistan, US intelligence chief Burns, accompanied by other officials, reportedly paid a quiet visit to India, primarily to discuss ways to mitigate security threats that may emanate from Afghanistan.

It was learnt that William Burns held talks with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and a number of senior officials of the National Security Secretariat on Tuesday. However, there was no official statement on the visit by either the Indian security establishment or the US embassy in New Delhi.

Afghanistan’s Acting PM Appeals To Past Govt Officials To Return; Assures ‘Full Protection’

PESHAWAR/KABUL: Afghanistan’s acting Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund has appealed to former officials of past governments to return to the country and assured them “full protection”, saying the period of bloodbath is over and they face a humongous task to rebuild the war-ravaged nation.

“We paid a heavy price for seeing this historic moment in Afghanistan,” Mullah Hasan said on Wednesday, a day after the hardline Islamic insurgents unveiled an interim Cabinet after seizing power in Kabul.

“We appeal to the officials of past governments to return to their country as we will give them full protection of their lives. We are faced with the huge task of rebuilding and reconstruction of war-ravaged Afghanistan,” he said.

He said the period of bloodbath was over in Afghanistan and reiterated the Taliban’s promise of amnesty for anyone who has worked alongside the previous governments following the US-led invasion in 2001, Al-Jazeera news channel reported.

The Taliban seized control



of Afghanistan in mid-August, ousting the previous elected leadership which was backed by the West. The interim Cabinet is consists of high-profile members of the insurgent group.

Citing a Taliban spokesman, TOLO news reported that the new government will be led by the insurgent group’s chief Mullah Hibatullah Akhundzada. The spokesman did not disclose Mullah Hibatullah’s designation in the interim government or his role in the state affairs.

At least 14 members of the Taliban’s interim government are on the UN Security Council’s terrorism blacklist, including acting Prime Minister Mullah Hasan and his both deputies. Specially designated global terrorist Sirajuddin Haqqani, who

carries a reward of USD 10 million US bounty on his head, is the acting interior minister.

The 33-member interim Cabinet includes four of the five leaders known as the “Taliban Five” who were once held at the Guantanamo Bay prison.

The Afghan Cabinet members are expected to take oath on September 11, the day marking the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. However, the Taliban leaders said it is not final.

Meanwhile, former Afghan prime minister and Hizb-e-Islami leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar has announced unconditional support to the interim government of Afghanistan led by the Taliban.

Citing former officials of the Taliban, Khaama news said they believe that the interim cabinet will last for six months and then the official cabinet will be announced.

It also said that the Taliban officials and technical teams from Qatar and Turkey are busy working in Hamid Karzai International Airport and the airport will be fully ready for international flights in the next three days. **PTI**

US Ban Forces Iran Airliner to Fly 1,000km More to Refuel



TRANS ASIA NEWS

TEHRAN: An Iranian passenger plane hovered over Hamburg due to heavy fog for over one hour and then had to fly 1,000 kilometres south to refuel in Milan, as US sanctions prevent western supply companies to sell fuel to Iran Air.

On Monday, an Iran Air Airbus A330 operating Flight IR723 took off from Tehran’s Imam Khomeini International Airport at 04:03 local time and headed for Hamburg, Germany, where heavy fog prevented a safe landing, a news report said on Thursday.

The plane entered loiter mode waiting for the fog to clear, but a little over one hour later, it lifted back up to 30,000 feet and took off for Milan, rather than heading towards a different German airport, and eventually landed at Milan Malpensa, Simple Flying reported.

After nearly three hours on the ground at Milan Malpensa, the passenger plane finally made its way back north toward its intended destination.

As a result of sanctions the US began to reimpose on Iran in 2018 — after former US president Donald Trump withdrew Washington from the Iran nuclear agreement — many western supply companies, wary of punitive measures, have stopped selling fuel to Iran Air in order to comply with the US bans on Iran and its flag carrier.

The sanctions make any third

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parties who supply Iranian airlines with maintenance, catering, refuelling, and even booking, also liable to prosecution, pressing fuel companies to choose between operating in the US and selling fuel to Iranian airlines.

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Although the US government insists that the sanctions do not target civilians, the ban on sales of spare parts for aircraft and the prohibition of selling fuel to Iranian aircraft are only two examples — among many more — of how Washington endangers people’s lives through its unilateral coercive measures, a Press TV report said.

The harsh sanctions also prohibit the purchase of new aircraft, so Iranian airlines normally operate older passenger planes.

Sri Lanka Asks Women To Delay Pregnancy Over Covid Risks



Agence France-Presse

COLOMBO: Sri Lankan women were urged to delay getting pregnant after more than 40 expectant mothers died of COVID-19 in four months, the health ministry said Thursday.

The island nation, which recorded its first maternal coronavirus death in May, is battling a spike in Delta variant infections after travel restrictions were eased for local new year celebrations in mid-April.

“Usually, we have 90 to 100 maternal deaths a year, but since the start of the third wave we have recorded 41 deaths of pregnant women from Covid alone,” Chitramali de Silva, a director of the government’s Health Promotion Bureau, told AFP.

Government obstetrician and

gynaecologist Harsha Atapattu said he was urging “newlyweds, as well as those who are trying to have a baby, to delay it by at least a year because of the risks of Covid-19”.

De Silva said about 5,500 expectant mothers had been infected. About 70 percent were fully vaccinated, he added.

Experts have urged pregnant women to get the jab, with Sri Lankan health officials stating the Delta variant appears to increase their risk of severe symptoms.

he nation of 21 million people has been under a lightly imposed lockdown since August that the government expects to lift in mid-September.

But World Health Organisation experts in Sri Lanka have called for tougher restrictions until the start of October.

Hospitals have been overwhelmed during the surge, despite efforts to speed up the vaccination drive with nearly half of the total population receiving two doses.

Sri Lanka has recorded nearly 475,000 infections and more than 10,500 deaths from Covid-19, but doctors say the actual figures could be much higher due to under-reporting.

NEWS MAKERS

Russian Minister Dies Trying To Save Filmmaker In Arctic

Agencies

MOSCOW: A Russian minister died on Tuesday while trying to save a filmmaker who slipped from a cliff during training exercises in the Arctic, officials said.

Emergencies minister Yevgeny Zinichev, who previously served in President Vladimir Putin’s security detail, is the first Russian cabinet member to die on duty.

He was lauded by senior government officials and the Russian leader as a loyal civil servant and a “hero”. The UK’s ambassador in Russia also offered condolences.

The 55-year-old “tragically died trying to save a person’s life” near the city of Norilsk, the ministry said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies.

The ministry identified the filmmaker as 63-year-old Alexander Melnik who produced several films set in the Arctic region. It said he also died in the incident that took place earlier on Wednesday.

Margarita Simonyan, the well-con-



nected editor-in-chief of the state-funded news outlet RT, said the minister had fallen to his death trying to save the man later identified as Melnik.

“He and the cameraman were standing at the edge of a cliff,” she said.

“The cameraman slipped and fell... Before anyone even figured out what happened, Zinichev jumped into the water after the fallen person and

crashed against a protruding rock.”

Zinichev’s deputy Andrei Gurovich said in televised remarks: “Without thinking for a second he acted not like a minister, but like a rescuer. This is how he lived all his life,” Gurovich added.

In an usually personal note to Zinichev’s family published by the Kremlin, Putin said he was “shocked by the tragic news” of his death.

“We have lost a true military officer, a comrade, a person of great inner strength and courage and bravery close to all of us. For me, this is an irreparable personal loss,” Putin said.

Zinichev was a member of the KGB security service in the last years of the USSR and his career took off after he served in Putin’s security detail between 2006 and 2015.

He held a number of high-profile jobs, briefly serving as acting governor of Russia’s exclave region of Kaliningrad and then as deputy head of the Federal

Security Service (FSB).

He was appointed head of the emergencies ministry in May, 2018. He was also a member of Russia’s Security Council.

As head of the emergencies ministry, he held one of the highest-profile cabinet jobs, dealing with natural and man-made disasters and other rapid-response situations across the vast country.

The two-day drills he was participating in across several Arctic cities including Norilsk, kicked off on Tuesday involving over 6,000 people.

Condolences poured in from top officials and even foreign dignitaries including Serbia’s President Aleksandar Vucic.

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin praised Zinichev as a “true Russian officer” and Chechen strongman Ramzan Kadyrov said the minister “died like a hero.” “I knew him personally. We worked together closely and fruitfully,” said the head of the Russian space agency Roscosmos, Dmitry Rogozin.

Pakistan Court Issues Arrest Warrants Of ‘Hindi Medium’ Star Saba Qamar

LAHORE: A local court in Pakistan on Wednesday issued arrest warrants of ‘Hindi Medium’ star Saba Qamar in a case registered against her and others for shooting a ‘dance video’ at a historical mosque in Lahore.

Lahore’s magisterial court issued the bailable warrants for Qamar and singer Bilal Saeed for constantly avoiding the court hearings. The court adjourned the hearing till October 6.

Lahore police last year registered a case against Qamar and Saeed under section 295 of the Pakistan Penal Code for alleged ‘desecration’ of Masjid Wazir Khan in the old city of Lahore.

According to the FIR, both actors had trampled upon the sanctity of the mosque by shooting a dance video and this act also sparked an outrage among the people of Pakistan.

The Punjab government had also sacked two senior officers in connection with violation of the mosque’s sanctity.



Following strong criticism and even death threats to her on social media, Qamar and Saeed had apologised for their act.

“It was the music video featuring a Nikah (marriage) scene. It was neither shot with any sort of playback music nor

it been edited to the music track,” she had said.

Qamar whose work in Bollywood movies received appreciation had also done a biopic of social media sensation Qandeel Baloch. She received death threats on social media for her “un-Islamic” action. She was warned on the social media that she might face the fate of Qandeel Baloch who was killed by her brother in 2016 for ‘disgracing the family honour’.

Different religious parties including Jamaat-i-Islami had also held demonstrations in the city demanding ‘strict punishment’ to artist couple for what they call committing sin. **PTI**

J&K Gets 17 DNB & 22 Diploma Seats In GMCs & District Hospitals

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Health & Medical Department in J&K, National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), has approved 39 more seats for Govt. Medical Colleges and District Hospitals of Jammu & Kashmir.

Out of the 39 sanctioned seats, 17 seats are post-MBBS DNB seats and 22 are post-MBBS Diploma seats. With this, the total PG seats approval for J&K has risen to 124 (102 DNB and 22 Diploma) and this is over and above the DM/ MCH and MD/MS courses already being run in the UT.

District Hospital, Kulgam in a significant development gets accreditation in General Medicine and has been granted 2 seats for Diplomate of National Board (DNB) by National Board of Examination and has become 3rd District Hospital to start DNB Courses. With this, the total seats granted for District Hospitals of J&K are 10.

Pertinent to mention that earlier DH Gandhi Nagar had got 6 seats in Anesthesia and Medicine and DH JLNM Srinagar had got 2 seats in Medicine.

Mission Director, NHM, Yasin Choudhary while giving details about the development said that, under DNB programme in UT, a total of 144 applications were submitted by various health institutions out of which 53 applications are approved till date against which 124 seats have been granted to the accredited departments consequent to the concerted efforts and hard work of the Administrative department H&ME J&K, NHM J&K and the team of health institutions being monitored by Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Department.

New GMCs have received the total approval of 33 seats (11 DNB and 22 Diploma seats). New GMC Baramulla has received the sanction of 5 post-MBBS DNB seats in General Medicine and 22 post MBBS Diploma seats in the specialities of Family Medicine (4 seats), Anaesthesia (4 seats), Pe-

diatrics (4 seats), Obs & Gynae. (4 seats), ENT (3 seats) and Ophthalmology (3 seats).

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and GMC Rajouri received approval of 2 seats in DNB General Medicine. With this, the total seat approval for new GMCs till date becomes 59 (37 DNB seats and 22 Diploma seats)

Additionally, GMC Srinagar has been granted 2 seats in Doctorate of National Board (DrNB) Critical Care Medicine and GMC Jammu has been granted 2 seats in DrNB Neurology.

Pertinent to mention that the DNB (Diplomate of National Board) courses have been introduced in the District Hospitals and new Govt. Medical Colleges besides old GMCs and SKIMS in order to strengthen the institutions, decongest the Govt. Medical Colleges and to address the shortage of specialists in the UT of J&K.

Moreover, 35 more departments of DHs/ GMCs have been assessed by NBEMS and their accreditation is awaited. The DNB courses are expected to drastically improve the health care services in the far flung districts and improve the services in the tertiary care institutions as well. This is also expected to markedly bring down the referral from the far flung districts to the already overburdened tertiary care institutes of the UT of J&K.

Samoon Reviews Admission Process In Polytechnics, ITIs

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Samoon, today held a meeting to review progress on projects taken up under Capex Budget 2021-22 besides reviewing admission process in government polytechnics and ITIs of J&K.

The meeting was attended by Director SDD J&K, CE R&B Kashmir, Secretary BOTE J&K, Principals of Government Polytechnics of J&K, Superintendents of Government ITIs, concerned Executive Engineers and other concerned officers and agencies.

It was informed in the meeting that 41 works under polytechnic

sector and 57 works under ITI sector are being executed under Capex Budget with an estimated cost of Rs.4544.27 lakh and Rs. 3313.60 lakh respectively.

Principal Secretary asked the officers to accelerate the pace of progress on these vital works to ensure timely completion besides full utilization of funds allocated for the said works under the current year's budget.

Besides directions were given to the Director SDD, Principals of Polytechnics and Superintendents of ITIs to give wide publicity to admission process started in Polytechnics and ITIs to ensure full utilization of intake capacity.

Hurriyat Hopes For End Of Conflict In Afghanistan

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Hurriyat Conference (APHC) led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq Thursday expressed hope that the formation of the new government in Kabul will put an end to four decades of ceaseless conflict and uncertainty.

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ty", APHC said in a statement on Thursday.

APHC said that it understands that no two conflict regions are the same and the differences between Afghanistan and Kashmir are well-known. It however said, "We in Kashmir can surely empathise with the common people of Afghanistan who also have been living in a state of acute uncertainty for forty years".

Hurriyat said, the "long term uncertainty takes its toll and we hope that people of Afghanistan will come

out of it soon. We also hope that as the country begins the process of building its own future and realizing its aspirations, all regional and international member countries will extend their support to it".

APHC also expressed hope that the new dispensation in Afghanistan is inclusive and broad based and bears in mind that Islam as a religion is unambiguous in advocating human equality and rights, economic fairness and religious tolerance as foundational values.

1480 Kanals Encroached At IGC Pulwama, Reveals Official Data

Encroached Land Will Be Cleared Soon: Principal Secretary I&C

Agencies

SRINAGAR: More than 1400 kanals of land at Industrial Growth Centre Lassipora, Pulwama have been encroached, a government statement showing the village wise details of encroachments, reveals.

As per the official document of SIDCO 40 kanals of land at Gund Achan Pulwama is under encroachment.

Similarly at Tantrapora 371.08 kanals, Armulla 111 kanals, Petipora, 167.08 kanals land is under encroachment.

The document further reads, "At Nowpora Bala Shopian, 167.16 kanals, Turkwangam 624.25 land is under encroachment.

Lassipora Industrial Estate is one of the most thriving zones in Southern Kashmir's Pulwama district.

One of the industrialists at Industrial Growth Centre (IGC) Lassipora alleged the land grabbers have been illegally occupying the land for years and the authorities were acting as mute spectators.

"The land grabbers used to start with possessing small portions of land but now a large portion has been grabbed," a unit holder said.

In the year 1984, the land was acquired from around six different nearby villages.

Government in 1985-86 identified 6192 kanals of land for development of this Industrial Estate at Lassipora which was falling then in district Pulwama.

The proprietary land was acquired under Land Requisition Act for which the government



placed funds to the tune of Rs 56.92 lakh in 1984-85 at the disposal of then District Collector for disbursement.

"However some land owners refused to take money as they had illegally annexed a huge chunk of state land with their proprietary land converting it into fruit orchards," sources said, adding that since then the encroachments were going unabated.

Sources at the SIDCO lamented that they have repeatedly brought the issue to the notice of the district administration.

Sources said that several times, SIDCO had addressed a communication to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir requesting for initiating action against the violators to get the encroached land vacated.

In its one of the communication the SIDCO had said, "After having exhausted the available Industrial land banks in the periphery of Srinagar city, the focus of land allotment for Industry is concentrated in this Growth Centre and the land encroachments are coming up as big impediments towards the completion of the Development of the Estate,".

"It is requested that the Revenue authorities be instructed for strict compliance, as J&K SIDCO despite persuasion has

failed to have the encroachments identified and removed through the concerned Revenue authorities."

However sources said that till date nothing has been done even after several communications.

Meanwhile the insiders of the corporation alleged that these people are enjoying the patronage of influential people and have encroached upon government land. "I can tell you that influential people are helping them to continue encroaching on land in the area," one of the insiders said.

The insiders further said that even the government's repeated efforts to evacuate land encroachers from the area have yielded no concrete results. "It is difficult for us to vacate encroached land without the support of the government," they said.

When contacted, General Manager of SIDCO Ajaz Ahmad admitted that the people have encroached on land belonging to the SIDCO. "It is true that the people have encroached the land but we have taken up the case with the Government and have requested to look into the matter," he said.

Principal Secretary Industries and commerce Ranjan Prakash Thakur said that the encroached land will be cleared soon.

"Yes it is true that huge land has been encroached in Pulwama and Shopian districts. The concerned authorities have been asked to take action against the encroachers," Prakash said. (KINS)

CUK Holds Seminar To Celebrate Teacher's Day

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: School of Education (SoE), Central University of Kashmir (CUK), organized a day-long national seminar cum webinar on "Changing Role of Teachers in the Present Scenario" in Green Campus here Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mehraj Ud Din Mir, remarked that, the fundamental role of a teacher has remained the same despite changes in the processes or modes of teaching and learning.

"He (teacher) is supposed to be a friend, guide and philosopher, an inspiring figure for his students and believe in the maxim learn, unlearn and relearn." Prof. Mir observed that, "there can be no parallel to physical mode of teaching because it ensures true participation on the part of each participant.

In his address, Prof. Vishal Sood, Dean, SoE, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, observed that, "everyday is a teacher's day if a teacher happens to discharge his duties with commitment, dedication, honesty and integrity." He further said, "the concept of a Guru essentially deals with imparting the skills to the students which will facilitate them to lead a healthy and good life."

He also deliberated upon the reasons for the decline in the stature of the 21st century teacher.

In his remarks, Registrar, Prof. M. Afzal Zargar, stated that, "Teachers and parents always feel proud in the achievements of students and children which, in other relations or equations, is a rarity. The job of earlier teachers used to be emancipators rather than bread and butter earners."

Prof. Zargar further said the teachers need to evolve themselves unceasingly and co-learning has to become a buzzword in today's art and science of teaching.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Mir, Controller of Examinations, remarked that, "Teacher's day should also be the day of introspection for every teacher at every level of his service."

He added, "Teacher is a twice student." By this, he meant that a teacher was a student in his student days and, as a teacher now he has to continue to learn, unlearn and relearn just like a student so that he is in a position to continue to contribute to nation building as a teacher.

Prof. Fayaz Ahmad Nika, Finance Officer, emphasized that, "teachers need to humanize the humanity, and has to be the situational leader and a source of inspiration for his students."

Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah, Director, Research & Development, said, "Increasing use of ICT tools has set new challenges for teachers in Covid-19 scenario and teaching faculty at CUK has successfully met all the challenges associated with the shifting of teaching from physical to virtual mode."

Prof. Nighat Basu, School of Education, in her address quoted many thinkers like Aristotle, Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and others to emphasize the role and responsibility of teachers as nation builders. Dr. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, Dean, SoE, felicitated Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mehraj Ud Din Mir, for being nominated as the first among the top 20 eminent Vice Chancellors of the Country. In his address, he said that, "the teacher is a nation builder in every sense of the term."

The programme proceedings were conducted by Asst. Professor, Dr. Firdous Ahmad Sofal, and Mr. Reyaz Ahmad Wani. Asst. Professor, SoE, was its Rapporteur General. Dr. Mohammad Syed Bhat, Sr. Asst. Prof. SoE, proposed the vote of thanks.

The event was driven by the primary objective of emphasizing and discussing the changing role of teachers in the COVID-19 scenario. In the technical session eight paper presentations were made and the session was chaired by Prof. Parveen Pandit, Consultant Academics. The programme was attended by 130 participants including Deans and Heads of various Schools, faculty members, scholars and students of CUK.

12 Vehicles Handed Over To Beneficiaries Under Mumkin Scheme At Anantnag

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: As many as 12 vehicles were on Thursday handed over to various beneficiaries under 2nd Phase of Customised Livelihood Generation, Mumkin Scheme, at Dak Bungalow Khanabal, here.

Beneficiaries hailing from different areas of the district have been allotted the vehicles

Earlier, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) also Chairman DLIC Anantnag, Dr. Piyush Singla took detailed review of the implementation of the (Mumkin) scheme in a meeting with officers of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC).

Speaking on the occasion, the

DDC said that 'Mumkin' is a livelihood generation scheme for eligible unemployed youth wherein they get light commercial vehicles under subsidized norms. And a number of such self-employment schemes are being implemented in the district, he added.

Dr. Singla impressed upon the concerned officers to bring more progressive youth under the ambit of the scheme by generating requisite awareness among them. He also appealed to eligible youth to come forward and avail livelihood benefits under the scheme.

Interacting with the beneficiaries, the DDC advised them to make profitable use of the vehicles to earn a meaningful livelihood.

Tourism Department Organises Promotional Event At Kolkatta

WB Tourism Trade Fraternity Pledges Its Commitment To J&K

SRINAGAR: The J&K Tourism Department organised a promotional event at Kolkatta in which all the prominent heads of travel trade associations, local media and senior officials from the Tourism Department of West Bengal participated.

The J&K Tourism Department team was represented by Waseem Raja, Additional Secretary, Tourism and Ambika Bali, Assistant Director, Tourism, Katura and Ahsanul Haq, Incharge Tourist Officer, Kolkatta.

In his presentation, Waseem Raja highlighted the new tourism products, services and the upcoming festival calendar rolled out by the Department. He informed about the series of festivals being organised by the Tourism Department in the next few months, which includes some iconic festivals.

The presentation highlighted the activities and the steps taken by the department during the last few months after the second wave of COVID-19 and the vaccination drive carried out by the Department to ensure that all tourism service providers and the tourism staff are fully vaccinated. He assured the travel trade and media that all COVID protocols are being followed in the UT to ensure safety of tourists and the service providers. He also laid emphasis on the art, culture,

cuisine, natural beauty, adventure and Golf as a unique feature of the Tourism diversity in Jammu and Kashmir.

The travel trade fraternity of Kolkatta, on the occasion, appreciated the efforts of J&K Tourism Department to organise such an event in Kolkatta after the 2nd wave of Covid-19 and they hoped that the tourists from West Bengal will keep visiting the J&K and also explore the unexplored destinations of Gurez, Bunge, Bhaderwah, Bani, Sarthal among others and be mesmerized with the rich experience of JK Tourism.

The event was attended by the Tourism Trade fraternity from West Bengal especially Manav Soni, Chairman TAAI Eastern Region, Debjit Dutta Director and CEO ITS, Amitava Sarkar General Secretary TAAB among others who reiterated that Jammu & Kashmir is and shall remain the most preferred destination for Bengalis.

The event was followed by a press briefing in which most of the leading print and electronic media of Kolkatta interacted with the visiting officers.

The two days promotional event of the Department of Tourism, shall culminate today with a Road Chariot Show near Victoria Place.

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2.	Introduction of manholes in sewer at various spots of 'Brain area' Pulloo Genie. Mohalla Nishat Area.	655056.00	C&D	500.00	45 days
3.	Construction of lateral sewer/ secondary Sewer line at upper Daspora Brien.	537587.00	C&D	400.00	80 days
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5.	Construction and Restoration protection work by way of crate wall on right side of Ashban Nallah got Mohalla from culvert downstream at Brain Nishat culchment	159990.00	DEE	200.00	30 Days
6.	Construction and Restoration protection work by way of crate wall on left side of Ashban Nallah and restoration of damaged portion of check dam at gori Mohalla downstream upstream of Nallah at Brain Nishat	154070.00	DEE	200.00	30 Days
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K O V I E W

Two decades after 9/11

As the world observes the twentieth anniversary of 9/11 on Friday, the bitter irony of the Taliban again ensconced in power in Kabul won't be lost on it. On this day in 2001, as the twin towers came down in New York, and the planning of the attack was traced to Afghanistan, the US invaded Afghanistan. Its objective was to dismantle the Taliban rule and then go after it and Al Qaeda which was believed to be behind the attack. In the first month of the invasion itself, the Taliban melted away and Al Qaeda was on the run. The Taliban, however, soon regrouped and launched guerilla warfare against the US occupation. Less than a month ago, they walked into Kabul again as victors. The president of the US-backed government Ashraf Gani fled the country. The Taliban is in power, having announced their government only yesterday. The joke doing rounds for the last few weeks is that it took the US a trillion dollars and two decades of war to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.

9/11 had a far-reaching fallout in Kashmir too. War in Afghanistan pre-occupied Pakistan and led to a progressive decline in militancy in the Valley. This relegated the problem in Kashmir to the background reducing the urgency to address the conflict for India and Pakistan. India's rise on the global stage too altered the complexion of the Kashmir issue, enabling the country to forcefully promote its own stand on the dispute to a largely sympathetic global community.

Now that the Taliban are back in Kabul, it is likely to have profound repercussions for the region. There is again a sense of de javu in Kashmir. In 1989 when the USSR left Afghanistan, Kashmir was never part of any analysis and commentary. But if any place was completely transformed in the region by the Soviet defeat, it was Kashmir.

This is not to contend that history will repeat itself in Kashmir. But there is also little reason to rule it out. The way the situation in Afghanistan is shaping up, bears with some due exceptions an uncanny resemblance to the run up to the Soviet withdrawal. The Jammu and Kashmir administration as also the government in New Delhi have made it clear they are seized of the matter. It is also true that it is now 2021 and not 1989. The situation could thus play out differently. But this hardly detracts from the fact and the significance of the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan as the US observes the twentieth anniversary of 9/11. Here's hoping that from hereon the things go well for South Asia and the region witnesses stability and long term peace.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Diverse Noise

A significant contributor to India's multicultural fabric is the multiplicity of languages spoken by its people. The Constitution of India accords official status to 22 languages. Thousands of others exist — some even flourish — in spite of their unofficial status. An illustration of this was evident in the findings of an analysis of the 2011 census by a Delhi-based academic. The highest number of languages are spoken — no less than 107 — in the district of Bangalore, including 22 scheduled and 84 non-scheduled languages. The two other districts where over 100 languages are spoken lie in the Northeast: Nagaland's Dimapur and Assam's Sonitpur. The findings are heartening, not least because the multitude of tongues in a district's speaking population contributes directly to the longevity of these languages. This longevity and diversity are also crucial when it comes to sustaining the edifice of pluralism — a defining characteristic of the republic.

The data, however, also warrant a deeper reflection, especially in the light of the complicated nature of India's linguistic and political domains. According to the 1961 census, India had 1,100 living languages. In 2017, the findings of a study carried out by the Vadodara-based Bhasha Research and Publication Centre showed a steady and alarming decline: the passage of 56 years since 1961 had witnessed the death of 250 languages, with the study predicting the demise of another 400 in the following 50 years. This would effectively leave India with only about 450 languages from the total recorded in 1961. Several factors play a role in the living and dying of languages, of which economic dominance and policy-based support are particularly important. The languages of economically weaker communities — coastal, nomadic or mountain-dwelling populations who are increasingly being pushed to the periphery of welfare and State imagination — are at risk. The disappearance of local languages is also augmented by children being forced to eschew their mother tongues in favour of learning English or Hindi, the principal languages of communication in educational institutions. There is also an implicit threat from political ideology. For instance, the pursuit of cultural homogeneity has forced the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party to patronize Hindi as part of its problematic 'one language, one India' formulation. It is true that the imposition of Hindi is being resisted fiercely, especially in the south and the east. There is thus a case for a similar energetic campaign to protect India's dying languages. Educationists, policymakers, researchers and the people must be stakeholders in this initiative. After all, the future of Indian pluralism depends on the survival of multilingualism in letter and spirit.

Telegraph India

The Taliban challenge



Zahid Hussain

There is no organised resistance to the so-called Islamic emirate. But the calm could be deceptive. The Taliban cannot rule the country through brute force. It is not the same Afghanistan of the 1990s when they could enforce their harsh social order

WITH the fall of the last pocket of resistance, the Afghan Taliban now virtually control the entire country. It took days of fighting to clear the Panjshir valley that had remained out of the Taliban's domain during their previous rule. Having swept the entire northern territory it was not much of a challenge for the Taliban forces to capture the treacherous mountainous region that has a lot of symbolic value.

With the last bastion of opposition now gone, the Taliban have fully established their rule in the war-ravaged country. Yet the transformation from an insurgent group to one in power is never easy. Victorious in a protracted war against the world's mightiest military power the Taliban may be, but the path ahead is a challenging one. Governing a bitterly divided land ravaged by decades of conflict is perhaps more difficult than winning a war.

The Taliban have finally announced an interim government comprising all their leaders. It's probably meant to fill the void, but it is clear that the new rulers don't have any intention of forming an inclusive government. The delay in announcement indicated the difficulty the leadership must have been facing in forming an inclusive government.

Perhaps the most serious challenge for the Afghan Taliban is to maintain the unity within their ranks. Many of the ideological and factional differences that were swept aside during the war have resurfaced with the group now in power. With no absolute authority, a power struggle is bound to ensue.

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Some fear that the formation of an interim government will further widen the cleavage. The struggle between the moderates who would want to take a break from some of the harshest legacies of the previous dispensation and the hardliners who are not willing to reform could sharpen. While the Taliban may have appeared as a monolith during the war the differences over military tactics and other policy matters kept surfacing. Yet the disagreement didn't affect the resistance. The end of the war has widened the fault lines.

Many of the commanders in the field are believed to have more

hard-line views. Among them are those who joined the resistance as teenagers after the fall of the Taliban government in December 2001. This new generation of Taliban commanders has replaced the old guard who have either died or been sidelined. The political leadership that negotiated the peace deal with the Americans mostly comprised veterans who were not in the field.

Many of them spent time in detention and lived abroad after they were released. They have had greater exposure to the outside world and a relatively better understanding of the new reality. Unsurprisingly, they appear more moderate in their views, at least in their statements

But one must not expect a complete transformation of the conservative movement that has fought for the restoration of the old order under the banner of the 'Islamic emirate'. The issue is one of how far the Taliban leadership can go in accepting pluralism and changing their regressive views on women rights for the international community to recognise the new dispensation. It's also important for the new government to deal with other pressing challenges.

Seemingly, the Taliban are now in complete control over the country with the fall of Panjshir valley. There is no organised resistance to the so-called Islamic emirate. But the calm could be deceptive. The Taliban cannot rule the country through brute force. It is not the same Afghanistan of the 1990s when they could enforce their harsh social order.

The mere promise of change and the pledge to establish a pluralistic political order may not satisfy the new generation of Afghans who are better educated and have greater awareness about their situation. The exodus of educated Afghans in such large numbers is driven by the fear of a reversal to the old order. The assurance given by the Taliban does not have a calming effect. The unease is tangible.

The recent demonstration by a group of women is a manifestation of the brewing resistance to the attempt to curb their rights. The number of women participating in the protest march may not have been very large, but it nevertheless shows that people are prepared to fight back. The exodus of educated sections of the population is largely driven by the fear of Afghanistan returning

to harsh conservative rule. Any crackdown on the protests could fuel discontent.

The complexion of the new Afghan government will also determine the future course of Taliban 2.0 regarding the political system and human rights issues. A more conservative orientation could be disastrous for a country facing multiple economic, social and political challenges. It cannot deal with problems isolated from the international community.

One of the poorest countries in the world, Afghanistan is on the brink of a human catastrophe with the large-scale internal displacement of a population fleeing the conflict and worsening economic conditions. According to a recent UN refugee agency report, more than a quarter million people have been forced to leave their homes since the beginning of this year. And over 90 per cent of Afghans are believed to be living below the poverty level. Further instability in the country could push more people into starvation.

These are some of the more serious problems the Taliban administration needs to focus on. The economy cannot be revived under a regressive rule. In order to run an effective administration, the Taliban need educated, trained and skilled manpower. The exodus of professionals has already left a big gap.

Many more are ready to leave the country to escape retribution and search for a better economic future for themselves and their children. The only way to stop further migration is for the Taliban to restore the confidence of the people. The uncertainty regarding the government and the prevailing ambiguity in human rights issues, particularly women's right to work and their access to education, are not encouraging. Afghanistan is once again at a cross roads. The restoration of a regressive social and political order could push Afghanistan further into the abyss.

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Fair Fame — An Introspection

Social media has proven to be a huge revolution in taking human creativity and talent to a whole new level. A plethora of platforms have been and are being created daily to bring artists from every field to limelight. Many artists owe their careers to a virtual blessing called social media. There is no dearth of talented people in any part of the world and social media has provided a breakthrough to many. From writers to musicians and calligraphers to athletes, numerous people have shot to fame, thanks to social media.

While social media has been a boon on one hand, it has been misused to a great extent on the other hand. While the deserving people have come to limelight on one hand, on the other hand, a lot of unneces-

sary and undeserving content has been termed as great talent and has reached billions of people. With an overabundance of platforms, there is an overabundance of self-proclaimed authors, poets, singers, influencers on social media.

Facebook, Instagram and YouTube act as bridges between an artist and fame. These platforms can help a hardworking artist touch a certain height. However, simultaneously, needless hype is given to certain people and certain unnecessary content and they are turned into overnight sensations. People go bonkers over this type of content and in a matter of a few days, the same needless content is all over the internet. A person lip-syncs a song or a dialogue running in the background or another person makes foolish faces. Unfortunately,

instead of appreciating and sharing intellectual, literary or inspirational content, people prefer to appreciate and share this type of content. People term this type of content as "motivational and empowering."

While some deserving as well as undeserving people thrive due to social media, a lot of really talented people struggle to bring their content to the masses. A highly skilled writer fails to gain followers on a certain platform like Instagram and on the other hand a self-proclaimed author having a number of books to his/her name, not to forget printed by an agency which does not have any relation with literature, has thousands of followers on the same platform. People on social media quickly begin to judge talent on the basis of number of followers. People go crazy after quan-

tity and often overlook quality. The main problem arises when the talented writer is ignored while the person with followers and a few below average books is termed as a great author.

New generation is mostly affected by this mindset. Instead of making great scientists, authors, poets, bureaucrats and engineers as their role models, kids in this era are making useless, so-called content creators as their role models. The blame is on the grown-ups. A society has been created where these people are being given overabundant hype. The onus is on the younger generation to make a change. To promote deserving content rather than futile content. If not, a disastrous future is awaiting us!

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MINDFUL FRIDAYS

Ways Out of Health Anxiety

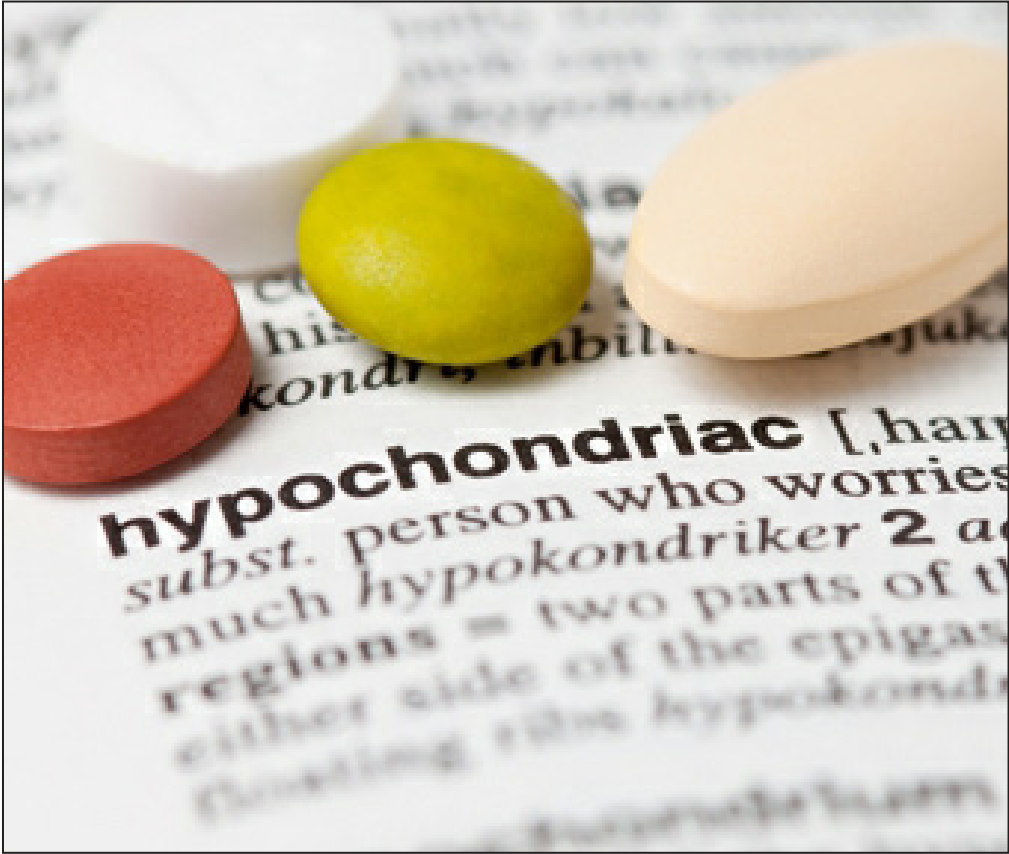
Wasim Kakroo

If you suffer from health anxiety, you may be tempted to disregard your doctor's assurances that you are not suffering from a dangerous illness. You may want to have a second opinion. Don't go for it because it will trap you into a never ending repetition of tests and other medical procedures unnecessarily

You've recently learned that someone in your office has been diagnosed with a rare disease, and you're curious to learn more about it. This is a common reaction and a good proportion of us will feel worried about our own health at least to some minimal level momentarily in such a situation. For some people, however, health-related problems might be extremely distressing. They can even start to believe they're showing symptoms of this rare health condition and may visit various medical professionals but may not feel satisfied by their reassurances about their health. If this sounds like you, you may have a mental health condition called Health Anxiety. You may stop health anxiety from interfering with your life by seeking professional help, effectively managing symptoms, and learning how to manage anxiety.

Here are few suggestions in this regard:

1. Health anxiety might prohibit you from living a fulfilling life. You should seek professional help if your life is substantially impacted by health anxiety. Because you may constantly check your body for indications of illness or spend most of your time on a daily basis seeking reassurance that you are not dying from a major medical condition, you will have to go against your natural tendencies to check or seek reassurance by taking some steps that go against such tendencies.
2. Patients with health anxiety are no strangers to the doctor's office. If you have thoughts that you are yourself dying from a rare disease, see your doctor as soon as possible to rule out a physical cause for your symptoms. If you've been suffering from health anxiety for quite some time, your doctor is more than likely already aware of your concerns. Talk to your doctor and explain that you need a thorough investigation in order to get to the bottom of your problem. Most of the medical professionals respect such requests if asked for only a few times at the beginning of the treatment for health anxiety. Don't force your doctor to go for particular tests that you feel are important, rather follow their lead.
3. If your doctor gives you a complete reassurance of being healthy, it's possible that your health issues are psychological in nature. You could be suffering from hypochondriasis, somatization disorder, or illness anxiety disorder, or even suffer from obsessive-compulsive disorder. Only a trained mental health professional, such as a clinical psychologist/psychiatrist, can properly assess and diagnose your situation. If you suffer from health anxiety, you may be tempted to disregard your doctor's assurances that you are not suffering from a dangerous illness. You may want to have a second opinion. Don't go for it because it will trap you into a never ending repetition of tests and other medical procedures unnecessarily. Worries and fears about having a dreadful disease in this condition are only emotional in nature rather than having any strong physiological basis and hence visiting a clinical psychologist for treatment can be a wise decision. Clinical psychologists may use various psychotherapeutic modalities such as CBT, ACT, Metacognitive therapy, Psychodynamic therapy etc on need basis to help you deal with your health anxiety.
4. Staying away from information about various illnesses, contrary to popular belief, does not alleviate anxiety. In fact, avoiding understanding about the health conditions that you are concerned about can simply increase your fear over time. For example, if you're afraid of getting cancer, you avoid reading news and health articles about it. This approach may not reduce your fear; rather, it may make the cancer appear more dreadful in your mind. Create a 30-minute daily "worry window" in



- which you educate yourself about the medical conditions that influence your anxiety and then take notes that you discuss in your session with your therapist. This practice helps you in overcoming the avoidance aspect of your anxiety. It also aids in regaining control of the situation and in having a more realistic perspective on your fears.
5. Obsessively examining your body for symptoms of illness is another common indicator of health anxiety. You must quit checking in order to reclaim control and overcome your fears. If you have a habit of checking frequently, stopping checking at once may be too difficult. To start with, reduce the number of times you check your body every day. Then schedule your checking for a specific time of day (maybe during your worry window). Reduce the frequency of checking until you only do it once a week or once a month.
 6. Another problematic feature of health anxiety is the need for reassurance. You may make frequent phone calls to your doctor's office to report "abnormal" physical feelings. You can call your friends and relatives to express your concern about acquiring a serious medical problem. Stop it right now. Make a rule with your loved ones that you will not discuss your health symptoms. Only see your psychiatrist/Clinical psychologist for routine assessment and follow them religiously. When you ask a question, accept your therapist's first response and don't ask for clarification or a second opinion. The truth is that you'll never be entirely sure of your health or free of the possibility of illness.
 7. If you're taking therapy for health anxiety, the fundamental cause of your anxiety should be a primary focus of your sessions. Take keen interest in knowing how anxiety is leading you to behave erratically. Try to learn about the sources of anxiety in your life during the sessions. With your therapist, work on the source and nature of your beliefs. Also try to understand the triggers of your health anxiety. Try to understand the consequences of having health anxiety. Make efforts to understand how health anxiety affects your daily decisions of life.

8. Taking control of your overall health and wellness is a wonderful way to better reduce health anxiety. Having a proper diet and increasing your physical activity through exercise etc. are usually the first steps. You should also make sure you get enough sleep each night as per the needs of your body. Vegetables, fruits, whole grains, lean protein sources, low-fat dairy, and nuts and seeds should all be part of your diet. Fast foods and processed foods that are salty, sugary, and fattening should be avoided. Caffeine and alcohol should be avoided. On most days of the week, exercise for at least 30 minutes. Running, weightlifting, yoga, boxing, and swimming are all good options to keep your body active.
9. It can be beneficial to develop a relaxation practice while you are learning to handle your health anxiety. Deep breathing, progressive muscular relaxation, meditation, yoga, massage, and guided visualisation are all examples of relaxation techniques. When you're feeling anxious, even something as simple as being aware of your body and the ground beneath your feet can help you regain control. To aid recovery, learn how to use these techniques and incorporate them into your daily routine. Self-care on a regular basis may also aid with anxiety management. Each week, schedule some activities you enjoy, such as hanging out with supportive friends or watching comedy movies.
10. Self-compassion is required to overcome health anxiety. You didn't get this problem overnight, and hence it won't go away overnight either. Begin keeping a notebook to keep track of your improvement during treatment. Small accomplishments, such as minimizing your body checks or being able to increase the gaps between doctor appointments, should be celebrated. Have patience, persistence and be hopeful while you are recovering.

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Many of us feel ‘empty’ – understanding what it means is important for improving our mental health

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It's likely you have felt "empty" at some point in your life – or perhaps you've heard someone else describe themselves in that way. But while this might be a relatively common feeling, it's often not spoken about as a symptom of mental health difficulties. Typically, "feelings of emptiness" are only considered as a symptom of borderline personality disorder – a mental health condition characterised by challenges with emotions, relationships to others, and feelings of chronic emptiness.

But, after coming across many people who reported "feeling empty" when accessing mental health services in Scotland, our research team wanted to know more about the feeling, which was rarely mentioned in mental health research. We began asking the people we interviewed whether they had ever felt this way.

This began a four-year project which involved listening to the perspectives of more than 400 people. We wanted to shed light on how common it is for people to feel empty, and why it's important for researchers and clinicians to start paying attention to this feeling. Our research

has allowed us to provide the first ever definition of emptiness based on the descriptions of people who experienced it first hand. This has not only shown the importance of this feeling, but also makes future research possible.

'A bottomless jug'

We spoke to more than 400 people aged 18 to 80 who had reported feeling empty at some point in their lives – some rarely, some all the time. We asked them to complete an online survey where they described what it was like to feel this way.

This resulted in hundreds of emotive, first-hand accounts. Some described feeling empty as being "a kind of bottomless jug that can never be filled" and "a feeling of othering and separation from society" that "sucks all of the life and energy out of you".

As one participant told us, emptiness is: *When you feel like everything you do is pointless and you're just going through the motions. Just trying to fill in the time until you die. Sometimes you have fun or something good happens which can distract you for a while, but ultimately there is a hollowness inside which never goes away. It's as if you're transparent and anything*

positive like love or joy just passes right through you without sticking and afterwards it feels like it was never there at all.

Others spoke of motivation levels "at complete zero", and another said:

It felt as though I wasn't fully part of the world, I couldn't feel anything and nothing I did made an impact on events or other people, I 'existed' but I wasn't 'alive'.

Interestingly, half of participants had never struggled with a mental health difficulty – showing us that emptiness is not only experienced by people who have received a diagnosis of borderline personality disorder, but that it can be experienced by people with and without mental health problems.

We also identified a strong link between feeling empty often and suicidal thoughts and behaviours, with those who felt empty all of the time more likely to have thought about or attempted suicide.

And, despite never having been given a definition of what was meant by emptiness – and instead asked to speak from their own perspective – hundreds of participants described the same feeling. We found that emptiness was characterised by a sense of inner void, coupled with

lack of purpose in life and a sense of disconnection to the people in their lives and the world around them. This left people feeling that they were "going through the motions", and not able to contribute to the world and their lives as they would like.

This research has now resulted in the first definition of emptiness based on people's personal accounts which has been published in a scientific journal. Our hope is that this will make it easier for clinicians to ask people about emptiness, and for researchers to start investigating this feeling which has previously been neglected in our conversations about mental health.

Widespread feeling

Our findings lead us to believe emptiness is far more widespread than previously recognised. Feelings of emptiness can be experienced by anyone, regardless of their mental health history – and for some it can be chronic and life threatening. This experience is clearly complex, impacting every aspect of a person's life and relationships.

Until now, emptiness has received little attention from mental health re-

searchers. But our research has now given a new definition to this feeling, and has highlighted the seriousness of this experience for the people who are effected. Our research also suggests that it might be time to change the way we think about mental health, distress and the support offered – as many people struggle with emptiness, regardless of whether they've been diagnosed with a mental health condition or not.

But there's still lots we don't know. For example, why do people feel empty – and why do some feel more empty than others? What can we do about it? Answering these questions is likely to have a big impact for many people. By understanding what emptiness is, how it develops, and how to support people who feel this way, lives may be made more meaningful and deaths by suicide prevented.

The next step of this research will involve developing a way of accurately measuring peoples' experiences of emptiness, which help us in studying it, and may ultimately help reduce the suffering caused by this complex feeling.

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ECNR پاسپورٹ کے لئے اندراج کرنا چاہتا ہوں اس بارے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر سرینگر میں پیش کریں معیاد گذرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

بذریعہ عمران شیراز خان

ولد: شیراز احمد خان ساکنہ برمن رفیع آباد بارہوالہ۔

پاسپورٹ نمبر N2764292 RNA

از نیابت لارو با اجلاس محترمہ تحصیلدار ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول لارو درخواست منجانب:۔ یاد رسول ذکیہ ولد غلام رسول ذکیہ ساکنہ دیوبند پوگ تحصیل لارو ضلع انت ناگ

بغرض حصول بیک وارڈ اربا RBA سرٹیفکیٹ۔

استھار برادر اگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈ اربا سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذمیں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار نام و ولدیت عمر پیشہ امدانی

- 1۔ غلام رسول ذکیہ ولد غلام احمد ذکیہ 50 سال مزدوری
- 2۔ سلیمہ بانو زوجہ غلام رسول ذکیہ 50 سال گھریلو کام
- 3۔ محمد جان دختر غلام رسول ذکیہ 20 سال زرتعلیم
- 4۔ یاد رسول ذکیہ ولد غلام رسول ذکیہ 19 سال زرتعلیم
- 5۔ مہوش جان دختر غلام رسول ذکیہ 17 سال زرتعلیم

سائل کا کنبہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیاد گذرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

RNA نائب تحصیلدار۔

از نیابت مجسٹریٹ با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول مجسٹریٹ مضمون درخواست منجانب: امتیاز بانو ولد محمد اسد بانو ساکنہ رینی پورہ تحصیل شاکس ضلع انت ناگ

بغرض حصول لیگل ہیئر عرقیت

استھار برادر اگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر کی نسبت سائل کے کاغذات بغرض حصول لیگل ہیئر سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذمیں زیر کاروائی ہے۔ جبکہ سائل کی والدہ کی زینہ بیگم بمطابق مورخہ 22-07-202 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے۔

کنبہ لائی پر بذیل کرتی تھے

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	رشتہ ہمراہ	پیشہ	عمر	آمدنی
01	امتیاز احمد پٹر	پسر	ڈرائیور	۲۸ سال	
02	فرویدہ اختر	دختر	گھریلو کام	۳۹ سال	

متوفی کا کنبہ 02 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ سائل کو دفتر بذمیں لیگل ہیئر عرقیت دکار ہے نسبت عرقیت اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ دفتر بذمیں سات دن کے اندر اندر پیش کریں۔ بعد از معیاد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

RNA (تحریر الصدا ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

ANANTNAG PWD(R&B) DIVISION KHANABAL

NIT NO 131 OF R&B/Khanabal/2021-22 /E-TENDERING/9472-82 DATED 06-09-2021

For and on behalf of the **Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K** e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs)	Time of completion	Major Head of Account	Position of AA	Class of Contractor
1	Upgradation of Devri Stone College main gate and internal path from Main road to Govt Degree College Bijbehara.	31.86	1100	45 Days	Higher Education	Accorded Vide Order No. DCB/AAA-R&B/414-19 Dated 04.03.2021	AA1 & BEE Class Only
2	Construction of Security shed and fixing of steel grill at Govt. Degree College Bijbehara.	14.51	600	30 Days	Higher Education	Accorded Vide Order No. DCB/AAA-R&B/414-19 Dated 04.03.2021	BEE,CEE & DEE Class Only
3	Construction of cement concrete drain near approaches of Govt. Degree College Bijbehara.	7.56	300	15 Days	Higher Education	Accorded Vide Order No. DCB/AAA-R&B/414-19 Dated 04.03.2021	CEE & DEE Class Only

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

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06-09-2021
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 07-09-2021 (12:00PM) To 17-09-2021 (04:30PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 07-09-2021 (12:00PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 17-09-2021 (04:30PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	18-09-2021 (10:30AM)

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of **Treasury Challan / Receipt** in favour of **Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal (Tender Inviting Authority)** (Name of Work to be mentioned on **Treasury Challan / Receipt**) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to **Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal** (Tender receiving Authority).

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

4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of **Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal (Tender receiving authority)** within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of DLP.

5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of **Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal**.

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

7. **Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**

- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

(Er Qazi Javeed Amin)
Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Khanabal

DIPK-8073/21

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly mentioned in school records as Sheikh Eyadul Amin S/O Mohd Amin Sheikh while my correct name is Sheikh Mohammad Eyad S/O Mohammad Amin Sheikh R/o Jojigund Achabal Anantnag which needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Radiant Public School Batengoo Anantnag within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Sheikh Mohammad Eyad
S/O Mohammad Amin Sheikh
R/o Jojigund Achabal Anantnag

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THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
DISTRICT OFFICE ,LAL MANDI, SRINAGAR.
ATTENTION PLEASE:

The applicant whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost his/her Original Marks Card of Secondary School (Class 10th) issued by the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education with following particulars:-

NAME	RAMESH KUMAR
PARENTAGE	RAM KRISHAN
CLASS	10 th
ROLL NO	112042
YEAR /SESSION	1988

Now the candidate has applied for the DUPLICATE MARKS CERTIFICATE. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the same before the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the Original Marks card be treated as cancelled.

Sd/= Assistant Secretary Examination –I,KD
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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,

SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL

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Short term notice inviting E-tenders

Gist of NIT NO. 28 OF 2021-22 Dated.06.09.2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, invites online e-bids in two (02) cover system from OEM or his authorized representative/ Authorized Dealers or Registered/reputed/experienced Firms having expertise as detailed in the tender document for the following works:-

S.No	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)
1.	Providing and fitting of HVAC/VRV system for Disaster Management ward at SKIMS, MCH, Bemina.	15.00

The complete tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders/tenderers may view, download the e-bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Tender Document contains qualifying criteria for bidders. Specifications, Bills of Quantities, & Terms and conditions of the contract and other relevant details.

Date and time of downloading/Sale of tender documents (Starting Date)	08-09-2021 at 11:00 Hour
Date & Time of Bidding Queries/clarification/Pre-bid meet	11-09-2021 from 10.30hours to 14:00Hours
Last date & Time of Bid Uploading.	15-09-2021 upto 16:00 Hours
Date of submission of hard copies. (Original EMD / FDR & DD only) in the office of Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS	16-09-2021 upto 14:00 Hours
Date & Time of Commercial/technical Bid (Cover-I) opening	17-09-2021 at 11:00 Hours (or next convenient day)
Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-I) Opening	Shall be intimated separately
Cost of e-bid Document	Rs.1000/= (Rupees one thousand only)
Amount of Earnest Money Deposit(CDR/FDR)	Rs.300000/= (Rupees thirty thousand only)
Completion Time	30 days
Budget Head	CAPEX Budget for the year 2021-22

Sd/- Executive Engineer Mechanical, SKIMS

No:-SIMS 139 EX/MECH/ 565 /2021-1284-95
Dated. 06 /09/2021

DIPK-NB-3232/21

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

MACADAM WORKS

SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (upto Rs. 2.50 Crores)

EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/E-tendering NIT No.124 of 2021-22 issued under endorsement No.10174-78 Dated:07.09.2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Item rate 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	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc.	Earnest Money	Time of completion	M.H Account	Closs of Contractor
1.	Construction of road at Karkhan Kul at Nunner b.w.o macadamization under State Sector	11.00	600/=	Bid Security Declaration as per format	10 Days	State Sector	HMPO

Position of AAA:- Accorded, Position of funds:- Available.

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

	Date of Issue of Tender	
1	Date of Issue of Tender	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	07/09/2021 from 5:00 PM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	07 /09/2021 from 5.05 PM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	13/09/2021 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	13 /09/2021 at 04:05 PM in the Office of Executive Engineer Division Ganderbal.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal

Note:- The Date of Treasury Challan must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date. Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

2.1 The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Ganderbal within 07 (seven) days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee must be valid for 45 days beyond DLP.

3. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division (tender receiving authority).

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

5. The earnest money shall be forfeited If:-

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

6(A). 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 all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically by registered post /through courier before the date specified in Para-1.

6.6. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including Bid Security Declaration, tender documents fee in terms of soft copies and all other documents required as per NIT with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained for technical evaluation in the form of hard copy. However in case of any clarification the bidders all 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.

6.6(a) Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are forged/fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be recommended for blacklisting and debarred from taking part in tendering which the PWD/Other Departments for a period of one year in the first instance, besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

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

8. All bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per format enclosed). Non submission of bid security declaration shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

9. For item rate method 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. 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.

The %age rate method requires the bidder to quote a percentage above / below / at par at the bottom of the BOQ percentage template for the work. The percentage quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. 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 not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

11. Price escalation on and Taxes:- deduction on account of taxes shall be made for the bills of the contractor of the gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

13. In case of CRF and any other specified project. The relevant guidelines standard bidding document shall be followed.

14. Instructions to Bidder (ITB)

15. The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT

16. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form) and detailed NIT issued vide this office No.124 dated 07/09/2021.

Sd/- Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal

No 10174-78
Date 07-09/2021

DIPK-8078/21

After General Motors, Another Iconic US Company Bids Adieu To India

Ford Pulls The Plug On Vehicle Production In India, To Sell Only Imported Models

NEW DELHI: After nearly three decades of struggling to make a mark in India, US auto major Ford Motor Co on Thursday said it will stop vehicle production at its two plants in the country and will sell only imported vehicles going ahead as part of a restructuring exercise.

The company, which invested about USD 2.5 billion at its Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and Sanand (Gujarat) plants, has accumulated operating losses of around USD 2 billion in India in the last ten years. Its decision will impact over 4,000 employees and 150 dealer principals who operate over 300 outlets.

It will, however, continue to manufacture engines from its Sanand plant which will be exported to the company's global operations.

With shutting down of the vehicle manufacturing operations, the automaker will stop selling vehicles such as the EcoSport, Figo, Endeavour, Freestyle and Aspire, which are produced from these plants.

In an announcement, Ford said it will wind down vehicle assembly in Sanand by the fourth quarter of 2021 and vehicle and engine manufacturing in Chennai by the second quarter of 2022.

"As part of our Ford+ plan, we are taking difficult but necessary actions to deliver a sustainably profitable business longer-term and allocate our capital to grow and create

value in the right areas," Ford Motor Company's president and CEO Jim Farley said in a statement.

Despite investing significantly in India, Ford has accumulated more than USD 2 billion of operating losses over the past ten years and demand for new vehicles has been much weaker than forecast, he noted.

"I want to be clear that Ford will continue taking care of our valued customers in India, working closely with Ford India's dealers, all of whom have supported the company for a long time. India remains strategically important for us and, thanks to our growing Ford Business Solutions team, will continue to be a large and important employee base for Ford globally," Farley stated.

The automaker said that it will focus on growing its Ford Business Solutions capabilities and team in the country, as well as engineering and engine manufacturing for export.

With more than 11,000 team members currently in India, Ford Business Solutions plans to expand to provide more opportunities for software developers, data scientists, R&D engineers, and finance and accounting professionals, in support of the Ford+ plan to transform and modernise Ford globally, it added.

More than 500 employees at the Sanand Engine plant, which produces engines for export for the best-selling



Ranger pickup truck, and about 100 employees supporting parts distribution and customer service, also will continue to support Ford's business in India, the company said.

Addressing a virtual press conference, Ford India President and Managing Director Anurag Mehrotra said that for the company to continue investing in vehicle manufacturing in India, it needed to show a path forward to a reasonable return of investment.

"Unfortunately, we are not able to do that and now we are left with no other option, but to restructure the business in India," he noted.

Mehrotra said the company tried several options to bring about a viable business plan, including introduction of new products, emerging market operating model to bring down costs, potential collaborations

with OEMs such as Mahindra and even contract manufacturing.

"Unfortunately, no matter what we tried or investigated, because there are tons of these scenarios that we looked at including manufacturing footprint consolidation, but whichever scenario we tried or investigated, all our projections show that we will continue to deliver suboptimal returns on shareholder investment," he added.

The company took restructuring action after all its efforts for viable business operations failed.

The decision was reinforced by years of accumulated losses, persistent industry overcapacity and lack of expected growth in India's car market, he added.

The Indian car market was expected to touch 7 million units

per annum by 2020 and 9 million units by 2025, but that has not happened, Mehrotra stated.

"It is just around 3 million units. Our plants are operating at just 21 per cent of the installed capacity. In order to be viable we focussed on exports but with tightening of norms in the US and Europe, volumes have dropped," he added.

When asked about the severance package it would offer to the employees who would end up losing their jobs, Mehrotra said that "an equitable and fair package would be offered" to the affected employees.

The company would also start talks with prospective buyers for its plants, he added.

Ford plans to import models like Mustang coupe and other electric models such as the electric

SUV Mach-E in the future while sales of current products such as Figo, Aspire, Freestyle, EcoSport and Endeavour will cease once existing dealer inventories are sold.

The company said it will maintain parts depots in Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Sanand and Kolkata and will work closely with its dealer network to restructure and help facilitate their transition from sales and service to parts and service support.

It will continue full customer support operations for these vehicles with service, aftermarket parts and warranty coverage, the company added.

The automaker said it will maintain a smaller network of suppliers to support engine manufacturing for exports and will work closely with other suppliers to ensure a smooth wind-down of vehicle manufacturing.

However, the company will continue to rely on India-based suppliers for parts for its global products, and suppliers and vendors supporting Ford Business Solutions will continue to support the business as normal.

Ford Motor Co said as a result of its decision to restructure the Indian business, it currently expects to record "pre-tax special item charges" of about USD 2 billion, including about USD 0.6 billion in 2021, about USD 1.2 billion in 2022 and the bal-

ance in subsequent years".

Within that total, the company said it "will be about USD 0.3 billion of non-cash charges, including accelerated depreciation and amortization. The remaining cash charges of about USD 1.7 billion will be paid primarily in 2022 and are attributable to settlements and other payments".

Ford has been struggling for years to make a mark in India's automotive market. Ford India has an installed manufacturing capacity of 6,10,000 engines and 440,000 vehicles a year. It also exported its models such as Figo, Aspire, and EcoSport to over 70 markets around the world.

In January this year, Ford Motor Co and Mahindra & Mahindra had decided to scrap their previously announced automotive joint venture and chose to continue independent operations in India.

Ford is the second American auto major after General Motors to shut down plants in India.

In 2017 General Motors announced that it would stop selling vehicles in India as there was no turnaround in its fortunes here even after struggling for over two decades to make a mark.

The company's Halol plant in Gujarat was taken over by MG Motors, while it continued to run its Talegaon plant in Maharashtra for exports but ceased production there last December. PTI

Govt Extends ITR Filing Deadline For Individuals To December 31

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday extended the deadline till December 31 for filing of income tax returns by individuals for the financial year 2021, amid the coronavirus pandemic and technical glitches in the IT portal.

Earlier, the deadline was extended to September 30, 2021. Usually, the last date for filing the ITR (Income Tax Returns) for the individual taxpayers is July 31.

"On consideration of difficulties reported by the taxpayers and other stakeholders in filing of Income Tax Returns and various reports of audit for the Assessment Year 2021-22 under the Income-tax Act, 1961, Central Board of



Direct Taxes (CBDT) has decided to further extend the due dates for filing of Income Tax Returns and various reports of audit for the Assessment Year 2021-22," the finance ministry said in a statement.

The CBDT has also extended the ITR filing deadline for companies till February 15, 2022 from November 30, 2021.

The due date for filing the tax audit report and transfer pricing certificate has been extended to Janu-

ary 15, 2022 and January 31, 2022, respectively, from the existing deadline of October 31 and November 30, respectively.

For filing belated or revised return of income, the last date has been extended by another two months to March 31, 2022.

With regard to resolution of glitches in the tax portal, the finance ministry on Wednesday said it is continuously engaging with Infosys to ensure a smooth filing experience for taxpayers.

On April 1, the CBDT notified the forms for filing I-T returns for 2020-21 fiscal. For the 2020-21 fiscal, the government had given taxpayers the option to choose a new tax regime under section 115BAC of the I-T Act.

RBI Optimistic About 9.5% GDP Growth Estimate For FY22 Being Met: Governor Das

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday said many fast indicators are showing an uptick in economic activity and the Reserve Bank is quite optimistic about its 9.5 per cent GDP growth estimate for FY2021-22 at present.

He said the impact of the second wave of COVID-19 has waned by August, and economic growth will be better from the second quarter onwards on a sequential basis.

Speaking at an event organised by The Indian Express and Financial Times, Das said the RBI has decided to give more emphasis on growth because of the pandemic and operate in the 2-6 per cent inflation band set by the government for it.

The central bank will seek to gradually move towards achieving the 4 per cent target over a period of time, he said,



adding that the possibility of a sustained increase in inflation is unlikely.

Easy liquidity conditions in the global markets are among the conditions which are leading to a surge in markets domestically, he said, making it clear that there is no evidence of the high asset prices affecting the inflation situation.

A call on continuing with the accommodative stance or not will be taken by the rate-setting panel of the RBI, he said, replying to a question and added that it does not see high inflation getting generalised.

The banking system's gross

non-performing assets ratio stood at 7.5 per cent as of the end of June quarter, and the same is manageable as of now, Das said, underlining that lenders also have adequate capital buffers.

To a question on high haircuts taken by banks in debt resolutions, he said there is scope for improvement in the functioning of IBC which can include legislative changes and also time taken for a case by the bankruptcy courts.

On cryptocurrencies, Das said the RBI has conveyed its "serious and major concerns" about cryptocurrencies to the government and now the government will have to decide on how to deal with the proliferation of such platforms.

Das said that we need credible answers on contribution of private cryptocurrencies to the Indian economy going forward.



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The interview of the following eligible candidates for the post of Consultant, Surgery in Health & Medical Education Department, notified vide Notification No. 12-PSC of 2019 dated 01-10-2019, which was scheduled to be held w.e.f 06.09.2021 to 09.09.2021 shall now be held at J&K Public Service Commission Office, Solima, Srinagar as per the following schedule.

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Create A Sense Of Ownership About JJM Assets Among Masses: MD NJJM

J&K to achieve 'har ghar nal se jal' target till 15th Aug next year

SRINAGAR: Public Health Engineers have an additional role of creating a sense of ownership among masses about the assets raised under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

These remarks were made by Bharat Lal, Union Additional Secretary and Managing Director, National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM) during an Engineers Conference on "Implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in UT of J&K".

Bharat also noted that Public Health Engineers are not purely engineers but architects of positive change in the society. He urged them to speak in the language of passion to inculcate belongingness of purpose to this virtuous cause. He asked them to take pride in their job as it is giving them opportunity to contribute remarkably.

The MD, NJJM further urged them to implement all the projects in consultation with Gram Panchayats, Pani Samities and other local inhabitants. He asked them to actively involve them at every stage besides preparing them to take operation and maintenance of these public utilities.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Atal Dulloo implied that without water life is hard



to imagine. He commended the department for making a substantial progress in the mission and asked them not to leave any stone unturned in meeting all the targets within the deadline. He maintained that this mission is highly significant and worth every effort that could be made in its fulfillment.

The Additional Chief Secretary, H&ME, Vivek Bhardwaj, exhilarated upon the officers to understand that they are fortunate enough to put in their efforts in such a pious mission. He said that it is such a satisfying assignment to bring

water to those who are struggling to fetch it.

He mentioned that its importance can well be gauged from those women and children who had to walk miles to get their hands to it. He said that it is so blessed an idea to envision it that was done by the Prime Minister himself.

The Commissioner Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, M Raju gave out that J&K has already achieved the target of bringing potable water to every school and Anganwadi centre. He said that the department is on the task of providing safe water to every health centre

and gram panchayats.

He said that nationally the mission is scheduled to get completed in 2024 but J&K would meet the requirement of 'har ghar nal se jal' on the auspicious day of 15th August, 2022. He said that with the active support of GoI, J&K has boarded on this ambitious project and is determined to complete it on the given deadline despite having difficult terrain.

On the occasion Director, NJJM, Pradeep Singh delved on the possibilities and means of achieving this mission. In his presentation he provided different facts and

figures about the implementation of this mission nationally and in J&K also. He displayed a motivational video message of Prime Minister also.

The Mission Director, JJM, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah maintained that the target of 15th August 2022 is worth chasing and there is no turning back on it. He said that J&K has already achieved certain mile stones of implementing this mission fully in districts like Srinagar and Ganderbal and going to cover more districts in near future.

While giving details of the mission implementation here he revealed that J&K has provided tap water to 10,30,054 households out of which 4,54,588 have been covered under JJM which is 24% of the total water connections. He further said that the remaining target of 8,05,136 households and other establishments would be covered in a time bound manner.

The day long conference was marked by technical presentations from other engineers and professionals from GoI and Jal Shakti Department, Kashmir. These highlighted the success stories achieved under the mission besides the possibilities of achieving the mission targets in a hassle-free manner.

SCERT seeks expert guidance for framing rules, regulations to implement RTE-2009

SRINAGAR: The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Jammu and Kashmir, on Thursday invited scores of academicians and experts to participate in a 3-day workshop regarding framing of rules and guidelines for implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

The workshop, which is being conducted at Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) auditorium, was earlier inaugurated by Director SCERT, J&K, Professor Veena Pandita.

Former Director School Education Kashmir, Mohammad Rafi, who is also the Chairperson of advisory council to private schools' association and Principal Degree College, Pampore, Professor Seema Naz are among a galaxy of experts participating in the workshop besides senior JKBOSE officials including Assistant Director Academics Dr Arif Jan and Joint Secretary Publications, Professor Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi also taking part in the event.

Professor Pandita hailed the decision of School Education Department for entrusting responsibility of holding the workshop cum consultative meet to SCERT, J&K, who has sought suggestions on the RTE Act, Rules 2020 drafted by School Education Department and vetted by Department of Law (J&PA).

Pertinently, the RTE Act, 2009 has been extended to the UT under J&K Reorganization Act, 2019

which focuses on compulsory and free education to all children up to the age of 14. It has special provisions for admission of out-of-school children including the enhancement of learning abilities of children at an early age.

Professor Pandita impressed upon the participants to thoroughly examine the draft of RTE Act Rules, 2020 and provide candid suggestions required for incorporating in the draft Act so that the same could be submitted to the School Education Department for making the required necessary changes.

"The implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act is mandatorily required in the UT of J&K at the earliest in the best interest of the children at par with other states/UTs wherein the said Act is being already implemented in letter and spirit," she maintained.

While tracing the history of many different Acts with regard to education in Jammu and Kashmir right from the time Maharaja Hari Singh ruled here, former Director School Education, Mohammad Rafi, said that RTE Act 2009 was replete with opportunities and entitlements that we've sadly been unable to cash on.

"I've read the Act and we can implement it with our eyes shut," Rafi, while hailing the Act as "futuristic and flexible document", said. "Actually, this act provides a wide range of entitlements, rights, facilities, concessions, incentives and protections for the children."

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Single Shot 96.6%

The Health Secretary informed that more vaccines have been administered in the first seven days of September than in 30 days of May.

"86 lakh doses have been administered in the last 24 hours. We should increase the pace of vaccination before festivals. The states and Centre should work to vaccinate vulnerable population," he added.

Top Security Brass

Jammu and Kashmir.

The home minister appreciated the initiatives on development taken by the LG administration to fulfill the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the spokesperson said.

The meeting is believed to have discussed about the political and security implications in the Kashmir valley following the death of hardline Hurriyat Conference chairman Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

The group has already elected Masarat Alam Bhat, currently in jail, as its chairman.

Shah also reviewed various development initiatives being implemented in Jammu and Kashmir, including the Rs 80,000 crore package announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, sources said.

Shah had said in the past that all-round development and welfare of the people of the Union Territory are on top priority list of the Modi government.

4 Journalists Face

evidence, search was conducted at four places with search warrant from Special Designated Court under NIA Act, Srinagar and some mobiles, laptops and other gadgets were seized on 8th August, 2021," he said, adding the four journalists are: Mir Hilal S/O Ghulam Ahmed Mir, R/O- Bemina, Journalist- TRTworld.com, Md Shah Abbas S/O Abdul Khaliq Shah, R/O- Yaripora, Anantnag presently at- Rajbagh, freelance journalist Azhar Qadri S/O Farooq Ahmed, RO Bemina, Journalist- The Tribune and Showkat Motta S/O Abdul Samad Motta R/O- Lalbazar, who was editor-in-chief of The Narrator. Currently working at a wholesale shop.

"All the above four persons were called for questioning and were allowed to go in the evening and have been called again tomorrow," the IGP said, adding that "Currently scrutiny of electronic gadgets is going on. Various numbers of Pakistan, Turkey, Saudi have been found. They are also in contact of many virtual numbers."

He said that it wasn't an issue of harassing journalists. The IGP advised all media persons & bodies not to spread false news and don't interfere unnecessarily in investigation of case by spreading false narrative. "It is an investigation of an extremely sensitive case. After collection of solid evidences they would be arrested in this case," the IGP Kashmir said

Rahul Gandhi Begins

meeting, they said.

He will return to Delhi late in the evening, the sources said. This is Gandhi's second visit to Jammu and Kashmir within a month. He was in Srinagar on August 9 and 10. He had visited the Kheer Bhawani temple in Kashmir's Ganderbal district and the Hazratbal shrine before inaugurating the party's new office in Srinagar.

Delhi HC Fixes

by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case. She had stay on the summons but the court refused to grant the relief at this stage.

The 61-year-old leader, who was released last year after more than a year in detention following the scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, was served notice to appear at the ED headquarters in the national capital.

Initially, the ED had summoned Mufti on

March 15 but did not insist on her personal appearance at that time. Thereafter, she was summoned on March 22.

Mufti, represented through senior advocate Nitya Ramakrishnan, has sought quashing of the summons.

She has also sought that Section 50 of the PMLA be declared void and inoperative, being unfairly discriminatory, bereft of safeguards, and violative of Article 20(3) of the Constitution.

Section 50 of the Act empowers the authority, that is, officers of ED, to summon any person to give evidence or produce records. All persons summoned are bound to answer the questions put to them and to produce the documents as required by the ED officers, failing which they can be penalized under the Act.

She has also sought an interim stay on the summons until the question of law in relation to constitutionality of Section 50 of the Act is decided.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and advocate Amit Mahajan, representing the ED, had earlier mentioned that there was no need to issue formal notice to them as they are already appearing before the court and said they would file a short note on the question of law.

Mufti, in her petition, said she has received summons from the ED under the provisions of the PMLA, purporting to call for 'evidence' on pain of punishment, whereas she is, to all intents and purposes, a subject of investigation.

"She has not been informed if she is being summoned as an accused or as a witness. She has also not been informed of what she is being summoned in connection with and the scheduled offence under the PMLA which gave rise to the proceedings in respect of which impugned summons has been issued to her. The petitioner is not the subject of investigation, nor is she an accused, in any of the scheduled offences to the best of her knowledge, the plea said.

Ever since Mufti was released from the preventive detention following the formal abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, there have been a series of hostile acts by the State against her as well as her acquaintances and old family friends, who have all been summoned by the ED, it said.

A roving inquiry about her personal, political and financial affairs was made, during which their personal devices have been seized, the plea alleged.

Study Finds

was the nodal center while all testing procedures were conducted by department of Biochemistry, GMC Srinagar. The study has been approved by the institutional ethics committee of GMC Srinagar.

In the general population of seven years and above, the study was conducted in all 10 districts of Kashmir. Data was collected in the month of July 2021 with each medical college mentoring two districts. Within each district, 10 clusters were randomly selected and within each cluster 40 samples were collected from individuals more than 7 years of age after obtaining proper informed consent for the study, officials said.

The household and individual data was collected on customised Epicollect5 software.

All the blood samples were sent to BSL-2 lab at Biochemistry Department of GMC Srinagar for analysis on high end Abbott Architect i1000 & i2000 automatic analysers, they said. Total samples processed and reported include 3586 samples from the general population with mean age of 35.33 ±18 years. Further, 2077 samples have been processed and reported from among the police personnel, HCW and antenatal women.

Our study population among the general population in 10 districts of Kashmir shows 84.3% of the study population was positive for IgG-II (or the anti spike protein) antibody which are produced after infection with SARS CoV -2 (Covid-19) as well as after vaccination.

The IgM antibody which is usually produced by recent infection with SARS Cov-2 (can rarely also be produced in recent vaccination), they said. This antibody was positive in about 20.75 % of participants.

District wise IgG II (Anti Spike antibodies) status:

Anantnag – 87.23%;
Bandipora – 84.42%
Baramulla -84.91%
Budgam – 83.68%
Ganderbal – 82.8%
Kulgam – 82.95%
Kupwara – 81.05%
Pulwama – 78.24%
Shopian – 86.89%
Srinagar – 89.77%
Total – 84.36%

The figures show that Srinagar and Anantnag have the highest seroprevalence in terms of IgG II (anti spike protein IgG antibody)

During the time of study in July 2021, a total of 20.3% participants had received 2 doses of vaccination and the majority (79.25) had received none. However, since then the vaccination has scaled up and the sero positivity due to vaccination would have gone up also.

"We encourage that people shall follow COVID appropriate behaviour by using face masks, maintain social distancing, hand hygiene and more importantly shall go for full Vaccination against COVID which has proved to be safe and effective against COVID," said Dr. S. Muhammad Salim Khan, Professor and HOD Community Medicine Government College Srinagar and principal investigator of the study.

While analysing the data from various subsets, he said, "we would definitely request every eligible person to go for Vaccination against COVID as over these months we have seen a significant drop in the number of cases who have been admitted in hospitals with moderate to severe diseases." Further, he said, scaling up vaccination would reduce chances of any possible severe third wave.

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from Jammu division. Officials said that among 170 new cases, 147 belong to Kashmir division while as 23 are from Jammu division, adding that the total number of positive cases in Kashmir division have reached to 203,243 including 199,963 recoveries and 2,245 deaths while as total number of positive cases in Jammu division have reached to 123,237 including 120,843 recoveries and 2,166 deaths.

The officials said that the total number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 1,263 including 1,035 from Kashmir division and 228 from Jammu division.

With 158 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in Jammu and Kashmir has reached to 320,806 which is 98.26 percent of the total cases.

"Cases tested positive in J&K include 80 from Srinagar, 22 from Baramulla, 20 from Budgam, 04 from Pulwama, 06 from Kupwara, 03 from Anantnag, 08 from Bandipora, 03 from Ganderbal, 00 from Kulgam and 01 from Shopian in Kashmir division while as 23 from Jammu division include 01 from Jammu, 00 from Udhampur, 01 from Rajouri, 04 from Doda, 00 from Kathua, 00 from Samba, 02 from Kishtwar, 02 from Poonch, 01 from Ramban and 12 from Reasi," officials disclosed.

Meanwhile, authorities on Thursday said that no fresh cases of Mucormycosis popularly known as black fungus was reported in the UT and tally stands at 45.

As per officials figures, 72,918 positive cases including 837 deaths and 71,506 recoveries are from Srinagar, 24,042 including 282 deaths and 23,592 recoveries are from Baramulla, 23,314 including 22,965 recoveries and 207 deaths are from Budgam, 15,372 including 15,148 recoveries and 194 deaths are from Pulwama, 14,272 including 166 deaths and 14,081 recoveries are from Kupwara, 16,464 including 16,238 recoveries and 205

deaths are from Anantnag, 9,658 cases including 9,666 and 101 deaths are from Bandipora, 10,155 including 10,059 recoveries and 78 deaths are from Ganderbal, 11,438 including 11,300 recoveries and 117 deaths are from Kulgam and 5,602 including 5,539 recoveries and 58 deaths are from Shopian.

In Jammu division, 53,058 including 51,862 recoveries and 1,142 deaths are from Jammu district, 11,385 including 11,243 recoveries and 137 deaths are from Udhampur, 11,120 including 10,860 recoveries and 235 deaths are from Rajouri, 7,638 including 7,459 recoveries and 130 deaths are from Doda, 9,286 including 9,135 recoveries and 151 deaths are from Kathua, 7,138 including 7,013 recoveries and 120 deaths are from Samba, 4,797 including 4,734 recoveries and 44 deaths are from Kishtwar, 6,330 including 6,220 recoveries and 97 deaths are from Poonch, 6,003 including 5,921 recoveries and 67 deaths are from Ramban and 6,482 including 6,396 recoveries and 43 deaths are from Reasi.

As per the daily information bulletin 3,354,996 persons in Jammu and Kashmir are under observation while 8,194 persons have been kept under home quarantine besides that 1,263 persons are in isolation.

According to the bulletin, 2,874,836 persons have completed the surveillance period and 466,292 persons are under home surveillance besides that so far results of 13,780,361 samples are available. Out of 13,780,361 the number of samples tested negative stands at 13,453,881 while as 326,480 have tested positive, among them 1,263 persons are active, 326,806 persons have recovered and 4,411 persons have died.

Decomposed Body

information, police stated that Wazir had reached Delhi from Jammu on September 1 and was supposed to board a flight to Canada from Delhi airport on September 3, but instead of boarding the flight, he went missing.

"Since then his family members have been looking for him," the police official said, adding that "A forensic team has collected samples from the spot while the police is trying to access the CCTV footage."

Media reports quoting initial information suggest that Wazir was allegedly shot dead. The police however were still waiting for a forensic confirmation before commenting on the matter. The police further stated that an investigation was underway.

"Information of a body was received at PS Moti Nagar. The police reached the spot (a flat in Basai Darapur) and found a decomposed dead body. The deceased was identified as Trilochan Singh Wazir, son of Sardar Gurbax Singh, age 67 years, resident of Jammu by one of his acquaintances. Further investigation is in progress," said DCP, West Delhi, Urvija Goel, in a statement to mediapersons.

Wazir was a tall Sikh leader in Jammu and Kashmir's politics. Wazir was once jailed in infamous Chopra murder case for sometime but was later acquitted of all the charges.

NC leaders Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah have expressed grief at the news of Singh's death.

"Shocked by the terrible news of the sudden death of my colleague Sardar T. S. Wazir, ex-member of the Legislative Council. It was only a few days ago that we sat together in Jammu not realising it was the last time I would be meeting him. May his soul rest in peace," said Omar in a tweet today.

Moreover, in a statement All Jammu and Kashmir Transport Welfare Association, which was headed by Wazir decided to hold complete 'Chakka Jam' in Jammu and Kashmir to express resentment over mysterious murder of its Chairman.

The public transporters decided to observe complete bandh from Lakhampur to Kashmir to express resentment over killing of its chairman T S Wazir and also demanding a Special Investigation Team to crack the case.

We're Open for

past seven decades by pushing the targets for economic growth and employment. Our aim is very clear- deepen the trust with business conglomerates, build the industrial base for the economy and strengthen the social stability", LG said.

"The industrial holiday of the Union Territory is over and we are open for business. I invite the investors from across the globe to invest in Jammu Kashmir and be a partner in the UT's rapid economic growth", LG said.

We are striving to create a vibrant industrial ecosystem and transform the UT into an industrialized territory. The tireless efforts are paying us the dividend. Within two months, we have received investment proposals worth Rs 25,000 Crore for both Jammu and Kashmir divisions and we are hoping to get the proposals of approximately Rs 50,000 Crore by March 2022, the Lt Governor said.

J&K offers abundant raw material for agro & food processing, is strategically located with rich culture and nature, hub of handloom and handicraft, rapid single window clearance, industrial infrastructure and a responsive governance & minimum government.

Moreover, Jammu & Kashmir has the lowest crime rate and lowest power utility rates. Security situation has significantly improved. In July, 10.50 lakh tourists visited the UT while the number has gone up to 11.20 lakh last month, clearly indicating a conducive environment for the businesses to flourish, said the Lt Governor.

"While the country under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji is on a mission to renovate, reinvent and take a quantum leap from fastest-growing economy to superpower, Jammu & Kashmir is also set out on the journey towards growth and prosperity", LG observed.

"I express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for taking both conventional and unconventional measures to regenerate J&K's economy and make sure we continue to walk on the path of progress", the LG said.

Highlighting the unprecedented support being extended by the Government, the Lt Governor said that we are developing a progressive business regulatory environment; unleashing the productive energy of various growth sectors and nurturing young talented population to build one of the best human capitals to tap rapidly growing opportunities in the Union Territory.

Around 160 new initiatives and reforms have been introduced in a short period of time. Today, we have approximately 25,000 MSMEs, which are currently operational in the Union Territory and contribute almost 60% of the total investment and 90% of total employment in the Industrial sector, he added.

The Lt Governor assured the potential investors that the government will be a facilitator, partner, provider, collaborator and promoter at every step. We will ensure a sustainable, balanced, progressive and competitive business environment for traditional core sectors as well as new-age technology driven sectors, added the Lt Governor.

Train Services To

specific reasons have been given out, they said, it has been done due to "precautionary measures."

KU Listed Among

The University has ranked at 48th position among universities assessed under NIRF-2021, with an overall point score of 46.97, in key parameters including Teaching, Learning and Resources (60.49 points), Research and Professional Practices (19.51 points), Graduation Outcome (77.03 points), Outreach and Inclusivity (50.12 points) and Peer Perception (25.52 points), reads a statement.

2-Year-Old Girl

district hospital Handwara where she was declared dead on arrival by the doctors who attend upon her.

PM Modi Hosts Paralympic
Contingent, Presented
With Autographed Stole

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India's history-making Paralympians presented Prime Minister Narendra Modi with an autographed stole on Thursday during a breakfast hosted by him to felicitate the contingent at his residence here.

The Indian para-athletes returned from Tokyo on the back of a sensational campaign that saw them win an unparalleled 19 medals, including five gold, eight silver and six bronze.

This was the country's best-ever Paralympics campaign as it finished 24th in the overall tally.

The athletes presented the PM with a white stole signed by all the medal winners, which he was seen

para badminton, which made its debut in the Paralympics.

Modi praised the indomitable spirit and will power of the contingent and said that the performance is praiseworthy in light of the insurmountable odds that the para-athletes have overcome in their lives.

Boosting the morale of those who couldn't achieve a podium finish, the PM said that a true sportsperson does not get bogged down by defeat or victory, and keeps on moving forward.

Shooters Avani Lekhara and Singhraj Adana, who both won two medals each in the Tokyo Games, also chatted with the PM.

Lekhara, who was paralysed waist down after being involved



wearing around his neck. Several players also gifted him their signed sporting equipment, with which they won their medals.

The PM, who had a candid and informal interaction with the entire contingent that also included coaches, said that the sporting equipment would be auctioned.

The 70-year-old said the Paralympians' achievements will significantly boost the morale of the entire sporting community in the country, and budding sports persons will feel encouraged to come forward to take up sports.

Modi, who has been the first to congratulate the para-athletes on call after their medal winning feats, was seen talking to shuttlers Suhas Yathiraj, the District Magistrate of Noida, who won a silver, gold medalist Krishna Nagar (badminton) and young Palak Kohli (badminton).

Indian shuttlers bagged four medals including two gold, in

in an accident, had scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic gold before adding a bronze to her kitty.

The 39-year-old Adana, who is afflicted with polio, clinched a silver and a bronze.

The PM also interacted with veteran javelin thrower Davendra Jhajharia and high jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu, who won gold medals in 2016 Rio Games. The duo finished on podium again, this time with silver medals.

Also present were table tennis player Bhavina Patel, who won a silver, and bronze medallist recurve archer Harvinder Singh.

The para-athletes thanked the PM for inviting them and said that sitting with him at the same table is a big achievement in itself.

The felicitation was also attended by Sports Minister Anurag Thakur and his predecessor and current Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijju.

Messi Home Debut Uncertain
As PSG Hosts Clermont



Agencies

PARIS: Just a few weeks ago, Clermont's trip to Parc des Princes this Saturday was notable only because it was penciled in for Lionel Messi's home debut with Paris Saint-Germain.

But an unveiling of a tantalizing frontline of Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappé remains uncertain — for now anyway.

Messi and Neymar were still in South America on Thursday evening with their respective national teams for World Cup qualifiers — days after their Argentina-Brazil game was suspended amid COVID chaos.

So, PSG coach Mauricio Pochettino has to decide if it's worth fielding jet-lagged players or rest them for the Champions League opener Wednesday at Club Brugge in Belgium. PSG then hosts Lyon the following weekend.

Meanwhile, Mbappé was nursing a calf injury sustained

while on international duty with France. On Tuesday, PSG said Mbappé was receiving treatment for a "low-grade lesion" of the calf muscle and that a new evaluation would be made Thursday "after he resumes running."

Messi's lone appearance for PSG since joining from Barcelona was as a substitute in a 2-0 victory at Reims nearly two weeks ago. The Parisian club, however, has happily left questions of his availability unanswered as it milks the public relations buzz of having landed the 34-year-old Argentina star.

Even if league leader PSG is without its top attackers, it should be able to handle business against a newly promoted squad like Clermont, right?

Probably, but low-budget Clermont has been a surprise in a season of surprises for Ligue 1.

It is unbeaten in four games and has scored nine goals — second to PSG's 12 — to sit third in the standings.

SUPER DIVISION LEAGUE

Fortview FC, Kashmir
United FC Win Matches



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the ongoing DFA Srinagar Annual Football League Tournament 2021, two matches of the Super Division League were played on Thursday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The first match of the day was played between Fortview FC & Rangreth FC.

It was dominating performance from Fortview FC as they completely routed Rangreth FC from the start. The Fortview team played aggressive football and defeated Rangreth FC 3-1. Fortview

FC's Riyaz scored a hat-trick with his goals coming in the 12th, 35th and 45th minute. For Rangreth FC Shahzan scored the club's solitary goal in 22nd minute.

The second match was played between Kashmir United FC and Etihad FC.

The Etihad FC boys presented a good show in the beginning but could not with stand the pressure exerted by the Kashmir United players.

In the 31st minute, Kashmir United FC opened the scoring thanks to a mistake by Etihad FC Goalkeeper. The first half ended 1-0 in favour of Kashmir United FC.

In the second half, Kashmir United doubled their lead through Zooman. In 38th minute Amit of Kashmir United FC increased the margin by scoring another goal. Etihad FC players tried hard to find the net and they missed a few opportunities.

Kashmir United FC defeated Etihad FC by 3 goals to nil.

The Super Division League Tournament is being organised by District Football Association (DFA) Srinagar, under the aegis of Jammu & Kashmir Football Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

Dronacharya, Padma Shri, Arjuna
Awardees Call On Advisor Khan

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A team deputed by Rowing Federation of India comprising of Dronacharya awardee Ismail Baig, Padma Shri and Arjuna awardee Bajrang Lal Thakur on Thursday called on Advisor to LG, Farooq Khan and discussed various issues concerning the game of watersports.

Ismail Baig and Lal Thakur are presently in Srinagar to supervise the facilities being extended to the participants of the ongoing Rowing sports training at Sports Complex Dal Lake, Srinagar.

Advisor was informed that the boats and ground installations are being fine tuned and safety measures are being inspected to ensure safety of the trainees.

Advisor termed the training programme as a great beginning for youth of the region which will go down in the history as one of the major milestones towards development of Rowing sport in the Union Territory.

He appreciated the J&K Rowing Association for initiating the establishment of the Water Sports Rowing Academy, a facility which is being supported by



the Government of India with the active help of the Rowing Federation of India.

"Looking forward to have rowing in the lakes of Jammu and Kashmir divisions with our first Flat Water Championships," the Advisor added.

The awardees suggested a number of measures for promotion of this potential sports in the UT besides lauding the efforts of Bilquis Mir,

the force behind the Water Sports Centre and the J&K Association.

Rowing is a sport that involves use of a wooden paddle, known as an oar, to propel a long boat through water at high speeds in order to win a race. It is one of the oldest and most prestigious sports on the planet, with evidence suggesting the first rowing races may have occurred as long ago as the Egyptian era.

Taliban Has Banned
Women's Sports In
Afghanistan: Reports

Agencies

SYDNEY: Australia's SBS TV has quoted a Taliban spokesperson as saying that women's sports — and women's cricket specifically — will be banned by his group in Afghanistan.

"In cricket, they might face a situation where their face and body will not be covered. Islam does not allow women to be seen like this," the network quoted Ahmadullah Wasiq, the deputy head of the Taliban's cultural commission, as saying.

"It is the media era, and there will be photos and videos, and then people watch it. Islam and the Islamic Emirate do not allow women to play cricket or play the kind of sports where they get exposed."

Wasiq last month told SBS that the Taliban would allow men's cricket to continue and that it has given approval for the men's national team to travel to Australia for a test match in November.

But in a statement released Thursday, Cricket Australia said it would not proceed with the planned test starting Nov. 27 if news reports of Taliban views on the women's game were true.

"Driving the growth of women's cricket globally is incredibly important to Cricket Australia," the statement said.

"Our vision for cricket is that it is a sport for all and we support the game unequivocally for women at every level."

"If recent media reports that women's cricket will not be supported in Afghanistan are substantiated, Cricket Australia would have no alternative but to not host Afghanistan for the

proposed test match due to be played in Hobart."

Australia's Sport Minister Richard Colbeck said earlier that the Taliban's decision on women's sport was "deeply concerning" and he urged organizations such as the International Cricket Council to take action.

"Excluding women from sport at any level is unacceptable," Colbeck said in a statement. "We urge international sport authorities, including the International Cricket Council, to take a stand against this appalling ruling."

Players from Afghanistan's women's soccer team are among dozens of athletes given visas to live in Australia and have been undergoing quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Tuesday, the Taliban announced an all-male interim government for Afghanistan stacked with veterans of their hard-line rule from the 1990s and the 20-year battle against the U.S.-led coalition.

A policy statement accompanying the Cabinet announcement sought to allay fears of Afghanistan's neighbours and the rest of the world, but was unlikely to calm the fears of women, who didn't get a single post.

The statement spoke of protecting the rights of minorities and the underprivileged, and it promised education "to all countrymen within the framework of Sharia." Women were not mentioned in the three-page statement.

Last Saturday, Taliban special forces in camouflage fired their weapons into the air to end a protest march in Kabul by women demanding equal rights.

Pakistan Spinner Nawaz
Tests Positive, To Miss
ODIs Against NZ

Agencies

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan left-arm spinner Mohammad Nawaz has tested positive for COVID-19 and will likely miss the upcoming ODI series against New Zealand.

The Pakistan Cricket Board said Thursday that the 27-year-old Nawaz tested positive at the team hotel in Islamabad. His 10-day quarantine in the hotel will end on September 19.

New Zealand's team arrives Saturday ahead of three ODIs in Rawalpindi on September 17, 19 and 21, followed by a five-match series of Twenty20 games in Lahore as both teams prepare for next month's T20 World Cup.

Nawaz, who has played 16



ODIs and 24 T20 internationals, is part of Pakistan's 15-member squad for the T20 World Cup.

All the other Pakistan team members returned negative tests and will start their first training session at the Pindi Cricket Stadium on Friday.

Michael Schumacher's Wife
Says F1 Great 'Different, But Here'

Agencies

Michael Schumacher's wife, Corinna, said the Formula One great is "different, but he's here" as the 52-year-old continues his rehabilitation from a brain injury suffered in a skiing accident in December 2013. The family have kept updates to a minimum since the accident and in an upcoming Netflix documentary, set to premiere on Sept. 15, Corinna said privacy was very important to them.

"He still shows me how strong he is every day," she said.

"We live together at home. We do therapy. We do everything we can to make Michael better and to make sure he's comfortable. And to simply make him feel our family, our bond."

"And no matter what, I will do everything I can. We all will. We're trying to carry on as a family, the way Michael liked it and still does. And we are getting on with our lives."

"Private is private", as he always said.



It's very important to me that he can continue to enjoy his private life as much as possible. Michael always protected us, and now we are protecting Michael."

Schumacher won two Formula One championships for Benetton in 1994

and 1995 and then five consecutively for Ferrari, between 2000 and 2004. He retired in 2006 but returned for a stint with Mercedes from 2010 to 2012.

Michael and Corinna's son Mick is in his debut Formula One season with Haas.

Luv Films To Produce Biopic On Sourav Ganguly

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: A biopic on the life of former Indian cricket men's team captain Sourav Ganguly is in the works, which will be produced by Luv Films.

Ganguly, fondly called Dada, is one of the most successful skippers in the history of Indian cricket and currently serves as President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Luv Films, the production house founded by filmmaker Luv Ranjan and Ankur Garg, shared the film announcement on

Instagram Thursday.

"We are thrilled to announce that Luv Films will produce Dada Sourav Ganguly's biopic," the statement read.

"We are honoured to be entrusted with this responsibility and look forward to a great innings," the producers further said.

Ganguly, who recently revealed that a biopic on his life was under development, also confirmed the news on social media with the caption "Let's get this ball rolling".

"Cricket has been everything in my

life, it gave confidence and ability to walk forward with my head held high, a journey to be cherished."

"Thrilled to share Luv Films will produce a biopic on my journey and bring it to life for the big screen (sic)," the celebrated cricketer wrote in an Instagram post.

Luv Films has produced films such as "Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety", "De De Pyaar De", "Malang" and "Chhalaang".

Upcoming titles under the banner include Luv Ranjan's directorial starring Ranbir Kapoor and Shraddha Kapoor, "Kutty" and "Ufff".

Cannot Order For Use Of Traditional Remedies As Cure For Covid-19: SC

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday said that it cannot direct for use of traditional knowledge or home remedies as a cure of COVID-19 for whole of country and dismissed a plea seeking direction for use of 'Red Ant Chutney' as cure for the deadly virus.

"You see there is a lot of traditional knowledge, even in our homes we have traditional knowledge. These remedies you can have for your own consumption facing the consequence, if any on yourself but we cannot ask for applying this traditional knowledge across the country," a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, Vikram Nath and Hima Kohli said.

Asking petitioner Nayadhar Padhial, a member of tribal community of Odisha to get vaccinated for Covid, the bench dismissed the plea.

Advocate Anirudha Sanganageria, appearing for the petitioner, said that the Orissa High Court dismissed the plea and they have challenged the order.

The bench said, "The problem started with the High Court directing the director general of Ayush ministry and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) to take within three months a decision on a proposal to use red ant chutney as a remedy for Covid-19. We want to put an end to it".

It said, "We are not inclined to entertain the Special Leave Petition under Article 136 of the Constitution. The Special Leave Petition is accordingly dismissed."

The petition said Red ant chutney, a mixture of red ants and green chillies, is traditionally considered as a medicine in the tribal belts of the country including Odisha and Chhattisgarh for a cure of flu, cough, common cold, fatigue, breathing problems and other ailments.

The petitioner claimed that the "Red Ant Chutney" has a medicinal value as it contains formic acid, protein, calcium,

Vitamin B12 and Zinc and its efficacy needs to be ascertained as a cure of Covid-19.

In his plea filed through Sanganageria, the petitioner said he is a resident of Odisha and belongs to a tribal community, namely "Bathudi" by caste and has moved the High Court on his sincere belief that the "Red Ant Chutney" could be used effectively to boost the immunity system and would go a long way ahead to prevent the infection of Covid-19 virus.

Padhial said on December 24, last year the high court had directed CSIR and the Ministry of AYUSH to evaluate the claims and subsequently after the representations were made to both authorities, the claim was rejected.

"Constrained by the rejection of the representation without proper research and study, the Petitioner filed another Writ Petition before the High Court and prayed for referring the matter to another body of experts", he said.

He said that the High Court rejected his plea while observing that since the CSIR and AYUSH Ministry have not preferred to recommend the claim of the Petitioner to another body of experts, the Court which is not an expert on this subject should not recommend it to the body of experts.

He contended that the High Court erred in law in not exercising its writ jurisdiction for evaluating a localized treatment when in a similar case; the Madras High Court had issued directions and appointed a body of experts for evaluating a localized treatment of COVID-9 in the state of Tamil Nadu.

Padhial said that the High Court erred in law to consider that Right to Health is guaranteed under the Constitution and it ought to have directed the Respondents to verify his claims especially when he had on record the immunity properties of the Red Ant Chutney through Scientific Peer-Reviewed Journals. PTI

Congress Lost Most Leaders To Other Parties Since 2014, BJP Top Gainer: Report

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New Delhi: The Congress has lost the highest number of its electoral candidates as well as MPs and MLAs to other parties in the past seven years, with the BJP emerging the biggest gainer since it came to power at the Centre in 2014, according to a report released on Thursday.

A total of 222 electoral candidates left the Congress to join other parties during polls held between 2014-2021 while 177 MPs and MLAs quit the party during this period, shows an analysis of the candidates' poll affidavits by the National Election Watch and the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

The BJP also lost as many as 111 candidates and 33 MPs and MLAs during the elections since 2014. Yet, the BJP remained the biggest gainer as a total of 253 candidates and 173 MPs and MLAs came to its

fold quitting their respective parties, the report shows.

The Congress, which saw 399 of its leaders quitting the party to join others in the past seven years, got 115 candidates and 61 MPs and MLAs coming to its fold from other parties.

The National Election Watch-ADR report is based on the analysis of the poll affidavits of 1133 candidates and 500 MPs and MLAs, who changed parties and contested elections held during the Lok Sabha and assembly polls since 2014.

After the Congress, it was Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) which saw a considerable number of its candidates and lawmakers joining other parties during the elections.

According to the report, as many as 153 candidates of the BSP and 20 of its lawmakers left the party to join another party during elections since 2014.

The BSP, however, saw 65 candidates and 12 lawmakers joining its fold from other parties.

The report shows that Samajwadi Party (SP) lost 60 of its candidates and 18 lawmakers to other parties during the elections since 2014. It, however, saw just 29 candidates and 13 lawmakers coming to its fold from other parties.

As many as 31 candidates and 26 lawmakers of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) left the party to join another party in the past seven years. A total of 23 candidates and 31 lawmakers, however, joined the TMC leaving their parties since 2014.

The Janata Dal-United (JD-U) lost 59 of its candidates and 12 of its MPs/MLAs as they switched sides during the elections. The party, however, saw a total of 23 candidates and 12 lawmakers coming to its fold from other parties in the past seven years.

Film Financier Yusuf Lakdawala Dies in Jail



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MUMBAI: Builder and film financier Yusuf Lakdawala, arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case stemming from a land deal, died at the Arthur Road Jail in central Mumbai on Thursday, an official said.

Lakdawala (76) was brought dead to government-run JJ Hospital and his death was announced at around 12 pm though the cause was not immediately known, the official said.

The exact cause of his death will be ascertained after a

post-mortem, he said. According to sources, Lakdawala was suffering from cancer.

A case of accidental death has been registered, the official said.

The ED had arrested Lakdawala in May in a money laundering case stemming from a land deal. He was accused of forging documents to purchase a land worth Rs 50 crore in Khandala, a hill station in Pune district. He was currently in jail under judicial custody.

The ED had opposed Lakdawala's bail plea on medical grounds last month. —PTI

BRICS Has Adopted A Counter-Terrorism Action Plan, Says PM Modi

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The BRICS has adopted a counter-terrorism action plan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday while chairing a virtual summit of the five-nation grouping.

The summit, which was hosted by India, was attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro.

The BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) brings together five of the largest developing countries of the world, representing 41 per cent of the global population, 24 per cent of the global GDP and 16 per cent of the global trade.

In his opening remarks, Modi said India has received full cooperation from all BRICS partners during its chairmanship and listed various achievements of the grouping.



"Today we are an influential voice for the emerging economies of the world. This platform has also been useful for focusing attention on the priorities of developing nations as well," he said.

The BRICS has created strong institutions like the New Development Bank, the Contingency Reserve Arrangement

and the Energy Research Cooperation Platform, he noted. "These are all very strong institutions," he added.

"However, it is also important that we do not become too self-satisfied and we must ensure that BRICS is even more result-oriented in the next 15 years," he said.

The Prime Minister said the grouping has achieved several "firsts" and referred to the holding of the first-ever BRICS digital summit recently.

"This is an innovative step to increase health access with the help of technology. In November, our Water Resources Ministers will be meeting for the first time under the BRICS format. It is also the first time that BRICS has taken a collective position on 'Strengthening and Reforming Multilateral Systems'," Modi said.

"We have also adopted the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan," he said.

The Prime Minister said with co-operation between the customs departments, intra-BRICS trade will become easier.

"There has also been a consensus with regards to starting a virtual BRICS vaccination research and development centre. BRICS Alliance on green tourism is also another new initiative," he said.

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