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**P7 THINK**

## SOCIAL MEDIA: YOUTH AND NARCISSISM

Never before have had young people so many chances to perfect their public image. They can, for example, edit their digital profiles and selfies indefinitely before posting them to the Internet or sending them to friends. Do they become more

**P6 THINK**

## THE PATRIARCHY IN PROPERTY RIGHTS CULTURE

Patriarchy, like any other forms of injustice feeds itself on the detritus of disinformation: by twisting the truths and realities. Unjust societies have a default embedded paraphernalia in place to reproduce



**P11 SPORTS**

## RASHID KHAN STEPS DOWN AS AFGHANISTAN CRICKET CAPTAIN IN PROTEST

Veteran all-rounder Mohammad Nabi has been named Afghanistan skipper for the upcoming T20 World Cup after star spinner Rashid Khan stepped down from captaincy



**Quote!**  
Enthusiasm is common. Endurance is rare.  
- Angela Duckworth

**NEWS DIGEST**

### College Student Found Dead

**SRINAGAR:** A college student on Friday was found dead under suspicious circumstances in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. 19-year-old Abdul Bari Mir, a resident of Buchroo village, was found dead under mysterious conditions near the school on [More On P10](#)

### SSB Man Dies Of Cardiac Arrest

**SRINAGAR:** A Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) personal died on Friday after suffering a cardiac arrest in central Kashmir's Budgam district. Meetan Ram of SSB 14 battalion suffered a massive cardiac arrest at a camp in Nagam area of Chadoora in the early hours of Friday, reports said. His body will be [More On](#)

### 16 Gamblers Held With Rs 5.76L Cash

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Friday claimed to have arrested 16 gamblers during a raid in Parimpora area of the city outskirts. Ashiq Hussain, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, Firdous Ahmad Sofi, all residents of Saida Kadal Srinagar, Mohamud Younis Zargar of Hawal, Mudras Ahmad Sheikh of Chanapora, Farooq Ahmad Shah of [More On P10](#)

### Electric Shock Kills Carpenter

**SRINAGAR:** A carpenter died after receiving an electric shock while his associate was injured on Friday in Aloochoi Bagh locality of this capital city. 27-year-old Ishfaq Ahmad Teli and his associate received an electric shock while they were working at a house in Aloochoi Bagh area of the city on Friday morning, reports said. Teli succumbed to his [More On P10](#)

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## Covid Cases Spike For 3rd Day In Row

### 173 New Infections, One Death Reported In 24 Hrs



**Agencies**

**SRINAGAR:** The spike in the Covid-19 cases continued for the third consecutive day on Friday as Jammu & Kashmir reported 173 new novel coronavirus infections while there was one death due to the virus in the last 24 hours. 23 of the fresh cases were reported from Jammu Division and 150 from Kashmir Valley, taking the overall case tally to 326653. There was one death, from Jammu division, reported due to the pathogen during the time, they said. So far 4412-2167 in

Jammu and 2245 in Kashmir have succumbed to the virus as per official data.

Providing the district-wise details, the officials said that Srinagar reported 80 cases, Baramulla 12, Budgam 21, Pulwama 7, Kupwara 9, Anantnag 6, Bandipora 2, Ganderbal 8, Kulgam 5, Shopian 0, Jammu 2, Udhampur 0, Rajouri 4, Doda 10, Kathua 0, Samba 0, Kishtwar 0, Poonch 3, Ramban 2 and Reasi 2.

A number of these cases were confirmed at CD hospital and include male (70) and female (63) from Nowpora, male (69) and [More On P10](#)

## IT 'Surveys' Newsclick, Newslandry In Tax Case

**Agencies**

**NEW DELHI:** The Income Tax Department, on Friday, conducted separate "survey operations" on the premises of online news portals Newsclick and Newslandry in New Delhi, officials said.

The operations are being conducted to verify certain tax payment details and remittances made by the organisations, they said.

Some documents have been found and these are being studied, the officials said.

In a survey operation, which is carried out under provisions of section 133A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, tax officials cover only the business premises of an assessee and those linked to it and not their residential [More On P10](#)

## 918 Social Welfare Dept Workers Terminated

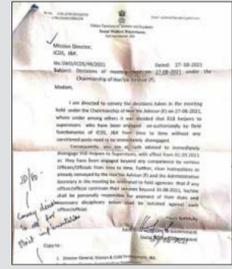
"There Are No Posts Sanctioned, No Budget And No Funds For Payment Of Remuneration To Them"

**Agencies**

**SRINAGAR:** Government has disengaged 918 helpers to supervisors in Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme of Social Welfare Department.

According to the Secretary Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda "there are no posts sanctioned, no budget and no funds for payment of remuneration to them."

The government had already written to Mission Directors regarding disengaging of the 918 helpers to supervisors. "I am directed to convey the



decisions taken in the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Advisor (F) on 27-08-2021, where under among others it was decided that 918 helpers to supervisors who have been engaged unauthorisedly by field functionaries of ICDS, J&K from time to time without any sanctioned posts need to be immediately disengaged,"

reads the order by additional secretary to mission directors on August 27.

"Consequently, you are as such advised to immediately disengage 918 Helpers to Supervisors, with effect from 01.09.2021 as they have been engaged beyond any competence by various Officers/Officials from time to time."

Further, the order stated that clear instructions have been already conveyed by the Advisor (F) and the Administrative Secretary to the meeting be reiterated to field agencies that "if any officer/official continues their services beyond 31.08.2021, he/she shall be personally responsible for payment of their dues and necessary disciplinary action shall be initiated against such [More On P10](#)

## Govt Orders Reopening Of Colleges For Vaccinated Students

**Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** Government on Friday ordered reopening of colleges subject to cent percent vaccination of students and staff.

"Vide government Order No: 66-JK(DMRRR) of 2021 Dated: 05-09-2021 Higher Education institutions have been permitted to commence with limited in person teaching subject to 100% vaccination of staff and students,"



reads an order by Sushma Chauhan (IAS), Secretary to the Government Higher Education Department. [More On P10](#)

## CRPF Targeted With Grenade In Chanpora

**Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawan and a woman were injured in a grenade attack by militants in the summer capital, Srinagar, on Friday.

Official sources said militants hurled a grenade at a security force party at Chanpora in uptown Srinagar on Friday, resulting in minor injuries to a CRPF jawan and a woman. The injured were [More On P10](#)

## Militant Held in Handwara, Given 7 Yr Jail

**Agencies**

**NEW DELHI:** A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in New Delhi on Friday sentenced seven-year rigorous imprisonment to a Pakistani national for being part of Laskar-e-Taiba (LeT), the agency said. Identified as Mohammad Amir, along with three others had illegally infiltrated into Indian territory from Pakistan along with weapons, ammunition, and other war-like stores with an intention to carry out a terrorist attack at different locations in India in the directions of their handlers based in Pakistan, NIA said in a statement.

Amir's other three associates were killed in an encounter with security forces on November 21, 2017, while he was arrested on November 24, 2017, from [More On P10](#)

## Elections Imperative to End People's Sufferings: Bukhari

**Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Friday inaugurated Party's central office at M2 Church Lane, Sonwar-Srinagar, in presence of the Party leadership.

On this occasion, Bukhari reiterated Apni Party's demand for an immediate restoration of the Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir besides holding assembly elections at the earliest in order to mitigate the miseries of the people.

"The people of J&K eagerly await a democratically elected government that will effectively address their pressing pleas at grassroots level. Elections remain crucial for revitalizing the sluggish pace of the developmental works in the region," Bukhari said, while pointing to the governance deficit in



Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the Party's demand for Statehood resonates with the aspiration of the people of J&K and the government of India must take a call on this pressing demand.

On the sidelines of this function, Bukhari held a brief interaction with the media persons in which he said that even those political parties that earlier ridiculed Apni Party [More On P10](#)

## Scrapped Darbar Hit Jammu Hard: Azad

**Observer News Service**

**JAMMU:** Former Union Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday said the scrapped Darbar Move practice has badly hit the economy of Jammu.

Sufferings of people in Jammu and Kashmir have increased manifold, Mr Azad said addressing the party workers meeting here. Former AICC president Rahul Gandhi also addressed the meeting.

Darbar move practice was scrapped and it has badly hit the economy of Jammu, unemployment has increased and the tourism sector is facing a huge setback. People are not getting basic amenities like water and electricity, said Mr Azad.

He also slammed the previous BJP-PDP coalition government of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir [More On P10](#)

## Rahul Asks Crowd In Jammu To Chant 'Jai Mata Di'

**Says BJP, RSS Trying To Break Composite Culture**

**Observer News Service**

**JAMMU:** Congress leader and Member Parliament Rahul Gandhi on Friday said that he belongs to a Kashmiri Pandit family and feels home like vibes after visiting Jammu and Kashmir.

"The feeling of love, brotherhood and composite culture exists among you all. I feel sad that the RSS and BJP are trying to



break this culture," Gandhi said in his address to Congress office-bearers and workers at a party function on the second day of his two-day visit to Jammu.

"They (RSS, BJP) attack love and brotherhood... You got weakened and [More On P10](#)

## BJP Slams Rahul Gandhi

The BJP on Friday slammed Rahul Gandhi, pinning the woes of Kashmiri pandits on "appeasement politics" of his party, the Congress. The ruling party, in a statement, said that Rahul Gandhi while speaking in Jammu said that he too was a Kashmiri Pandit and he was pained by [More On P10](#)

## From 9/11's Ashes, A New World Took Shape. It Did Not Last.

**Calvin Woodward, Ellen Knickmeyer And David Rising**

In the ghostly rubble of ground zero's fallen towers 20 years ago, Hour Zero arrived, a chance to start anew.

World affairs reordered abruptly on that morning of blue skies, black ash, fire and death.

In Iran, chants of "death to America" quickly gave way to candlelight vigils to mourn the American dead. Vladimir Putin weighed in with substantive help as the U.S. prepared to go to war in Russia's region of influence.

Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, a murderous dictator with a poetic streak, spoke of the "human duty" to be with Americans after "these horrifying and awesome events, which are bound to awaken human conscience."

From the first terrible moments, America's longstanding allies were joined by longtime enemies in that singularly galvanizing instant. No nation with global standing was

cheering the stateless terrorists vowing to conquer capitalism and democracy. How rare is that?

Too rare to last, it turned out. Civilizations have their allegories for rebirth in times of devastation. A global favorite is that of the phoenix, a magical and magnificent bird, rising from ashes. In the hellscape of Germany at the end of World War II, it was the concept of Hour Zero, or Stunde Null, that offered the opportunity to start anew.

For the U.S., the zero hour of Sept. 11, 2001, meant a chance to reshape its place in the post-Cold War world from a high perch of influence and goodwill as it entered the new millennium. This was only a decade after the collapse of the Soviet Union left America with both the moral authority and the financial and military muscle to be unquestionably the lone superpower.

Those advantages were soon squandered. Instead of a new order, 9/11 fueled 20 years of war abroad. In the U.S., it gave rise to the angry,



aggrieved, self-proclaimed patriot, and heightened surveillance and suspicion in the name of common defense.

It opened an era of deference to the armed forces as lawmakers pulled back on oversight and let presidents give primacy to the military over law enforcement in the fight against

terrorism. And it sparked anti-immigrant sentiment, primarily directed at Muslim countries, that lingers today.

A war of necessity — in the eyes of most of the world — in Afghanistan was followed two years later by a war of choice as the U.S. invaded Iraq on false claims that Saddam Hussein was hiding weapons of mass destruction.

President George W. Bush labeled Iran, Iraq and North Korea an "axis of evil." Thus opened the deep, deadly mineshaft of "forever wars." There were convulsions throughout the Middle East, and U.S. foreign policy — for half a century a force for ballast — instead gave way to a head-snapping change in approaches in foreign policy from Bush to Obama to Trump. With that came waning trust in America's leadership and reliability.

Other parts of the world were not immune. Far-right populist movements coursed through Europe. Britain voted to break away from the European Union. And China steadily ascended in the global pecking order.

President Joe Biden is trying to restore trust in the belief of a steady hand from the U.S. but there is no easy path. He is ending war, but what comes next? In Afghanistan in August, the Taliban seized control with menacing swiftness as the Afghan government and security forces that the United States and its allies had spent two

decades trying to build collapsed. No steady hand was evident from the U.S. in the harried, disorganized evacuation of Afghans desperately trying to flee the country in the first weeks of the Taliban's re-established rule.

Allies whose troops had fought and died in the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan expressed dismay at Biden's management of the U.S. withdrawal, under a deal President Donald Trump had struck with the Taliban.

### THE 'HOMELAND'

In the United States, the Sept. 11 attacks set loose a torrent of rage.

In shock from the assault, a swath of American society embraced the us vs. them binary outlook articulated by Bush — "Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists" — and has never let go of it.

You could hear it in the country songs and talk radio, and during presidential campaigns, offering the balm of a bloodlust cry for revenge. "We'll put a boot in [More On P10](#)



**از نیابت قلم آباد با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ دیو اول**  
 مضمون کاغذات درخواست خنایب سعید اتیار کیلانی ولد سعید محمد اسحاق کیلانی  
 ساکنہ بانڈے بمرد اعطایگی بیکوارڈ ایمرٹیکسٹ تحت SRO 294  
**اشتہار بمرد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام**  
 معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں درخواست سائل دفتر پڑھائی کے لئے ہے اس لئے میں پوری حلقہ سے پورٹ طلب کیا گیا ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل مضمون بانڈے میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبہ پڑیں افراد پر مشتمل ہے  
 سعید محمد اسحاق کیلانی ولد سعید علی کیلانی گھریلو کام 50 سال سربہ کبہ  
 غفار ذکیر محمد اسحاق گھریلو کام 48 سال  
 سعید اتیار کیلانی پسر محمد اسحاق زین تعلیم 23 سال  
 سعید رئیس پسر محمد اسحاق زین تعلیم 20 سال  
 اس کے علاوہ کوئی افراد کم نہیں ہے سائل کے کمرہ کی مہمادت 5000 سے سرفیکٹ ایجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی مذرا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بانڈے یا اعتراض ساتھ ایم اندر دفتر پڑھائی میں پیش کرے میاڈر نے بعد کوئی بھی مذرا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا  
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 درخواست خنایب مشتاق احمد گورجھان ولد محمد حسین گورجھان ساکنہ نازنگر تحصیل لارنو  
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**Name correction**  
 My Daughter's name has been Wrongly mentioned in school record As Iqra Hameed instead of Zainab Hameed which needs immediate correction. If any body have any objection may contact to headmaster Govt Middle School Prangroo Mawer with in seven days after that no objection will be accepted.  
**Name:- Ab hameed war**  
**F/O:- Zainab hameed**  
**R/O:- prangroo mawer**  
**SULT**

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**Office of the Executive Engineer, Jal-Shakti (I & F.C.) Division, Baramulla**  
**E-Tender Notice No.- 06 of 2021-22 Dated:31/08/2021**

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K, e-tenders on item rate basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with UT of J&K Government, for below mentioned works:-

S.No	Name of the work	Estd. Cost of Work (In lacs)	EMD in BDC	Time for completion	Class of Contract	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs)	M.H of Account	Tender ID
1.	Construction of L/wall and bed treatment at spots U/s and D/s Rd 2800 mtrs incl. crossing on Kalazdar Khul.	31.42	Bid Security Declaration	80 Days	AAV/ BEE/ CEE	3000/-	4702 AIBP	
2.	Repairs to existing gutted Column structure to establish work shop and repairs / reconstruction of Boundary wall (front side) for Flood Mechanical Division Baramulla.	14.31	Bid Security Declaration	30 Days	BEE/ CEE	1200/-	8443 DC	
3.	FP work by way of providing RR masonry R/ wall and X- crates on Ushkara Nallah at Dawan-bagh Baramulla near Masjid Imam-Bukhari.	6.34	Bid Security Declaration	25 Days	CEE/ DEE	700/-	4711 Capex	
4.	Construction Of R/s masonry R-wall near Jamia Masjid Sharief Ushkara Ushkara Nallah at Spots.	2.88	Bid Security Declaration	20 Days	DEE	300/-	4711 Capex	
5.	Construction of Stair Ghat at OFC Dewan-bagh Baramulla near Masjid Imam Bukhari.	2.72	Bid Security Declaration	20 Days	DEE	300/-	4711 Capex	
6.	FP work by way of providing concrete jacketing to Existing R/wall at Dawan-Bagh near Masjid Imam Bukhari	2.62	Bid Security Declaration	20 Days	DEE	300/-	4711 Capex	

1.	Date of Publishing	01/09/2021	01:00 PM
2.	Start of downloading	01/09/2021	05:00 PM
3.	Bid submission start date	01/09/2021	06:00 PM
4.	Bid Submission end date	13/09/2021	06:00 PM
5.	Date of opening of Tender	14/09/2021	11:00 AM

**Terms & Conditions**  
 01. The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), set of terms and condition of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in.  
 02. The tenders shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in.  
 03. The tenders uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on date mentioned above, in the office of the Tender Receiving Authority, i.e., Executive Engineer Jal-Shakti (I&F) Division Baramulla.  
 04. The complete bidding process will be online.  
 05. Tenderers must be accompanied with Declaration Form, cost of Tender Document in the shape of treasury challan/receipt (mentioning therein NIT No., S. No. & Name of work), in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation & F.C. Division, Baramulla. The tender for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 (Ninety) days from the date of opening of tenders.  
 06. The penalty as per rules and as mentioned in Bid Security declaration will be imposed if-  
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 08. Bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.  
 09. Bids will be opened online as per time scheduled mentioned in para 3.  
 10. Bidders must upload the scanned copy of all necessary documents like Bid Security Declaration/ PAN / G. S. Tin / Demand Draft / Registration Card duly renewed. Note: can all document on 100 dpi with black and white option  
 11. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.  
 12. The payment shall be made only after funds are available under proper head of account by this office.  
 13. If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate list / quantity schedule, cost of such item/items shall be deemed to be part of the overall / total contract value. No rate shall be allowed for such item/items in the allotment of contract.  
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 16. All other terms and conditions are as per PWD form 25 (Agreement Form).  
 No: I&FCDB/ 2750-67  
 Dated: 31/08/2021  
**DIPK-8241/21**  
 Executive Engineer  
 Jal-Shakti (I&F) Division  
 Baramulla

**SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
**SEALING ORDER**

**Subject:-** Sealing of structure under clause 2.1.2 (b) and 2.2.6 of Srinagar Municipal Corporation Building Bye-Laws 2011 at Shah Anwar Colony Srinagar.

Whereas, a complaint application has been received from residents of Shah Anwar Colony in which they have complained that Shah Anwar Colony Hyderabad falls under Zone F-20 and is purely for residential use.  
 Whereas, in the said complaint it has been complained that a commercial outlet salon named "Loreal Salon" has suddenly cropped up in Lane A of Shah Anwar Colony Hyderabad which has been opened during the lockdown.  
 Whereas, a report has been sought from concerned Ward Officer in this behalf who has submitted his report vide No.SMC/W-32/202-203, dated: 14/06/2021 wherein he has reported that after spot inspection it has been observed that two storeyed building is existing since long having one shop in ground floor which is functioning as M/S "Loreal Salon" which at present is closed due to COVID-19 Lockdown.  
 Whereas, the Ward Officer in the said report recommended for sealing of the said structure as the said zone is meant for residential purpose as per the communication No.SDA/STP/248, dated:- 02-12-2017 of Senior Town Planner SDA.  
 Whereas, a showcause notice for sealing under section 2.1.2 (b) of J&K Municipal Corporation Building Byelaws 2011 has been served upon the offender vide No.SMC/Enf/9006-11, dated: 26-07-2021 against a proper receipt asking her to showcause as to why the structure/ building in question will not be sealed in accordance with law.  
 Whereas, the offenders has submitted the reply to the sealing showcause notice which has been examined and found devoid of merit, hence rejected.  
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# Disallowing Prayers At Jamia, Elsewhere Clear Interference In Religion: Anjuman Auqaf

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar Friday said that after 6 August 2021, authorities are not allowing Friday prayers at the historic central Jamia Masjid Srinagar and other major places of worship including Dargah Hazratbal, Khanqah-e-Moula, Sultan-ul-Arifeen Hazrat Makhdoom Sahib (RA), Astaan Aaliya Khanyar, Astaan Aaliya Naqshband Sahib (RA) saying this has led to a sharp rise in public outrage as such dictatorial measures have severely hurt the religious sentiments of the people who have been prevented from performing their religious duties.



and on the other hand allow opening of public places, parks, bazaars and educational institutions. Such policies reveal double standards and ill intentions of the government.

religious duty is a clear interference in religion which is extremely unfortunate and condemnable.

Meanwhile, the Anjuman has expressed deep sorrow over the sad demise of Moulana Habeeb-ur-Rehman Ludhianvi, an eminent religious scholar, the Ameer of Majlis-e-Ahrar-e-Hind, a sincere leader of Khatme-Nabooat and Naamos-e-Risaalat (SAW) and Shaahi Khateeb and Imam of Jamia Masjid Ludhiana Punjab.

The Anjuman on behalf of the organisation and its incarcerated Chairman Mirwaiz Dr Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq expressed condolence and solidarity with the bereaved family members of the deceased scholar. It also paid glowing tributes to Moulana Habeeb ur Rehman for his long and continuous selfless religious and reformative services in Punjab.

Moulana's demise is a great loss for the people of Punjab and the religious circles of India as he was a shield for the Muslims of Punjab.

The Anjuman said that the Mirwaizeen of Jammu and Kashmir especially Hazrat Mufasir-e-Quran Muhajir-e-Millat Mirwaiz Moulana Yusuf Sahib, Hazrat Shaheed-e-Millat Mirwaiz Moulvi Muhammad Farooq Sahib, and the present Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr. Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq had religious and mutual relations with not only the late Moulana Habeeb-ur-Rehman Sahib but also with the elders of his proud family.

The Anjuman conveyed heartfelt condolences, sympathy and solidarity with the bereaved family and the people of Punjab, especially with Moulana Usman Ludhianvi, the brother of the late Moulana.

**ANJUMAN IN A STATEMENT, THE AUQAF SAID THAT AUTHORITIES ON ONE HAND UNDER THE GUISE OF COVID-19 ORDER CLOSURE OF MAJOR PLACES OF WORSHIP IN KASHMIR AND ON THE OTHER HAND ALLOW OPENING OF PUBLIC PLACES, PARKS, BAZAARS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. SUCH POLICIES REVEAL DOUBLE STANDARDS AND ILL INTENTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT.**

## Rs 3 Cr Required To Preserve Water Bodies In Sgr, Reveals Dist Environment Plan

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** In order to preserve various water bodies in Srinagar district, authorities have projected an estimate of more than three Crore rupees to revive them.

The district environment plan for Srinagar compiled by the additional deputy commissioner emphasizes on various action plans for different thematic areas. According to the news agency, the district environment plan reads, "Various gaps have been identified in each and every action area."

The action plan suggests to be implemented to minimize these gaps. It reads, "An estimated amount of Rs 307 lakh is required for restoration of various water bodies of district Srinagar and this entire preservation and conservation cannot be done only at the administration level; public participation and behavioural changes have to be increased many folds to achieve

the target of clean environment."

The district administration has also said that it can be achieved through mass awareness and creation of a feeling of belongingness amongst the populace.

However, the admin has also mentioned that the current environmental status in In district Srinagar was within safe limits.

"A lot of efforts in terms of all types of waste management have been made practical by the active involvement of authorities and the general public. But, still each of these areas has lot of scope for improvement," the admin said.

The plan suggests that the task of conserving and preserving our environment during these modern times is quite herculean.

"The only solution to this critical environmental issue is people's mass participation in saving the environment. Besides, mass afforestation drives and stopping the use of fossil fuels can help solve this problem," it reads—(KNO)

## Blocked Drain Inundates City Locality With Filthy Water

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** Due to blockade of drainage system at Ziyarat Madin sahib in Hawal Srinagar, stench and garbage spilling all over the road and into the premises of houses have created health problems for residents while the concerned department is doing nothing to give a respite to the people.

Residents said that it has become difficult for them to spend time even inside the houses as "The foul smell emanating from the drain has made our lives hell. Even children are not able to concentrate on their studies".

According to the locals, the presence of high-tension lines over the drain poses another threat to their lives in the area. The wires according to them are attached with the iron electric poles which often lead to electric shocks.

"The choked drain and high-tension wire can cause a major tragedy in the area," the residents said.

The locals said that filth and dirty water are all over on the link road and in the premises of the houses. "This is because of the faulty drainage system that the area has. The water from the drain has spilled all over the road and it has now become impossible to even walk on it," said locals.

"The drain has become a den for dogs and rats. Often dead dogs and birds are spotted in the drain. It becomes difficult to

breath near the drain," said Umar Ahmad, a shopkeeper near Ziyarat Madin sahib.

"We have many times requested the concerned authorities to undertake cleaning of the drains, however no action has been taken so far," he added.

The state government had taken hundreds of drainage schemes in Kashmir over the years. Most of them could not be completed due to "lack of funds and coordination" between various departments.

"The Roads and Buildings department has been constructing roads in various areas without ensuring drainage system. The restoration of drainage system and road macadamization should have been done simultaneously," one of the local said.

However, the officials of SMC and City Drainage said that this drain does not come under their domain.

The UEED Superintendent Engineer said that this is not our project; it is a part of NBCC's sewerage line whose sewerage filtration plant is inactive at Noorbagh

"NBCC team has been directed to inspect the spot so that further action can be taken to repair the drain.

Project engineer NBCC Suhail Ahmad said that this drain is already blocked however the industrial units in the area are using this drain illegally.

Locals have requested concerned officials to look into the matter at an earliest site, so that locals may not suffer any more.

## LAWDA Intensifies Night Patrolling To Plug Illegal Constructions, Encroachments

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) has intensified its night vigil to prevent illegal constructions within the LDA jurisdiction and in the Dal Lake with vice-chairman LAWDA Dr Bashir Ahmad Bhat stating strict action will be taken against those involved in illegal constructions and encroachments.

A LAWDA official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that as directed by the LAWDA vice-chairman Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Vice Chairman, all the people residing within the LAWDA jurisdiction and in-lake are hereby once again directed not to go for any sort of illegal constructions / encroachments, as the Enforcement wing will continue with demolition of illegal constructions/ removal of encroachments.

"Furthermore, the Tipper/Load carrier owners are directed not to carry / ferry any construction material in the prohibited area of Dal/ Nigeen Lake without getting permission. Valid carriage permission tippers are directed to ferry the material through the designated routes as mentioned in the permission copy and in case anybody found without permission shall be dealt with as per law," the official said, quoting VC LAWDA.

The official further said that in order to stop the menace of ferrying illegal construction material within the LAWDA jurisdiction a surprise Naka was laid by the Enforcement Wing of LDA in the intervening night

### LAWDA Conducts Surprise Naka

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** To stop the menace of ferrying illegal construction material within the LDA jurisdiction, the Enforcement wing of Lakes and Waterways Development Authority laid a surprise Naka in the intervening night of 09th and 10th September 2021 in LDA jurisdiction. During the checking, the naka squad intercepted a tipper bearing Registration No. JK01P-1321, seized it on the spot and handed it over to Police Station Nishat. In this regard, FIR stands registered vide No.92/21 u/s 188 IPC, as the tipper driver could not provide the necessary carriage permission, and was carrying construction material illegally in the prohibited area of Dal Jurisdiction. Moreover, the demolition drive was also launched by LAWDA Authorities through its Enforcement Wing in the areas of Friends Colony, Beggar Home Lashkari Mohalla, Ishber, Doji Mohalla, Mallapora Rainawari and Saderbal during which, two Plinths, two Huts, two single storeys and one roofing raised illegally were demolished on the spot. Besides illegally dumped material/Earth filling was also removed and seized onspot and legal action warranted under rules were initiated against the violators.

of 09/10th Sept. 2021.

"During the checking the naka squad intercepted a tipper bearing Registration No. JK01P-1321 and seized it on the spot and was handed over to Police Station Nishat. In this regard, FIR stands registered vide No.92/21 u/s 188 IPC, as the tipper driver could not provide the necessary carriage permission, thus was carrying construction material illegally in the prohibited area of Dal Jurisdiction," the official said.

He further said that moreover, the demolition drive was also launched by Lakes and Waterways Development Authority through its Enforcement Wing under the supervision of Enforcement Officers namely Abdul Aziz Qadri, and Zahid Aziz Samoon in the area of Friends Colony, Beggar Home Lashkari Mohalla, Ishber, Doji Mohalla, Mallapora Rainawari & Saderbal in which, two Plinths, two Huts, two single storeys & one roofing raised illegally were demolished on spot.

"Besides illegally dumped material/Earth filling was also removed and seized on spot. Also legal action warranted under rules were initiated against the violators. During the demolition drive at some places there was minor resistance from the locals of the area, but the demolition team of this wing remained on forefront and conducted the demolition in a hassle free manner," the official said—(KNO)

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

### This Day in History

- 1906 - Mahatma Gandhi coins the term "Satyagraha" to characterize the Non-Violence movement in South Africa.
- 1909 - Max Wolf rediscovers Halley's comet
- 1910 - 1st commercially successful electric bus line opens (Hollywood)
- 1914 - Australia invades New Britain, defeating a German contingent there.
- 1926 - Spain leaves League of Nation due to Germany joining
- 1939 - Iraq and Saudi Arabia declare war on Nazi Germany
- 1941 - FDR orders any Axis ship found in American waters be shot at on sight
- 1941 - World War II: The U.S. Navy is ordered to attack German U-boats.
- 1943 - US & Australian troops join in Salamaua, New Guinea
- 1967 - Indian/Chinese border fights
- 1967 - US Surveyor 5 makes 1st chemical analysis of lunar material
- 1985 - Intl Cometary Explorer (ISEE 3) passes Giacobini-Zinner by 7900 km
- 1995 - Soyuz TM-22, lands.
- 1997 - After a nationwide referendum, Scotland votes to establish a devolved parliament, within the United Kingdom.
- 1998 - Independent counsel Kenneth Starr sends a report to the U.S. Congress accusing President Bill Clinton of 11 possible impeachable offenses.
- 1998 - Opening ceremony for the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Malaysia is the first Asian country to host the games.
- 2000 - Activists protest against the World Economic Forum meeting in Melbourne, Australia.
- 2001 - Two passenger planes hijacked by terrorists crash into New York's World Trade Towers causing the collapse of both and death of 2,752 people
- 2007 - Russia tests the largest conventional weapon ever, the Father of all bombs.
- 2009 - The Brazilian economy technically leaves the recession when GDP grew 1.9% in the second quarter of 2009 after having fallen in the first quarter of 2009 and last quarter of 2008.
- 2009 - Sweden emerges from the recession after witnessing GDP growth of 0.2% in the second quarter.
- 2012 - 50 Al-Shabaab fighters are killed in conflict with the Somali National Army.
- 2015 - A large crane collapses killing more than 100 people in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.



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## From KO Archives

# China Favours Tripartite Talks On Kashmir

International Role Stressed To Break Stalemate

AGENCIES

**BEIJING-** In a major shift in its policy, China today advocated tripartite talks with the

Participation of Pakistan, India and Kashmiri representatives to hammer out a lasting solution to the 53-year old Kashmir dispute. It hoped that India also involve the International community as well to peacefully resolve the Kashmir issue.

Of late, China had been suggesting bilateral talks between India and Pakistan to solve the issue. This virtually lent an endorsement of India's insistence on bilateral approach

"The Pakistani side has already said that they are willing to talk about any issue. May be the Indian side could also include the Pakistani side in the talks," Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Wang Yi said while commenting on the recent talks between India and the Hizbul Mujahideen which excluded Pakistan.

Expounding China's stand, Wang noted that the Kashmir issue has long stalemated. "I think the only way out is the peaceful settlement with the help from the international community," he said, indicating a possible change in Beijing stand.

India has firmly ruled out third party involvement in the resolution of the issue.

China's official media has come out with a series of articles recently, saying that the Kashmir issue involves three parties: India, the Kashmiri people and Pakistan!

"What is more important right now is that the two sides should find a way to really work it out. As a neighbor to India and Pakistan, China will only make positive efforts to help you and not to the contrary," Wang said.

"As neighbor to both India and Pakistan, China's position is very clear: we wish the two sides could sit down and talk so that this issue could be worked out through peaceful means," Wang said.

"China does not wish to be the mediator between the two countries nor I think does India wish to have any third party to get involved as a mediator," he said.

"But we do wish to see that you two sides could sit down and have talks. I believe the peaceful settlement of this issue will not only reduce tension there which will do, good not only to the two countries but also to the development of South Asia," he said.

Commenting on China's stand on terrorism, Wang said that as a principle, the Chinese side stands firmly against any form of international terrorism.

(Kashmir Observer, September 11, 2000)

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name of my daughter from Saika Yousuf to Fathma Yousuf. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Sabir Abdullah Public High School Jogra Awantipora Within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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F/o Fathma Yousuf (New Name)  
R/O: Awantipora Bohu

(AJI)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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Ghulam Mohammad Ganie  
F/o Mohammad Sadiq & Mohammad Sabir  
R/o Old Jamia Handwara

(SULT\_R)

## 'Woman Can't Be A Minister... They Should Give Birth: Taliban



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Days after the Taliban announced its all-male cabinet of the new Afghanistan government, the radical-Islamist group on Friday said that women can't be made ministers and they should rather give birth.

When asked on women not being included in the new government, Taliban spokesperson Sayed Zekrullah Hashimi said, "A woman can't be a minister. It is like you put something on her neck that she can't carry." "It is not necessary for women to be in the cabinet - they should give birth. Women protesters can't represent all women in Afghanistan," Hashimi added.

However, Hashimi also said that the organisation 'doesn't consider women as half.' "What kind of half? The half itself is misdefined here. The half means

here that you keep them in the cabinet and nothing more. And if you violate her rights, not an issue," he said.

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 Afghanistan 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.

## Iraq Doubles Iranian Pilgrim Numbers For Arba'een



Agencies

Iraqi authorities have decided to double the number of visas issued for Iranian nationals heading to the holy city of Karbala to commemorate Arba'een, the 40th day after the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussein (AS), the third Shia Imam.

The media bureau of the Iraqi prime minister's office said in a statement that Mustafa al-Kadhimi had ordered officials to increase the quota for pilgrims from 40,000 to 80,000, including 60,000 for Iran.

Iraq had initially permitted entry to 30,000 Iranian pilgrims provided that they travel by air.

"By God's help and through commitment to health protocols, the numbers of confirmed coronavirus cases will decline and Iraq will once again receive guests from all over the world," it added.

For the second year in a row, Iranian pilgrims have been barred from traveling by road to neighboring Iraq for the annual Arba'een pilgrimage.

Officials in southwestern Khuzestan province have announced that no Iranian pilgrims would be allowed through Chazabeh and Shalamchek border crossings into Iraq this year.

Likewise, local authorities in Iran's western Ilam province have closed the busy Mehran border crossing point.

Last year, Iraq banned foreign pilgrims traveling to the country for Arba'een in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

Every year on Arba'een, millions of people from around the world flock to Karbala. Large groups of mourners travel on foot toward the holy city to take part in the largest annual Islamic gathering on earth. The ceremony falls on September 27 this year.

Imam Hussein (AS) and his 72 companions were martyred in the Battle of Karbala in southern Iraq in 680 AD after fighting courageously for justice against the much larger army of the Umayyad caliph, Yazid I.

Iraqi PM Kadhimi to visit Iran on Sunday

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Kadhimi will visit Tehran over the weekend to discuss a range of issues, including bilateral relations and regional developments, with senior Iranian officials, Iraqi media outlets reported Thursday.

Kadhimi, heading a high-level government delegation, is expected to arrive in the Iranian capital on Sunday, they said.

It would be Kadhimi's first visit to Tehran since Ebrahim Raeisi was sworn in as Iran's new president.

On August 5, Raeisi told his Iraqi counterpart Barham Salih that Iran wanted a powerful and strong Iraq and was determined to further improve relations with Baghdad.



People flee from downtown Manhattan after planes crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. (Photo | AP)

## Divided, Bruised US Marks 9/11'S 20Th Anniversary

WASHINGTON: Americans mark the 20th anniversary of 9/11 on Saturday with troops finally gone from Afghanistan, but national discord -- and for President Joe Biden, political peril -- are overshadowing any sense of closure.

A whole generation has grown up since the morning of September 11, 2001.

In the interim, Al-Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden has been hunted down and killed. A towering new sky scraper has risen over Manhattan, replacing the Twin Towers. And less than two weeks ago, the last US soldiers flew from Kabul airport, ending the so-called "forever war."

Yet 9/11 never fully went away. The Taliban who once sheltered bin Laden are back ruling Afghanistan. The mighty US military has been humiliated. In Guantanamo Bay, accused 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four other men continue to await trial, nine years after charges were filed.

Even the full story of how the attack came to happen remains secret. Only last week did Biden order the release of classified documents from the FBI investigation over the next six months.

Monica Iken-Murphy, who lost her 37-year-old husband Michael Iken in the World Trade Center, says this will be a "heightened" anniversary for many Americans.

But for her, as for many other survivors, the pain has never wavered.

"I feel like it just happened," she told AFP.

"Honor and memorialize" - Same as every year, simple, heart-wrenching ceremonies will unfold at each of the three places where Al-Qaeda hijackers crashed packed airliners, striking the cultural, financial and political hearts of the United States.

Ground Zero in New York was where the majority of the approximately 3,000 fatalities, including people from all over the world, were killed in the initial explosions, jumped to their deaths, or simply vanished in the inferno of the collapsing towers.

At the Pentagon, an airliner tore a fiery hole in the side of the superpower's military nerve center.

And in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the third wave of hijackers crashed into a field after passengers fought back, sending United 93 down before reaching its intended target -- likely the US Capitol building

in Washington, a short flight further on.

Biden and First Lady Jill Biden will stop at each of these places on Saturday to "honor and memorialize the lives lost," the White House said.

- Afghanistan haunts anniversary -

Biden planned for this to be a pivotal day in his nearly eight-month-old presidency.

Taking over from Donald Trump in January, with the country still reeling from a Trump mob's assault on Congress, he promised Americans unity; exiting Afghanistan against the background of the 9/11 anniversary was going to be a big part of that.

Where Trump had promised the Taliban a deadline of May 1 for US troops to leave, Biden changed the pullout date to September 11 itself.

Even if he backtracked to a less politically sensitive cut-off of August 31, he clearly meant to own both the withdrawal and the anniversary.

However, instead of presiding over a moment of unity, Biden will traverse a country angry about the chaotic Kabul evacuation and stung by the broader realization of failure and defeat. AFP

## Imported Frozen Food May Play Role In Emergence Of Covid-19: Research



Imported frozen food may play a role in the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 in China, said a recent research conducted by British and Chinese scientists and published in US magazine Science.

The researchers reviewed the SARS-associated coronavirus and discussed possible animal origin of the novel coronavirus, reaching the conclusion that "animal-to-human transmission associated with infected live animals is the most likely cause of the Covid-19 pandemic," according to the study report titled "The

animal origin of SARS-CoV-2."

"However, the massive scale of cold-chain supply... suggests that frozen susceptible-animal carcasses, either for human or animal consumption, should not be discounted as playing a role in the emergence of SARS-CoV-2," read the report published in late August.

The report noted that the outbreak of the African swine fever virus, which had led to a severe shortage of pork products in China in 2019, increased wildlife-animal contacts, since

China imported other meat such as poultry, beef and fish products from international markets in response to the short-fall, the Xinhua news agency reported.

"The resulting increased trade of susceptible farmed animals and wildlife could have brought humans into more frequent contact with meat products and animals infected with zoonotic pathogens, including SARS-CoVs," it said, pointing to reports of Chinese patients who had contact with imported frozen foods, and of SARS-CoV-2 "apparently identified from frozen food, packaging, and storage surfaces."

The scientists also called for international anti-virus cooperation, saying "humanity must work together beyond country borders to amplify surveillance for coronavirus at the human-animal interface to minimize the threat of both established and evolving variants evading vaccines and to stop future spillover events." IANS

## Palestinians Hold 'Day Of Rage' Solidarity Protests For Escapees



AL JAZEERA

Beita, Occupied West Bank - Palestinians across the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem are gathering for a day of rage on Friday in support of the six Palestinian prisoners, who escaped from an Israeli prison, heeding the call of Hamas and other Palestinian resistance groups.

They are also protesting against the punitive measures that the Israeli jail authorities have imposed on imprisoned members of the Islamic Jihad, another group active in the Gaza Strip, in the wake of a brazen escape from one of the country's most secure prisons.

Several relatives of the escaped prisoners have been arrested, including three people on Friday morning, as part of an Israeli manhunt to capture them. The six men tunneled out of the high-security Gilboa jail on Monday, triggering celebration and solidarity protests in the Palestinian territories.

Israeli forces were on their second-highest level of alert on Friday, below declaring a state of emergency, prepared for protests in the occupied Palestinian territories and possible riots within Israeli jails.

More than 100 Palestinian protesters moved towards the valley below the illegal Israeli settlement of Evyatar which is constructed on agricultural land expropriated from the villagers. On the hill above, groups of Israeli soldiers monitored youths who burned tyres and threw stones.

Periodically, drones flew over the young men, dropping tear gas on them, while others buzzed close above taking pictures.

Later on Friday, the Red Crescent reported more than 30 injuries in Beita and Beit Dajan near Nablus. An ambulance was

also hit by Israeli soldiers.

"It is our duty as Palestinians and activists to support the escaped prisoners," Abu Rahme told Al Jazeera. "It is very good news that they escaped and we all support them."

Muhammad Khabeisa, who has lost agricultural land to the settlement of Evyatar, told Al Jazeera his whole village backed the escaped prisoners.

"The prisoners in Palestinian jails are longing for freedom. They want to live their lives. They are not ordinary criminals, but patriots fighting for freedom," he said.

He added: "The Israelis have put Palestinians in prison with the occupation of their land. When the Palestinians take up arms, the world calls us terrorists and when we lay down our arms and resist peacefully, the Israelis kill us."

"And even when we don't protest peacefully, they take our land. What can we do?" Khabeisa said.

The Israeli high-handed measures, which various rights groups say amounts to collective punishment, have already led to the burning of cells and riots within the prisons in the last few days.

At least 100 people were wounded on Wednesday evening after the Israeli forces fired live ammunition and used tear gas at solidarity rallies in several cities in the West Bank.

Frustrated at their ability to track down the escaped prisoners and fearing more such attempts, the Israel Prison Services (IPS) broke up groups of Islamic Jihad prisoners and forcibly removed them from their cells, transferring them to other prisons.

Angry prisoners responded by setting fire to prison cells in several Israeli jails which prompted the IPS to send in the notorious Masada prison unit, known for its brutality, to quell the riots and shift individual prisoners to other jails.

## Bahrain: Gulf Air Announces Direct Flights To Tel Aviv From Sept 30



Agencies

As more travel corridors open worldwide and the global aviation industry seeks to rebound, many GCC countries have already started operating flights to international destinations. The latest is Gulf Air, who has just announced the launch of direct flights to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Starting September 30, the Bahrain's flagship carrier plans to operate two flights a week to Tel Aviv.

"We are delighted to announce the launch of our Bahrain-Tel

Aviv route as part of the historic Bahraini-Israeli relations. As the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, we take great pride in supporting our leadership and Kingdom in their role of preserving peace and prosperity in the region. We hope this is merely the beginning of developing further opportunities," remarked Captain Waleed Al Alawi, Gulf Air's Acting CEO.

The announcement of the destination follows several agreements signed last year between Bahrain and Israel, including civil aviation.

### NEWS MAKERS

## Afghans Fear For Jobs And Money After Taliban Takeover

As a nurse at one of Kabul's main hospitals, Latifa Alizada was the breadwinner for her family, providing for her three young boys and unemployed husband.

Now - since the Taliban rolled into Afghanistan's capital - she too is jobless, and worried about the future.

The 27-year-old left her role at Jamhuriat Hospital because the Taliban said salaries would not be paid, and imposed rules that would force her to wear a face veil and be segregated from male colleagues.

"I have left my job because there is no salary. There is no salary at all," she said, holding the hands of two of her boys who chewed on sweetcorn cobs.

"If I go there, they say 'do not work with this style of dress. Do not work with men. Work with women'. This is impossible," she told AFP at a street market in Ka-

bul. "For us, there is no difference between men and women, because we are medical workers."

Afghans like Alizada worry about what lies ahead under the Taliban.

Food prices have gone up at markets, the cost of fuel has risen and there are fewer opportunities to make money.

The UN this week warned prices for essential goods were soaring in Afghanistan, adding: "There are fears of food shortages, higher inflation, and a slump in the currency all resulting in an intensification of the humanitarian emergency across the country."

Many government services are no longer functioning, while the international community - which has long propped up the aid-dependent economy - hesitates over funding Afghanistan.

Cash in short supply



In some sectors that are operating, the Taliban have offered wildly different salaries.

A former customs official, who did not want to be named for security reasons, told AFP he had worked at the Spin Boldak border crossing with Pakistan for more than seven years.

Under the previous government, he earned about \$240 per month, but the Taliban said they would

pay him just \$110.

"It is up to you if you want to continue your job, or quit," the Taliban told him, he said.

The official said he resigned after weighing up his salary against the cost of the long commute to work.

The sight of big crowds queuing to get into banks to access cash is now commonplace across Afghanistan. The country's central bank only

has access to a fraction of its usual financing, cut off from the international banking system and access to the country's foreign currency reserves.

It means cash is in short supply and the Taliban are enforcing a withdrawal limit of \$200 per person each week.

In the capital on Wednesday, about 150 men jostled in the midday sun outside a branch of Kabul Bank, where government employees under the last administration held accounts.

An armed security guard clutched an electric cable to use as a whip in case the crowd grew too boisterous as they queued for one of the two automated teller machines (ATMs).

Abdullah told AFP he travelled overnight from the northeastern province of Takhar, which borders Tajikistan, to get to the branch at the crack of dawn - and he was still at the back of the queue at noon. AFP

## UAE Lifts Travel Ban On Jabbed Residents From India, Pak

Agencies

The United Arab Emirates said on Friday residents who had been fully vaccinated with a shot approved by the World Health Organization could return as of Sunday from a list of previously suspended countries including Bangladesh.

Dubai, one of the UAE's seven emirates, is due to open the Expo 2020 world fair on Oct. 1 after a year-long delay due to the pandemic. The regional business and tourism hub is relying on the fair to give its economy a boost.

Organisers had previously said they expect remaining UAE flight restrictions imposed to curb coronavirus infections to be lifted in time for Expo 2020.



Countries from which residents can now fly into the UAE are: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Namibia, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, South Africa, Nigeria and Afghanistan.

Approval must be sought from the UAE government to return, and various PCR tests must be taken, the UAE's National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority said on Twitter.

## Advisor Baseer Khan Visits IICT, Pashmina Laboratory Interests Of Weavers To Be Protected Through Authentic Trade, QR Code

**SRINAGAR:** Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan on Friday visited Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT) and Pashmina Testing Laboratory. He was accompanied by Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director, Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir and Director, IICT.



During his visit to IICT, Advisor interacted with the Junior/Senior Craft instructors of Handicrafts and Handloom Department who are undergoing Skill Up-gradation and Capacity Building Training at the Institute.

Advisor also interacted with another group of Handloom weavers who are undergoing Skill Up-gradation Training organized by Silk Technical Services Centre (STSC), Central Silk Board, Jammu in association with IICT to upgrade their skill and give them necessary inputs on designing and other related subjects.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor said that the skill development is important for exposing the artisans to the newer techniques and adopting latest designs to cater to the new market trends. He said that weavers should be made aware of the blending technique of pashmina and silk.

Advisor was informed that the introduction of Jacquard and Dobby techniques will be beneficial for the weavers and will be helpful to modify the designs for better returns and customer satisfaction.

While reviewing the progress of Testing, Certification and Labelling of Hand-knotted Carpets under Geographical Indication of Goods Act, the Advisor was informed that orders for testing equipments and other related items have already been placed by the Institute and Development of Cloud Based QR Code Management System is also in progress.

It is pertinent to mention here that IICT shall be introducing QR Code mechanism, first of its kind in the Country, for the purpose of Testing and Certification of Hand-knotted Carpets produced in Kashmir under Geographical Indication of Goods Act 1999.

This QR Code along with 'GI' logo shall be printed on a unique destructible label. By virtue of this QR Code mechanism, the customer would be able to check and verify requisite details of carpet with the help of Smart Phone before purchasing the same just to confirm its genuineness/authenticity along with other related parameters of carpets.

A brief Power Point Presentation on the overall working of QR Code mechanism and its features was also made by the Institute.

Advisor said that the QR code will go a long way in checking the machine made and fake goods that are being sold in the name of Kashmir craft. He said that customer satisfaction should be the motive of the department and every effort should be made so that only genuine craft is sold.

He further added that Kashmir enjoys a prominent position on the world map of exports. However, over the past few years, machine made and fake goods are being sold in the name of Kashmir handicrafts which are detrimental to the future of the craft sector. He said that the introduction of QR code will facilitate the artisans and weavers to avail testing, certification, and labelling facility for authentication of pashmina products.

To ensure long term survival of the Kashmir craft sector, Advisor said that QR code will go a long term in this direction and will restore its exclusivity, elegance and traditional splendour for which it is known internationally.

The Advisor also directed the officers to promote and publicise this technique so that the message reaches to every potential customer and they will adopt this technique while purchasing.

During his visit to Pashmina Testing Laboratory, Advisor was briefed about its overall working which was recently transferred to Handicrafts and Handloom Department (Kashmir), Advisor was given demonstration on functioning of different equipments of the centre.

He took a first hand account of the process of testing of the fibre up to the end product. He directed the officers to follow the entire process meticulously so that only genuine craft reaches to the customer.

It is important to mention here that Pashmina Laboratory is first of its kind in the country, which is conducting testing of GI certified Pashmina Shawls. The Advisor was apprised that Up-gradation of Pashmina Laboratory has been initiated by way of procurement of OFDA, SEM and other sophisticated equipments necessary for catering to the huge demand of testing and certification of Pashmina Shawls under GI Act.

During his interaction with Directors and other officers, the Advisor was intimated that Minimum Support Price for GI certified Pashmina Shawls and Hand-knotted Carpets has been fixed by the Committee constituted by the Government for the purpose and the same has recently been notified for strict implementation in letter and spirit.

## Union Minister Of State For Defence, Tourism Visits Kupwara Holds Interactions With Orchardists, Youth Club, PRIs, Administration

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** As part of Union Government's public outreach programme for Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister of State for Defence and Tourism, Ajay Bhatt visited border district of Kupwara in north Kashmir on Friday.

During the tour, the Minister visited forward post near the Line of Control (LOC) and reviewed the security scenario in the area. He also interacted with Army officers and troops.

Later, the Minister visited Horticulture Base Station Chogul expanded over 184 kanals of land. He inspected the Horticulture Department stall and saw variety of products including fruits, walnut, organic honey. Bhatt also visited seedling nurseries of different fruit species and interacted with progressive orchardists and farmers besides women Self Help Groups and local PRIs.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister expressed his happiness for being among the people of the frontier district of Kupwara. He said that the great etiquettes of Sufi Saints are still alive in Kashmir, as reflected by the warmth of the people during his visit.

"The people are marching forward and development



activities are going in a big way. He assured that border tourism, eco-tourism and Horticulture tourism will be taken up on priority," he said.

The Minister laid foundation stone of a Synthetic Handball Court at Boys Higher Secondary School, Kandi Khas at a cost of Rs.72 lakh and interacted with members of Youth Club and local PRIs.

While enlisting the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Bhatt urged the need for better utilization of the benefits of these schemes by all stakeholders. He impressed upon the youth to channelize their talent in the prospective way and earn laurels for themselves and the nation. The Government of India is

always for the encouragement of the youth of Kashmir for their better future.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Imam Din, Director Tourism, GN Itoo and other Government officials were present on the occasion.

During the visit, PRI members as well as public representatives submitted charter of demands to the Minister, which included development of border tourism and general developmental issues of the district. During a meeting with officers of the district administration, Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, briefed the Minister about the development profile and the major achievements of the district.

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## Union Agriculture Minister Visits Indian International Trade Saffron Spice Park



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar accompanied by Minister of State (MoS) for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Kailash Choudhary and Minister of State (MoS) for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje on Friday had a detailed visit to Indian

International Trade Saffron Spice Park, Pampore, where they inspected various departments of the processing unit.

In addition to the Stigma Separation Center, they also inspected the Drawing, grading, packing and E-Auction Centers at the park.

"The Central Government is ready to provide all possible help and support to the farm-

ers. With the existence of Spice Park the income out of saffron production of growers has doubled. Center will provide all kind of facilities and assistance to the farmers that will make the lives of our farmers prosperous," Minister Tomar said.

During the programme the delegation of ministers also spoke to the farmers, during which the farmers presented their grievances and issues before the visiting dignitaries. The farmers were assured that the government will take up the issues on priority to resolve the legitimate demands of the farmers.

Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Ahmad Khan, Principal Secretary Agriculture Production, Naveen Kumar Chaudhry, District Development Commissioner Pulwama, Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhry, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhry and other officials, besides a good number of farmers also participated in the interaction program.

## LG Lauds BRO In Infrastructural Development Of J&K

**SRINAGAR:** Brig. I.K. Jaggi, Chief Engineer Project BEACON (BRO) on Friday called on the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha here at the Raj Bhavan.

The Chief Engineer briefed the LG about the present status of various ongoing construction activities under BEACON in J&K. He further informed the Lt Governor about the progress of projects in strategically important areas across the UT.

The Lt Governor lauded the committed efforts of the BRO in infrastructural development of the UT. He asked the Chief Engineer to closely monitor the ongoing projects to ensure quality work and suggested exploring the feasibility of modular bridges for providing road connectivity at a faster pace. KNO

## Baramulla School Of Nursing Converted Into A Dumping Store Para Medical Students Suffer In Unsafe Building

Agencies

**BARAMULLA:** In a very unfortunate step taken by GMC Authorities Baramulla the only School of Nursing School Building has been converted into a dumping Store by Principal GMC Baramulla due to which the Para Medical Students have been forced to take classes in deserted old hospital building in Sopore which is already in a dilapidated condition.



Students told CNS that Building for School of Nursing was constructed under Central Sponsored Scheme at Baramulla for teaching of Nursing Students, but during COVID pandemic the said school building was used for a COVID ward for the time being.

However, after the lessening of the COVID crisis, instead of starting classes in the said building, GMC Administration Baramulla used it as a dumping store. The students said it was a very unfortunate move from the administration.

Students told CNS that neither Practical facility is available there nor any washroom or canteen.

"We are badly suffering here and our studies including practicals have been badly affected," a student said.

"We have been Selected by J&K BOPEE for Nursing Courses

but unfortunately administration instead of teaching us theory & practicals they are playing with our career by shifting us in old unsafe Hospital building where we are not in a position to do practicals without electricity and we are not safe here in the whole building," they added.

Students have requested Deputy Commissioner Baramulla and Health Department to start their classes from School of Nursing Baramulla Building which was already constructed for them.

Principal GMC Baramulla told CNS: "I am busy, I have no time to talk regarding the issue, you can talk to the Principal of the School."

Meanwhile, Principal School of Nursing Baramulla, Dr Syed Mir Ji Andrabi told the news agency: "Yes, students are suffering, I have already requested Principal GMC Baramulla to return the school Building. The issue has been also taken up with Deputy Commissioner Baramulla hopefully it will be done within days.

## Implementation Of MSDE's COVID Crash Course For Corona Warriors

Dr Samoon Holds Meeting



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, on Friday convened a meeting regarding implementation of COVID Customized Crash Course in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, this innovative training programme has been initiated by Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for Corona warriors to meet the deficit of skilled healthcare professionals and augment existing healthcare system across India.

In this regard, Jammu and Kashmir has been allocated 2500 targets under PMKVY 3.0 Centrally Sponsored State Managed Component. However, the training of COVID warriors has already been started in the UT under Centrally Sponsored Component.

During the meeting, State Engagement Officer of National Skill Development Corporation (implementing agency of MSDE), made a PowerPoint presentation on COVID Crash Course guidelines.

It was decided in the meeting that the National Health Mission will be the TP for the programme, targets will be allocated to medical colleges, paramedical colleges, CHCs and PHCs. Candidates will be given classroom training for 21 days which will be followed by 90 days on-the-job training in hospitals. Candidates will be provided stipend during On-the-job training (OJT) and will be designated as Covid Warriors.

Candidates moving to other districts, other than their home district will be given boarding and lodging payouts.

## 4 Kgs Heroin Recovered From Notorious Drug Smuggler: Police

Agencies

**KUPWARA:** Police on Friday arrested a notorious drug smuggler in Karnah area of Kupwara, officials said.

"During checking, a police party intercepted one suspicious person namely Tanzeer Ahmad Najar of Sudhpura. During search of the person 04 kgs of heroin was recovered from his possession and he has been arrested and taken into police custody," police said in a statement to GNS.

94/21) under section 8/21, NDPS Act in Police Station Karnah against the accused person and investigation has been taken up.

"People in general and particularly people of Karnah Kupwara have hailed the efforts of Kupwara police in curbing the menace of drugs in the area," it said, adding, "Kupwara police again appeals the general public of the area to share all information about the social evils so that timely action can be taken against the culprits."

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If you criticise a government that makes hijab compulsory and do not criticise another that bans it, then you are a hypocrite, even by the Western standards of liberalism, agency and 'right to choose'.

@khawar\_achakzai

Unfortunately, majority around us is too ignorant about how detrimental misusing MH terms — like OCD, Depression, PTSD, Bipolar etc — casually can be! Please avoid.

@aNoNameMiss

Although all roads taken eventually end at a graveyard, there are no walkways within a graveyard. One has to go right through several graveyards to reach his own. Probably because in the end nothing really matters.

@Gowhar\_

Faith in Modernity

Vernacular Islam in the War on Terror

Nayla Majesty

The demands to prove that God exists and Islam is true are not particularly challenging, as long as the one who demands has a coherent definition of proof. But just because we can rationally explain Islam as true, it does not mean that we can then easily persuade people to change their convictions. Perhaps radical scepticism, like atheism, has always been a persistent phenomenon across generations. However, there is something specific about the way contemporary modern Muslims have started to adopt this sceptical stance towards Islam, with many losing their religion entirely. That specific context is linked to the development of the global War on Terror and the rise of the vernacular Islam discourse.

The discourse gained traction in the decades following 9/11. In Southeast Asia, particularly the region of Indonesia-Malaysia-Singapore, the immediate policy adopted by Muslim communities was to distance themselves from 'those bad Muslim terrorists'. This policy suggested Southeast Asian Muslims embrace a more culturally-informed and presumably more nationalistic Muslim identity, with a very noticeable anti-'Arabisation' stance. Vernacular Islam offers a discourse that suits this political agenda since in this paradigm, Islam does not need to be confirmed outside of Muslims' living realities. Statements such as: "If Islam is inherently violent, then we would all already be dead since there are seven billion Muslims in the world" are examples of this; Muslims need not explain or propagate Islam, they can prove their humanity by living as 'normal' people. Yet, these rhetorical one-liners are now gradually becoming a permanent argument



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Muslims use to escape the persistent, global, securitised gaze. Since it is deemed safer to talk about Islam as a culture, many modern Muslims choose to walk away from Islamic theological assumptions, especially those maintained by the Islamic scholars and clerics.

To clarify, this article does not problematise all knowledge producers who pursue scholarships along the path of vernacular Islam. The problem lies in the instrumentalisation of the vernacular Islam discourse by radical sceptics to establish Islam as a culture. This allows its basic principles to be challenged and changed. The political use of vernacular Islam might be diverse and take different forms to suit the needs of different Muslim societies. However, as Muslims, we should be clear on the way it can fundamentally affect, if not drastically alter, our belief system.

The Qarawiyyin Project

The Patriarchy in Property Rights Culture

Ahymon Ayoub

PATRIARCHY, like any other forms of injustice feeds itself on the detritus of disinformation: by twisting the truths and realities. Unjust societies have a default embedded paraphernalia in place to reproduce themselves in new forms. Such societies incubate the culture of silence over telling issues to the point that they become non-existent or non-issues. One such issue which by the dent of our collective disservice has metamorphosed into a non-issue in Kashmir is the question of women's property rights or the rights of inheritance. Women, over the ages have either been conditioned not to seek her share in property or the subject of women's property rights has been stigmatised into non-existence.

Womenfolk, today are challenging stereotypes and reclaiming their agency in realms which hitherto were monopolised by men. However, even in the present times, women seem to be inheriting genetic docility when it comes to the question of property rights. Inheritance rights of women guaranteed by Islam long usurped by the patriarchal ghost don't even exist in name; nor is any data available on the subject which makes the case even worse.

While our society keeps strict and detailed manuals of expectations that women must fulfil without fail; educating them about their property rights in particular and other array of rights is apparently designed subversive. In fact, women are conditioned or (precisely) indoctrinated to forgo her property rights in the name of some constructed sense of feminine generosity and benevolence. While women breaking the silence over the injustice is bound to offend the patriarchal sensibilities, this topic remains nearly untouched in routine conversations, Friday khutbas, public debates, media and every other platform which could prove to be icebreakers in this regard.

Islamic legislation in this respect is not only comprehensive but based on justice. It provides

Gender and Faith

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for the rights of inheritance for both men and women in a way that maintains social equilibrium. The force with which these rights were at first pronounced in Surah Nisa of Quran was subversive to the existing system of inheritance which was managed by men and favourable to men alone. As the verse goes, "men shall have a share in what parents and kinsfolk leave behind,

and women shall have a share in what parents and kinsfolk leave behind, whether the property be small or large- a determinate share" (Qur'an, 4 : 7). Further in verse 32 of the same chapter, economic rights of both men and women have been ascertained as, "men shall have a benefit of what they earn and women shall have a benefit of what they earn".

The aforementioned verses are followed by many other allied verses which lay down the legal framework for inheritance. Surprisingly, in more cases than one, female heirs receive a larger share of property than their counterparts. It is a subject which escapes our notice partly because of tainted social-construction of the subject and partly owing to our fragmented and irresponsible understanding of religion. Islamic legislations aim at ascertaining the overall wellbeing of its adherents which by default includes economic well-being but the entire structure of rights has been foreshadowed by androcentric propensities of the society.

Islam came as a liberatory force for women and toppled male-controlled economic system of that period in favour of women. The whole concept of women's rights of inheritance was alien to the society of 7th century which adhered strictly to the system of male primogeniture.

Being a Muslim majority society, we seem to have deeply cultivated an unjust system against the equitable spirit of our religion. Unfortunately, lavishing our life-time earnings in ostentatious marriages still finds more meaning with us than upholding the rights of an already marginalised section of our society. We have reversed the sacred law quite conveniently and established a system of injustice where women are devoid of cultural and economic capital guaranteed to them by their Maker.

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Palestine: An Open-Air Museum Of Colonialism

Palestine has been turned, brutally, into a permanent museum of colonialism whose doors should have closed long ago.

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On a recent visit to Palestine (I belong to a category of Jordanian Palestinians who can visit Palestine using an Israeli-issued ID card), a Palestinian friend of mine in Ramallah invited me to drive with him to Bethlehem. Thirty minutes into the trip, we stopped at an Israeli checkpoint, pulling into a huge queue of cars. The place was engulfed by an apathetic silence, perhaps indicative of how normal the situation was for those experiencing it. I, however, felt increasingly impatient, and I asked my friend if it would take too long before we were allowed to move. My friend responded, rather sarcastically, "This is Palestine. You can never predict when to move or to stop. People have lost any sense of what a meeting time means. You arrive when you arrive."

Welcome to Palestine — an open-air museum of colonialism.

For most people nowadays, colonialism is part of a bygone era. The majority of the world's population has no first-hand experience of it, and many cannot imagine what it means to live under total foreign control. Today we have museums of colonialism, where people can go to learn about how this form of rule affected natives' freedoms to live, to move, to speak, to work, and even to die peacefully. We live (supposedly) in a postcolonial world, and museums of colonialism serve to transport visitors back to a cruel era, granting them a glimpse of the damage this type of governance wrought on native communities.

What if, however, there were an actual place in our world today where colonialism and post-colonialism co-existed? Herein lies the sad, almost incomprehensible Palestinian contribution to the museum industry. If museums of colonialism reimagine the past in a modern setting, Palestine is both past and present — a colonial and postcolonial reality. In Palestine, there is no need to create a museum of colonialism: the whole country functions as such.

At any museum, you can expect to be able to explore different sections on different themes. The same holds true in Palestine — it has various sections, each displaying a different layer of colonialism. There is the West Bank, where you can see illegal Israeli settlements, expropriated land, a separation wall, and a



physically controlled population. Then there is Gaza, where open-air museum meets open-air prison, as two million Palestinians have been living under an Israeli blockade for more than 15 years. And if you are more into surveying a surreal case of colonialism, then head to Israel proper and find out how Palestinians who stayed in historic Palestine after the foundation of Israel live. There, you will learn about stolen houses, demolished villages, second-class citizens, and institutionalised racism.

Open-air museums seek to give visitors a direct experience of what it was like to live in the past. When I tell foreign friends that settler-only roads surround my tiny village, Burin, located a few kilometres southwest of Nablus in the West Bank, they respond with a disbelieving gasp. For many, it is inconceivable to imagine colonial-era conditions in our time, and yet they have been the status quo in Palestine for decades. People who would like to learn about colonialism need look no further than Palestine. It is colonialism incarnate.

Recognising 21st century Palestine as an open-air museum of colonialism casts the longstanding Palestinian-Israeli conflict in a different light. During the latest war in Gaza, some supporters of Israel legitimised its use of force by noting that any sovereign state would have reacted similarly to defend itself had it been under rocket fire from another state. Hamas launched rockets into Israeli territory, so this logic goes, and so Israel has a right to fight back.

This repeated argument ignores one crucial reality of the situation: Gaza is not a state. The West Bank

is not a state either. In fact, there is no Palestinian state. The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is not one between two sovereign states. Rather, it is a conflict between a colonised people and their coloniser.

Framing Palestine as a colonial question is essential to understanding the peculiarity of the Palestinian condition. For many people around the world, Palestine is an enigma. How is it that for so long Palestinians have been stuck in a situation that is seemingly so unchangeable, fixed, intractable? Statelessness, uprooting, refugeehood, and resistance have practically become permanent descriptors of Palestinians. The conflict between Palestinians and Israelis has evolved into a cornerstone of our modern soundscape — something always happens there, except what happens never brings about any serious change to the status quo.

If Palestine is often viewed as a persistent dilemma whose resolution is long overdue, it is because Palestine is more of an anomaly than an enigma. Palestinians have not enjoyed the kind of history that most people in the colonial era have. In most cases, the story of former colonies followed a linear path: colonialism, anti-colonial struggle, and then independence — a new nation-state. This pattern was so forceful and the defeat of colonialism so successful that the last few decades have witnessed the emergence of a powerful new field of intellectual inquiry aptly named "postcolonial studies". Ironically, one of the grand masters of this field was Palestinian — the late Edward Said.

Not so for Palestinians. Unlike other would-be nations in the Mid-

dle East, such as Jordan, Iraq, and Syria, Palestine did not witness an end to a British or French Mandate that would lead to the formation of an independent nation-state. Rather, the termination of the British Mandate of Palestine in 1948 led to what Palestinians view as another form of colonialism.

The Zionist movement, which would form Israel and result in the destruction of Palestinian society and the ethnic cleansing of Palestine (a series of events known in Palestinian historiography as the Nakba, or Catastrophe), has successfully managed to halt the linear progression of Palestinians' path to self-determination. Both before and after 1948, Palestinians have been struggling to resist first, British and then, Zionist colonialism; realise their dream of a free, independent state; and cast off their own specific, multilayered experiences of imperialism.

Put bluntly, Palestinians have yet to enter the postcolonial world order. As individuals, they live in the 21st century, but as a stateless nation, they are still captive to the pre-1948 colonial moment. This is the anomaly of Palestinian time: as Columbia University professor Joseph Massad characterises it, Palestine can be understood as a "post-colonial colony", a region where two periods, two world views, two eras, fiercely collide. This is why it functions as an open-air museum of colonialism — it is at once past and present, with the exploitative policies and practices of colonialism on perpetual display.

It is dangerous to view Palestine as solely a human rights issue — it is drastically more. Palestinians are a living demonstration of what colonialism looks like. They simultaneously belong and do not belong to the postcolonial order. For them, 1948 is not just a memory — it is an ongoing reality, a moment in time that has been stretched to define who they are, and who they are not. Palestine has been turned, brutally, into a permanent museum of colonialism whose doors should have closed long ago.

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# Social Media: Youth and Narcissism

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Is the use of social media associated with superficial relationships and loneliness, or with an increase in self-esteem and social skills? As smartphones became more affordable, we are seeing a dramatic shift in how young people access and use media technologies and content. Smartphones have virtually permeated all strata of global society in the last decade

Never before have had young people so many chances to perfect their public image. They can, for example, edit their digital profiles and selfies indefinitely before posting them to the Internet or sending them to friends. Do they become more self-aware as a result of this ability, or do they become narcissists? In recent years, a plethora of social media platforms have emerged in rapid succession. Even a behemoth like Facebook must do everything possible to avoid losing its young users to other emerging apps. These developments raise a slew of concerns. Is the use of social media associated with superficial relationships and loneliness, or with an increase in self-esteem and social skills? As smartphones became more affordable, we are seeing a dramatic shift in how young people access and use media technologies and content. Smartphones have virtually permeated all strata of global society in the last decade.

While previous generations of teenagers developed dexterity in self-presentation and self-disclosure primarily through offline means, the smartphone generation prefers to use social media to aid in the development of these skills. In fact, one in every three adolescents prefers to communicate via social media rather than face-to-face. What could explain why adolescents prefer to communicate via social media, even about private matters? In short, this preference is due to the affordances of social media, which provide adolescents with an enhanced sense of control—or, more accurately, the illusion of control. The affordances give them the impression that they have control over who they interact with, how and when they interact with them, and whether or not they reveal their identity. This sense of control, in turn, makes them feel more secure and self-assured on social media than they do in real life. And this sense of control is especially important during adolescence, because adolescents on their way to autonomy can be uncertain about a variety of things.

Every now and then, we hear about user data or personal information being misused. Most teens, like adults, are well aware that social media threatens their privacy, but they continue to post pictures on social media. This contradictory behavior is referred to as the 'Privacy Paradox.' The privacy paradox focuses too much on informational privacy when another type of privacy may better explain teens' (and adults') online behavior. That is referred to as psychological privacy—our ability to control when, what, with whom, and how we share information about ourselves. Social media, to a much greater extent than offline communication, allows users to control when, what, and how they express themselves, as well as to whom. Every teen has a tendency to become more and more autonomous for deciding their life's decisions on their own, the affordances of social media may reduce teens' informational privacy, but they also provide them with enhanced psychological control over their communication and allow them to demonstrate their



autonomy—which helps to explain social media's enormous appeal for teens. Access to information can also increase a teen's sense of control. Never before have had the adolescents access to such a wealth of information about the formation of identity, intimacy, and sexuality. They can research their idols, make online friends, and find support in self-help groups. Furthermore, because (most) social media platforms are scalable, teens can select the audience with whom they communicate.

Every day, teens spend a significant amount of time on social media, and accordingly numerous studies have been conducted to investigate the impact of social media on teens and adults. Apart from a vast number of harmful effects, researchers have identified narcissism as one of the most prevalent effects found in the majority of young people. Narcissism is characterized by a high level of public self-awareness. Narcissists are overly concerned with how others perceive them, and they will go to great lengths to be regarded favorably. Narcissism is a personality trait that everyone possesses to some extent. At its most severe, it is a psychiatric disorder that affects most of the population. Narcissists exhibit a wide range of symptoms. They have a distorted self-image and exaggerated self-confidence. They are arrogant, overestimate their abilities and feats, and expect to be admired for them. Sigmund Freud coined the term "narcissism." It is based on the Greek myth of Narcissus, a handsome youth who fell in love with his reflection in a pool of water and eventually starved to death because he couldn't stop looking at his image. According to alarming publications such as *The Narcissism Epidemic* by Jean Twenge and Keith Campbell, youth today are more narcissistic than previous genera-

tions. Some psychologists argue that, on a small scale, narcissism is beneficial to self-development. Indeed, research on adults suggests that narcissism is associated with a variety of positive traits, including self-esteem, assertiveness, and extraversion. The healthy levels of self-esteem, assertiveness, and extraversion are regarded as positive traits, whereas narcissism is not. A small amount of narcissism is likely to be adaptive, functional, and beneficial to social well-being. Excessive amounts, on the other hand, lean toward pathology and are harmful.

In contrast to the negative effects of social media, no one denies the benefits of it, especially in the information age of the twenty-first century. Everyone needs to remain updated with current events because no one wants to fall behind in this information age, but the question is where to press the breaks. The continuous release of dopamine and other hormones in the brain by entertaining content on social media gives people short-term pleasure, and in order to keep it releasing, we need to feed our brains continuously, which is exactly how the young generation has adopted the overuse of social media in their lives. In general, the negative effects of social media use on social-emotional development appear to vary according to how the younger generation use social media. If teens use social media to maintain existing contacts, as the majority of them do, the overall effects appear to be positive. However, if they primarily use social media to communicate with strangers, or if they create unusual profiles that elicit negative responses, the consequences are negative.

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One of the most common responses to the events of September 11 2001, both among witnesses on the scene and more distant commentators, was that the destruction of the World Trade Center was like something only seen in the movies. This famously prompted veteran director Robert Altman to declare that 9/11 was an instance of life imitating art: "The movies set the pattern, and these people have copied the movies."

If the terrorist attacks had appeared like a movie, then the immediate response of Hollywood was that films released in the aftermath of the event should not be too much like 9/11. Representations of the World Trade Center became taboo. The original teaser trailer for *Spider-Man* (2001) showing the Twin Towers was withdrawn, while the climactic final scene of *Men in Black II* (2002) had to be reshot. For various other releases, the Twin Towers were erased in post-production.

Later on, the towers would be digitally restored for the 2006 US docudrama disaster film *World Trade Center*, directed by Oliver Stone. The film reconstructs events from the point of view of policemen getting caught in the North Tower when the South Tower collapses. Like Paul Greengrass's *United 93*, released the same year, Stone's film celebrates resilience in the face of terrorism while giving viewers access to events previously unseen.

Other cinematic forms offered more oblique evocations of the terrorist attacks. Steven Spielberg's 2005 adaptation of *War of the Worlds* transplants H.G. Wells's late-Victorian story to post-9/11 New Jersey and Boston. The tagline of the film, "they're already here", echoes fears of sleeper cells, suggesting that the enemy is already in the US—undetectable and waiting to be activated. After the alien tripods have emerged from below the ground to wreak havoc on innocent bystanders, the protagonist's daughter asks her ash-covered father: "Is it the terrorists?"

Imagery reminiscent of 9/11 also abounds in *The Dark Knight* (2008), the second instalment of Christopher Nolan's celebrated *Batman* trilogy. Casting *Joker* as a terrorist, the film sheds an ambivalent light on Batman's pursuit of counter-terrorist justice.

*The Dark Knight* played a crucial part in the boom of superhero films that continues to dominate mainstream cinema. It's perhaps no coincidence that this ongoing boom roughly coincides with

## How 9/11 changed cinema

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the so-called "war on terror", and particularly the ill-fated invasion of Iraq.

### Moral ambiguity

In a time of increasingly complex geopolitical entanglements and moral failings, these films articulate a yearning for unsullied heroism, effective leadership and appropriate responses to crises.

The invasions of Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003 initially found widespread support in the US. In October 2001, a poll found that 88% of those in the US backed a military response to the terrorist attacks. Yet as the wars continued, support declined significantly. The realist dramas of Kathryn Bigelow, in both *The Hurt Locker* (2008) and *Zero Dark*

Thirty (2012), reflect the moral ambiguity of the US position in the Middle East.

Films like *Eye in the Sky* (2015), meanwhile, capture the impersonal nature of long-range drone warfare. On TV, the hugely popular series *Homeland* (2011-2020) tracks the entanglements of Americans and Iraqis in the sphere of counter-terrorism and radicalisation.

Many of these narratives centre on the figure of the white Western woman, perhaps as a way to "soften" the US image abroad. This movement away from blockbuster thrillers to more personal dramas is in line with Obama's stated shift towards a form of "humane warfare", a move some have called "the humanisation of interminable conflict".

### The terrorist and the hero

The figure of the terrorist has also evolved in post-9/11 cinema. In the 1980s and 1990s, terrorists that were coded as Muslim or Arabic in films like *True Lies* existed alongside the Germanic villains of *Die Hard* or the IRA man found in films like *The Devil's Own* and *The Crying Game*. Yet after 9/11, terrorism is mainly equated with jihadism in Hollywood films, where terrorists are often denied any deep characterisation and contrasted with US heroes.

Clint Eastwood's *American Sniper* (2014) is a prime example of this. Telling the story of Chris Kyle, one of the most lethal snipers in US military history, the

film split critics, with the left-wing press describing it as Republican propaganda, while the right-leaning *National Review* praising the movie for capturing "the true nature of the enemy" – the Iraqis that the central character calls "savages".

But filmmakers from around the world have also sought to capture the ongoing ramifications of the event and the subsequent "war on terror". Indian-American director Mira Nair's film *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* (2012), based on Mohsin Hamid's Booker-nominated novel of the same title, takes on the racial and ethnic stereotyping found in films like *American Sniper*. Riz Ahmed plays *Changez*, a young Pakistani in the US who goes from ruthless corporate climber to disillusioned and excluded immigrant throughout the film.

### Freedom and victory?

The attack on the World Trade Center is one of the most significant events of the 21st century. So much so that it is used as a generational marker, distinguishing millennials from Generation Z in terms of whether or not one remembers the event directly.

Perhaps it's appropriate, then, that even the *Marvel Cinematic Universe*, with its predominantly youthful viewership, has allegorically hinted at the failures of the "war on terror". Its most recent television spin-off, *Loki* (2021), appears to question the validity of some of the language that surrounded 9/11 and what started out as "Operation Enduring Freedom". On the afternoon of 9/11, George W. Bush stated that "freedom itself was attacked this morning" – *Loki* challenges the very notion of liberation, saying "the first and most oppressive lie ever uttered was the song of freedom".

And now as the world witnesses the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban within days of the US and British troop withdrawal, it remains to be seen how Hollywood will treat not only 9/11, but its ongoing ramifications – which even the Hollywood dream machine may struggle to spin into a spectacle of freedom and victory.

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 2- فاطمہ بانو زویہ رفاض احمد سکندری 45 سال  
 3- رطیبہ جان دختر رفاض احمد سکندری 19 سال  
 4- دانش احمد ولد رفاض احمد سکندری 17 سال  
 5- ساجت جان دختر رفاض احمد سکندری 15 سال  
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 3- افراء یاسین دختر محمد یاسین شیکو گوجری 18 سال  
 4- سانیہ یاسین دختر محمد یاسین شیکو گوجری 12 سال  
 5- ساجت جان دختر محمد یاسین شیکو گوجری 09 سال  
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 1- عرفان یاسین شیکو گوجری ولد فاطمہ شیکو گوجری 47 سال  
 2- سانیہ یاسین دختر فاطمہ شیکو گوجری 48 سال  
 3- افراء یاسین دختر محمد یاسین شیکو گوجری 18 سال  
 4- سانیہ یاسین دختر محمد یاسین شیکو گوجری 12 سال  
 5- ساجت جان دختر محمد یاسین شیکو گوجری 09 سال  
 سالیان کا کنبہ 5 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی  
 اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش  
 کرے۔ معیار گذرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔  
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### Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council

Administrative Block Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar/ MA Stadium, Jammu

E-mail: - jkstatesportscouncil@gmail.com, Contact No: 0194 2311207,  
 0194-2310064, 0191 2570423, 0191 2560771.

Sub- 8 weeks special certificate course in Sports coaching at NIS Centres during 2021 -22 for J&K Sports persons under community coaching develop-  
 ment programme vertical of Khelo India Scheme.

#### NOTIFICATION

1. Under community Coaching Development Programme vertical of Khelo India Scheme Sports Authority of India, NS NIS Patiala an its other academic  
 centres is conducting 8 weeks special certificate course in Sports coaching for 150 Sports persons of J&K in three batches (each batch consisting of 50  
 Sports persons). In this regard, applications on plain papers duly affixed with latest photographs are invited from domicile of J&K for undergoing 8  
 weeks special certificate course in Sports Coaching in the disciplines of Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Kayaking and Canoeing, Fencing, Football,  
 Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Rowing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Wushu and Yoga during the current financial year.

2. The eligibility criteria for admission in special certificate course is as under:-

S.No	Particulars	Eligibility criteria
i.	Educational qualification	10th/12th
ii.	Sports achievements	Medal winner in district championship/tournament conducted by State Association of concerned Sports or by Education Department or participation in State championship/ National championship/International championship
iii.	Age:	20-42 years as on start of course (relaxation in upper age limit upto 5 years will be given to the candidates belongs to ST/SC/OBC category).
iv.	Medical fitness	Candidate should be clinically and physically Fit to join the course (certificate in this regard is required from Medical Officer Of Government Hospital)

Application alongwith xerox copies of age, academic qualification, permanent residence/domicile certificate and Sports certificates duly attested should reach in the office of Sports Officer (J) J&K Sports Council New Indoor Complex, M.A. Stadium Jammu or Sports Officer (K) J&K Sports Council, Pologround Playing field Srinagar on or before 24 September, 2021.

Candidates who have already applied pursuant to our notification dated 14-6-2021 need not to apply afresh.  
 No:SC/66-B/ 6263-71  
 Dated Administrative Officer J&K Sports Council  
 DIPK-NB-3346/21

### 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-tender FRESH NIT No.128 of 2021-22 issued under endorsement No.10401-06 Dated:08.09.2021  
 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 of Account	Class of Contractor
2	Upgradation of road from National Highway to Bonizal and Hakbaab Sahib Peer Mohalla road (300Mtrs) incl. road from Masjid Sharief upto School and associated link (400M)	12.28	3	5	10 Days	7	HMPD
1.	Sodamir link (100M), Bhat Mohalla Magray Mohalla link (200M) link road from Masjid Sahrief upto H/o. Royaz Ahmad (100M), link Abdul Gani near Graveyard (100M), Link road along Khul Near Sarpanch (100M), link from Hilal Kandroo upto Reshi Mohalla (200M) link road reshi Mohalla (50M) b.w.o P/L Macadamization under NABARD (Balance Work).	600/-		Bid Security Declaration as per format		NABARD	

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:-

Sl	Date of Issue of Tender	
1	Date of Issue of Tender	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	08/09/2021 from 10.00 AM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	08/09/2021 from 10.05 AM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	14/09/2021 upto 4.00 P.M. 14/09/2021 at 4.05 P.M in the Office of Executive Engineer Division Ganderbal
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/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:-  
 a) 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.  
 b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.  
 c) 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 to be submitted physically by registered post /through courier before the date specified in Para-1.  
 10. The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT  
 11. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form) and detailed NIT issued vide this office No.109 dated 27/08/2021.  
 Sd/-  
 Executive Engineer  
 R&B Division Ganderbal

No.10401-06  
 Dated:08-09-2021  
 DIPK-8185/21  
 Executive Engineer  
 R&B Division Ganderbal

### Government of Jammu & Kashmir

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT)

### PHE GROUND WATER DIVISION SRINAGAR.

Baghi-Ali- Mardan Nowshera Srinagar.

EXTENSION NOTICE  
 In view of "No Response" for following tenders

- Construction of Gravel Packed/ODEX Type Production Tube Well for WSS Achan Pulwama. /e-NIT No -PHE/GWDS 36 of 08/2021 Dated -08-
- which were scheduled to be downloaded till 10-09-2021 (upto 10.00 A.M) are hereby Extended as per the details given below.

S.No	Item	Fresh Date
1	Last date of Downloading of bids	13/09/2021 (upto 10:00 A.M)
2	Last date of Submission of bids	13/09/2021 (upto 10:00 A.M)
3	Date of opening of tenders	14/09/2021 (upto 10:00 A.M)

Note:-  
 All other term and conditions shall remain same as laid down in Master NIT issued vide above referred endstt. No's.

No: PHE/GWD  
 Dated  
 Executive Engineer  
 (JAL SHAKTI Department)  
 PHE Ground Water Div. Sgr.  
 DIPK-8312/21

### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPARTMENT, AWANTIPORA

email : phedivisionawantipora@gmail.com  
 TENDER DOCUMENT  
 (Technical Bid-Volume-I)  
 TOP S H E E T  
 E-NIT S. No 5<sup>th</sup> attempt : 81/PHA of 2021-22  
 Reference:- 4<sup>th</sup> attempt – 60/PHA of 2021-22 (No Response)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt – 48/PHA of 2021-22 (No Response)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt – 35/PHA of 2021-22 (No Response)  
 1<sup>st</sup> attempt individual mode (No Response)  
 E- TENDER FOR

S. No	Name of Work
01	Providing water supply facilities for the coverage of FHCT of WSS Aghanjipora, WSS K-Koot, WSS Barsoo Old, WSS Larkipora, WSS Ganshibal Hari (under JIM) including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.

The Bidding documents consisting of eligibility criteria, specification, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms & conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the e-procurement Portal "http://jktenders.gov.in" as per schedule of dates given below:-  
 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor UT of J&K e-tenders (Two cover System) on Item Rate Basis including the maintenance cost for a period of Three Years which includes 12 months of DLP are invited from Reputed and resourceful contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of repute in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments for the following works, which should be uploaded on the Procurement web portal http://jktenders.gov.in for the subjected work(s) referred below to be received by the **Superintending Engineer Hydl Circle Puylwama H/Q Shogian** and as per the details mentioned in this e-tender notification and to whom all the terms and conditions of detailed e-NIT / Tender Documents/ PWD Form No:- 25 double are accepted. The detailed tender document and Specifications etc. can be downloaded on the e-procurement portal http://jktenders.gov.in. The cost of tender documents (Non-refundable/Non-Transferable) should be in the shape of e-Challan or Treasury Challan/Receipt in favour **Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Division Awantipora.**  
 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

#### Clubbing mode:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)	Cost of TD (in lacs)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor
01	Structural design including safe bearing capacity of soil at OHT site, construction, successful testing, commissioning, of 0.10 Lac gallons OHT,P/L/fitting of pipes, construction of 0.10 lac gallons capacity collection sump, construction of pump house cum operators quarter, construction of Chain Link Fencing, construction of aeration foundation construction of Septic Tank, Soakage Pit, breast wall/retaining wall, transformer bed/chemical shed, Sluice Chamber, development of premises by way of earth filling & Electrical/Mechanical Works and construction of tube well for achieving 100% FHCT for WSS Aghanjipora (under JIM) including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.	594.962	8500	7 months	Special Class
02	Retrofitting of WSS K.Koot by way of Providing water supply facilities f including Construction of 0.45 Lac gallons S.R, Chain Link Fencing, Pump House, Transformer Bed, Sluice Chamber, Electrical Mechanical Works & construction of Production Well for achieving 100% coverage of FHCT (under JIM). including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.				
03	Providing water supply facilities for the coverage of FHCT including Construction of 0.11 Lac gallons capacity S.R, 0.85 Lac gallons capacity PST, Sluice Chamber, Chain Link Fencing, Face Lifting of Structures & Electro-Mechanical works of Water Supply Scheme Barsoo Old (under JIM). including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.				
04	Retrofitting of WSS Larkipora by way of structural design including safe bearing capacity of soil at OHT site, construction, successful testing, commissioning, of 0.15 Lac gallons OHT,P/L/fitting of pipes construction of Balance work of Chain Link Fencing, construction of Bathroom/Septic Tank, Soakage Pit, Sluice Chamber & Electrical/Mechanical Works of Water Supply Scheme Larkipora (under JIM) including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.				
05	Retrofitting of WSS Ganshibal Hari by way of Providing water supply facilities including Construction of 0.20 Lac gallons capacity S.R, Sluice Chamber, Pump Shed Stage 1st, Electro-Mechanical works & construction of Production well for 100% coverage of FHCT (under JIM). including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.				

#### Scheme wise Description:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)
01	Structural design including safe bearing capacity of soil at OHT site, construction, successful testing, commissioning, of 0.10 Lac gallons OHT,P/L/fitting of pipes, construction of 0.10 lac gallons capacity collection sump, construction of pump house cum operators quarter, construction of Chain Link Fencing, construction of aeration foundation construction of Septic Tank, Soakage Pit, breast wall/retaininf wall, transformer bed/chemical shed, Sluice Chamber, development of premises by way of earth filling & Electrical/Mechanical Works and constuction of tube well for achieving 100% FHCT for WSS Aghanjipora (under JIM) including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.	189.863
02	Retrofitting of WSS K.Koot by way of Providing water supply facilities f including Construction of 0.45 Lac gallons S.R, Chain Link Fencing, Pump House, Transformer Bed, Sluice Chamber, Electrical Mechanical Works & construction of Production Well for achieving 100% coverage of FHCT (under JIM). including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.	113.167
03	Providing water supply facilities for the coverage of FHCT including Construction of 0.11 Lac gallons capacity S.R, 0.85 Lac gallons capacity PST, Sluice Chamber, Chain Link Fencing, Face Lifting of Structures & Electro-Mechanical works of Water Supply Scheme Barsoo Old (under JIM). including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.	108.84
04	Retrofitting of WSS Larkipora by way of structural design including safe bearing capacity of soil at OHT site, construction, successful testing, commissioning, of 0.15 Lac gallons OHT,P/L/fitting of pipes construction of Balance work of Chain Link Fencing, construction of Bathroom/Septic Tank, Soakage Pit, Sluice Chamber & Electrical/Mechanical Works of Water Supply Scheme Larkipora (under JIM) including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.	105.01
05	Retrofitting of WSS Ganshibal Hari by way of Providing water supply facilities including Construction of 0.20 Lac gallons capacity S.R, Sluice Chamber, Pump Shed Stage 1st, Electro-Mechanical works & construction of Production well for 100% coverage of FHCT (under JIM). including maintenance for a period of three years which includes 12 months DLP.	78.082

S. No.	Description	Date			Time
		DD	MM	YYYY	
1	Publishing date of NIT	06	09	2021	09:00 AM
2	Download start date	06	09	2021	09:00 AM
3	Bid submission start date	06	09	2021	09:00 AM
4	Bid submission end date	20	09	2021	4:00 PM
5	Bid opening date (Technical Cover)	21	09	2021	11:00 AM

Major Head of Account: Jal Jeevan Mission (JIM)  
 Position of AAA:- Accorded  
 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor UT of Jammu & Kashmir  
 Sd/-  
 Executive Engineer,  
 (JSD) PHE Division Awantipora,  
 No:-PHE/AWP/3937-55  
 Dated:- 04.09.2021  
 DIPK-8177/21

## 'Govt Committed To Support Small, Marginal Farmers'

Observer News Service

**JAMMU-** As part of the ongoing public outreach initiatives of the Centre Government, Union Minister for Agriculture, Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Ministers of State for Agriculture, Shobha Karandlaje and Kailash Choudhary today visited Jammu and took stock of agriculture and horticulture related activities in the region.

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan and Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Horticulture, Navin K Choudhary also accompanied the team.

During an event organised at village Maralian, in RS Pura sub-division, the Union Agriculture Minister expressed delight and said, "farmers of J&K are showing extraordinary enthusiasm for availing benefits of the government's schemes".

"Around 85 percent of farmers of India have land holding of less than 2 hectares, the minister said, and it is by strengthening these farmers that the nation can truly prosper". He stressed that in order to double the farmer's income, they need to shift from traditional methods and opt for modernisation and diversification of crops. He also laid impetus on maintaining quality to match global standards.

The Minister informed that the Prime Minister is working towards giving boost to agriculture and allied sectors, so as to ensure greater exports of exceptional quality. He lauded the Government for implementing "200 out of 201" recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee and highlighted that "the most significant recommendation to be accepted has been to ensure that farmers get at least 50 percent profit over their investment". Some crops are even earning them profit of about 100 percent, he added.

Detailing the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, the Minister informed that the Centre Gov-

ernment has already disbursed Rs 1,58,000 crore to more than 11 crore farmers through the scheme. More than 17 hundred farmers of J&K have also received an amount of Rs 6 thousand per year under the scheme, told the minister.

Acknowledging the efforts of Lieutenant Governor, the Principal Secretary said that through his intervention, marginal farmers and orchardists with land holding of 1 kanal are now being provided government support. Earlier the minimum requirement was capped at 4 kanal.

Navin K Choudhary informed the Minister that with high density plantation technique, around one thousand plants can be planted in one hectare land. The number is significant as earlier only four hundred plants were being planted in the same land. "Thus, with high density plantation, orchardists could easily double their income", he said.

The Principal Secretary informed that the UT administration has been successful in increasing horticulture cover in Jammu division from 50 thousand to 10 lakh plants this year. Greater targets have been set for subsequent years, he assured. "The department is proactively promoting plantation of less water-intensive crops like lemon-grass and aloe vera in kandi areas of the region. Land amounting to 1500 hectares has come under the two kinds of plantations so far", added the Principal Secretary.

An exhibition of agriculture implements and horticulture products of districts like Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Kathua and others was also organised at the venue. The visiting ministers also inaugurated one high density plantation at Maralian by planting mango saplings at the site.

Those present at the event included DDC Chairman, Bharat Bhushan, Director Horticulture Ram Sewak and other senior officers of the department.

## Tomar Stresses Need For Holistic Development Of Agriculture Sector In J&K



Observer News Service

**JAMMU-** Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare today visited Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu and laid foundation stone of Gene Bank and Cold Storage facility at Mega Seed.

He was accompanied by Shri Kailash Choudhary and Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Union Ministers of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Farooq Khan, Advisor to LG, J&K Union Territory and Navin Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

The Ministers also visited Integrated farming system, newly developed laboratory of School of Biotechnology besides flagging off Beej Vahan to mark the launch of Rabi campaign at Mega Seed unit of SKUAST-Jammu. The minister inspected exhibition stalls laid by farmers', agri-startups and KVKS of University.

The Union Minister in his address on the occasion said that he is feeling happy by visiting SKUAST-Jammu and has seen

a transformation in agriculture sector of J&K Union territory. He appreciated the efforts and activities of Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir for bringing development and sea change research and extension in both the Universities benefiting the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that out of 201 recommendations of M. S. Swaminathan Committee constituted in 2003, two hundred recommendations were implemented by present government.

The Union Minister informed the gathering that Rs 158000 crore rupees have been transferred in the bank accounts of 11 Lakh farmers of India under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana whereas Rs 1723 crores have been transferred to the farmers of UT of J&K. The government is following the procedure for fixation of Minimum Support Price of Agricultural Produce as recommended by Swaminathan committee which is fifty percent more of the cost of cultivation. However, the MSP announced recently for Rabi crops is almost 100 percent more than the cost of cultivation. The present Budget of Agriculture has also in-

creased to Rs 123000 cr which was Rs 23000 cr in 2014.

Union Minister appreciated the efforts of Central Government for formation of 10000 FPOs to strengthen the 85% of Marginal and small farmers of India. He said Kisan Credit Card scheme was launched by the Vajpayee Govt has saved the farmers from the clutches of Money lenders. Union Minister also informed that the document related to role of agricultural education in National Education Policy 2020 will be released shortly by the ICAR.

Meanwhile, prestigious multi crore ICAR/ World Bank sponsored Institutional Development Plan (IDP) project was also launched during the function at Baba Jitto Auditorium of SKUAST-Jammu.

Navin K Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory also spoke on the occasion and raised the issues and demands pertaining to infrastructure development, establishment of Agricultural Technology Information centre, centre for organic agriculture, development of farms of university and sanctioning of more AICRPs.

Earlier, the Union Minister and team inspected exhibitions and stalls demonstrated by the KVKS of university, farmers, start-ups, etc. During the programme, progressive farmers of UT of J&K were felicitated for their contribution in agriculture and allied enterprises. Kulbhushan Khajuria and Tejinder Singh, progressive farmers also spoke on the occasion.

## Over 50Pc Agri Families In Debt With Average Loan Of Rs 74,121 In 2019: Survey

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI-** Over 50 per cent of agricultural households in the country were in debt with average outstanding loan per household at Rs 74,121 in 2019, says a survey conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO).

The survey further points out that only 69.6 per cent of the outstanding loans were taken from institutional sources like banks, cooperative societies and government agencies, while 20.5 per cent of loans were from professional money lenders.

Of the total loan, only 57.5 per cent was taken for agricultural purposes, it added.

"Percentage of indebted agricultural households: 50.2 per cent; and average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household: Rs 74,121," it said.

NSO carried out the survey on land and livestock holdings of households and situation assessment of agricultural households in rural areas of the country during January-December 2019.

The survey further said the average monthly income per agricultural household during agricultural year 2018-19 was at Rs 10,218. Of this, the average income per household from wages was Rs 4,063, crop production Rs 3,798, animal husbandry Rs 1,582, non-farm business Rs 641 and leasing of land Rs 134.

According to the survey, the number of agricultural households in the country was estimated at 9.3 crore with OBCs accounting for 45.8 per cent, SC 15.9 per cent, ST 14.2 per cent and others 24.1 per cent.

The survey estimates non-agricultural households living in rural areas at 7.93 crore. It also revealed that as much as 83.5 per cent of rural households had less than 1 hectare of land, while only 0.2 per cent possessed land in excess of 10 hectare.

Meanwhile in another report, NSO stated that the incidence of indebtedness was about 35 per



cent in rural India (40.3 per cent cultivator households, 28.2 per cent non-cultivator households) compared to 22.4 per cent in urban India (27.5 per cent self-employed households, 20.6 per cent other households) as of June 30, 2018.

NSO conducted the latest survey -- All India Debt & Investment Survey -- during the period January-December, 2019 as a part of 77th round of National Sample Survey (NSS).

Prior to this, the survey was carried out in NSS 26th round (1971-72), 37th round (1981-82), 48th round (1992), 59th round (2003) and 70th round (2013).

The report also found that in rural India, 17.8 per cent households were indebted to institutional credit agencies only (21.2 per cent cultivator households, 13.5 per cent non-cultivator households) against 14.5 per cent households in Urban India (18 per cent self-employed households, 13.3 per cent other households).

About 10.2 per cent of the households were indebted to non-institutional credit agencies only in rural India compared to 4.9 per cent households in urban India, it added.

About 7 per cent of the households were indebted to both institutional credit agencies and non-institutional credit agencies in rural India against 3 per cent households in urban India.

## Govt Enhances Scope Of MTA Scheme For Agri Exports

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI-** The government on Friday enhanced the scope of Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) scheme for specified agriculture products by including dairy products under its purview and increasing the rates of assistance.

The scheme has been extended till March 31, 2022, according to an official statement.

Enhanced assistance under the revised scheme is expected to help Indian exporters of agricultural products to meet rising freight and logistics costs, the statement said.

In 2019, the government announced the scheme for providing financial assistance for transport and marketing of agricultural products to boost exports of such commodities to certain countries in Europe and North America.

Under the TMA plan, it reimburses a certain portion of freight charges and provides assistance for marketing of agricultural produce.

"Now the Department of Commerce has notified revised TMA for specified agriculture products scheme for exports effected on or after April 1, 2021 up to March 31, 2022. The existing scheme will remain in operation for exports effected up to March 31, 2021," the statement said.

Dairy products, which were not covered under the earlier scheme, will now be eligible for assistance, it said adding that rates of assistance have been increased, by 50 per cent for exports by sea and 100 per cent through air.

The scheme was introduced to provide assistance for the international component of freight, to mitigate disadvantage of higher freight costs faced by the Indian exporters of agriculture products.

It was initially applicable for exports effected during March 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. It was later extended up to March 31, 2021.

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) will shortly notify the procedure for availing assistance under the revised scheme.

## Tourism Deptt Concludes Promotional Campaign At Kolkatta

Chariot Ride, Interactions Part Of The Concluding Programme

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR-** Tourism Department concluded its successful promotional campaign in Kolkatta by organizing a unique, colorful Chariot ride at the famous Victoria Palace.

The innovative method of promotion mesmerised the locals and invoked huge response from the local media, travel trade fraternity especially TAAB, TAAI and other travel bodies of Kolkatta. The chariots were decorated with banners of J&K Tourism and officers/stakeholders of the Tourism Department wearing tourism promotional outfits sitting inside the chariots.

Before the Chariot ride, the team of officers led by Additional Secretary, Tourism, Waseem Raja briefed the local media outside the Victoria Palace about the purpose of organizing the promotional campaign ahead of Durga Puja holidays and highlighted the products and services offered by J&K Tourism.

He informed the media about the introduction of new attractions in J&K like the recently inaugurated 2nd phase of Jammu ropeway from Mahamaya to Mubarak Mandi, cruise boat in Dal lake and musical fountain in Dal lake.

During the interactions, the vis-

iting team of J&K Tourism officers Wasim Raja and Mrs. Ambika Bali Assistant Director Tourism Katra laid emphasis on the diverse tourism products of the UT and its art, culture, cuisine, natural beauty, adventure. They invited the people of West Bengal to spend the coming Durga Puja holidays in J&K, which has always been their favourite destination. They hoped that the people of Kolkatta will once again visit the beautiful UT and also explore the unexplored destinations of Gurez, Bunge, Doodpathri, Sanasar, Peer ki Galli, Bhaderwah, Bani, Sarthal among others and be mesmerized with the rich experience of JK Tourism.

The two days promotional event is part of outdoor promotional activities being organized by the J&K Tourism Department in cities like Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Kolkatta before the onset of autumn and Winter seasons. The promotional campaign is intended to give further impetus to the revival of Tourism activities in the UT.

The J&K Tourism Department also participated in the three day travel Mart/exhibition, TTF at Kolkatta which starts from 10th September. The J&K stall was abuzz with travel operators who had come from Jammu and Srinagar getting an encouraging response.

## THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

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Subject:- Provisional Select List of eligible candidates for admission to ANM course-2021.  
Reference: Notification No.080-BOPEE of 2021 dated 31-08-2021.

NOTIFICATION No: 085-BOPEE of 2021  
DATED: 09-09-2021.

Pursuant to Notification No. 080-BOPEE of 2021 dated 31-08-2021 read with Notification No. 078-BOPEE of 2021 dated 20-08-2021, the physical round of counselling of eligible candidates who had applied for ANM course 2021 was held physically at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar simultaneously on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2021. The candidates who participated in the said counselling and have been allotted seats as per their merit-cum preferences are hereby provisionally selected for admission to ANM Course-2021 as per below given details. The candidates are advised to report to their respective allotted Institutions w.e.f. 10-09-2021 to 17-09-2021 (upto 04.00 PM) along with following documents:-

1. Mark Cards of 12<sup>th</sup> class.
2. Date of birth Certificate of 10<sup>th</sup> Class.
3. Domicile Certificate
4. Medical fitness certificate, if any.
5. Any other certificates/ document as required by the Institution Authorities.

It shall be sole responsibility of the Institutions to ensure proper check and verification of documents/ eligibility as per Indian Nursing Council (INC) guidelines before these candidates are allowed for admission and in case of any discrepancy in the requisite documents the same shall be reported to the Board for further course of action under rules.

In order to complete admission process within the proscribed cut-off date (17-09-2021) the Institutions shall keep their admission counters open even on holidays / off days and designate Nodal Officer to facilitate the candidates to complete their admission process well in time. However, the candidates should in their own interest avoid waiting for the last day to complete admission formalities since delay has the potential of causing hardships to the candidates only.

The Heads of the Institutions are requested to furnish the shortfall, if any, to the Board through e-mail at [helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com) / [jakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:jakbopee@gmail.com) / [soejakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:soejakbopee@gmail.com) on 18<sup>th</sup> of September-2021 (upto 02.00 PM).

Note:

1. The admission of the candidates is purely provisional and shall be cancelled in case any information furnished by any candidate proves to be false/ fabricated, and action as warranted under Law shall be initiated against such candidate(s).
2. For fee / documents required for admission in the Institute, the provisionally selected candidates are advised to contact concerned Institute before the last date of admission i.e. 17-09-2021.
3. The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in e-Information Brochure/ Notifications/ Notices issued by the Board from time to time in this regard.

S. No	Application Form No.	Name of Candidate	Rank	Category	College Allotted
1	112105209301	Kamal Gupta	616	OM	A.V. Institute of Nursing & Medical Sciences, Near Marble Market, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.
2	112105208938	Shiffali Pathania	2118	OM	Sidhi Vinayak School of Nursing, Chak Gota, PO. Lakhampur, Kuthua, Jammu.
3	112105204343	Vishali Thakur	2179	OM	Sidhi Vinayak School of Nursing, Chak Gota, PO. Lakhampur, Kuthua, Jammu.

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(Dr. Sunil Gupta)  
Controller of Examinations  
J&K BOPEE  
Dated: 09-09-2021

### SHORT TAKES

## 'Ford's Decision To Stop Manufacturing In No Way Reflects On Biz Environment In India'

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI-** A day after US auto major Ford made the surprise announcement of stopping vehicle manufacturing in India, a senior government source on Friday said the decision in no way reflects on the business environment in the country and is rather linked to operational issues.

The source, a senior functionary in the government who wished not to be identified, reasoned the shutdown decision to competition from Japanese and Korean carmakers.

Ford Motor Co on Thursday announced it will shut its two manufacturing plants in India and sell only imported vehicles in the country, as part of a restructuring exercise.

Ford, which invested about USD 2.5 billion at its Chennai



(Tamil Nadu) and Sanand (Gujarat) plants, will stop selling vehicles such as the EcoSport, Figo and Aspire, which are produced from these plants.

"India's automotive growth story is alive and growing both in domestic and export markets. Ford's exit is related to possible operational reasons and does not in any way reflect the story of the Indian automobile sector or business environment in India," the

source said.

Explaining further, he said the COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted sales volumes.

"More than USD 35 billion investments have come in India during the last six years. The automotive sector continues to attract billions of dollars in investment," the source added.

vehicles a year. It also exported its models such as Figo, Aspire, and EcoSport to over 70 markets around the world.

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

In 2017, General Motors had said it will 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.

Total sales of passenger vehicles stood at 11.42 lakh during April-August this fiscal as compared to 10.91 lakh in the same period of 2019-20.

Commenting on the August 2021 sales data, SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said, "Looking at the cumulative sales from April to August 2021, the passenger vehicle segment is still below the level of 2016-17."

## DC Srinagar Chairs Preparatory Meeting Ahead Of Visit Of Union Ministers

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** In wake of scheduled visit of Union Ministers to Srinagar under public outreach programme, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Friday chaired a meeting of all Sectoral Officers here to review the preparations and arrangements being put in place for smooth tour of the dignitaries.

Vice Chairman LAWDA, Dr Bashir Ahmad, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Khurshid Ahmad Shah, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Syed Hanief Balkhi, Superintendents of Police, Traffic and Security, Chief Planning Officer, General Manager DIC, SDM West, Superintendent Engineers of PHE, PDD, R&B, Joint Commissioner SMC, Joint Director Tourism, Deputy Director Fire & Emergency, Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer and other Senior officers were present in the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner in his preliminary remarks briefed the meeting about the tour programme of the visiting Ministers and the arrangements to be made by the concerned departments.

The DC enjoined upon the officers of all the departments to work in coordinated manner and ensure all necessary arrangements are made well in advance so that tour of all 5 Union Ministers culminates smoothly and the purpose of their visit is served.

The DC asked the officers of the Jal Shakti department to ensure all necessary arrangements at all the sites where Union Ministers are scheduled to visit.

The Rural Development Department was asked to make all preparations about meeting of PRI members and the public with Union Ministers.

Similarly, the Tourism department was directed to take all required measures to showcase Tourism related development initiatives and interaction of Union Ministers with people associated with tour and travel operators, house boats owners, hoteliers etc.

With regard to boarding, lodging and other catering related services, the DC asked the officers of the Hospitality and Protocol department to ensure all facilities and services to visiting Ministers as per official protocols.

## Scientific Sessions On Nanotechnology At NIT Srinagar in Progress For Third Consecutive Day

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**SRINAGAR:** Scientific Sessions were held on the third consecutive day of the International Conference on Nanotechnology for Better Living (NBL-2021) at National Institute of Technology Srinagar. The 7th edition of biennial International conference is held under the aegis of Materials Research Society of India (MRSI) in association with Higher Education (J&K), SKIMS, SKUAST-K, SSM, Anna University, IIT Madras, NIT Mizoram, Sathyabama, M G University, and NRF, IIT Delhi from 07-11th September. The first innovation session was held and the around 08 speakers spoke at length. Dr. Bharti Gupta from Central University Jammu spoke on Emotions in Science and Technology and advised to learn to deal with different situations.

Convener of Conference and HOD Physics, Dr. MA Shah informed that sessions started with the Innovation Lecture by Prof Rakesh Kumar, followed by Prof Wahajuddin from CSIR Lucknow. It was followed by 6 prominent speakers who delivered invited talks on different topics, which was followed by Oral Presentations. The oral and Poster Session-6a, b and c was chaired jointly chaired by Dr Harkirat, Dr. Traiq Maqbool, headed by Prof Wahajuddin and the best presenters were later awarded accordingly.

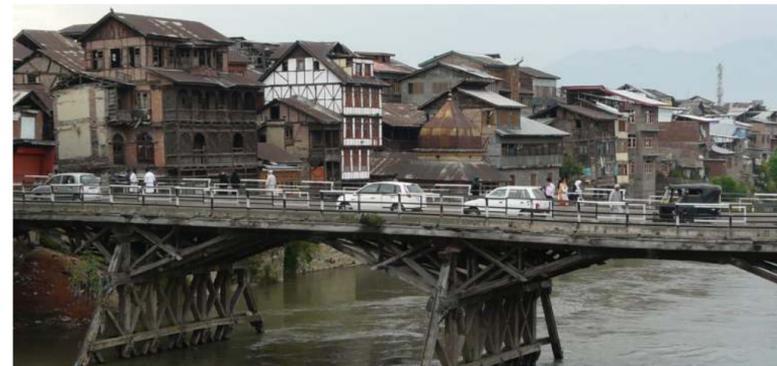
Among the best presentations are Dr. M. Azharuddin Ganai from IIT Madras and Dr. Mudasar from Kashmir University, who bagged first prize. Romana Yousuf from Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, NIT



Srinagar bagged second position, independently and Saadiya from Department of Food Technology, SKAUST-K bagged third position.

Among the best Poster Presentations, Seerat Showkat from Division of Food Science and Technology, SKAUST-K, bagged first position without sharing. Aanis Gulzar and Nowsheena Ayoub from Department of Physics, NIT Srinagar bagged second position jointly, though were awarded independently as per recommendations. Saba Bandy from Department of Plant Pathology, SKAUST-K bagged third position. The prizes are being given on spot and certificates shall be distributed on day 5- Saturday i.e 11 th September 21 from 9 am onwards. The session was concluded by a famous world known scholar of Kashmir, Prof Hamid Naseem Rafiabadi, who spoke on Intuition in Science briefly.(KNS)

## City's Ever Busy Habba-Kadal Bridge Turns Into New Parking Place



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**SRINAGAR:** As the parking space in the city seems to shrink with each passing day, the ever busy Habba kadal Bridge in the heart of the city has been turned into the new parking space and hub of anti-social activities.

This old bridge in Habba Kadal is an epitome of history in itself, which connects old city areas of Chinkaral Mohalla, Fateh-Kadal and Babademb areas to civil lines areas.

The inhabitants echoed the views. "Shopkeepers and visitors use the bridge for parking. This brings traffic in the area to standstill," the aggrieved locals said.

"We had expected that the bridge would help us to ease our grievances, but the initiative has worsened the situation," they said.

Mohammad Maqbool, President Mohalla committee said "These Habba Kadal bridges that connect civil lines areas to the Downtown areas of the Srinagar were meant for local

traffic but the same have either been occupied by the vendors or converted into parking area creating more chaos in the area".

Meanwhile, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Traffic Srinagar City, Musadiq Basu, when contacted, said that they have time to time taken action against the illegal parking on the bridge during daytime. However, the locals have always restrained against our action during night hours".

Similarly, the residents also complained about "hooliganism" and anti-social activities hanging on the bridge all day.

"Boys from other localities come and gather here at a particular spot and smoke, consume all kinds of drugs, without even caring about the people here," said a resident, wishing anonymity.

"The bridge, according to the locals, has become a bastion of such immoral activities. These boys resort to stone throwing in a nearby bunker in the late hours when someone from the

area taunts them," said another anonymous resident.

"These goons resort to abuse in front of local residents. Female folk feels uneasiness in their presence. They fight with one another in full public glare. Their actions embarrass us, particularly our daughters and mothers who are unable to cross the bridge", Maqbool added.

"One could smell narcotics particularly Charas in the air. Billows of smoke and smell had affected our life," said a paramedic living in the area.

Many of the locals said they had planned to migrate from the area just because of "bridge menace".

When contacted, Station House Officer Police Station kral khud said that action will be initiated against those indulging in illegal activities in the park. "I request locals to inform us whenever they feel such activities are going in area," he said adding that addressing the grievances of general public is first priority of police.(CNS)

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### Covid Cases

female (36) from Alamgiri Bazar, female (44) from Nowpora, female (28) from Zadibal, female (30) from Nowshera, two males (80, 55) and female (70) from Lal Bazar, male (75) from Narbal, male (34) from RS Awantipora, female (NA) from Pattan, male (21) from Bemina, female (51) from Rawalpora, male (14) from Khonmoh Srg, male (40) and two females (35, 87) from NA, female (NA) from Khonmoh, male (45) from Wuram, male (31) from Amda Kadal, female (27) from Wantpora, two females (30, 34) and two males (7, 25) from Lal Bazar, male (45) and female (60) from Nowpora.

Moreover, they said, 142 more COVID-19 patients have recovered—19 from Jammu Division and 123 from the valley. So far, 320948 people have recovered, leaving active cases at 1293— 231 in Jammu and 1062 in Kashmir.

Meanwhile, there was no fresh confirmed case of mucormycosis (black fungus) reported today, they said. So far 45 black fungus cases have been confirmed in J&K, the officials added.

### IT 'Surveys'

addresses. However, tax authorities can seize documents.

There was no immediate reaction from the two portals or their promoters, but their social media handles continuously updated news stories and articles.

NewsClick and its founders were raided by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in February under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and that investigation is linked to alleged dubious foreign funding received by its registered company, which runs the news portal.

The money laundering case arises out of a Delhi Police FIR alleging that PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt Ltd received foreign direct investment (FDI) of Rs 9.59 crore from Worldwide Media Holdings LLC USA during the 2018-19 financial year.

The Delhi High Court has granted interim protection from arrest to NewsClick's editor-in-chief and founder Prabir Purkayastha in connection with the Delhi Police FIR that relates to its probe against the foreign funding of the company.

The high court has also granted Purkayastha protection from coercive action in the ED case. NewsClick has argued in its defence in the court that there is no question of siphoning off of funds, as alleged by probe agencies, as the same had been utilised for paying salaries to employees and that there was no loss to the exchequer in the process.

The ED had claimed that it is also probing NewsClick and its promoters for alleged transfer of certain funds to activist Gautam Navlakha, accused in the Elgar Parishad case of Maharashtra.

It has also questioned Navlakha, lodged in a Maharashtra jail, in connection with the case.

Purkayastha had earlier said in a statement that a smear campaign has been launched against the portal, and "selective leaks" from the ED, whose probe is already under challenge before court, reflect the "inherent weakness" in the investigation and the course that it will take in the courts.

### 918 Social Welfare

officer/official." Those disengaged had been paid regularly for nearly 20 years by the government.

### Govt Orders

"Accordingly it is hereby ordered that Government Degree Colleges of J&K shall re-open subject to specific permission of the concerned Deputy Commissioners," the order reads, adding, "Further, head of concerned

institution must ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid-19 Protocol are adhered to in letter and spirit."

### CRPF Targeted

rushed to a hospital where their health condition is stated to be stable, they said.

They said the militants managed to escape from the spot taking advantage of the chaos created due to the blast. Additional security forces have been rushed to the area and a search operation has been launched to nab the attackers, they said.

### Militant Held

Magam, Handwara in Jammu and Kashmir. NIA Special Court, Patiala House, pronounced judgment and sentenced accused Amir seven-year rigorous imprisonment and fine under various sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC), sections 18 and 20 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, section 25(1A) of Arms Act, section 5 of Explosive Substances Act, section 14 of Foreigners Act and section 6(1A) of Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act," NIA said in a statement.

After completion of the investigation, NIA had filed a charge sheet on May 18, 2018, against Amir alias Abu Hamaas, the residence of Baldiya Town, Karachi, Pakistan, mentioned the NIA statement.

### Elections Imperative

for its Statehood demand were now crying hoarse about its urgency.

"It's extremely painful to see how JK's traditional regional political parties play with the peoples' emotions. From regretting not taking part in Panchayat elections to tagging restoration of Statehood imperative for progress, and claiming a big win in the forthcoming elections only exposes the selfish designs of these political forums," Bukhari remarked.

He said that these traditional political leaders must understand that they cannot befool the people. "We are not like these political chameleons that change their stance from forming PAGD, boycotting elections, then diluting its position every now and then and now crying for participation in elections. Apni Party's stand is unwavering and it will remain so," he said, while recalling how Apni Party became the voice of people of J&K and ensured protections of their rights on land and jobs recently.

### Scrapped Darbar

asserting that it failed to deliver.

All development claims by the government are hollow and have no base at all, he added.

He said Jammu is the best example of secularism as people from Kashmir and Ladakh too are also happily staying in Jammu.

People of Jammu deserve appreciation for maintaining secular values, he said.

### Rahul Asks Crowd

as a result, they took away your statehood," he added.

The Congress leader exhorted the gathering to chant "Jai Mata Di", a day after he paid obeisance at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra.

"I went to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine yesterday. There are three symbols of mata (pindis) there—Mata Durga, Mata Lakshmi and Mata Saraswati," Gandhi said.

Goddess Durga protects us, Lakshmi is a symbol of power, and Saraswati symbolises education and knowledge, he said.

"When these three shaktis are in your home and country, your home and country will make progress," he said.

However, the BJP government's policies like demonetisation and GST have weakened their powers, he said. Whereas, the Mahatma

Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and the GDP with a growth rate of nine per cent under the Congress had increased their powers, he added.

Pointing towards his hand, Gandhi correlated the Congress election symbol with Lord Shiva and Guru Nanak Dev, and said it was the symbol of being fearless.

"This hand is the symbol that you should not be afraid of anything," Gandhi said, adding that the "BJP is afraid of everything".

He said that he will soon visit Ladakh region.

### BJP Slams Rahul

the plight of Kashmiris and Kashmiri Pandits but "astonishingly very conveniently forgot that the woes of the Kashmiri Pandits were because of the politics of appeasement of Congress and like-minded parties".

"The Congress for its petty vote bank politics sacrificed not only the Kashmiri Pandits but also the development of Kashmir," the saffron party said, also accusing him of "playing with the sentiments of the Hindus by saying that the powers of Goddess Durga, Saraswati and Lakshmi have decreased after Modi ji came to power".

### From 9/11's Ashes

your ass, it's the American way," Toby Keith promised America's enemies in one of the most popular of those songs in 2002.

Americans stuck flags in yards and on the back of trucks. Factionalism hardened inside America, in school board fights, on Facebook posts, and in national politics, so that opposing views were treated as propaganda from mortal enemies. The concept of enemy also evolved, from not simply the terrorist but also to the immigrant, or the conflation of the terrorist as immigrant trying to cross the border.

The patriot under threat became a personal and political identity in the United States. Fifteen years later, Trump harnessed it to help him win the presidency.

### THE OTHERING

In the week after the attacks, Bush demanded of Americans that they know "Islam is peace" and that the attacks were a perversion of that religion. He told the country that American Muslims are us, not them, even as mosques came under surveillance and Arabs coming to the U.S. to take their kids to Disneyland or go to school risked being detained for questioning.

For Trump, in contrast, everything was always about them, the outsiders.

In the birther lie Trump promoted before his presidency, Barack Obama was an outsider. In Trump's campaigns and administration, Muslims and immigrants were outsiders. The "China virus" was a foreign interloper, too.

Overseas, deadly attacks by Islamic extremists, like the 2004 bombing of Madrid trains that killed nearly 200 people and the 2005 attack on London's transportation system that killed more than 50, hardened attitudes in Europe as well.

By 2015, as the Islamic State group captured wide areas of Iraq and pushed deep into Syria, the number of refugees increased dramatically, with more than 1 million migrants, primarily from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq, entering Europe that year alone.

The year was bracketed by attacks in France on the Charlie Hebdo magazine staff in January after it published cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, and on the Bataclan theater and other Paris locations in November, reinforcing the angst then gripping the continent.

Already growing in support, far-right parties were able to capitalize on the fears to establish themselves as part of the European mainstream. They remain represented in

many European parliaments, even as the flow of immigrants has slowed dramatically and most concerns have proved unfounded.

### THE UNRAVELING

Dozens of countries joined or endorsed the NATO coalition fighting in Afghanistan. Russia acquiesced to NATO troops in Central Asia for the first time and provided logistical support. Never before had NATO invoked Article 5 of its charter that an attack against one member was an attack against all.

But in 2003, the U.S. and Britain were practically alone in prosecuting the Iraq war. This time, millions worldwide marched in protest in the run-up to the invasion. World opinion of the United States turned sharply negative.

In June 2003, after the invasion had swiftly ousted Saddam and dismantled the Iraqi army and security forces, a Pew Research poll found a widening rift between Americans and Western Europeans and reported that "the bottom has fallen out of support for America in most of the Muslim world." Most South Koreans, half of Brazilians and plenty more people outside the Islamic world agreed.

And this was when the war was going well, before the world saw cruel images from Abu Ghraib prison, learned all that it knows now about CIA black ops sites, waterboarding, years of Guantanamo Bay detention without charges or trials — and before the rise of the brutal Islamic State.

By 2007, when the U.S. set up the Africa Command to counter terrorism and the rising influence of China and Russia on the continent, African countries did not want to host it. It operates from Stuttgart, Germany.

### THE SUCCESSSES

Over the two decades, a succession of U.S. presidents scored important achievements in shoring up security, and so far U.S. territory has remained safe from more international terrorism anywhere on the scale of 9/11.

Globally, U.S.-led forces weakened al-Qaida, which has failed to launch a major attack on the West since 2005. The Iraq invasion rid that country and region of a murderous dictator in Saddam.

Yet strategically, eliminating him did just what Arab leaders warned Bush it would do: It strengthened Saddam's main rival, Iran, threatening U.S. objectives and partners.

Deadly chaos soon followed in Iraq. The Bush administration, in its nation-building haste, failed to plan for keeping order, leaving Islamist extremists and rival militias to fight for dominance in the security vacuum.

The overthrow of Saddam served both to inspire and limit public support for Arab Spring uprisings a few years later. For if the U.S. showed people in the Middle East that strongmen can be toppled, the insurgency demonstrated that what comes next may not be a season of renewal.

Authoritarian regimes in the Middle East pointed to the post-Saddam era as an argument for their own survival.

The U.S.-led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq killed more than 7,000 American military men and women, more than 1,000 from the allied forces, many tens of thousands of members of Afghan and Iraqi security forces, and many hundreds of thousands of civilians, according to Brown University's Costs of War project. Costs, including tending the wars' unusually high number of disabled vets, are expected to top \$6 trillion.

For the U.S., the presidencies since Bush's wars have been marked by an effort — not always consistent, not always successful — to pull back the military from the conflicts of the Middle East and Central Asia.

The perception of a U.S. retreat has allowed Russia and China to gain influence in the regions, and left U.S. allies struggling to

understand Washington's place in the world. The notion that 9/11 would create an enduring unity of interest to combat terrorism collided with rising nationalism and a U.S. president, Trump, who spoke disdainfully of the NATO allies that in 2001 had rallied to America's cause.

Even before Trump, Obama surprised allies and enemies alike when he stepped back abruptly from the U.S. role of world cop. Obama geared up for, then called off, a strike on Syrian President Bashar Assad for using chemical weapons against his people.

"Terrible things happen across the globe, and it is beyond our means to right every wrong," Obama said on Sept. 11, 2013.

### THE NEWISH ORDER

The legacies of 9/11 ripple both in obvious and unusual ways.

Most directly, millions of people in the U.S. and Europe go about their public business under the constant gaze of security cameras while other surveillance tools scoop up private communications. The government layered post-9/11 bureaucracies on to law enforcement to support the expansive security apparatus.

Militarization is more evident now, from large cities to small towns that now own military vehicles and weapons that seem well out of proportion to any terrorist threat. Government offices have become fortifications and airports a security maze.

But as profound an event as 9/11 was, its immediate effect on how the world has been ordered was temporary and largely undone by domestic political forces, a global economic downturn and now a lethal pandemic.

The awakening of human conscience predicted by Gadhafi didn't last. Gadhafi didn't last.

Osama bin Laden has been dead for a decade. Saddam was hanged in 2006. The forever wars — the Afghanistan one being the longest in U.S. history — now are over or ending. The days of Russia tactically enabling the U.S., and China not standing in the way, petered out. Only the phoenix lasts.

Rising reported from Bangkok; Knickmeyer and Woodward from Washington. AP National Security Writer Robert Burns contributed to this report.

### College Student

Friday morning, reports said. The deceased was a first year Bachelor of Arts (B.A) student.

Meanwhile, police have started inquest proceedings under section 174 CrPC in this regard.

### SSB Man Dies

sent to his native village in Fatahpora area of Bihar after completion of medico-legal formalities.

### 16 Gambblers Held

Bohri Kadal, Ghulam Ahmad of Fateh Kadal, Parvaiz Ahmad Ganai and Mohammad Shoib Bhat, both residents of Bemina, Bashir Ahmad Sheikh of Dalgate, Asif Ahmad of Nowgam, Sajad Ahmad Wani and Tanveer Ahmed Wani of Shopian, Mohammad Ramzan of Pulwama, Ali Mohammad Bhat of Gund-Hassi Bhat and Fayaz Ahmad Rather Ahrambagh were arrested by police in a raid at a gambling site in Parimpora area of the city outskirts on Friday.

Besides playing cards, an amount of Rs 5.76 lakh in cash was recovered from the gambling site.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case and started further investigations in this regard.

### Electric Shock

injuries at the hospital while his associate is currently under treatment.

## J&K Bank Football Academy Trials From September 15

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** J&K's football powerhouse, J&K Bank FC has announced that its Football Academy trials for boys under the age of 17 will commence from September 15 to 17 at Synthetic Turf, TRC here.



The Academy trials will be strictly for those born between 01.09.2004 to 31.08.2007. The

reporting time has been set for 10:00 AM.

The Bank has asked desirous players to bring an original Date of Birth certificate issued by Municipality, Block Panchayat or School. Further saying that no Xerox or scanned copy of DOB proof will be accepted. The players are required to bring two recent passport size photographs as well.

## Two Matches Played In DFA Srinagar Super Division League



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Two matches of DFA Srinagar Super Division League were played on Friday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The first match was played between and Musuada Foundation FC & FC Views.

Musuada Foundation FC played direct football from the start of the match and missed a few opportunities. However, it was FC Views who succeeded in taking the lead after converting a cross in 36th minute through Muneeb.

The Musuada Foundation players dominated the show and tried to level the score but FC

Views' defenders held on. The match ended with FC Views defeating Musuada Foundation FC by a solitary goal.

The second match of the Super Division was played between Shahr-e-Khaas & Jhelum FC.

Both teams played quality football and created several opportunities to score. However, Jhelum FC scored 3 goals in the first half of the match to completely shift the match in their favour.

In the second half Jhelum FC scored another goal in the 58th minute to take their lead to 4 goals to Shahr-e-Khaas FC's 0.

The match ended with 4:0 in favour of Jhelum FC.

## J&K Under-19 Men's & Women's Cricket Teams Announced



R. Elahi

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) on Friday announced its Under-19 Men's and Women's cricket teams less than two weeks after conducting selection trials for the same.

These trials witnessed the participation of hundreds, if not thousands, of men and women cricketers from Kashmir and Jammu regions. 48 probables from both regions were selected to compete in practice matches at SK Stadium in Srinagar.

The JKCA had appointed Men and Women Junior Selection Committees headed by Chief Selectors Arun Sharma (men) and Pratibha Wadhwa Bhasin (women) who finalised the 20-member squads. The teams are set to represent Jammu & Kashmir in the upcoming Men's U-19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy (50-overs) and Women's U-19 One Day Trophy in Indore and Bhuvneshwar, respectively from September 20 to October 18.

Sub-Committee Member Administration, Anil Gupta while

lauding the selection committee said the selected squads will leave from Srinagar and Jammu for their respective destinations of Indore and Bhuvneshwar on September 20.

JKCA Sub-Committee Member-Cricket Operations & Development, Mithun Manhas, while calling the selection "free and fair" also hoped that the selected players would now train as a team to put in their best performances.

Sub-Committee Member Legal Affairs, Sunil Sethi revealed that the two squads will receive personal helmets with JKCA logo along with uniforms "of best quality, procured from original manufacturers".

"Our endeavour is to prepare our teams in a holistic manner so that the players are able to perform at the highest level and are proud of donning the colours of JKCA and represent J&K," stated Sunil Sethi.

Men U-19 team: Mohd Hurrer Sofi (Captain), Zayal Faisal, Akshit Gandral (VC), Arya Suvansh Thakur, Abdul

Bari, Yuvraj Saini, Danish Hilal, Akash Ayub Bhatt, Mohd Naveed, Tabbish Nissar, Ranjot Singh, Vanshaj Sharma (bowler), Nityam Abrol, Prabhjot Singh, Yaseer Rashid, Dhruv Singh Parmar, Jasbir Singh, Manik Jasrotia, Basit Bashir. Chief Coach: Raju Sharma.

Women U-19 team: Rudrakshi Chib (Captain), Sadia Wani (VC), Ananya Sharma, Afreen Malik, Anvi Singh, Lalita, Sehrish Tariq, Khushboo Aftab, Shakeena, Sheena, Vanshika, Rounak Jahan, Maria Noorain, Bhavandeep Kaur, Mehak, Aabroo Mir, Nimani, Sheetal, Sania, Arveen. Chief Coach: Chetan Dhingra.

JKCA Women's Senior Team Trials From September 12

The JKCA has announced that selection trials for its Women's Senior (One Day) Team would commence simultaneously at Jammu and Srinagar from September 12. JKCA member Anil Gupta urged for maximum participation particularly from the remote districts. (With KNS inputs)

## Fifth Test Cancelled After India "Unable To Field Team" Against England

Press Trust of India

**MANCHESTER:** The fifth Test between India and England was cancelled on Friday amid a chaotic turn of events during which the host board's statement on the visitors changed from "unable to field a team and will instead forfeit the match" to "regrettably unable to field a team".

The development came after the touring side was left on tenterhooks following physio Yogesh Parmar's positive COVID-19 test that led to concerns that the infection could spread during the match, which was eventually cancelled a couple of hours before toss.

The initial statement issued by the England and Wales Cricket Board categorically mentioned the word "forfeit" but that was later omitted from a revised media release. Both statements are in possession of PTI.

"Due to fears of a further increase in the number of COVID cases inside the camp, India are regrettably unable to field a team," read the revised ECB statement.

It is learnt that, led by skipper Virat Kohli, who voiced his apprehension strongly, the players,

negative on Thursday, there have been continuous back-channel talks between the two boards.

"The BCCI and ECB held several rounds of discussion to find a way to play the Test Match, however, the outbreak of Covid-19 in the Indian team contingent forced the decision of calling off the Old Trafford Test Match," Shah said.

Ultimately the apprehension expressed by Kohli and Co. took precedence.

"The BCCI has always maintained that the safety and well-being of the players is of paramount importance and there will be no compromise on that aspect," Shah said.

Shah thanked the English board for its understanding of the trying circumstances.

"The BCCI would like to thank the ECB for their co-operation and understanding in these trying times. We would like to apologise to the fans for not being able to complete an enthralling series."

It is understood that the COVID-19 rules for the World Test Championship matches do not include forfeiture and that's where Kohli and his men were able to get their way.



late on Thursday, got into a huddle and couldn't be convinced by the BCCI brass to play the game.

The BCCI issued a statement of its own, hoping that the match could be rescheduled sometime later.

"In lieu of the strong relationship between BCCI and ECB, the BCCI has offered to ECB a re-scheduling of the cancelled Test match. Both the Boards will work towards finding a window to re-schedule this Test match," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said.

A COVID-related quarantine would have meant missing out on IPL matches, starting September 19. The players are also awaiting reports of a fresh round of tests that have conducted.

"Following ongoing conversations with the BCCI, the ECB can confirm that the fifth LV= Insurance Test between England and India Men due to start today at Emirates Old Trafford, will be cancelled," the ECB stated.

"We send our sincere apologies to fans and partners for this news, which we know will cause immense disappointment and inconvenience to many," it added.

As of now, India are 2-1 ahead and have not been officially declared winners of the series simply because there is a chance of the fifth Test being played during the window in July next year when the team visits for a six-match white-ball series.

Ever since the Indian players refused to play despite testing

Under the competition terms of the WTC, COVID-19 is identified as "acceptable non-compliance should there be a significant impact of it on the team being able to play."

This is because the match can remain cancelled from the competition and with ICC using percentage points system based on points won in matches played, a cancelled match is of no value to any team.

The Indian players feared that the 96-hour incubation period factored in, they were at risk to return positive during the match and end up in 10-day quarantine, according to BCCI sources.

There were many questions that cropped up during the last 12 hours for BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and Shah with a number of factors being taken into account.

The chances of the IPL's schedule, starting September 19, going haywire were also taken into account as broadcasters and franchises wouldn't have taken the delay lightly.

Also, deferring the game by a day or two would have caused logistical issues as the Indian and English players were supposed to fly together to the UAE in a charter flight.

"There is no guarantee that post Ravi Shastri's book release function which the team attended, there won't be more cases. So players were wary and more so about being in isolation for 10 days," a source said.

## No DRS During Pakistan's Upcoming White Ball Series Against NZ

Agencies

**LAHORE:** Decision Review System (DRS) will not be used during Pakistan's upcoming limited overs home series against New Zealand due to the non-availability of an approved provider for the technology.

The Pakistan Cricket Board and the producers/broadcasters of the series could not find an approved provider of the technology required to run the system during the series which begins on September 17, according to a source.

Member Boards can only have DRS technology providers who are approved by the International Cricket Council, one source said. He said the DRS technology will be available for the two T20 Internationals against England in October in Lahore.

The series will have three ODIs and five T20 Internationals. Rawalpindi will host the ODIs to be played on September 17, 19 and 21 while the T20Is will be played in Lahore on September 25, 25, 29, October 1 and 3.

Another source said the problem of not being able to find a DRS technology provider and operator had arisen as the PCB sold the media rights of the New Zealand series very late.

The rights were sold very late and that is why this problem has arisen. The result is the series will be without DRS technology on television.

The source said there was so much international cricket being played around the world at this time that equipment technology provision will have to be arranged well in advance.

## Rashid Khan Steps Down As Afghanistan Cricket Captain In Protest

Press Trust of India

**KABUL:** Veteran all-rounder Mohammad Nabi has been named Afghanistan skipper for the upcoming T20 World Cup after star spinner Rashid Khan stepped down from captaincy protesting the selection of the national squad without his inputs.

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) is yet to officially announce Nabi's appointment as captain but the 36-year-old all-rounder tweeted that he has been chosen to lead the team.

"At this critical stage, I admire the decision of ACB for the announcement of leading the National Cricket Team in T20 Format," the 36-year-old Nabi tweeted.

"... we will present a great picture of the Nation in the upcoming T20 World Cup," said the spin-bowling all-rounder who plays for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League.

In a shocking decision, Rashid on Thursday stepped down as the captain of the team, saying that his opinion was not sought before finalising the national squad for the T20 World Cup.

Rashid's stepping down came immediately after the ACB named him as the captain of the 15-member squad for the show-piece event.

"As the captain and responsible person for the nation I reserve the right to be part of the selection of the team," the 22-year-old spinner said in a post shared on his Twitter handle.

"The selection committee and ACB has not obtained my consent for the team which has been announced by ACB media," said Rashid.

"I am taking the decision of stepping down from the role as the captain of Afghanistan T20

side effective immediately. It's always my proud playing for Afghanistan."

The T20 World Cup is scheduled to be held in the UAE and Oman from October 17 to November 14.

Afghanistan has been in turmoil following the takeover of the country by Taliban.

Soon after forming the interim government, the Taliban banned women from playing cricket or any other sports, casting doubts over Afghanistan men's team Test status.

As per ICC rules, all Test playing nations must have a women's team as well.

Cricketer Australia (CA) all but confirmed on Thursday that its men's team's season-opening Test against Afghanistan, slated to start on November 27, will be scrapped due to the Taliban's order.

## Messi Overtakes Pele To Become South America's Top Goal Scorer

Agencies

**BUENOS AIRES:** Argentine star Lionel Messi became the top international goal scorer in South American history on Thursday, overtaking Brazil's Pelé. The 34-year-old netted all the goals at Argentina's 3-0 win against Bolivia in World Cup qualifying, and now has 79 for the national team.

Messi scored his goals in 153 caps for Argentina, while Pelé netted his 77 in 92 official matches for Brazil.

Both goals at the Monumental Stadium in Buenos Aires, in front of about 20,000 fans, were pieces of art by the six-time Ballon d'Or winner.

The first came in the 14th minute, with Messi moving the ball between a Bolivian defender's legs and shooting from outside the box to the right of goalkeeper Carlos Lampe.

The second came in the 64th minute after he and striker Lautaro Martinez dazzled the Bolivian defense with a quick exchange of four passes. Messi still had time to dribble past one defender before scoring.

Messi completed his hat-trick



in the 88th minute from close range after getting a rebound from Lampe.

Messi didn't speak about the record after the match, but celebrated by lifting the Copa America trophy in front of home fans, who were allowed to attend after a 20-month pause caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I waited a lot of time for this, I thought this, I dreamed about this," he said. "It is a single moment because of the way it happened, after so much wait."

"There was no better way to

celebrate than being here," he added. "My mom, my brothers are here in the tribunes... They suffered a lot and today they are here celebrating. I am very happy."

Messi had a troubled relationship with the national team, with a series of hurtful defeats in World Cups and Copa Americas, until he led the team to the continental title against Brazil in July. It was his first major title with Argentina, a team that was in a 28-year title drought.

Three-time World Cup winner Pelé is currently in hospital due to surgery for a tumour on his colon.

## FIFA Unveils Biennial World Cup Plan, UEFA Threatens Boycott

Press Trust of India

**SWITZERLAND:** FIFA detailed its plan for reshaping international soccer around playing the men's World Cup every two years despite European opposition that could lead to a boycott.

Joined by retired greats, FIFA unveiled the proposal Thursday but the pushback from Europe was immediate as UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin confirmed it could launch a boycott by its teams which have dominated soccer's marquee event since Brazil won in 2002.

"We can decide not to play in it," Ceferin said in an interview with British daily The Times.

About 80 former internationals including World Cup winners went to Qatar for two days of FIFA-hosted talks and emerged with consensus for playing the tournament twice as often.

"We all agreed with the new proposal of the calendar," said Brazil great Ronaldo, who went to four World Cups and won

twice. He described FIFA's proposal as "just amazing."

Still, European soccer leader Ceferin said "as far as I know, the South Americans are on the same page" with resisting FIFA's plan.

"So good luck with a World Cup like that," Ceferin told The Times in the latest UEFA vs. FIFA fight since 2016 when he and Gianni Infantino were elected to the respective presidencies.

Infantino and his allies have since 2018 floated the idea of a biennial World Cup which European soccer has viewed as a commercial and competitive threat to its club and national team events.

Arsene Wenger has led the project since FIFA hired the former Arsenal coach last year to be its director of global development.

Details floated in recent media interviews and briefings were finally presented Thursday from Qatar in an overall plan to shape the schedule of international games from 2024. The

FIFA-managed calendar mandates when clubs must release players to national teams.

More top-level tournaments and fewer qualifying games are the priority with a biennial men's World Cup the key takeaway.

Wenger said his priorities were less travel for players and less disruption for their clubs plus giving young talent worldwide "a chance to shine" by also playing more meaningful games.

The current system — that typically sees players based in Europe taking long-haul flights home throughout the season in short breaks for national-team games — could be replaced by a single block of fewer qualifying games in October.

International tournaments would occupy June each year, with players proposed to get a mandatory 25-day vacation in July before rejoining their clubs.

Wenger said the balance of players having 20% of their games for national teams and 80% for clubs would stay, though

"in a more efficient way."

"I think it is an outdated (status quo)," he said. "It is not linked with the evolution of the modern game. We will not increase the number of games, we might even reduce it."

Retired greats like Germany's Jürgen Klinsmann, Roberto Carlos of Brazil, Didier Drogba of Ivory Coast and Denmark's Peter Schmeichel were enlisted to discuss changing the four-year World Cup cycle in place since the first edition in 1930.

"I don't think anyone disagreed on the frequency" of biennial World Cups, said Schmeichel, who played at just the 1998 World Cup. "It was a really, really long wait for an ambitious player like me to have the next possibility."

The global group of players' unions, FIFPRO, has not yet commented on FIFA's plans.

FIFA's process has angered many in European soccer who claim they were cut out of the consultation so far.

## Mutation Entry Does Not Create Any Right In Favour Of Individual Title Or Interest: SC

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Mutation entry does not confer any property right, title or interest in favour of an individual and is only for the fiscal purpose, the Supreme Court has said.

Mutation of a property is the transfer or change of title entry in revenue records of the local municipal corporation.

A bench comprising Justices M R Shah and Aniruddha Bose said it cannot be disputed that the right on the basis of the will can be claimed only after the death of the executant of the will.

As per the settled proposition of law, mutation entry does not confer any right, title or interest in favour of the person and the mutation entry in the revenue record is only for the fiscal purpose, the bench said.

The apex court said that if there is any dispute with respect to the title and more particularly when the mutation entry is sought to be made on the basis of the will, the party who is claiming title/right has to approach the appropriate court.

It said that the applicant's

rights can only be crystallised by approaching the court and only thereafter on the basis of the decision before the civil court necessary mutation entry can be made.

Referring to its earlier decisions, the top court said that mutation of property in revenue records neither creates nor extinguishes title to the property nor has it any presumptive value on title.

Such entries are relevant only for the purpose of collecting land revenue, it said.

Entries in the revenue records or jamabandi have only fiscal purpose, i.e., payment of land revenue, and no ownership is conferred on the basis of such entries.

It is further observed that so far as the title of the property is concerned, it can only be decided by a competent civil court, the bench said.

The order came while upholding an order of Madhya Pradesh High Court which set aside the order passed by the Additional Commissioner, Rewa Division, Rewa, directing to mutate the name of a person in the revenue records, which was sought to be mutated on the basis of the will.

## Afghan Situation 'Fragile,' 'Of Direct Concern To Us: India At UN



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UNITED NATIONS: Terming the situation in Afghanistan as "very fragile", India has said it is important that the Taliban adheres to its commitment to not allow the use of the Afghan soil for terrorism, including from terror groups designated under Security Council resolution 1267 that lists Pakistan-based outfits Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed.

Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador TS Tirumurti said at the UN Security Council Debate on Afghanistan Thursday that as Afghanistan's neighbour, India was privileged to preside over the adoption of a substantial and forward-looking product of the Council during its presidency of the 15-nation UN body last month.

The resolution on Afghanistan "took into account some of our collective concerns, in particular on terrorism, where it has noted the commitment of the Taliban not to allow the use of the Afghan soil for terrorism, including from terrorists and terrorist groups

designated under Resolution 1267.

The Security Council resolution has "underlined that Afghan territory should not be used to threaten or attack any country or to shelter or train terrorists, or to plan or to finance terrorist acts. As witnessed from the deplorable terrorist attack at Kabul Airport last month, terrorism continues to pose a serious threat to Afghanistan. It is therefore important that commitments made in this regard are respected and adhered to," Mr Tirumurti said.

Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed as well as the Haqqani Network are proscribed terror entities under UNSC resolution 1267 (1999) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaeda, and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities. JeM founder Masood Azhar and LeT leader Hafiz Saeed are also listed as global terrorists under the 1267 Sanctions regime.

Resolution 2593 also took note of the Taliban statement that Afghans will be able to travel abroad in an unhindered manner. "We hope that these commitments

will be adhered to, including regarding the safe, secure, and orderly departure from Afghanistan of Afghans and all foreign nationals," Mr Tirumurti said.

India also called on the international community to rise above any partisan interests and stand together with the people of Afghanistan in their desire for peace, stability and security in the country.

"The situation in Afghanistan continues to be very fragile. As its immediate neighbour and a friend to its people, the current situation is of direct concern to us," Mr Tirumurti said.

He said uncertainties about the future of the Afghan people, as well as about sustaining and building on the gains achieved over the last two decades.

"In this context, we reiterate the need for the voices of Afghan women to be heard, aspirations of Afghan children to be realised and the rights of minorities to be protected. We call on humanitarian assistance to be provided urgently and underline the need to provide unhindered access to the UN and other agencies in this regard," he said.

## Magistrate Can't Extend Probe Time In Anti-Terror Law Cases: Supreme Court

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NEW DELHI: A magistrate would not be the competent authority for extension of time to complete investigation in cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the Supreme Court has said.

A bench headed by Justice U U Lalit said the only competent authority to consider such request would be the Special Courts set up under National Investigation Agency Act.

"So far as all offences under the UAPA are concerned, the Magistrate's jurisdiction to extend time under the first proviso in Section 43-D (2)(b) is nonexistent.

"Consequently, in so far as "Extension of time to complete investigation" is concerned, the Magistrate would not be competent to consider the request and the only competent authority to consider such request would be 'the Court' as specified in the proviso in Section 43-D (2)(b) of the UAPA," the bench also comprising Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Bela M Trivedi said.

The order, passed on September 7, came on an appeal filed by Sadique and others challenging the judgment passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

They were arrested in connection with crime lodged with STF/ATS Police Station, District Bhopal for offences punishable



under Arms Act and various provisions of UAPA.

While dealing with an application moved on behalf of the Investigating Machinery under Section 43-D(2)(b) of the UAPA, the extension was granted by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhopal.

On completion of 90 days of their actual custody, applications on behalf of appellants were moved seeking bail on the ground that no charge-sheet was filed by the Investigating Agency within 90 days, which was rejected by Court of CJM, Bhopal.

When the matter reached the high court, it said that since the CJM, Bhopal had passed an appropriate order, the period available for the Investigating Machinery to complete the investigation stood extended to 180 days and the accused were not entitled to bail.

The lawyer appearing for the accused referred to previous decisions of the top court and said the extension granted in the instant case by CJM, Bhopal was beyond jurisdiction.

## Owaisi Booked In UP For 'Vitiating' Communal Harmony, Violating Covid Norms



Press Trust of India

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Police have booked AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi for allegedly vitiating communal harmony, violating Covid norms and making "indecent" remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, police said on Friday.

The FIR against the All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief was registered on Thursday night at Barabanki city police station after his party's rally.

IPC sections 153A (promoting enmity on ground of religion, race etc), 188 (disregarding order of a public servant), 269 (negligent act likely to spread disease dangerous to life), 270 (malignant act likely to spread infection of disease) and the Epidemic Act had been slapped against him, Superintendent of Police, Barabanki, Yamuna Prasad, said.

He said the Hyderabad MP violated Covid guidelines - on mask and social distancing - by arranging huge crowds at the party rally

at Katra Chandana on Thursday.

"In his speech, the AIMIM chief made statements for vitiating communal harmony and said the 100-year-old Ram Sanehi Chat mosque was razed by the administration and its debris was also removed. This is contrary to the fact," the SP said.

"By this statement, Owaisi tried to vitiate communal harmony and incite feelings of a particular community. He also made indecent and baseless remarks against the PM and the Uttar Pradesh chief minister," he said.

Owaisi was on a three-day trip to Uttar Pradesh, where his party plans to contest 100 seats in the upcoming Assembly polls.

In a scathing attack on PM Modi, Owaisi had on Thursday alleged that there had been efforts to turn the country into a "Hindu rashtra" since he came to power seven years back.

Referring to the law against instant triple talaq, the Hyderabad MP also mentioned the "plight" of Hindu women, while directing a personal barb at Modi. PTI

## Voice Command, Wireless Syncing: Ray-Ban, Facebook Debut Smart Shades

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SAN FRANCISCO: Facebook and iconic eyewear brand Ray-Ban on Thursday launched their new smart glasses, the latest effort in a tricky, niche market but which the social media giant sees as a step toward its future.

The "Ray-Ban Stories" shades can take pictures and video upon the wearer's voice commands, and the frames can connect wirelessly to Facebook's platform through an app.

"We took our Wayfarer (frames), born in 1952, and we re-invented the design squeezing in some cool technology," said Fabio Borsoi, global research and design

director at the EssilorLuxottica group, Ray-Ban's maker.

Facebook is wading into a market that has already seen 2013's Google Glass, which sparked a privacy backlash over built-in cameras and prompted the tech titan to pivot its focus for the device away from the general public.

Messaging app SnapChat has also released its camera-equipped Spectacles, but they are pricey and have struggled to catch on broadly with tech lovers.

Notably, the Ray-Ban Stories glasses will not have augmented reality features -- technology that can mesh online computing with visual cues such as mapping or face recognition.

Instead, the shades are an early step toward efforts to create futuristic eyewear that adds to real-world views with data or graphics from the internet, Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg has said previously.

The company had said in July it was combining specialists from across its hardware, gaming and virtual reality units to build an immersive digital world known as the "metaverse."

Priced starting at \$299, the Ray-Ban Stories will roll out in Australia, Britain, Canada, Ireland, Italy and the United States.

Cameras are built into the front of the frames, while the arms are designed to act as directional

## AIADMK Wants 'Non Factual' Scenes On MGR, Jayalalithaa Deleted

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CHENNAI: The opposition party All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) in Tamil Nadu today objected to certain references about party stalwarts -- the late Mr MG Ramachandran and Ms J Jayalalithaa -- in the latter's multi-lingual biopic 'Thalaivi', and wanted the scenes deleted.

Senior AIADMK leader and former minister, Mr D Jayakumar, who watched the film directed by AL Vijay at a cinema theatre, said such references were not factual and insisted that barring them the movie was a well-made one with a lot of effort put in and that it will receive good response both from party supporters as well as the general public.

For instance, one scene showed Ramachandran, fondly addressed as MGR, as seeking a minister post in the first Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) government and being denied by the late M Karunanidhi, Mr Jayakumar said, and asserted the yesteryear matinee idol-turned-politician was never after such posts.

Ramachandran was then part of the DMK which, under its

founder, the late CN Annadurai, unseated the Congress in the 1967 elections to become the first regional party to head the state in independent India. Later, Mr Ramachandran parted ways with it when Mr Karunanidhi helmed the party and launched his AIADMK in 1972. The DMK chief succeeded Annadurai as Chief Minister following his death in 1969.

Mr Jayakumar said while pictures of Ramachandran undergoing treatment carried in party posters after he was shot at, allegedly by the late actor MR Radha, played a vital role in DMK's victory, Annadurai subsequently wanted to make Ramachandran a minister, which he refused but was later made deputy chief of Small Savings, a newly created post.

Mr Jayakumar said that the film portrayed as if Ramachandran had sought a minister's post after Annadurai's death, when Mr Karunanidhi took over the mantle and said, "This is not true."

In fact, it was Ramachandran who proposed Karunanidhi's candidature for the Chief Minister's post after Annadurai's death, he said.

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