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P4 THINK

EURASIA TAKES SHAPE

The two defining moments of the historic 20th anniversary Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Dushanbe, Tajikistan had to come from the keynote speeches of – who else – the leaders of the Russia-China strategic partnership.

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Consider what would happen if you fell off your bike and were unable to move your arm. Your arm is unharmed and no other part of your body is harmed either. Your doctor could find no physical/neurological reason for your



P8 SPORTS

PREMIER DIVISION 2021: ALL COMPETING TEAMS ANNOUNCED

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Valley's top most football clubs are all set to battle it out in the Premier Division Football League 2021 from September 27 here.



Quote!

Be there for others, but never leave yourself behind
– Dodinsky

NEWS DIGEST

Soldier Shoots Himself Dead

SRINAGAR: A soldier committed suicide by shooting himself dead with his service rifle in Keran sector along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district, reports said Thursday. Around 10:30 pm Wednesday, Lokinder Singh Thakur of army's 6 RR shot himself dead at a post in the Keran sector of the LoC, reports said. A resident ● More On P6

Lashkar Module Busted, 4 Held: Police

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday claimed to have busted a militant cum module by arresting four persons from Hajin area of north Kashmir's Baniptora district. According to a police spokesperson, Asadullah Paray of Hajin, who was heading recruitment-cum militant module of Lashkar-e Taiba outfit, was arrested on a specific lead. Paray, ● More On P6

LG Pays Tributes To Maharaja Hari Singh

JAMMU: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh, the last ruler of Jammu and Kashmir, on his birth anniversary. "Tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh ji, on his birth anniversary. He made immense contribution to India's freedom movement. His distinguishable & unmatched ● More On P6

Electric Shock Kills Man

SRINAGAR: A load carrier driver died on Thursday after receiving an electric shock in central Kashmir's Budgam district. 32-year-old Mudasir Ahmad Ganie was repairing a Low-Tension (LT) wire in his native village Panahgund when he received an electric shock and received injuries, reports said. ● More On P6

CBI Raids J&K Bank Headquarters In Srinagar

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Sleuths of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Thursday carried out a raid at the corporate headquarters of J&K Bank in Srinagar city.

Sources said a CBI team, including a Superintendent of Police, four deputy superintendents and seven inspectors are part of the team that carried out searches at the Bank's corporate headquarters.

Sources said Thursday's CBI searches are focused on one-time loan settlements made by the Bank from 2012 to 2019.

One-time settlements are made by banks with defaulting borrowers to secure the interests of the financial institution.

Such settlements often involve huge remissions on accrued interest afforded by the financial institutions to the defaulting borrowers in order to protect the interests of the financial ● More On P6

Ex JKB Chairman Parvez Ahmad Joins PC



Press Trust Of India

Former Jammu and Kashmir Bank chairman Parvez Ahmad Nengroo, who is facing graft charges, on Thursday joined the People's Conference. Nengroo, who was removed from the post of chairman of the bank in 2019 by the government, joined the People's Conference (PC) in the presence

of party chief Sajad Gani Lone. Welcoming Nengroo into the party fold, Lone said he will play a key role in scripting the PC's economic agenda for change. "I whole-heartedly welcome Parvez sahib into the Caravan of Change. He has had an illustrious banking career and is a hands-on leader who has risen from the ranks," he said. "During his tenure, ● More On P6

DURING HIS TENURE, WE SAW ONE OF THE FASTEST turnarounds in the banking industry having turned around the J-K bank's financial fortunes during his tenure as the Chairman and CEO. He will play a pivotal role in scripting JKPC's agenda for socio-economic upliftment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

Pregnant Lady Found Dead With Throat Slit

Press Trust Of India

BANIHAL: A pregnant woman was found dead with her throat slit in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Thursday, police said.

"Police received an information from reliable sources that one pregnant lady namely Zubaida Begum was found lying in a pool of blood with her throat slit at her home at Darshipora this morning," they said. ● More On P6

Unvaccinated Attendants Not To Be Allowed In Hospitals

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday announced to restrict unvaccinated attendants at the hospitals in a bid to combat the spread of coronavirus in

the Union Territory.

The directions in this regard were passed by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole during his visit to several hospitals here on Thursday to review preparedness of these ● More On P6

J&K Logs 172 More Corona Cases

Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday recorded 172 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the infected number of persons to 3,28,590 while no fresh death due to the ● More On P6

J&K Witnessing New Dawn Of Development: LG Hails Security Forces For Playing 'Commendable Role' In UT

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Praising the government forces for playing a commendable role and promoting peaceful and inclusive society, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that in the last 13 months, there has been a meaningful change, and the Union Territory was witnessing a new dawn of development by overcoming the difficulties.

Sinha made these remarks after flagging off Central



Reserve Police Force's cycle rally from Jammu to Raj Ghat, New Delhi as a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations, an official spokesperson said.

Four cycle rallies of CRPF from Jorhat, Sabarmati,

Kanyakumari, and Jammu passing through various historical places will culminate at Raj Ghat memorial on October 2.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG saluted the security ● More On P6

Rifleman Shakir Laid To Rest

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: An army soldier whose body was found after 416 days was laid to rest at his native village of Reshipora Shopian.

GOC Victor Force, Commander 2 Sector, CO 34 RR were among those who offered tributes to the soldier Shakir Manzoor Wagay at his native place. The function was organized in a local ground.

General Officer Commanding of Army's 15 Corps Lt General D P Pandey on Thursday led all ranks in laying wreaths over the mortal remains of rifleman Shakir Manzoor Wagay, whose decomposed body was found in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir, a year after his abduction.

"Lt Gen Pandey and

all ranks laid wreaths on the mortal remains of the braveheart, Rifleman Shakir Manzoor Wagay of 162 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army) at Chinar Corps War Memorial," a defence spokesman said here.

He said Wagay was on bonafide military duty at Balapur in Shopian on August 2, 2020, when he went missing.

"Security Forces had launched an extensive search at that time to locate him.

After a comprehensive search, his burnt vehicle was found at Rambhama, Kulgam. However, despite persistent efforts of the Security Forces, Rifleman Shakir Manzoor Wagay could not be traced," he said.

Wagay's father Manzoor Ahmed had ● More On P6

3 Infiltrators Killed Near LOC: Army



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Army on Thursday claimed to have foiled an infiltration bid near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thursday, killing three militants and recovering a large cache of arms and ammunition.

"We noticed some suspicious movement in the

Hathlanga area near the LoC. The infiltrators were challenged and three of them were killed," an army officer said.

He said a large cache of arms and ammunition including five assault rifles, seven pistols and grenades, was recovered.

Briefing the media at the Army's Chinar Corps headquarters here, Lieutenant General D P Pandey said there has been ● More On P6

Newly Recruited Militant Killed in Shopian

Observer News Service

Police on Thursday claimed to have killed a militant responsible for shooting at and injuring a shopkeeper in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday evening. Anayat Ashraf Dar, a recently active militant was killed in an encounter in Keshwa village of Shopian on Thursday, hours after he shot at and injured Jeewer Hameed Bhat, a shopkeeper in Chitragam Kalan area of the district on Wednesday night, a police spokesperson said Thursday. The slain militant, he said, was throughout the nightlong operation given the opportunity to lay ● More On P6

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MoS Home 'Feels Change' In Kashmir

Says Confidence Of People In Police, CAPF; Admin Has Increased Post Art 370

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SRINAGAR: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Ajay Kumar Mishra said on Thursday that he could feel a change in the thinking of people post abrogation of Article 370 as they want development in different sectors including infrastructure, education, employment and health.

He made these remarks while chairing a high level meeting of officers at conference hall of Police Headquarters here today, a police spokesperson said Thursday. The joint high level meeting was



attended by Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh, DG Prison, Dr. B. Srinivas, IG BSF FTR Hqrs Srinagar Dr Rajesh and other senior officers of the security agencies.

According to ● More On P6



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DC Reviews Progress Of Works Under District Capex Budget

Sets Deadline For Completion Of Tendering, Allotment Of Works

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Thursday chaired a meeting of concerned Officers here to review the progress of works taken under District Capex Budget of District Development Council, Block Development Council and PRI Grants for year 2021-22.

The meeting discussed the present status of the identified developmental works taken up under the District Capex Budget 2021-22 in all 21 Panchayats of Khonmoh, Qammarwari, Dara and Srinagar Blocks in Srinagar District besides reviewed the estimates submitted, tendering process and allotment of works targeted for completion in the current fiscal.

The DDC took a detailed review of each sector and asked



the concerned officers to ensure 100 percent tendering and allotment of all approved/authorised works is completed within the next 10 days so that physical execution of works is undertaken

as soon as possible.

While reviewing the Action Plan prepared to carry out the developmental works in all Panchayats of Srinagar district under District Capex Budget, the DDC asked the

HE ALSO DIRECTED FOR COMPLETING the tendering process of all developmental works by ending September, 2021 followed by allotment to ensure early execution and timely completion of all the developmental works.

officers to reconcile the works nomenclature and check out any pendency in works and submit the pending estimates by September 23 for timely authorization.

He also directed for completing the tendering process of all developmental works by ending September, 2021 followed by allotment to ensure early execution and timely completion of all the developmental works.

The DDC directed the concerned Block Development Officers to ensure proper monitoring of tendering process, allotment of works and execution of works to achieve cent percent target.

He directed the officers to work in coordinated manner with line departments and work with synergy to achieve development goals well in time keeping in view the working season.

Earlier, the Chief Planning Officer, Srinagar informed that total 310 works have been identified by concerned District Development Committees, Block Development Committees and other Panchayat Raj Institutions in the district out of which 266 works have been approved while estimates of 229 works have been submitted for which necessary Administrative Approval has been accorded.

Justice Magrey For Speedy Justice Delivery System Through E-Courts

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR:-- Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Chairman, IT Committee today inaugurated 4th Phase of Training Programme for Advocate master trainers on "e-Court Services" at J&K Judicial Academy in Srinagar.

The daylong training programme was organised by J&K Judicial Academy, Srinagar, under the noble vision of Justice, Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief J&K Judicial Academy) and inspiring guidance of Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur, Chairman, and other Judges of Governing Committee of J&K Judicial Academy, in collaboration with Information Technology Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Magrey, laid stress on making best use of e-Court Services to ensure speedy justice delivery system. He said that the judiciary has adopted all new technologies for vibrant functioning of e-Court Services to ensure easy access to justice and to get litigants relieved from courts, approaching temples of justice anywhere in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

He impressed upon advocates to make best use of training and get benefitted out of these programmes.

He said that as lawyers are an important part of the judiciary and justice system, efforts are made to make all training regarding smooth functioning



of e-Court available to them to ensure achieving of targets and speedy disposal of cases.

The Chairman, IT Committee said that the e-Court Services is not only paperless from filing of cases to its disposal but also transparent, affordable, easily accessible and ensures speedy delivery of justice to the people.

Justice Magrey further said that he is confident that all concerned shall play their role to ensure a vibrant e-Court system is in place and functional.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, Mohammad Akram Choudhary while presenting a welcome address said that with remarkable team work, e-Court services has turned into a successful project besides, milestones have been achieved in ensuring people friendly and easy access to litigants seeking justice.

KU Classes For All Semesters To Resume In 'Blended Mode' From Oct 1

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The University of Kashmir Thursday ordered that the classes for all semesters including the fresh batch of 2021 in the main and satellite campuses shall commence from 1st October 2021 in a blended mode (Offline-Online).

The decision to this effect, which was communicated to all Heads/Directors/Coordinators of the main and satellite campuses, was taken pursuant to recommendations of the Deans committee meeting held on 15-09-2021.

Dean Academic Affairs Prof Farooq Masoodi said the groups of students can be exchanged for offline/online mode on weekly basis.

"The number of students

to be called for off-line class shall be under the purview of the respective Heads of the Departments/Directors keeping in view the capacity of class room, social distancing and other SoPs," he said.

Prof Masoodi said adherence to SoPs notified from time to time by concerned Government agencies will be mandatory.

"Detection of any positive case should immediately be reported to concerned authorities and standard procedure shall be followed for isolation, quarantine etc," he said.

Only candidates who have undergone both the doses of the vaccination shall be allowed in the class rooms, Prof Masoodi said, adding, however the Chief Proctor shall

arrange special vaccination drive for the students of main and off-site campuses.

"All concerned Heads/Directors shall ensure the conduct of remedial classes within a week's time in case some classes or days are lost due to any unforeseen circumstances. The loss can be compensated in either offline or online mode," the Dean Academic Affairs said.

The Deans of the respective schools will have a monthly review of syllabus completion with HOD's. Faculty and CRs can also be invited in such meeting if the Dean desires so, he said in a statement.

"The Provosts (Boys & Girls) shall keep the hostels ready for the students by ensuring proper sanitization before the commencement of class work," Prof Masoodi said.

LMD Recovers Fine Of Rs. 55 Lacs From Erring Traders

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Department of Legal Metrology has realised a fine of Rs. 55 Lacs from traders found violating the provisions of Legal Metrology Act- 2009 during the current financial year starting from April, 2021.

The fines were recovered during the intensified market checking inspections held across the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir under the supervision of Controller, Legal Metrology, J&K, Majid K.A. Drabu.

The offenders include the Petrol Pump owners, Departmental Stores, Gas Agencies, Kiryana sellers, Gold Smiths, Cement sellers, Plywood sellers etc. who were booked for using defective weighing instruments and lack of proper declarations on pre-packaged items.

During the market checking inspections, the traders were directed to use only verified weighing and measuring instruments for commercial transactions and

to desist from sale of such Non-standard pre-packaged commodities which are against the Legal Metrology norms.

Meanwhile, the department has informed that it is mandatory for every seller/trader to ensure proper declarations like the MRP, Net Weight, Customer Care address, Date of Packing, Size etc, on the commodity meant for sale and the action under Legal Metrology Act, 2009 can be taken against any such trader found violating such norms.

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH

(Office of the Registrar General at Srinagar)

Subject: Appointments of Steno-typists in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh pursuant to the notification No. 01/2020 dated 18.09.2020.

ORDER

No: 875 of 2021/RG

Dated: 21.09.2021

Consequent upon the finalization of selection process and approval accorded by Hon'ble the Chief Justice to recommendations of the Committee for Appointment and Promotion of Officials/Officers of the High Court Staff, following selected candidates (merit and category wise) are temporarily appointed as Steno-typists in Level-5 (Rs.29200-92300) in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh:

S.no.	Name, Parentage And Residency S/Sh.	Category
1.	Manan Mahajan S/O Sham Lai Gupta R/O Jammu.	OM
2.	Sahil Padha S/O Shambu Nath Sharma R/O Jandrah, Jammu	OM
3.	Junaid Ayoub S/O Mohd. Ayoub R/O Khanyar, Srinagar.	OM
4.	Sahil Toga S/O Subash Chander R/O Suchetgarh, Balah Jammu.	SC
5.	Mir Arif Manzoor S/O Mohd. Manzoor Mir R/O Chandian, Pajan, Chanderkote, Devsar Kulgam.	RBA
6.	Mubashir Ahmad Gojar Turk S/O Mohd. Mutloob Gojar Turk R/O Bandipora.	ST

Note:

- The appointees belonging to Kashmir Division shall join before the Registrar Judicial, High Court Wing Srinagar and those belonging to Jammu Division shall join before the Registrar Judicial, High Court Wing Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of issuance of this order. In case any appointee fails to join within the stipulated period, his appointment shall be deemed cancelled without any further notice.
- The Registrar Judicial concerned shall get the testimonials and antecedents of the appointees verified from the concerned authorities, before drawing their salary.
- The appointment of candidates is subject to the satisfactory report about their character, antecedents and the testimonials, if anything adverse is reported against any of them during the course of verification and his/her appointment shall be liable to be terminated/cancelled without any notice.

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By Order

(Jawad Ahmed)

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- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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This Day in History

- 1493 - Christopher Columbus embarks on his 2nd expedition to the New World, setting sail with a fleet of 17 ships
- 1529 - Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent and his Ottoman troops arrive in Vienna, beginning of the siege
- 1688 - France declares war on Germany
- 1706 - Treaty of Altranstadt: Charles XII of Sweden & August II of Saksen
- 1789 - President George Washington nominates John Jay for 1st Chief Justice
- 1789 - US Attorney General Office is created
- 1829 - Russia & Ottoman Empire sign Peace Treaty of Adrianople
- 1838 - Anti-Corn-Law League forms to repeal English Corn Law
- 1841 - British adventurer James Brooke obtains lands around the Sarawak river from the Sultan of Brunei
- 1850 - Papal Bull issued, establishes Roman Catholic hierarchy in England
- 1853 - France annexes New Caledonia
- 1877 - Battle of Shiroyama, decisive victory of the Imperial Japanese Army over the Satsuma Rebellion
- 1943 - Soviet forces reconquer Smolensk
- 1965 - Saudi Arabian & Egyptian accord over Yemen
- 1970 - Soviet space probe Luna 16 lands on earth after 1st unmanned round trip to moon
- 1971 - 90 Russian diplomats expelled from Britain for spying
- 1975 - OPEC announces a 15% increase in government per barrel revenues
- 1978 - USSR performs underground nuclear test
- 1979 - CompuServe began operation as 1st computer information service
- 1980 - Iraqi troops cross Iran's border, encircling Abadan
- 1981 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1982 - US, Italian & French peacekeeping troops begin arriving in Lebanon
- 1990 - Iraq invades the French and Dutch missions in Kuwait; French President Mitterrand called the action a violation of international law; a U.S. warship boards an Iraqi-flagged tanker bound for the port of Basrah
- 1990 - Saddam Hussein states his willingness to strike first and his intention to damage oil fields in the region if Iraq does strike
- 1993 - Norodom Sihanouk again installed as King of Cambodia
- 1994 - National League for Democracy is formed by Aung San Suu Kyi and various others to help fight against dictatorship in Myanmar
- 1996 - U.S. President Bill Clinton signed the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty at the United Nations.
- 2001 - Crude oil and petroleum products futures fall to their lowest levels in nearly two years amid fears that a recession will reduce energy demand
- 2013 - 515 people are killed by a magnitude 7.7 earthquake in Balochistan, Pakistan
- 2015 - Stampede of people during the Hajj kills 717 people during symbolic stoning of the devil at Mina, near Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- 2015 - Pope Francis becomes the 1st pope to address the US Congress. Names Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day as his American heroes.
- 2017 - Plastic polystyrene rubbish discovered for first time only 1,000 miles from the north pole by international team of scientists
- 2018 - Pakyong Airport, India's 100th airport, is opened in the Himalayan mountains at 1,400 meters by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- 2019 - Nancy Pelosi announces formal impeachment inquiry into US President Donald Trump, arguing that he tried to enlist a foreign power for his own political gain

From KO Archives

Pak Calls For UN Help In Kashmir Conflict

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan has asked the UN Security Council for help in finding a solution to the Kashmir crisis with India.

"Faced with an intransigent rejection of peaceful means, the Security Council has a responsibility to act," Pakistani Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar told the UN General Assembly.

The UN charter gives the Security Council, created to defend worldwide peace and security, the power to act, Sattar said.

Settling the Kashmir question is "an indispensable condition for peace and stability in southern Asia," Sattar said, emphasizing that Pakistan has repeatedly sought a peaceful end to the conflict and would accept negotiation or mediation as means of resolution

New Delhi has rejected all UN-sanctioned international attempts at mediation in the Kashmir conflict. It favours bilateral negotiations. The "Muslim separatist campaign in the Indian part of Kashmir has claimed some 34,000 lives since 1969.

(Kashmir Observer, September 24, 2000)

Oil-Tanker Hits Biker On Bypass, Two Dead

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A young man and a girl in her teens died on spot while the bike they were riding on was hit by an oil tanker on busy Srinagar-Bypass road on Thursday.

Eyewitnesses told the news agency. that an oil tanker (JK16A-8361) hit a motor-cycle (JK13E-6784) as a result the rider lost balance and all the three persons including the girl fell on the road. Two

persons died on the spot while one was shifted to Srinagar hospital for treatment.

Police seized the oil-tanker and arrested the driver. The deceased were identified as Yasir Aziz Dar (26) of Charsoo Awantipora and Kamiyah Showkat Khan (16), a resident of Pinglena Pulwama.

The injured who has been identified as Shuib Tanveer Bhat (24) of Pinglena Pulwama is undergoing treatment at SMHS Hospital Srinagar. (KNT)

از نیابت نائب تحصیلدار یو مئی ارشد احمد میر صاحب با اجلاس ایکو کنوجسٹریٹ درجہ اول

مضمون کاغذات درخواست از جانب حفیظہ گل و دانش احمد، بسہ گل ولد غلام محمد حجام ساکنہ سہلو تحصیل زیر کٹر ضلع بارہمولہ بمراء عطا کی سوشل کاسٹ سرٹفکیٹ تحت SRO294

اشتہار بمراء اگاہی ہر خاص و عام

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K O V I E W

Jammu Bandh

Jammu observed a complete bandh called by the Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industries (JCCI). This is the first time after revocation of Article 370 that Jammu observed a shutdown and that too against government policies. The region also witnessed protests and rallies on the day. Majority of people in the the division had supported and celebrated the withdrawal of J&K autonomy in August 2019. But two years later, a large section of people, especially the traders, have increasingly grown disillusioned with some of the government policies which are perceived to hurt the local businesses. People oppose new excise policy, new regulations on bars and restaurants, new geology and mining rules, restrictions on banquet halls, proposed opening of a chain of Reliance retail stores and the ending of the 149-year-old practice of Darbar Move. The last one has been a sore point with the traders. The people in Jammu, especially the traders, are strongly opposing the government decision to end the bimonthly darbar. According to them, the ending of the Darbar Move would lead to heavy business losses, as people from one region would stop travelling to another region in large numbers that, in turn, helped the local economy. The Darbar was based on a sound rationale of governance. The purpose was to bring the Government closer to the people in far-flung areas of the state. The people from Jammu and Ladakh would understandably find it difficult to travel to Kashmir during winters when temperature in the province plunged below freezing point. Similarly, it would be much of travel for the people in the Valley if the Darbar were to be based permanently in Jammu. Government rationale for ending the Darbar Move is that it will save Rs 200 crore per year, which will be used for the welfare of the deprived sections. The move came after the union territory administration said it has transitioned to an e-office, following which the moving of Darbar was not needed. The officials have since been directed to vacate their quarters in Srinagar and Jammu - the twin capital cities. But the Jammu traders lament that ending the movement of thousands of employees and their families to the region would detrimentally affect their businesses. The traders are also sore about what they see as takeover of Jammu businesses and resources by the outsiders. For example, the mining contracts secured by outsiders, the e-auction of liquor shops earlier this year, which left local vendors out, the proposal to open 100 Reliance stores which small traders think will affect their business. These are the issues that the government will need to urgently address. The disillusionment in Jammu doesn't reflect well on the business-related policies of the government which it should review to keep faith with the people of the region.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Modi's Visit To The US

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has embarked on his first foreign tour in six months to engage directly with the Joe Biden administration in the United States (US). Given the trajectory of India-US ties in recent decades, all bilateral engagements between the two nations come with a sense of anticipation, but this visit will be watched even more closely as it will dare to tackle some key challenges that have emerged in the last few weeks. America's precipitous withdrawal from Afghanistan and the signing of the AUKUS trilateral defence pact have raised some questions in Indian strategic circles about the Biden administration's commitment to the larger India-US bilateral project. Modi's visit will not only entail bilateral engagements with his Australian and Japanese counterparts, Scott Morrison and Yoshihide Suga, but will also see the PM address the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The highlight will be the first in-person Quad summit. Biden had called the first leaders' summit of Quad in March, giving a renewed impetus to a platform that lacked energy and dynamism. That was in virtual mode, and now, in less than six months, the grouping will be meeting again in the in-person format, underlining the growing importance of Quad in the ever-volatile Indo-Pacific region. The four Quad nations will be meeting days after two of their partners, the US and Australia, sprang a surprise by signing AUKUS, enabling Australia to build nuclear-powered submarines. Though the US has reassured India that this pact is not likely to detract from Quad or bilateral cooperation, concerns have risen in India that the strategic dimension of the Quad engagement can get diluted if Washington begins to privilege AUKUS and other such arrangements. Unlike AUKUS, which is a security alliance, however, Quad's agenda is distinct. For India, as articulated by foreign secretary Harsh Shringla, "The Quad is a plurilateral grouping with a vision for a free, open, transparent and inclusive Indo-Pacific."

Hindustan Times

Eurasia Takes Shape

How The SCO Just Flipped The World Order

Pepe Escobar

The two defining moments of the historic 20th anniversary Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Dushanbe, Tajikistan had to come from the keynote speeches of – who else – the leaders of the Russia-China strategic partnership. Xi Jinping: "Today we will launch procedures to admit Iran as a full member of the SCO."

Vladimir Putin: "I would like to highlight the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed today between the SCO Secretariat and the Eurasian Economic Commission. It is clearly designed to further Russia's idea of establishing a Greater Eurasia Partnership covering the SCO, the EAEU (Eurasian Economic Union), ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and China's Belt and Road initiative (BRI)."

In short, over the weekend, Iran was enshrined in its rightful, prime Eurasian role, and all Eurasian integration paths converged toward a new global geopolitical – and geoeconomic – paradigm, with a sonic boom bound to echo for the rest of the century.

That was the killer one-two punch immediately following the Atlantic alliance's ignominious imperial retreat from Afghanistan. Right as the Taliban took control of Kabul on 15 August, the redoubtable Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of Russia's Security Council, told his Iranian colleague Admiral Ali Shamkhani that "the Islamic Republic will become a full member of the SCO."

Dushanbe revealed itself as the ultimate diplomatic crossover. President Xi firmly rejected any "condescending lecturing" and emphasized development paths and governance models compatible with national conditions. Just like Putin, he stressed the complementary focus of BRI and the EAEU, and in fact summarized a true multilateralist Manifesto for the Global South.

Right on point, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev of Kazakhstan noted that the SCO should advance "the development of a regional macro-economy." This is reflected in the SCO's drive to start using local currencies for trade, bypassing the US dollar.

Watch that quadrilateral Dushanbe was not just a bed of roses. Tajikistan's Emomali Rahmon, a staunch, secular Muslim and former member of the Communist Party of the USSR – in power for no less than 29 years, re-elected for the 5th time in 2020 with 90 percent of the vote – right off the bat denounced the "medieval sharia" of Taliban 2.0 and said they had already "abandoned their previous promise to form an inclusive government."

Rahmon, who has never been caught smiling on camera, was already in power when the Taliban conquered Kabul in 1996. He was bound to publicly support his Tajik cousins against the "expansion of extremist ideology" in Afghanistan – which in fact worries all SCO member-states when it comes to smashing dodgy jihadi outfits of the ISIS-K mold. The meat of the matter in Dushanbe was in the bilaterals – and one quadrilateral.

Take the bilateral between Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Chinese FM Wang Yi. Jaishankar said that China should not view "its relations with India through the lens of a third country," and took pains to stress that India "does not subscribe to any clash of civilizations theory."

That was quite a tough sell considering that the first in-person Quad summit takes place this week in Washington, DC, hosted by that "third country" which is now knee deep in clash-of-civilizations mode against China.

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan was on a bilateral roll, meeting the presi-



dents of Iran, Belarus, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. The official Pakistani diplomatic position is that Afghanistan should not be abandoned, but engaged.

That position added nuance to what Russian Special Presidential Envoy for SCO Affairs Bakhtiyar Khakimov had explained about Kabul's absence at the SCO table: "At this stage, all member states have an understanding that there are no reasons for an invitation until there is a legitimate, generally recognized government in Afghanistan."

And that, arguably, leads us to the key SCO meeting: a quadrilateral with the Foreign Ministers of Russia, China, Pakistan and Iran.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Qureshi affirmed: "We are monitoring whether all the groups are included in the government or not." The heart of the matter is that, from now on, Islamabad coordinates the SCO strategy on Afghanistan and will broker Taliban negotiations with senior Tajik, Uzbek and Hazara leaders. This will eventually lead the way towards an inclusive government regionally recognized by SCO member-nations.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi was warmly received by all – especially after his forceful keynote speech, an Axis of Resistance classic. His bilateral with Belarus president Aleksandr Lukashenko revolved around a discussion on "sanctions confrontation." According to Lukashenko: "If the sanctions did any harm to Belarus, Iran, other countries, it was only because we ourselves are to blame for this. We were not always negotiable, we did not always find the path we had to take under the pressure of sanctions."

Considering Tehran is fully briefed on Islamabad's SCO role in terms of Afghanistan, there will be no need to deploy the Fatemiyoun brigade – informally known as the Afghan Hezbollah – to defend the Hazaras. Fatemiyoun was formed in 2012 and was instrumental in Syria in the fight against Daesh, especially in Palmyra. But if ISIS-K does not go away, that's a completely different story.

Particular important for SCO members Iran and India will be the future of Chabahar port. That remains India's crypto-Silk Road gambit to connect it to Afghanistan and Central Asia. The geoeconomic success of Chabahar more than ever depends on a stable Afghanistan – and this is where Tehran's interests fully converge with Russia-China's SCO drive.

What the 2021 SCO Dushanbe Declaration spelled out about Afghanistan is quite revealing:

1. Afghanistan should be an independent, neutral, united, democratic and peaceful state, free of terrorism, war and drugs.

2. It is critical to have an inclusive government in Afghanistan, with representatives from all ethnic, religious and political groups of Afghan society.

3. SCO member states, emphasizing the significance of the many years of hospitality and effective assistance provided by regional and neighboring countries to Afghan refugees, consider it important for the international community to make active efforts to facilitate their dignified, safe and sus-

tainable return to their homeland.

As much as it may sound like an impossible dream, this is the unified message of Russia, China, Iran, India, Pakistan and the Central Asian 'stans'. One hopes that Pakistani PM Imran Khan is up to the task and ready for his SCO close-up.

That troubled Western peninsula The New Silk Roads were officially launched eight years ago by Xi Jinping, first in Astana – now Nur-Sultan – and then in Jakarta.

This is how I reported it at the time.

The announcement came close to a SCO summit – then in Bishkek. The SCO, widely dismissed in Washington and Brussels as a mere talk shop, was already surpassing its original mandate of fighting the 'three evil forces' – terrorism, separatism and extrem-

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ism – and encompassing politics and geoeconomics.

In 2013, there was a Xi-Putin-Rouhani trilateral. Beijing expressed full support for Iran's peaceful nuclear program (remember, this was two years before the signing of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, also known as the JCPOA).

Despite many experts dismissing it at the time, there was indeed a common China-Russia-Iran front on Syria (Axis of Resistance in action). Xinjiang was being promoted as the key hub for the Eurasian Land Bridge. Pipelineistan was at the heart of the Chinese strategy – from Kazakhstan oil to Turkmenistan gas. Some people may even remember when Hillary Clinton, as Secretary of State, was waxing lyrical about an American-propelled New Silk Road.

Now compare it to Xi's Multilateralism Manifesto in Dushanbe eight years later, reminiscing on how the SCO "has proved to be an excellent example of multilateralism in the 21st century," and "has played an important role in enhancing the voice of developing countries."

The strategic importance of this SCO summit taking place right after the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) in Vladivostok cannot be overstated enough. The EEF focuses, of course, on the Russian Far East – and essentially advances interconnectivity between Russia and Asia. It is an absolutely key hub of Russia's Greater Eurasian Partnership.

A cornucopia of deals is on the horizon – expanding from the Far East to the Arctic and the development of the Northern Sea Route, and involving everything from precious metals and green energy to digital sovereignty flowing through logistics corridors between Asia and Europe via Russia.

As Putin hinted in his keynote speech, this is what the Greater Eurasia Partnership is all about: the Eurasia Economic Union (EAEU), BRI, India's initiative, ASEAN, and now the SCO, developing in a harmonized network, crucially operated by "sovereign decision-making centers."

So if the BRI proposes a very Taoist "community of shared future for human kind," the Russian project, conceptually, proposes a dialogue of civilizations (already evoked by the Khatami years in Iran) and sovereign economic-political projects. They are, indeed, complementary.

Glenn Diesen, Professor at the University of South-Eastern Norway and an editor at the Russia in Global Affairs journal, is among the very few top scholars who are analyzing this process in depth. His latest book remarkably tells the whole story in its title: Europe as the Western Peninsula of Greater Eurasia: Geoeconomic Regions in a Multipolar World. It's not clear whether Eurocrats in Brussels – slaves of Atlantism and incapable of grasping the potential of Greater Eurasia – will end up exercising real strategic autonomy.

Dießen evokes in detail the parallels between the Russian and the Chinese strategies. He notes how China "is pursuing a three-pillared geoeconomic initiative by developing technological leadership via its China 2025 plan, new transportation corridors via its trillion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative, and establishing new financial instruments such as banks, payment systems and the internationalization of the yuan. Russia is similarly pursuing technological sovereignty, both in the digital sphere and beyond, as well as new transportation corridors such as the Northern Sea Route through the Arctic, and, primarily, new financial instruments."

The whole Global South, stunned by the accelerated collapse of the western Empire and its unilateral rules-based order, now seems to be ready to embrace the new groove, fully displayed in Dushanbe: a multipolar Greater Eurasia of sovereign equals.

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Gender Inequality- A Situational Analysis

Gender equality across the societies in India is very uneven and rough. India had passed a lot of specific laws in favour of women's protection and wellbeing. Still, the gender differences in India have diverged a lot. India ranked 140th among 156 countries in the global gender gap indicated India's inferior status in gender-equalitarian. Moreover, India posits 1/3rd reservation of women in local bodies but holds only 25-40% of their participation in the governance and 12% presentation in the parliament. This ranks India on 149th in Women in Parliament, far away from countries like Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Syria, etc. In Education, Only 48% of women succeeded in completing the basic 5-year primary education outshined by neighbouring

countries like Nepal (92%) and Bangladesh (54%). The low literacy has a stereotypical rationale, if women would go to school, who shall work in a home, rare children, and cook. This deep-rooted societal attitude prompted a massive gender imbalance in the workplace. Unfortunately, India ranks second last among G20 countries in the women workforce. Recently, India amended the maternity benefit act to counter-balance the workforce and put forward the third highest maternity leave policy in the world after Canada and Norway, but this policy doesn't apply to countless women working in the unorganized sector. Health sector is perceived to be more critical during the pandemic course of 2020-21. It is felt that access to healthcare and its affordability is some-

what costly in India. Under the new GST, healthcare products are heavily taxed. For women, better healthcare is just a hallucinatory mirage. It is a most common saying now that India is tough place for women even before they are born. Abortion is legally permissible for up to 20 weeks of pregnancy even though countries like Vatican, Malta, and Chile can't allow abortion at all even if pregnancy is due to rape or incest. The female foeticide has skewed the sex ratio to 943 women to 1000 men lower than countries Uganda and Turkey. In Economy, India's global currency value has dropped severely which is undebatable here. But the Indian economy is heavily affected due to gender imbalance, discrimination, rapes, sexual harassment at workplace, abuse, foeticide,

and honour killings that occur every day. This makes India the 4th most dangerous country for women in the world. Gender equality is enshrined in the fifth sustainable development goal (SDG) with a major focus on empowerment to all women and girls. The goal targets challenges in education, health, and economy to combat discrimination of women, violence, reproductive health, and ownership rights and give new directions to improve gender inequality in India. Thus the gender research demonstrates a flip towards multiple and holistic perspectives for improving the condition of women in education, health, economy and society in general.

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Mindful Fridays

Understanding Conversion Disorder

Wasim Kakroo

Consider what would happen if you fell off your bike and were unable to move your arm. Your arm is unharmed and no other part of your body is harmed either. Your doctor could find no physical/neurological reason for your inability to move the arm and it made you feel confused about your situation. You went to various doctors with no avail and in this state of desperation you consulted various faith healers as well, many of whom suggested that you have been affected by evil eye or you have been possessed by some evil spirit and then they tried to help you by teaching you a few spiritual rituals. Even after all such practices, you find yourself unable to move your arm.

Actually the emotional and psychological stress of your fall was "converted" into the physical response of a paralysed arm by your body. Your symptoms may appear weird, but they are genuine, and you have no control over them. These symptoms are explained through a mental health issue called conversion disorder.

Conversion disorder is a mental health condition characterized by blindness, paralysis, or other neurological symptoms that cannot be explained by any neurological diagnosis, implying that no real physiological/neurological malformation can explain such symptoms. It is a mental health issue in which a person experiences physical sensations like pain or numbness as a result of psychological stress. A person with conversion disorder goes through a stressful or terrifying (traumatic) incident and they avoid emotionally dealing with it. When this avoidance continues for quite some time, then their mind converts the resulting psychic crisis into a medical or physical problem, which can cause distress and discomfort. If you know someone who has conversion disorder, they will likely be confused when their doctor tells them that there appears to be no underlying physical basis for their symptoms. In this article, I will discuss with you the basics of this mental health condition, its causes, symptoms and its psychosocial management.

Why it happens?

The actual reason for conversion disorder is yet to be discovered by researchers, however, they think that conversion disorder is your brain's way to cope with emotional stress. The symptoms may be induced by emotionally or psychologically painful experiences or stress, however this is not always the case. If a person has a neurological disease, a mobility issue, or a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression, they may be at a higher risk of getting the condition. They're also more likely to develop conversion disorder if any of the family members has one, or if they've been the victim of physical, emotional or sexual abuse as a child, or any other traumatic event in their lives. Women are two to three times as often as men to be diagnosed with conversion disorder. It also occurs more frequently in those who have a history of emotional stress or who have difficulty expressing their emotions.

What are the symptoms?

Conversion disorder symptoms usually appear after a person has been through a physical or psychological trauma or traumatic incident. Psychological stress may impair a person's ability to move or may impair his or her senses.

Abnormal movements, such as tremors or difficulties walking, difficulty eating, spells of unresponsiveness, loss of consciousness, loss of balance, seizure like signs, as well as weakness or paralysis, are all examples of movement-related symptoms.



Hearing difficulty or deafness, numbness or loss of physical sensations, inability to speak or speaking with much difficulty, inability to smell, inability to see or vision problems are all examples of sensory-related symptoms.

Conversion disorder symptoms are not self-initiated or motivated by a desire for

2. A person suffering from conversion disorder requires assistance and empathy. You can assist a loved one suffering with conversion disorder by understanding what conversion disorder is about, believing that their symp-

gist and/or psychiatrist. You or your loved one can get an in-depth evaluation from a clinical psychologist to see if you have conversion disorder. Inform your psychologist that you are experiencing symptoms that are bothering you. Discuss when they

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attention. They are a result of real mental health condition as mentioned above.

Conversion Disorder Diagnosis:

There is no diagnostic test for conversion disorder. To begin, your general physician/neurologist will rule out any other physical, mental, or neurological causes for your symptoms. They may inquire as to whether or not you have had any recent stressful situations and may usually find some temporal relation of the symptoms with some recent stressor in your life. Your symptoms may be observed by a doctor, who may then create some distraction to take your attention away from symptoms. If your symptoms go away when you're distracted, you might have conversion disorder.

The American Psychiatric Association has established a list of criteria for diagnosing conversion disorder:

- You have no control over how they affect your movement or senses.
- You aren't faking them.
- There is no other ailment, medication, or habit that can explain them.
- They aren't the result of another mental health issue.
- They are a source of stress in both social and work settings.

How Can You Assist a Loved One Who Has Conversion Disorder?

1. It's advisable to get medical help as soon as possible if you see any of the symptoms of conversion disorder in a friend or loved one. Before diagnosing conversion disorder, doctors will try to be sure your symptoms aren't caused by something else. It's critical to get checked out since you don't want to neglect any major medical conditions. Keeping a journal of symptoms may aid in diagnosis by assisting the doctor in ruling out any other medical conditions.

toms are real, and encouraging them to go for treatment.

3. Don't tell the person that their symptoms aren't real. It won't help to tell someone with conversion disorder that their symptoms aren't real or that they're just a stress reaction. The person is unlikely to believe you. Don't try to convince them that there's no "cause" for their illness or that it's all in their head. Even if you're upset or frustrated, keep your cool. Yelling or attempting to persuade the person that their symptoms are psychological rather than physical may be more harmful than beneficial.

4. Rather than attempting to persuade the person that their symptoms are all in their head, utilise evidence to persuade them that their bodily symptoms are not something to be concerned about. The results of lab tests performed by doctors will reveal that there is no medical or physical condition. When lab test results come out to be negative, celebrate this news with the person.

5. If the person with the conversion disorder has blindness, seizures, or paralysis, for example, the doctor will conduct tests. When the tests come back negative, you can exclaim, "This is fantastic news!" your eyes and brain are in perfect working order. This is quite encouraging in terms of a full recovery."

6. Encourage your loved one to get professional help from a clinical psychologist /psychotherapist. The underlying psychological trauma or stress that produced the conversion disorder can be treated with the professional help of a clinical psycholo-

gist and/or psychiatrist. You or your loved one can get an in-depth evaluation from a clinical psychologist to see if you have conversion disorder. Inform your psychologist that you are experiencing symptoms that are bothering you. Discuss when they

7. Physical therapy/physiotherapy/occupational therapy may be beneficial for your loved one if they have physical problems that affect movement, such as paralysis, tremors, or other limb weakness. Encourage your loved one to consult a physiotherapist/occupational therapist to help them gain muscle control and coordination. Stretching, biofeedback, gait and locomotion training, and relaxation training are some of the exercises that a physiotherapist may offer. If your loved one is temporarily paralysed, for example, they can go to physiotherapist/occupational therapist to work on their limbs so that their muscles don't atrophy or weaken while they heal from their psychological trauma with the help of psychotherapy.
8. If the affected person is kid or adolescent, you may need to assist them in receiving extra therapies to address their underlying issues.

This is usually required if the child suffers from conversion disorder as a result of an abusive or stressful home environment. Research shows that psychosocial stress in the lives of children is primarily caused by school and household issues. Academic difficulty, school failure, and parental pressure to perform have been found to be some of the major sources of stress in lives of children. In one study, it was found that there was a significant correlation between the start of school exams and the onset of conversion symptoms. Academic challenges serve as both a continual stressor and a reinforcing factor, and conversion symptoms may allow a child with academic difficulties to avoid failure at school. A high frequency of recent family crises, unresolved grief reactions, and family communication problems were reported in a retrospective analysis of 105 inpatient children with a diagnosis of conversion disorder. Another study found severe stressors in 71% of children with conversion reactions. Punitive parents, financial challenges, parental discord, domestic violence, sibling rivalry, academic difficulties, and peer adjustment problems were among the stressors mentioned. If the child is facing difficulty to deal with their social or school stressors and hence has conversion reactions, the therapist will help in training the child in stress management.

9. If the child is living in a challenging home atmosphere, family counselling may be beneficial. Family therapy can help with conflicts, difficult relationships and dysfunctional family dynamics. Children with conversion disorder may benefit from group treatment to learn how to socialize and deal with stressful situations. This may also be beneficial if the child is overly reliant on his or her family. If physical symptoms do not respond to usual treatments, children may be admitted to the hospital.

10. Work on preventing relapsing. Despite the fact that the majority of people heal from the physical symptoms of conversion disorder after psychological treatment, over 25% of patients relapse within the first year. You should be ready for a relapse in case it happens. Encourage your loved one to continue seeing their clinical psychologist/occupational therapist to address the underlying issues to avoid a relapse. One strategy to avoid a relapse is to manage and recover from the trauma by working on past sources of trauma in depth. It may take some time for them to heal from the trauma or emotional stress, so be patient and supportive while they are working with their therapist on their past traumas. Spend time with them and include them in home affairs so that they can get back to their regular routine. Assist your loved one in managing the stress in their daily life. A relapse could be triggered by too much stress. Follow their therapist's instructions in helping them manage their stress.

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What Are The Characteristics Of Strong Mental Health?

Misha Ketchell

Amid the coronavirus pandemic we are being warned of a "second wave" of mental health problems that threatens to overrun an already weakened mental health service.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What does positive mental health look like? Mental health is more than just the absence of mental illness.

Positive mental health and well-being is a

combination of feeling good and functioning well. Important components include:

- experiencing positive emotions: happiness, joy, pride, satisfaction, and love
- having positive relationships: people you care for, and who care for you
- feeling engaged with life
- meaning and purpose: feeling your life is valuable and worthwhile
- a sense of accomplishment: doing things that give you a sense of achievement or competence
- emotional stability: feeling calm and able to manage emotions
- resilience: the ability to cope with the stresses of daily life
- optimism: feeling positive about

your life and future

- self-esteem: feeling positive about yourself
- vitality: feeling energetic.

How can I cultivate my mental health?

Your mental health is shaped by social, economic, genetic and environmental conditions. To improve mental health within society at large, we need to address the social determinants of poor mental health, including poverty, economic insecurity, unemployment, low education, social disadvantage, homelessness and social isolation.

On an individual level, there are steps you can take to optimise your mental health. The first step is identifying your existing support networks and the coping strategies that you've used in the past.

There are also small things you can do to improve your mental health and help you to cope in tough times, such as:

- helping others
- finding a type of exercise or physical activity you enjoy (like yoga)
- getting good sleep
- eating healthy food
- connecting with others, building and maintaining positive relationships
- learning strategies to manage stress
- having realistic expectations (no one

is happy and positive all the time)

- learning ways to relax (such as meditation)
- counteracting negative or overcritical thinking
- doing things you enjoy and that give you a sense of accomplishment.

How do I know if I need extra support?

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

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

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

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HDFC Bank Most Outstanding Company in India: Asiamoney 2021 Poll

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MUMBAI: HDFC Bank has been voted 'Overall Most Outstanding Company in India,' in a poll conducted by reputed publication Asiamoney.

The poll, known as Asia's Outstanding Companies Poll, is designed to acknowledge listed companies that have excelled in areas such as financial performance, management team excellence, investor relations, and CSR initiatives.

Further, the poll aims to identify and recognise publicly listed companies in 2 categories: by country and by sector, in which it operates. Over 1,070 fund managers, analysts, bankers and ratings agencies took part in the voting which concluded on July 16, 2021.

HDFC Bank received the most votes among listed companies



in India, leading to the bank being awarded the 'Overall Most Outstanding Company in India.'

This is in addition to the bank being voted 'Most Outstanding Company in India – Banking Sector,'

a recognition the bank is humbled to have been honoured with for the 4th consecutive year, since the inception of the poll in 2018.

"We are truly humbled to have been bestowed with top

honours in the Asiamoney poll. Further, we are delighted and grateful to participants in the poll, who reposed their faith in the bank," says Srinivasan Vaidyanathan, CFO, HDFC Bank.

Pharmacovigilance Week Observed At GMC Anantnag

ANANTNAG: The Department of Pharmacology observed Pharmacovigilance week at Govt Medical College Anantnag. The program was held in order to impart the awareness regarding reporting of adverse drug events during routine clinical practice in associated hospitals of GMC Anantnag. The program consisted of an introduction talk about the adverse drug events by Dr Nasreen Chasho Asst Prof. Dr Ruhail and Dr Zahoor Senior Residents, talked about the methods of reporting in case any adverse drug event is faced by the health care provider. "Dr Sami Magray, Head Deptt of Pharmacology" briefed about the activities being undertaken by the Drug Monitoring Center of GMC Anantnag and gave a detailed presentation about the number of adr's being reported routinely. The audience was told the Drug Monitoring Center of Deptt of Pharmacology GMC Anantnag is among the best centers in North India for reporting these events. The event was amicably moderated by Dr Uzma. The awareness lectures were



followed by a Quiz competition among the MBBS students with the aim to impart the knowledge of ADR monitoring at the earlier stages of their career development and hence carve them into better and responsible health care providers.

The programme was attended by a plethora of Faculty Members, Consultants, Medical Superintendent, Administrators, Nursing and Paramedical Staff etc

and ended with distribution of prizes among the winners of the Quiz by Prof(Dr) Mumtaz ud Din Wani.

MFF supports such initiatives taken up by the young faculty members and appreciates the support provided by the worthy Principal GMC Anantnag "Prof(Dr) Tariq Syed Qureshi" in making these happen which shall go a long way in improving the academic and responsible culture of the institution.

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CBI Raids J&K

institutions to the maximum extent possible. According to reports, the Central probe agency carried raids for the third straight day on Thursday at the Bank HQs.

Ex JKB Chairman

we saw one of the fastest turnarounds in the banking industry having turned around the J-K bank's financial fortunes during his tenure as the Chairman and CEO. He will play a pivotal role in scripting JKPC's agenda for socio-economic upliftment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Lone added.

Nengroo said he was inspired by Lone's "sincerity of thought, vision and deep desire" to usher in a new era of socio-economic development in J-K.

"I have earlier had the privilege of serving the people and premiere institutions of J-K in a professional capacity for many decades. It is now my yearning to contribute in creating inclusive political and economic institutions for change by working within the aegis of the People's Conference.

"We are facing enormous challenges both politically and economically and it is time that we look for collective and institutional solutions to ensure sustainable socio-economic growth and development in J-K," he added.

Responding to a question on the prevalent political environment in J-K, Lone said it is high time for introspection among the mainstream political parties of Jammu and Kashmir. He also said people must empower and accord the dignity and respect to the mainstream political parties that they deserve.

Nengroo was removed as chairman of the J-K Bank in June 2019 following allegations of governance.

He was arrested in April this year in a graft case relating to illegal allotment of housekeeping tenders that had allegedly resulted in loss to the tune of crores of rupees to the bank.

He was granted interim bail in May.

ACB Charges

after receiving a complaint from a man alleging that the police officer was demanding a bribe of Rs.50, 000 from him to release his son Adil Ali Buhroo.

"Before paying the said amount to the accused, the complainant brought a written complaint along with Rs50, 000/- thereby requesting for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law," the ACB spokesperson said.

He said a team of ACB laid a successful trap in which the accused officer was caught red handed while demanding and accepting a bribe amounting Rs.50, 000/- from the complainant and investigation of the case was taken up.

"On the strength of facts and circumstances together with cogent evidence brought on record, the investigation has established commission of offence u/s 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2), 4-A of P.C Act Svt 2006 as proved against the accused public servant and after the accord sanction for prosecution by the Govt," the Bureau spokesperson said.

He added that the chargesheet of the case was produced before Hon'ble Court of Additional Judge, Anti-Corruption, Srinagar for judicial determination.

Govt To Rotate

an order, the "Anti-Corruption Bureau, J&K has furnished a report bringing out the issue of flouting of transfer norms."

The order reads that there has been a report by the bureau that certain officers/officials are continuing at a particular place of posting for years together.

The official communicate reads that the Competent Authority while perusing the said report of the ACB, "observed that stays beyond duration permitted in transfer policy should be allowed in exceptional circumstances and directed that all administrative secretaries should be asked to obtain a list of employees who have a stay of more than five (05) years in the first instance and these officials need to be rotated unless there are exceptional circumstances."

It reads that accordingly, it is impressed upon all the administrative secretaries to strictly adhere to the above directions of the competent authority for further necessary action in the matter.

"Action Taken Report, in the matter, may kindly be furnished to GAD, at the earliest, for

appraisal of the competent authority," the communiqué reads—(KNO)

3 Infiltrators

increased activity at the militant launchpads on the other side of the LoC recently.

"While there was no infiltration since the beginning of the year, there has been a lot of activity at the launchpads, which cannot happen without the knowledge of Pakistan Army commanders," he said.

Lt Gen. Pandey said this was evident from the infiltration bid that was eliminated on Thursday and the one foiled in the Uri sector on September 18-19.

Asked about the identity and nationality of the slain infiltrators, the Army officer said according to the documents recovered from their person, "one of them was a Pakistani while we are not sure about the other two yet".

Giving details of the five-day combing operation in Gohalan and adjacent areas in Uri, he said the operation, as of now, has ceased.

"There were six terrorists, four on the other side of the LoC and two had managed to enter our side of the territory. They were challenged and after a brief gunfight, they went back. The combing operation of the rugged terrain and dense vegetation took time but as of now, there are no remnants of that group here," he added.

Asked about the necessity to shut down the telecommunication facilities in Uri, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir zone, Vijay Kumar said it was done in order to ensure that the infiltrators could not stay in touch with their handlers in Pakistan.

Kumar said the recoveries indicate that there is a new trend of Pakistan sending more pistols to Kashmir so that the "hybrid terrorists" can easily carry out their tasks and slip back into normal life.

"We have seized 97 pistols this year...pistols are easy to transport and hide. The hybrid terrorists carry out the one or two tasks given to them and go back to their normal life. If you see, in 85 per cent of the attacks, pistols were used and all policemen targeted were unarmed," he added.

Newly Recruited

down his arms.

"He was offered to surrender for whole night, but he didn't surrender. Later on, during the encounter the said newly active terrorist got neutralised. One Pistol & ammunition were also recovered from his possession," he said.

Giving more details leading to the gunfight, the police spokesperson said that after thorough interrogation of several suspects after the attack and input from sources, a CASO was launched at village Keshwa.

"While laying cordon he fired upon joint search party. All civilians in the adjoining houses to target area were evacuated," he said.

The police spokesperson also claimed that Dar was earlier an OGW and also involved in drugs.

"Anayat also used to threaten other people in and around his village with his illegal acquired weapons," he added.

ACB Charges

Post Nagabal, Ganderbal, before the Court of Addl. Anti-corruption Judge Srinagar, in a case FIR No 24/2019 registered against him at the police station ACB Srinagar, a Bureau spokesperson said Thursday. The next date of hearing has been fixed on November 18.

The ACB, he said, had filed a case against Mir after receiving a complaint from a man alleging that the police officer was demanding a bribe of Rs.50, 000 from him to release his son Adil Ali Buhroo.

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Unvaccinated Attendants

institutions for containment of Covid and inspect adherence to Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) in these health institutions, an official spokesperson said.

Pole, he said, visited SMHS, Super Speciality Hospital, Bone & Joint Hospital, UPHC Chanapora, MMC Sanat Nagar & College of Nursing, and GMC Srinagar.

During the visit, the official spokesperson said, the Div Com stressed upon the heads of institutions to strictly implement CAB in these institutions to contain the spread of virus. Pole, he said, also gave on spot directions to the administrators of these institutions that they should bring a more vibrant change in their approach while monitoring Covid Specific SOPs.

The official spokesperson further said that the Div Com directed concerned HoDs not to allow entry of any unmasked attendant in the hospital premises and enjoined upon them to allow only vaccinated attendants to accompany sick patients.

"As there are resurgence of cases in Kashmir valley, especially Srinagar district, we have to be very vigilant and alert so that we can keep the virus at bay which will eventually help us to delay any effect of possible 3rd wave," Pole said.

At Paramedical College of GMC Srinagar, the official spokesperson said that the Div Com interacted with the students and applauded them for following CAB and having received shots of Covid-19 vaccination.

"Furthermore, he directed the Principal of College of Nursing, GMC Srinagar to arrange special classes for the students that they missed due to covid lockdown so that they appear in exams better prepared," he added.

During the visit, the Div Com was accompanied by Principal Government Medical College, Srinagar, Prof. Samiya Rashid; Epidemiologist Kashmir SSO Dr. Talat Jabeen and various senior health officers of Divisional Covid Control Room, Kashmir.

J&K Logs 172

virus was reported from the Union Territory, officials said.

Out of the 172 fresh cases, 21 were from Jammu division and 151 from Kashmir division of the UT, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 67 cases followed by 36 cases in Baramulla district.

There are 1,617 active cases in the UT, while the number of recovered patients was 3,22,554, the officials said.

The death toll in the UT due to the pandemic was 4,419 as no fresh death was reported in the past 48 hours.

Meanwhile, the officials said there were 46 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the UT as no fresh case was reported since Wednesday evening.

J&K Witnessing New

forces for playing commendable role in Jammu and Kashmir and promoting peaceful and inclusive society.

The LG, he said, observed that the CRPF has a rich legacy of 83 years of serving the nation, and with countless stories of valor and sacrifices, such unique examples were rare in the history of security agencies.

"In the last 13 months, there has been a meaningful change, and Jammu & Kashmir is witnessing a new dawn of development by overcoming the difficulties," Sinha said.

"The recent structural changes brought about in the governance paradigm in J&K have given impetus to the overall development, be it in the field of agriculture, education, industry, infrastructure, rural connectivity, or employment and entrepreneurship," he added.

As per the official spokesperson, the LG said that his government is encouraging and enabling people to connect and contribute for UT's sustainable development through empowerment and people's participation which are the bedrocks of individual well-being.

"We need to prepare ourselves with a vision of the next 25 years. I am confident that when we celebrate 100 years of Independence in the year 2047, the new J&K will have a special place

with its contribution to the developmental saga of our great nation," the LG said, adding that the reforms made in various sectors have brought about a radical change and its benefits are reaching even to far-flung and remote areas of the UT.

"Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav holds the spirit of freedom movement and remembers the sacrifices of our freedom fighters, who have inspired us to conquer various challenges and make a special place in the whole world today," Sinha said, as per official spokesperson.

Appreciating the efforts of CRPF in promoting peace and goodwill, the LG, as per the official spokesperson said that the cycle rally reaching Rajghat on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi will take CRPF's efforts of ensuring National Security, Human welfare, and other humanitarian works to every citizen.

"I have full faith in your extraordinary valour. You not only have to keep a close watch against anti-national elements but also teach a lesson to those who try to disturb our unity and peace. I wish you all the very best for this cycle rally and may this 810 km journey fill you with new energy and greater values of human philosophy," the LG added.

Kashmi Shukla, ADG CRPF delivered the welcome address, while Bhanu Pratap, DIG presented the vote of thanks, the official spokesperson said.

MoS Home

the police spokesperson, the MoS Home affairs hailed the joint efforts and resolve of police and other security forces for peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mishra, he said, also stated that the synergy between different forces has provided peaceful atmosphere for overall development and asked the officers to continue the hardwork with more dedication to ensure long lasting peace. He said that the Minister also appreciated the forces for dealing with different situations effectively without collateral damages.

"The MoS Home said that he could feel the big overall improvement in the security situation as he openly met large number of people in Shopian in the way as if he would be meeting people in his own constituency," the police spokesperson said.

"He said that he could feel a change in the thinking of people post abrogation of Article 370 as they want development in different sectors including infrastructure, education, employment and health. The confidence of people in Police, CAPF and administration has increased and there is positivity in the environment," he added.

The Minister, as per the spokesperson wished police and central armed forces success for the peace mission in Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, the DGP gave a brief presentation regarding different phases of the situation in the last seven decades.

"The DGP said that great coordination and understanding between J&K police and other security forces has resulted in drastic improvement in the security situation and law & order in Jammu and Kashmir," the police spokesperson said.

Singh, he said, informed that the graph of active militants and recruitment of local misguided youth in terror groups in J&K is constantly coming down.

"He said that the law and order situation over the past four years in Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed complete transformation and law & order incidents have come down drastically," he said, adding that the DGP also highlighted the role of the Police, and security forces in neutralizing the militants in the union territory and also action against the OGWs.

The police spokesperson further said that the DGP also apprised the minister with regard to the joint and coordinated measures taken to check infiltration and to fight the anti peace elements through border grid, highway grid and counter insurgency grid.

"The DGP also highlighted the efforts of police, administration and security forces in engaging the youth in positive activities and channelizing their energy towards positive direction by organizing a wide range of sports activities and youth engagement programmes across J&K," he added.

Rifleman Shakir

anticipated that his son had been abducted by militants as some anti-national social media accounts had alleged at that time that the rifleman

had been killed and that his body had been deliberately buried at an unidentified location, he said.

"According to the post-mortem report, the death of Late Rifleman Shakir Manzoor is attributable to grievous injuries. The injury marks on him indicate that Rifleman Shakir Manzoor was tortured and murdered in the most brutal and inhumane manner by the terrorists," the spokesman said.

The rifleman Shakir Manzoor (26) had joined the Army in June 2016. He belonged to village Rishipura in Shopian district and is survived by his parents.

"The mortal remains of Rifleman Shakir Manzoor will be taken for last rites to his native place, where he would be laid to rest with full military honours. In this hour of grief, the Army stands in solidarity with the bereaved family and remains committed to their dignity and wellbeing," the spokesman said, adding "all means will be utilised to bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice".

Soldier Shoots

of Madhya Pradesh, Thakur was removed by his colleagues to a nearby army health facility for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead.

It was not immediately known as to why the soldier took the extreme step.

Meanwhile, the slain soldier's body was taken to sub-district hospital, Kupwara for post-mortem and other medico-legal formalities, reports said.

Lashkar Module

he said, was maintaining a close contact with militant handlers across the border and would do their bidding in recruiting young boys in "terrorist ranks" and arranging weapons and other logistics for them.

"The individual was earlier associated with JEI before shifting his allegiance to the Masarat Alam led Muslim League. The individual has about a dozen PSAs and FIRs lodged against him and spent a good part of the previous decade in custody," the police spokesperson said.

Parry, he said, was also helped in running the module by his nephew Naseer Ahmed Parry, Haseena of Sheeri and Khursheed of Naidkhai and others.

"The group was in continuous contact across the border and would receive detailed instructions for their day to day activities. Apart from recruiting individuals and arranging arms and ammunition for them, the group was also involved in motivating youth to carry out petrol bombs on government buildings and protected persons and carrying out recce of potential targets," the police spokesperson said.

"A huge quantity of incendiary materials was recovered from them which was to be used for making Petrol Bombs," he added.

The police spokesperson further claimed that on the disclosures made by the accused, two individuals identified as Rafeeq of Naidkhai and Hilal Ahmed of Shah Mohalla Hajin, who were about to join militant ranks at the instance of this group have been detained and are being questioned.

"In this regard, further investigation is underway and more arrests are expected," he added.

LG Pays Tributes

services in the field of education, agriculture, administrative, social, and economic reforms will always be remembered," the LG posted on his official Twitter handle.

Maharaj Hari Singh was the last ruler of the Princely state of Jammu and Kashmir who executed the Instrument of Accession, on October 26, 1947.

Electric Shock

Ganie, a load carrier driver, was removed to the nearby hospital for treatment. However, the doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case in this regard.

Pregnant Lady

Consequently, a team from Banihal police station was immediately dispatched and top police officials reached the spot.

Sensing some mischief, police has taken cognisance in this regard and a case of murder has been registered at Banihal police station, they said.

The investigation is underway and all possible angles are being explored to find out if any foul play has happened, they added.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION****BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM****NOTICE**

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Name: Rizwan Mujahid Pandith

Parentage: Chisty Mujahid Pandith

Residence: Kralweth Kunzer

Roll No. (12th): 2414261: Year/Session: 2019



The said candidate has applied for issuance of duplicate migration certificate in this office. Before the same is processed and issued to the candidate, anybody having any objection in this regard may file the same in the J&K State Board Branch office Magam within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides the original certificate be treated as cancelled.

Sd/-
Assistant Secretary,
Branch office Magam.

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Name: Faizan Zahoor Bhat

Parentage: Zahoor Ahmad Bhat

Residence: Lalpora Wanikhal

Roll No. (12th): 2414279: Year/Session: 2019



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Assistant Secretary,
Branch office Magam.

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**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION CHADOORA
NOTICE INVITING FRESH TENDERS****NIT No. 105 of R&B/ 7910-20 of 2021-22****Dated: 21-09-2021 (E-tendering)**

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

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of Completion (days)	MH of Account	TS NO & DT	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9
1	Restoration of Takiya Hayatpora road by way of GSB filling, and P/LWBM G-II including laying of RCC Spun Pipes.	1.20	200.00	05	3054 M&R	07/TS/Estt/AR OF 06/2021	DEE
2	Providing and fixing of Manhole Covers (Left out) at Gousia Colony BK Pora	0.99	200.00	05	3054 M&R	09/TS/Estt/AR OF 06/2021	DEE
3	Restoration of Potlaban-Wudder Mohalla by way of GSB filling and P/LWBM G-II.	2.50	200.00	07	3054 M&R	15/TS/Estt/AR OF 06/2021	DEE

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender receiving authority).

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	21/09/2021
3	Bid submission Start Date	21/09/2021
4	Bid Submission End Date	28/09/2021 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	28.09.2021 at 4.10 PM in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora.

- All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov into acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
- Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/ not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/ bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of five years besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.
- Price escalation and Taxes:- The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)

1. All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-
 - Registration Card valid for the year 2021-22
 - All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan
 - All bidders shall upload Bid Security Declaration Form
 - All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card
 - All bidders shall mandatorily upload Verification Certificate from Concerned Chief Engineer/ Superintending Engineer of Enlistment registration card. Non submission of the same shall render the bid Non-Responsive.
 - All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of latest quarter / proceeding month to issuance of NIT i.e. August 2021

Illustration: Latest quarter April-June 2021-22 for those who file GSTR-3B quarterly and proceeding month i.e. August 2021-22 for those who file GSTR-3B monthly.

The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document(s) which has / have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises

No: 7910-20
DT: 21/09/2021
DIPK-9149/21

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Chadoora

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B ELECTRIC DIVISION SGR
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS****NIT No: 111/e-tendering of 2021-22/R&B DATED: - 20.09.2021**

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

S.No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost (In Rupees/ lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1	Internal electrification of 4 storied proposed transit accommodation at Padpawan Shopain (shifted to Allawpora Block No. 06)	12.67 lacs	600.00	25 days	28.09.2021	"A" Class Electrical
2	Internal electrification of 4 storied proposed transit accommodation at Padpawan Shopain (shifted to Allawpora Block No. 07)	12.67 lacs	600.00	25 days	28.09.2021	"A" Class Electrical
3	Internal electrification of 4 storied proposed transit accommodation at Padpawan Shopain (shifted to Allawpora Block No. 08)	12.67 lacs	600.00	25 days	28.09.2021	"A" Class Electrical
4	Internal electrification of 4 storied proposed transit accommodation at Padpawan Shopain (shifted to Allawpora Block No. 09)	12.67	600.00	25 days	28.09.2021	"A" Class Electrical

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	20-09-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	20/09/2021 10.00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	20/09/2021 from 10.00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	28/09/2021 up to 4.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	28/09/2021 at 6.00 P.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Srinagar

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division , Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division , Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

- All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below) . The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of adv. Cost as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/ within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

- Bidder must read term/condition in tender document carefully.

AAA/TS = Accorded**Position of Funds = Available**

Executive Engineer,
(R&B) Electric Division
Srinagar

No. 111/e-tendering/ERB/2424-31
DIPK-9108/21

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER, MECHANICAL
IRRIGATION DIVISION SHADIPORA****Email: midshadipora@gmail.com****NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 17 OF 2021-22**

On behalf of the Hon'ble LG of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Shadipora, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from reputed pump Manufacturers/authorized dealers of pumps or their representatives for the below mentioned works. The pumping unit shall be complete with suitable size coupling, base frame, foundation bolts, nuts and bolts. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' - Tender fee, fulfillment of pre-qualification criteria and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender. Cover '2nd' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Earnest money in BDC	Tech. Sanction	Time of Completion	Position of funds
01.	Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 1.5 Cusec, 30 Mt Dynamic Head, Up to 1500 Rpm Horizontal Pumping Unit With 30 Hp Electric Driven 03 Phase Induction Motor Including P/F of Required Size Foundation Bolts at Lift Irrigation Scheme Scientist D, P4 Basic Seed Farm Manasbal. (Note: Refer Appendix "C" for technical specifications)	275000.00	275.00	Bid Declaration certificate	40 of 09/2021	30 days	Available

- The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/ downloaded on e-procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	21/09/2021
3.	Bid submission start Date Technical/Financial	21/09/2021 from 14:00 Hrs.
4.	Bid Submission end date	11/10/2021 up to 14:00 Hrs.
5.	Date & Time of opening of Tenders(online)	11/10/2021 at 14:00 Hrs

- a). Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non- Refundable/ Non- transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0702-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan/ receipt or e-Challan (mentioning therein NIT No, S No of work and Adv. Cost of work) to be pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora and Bid Security declaration form duly self-attested instead of Bid Security (EMD) as per Finance Department J&K Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar Circular issued vide No. A/Misc (2018)-II-895/J, dated: 2/12/2020, issued under endorsement No. DB/9832-38, dated: 14/01/2021, by the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Irrigation & FC Department Srinagar.

However, in case of compelling circumstances the same shall be obtained from the successful bidder by this department. (Refer Appendix-I).

- Performance Security upto 03% shall have to be furnished by the successful tenderer whenever asked by the department (Refer Appendix-I)
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Price bids.
- Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual form the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in in acquaints bid submission process.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per information Technology Act- 2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in above at S. No. 1.

Bidders must ensure to uploads scanned copy of all necessary Documents.

- The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

No: MIDSh/TS/ 2145-49
Date: 20-09-2021
DIPK-9221/21

Executive Engineer
Mech. Irrigation Division
Shadipora

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.H.E DIVISION BUDGAM****H.Q: Budgam.****Email:- phedivisionbudgam@gmail.com****Notice inviting E-Tender****e-NIT No. 50/PHE/Bud/Civil of 2021-22 Date: 18.09.2021**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K e-tenders(Two cover System)on item rate Basis are invited on item rate basis from reputed and resourceful contractors/ Firms/companies/joint venture of repute, which should be uploaded on the Procurement e-web portal <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> up to last bidding date 05.10.2021 up to 4.00 PM for the subjected work(s)referred below to be received by the Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle Budgam, HQ:- Budgam 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://www.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 PHE Division, Budgam: -

S. No.	Name of Work	Tendered Cost including all Taxes (Rs in lacs.)	Cost of document (Rs in lacs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs in lacs.)	Time of completion	Tender Call	Opening of Bids online (Venue)	Class of contractor
1	Design, Construction, Successful testing & Commissioning of 0.82 Lac Gallon Capacity RCC Service Reservoir with Sluice Chamber (1 No.), 0.33 Lac Gallons capacity SR with sluice Chamber (1 No.), Construction of spring protection works (2 No.), collection chamber (2 No.), Construction of Chowkidar's Quarter (2 No.'s) with Bath rooms, Chain Link fencing around structures, Land developments, including complete providing, laying and fitting of Pipe Network i.e. Supply main, Distribution Network incl. accessories/Specials, regulating valves (Sluice Valves, Gate Valves, Air release valves) including stabilization of existing pipe network and existing S.R by way of jacketing including Conducting complete necessary soil tests, specifications as required at selected site, as per the Parameters / Specification mentioned in the tender document. Architectural aesthetics shall also be kept in consideration to make the structures appealing drawings Design & specifications with Trial run for a period of 06 months after completion of the work for Water Supply Scheme Loolipora Iskandarpura under NABARD.	₹568.00	₹0.06 (Favoring Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam under MH 0215)	₹11.36 (Pledged to the Superintending Engineer Hyd. Circle Budgam)	18 months	2 nd	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Hyd. Circle / Budgam on 06.10.2021	Special Class
2	Design, Construction, Successful testing & Commissioning of 0.57 MGD rapid sand filtrations plant with construction of flocculator/flash mixer near rapid sand filtration plant, Construction of 1.0 Lac gallons capacity clear water sump underground, construction of 1.30 lac gallon capacity overhead tank, Construction of protection works including saddle blocks and construction of approach road, Construction of Chowkidar's quarter with Bath room, Chain Link fencing around structures, Land developments including complete providing, laying and fitting of Pipe Network i.e. Supply main, Distribution Network incl. accessories/Specials, regulating valves (Sluice Valves, Gate Valves, Air release valves) including stabilization of existing pipe network including Conducting complete necessary soil tests, specifications as required at selected site, as per the Parameters / Specification mentioned in the tender document, drawings Design & specifications, Architectural aesthetics. Creation of 250 KVA substation along with HT / LT network, mechanical equipment's all complete, With Trial run of the scheme for a period of 06 ` months after completion of the work for WSS Chinara Colony Kawoosa, all complete under NABARD.	₹459.00	₹0.05 (Favoring Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam under MH 0215)	₹09.18 (Pledged to the Superintending Engineer Hyd. Circle Budgam)	18 months	2 nd	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Hyd. Circle / Budgam on 06.10.2021	Special Class
3	Design, Construction, Successful testing & Commissioning of water supply scheme Handjan Mirwuddar by way of laying and fitting of pipes, construction of 02 No OHT's of 41000& 36000 Gallon capacity collection Sump , 02 No Chowkidar Quarters, Chain link fencing , 05 No Sluice chamber, Anchor Blocks and D.G set Shed including stabilization of existing pipe network including Conducting complete necessary soil tests, specifications as required at selected site, as per the Parameters / Specification mentioned in the tender document, drawings Design & specifications, Architectural aesthetics. SITC of electro mechanical equipments and other allied works, Creation of 250KVA substation along with HT/LT network. Mechanical equipment's all complete, With Trial run of the scheme for a period of 06 ` months after completion of the work all complete under NABARD.	₹385.47	₹0.03 (Favoring Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam under MH 0215)	₹07.71 (Pledged to the Superintending Engineer Hyd. Circle Budgam)	15 months	2 nd	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Hyd. Circle / Budgam on 06.10.2021	Special Class

Head of Account:- NABARD;**Position of funds: -Available****Position of AAA:- Accorded;****Position of TS:- Under Process****For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir.****No: -PHE/Bud/CS/3979-4009****Dated:-18.09.2021****DIPK-9126/21**

(Er. Najeel A Trambo)
Executive Engineer,
PHE Division Budgam.

Srinagar Football League 2021: 4 Matches Played



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: DFA Srinagar Annual Football League 2021 continued on Thursday with four matches played here.

In Super Division, two matches were played at the Synthetic Turf, TRC.

In the first match FC Views defeated Fort View FC by a solitary goal. FC Views' Sahil scored the only goal of the game in the 30th minute of the match. The Pool B teams had occupied the bottom two spots in the points table before the match. The win lifted FC Views in to the third spot with 4 points, while Fort View stayed bottom with 0 points to their name.

The second match of the Super Division saw Court Road FC play a goalless draw against Towheed FC. The draw meant that Court Road climbed to the top position in the Pool A points table with 6 points after 4 matches. Towheed FC stayed third with 3 points. The Super League is in its second stage.

Over in the A-Division, two matches were played at Gindun Ground, Rajbagh.

The first match was played between Flying Kashmir FC and Al-Qudus FC in which Al-Qudus received a walkover against Flying Kashmir.

In the second A-Division match, Alamdar Madina FC defeated Young Boys Balhama 3-2.

Premier Division 2021: All Competing Teams Announced



R. Elahi

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Valley's top most football clubs are all set to battle it out in the Premier Division Football League 2021 from September 27 here.

A total of 15 football clubs will participate in the Valley's highest tier football league. The teams have been categorised into two pools and are as follows:

Pool A: Downtown Heroes FC, Ali Jana FC, Real Kashmir (Reserves), J&K Police XI, Kashmir Maharaja FC, AG's XI,

J&K Forest XI, and J&K Bank Academy.

Pool B: J&K Bank FC, Kashmir Avengers FC, JK SPDC XI, Iqbal Sports FC, ARCO FC, Sports Council Football Academy, and Food & Supplies XI.

All the matches will be played at Synthetic Turf, TRC.

The Pools and fixtures were decided on Thursday in a draw of lots at Synthetic Turf in the presence of officials from DFA Srinagar and managers/coaches and captains of the participating teams.

The JKFA officials also held an interactive session and updated the teams about latest amendments in the laws of the game, particularly new rules regarding hand ball scenarios.

The JKFA also announced that the Premier Division 2021 will be broadcasted live on TV and social media.

"All the matches of the Tournament will be telecast live in ANN News (TV Channel) and their social media network with Frisk Film Productions," the Association said.

ICC Launches T20 World Cup Anthem

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: The ICC on Thursday launched the official anthem of the upcoming T20 World Cup along with a campaign film featuring 'avatars' of Indian batting maestro Virat Kohli and West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard.

The tournament will begin on October 17 in Oman and UAE, with the final to be played in Dubai on November 14.

Composed by Bollywood music director Amit Trivedi, an animated film features young fans from all over the world engaged in T20 cricket and includes some of the sport's biggest superstars.

India captain Kohli leads the group of players brought to life as 'avatars' in the animation, that interact with each other throughout.

Kohli is joined by fellow captain Pollard of the reigning champions, West Indies as well as Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell and Rashid Khan of Afghanistan.

Launched in collaboration with ICC's global broadcast partner Star Sports, the film premiers worldwide on Thursday across ICC, BCCI, and Star Sports' social media handles.

The animation features a brand-new broadcast technology that blends both 3D and 2D

effects to create the film.

A production team of over 40 people, including designers, modellers, matte painters, animators, lighters, and compositors, worked round-the-clock to produce the final version.

A total of 16 countries, featuring the sport's biggest names and best teams, will compete in the sport's biggest event since the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There is something magical and special about putting on the West Indies jersey and stepping onto the field," said Pollard.

"This upcoming World Cup will give us more special moments. We know our fans will be fully engaged, watching, and supporting."

The opening fixture of the tournament takes place on October 17 as Oman take on men's T20 World Cup debutants Papua New Guinea at Muscat's Oman Cricket Academy.

Claire Furlong, ICC General Manager, Marketing and Communications said: "Cricket has more than a billion fans around the world, and we wanted to put our young fans in the heart of the action alongside their heroes and allow them to live the game."

Real Kashmir Win 1st Futsal Championship 2021



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: After a nearly month-long delay, J&K Football Association on Thursday held the much-awaited final of the 1st Futsal Championship 2021 at Gindun Ground, Rajbagh here.

The final between Real Kashmir (Reserves) and Downtown Heroes FC saw the Snow Leopards take the 5-a-side crown, winning the match 3-1.

RKFC's Zahid scored two goals and Hayat scored one. For Downtown Heroes, Owais scored the lone goal.

The Futsal Championship started on August 11 at the Gindun Ground and saw the participation of 16 teams.

"A large number of spectators witnessed the Final match. It was a new experience for all the participating teams to play Futsal Championship for the

first time under AIFF Rules and Regulations," the JKFA said in a statement.

Earlier, Real Kashmir FC (R) defeated Hyderya Sports FC to book its place in the final. While Downtown Heroes had defeated Syed Tajuddin FC. The semifinals took place on August 29.

The championship was organised by the JKFA in collaboration with JKSC.

'Money Talks': Usman Khawaja On Teams Pulling Out Of Pakistan Tours

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MELBOURNE: Pakistan-born Australian cricketer Usman Khawaja says "money talks" and no team would say no to touring India but it is "easy for players and organisations" to turn down assignments in Pakistan or Bangladesh.

England followed New Zealand in pulling out of Pakistan tour, citing security concerns, dealing a massive blow to the country's efforts to bring back international cricket.

"I feel it's very easy for players and organisations to say no to Pakistan, because it's Pakistan. I think the same thing would apply too, if it were Bangladesh. But nobody would say no to India, if they're in the same situation," Khawaja was quoted as saying by 'The Australian Associated Press'.

"Money talks, we all know that, and that's probably a big part of it. They keep proving time and time again through their tournaments that they're a safe place to play cricket. I think there's no reason why we shouldn't go back," said the cricketer who



moved to Australia from Pakistan with his family at the age of five.

Khawaja said he would happily travel to Pakistan to play. Australia are scheduled to tour Pakistan next year.

"There's a lot of security. Heavy, heavy security. I've heard nothing but reports about people feeling safe."

"Even talking to the guys during the PSL about what it's like...they would say the same thing to me 'like 10 years ago, maybe not, but now 100 percent'."

IPL 2021

RCB Seek Return To Winning Ways Against Resilient CSK

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Star-studded Royal Challengers Bangalore would look to shrug off the crushing defeat in the previous outing and get their mojo back when they take on Mahendra Singh Dhoni's resilient Chennai Super Kings in an Indian Premier League (IPL) match, here on Friday.

While RCB will look to start afresh, CSK got a confidence-boosting 20-run win against defending champions Mumbai Indians on Sunday night.

It is imperative for RCB to improve upon their batting as they seek to keep their place in the top half of the points table.

It will be important that the openers -- Devdutt Padikkal (217 runs) and skipper Virat Kohli (203 runs) -- provide a solid start.

But the opening duo would also need support from the middle-order, which crumbled against Kolkata Knight Riders.

The likes of Glenn Maxwell (233 runs) and AB de Villiers (207 runs) will have to perform in unison against a strong CSK attack.

Australian Maxwell did justify his high price tag during the first leg, becoming the side's top scorer. He would be riding to go once again as will the ever-reliant De Villiers.

The RCB bowlers will also have to forget the underwhelming display against KKR. While pacers Mohammed Siraj, Har-

shal Patel bowled well, Kiwi quick Kyle Jamieson, leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal and all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga all had leaked more than 10 runs an over.

CSK could have suffered the reversal in their tie against Mumbai had it not been for youngster Ruturaj Gaikwad's mature unbeaten knock of 88 off 58 balls.

The team's leading run-getter Faf du Plessis (320 runs), Moeen Ali were out for ducks while Ambati Rayudu was retired hurt on nought. Veterans Suresh Raina and Dhoni also failed to reach double digit scores and the side was reeling at 24 for 4.

But Gaikwad was not ruffled and kept his calm, steering the three-time champions to a respectable 156 for 6. He stitched crucial partnerships with all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Dwayne Bravo, who smashed 23 runs off eight deliveries, taking the team over the 150-run mark.

Defending a modest total, CSK showed immense resilience as the bowlers led by pacer Deepak Chahar and Dwayne Bravo handed the Yellow Army" their sixth win of the season.

A win on Friday will take them back to the top of the table.

CSK will also have the option to choose young England all-rounder Sam Curran, who had been one of the breakout stars of last year's IPL, shining with both the bat and the ball.

NEWS MAKERS

Ronaldo Leapfrogs Messi In Forbes List Of Top-Earning Players

AGENCIES

Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo has reclaimed top spot in the list of the world's highest-paid soccer players from Lionel Messi, according to Forbes.

Ronaldo, 36, rejoined United from Juventus in August after 12 years away, while Messi has swapped boyhood club Barcelona to join Paris St Germain.

Forbes said Ronaldo, among the world's most popular athletes with over 500 million followers across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, is set to make US\$125 million before taxes in the 2021-22 season, with US\$70 million coming from salary and bonuses at United.

The rest will come from endorsements and partnerships with brands including Nike, Herbalife, Clear and his CR7 brand.

Messi, who topped last year's list, will be paid a salary of US\$75 million with an additional US\$35 million from endorsements for total expected earnings of US\$110 million.



French League Sees Fresh Fan Violence In Stadiums

AGENCIES

PARIS: There was more fan disorder in the French league as Marseille supporters ran onto the field and clashed with Angers counterparts at the final whistle.

Moments after the 0-0 draw, about 50 Marseille fans left their away enclosure and rushed along one side of the field to the stands where Angers fans were. Clashes broke out and combatants used sticks and threw objects before stewards intervened.

"Please, please. What image are we giving? Please, lads, calm down," the stadium announcer said, as other fans whistled and jeered those fighting.

It was the latest incident of soccer violence in France this season, after serious disorder at the Nice-Marseille match last month.

Last Saturday, fans threw ripped-up seats and tried to fight each other at half-time during the northern derby between Lens and Lille.

Lens played its home game without fans on Wednesday as punishment, losing 1-0 to Strasbourg, and Marseille could now face sanctions from the league.

FIFA Snubbed UEFA Request For Talks On World Cup

AGENCIES

ZURICH: Intensifying its opposition to FIFA's push for biennial World Cups, UEFA complained Wednesday that Gianni Infantino's world body has yet to respond to its request for talks to discuss the concerns of European nations.

Infantino has been deploying retired players and former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger in a campaign to win support for the overhaul of world football, which UEFA said is a sign of "promotional campaigns of unilaterally pre-determined concepts" rather than an open consultation process.

Doubling the frequency of World Cups would create significant disruption for club competitions, continental tournaments, including the European Championship, and existing global events like the Olympics.

"UEFA is disappointed with the methodology ad-

opted, which has so far led to radical reform projects being communicated and openly promoted before having been given, together with other stakeholders, the chance to participate in any consultation meeting," European football's governing body said in a statement.

More than a week after asking FIFA "to organize a special meeting with them to be able to voice their concerns on the impact of such plans," UEFA said it "to date not yet received a reply." A day after that request, FIFA on Sept. 15 invited all 211 member associations to a general online summit on its plans.

UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin has already said that Europe could boycott the World Cup if Infantino succeeds in securing approval for his plan from the FIFA Congress of all member associations. Most of those countries never get to play at the World Cup, which will



feature 32 men's teams for the last time in 2022 before expanding to 48 nations in 2026.

"There are real dangers associated with this plan," UEFA said in a statement after an executive committee meeting, "the dilution of the value of the No. 1 world football event, whose quadrennial occurrence gives it a mystique that generations of fans have grown up with; the erosion of sporting opportunities for the weaker national teams by replacing regular matches with final tournaments; the risk to sustainability for players, forced to engage in summer high intensity competitions

every year instead of longer recuperation breaks in alternate years."

Major women's tournaments, such as the World Cup and continental events like the European Championship, are currently held in odd-numbered years. The men's World Cup and Euros are held in even-numbered years. FIFA's new vision would mean every year would feature a men's tournament, including continental events.

"We are grateful for the attention reserved to the UEFA European Championship, with the proposed double frequency of its final event," UEFA said, "but we prefer to address such a sensitive matter with a comprehensive rather than speculative approach."

UEFA flagged up "the risk for the future of women's tournaments, deprived of exclusive slots and overshadowed by the proximity of top men's events."