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P4 THINK

## REMOTE JUSTICE

"I am here, I am not a cat", said the lawyer from Texas who accidentally used a cat filter during a virtual hearing. Little knowledge is dangerous, they say, and nowadays, with the introduction of virtual courts this saying has taken on new significance.

P5

## READING GOFFMAN'S "ON THE RUN: FUGITIVE LIFE IN AN AMERICAN CITY"

Alice Goffman begins her book by historically contextualizing her research subject: how Black Americans have been dealt with by the American system for many years and how even after getting their full citizenship rights in the 1960s



P8 SPORTS

## M S DHONI CRICKET ACADEMY LAUNCHED IN SRINAGAR

Advisor to LG, Baseer Ahmad Khan on Saturday launched the M S Dhoni Cricket Academy at DOON International School (DIS) Srinagar.



Lost time is never found again

— Benjamin Franklin

## NEWS DIGEST

### Ex-Militant Held After 19 Years

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested a former militant of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen from Kishtwar district who was evading arrest since 19 years. Dulla alias Jameel, a resident of Arnas village in Reasi, was the third former militant turned absconder arrested by police in Kishtwar in the past 11 days, they said. [● More On P6](#)

### Brother-In-Law Arrested For Teen's Murder

**POONCH:** Police have arrested man for murdering his teenage brother-in-law in Poonch district more than 100 days ago. Addressing a presser here, SDPO Mendhar Z A Jafri said that the motive behind the murder is being investigated. The arrest of the "main accused" Mohammad Qasim (35) comes [● More On P6](#)

### Safina Named PC Women's Wing President

**SRINAGAR:** Sajad Lone-led Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference (JKPC) on Saturday appointed senior leader Safina Baig as the president of the party's women's wing. Baig is also the chairperson of Baramulla's District Development Council. Party spokesperson Adnan Ashraf Mir, in a statement, said, "Baig has been [● More On P6](#)

### Grenade, Bullets Recovered In Kupwara

**SRINAGAR:** The government forces on Saturday recovered a grenade and five rounds of AK-47 in Jugtial area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district. The joint operation was launched by Jammu and Kashmir Police, 41RR and 160 TA after the labours working near a Madarasa in Jugtial found [● More On P6](#)

# Ahead Of IAF Air Show, Fighter Jets Roar Over Srinagar

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Skies over the capital city roared with fighter jets on Saturday as the Indian Air Force (IAF) prepared for Sunday's mega airshow over iconic Dal Lake.

According to a Defence Ministry spokesman, IAF is keen to motivate the youth of the tumultuous region to join the service and the airshow will inculcate the spirit of nationalism among the Kashmir youth.

As part of the event, Russian built Sukhoi Su-30 MKI fighter jets, MiG 21 Bisons and US made Boeing CH-47 Chinook heavy-lift helicopters are part of the airshow.

IAF's skydiving team 'Akash Ganga', Suryakiran Aerobatic and Display Team will be conducting what officials expect to be "jaw-dropping" manoeuvres in the skies over Dal Lake.

Entire 11 kilometre stretch of Boulevard from Dalgate to Nishat has been declared out of bounds for people. Only tourists staying in hotels will be allowed to move on the Boulevard for two days on September 25-26, a traffic



KO Photo: Abid Bhat

police advisory said.

However, according to Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole, nearly 700 to 900 students would witness the show.

Students, who will witness the show, will be familiarised with the new technological advancements achieved and incorporated by the IAF in the past few years.

The theme of the show is 'Give Wings to Your Dream', besides motivating youth to join the Indian Air Force it would also promote tourism in the region.

The event will be flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) overlooking the Dal Lake, an official spokesman said.

Till August 5, 2019 -- when the Centre announced its decision to abrogate J&K's special status and divided it into two union territories -- the politicians who ruled the erstwhile state didn't pay much attention towards honing the skill of youth and inculcating the spirit of nationalism among the younger generation, an official said.

"Already 16 youth from tribal communities in J&K have been selected for [● More On P6](#)

## Cafe Owners, Traders Upset With Boulevard Closure

Zaid Bin Shabir & Aqub Javeed

The mega airshow being conducted over Dal Lake by the Indian Air Force (IAF) among other objectives will also help boost tourism, an official spokesman here said on Saturday. However, traders, restaurant owners and the transporters who ply their vehicles on the

Boulevard seem to be upset with the closure of the iconic road for two days. As part of ongoing celebration commemorating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Air Force Station Srinagar conducted an air show at Dal Lake in Srinagar on Saturday and will continue on Sunday as well.

"Whenever the government plans to shut down Boulevard, most of the time, it's on the [● More On P6](#)

## Centre To Invest 60K Crore In J&K In 2-3 Years: Minister

Observer News Service

**BUDGAM:** The government of India will spend Rs 60,000 crore in Jammu and Kashmir in the next 2 to 3 years to create employment generating avenues, inspire youth to establish micro income generating units and boost local economy in the Union Territory, Union Minister of State for Skill Development

Entrepreneurship and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrashekhkar said Saturday.

"I have observed and personally witnessed that the local youth of Kashmir are full of talent and skill. They need to be inspired, show interest in getting highly skilled training, be energetic as there are enormous opportunities of employment generation [● More On P6](#)

## Gol Committed To Help J&K: Raj

Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Education Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh on Saturday assured the Jammu and Kashmir administration every possible help to achieve "cherished objectives". He said education is the backbone of the nation because it is a potent weapon [● More On P6](#)

## First Int'l Flight Between Srinagar-Sharjah Soon: LG



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and the Jammu and Kashmir government have agreed to start the first international flight between Srinagar – Sharjah soon, ending the

long pending demand of the Union Territory to have direct international connectivity, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said Saturday.

According to an official spokesperson, after detailed deliberations between LG and Union Minister [● More On P6](#)

## At UN, PM Modi Takes Pot Shots At Pak, China



### Says Countries Using Terrorism As Political Tool' Must Understand That It Is Equally Big Threat For Them

Press Trust Of India

**UNITED NATIONS:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that countries with "regressive thinking" that are using terrorism as a "political tool" must understand that it is an equally big threat for them also, in a veiled attack on Pakistan which is often accused by its

neighbours of providing safe havens to terrorists.

Addressing the 76th UN General Assembly here, Prime Minister Modi also said that in order to strengthen the rules-based world order, the international community must speak in unison, in an apparent reference to China which is flexing its military muscles in the Indo-Pacific.

Noting that the world is facing an increased threat of regressive thinking and extremism, Modi said countries that are using terrorism as a political tool have to understand that terrorism is an equally big threat to them.

"It is absolutely essential to ensure [● More On P6](#)

## India, Pak Trade Barbs At UNGA

PressTrustOfIndia

Pakistan, where terrorists enjoy free pass, is an "arsonist" disguising itself as a "fire-fighter", and the entire world has suffered as it nurtures "dreaded terrorists" like Osama bin Laden in its backyard, India has said in a blistering retort after Prime Minister Imran Khan raised the issue of Kashmir in his address to the UN General Assembly. "We exercise our Right of Reply to one more attempt by the leader of Pakistan to tarnish the image of this august Forum by bringing in matters internal to [● More On P6](#)

**OUR OCEANS ARE ALSO THE LIFELINE** of international trade. We must protect them from the race for expansion. The international community must speak in one voice to strengthen a rule-based world order."

## Determined To Set-Up Safe Transport System In J&K: LG

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that providing various government services and facilities online was the key to a transparent and corruption-free governance system.

"We are determined to establish a safe, resilient and efficient transport system in J&K UT," Sinha said on Saturday

He made these remarks after launching online services of Motor Vehicle Department and



flagging off JKRTC's new fleet of buses at Raj Bhavan here, an official spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, [● More On P6](#)

# Loans, Losses, Liabilities: Inside Lassipora's Distressed Complex

Aaqid Andrabi

AMONG the 587 business-units in Lassipora Industrial Estate — one of the largest industrial complexes in North India — sits a spacious but mirthless manufacturing unit of Abid Shah.

Overlooking his now-defunct plant, Abid looks morose and lets out a heavy sigh. A visible air of desolate-resignation drapes his sunken, dejected shoulders.

After founding his plant in 2015, Abid would manufacture school supplies, and was doing a decent business. But then came the fateful year of 2016 when Hizb commander Burhan Wani's killing brought everything to a screeching halt in Kashmir. The ruinous ripples hadn't passed on yet, and along came 2019. And whatever remnants of a

business were remaining, the Covid pandemic and the ensuing lockdown nailed the coffin shut for Abid's business.

Akin to his nonoperational enterprise, there're scores of tales of financial woes and annihilating lockdown that Kashmiri industrialists have dealt with for the past three years.

The post-abrogation narrative of Article 370 of the Indian constitution was that it would be a harbinger of development of colossal scales for the antiquated state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The ground situation, however, depicts a starkly contrary state of affairs.

Since 2019, the former state faced continuous curbs amassing a colossal financial debt on the doorsteps of the industrialists. To enable them to deal with the incurred losses and liabilities,



the industrialists were given a moratorium on the payment of interest on their loans for eighteen months. That had its caveats, though. The postponement

ended up being another burden on the businesses since they had to make extra payments for the deferred interest amounts.

"I had acquired a loan of some

Rs 40 lakh from a bank on high-interest rates with the hope that I would be able to feed and fend my family, at the same time providing means of employment to

a few other people," says Abid. "But now, it feels like I may have to sell off whatever property I own to pay back some part of my loan."

Amid this anguish, the Minister of State for Communication, Devusinh Chauhan recently arrived in Pulwama to inaugurate multiple projects. He emphasized the need for redressal of grievances and issues of people on a priority basis, while describing Pulwama "as the growth engine of Jammu and Kashmir".

However, unit-holders of Pulwama's Lassipora Industrial Estate are sulking. They say their desperate pleas have been falling on deaf ears, with both Delhi and Srinagar office-bearers seemingly appearing "unsympathetic" towards the local industry.

This collective complaint doesn't

appear erroneous as estimates suggest that J&K suffers losses to the tune of Rs 297 crores daily.

"Even the most generous estimates put the industrial complex's losses at around fifty thousand crores since 2019," says Sarwar Malik, Financial Secretary to the Industries Association, Lassipora, and a plant owner.

"These are just estimates," he adds, "but the losses incurred could be much higher than that. We've been crippled and virtually rendered as beggars."

Apart from staff salaries, Sarwar says, the unit-holders have had to pay for tons of other liabilities since the 2019 crippling summer when the trade activities nosedived in the valley.

"While our businesses have badly suffered in last three years," the financial secretary continues, "the [● More On P6](#)





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## How Husband-Wife Team Built \$12 Billion Fortune With A Startup

SCOTT CARPENTER,  
BLOOMBERG

It all began with millennial angst at user-unfriendly software.

While teaching design programs part-time in 2008 when she was at university in Perth, Australia, Melanie Perkins grew frustrated with the clunky desktop-based tools she was helping her students understand. "Facebook was taking off at the time - people could jump in and use that so easily and yet design tools took years of training to learn," Perkins recalled in a Medium post in 2018. "I wanted to make design software simple, online and collaborative."

It was a winning formula. A funding round last week valued their graphic design company,

Canva, at \$40 billion. That gave Perkins, 34, and her husband and co-founder Cliff Obrecht, 35, a fortune of \$5.9 billion each, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. The latest funding round makes the Sydney-based firm the fifth-largest startup in the world, according to data from research firm CB Insights, and Perkins the richest self-made female billionaire under the age of 40. Among Canva's investors are Franklin Templeton and Sequoia Capital Global Equities.

### 'Right Direction'

Perkins and Obrecht, who married earlier this year, said in an interview this week that they aren't slowing down. "We want to build one of the world's most valuable companies," said Perkins, who is chief executive officer. "We're moving in the right direction,

but we're not there yet."

Canva users have created more than 7 billion designs, but Perkins wants it to become ubiquitous. That includes ultimately replacing PDF resumes with responsive web-based tools. She and Obrecht own at least 30% of the company, Perkins disclosed in a Medium post that accompanied news of the company's valuation. A former Google employee, Cameron Adams, is also a co-founder, though the size of his stake hasn't been disclosed.

A Canva spokesperson, Lachlan Andrews, declined to comment.

Canva is popular with bloggers, students and marketers who can select templates and then customize them to make logos, resumes, flyers or even T-shirt designs. Its tools are

used by more than 10 million students and teachers, as well as companies including American Airlines Group Inc., Zoom Video Communications Inc., SkyScanner, Intel Corp., Salesforce.com Inc., PayPal Holdings Inc. and Marriott International Inc., according to Perkins. Canva says that it's on track to surpass \$1 billion in annualized revenue by year-end.

### Tech Billionaires

The pair's new fortune makes them the 9th- and 10th-richest people in Australia, according to the Bloomberg index. While the country's fortunes have long been linked to commodities industries, Perkins and Obrecht join a group that's topped by fellow tech founders Mike Cannon-Brookes and Scott Farquhar of Atlasian, a software-development

company. Perkins also becomes Australia's second-richest woman after Gina Rinehart, 67, who has a net worth of \$17.9 billion derived largely from an iron-ore business.

In her latest Medium post, Perkins vowed that she and Obrecht would donate the vast majority of their Canva equity. The couple plans to direct its giving through the Canva Foundation, and announced a program with non-profit GiveDirectly that will distribute \$10 million to the poor in Southern Africa.

"It has felt strange when people refer to us as billionaires as it has never felt like our money," Perkins said in a statement. "We've always felt that we're purely custodians of it. It's long been our intention to give the wealth away."

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HORTICULTURE P&M CONST.DIV.SGR.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No.47 of 2021 -22

DATED: 24-09-2021

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&K UT, tenders are invited by Executive Engineer, Horticulture (P&M) at Rajbagh by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the following works: -

| S. No | Name of work   | Adv cost (Rs. in lacs) | Cost of Tender documents | Time of completion | Class of Contract | Major Head of Account |
|-------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1     | 2  | 3                      | 4                        | 5                  | 6                 | 7                     |
| 1     | Construction of lavatory Block at Retail Market at Fruit and Vegetable Market Parimpora Srinagar | 13.50                  | 600/-                    | 45 days            | BEE/CEE/DEE       | CAPEX                 |

Position of AAA/TS: - Accorded

Position of Funds: - Assured/Available.

|    |  |                          |
|----|--|--------------------------|
| 1. | Date of Issue of Tender Notice             | 24-09-2021               |
| 2. | Period of downloading of bidding documents | 24-09-2021               |
| 3. | Bid submission Start Date                  | 24-09-2021               |
| 4. | Bid Submission End Date                    | 01-10-2021 up to 4:00 Pm |
| 5. | Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)    | 02-10-2021 at 11:00 Am   |

Note: - As per circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat finance department:  
A) Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e tenders is dispensed with the same and should be obtained from the bidders who is declare first lowest (L1) after opening of financial bids.  
B) first lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR / FDR within (02) two days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.  
C) All bidders must have to upload Card Verification Certificate issued by Concerned Authority.  
Deposit Head (HPM)  
The Horticulture Planning and Marketing Division does not have sanctioned deposit Head.  
The Allotted agency should produce FDR @ 10% of running bills which shall be treated as bill deposit and shall be released after DLP is over as per the procedure.

- All bidders have to submit bid security declaration form instead of earnest money deposit (EMD) as per the secular of finance department (bid security declaration form is as Annexure A below
- The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury challan to be credited into revenue head 0401(nonrefundable) in favour of Executive Engineer HPM (Tender Inviting Authority)
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. 5.The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Bids
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if: -
  - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
  - Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in 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-1.8.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the 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 favor of Executive Engineer Horticulture (P&M) Rajbagh, to Executive Engineer Horticulture (P&M) Rajbagh must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. Including scanned copy of WhatsApp contact Number.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- Price escalation and Taxes: -The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

Sd/- Executive Engineer  
Horticulture (P&M) Construction Division  
Kashmir Srinagar

### ANNEXURE "A" BID SECURING DECLARATION FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tender Notice No. \_\_\_\_\_

To  
Executive Engineer  
Horticulture P&M Construction Division  
Kashmir Srinagar  
Tender Receiving Authority  
I undersigned declare that:

I understand that according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid Security Declaration.  
I accept that I may be disqualified from bidding for any contract with you for a period of two years from the date of notification if I am in a breach of any obligation under the bid conditions because I  
a) have withdrawn/modified/amended, impairs or derogates from the tender, my Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the form of bid: or  
b) having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the tender receiving authority during the period of bid validity if I fail or reuse to execute the contract in accordance with the instructions of bid  
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DIPK-9402/21

Name Seal & Signature of bidder

## UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

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(PRINTING & STATIONERY SECTION)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

For and on behalf of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders are invited in two bid system from reputed printers for printing and supply of Answer Books/Double Ply OMR Sheets. The bid/tender document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), terms & conditions and other details can be/downloaded from website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule given below:

| S.No | Particulars                             | Date & Time |
|------|---|-------------|
| 1    | Date of Issuance of Tender Notice       | 24-09-2021  |
| 2    | Date of downloading bid documents       | 25-09-2021  |
| 3    | Bid submission Start Date               | 25-09-2021  |
| 4    | Bid Submission End Date                 | 08-10-2021  |
| 5    | Last date for submission of Hard copies | 11-10-2021  |
| 6    | Date & time of opening of Technical Bid | 12-10-2021  |
| 7    | Date & time of opening of Financial Bid | 13-10-2021. |

The bidders have to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents as mentioned in the bid/tender document. The Hard Copy of Technical bid as well as checklist of required documents in a sealed envelope super-scribed "tender for supply of Answer Books/Double Ply OMR Sheets" must reach to the office of the Registrar, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, J&K-190006 by or before 11-10-2021 upto 3PM. Tender incomplete in any respect shall be liable for rejection.

No.F(AnswerBook/OMR)P&S/KU/2021  
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Deputy Registrar  
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DIPK-NB-3794/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

(JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT)

PHE GROUND WATER DIVISION SRINAGAR.

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### RETENDER NOTICE

In view of "No Response" for following tenders

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- Exploration of Tube Well at Siyarpora ( for thr construction of Production Tube Well) Location of Well at Dragran/e-N.I.T. No- PHE/GWDS/ 43 of 09/2021 which were scheduled to be downloaded till 24/09/2021 (upto 02.00 P.M) are hereby RETENDERED as per the details given below.

| S.No | Item                             | Fresh Date                     |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1    | Last date of Downloading of bids | 29/09/2021<br>(upto 02:00 P.M) |
| 2    | Last date of Submission of bids  | 29/09/2021<br>(upto 02:00 P.M) |
| 3    | Date of opening of tenders       | 30/09/2021<br>(upto 02:00 P.M) |

### NOTE:-

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

No: PHE/GWD  
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# City Hospital To Perform Kidney Transplantation



KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR :** Directorate General of Health Services, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has certified the departments of Urology and Nephrology at Super Specialty Hospital, Government Medical College Srinagar for performing kidney transplantations in the UT of J&K under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act & Tissues Act 1994.

The DG Health Services while granting a certificate of registration to the hospital in this regard said the

certificate shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issue.

"This permission is being given with the current facilities and staff shown in the present application form. Any reduction in the staff and/or facility must be brought to the notice of the undersigned," said DG Health Services, Dr Sunil Kumar.

Principal/Dean, GMC Srinagar, Prof Samia Rashid expressed delight at the approval for starting Renal Transplant programme. Prof Samia congratulated both the departments and their HODs Dr Syed Sajjad Nazir and

**THIS PERMISSION** is being given with the current facilities and staff shown in the present application form. Any reduction in the staff and/or facility must be brought to the notice of the undersigned, "

Dr Tajamul Hussain Mir for their hard work in getting it approved especially Dr Syed Sajjad Nazir HOD Urology, who in the last 4 years has been instrumental in getting the department of Urology recognised among the top institutions of the country.

The process of conducting renal transplantation in Super Specialty Hospital Srinagar has started and first kidney transplant is expected to start in November this year, a handout by GMC Srinagar said.

Establishing another renal transplantation centre in Srinagar would be beneficial to chronic renal disease patients who require kidney transplantation and don't need to wait or travel outside, it said.

## 'Narcotics Anonymous' Meeting Held In City

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**SRINAGAR:-** A group meeting and counselling session was held on Saturday under the theme "Narcotic Anonymous Group meetings" an Initiative by Healthy Minds (KASHMER) and HELP Foundation in collaboration with Youth Development and Rehabilitation Centre, Eidgah Srinagar.

The patients who recovered after

treatment for drug abuse and their parents participated in the session.

According to a statement, the NGO said, Narcotic anonymous is an International initiative that has helped people across communities in the country.

"Under this program people already recovered from drug abuse are helped to gather in groups and interact regarding all aspects of Substance Abuse and how to help each other understand better the genesis

and prevention of this menace," the statement reads.

The meeting was attended, facilitated and addressed by head of YDRC Dr Muzaffar, clinical psychologists, counsellors and philanthropists.

"These structured meetings will be held every Saturday at YDRC Eidgah. Gradually the program will be extended to other districts of the UT to ensure maximum participation," it further added.

## Div Com Conducts CAB, Vaccine Sensitization Prog For Press, RJs, Anchors

KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The Divisional Administration Kashmir on Saturday conducted one-day sensitization program on Covid-19 Appropriate Behaviour and Vaccination for the media fraternity, RJs and Anchors so the Covid related information shall be disseminated and brought to every household to help administration in bringing behavioural change in the community.

Among other present were, Director General Family Welfare, MCH & Immunization, Dr. Saleem ul Rehman, Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr. Mustaq Ahmad Rather, Epidemiologist/SSO KASHMIR, Dr. Talat jabeen; Assist. Director FW Dr. Masrat, doctors and prominent Radio Jokeys, Journalists and Anchors.

DG Saleem ur Rehman while emphasizing on the speeding up of vaccination process said that each person needs to get vaccinated to remain safe from covid infection. Besides, he said that we need to

keep an eye on the indicators like morality, hospitalization and positive rate of cases to avert or delay possible third wave.

On the occasion, Director HSK called RJs, Journalists and Anchors as voice of the government and requested them to play consistent positive role in educating people about CAB besides asked them to disseminate information from authentic sources and help in dispelling fake news.

He further asked them that as social influencers with huge fan following and reach to public they should lend help to government in the mitigation of covid spread by using their channels of communication and social media.

While acknowledging their indispensable role in creation of awareness among common people regarding covid guidelines, he enjoined on them to use their influence and voice to encourage people to get vaccinated besides help in dispelling various myths regarding vaccination in society.

## APHC Concerned About Dismissals Of Government Employees

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) led by incarcerated Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, expressed grave concern over the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, getting more and more repressive with each passing day.

APHC said that day in and out extreme laws are introduced to further curb people's freedom and intimidate them into silence through fear of retribution. Sudden dismissals of Government employees without any investigation or being given a chance to be heard, is part of this policy as six more government employees have been sacked by the ruling dispensation.

APHC in a statement said that as per newspaper reports lists have been prepared to dismiss hundreds of Kashmiri employees in this most

foul manner to exacerbate the atmosphere of intimidation and fear in the valley. Under these bizarrely inhuman rules, employees can even be dismissed from service if they or their family members are found to be "sympathetic" to people accused under the (UAPA) and Public Safety Act (PSA). Even while applying for a passport, J&K Government Employees have to get vigilance clearance! Which is not the case elsewhere?

APHC said that as a large segment of J&K population is working in the Government sector, these laws are meant to silence them into submission, crush their freedom of expression and speech and quell any kind of dissent. APHC said it strongly denounces this dictatorial approach to deal with people's aspirations, as it only creates more dissent and anger.

## E-Rickshaw To Hit Srinagar Roads Soon

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**SRINAGAR:** Taking serious note of unavailability of public transport in Habba kadal area, Regional Transport Officer (RTO) on Saturday announced the inauguration of eco friendly electronic auto rickshaw service in Srinagar.

RTO Kashmir, Sajid Yehaya while speaking to s news agency said that the chargeable battery driven auto rickshaw service will be inaugurated on trial basis within a few days. In its first phase, the auto rickshaws will be operational on the routes – connecting Habba-kadal with civil lines area and Habba-Kadal to old city with Rs lowest fare per passenger.

The e-rickshaw, apart from being eco-friendly, also runs on chargeable Lithium battery during sub zero temperature.

Considering the rising level of pollution in the atmosphere and absence of public transport in Srinagar areas, the E-rickshaws are believed to be an atmosphere friendly alternative omitting less smoke and has also been set up to ensure seamless service throughout the day in the Srinagar areas accordingly.

Under the Srinagar Smart City project at least more than 30 electric buses are already running on different routes. These buses are eco-

friendly.

The air and noise pollution free electric buses are running on separate routes in both Jammu and Srinagar regions, having capacity to run up to 150 kilometers with one full-charge.

Recently 500 luxury buses were procured by the Jk Road transport corporation for both the regions of UT.

Locals in the area have appreciated the timely action by the RTO and said this move



is aimed to popularize the green mode of transport at an affordable cost to benefit the locals besides generating employment opportunities for the youth across UT.

There are students, patients and the general public who have to travel throughout the day in the old city. Such people were left at the mercy of expensive cabs. Everyone is not rich enough to own a vehicle and cannot afford to pay exorbitant cab fare of cabs, but now e-rickshaw service will hopefully ease our sufferings" said Shakeel Ahmed , a local resident from the old city. (CNS)

## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CIVIL SECRETARIAT JAMMU/SRINAGAR

**DR. MUSHTAQ AHMAD BHAT, MEDICAL OFFICER)**  
**S/O GHULAM AHMAD BHAT, R/O HARDU, SHICHEN, DIALGAM, DISTRICT APANTNAG.**  
**SUBJECT: FINAL NOTICE.**

**Ref: Est/3/1-133/5286-87 dated 07/08/2021 from Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir.**

WHEREAS, you were given NOC for undergoing selection process for higher Studies as you were having 03 years of service in December 2019 which made you eligible for grant of NOC for the Calendar Year 2020;

AND WHEREAS, later on the Finance Department amended the Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1979 through S.O. 234 dated -21st July 2020 wherein prerequisite three years of service was enhanced to Five years for grant of study leave;

AND WHEREAS, the H&ME Department vide communication No. HD/Gaz/Gen/164/2020 dated 03.02.2021 informed Director, Health Services, Kashmir that the case of the doctor is not covered under the provision(s) of Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services, (Leave) Rules, 1979 read with S.O.234 dated 21st July 2020, as he has not rendered five years of substantive service.

AND WHEREAS, Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir was also requested to inform the concern doctor accordingly, so that he doesn't leave unauthorizedly;

AND WHEREAS, a notice was served upon you by the Director, Health Services, Kashmir vide No. Est/3/1-133/5286-87 dated 07-08-2021 wherein while informing the directions from Administrative Department an was given to you to report for your duties at GMC Anantnag within seven days failing which it shall be presumed that you are not interest to serve the department and action as warranted under rules be initiated against you for un-authorized absence.

AND WHEREAS, as per the report submitted vide No GMCA/Estt/2021/7558 dated 29.06.2021 by Principal/Dean GMC Anantnag, it has been intimated that you have not reported back till date;

AND WHEREAS, after examination of the case, it has been decided to give last and final opportunity to you to join back in the Directorate of Health Service Kashmir;

Now therefore, you are, hereby given last and final opportunity to resume your duties within a period of 07 days from the date of issuance of the notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that the you have nothing to say in your defense and disciplinary proceedings under Article-128 of J&K Civil Services, (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956, shall be initiated against you ex-parte which involves loss of appointment.

No. HD-Gaz/ Gen/288/2021-02  
Dated: 21-9-2021  
DIPK-9384/21

(Mohammad Iqbal Lone)  
Under Secretary to the Government  
Health & Medical Education Department.

**E-mail:- Compwd@rediffmail.com**  
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**0194-2506054-Fax**

## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR PUBLIC WORKS (R&B) DEPARTMENT CIVIL SECRETARIAT JAMMU/SRINAGAR

**Subject: Acceptance of diploma in Civil Engineering acquired by Mr. Mohd Rabnawaz and Mr. Rameez Khan, Draftsman (Civil), PW(R&B) Circle Rajouri- Poonch and Inclusion of their names in the relevant seniority list.**

### NOTICE INVITING OBJECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer R&B Jammu vide letter No's CEJ/Estab/S/352-53 dated 26.06.2020 has forwarded the case of Mr. Mohd Rabnawaz and Mr. Rameez Khan, Draftsman (Civil) for acceptance of Diploma in Civil Engineering and inclusion in the seniority amongst the draftsman (Civil) Diploma Holders respectively with following details:-

| S. No | Name of the Engineer                  | Date of Birth | Date of appointment | Name of the University / Institution where from examination passed | Date of passing Degree | Whether acquired permission or not |
|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 01    | Mohd Rabnawaz Khan, Draftsman (Civil) | 07.03.1987    | 13.6.2016           | Punjab State Board of technical Education Industrial Training      | 19.02.2015             | Not required                       |
| 02.   | Rameez Khan Draftsman (Civil)         | 27.12.1987    | 04.07.2016          |  | 23.08.2016             | Not required                       |

WHEREAS, the diploma/marks certificates of the officials were forwarded to the concerned Universities for verification and the concerned Universities i.e. Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training on 19.02.2021 for verification of genuineness. In response the registrar of the said board vide No. PSB/Verification/2021/847 dated 13.05.2021 has verified the genuineness of the diploma acquired by the above named draftsman.

WHEREAS, the above incumbents has also produced undertaking affirming therein that "in case any information about his diploma is found fraudulent/bogus at any time during service. The same shall be deemed to be cancelled ab-initio and action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against them in terms of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules,1956"

WHEREAS, it has been found that there is a case to accept his Diploma from the date of passing Diploma and also include his name at appropriate place in the relevant seniority lists of Draftsman (Civil) Diploma Holder's as and when the same is notified afresh.

NOW, THEREFORE, before acceptance of the Diploma in Civil Engineering acquired by Mr. Mohd Rabnawaz Draftsman (Civil) and Mr. Rameez Khan, Draftsman (Civil) and subsequently inclusion of their names at appropriate place in the relevant seniority lists, objections are invited from the members of the cadre who are likely to be affected due to decision of the department , should reach in the Administrative Department through concerned Chief Engineer within a period of 21 days from the date of issuance/publication of the notice. No claim, whatsoever, shall be entertained after expiry of stipulated time period.

No. PW(R&B)HRM1/75/2021-05-Department of PWD (R&B)  
Dated 2JU09.2021  
DIPK-9383/21

(Rajnish Kumar) JKAS  
Additional Secretary to the Government

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## This Day in History

- 46 BC - Julius Caesar dedicates a temple to his mythical ancestor Venus Genetrix in accordance with a vow he made at the battle of Pharsalus.
- 1901 - Great Britain annexes the Ashanti Kingdom and places it under the governor of the Gold Coast (Ghana)
- 1938 - Hitler issues ultimatum to Czech government, demanding Sudeten Land
- 1940 - Airplane manufacturer in Woolston bombed, 30 killed
- 1940 - Japanese troops attack French Indo-China
- 1944 - British & Polish paratroopers evacuate Oosterbeek (Arnhem)
- 1944 - Soviet forces occupy Estonia
- 1950 - Because of forest fire in Br Columbia, blue moon appears in England
- 1953 - US & Spain sign defense treaty (4 US bases in Spain)
- 1954 - Japanese ferry boat Toya Maru sinks in Strait of Tsugaru, 1172 die
- 1957 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk USSR
- 1962 - Yemen Arab Republic proclaimed (National Day)
- 1973 - Turkey's state of siege ends (after 2½ years)
- 1980 - Soyuz 38 returns to Earth
- 1983 - Cosmonauts Titov & Strekalov are saved from exploding Soyuz T-10
- 1983 - Lebanon premier Chafiq Wazzan offers to resigns
- 1983 - Soviet military officer Stanislav Petrov averts a worldwide nuclear war by judging supposed missile attack from the US an error
- 1984 - President Reagan vetoes sanctions against South Africa
- 1985 - Tunisia drops diplomatic relations with Libya
- 1988 - US space shuttle STS-26 launched
- 1989 - Last Vietnamese soldiers leave Cambodia
- 1989 - Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze calls for total destruction of Soviet & US chemical weapons
- 1992 - Nigerian Air Force Hercules C-130 crashes three minutes after take-off from Lagos, Nigeria, killing 163
- 1992 - Tsuruhiko Kiuchi discovers comet Swift-Tuttle
- 1993 - Indians win their last game at Cleveland Stadium, beating Brewers 6-4
- 1995 - Earliest 1st-class cricket in Aust season (Qld v Western Prov)

## From KO Archives

## Accession Conditional: NC

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR-** In a significant departure from its known stance vis-a-vis Kashmir issue and centre-state relations, the National Conference today appealed to Indian and Pakistani leaders "to settle Kashmir issue without any delay so that the on-going massacre should be stopped".

"The long pending issue may be settled according to the will of Kashmiri people who are the real masters of Kashmir", a National Conference press release issued by the provincial president of the party and MLC G N Shaheen read. He demanded that all 'innocent detainees languishing in many jails should be released without any delay'.

Expressing 'great concern', the NC leader said Kashmiri youth were not being provided central jobs which was "to-tally against norms". He demanded that Muslims as well as people from other communities should be given jobs.

NC leader also expressed concern that the central government had not so far released the annual plan for development works to the state and said "the fundamentalist Hindus are wholly and solely responsible for demolishing historical Babri Masjid as/well as one portion of Golden temple in Amritsar". He said it was the golden chance to restore peace and restore autonomy in the state.

Talking to Observer News Service this evening, Shaheen said the state's accession to India was conditional; Even at that time, a solemn pledge had been made to ascertain the final opinion of the state people. "That pledge was never redeemed as the people's opinion was never ever sought", he asserted.

On the denial of central government jobs to Kashmiri Muslims, Shaheen said he endorsed the views of Shiv Sena supremo, Bal Thakarey that he would never allow any non-Maharashtrian get a job in his state. He asserted locals should be given representations in the state administration. He described the People's Democratic Party (PDP) of Mufti Muhammad Sayeed as that of the former state governor and BJP leader, Jagmohan, as the former was responsible for sending the latter to Jammu and Kashmir'.

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Twitter Talks



"Imagine thinking " You"need to be the voice of the voiceless. Imagine thinking people are actually "voiceless" and not systematically silenced. Our work is not to be other people's voice. It is to question how and why we got access to spaces others couldn't, and to pass the mic" -  
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"Woke up to the horrible news of the death of Indian feminist Kamla Bhasin. A huge huge setback to the women's rights movement in the country. Bhasin was the founder of Sangat, a South Asian feminist network" -  
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"Alarming: fertility rate in kashmir has gone down to around 1.5 as compared to US & UK. With this decline, Kashmiri race will face extinction - courtesy late marriages, less children" -  
@tariqtramboo

Dangerous Slide



An eviction drive that ends in the death of two people — one a 12-year-old — injuries to policemen, and macabre footage of a photographer embedded with the state police stamping on a dying man is not just a breakdown of order; it warns of a dangerous slide into sectarianism. How the Assam government's action in Darrang district against alleged encroachers, largely drawn from the Bengali Muslim community, escalated into a situation in which the police opened fire, allegedly in "self-defence", is now the subject of an inquiry by a retired

their disgruntlement, visible in Darrang. Despite the dissatisfaction of the several hundred families served eviction notices with rehabilitation options, the district administration did not stop to accommodate their concerns. Chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma cast it as a way to free up land for the "indigenous" by ousting "illegal settlers".

While the government is within its rights to remove encroachers, the fact remains that the BJP's consistent anti-immigrant and anti-minority narrative has resulted in a gulf of suspicion between the state and the Bengali Muslim community. This echoes a history of insider-outsider antagonism in the state. Land is at the centre of this mistrust. Beginning in the late 19th century, British colonial interests had settled peasants from adjoining East Bengal in the fertile fields of Assam, creating an anxiety about the Bengali immigrant that persists to this day. In recent times, the BJP's bruising CAA-NRC politics has deepened those fault lines and overlaid it with a distinct Hindutva agenda. Sarma fought and won the BJP's second stint in power in Assam by framing it as a contest between "65 per cent (Hindus) and 35 per cent (Muslims)" and stoking the antagonism towards the "Miya Muslim". A rhetoric that dehumanises people as "illegals" or "termites" or "Bangladeshi immigrants" also sets them up as targets for violence; legitimises social prejudice and hate.

Governance does not call for polarising rhetoric, but the will to take along the whole electorate, whatever their identity. Those responsible for Darrang's shameful descent into violence must be held to account. Instead of coming down with a heavy hand on a destitute population that has been turned homeless, the state must reach out to them in a language of humane accommodation. Assam's people have paid the cost of uncompromising identity politics with bloodshed before. It must walk away from that path of confrontation.

The article first appeared in  
The Indian Express

judge of the Gauhati High Court. But this much is undeniable: Nowhere was the moderating hand of the state government, whose responsibility is to engage with people and assuage

# Remote Justice

Courts In Kashmir Are Still Continuing With Paper Documents, And Have Not Adopted The Idea Of A "Paperless" Court Completely

Sama Zehra

"I am here, I am not a cat", said the lawyer from Texas who accidentally used a cat filter during a virtual hearing. Little knowledge is dangerous, they say, and nowadays, with the introduction of virtual courts this saying has taken on new significance. During the lockdown, knowledge of technology surprisingly gained paramount importance in the legal field; with the courts going virtual. A mere technical error might interrupt an ongoing court hearing and turn the table of arguments around. The examples of such technical mishaps are numerous, from accidentally putting on filters to intentionally interrupting a hearing by singing songs, it has shown how difficult and hectic dealing with the new form of administering justice is.

The same is the state of Virtual Indian Judiciary where Justice served is speedy, usually cheap, and needless to say, only accessible to the tech-savvy group of people. The Covid Lockdown has crumbled the Judiciary, left with no other alternative, the concept of Virtual courts was introduced to continue the delivery of Justice. As appealing as this concept might sound, it is riddled with errors, problems and loopholes. The loopholes left out by the online courts are effectively used by the lawyers to ace the arguments before the judges and to mess with the mechanism of the justice delivery system.

There is a famous saying, "Desperate times call for desperate measures". The turbulent situation that the Covid-lockdown put us in, forced the judiciary to take desperate yet essential steps for the smooth and uniform functioning of the Criminal justice system. However, the burning question arises, has justice been served through virtual courts? Was the judiciary successful in safeguarding the right to a fair trial under the virtual system? Can "virtual judiciary" ever become the new normal?

For the functioning of virtual courts, accessibility to the internet and technological resources are a prerequisite, which thereby indicates that lack of these facilities would hinder the mechanism of the Justice delivery system. However, going virtual in a country like India where more than 50% of the population has no access to the internet, makes us skeptical about the equality of access to justice. According to "The Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicators" report, 70% of the rural areas in India have no access to the internet. The digital divide between urban and rural areas has denied people of modern life and access to many online facilities. The divide has further deepened during the Covid times and has further divided the rural and urban areas into justice accessibility and non-accessibility zones.

Moreover, as per data furnished by Access Now, India witnessed the highest number of Internet shutdowns in 2020. The situation is considerably worse in conflict-torn areas like Kashmir. Day in and out, internet connection is snapped in the valley. The situation is even worse in outskirts and tension-prone towns



CONNECTIVITY AND UNINTERRUPTED power supply are still a far cry in far-flung areas. The arms of justice might be long but they aren't long enough to reach the no-network zones of India

like Pulwama, where the internet blockade is considerably rampant. Virtual courts cannot function in a no-internet zone. Does this imply that the rights of these individuals who have no access to the internet are not worth protecting? The inaccessibility of the internet is the biggest impediment to the development of virtual courts in India.

The kernel of the Justice delivery system is public access to courts and judicial implementation of mind. In some of the cases, the Judge infers information or data out of the accused by critically analyzing the statements stated by them. One of the eminent CJM's of Kashmir stated that "While hearing a matter, Judges infer certain details out of the body language of the parties. However, the same is not possible through the virtual mode". Tackling and getting used to Virtual judiciary is an uphill task for both the Judges and the other parties to the case. However, the difference is that all the essential and required equipment are made available to the judges whereas other parties are required to manage the same, which becomes an impossible task for people belonging to the rural and underdeveloped areas of India.

A recent letter by BCI chairman to CJI advising against continuation of virtual hearings Post Lockdown stated that 90% of lawyers in India are not completely literate about technology and therefore, face numerous problems in light of virtual court hearings. Connectivity and uninterrupted power supply are still a far cry in far-flung areas. The arms of justice might be long but they aren't long enough to reach the no-network zones of India.

Other than technical and connectivity issues, there are numerous legal issues concerning the remote justice system. The Indian legal system is based on principles of common law and customary law, where adversaries argue before a Judge, and Justice is administered in an open court. The principle of open court mandates that all court proceedings

should take place in an open court and should be made accessible to the public and the media. The Indian constitution emphasizes hearings to be held in an open court under Article 145(4), whereby it states that all proceedings of the Supreme Court shall take place in an open court. However, under the virtual system, the public has been barred from attending any of the hearings. At present, the litigant has no way of learning what, why and how something happened during a hearing as the meeting link is not provided to them. A litigant who is a direct

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party to the case is ignorant of details of the actual hearing, let alone the general public. The scenario is similar in Kashmir, where the public is not allowed to attend hearings either of the High court or any of the subordinate courts. Denial of a right to attend the hearing has of course shaken the trust of the public in the Judiciary.

Appreciation and examination of evidence through a small box on a zoom screen becomes a tremendously difficult task amenable to human errors. In the case of civil matters or matters relating to NDPS, POCSO Act, a discussion across the table is indispensable and imperative as the Judge needs to consider and

critically analyze all the ticklish and delicate details connected to the case. However, this technical analysis and appreciation of Law become quite onerous through the medium of a laptop screen.

"Right to a fair trial" is one of the wheels of the Judiciary. Even though covid forced the judiciary to adopt the virtual system, the same can hardly be taken as the "new normal" because justice through a zoom screen doesn't safeguard the basic right of a fair trial to the accused. According to a report by "Transform Justice", defendants who appear virtually are more likely to be unrepresented and hence, unable to navigate the proceedings. The study also discovered that lawyer-client conversation is overheard by others as rooms are not sound-proofed and, either or both parties must occasionally yell to be heard owing to the poor sound quality of the line, thereby violating the lawyer-client privilege.

Owing to the lockdown situation, Indian lawyers have also faced obstacles in establishing a relationship of trust and understanding with their clients.

The Indian government has time and again boasted about the concept of "digital India", however, little development can be seen in the technological infrastructure. The situation is even worse in Kashmir. Courts in Kashmir are still continuing with paper documents, and have not adopted the idea of a "paperless" court completely, which makes virtual hearing even more hectic.

To turn the trend for the better, both virtual and physical courts can work at the same time to reduce the enormous pendency of cases before the Judiciary. For instance, cases that require the judicial application of mind can be tried in physical courts whereas, cases related to small financial issues like traffic claims and insurances can be heard virtually. Moreover, the division of cases between the two modes of courts can be done on the basis of classification of punishment. The above-suggested mechanism will not only decrease the burden of cases but will also avoid overcrowding in courts.

"The supreme court's only armor is the cloak of public trust; its sole ammunition, the collective hopes of the society" observed I.R. Kaufman. The torchbearer of Justice and sole protector of citizens are strong and undefeatable because of the trust and hopes of people that lie within this institution of Justice. Whenever a right is infringed, an innocent is killed, or a public servant uses their power arbitrarily, Judiciary comes to the rescue and people tirelessly support its cause. This relationship of trust and understanding should not be jeopardized by ineffective reforms otherwise, the hue and cry of citizens will go unheard.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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## Is Doing Business Really Dead?

KAUSHIK BASU

THE WORLD BANK DESERVES CREDIT for commissioning such a transparent investigation, and now it has an obligation to act on its findings. Some senior officials will no doubt be shown the door. But this is also the time to take stock of the entire business of Doing Business. The bank's decision to stop publishing DB is an understandable initial reaction

use this interruption to develop a better report, instead of ending it for good.

I have a long and complicated relationship with DB. Many progressive economists have railed against it because of its admittedly neoliberal bias. But the index also highlighted important shortcomings in many developing countries, where cronyism among big business and government, along with high bureaucratic costs, crush individual enterprise and cripple small businesses. When I was the Indian government's chief economic adviser, I found DB's data useful for pushing reforms that would help the small players. At that time, I had no idea that I would one day be in charge of the division producing the report. During my transition, I felt like a restaurant patron who had suddenly been asked to run the kitchen. It was an eye-opening experience for me to discover how the DB economies were evaluated. I could see that there was room for improvement, but what truly impressed me was the transparency and integrity of the exercise. It was an expensive operation in which the Bank collected data meticulously from all the economies – 189 at the time – and then constructed the rankings without

regard to who won or lost.

We improved some of the data and the selection of items that we included in the index. But any such change would alter some of the rankings, giving the impression that some countries were doing better or worse than before, when in fact the shifts were entirely due to the changes in our criteria. For that reason, we had to hold back on many planned improvements.

So, what might a new, improved DB look like? For starters, the bank should switch to collecting de facto data. Currently, the bulk of the DB ranking is based on countries' de jure laws – the rules and regulations in the books – rather than on what actually happens on the ground. My own back-of-the-envelope calculation was that two-thirds of the ranking depended on the de jure.

This causes an obvious problem. Properly devised cross-country rankings, like the pre-2017 DB, spur competition among governments. But authoritarian governments in particular can change their rule books through top-down orders – and thus improve their index score – even if this makes little difference to people's lives. Gathering de facto data will require

independent surveys and some randomized data collection, making DB more expensive to produce. But the World Bank can easily bear the additional burden.

Second, DB currently does not include an indicator regarding labor laws and regulations (it did once have, but it was dropped). This is an unfortunate omission, which a revamped DB report should redress.

Finally, every time the DB report came out during my years at the Bank, I would be at pains to explain that it was about doing business. Achieving a high ranking must not be an all-consuming goal, because the health of a country's economy also depends on fairness and social justice. But once such a game gets started, it is difficult to persuade countries that other things matter besides business. The World Bank now has an opportunity to correct this by creating a supplement to the DB report that ranks countries in terms of "Being Just." The BJ supplement would assess how fair and just a country's laws and regulations are. This can start as a small exercise, with a BJ ranking being published alongside the DB ranking.

Such an initiative would be bound to generate interest among researchers to investigate the connections between being good for business and being fair and just. More importantly, it would create incentives for countries to excel in both areas. Last but not least, it would offer the World Bank an opportunity to rebuild its reputation for producing useful – and impartial – rankings.

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I Book Review I

# Reading Goffman's "On The Run Fugitive Life In An American City"

On The Run: Fugitive Life In An American City (The University Of Chicago Press: 2014)

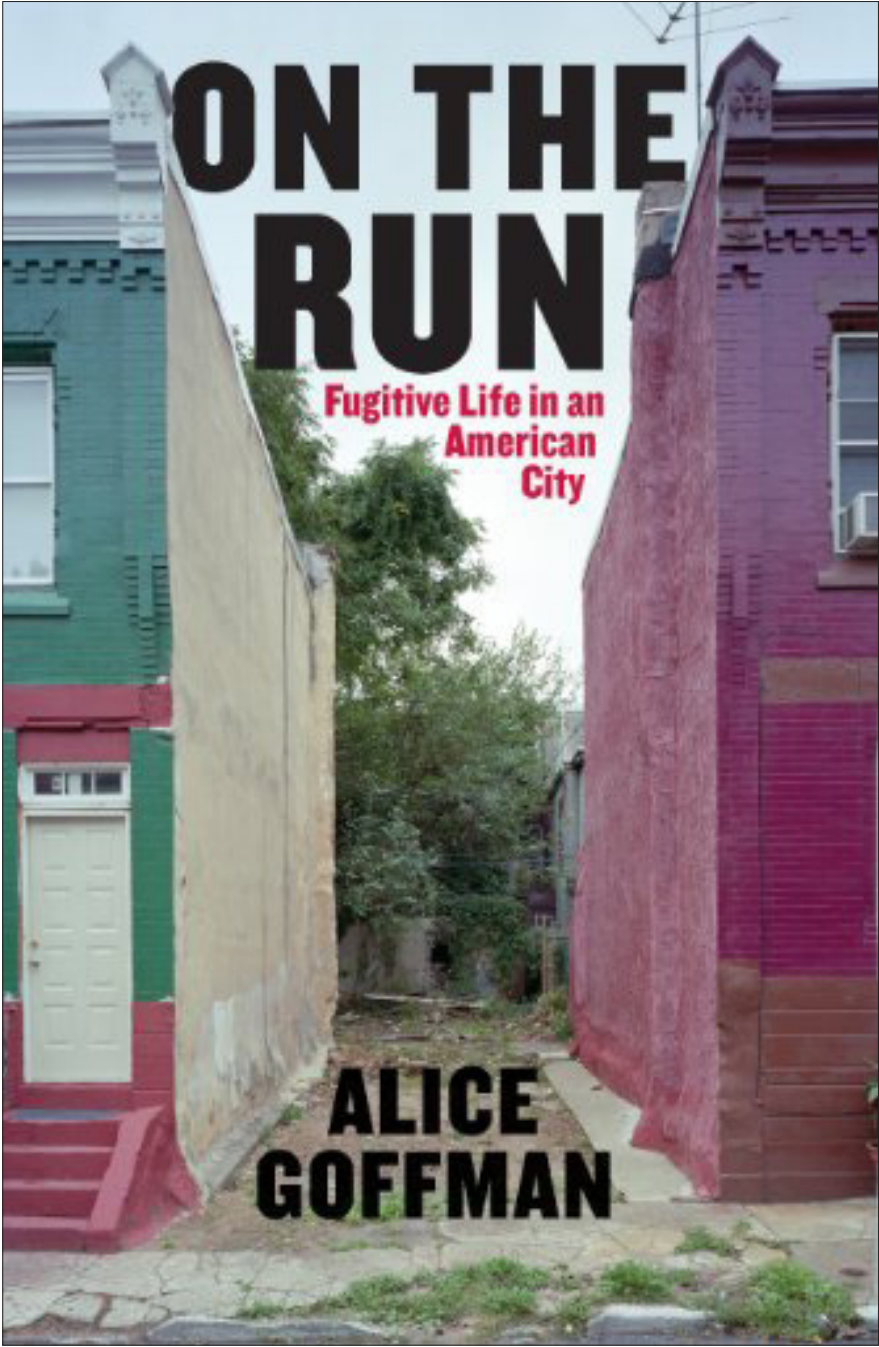
Alice Goffman

Muhammad Tahir

Alice Goffman begins her book by historically contextualizing her research subject: how Black Americans have been dealt with by the American system for many years and how even after getting their full citizenship rights in the 1960s their freedoms still remained vulnerable to the arbitrariness of the authorities in the name of war on drugs. Goffman informs us that since mid-1970s, the US federal and state governments brought in new laws which increased penalties for possession and sale of drugs and also beefed up police presence around the poor Black neighborhoods. By the 1980s crime rate had spiked which invited newer and tougher measures from the authorities. Though 1990s saw a decline in incidents of crime and violence, yet the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act 1994 added new offences to the list, increased the sentence periods, and also bolstered the crime control and law enforcement agencies through extra funding; now there was increase in the number of new law enforcement agencies and units. The poor Black American community became – and still is – a particular victim of the tough-on-crime and war on drugs policies, because millions of young Black men have been sent to jails and prisons since 1980s and “returned...to society with felony charges” (p. 3). By one estimate, 60 percent of Black men without high school certificate serve prison term by their 30s.

Goffman's research site is a poor Black neighborhood in Philadelphia; an area which was pre-dominantly Jewish in the 1950s and 1960s, but opened up to Black residents in early 1970s, and afterwards became a predominantly Black (92 percent), as non-Black citizens moved out of the area gradually. Goffman lived for 6 years in the 6th street neighborhood first as an undergrad sociology student of University of Pennsylvania and then as PhD candidate of Princeton to conduct her research. During this period, she observed the life and culture of the 6th street intimately by living with the residents through their daily ‘normal’ chores and activities, by immersing herself in their milieu like a “consummate ethnographer”, adopting their attitudes, behaviors, and peculiar language; this psychological shift would later make her behave awkwardly when she eventually returned to her original white middle-class background. As Goffman describes it, “I feared the hordes of white people... in cafeterias and libraries and bus and train stations, I'd search for the few Black people present and sit near them, feeling my heart slow down and my shoulders relax after I did” (p. 247).

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place at the wrong time.

Young Black Americans in the 6th street are always suspect, are always guilty till proven innocent. The continual brush with the criminal justice system means that people live with certain circumstantial identities that are couched in euphemisms – clean, dirty, rider, snitch, rat, hot. At the crucial juncture of encounter with law and in its aftermath a Black person assumes any of these identities, and it is around these very identities that people maneuver their lives since they come of age in the 6th street.

Black men with compromised legal status avoid funerals (of dear ones) and hospitals (to get treated for bleeding wounds or visit their laboring partner) because police lurk around to nab them. Police even arrive at their workplace and bundle them away. The police, in other words, are after them all the time. For law enforcement personnel, arresting more and more people in the troubled neighborhoods is incentivized: their higher ups reward and promote them on the basis of number of arrests they make. It forces Black men to be on the run continuously and take safer shelter at different locations and purchase goods and services from the shadow economy that emerges in the wake of mass incarcerations.

This shadow or underground market caters to the needs and demands of people with compromised legal status or legal constraints. In this market goods and services are sold without questions asked. It is a thriving business for residents of poor communities or for those public service officials – including prison guards – who exploit opportunities for making extra money.

What complicates their already tough and precariously situated life is the moral and emotional cost the fugitive status exacts on Black men and women. A mother or partner is expected to be loyal and courageous, and in the face of police pressure she is expected not to succumb; she is supposed to be good rider, in their parlance. If she protects her partner or son, “she makes a claim for herself as a loyal girlfriend or a good mother, an honorable and moral human being” (p. 86).

However, it is easier said than done, because the police employ different techniques – from physical threat to emotional manipulation – to pressurize her to give in. Once women succumb and turn their loved ones in, they “suffer public humiliation and private shame, and face the difficult task of salvaging their moral worth in the wake of their betrayals” (p. 75).

They come to be seen as snitches. Therefore, Black women in poor 6th street neighborhood live in emotional contradictions.

Prison, though a hateful place for all, sometimes becomes an appropriate retreat in case of gang wars in the neighborhood. Feeling threatened from impending lethal danger from a rival group from the 4th Street, a 6th street male member feels it better sometimes to turn himself in and bade time inside prison till tempers cool down and things return ‘normal’.

While Goffman's book is praiseworthy for its rich ethnography, it also contains certain controversial details, particularly involving her decision to volunteer to drive with Mike – one of her research informants – to the 4th street for vengeance, Mike's friend Chuck had been killed by a member of the 4th street gang. In her candid admission, Goffman acknowledges, “I got into the car because, like Mike and Reggie, I wanted Chuck's killer to die” (p. 260). She further explains that “Looking back, I'm glad that I learned what it feels like to want a man to die – not simply to understand the desire for vengeance in others, but to feel it in my bones, at an emotional level eclipsing my own reason or sense of right and wrong” (p. 261). Here, she is treading an ethically grey area in so far as ethnographic research is concerned, but we can only judge her thoughts in retrospect.

With incredibly richer details, accessible prose, and impeccable presentation, On the Run is a brilliant and engaging work of ethnographic research. Goffman has provided us a rare and humanistic glimpse into the world of poor Black Americans who continue to suffer at the margins of the society with little attention from mainstream American media. Goffman takes us into the heart of a culture that weaves around the lives of poor to lower-income Black Americans, the vast underbelly of ‘American Dream’. Though there are certain tricky legal and ethical issues involved in the way the researcher has conducted herself at a certain stage of fieldwork, that should not mar the overall message this important and incredibly powerful book intends to send across: that American criminal justice system has been partial and discriminatory against poor Black Americans, and that instead of being useful, the beefed up and extensive law enforcement networks and their modes of operation has exacerbated the problem rather than solving it.

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## Behold, I Have Returned from a Hike

Jason Hayes

Friends, family, followers—gather whatever posts you possess of your pets or fancy latte art, and lay them at the altar of my nascent wilderness infatuation. I demand a sacrifice! There is a new force dominating your social media, clad in breathable synthetics, as our ancestors foretold.

If perchance you were wondering which of your acquaintances exchanged intimate whispers with Nature this weekend, while also besting it in an assertive display of athleticism, it was I. If you were wondering who among you felt the wind tussling their two-hundred-dollar zip-off pants, it was I.

“I HAVE RETURNED INTACT—WITH several dozen selfies and the unwarranted belief that if you didn't walk around in the woods yesterday your life is worthless. For I, your former associate and now idol, went for a hike. Gaze upon my photos and weep

Fear not. I have returned intact—with several dozen selfies and the unwarranted belief that if you didn't walk around in the woods yesterday your life is worthless.

For I, your former associate and now idol, went for a hike. Gaze upon my photos and weep.

Go ahead, scroll through this selection of pictures and question the depth of your inner life. It seems quite shallow, does it not? I even included one photo that doesn't feature my face or a glimpse of my heat rash. Instead, it's of a trail that I assure you appeared way steeper in real life, or maybe of a leaf that I thought looked really neat. I added it to convey the majesty of nature, because this experience wasn't just about me—although I look great in a full-brim hat—it was about all of us.

That's right. I just referenced the collective human experience. I waded deep into

the primordial waters, and now I'm like Henry David Thoreau or Edward Abbey. Suddenly, I have strong opinions about how you should lead your life and I want



to text them to you in all caps. That nine-to-five is a hamster wheel, man. Get out and break free! Release that fluffy, domesticated hamster somewhere it can truly thrive: the wilderness. I've moved beyond the world you live in.

I cut the tether. It was just me, the great outdoors, and the phone I relied on heavily for navigation, documentation, and a podcast to take my mind off how much sweat was pooling around my lower back. Nothing can compare to the type of awareness

you feel when you take out your headphones and realize that someone has been trying to pass you for a mile.

Behold, my picture of the summit! While I've mastered several poses—such as Stoically Standing with Hands on Hips, which exhibits the resilience of the human spirit, and Looking Just Left of Camera with Open Smile, which suggests that sitting in a plague of mosquitoes is just one of those things which make me giggle—they weren't quite right for this occasion. I have instead selected Stepping into a Sunbeam, because there was a break in the clouds and this natural landscape is just a playground of fucking wonder. You're welcome. Also, yes, it rained, but I assure you that it was more enriching to the soul than the stupid drizzle you got in town.

Join me, friends. It's not too late for you. You can still be like me. I could loan you this book on how to find food in a snowstorm and take shelter in a rainstorm. There are only storms where we're going. We could carpool. I'll bring the bug spray. We'll leave early, of course. Shall I pick you up at, say, five?

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## Ahead Of IAF

the pilot training and their names will be announced on September 26,” the Divisional Commissioner added.

Stalls will be established at SKICC where students will be informed about the achievements of the Air Force, employment opportunities in the IAF, recruitment rules and eligibility criteria. The event would also consist of a photo exhibition depicting the history of the IAF.

## Cafe Owners, Traders

weekend”, said Kamran Nisar, owner of the Winterfell Cafe at Boulevard.

Nisar said that if one looks at the amount of loss suffered by any single-unit operator due to the Boulevard closure, it’s approximately over Rs 2 lacs.

He further added, “In a month, especially in Kashmir, 25 days are those where a business operator earns for paying his necessary bills and the rest of the weekend days earn them a profit. Here, he alleges, the government turns their profit-making day into a loss.

Kamran says the ongoing Air-show may be a welcome step for tourism but barring the local population on one of the main roads of the city is unfair.

“If this Air-show was for the people of Kashmir, then why are only tourists allowed on this stretch?” Kamran asked.

Sheikh Sameer, owner of cafe Fat Panda lamented that the closure of Boulevard has become a norm for the government.

“They (government) have become so immune now, that they shut down this main road every now and then without any planning,” Sameer said.

He further added, “We are dependent on the local customers and when the Government bars any movement of the locals on this road, we suffer a loss of more than Rs 70,000 every single day and no one in the administration even bothers about it.”

“No one’s stopping the government from conducting such shows but why make a business owner suffer, given the ongoing poor status of Kashmir’s economy,” Sameer said.

According to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, “The main aim of the air show is to motivate the youth of the Valley to join the Indian Air Force and to promote tourism in the region.”

“The show will also develop a passion among the students to give wings to their dreams. Along with the students, 700 teachers will also be present at the venue,” he said.

However, Abdur Rasheed Muqaam, a sumo driver, who ferries passengers from Dalgate to Nishat questioned the government’s idea of holding such shows at the cost of one’s daily bread.

“This everyday closure of the road has become a new norm for the already suffering transport community. We save a good quantity of petrol while travelling from the Boulevard as this stretch is quite straight and without much traffic jam”, Rasheed said

He added the government’s decision to shut down this road makes them suffer as the traffic diversions forces them to travel from the Rainawari stretch where one finds nothing but long traffic snarls.”

Wahid Malik, President Kashmir Hotels and Restaurant Owners Federation (KHAROF) maintains that the issue of closing down the road during the VIP moment has been there for decades and they have apprised the authorities about the inconvenience they face due to it from time to time.

“But nobody is ready to address the issue. The government should at least keep the road open from Dalgate to Nehru Park where all houseboats and restaurants end,” he said.

He said the work of over 50 hotels and restaurants comes to halt because of the closure of Boulevard.

“The tourists as well as the locals face a lot of inconvenience,” he added.

## Elections In J&K

exercise is in progress and was expected to be completed by the year-end.

“On August 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the ramparts of the Red Fort announced that the delimitation exercise will be followed by the assembly elections in J-K. The delimitation is likely to be completed by the year-end and so the elections to the J-K assembly will be held early next year,” he said when asked about the upcoming polls in the union territory.

In March 2020, the BJP-led government had constituted a delimitation commission to redraw Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir. The commission is yet to submit its report.

However, the BJP leader said his party is fully prepared for the elections and would win the elections with 50-plus seats to form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir.

“The BJP-led government at the Centre has benefited the people of Jammu and Kashmir by its schemes and developmental programmes. The people are satisfied and will bless the party during the elections. The next chief minister will be from our party,” Raina claimed.

Earlier, he was joined by National General Secretary, in-charge J-K, Tarun Chugh and other senior leaders to pay tributes to Upadhyay.

Asked about the criticism of the National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on the sacking of government employees having terror links, he said, “The law is equal for everyone. If action is taken against an ordinary person found working as an overground worker of terrorists, there is no justification to spare a government employee having links with terrorists.”

“Terrorism has destroyed J-K, claiming over one lakh lives during the past three decades and left Kashmiri Pandits internally displaced after they were threatened at gunpoint. The NC and the PDP should rethink and see whether they want Taliban, Pakistan, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Hizbul Mujahideen to rule J-K.

“We will not allow such kind of administration here. The supporters of terrorism are enemies of the people and anyone who conspires against the nation will not be spared,” he said.

Raina said Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed large-scale development after the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 and completely put an end to the stone-pelting incidents, which were a regular feature during encounters between terrorists and security forces.

“Before the abrogation of Article 370, there were only 87 legislators but after the August 2019 development, the government strengthened the grass-roots democracy. We have over 50,000 panches, sarpanches, Block Development Council (BDC), District Development Council (DDC), urban local bodies members and municipal councils.

“The anti-corruption bureau has intensified its drive against corruption, while the stone-pelting during encounters has completely ended,” he said.

National General Secretary, in-charge of Jammu and Kashmir, Tarun Chugh said the BJP government not only controlled the militancy-related incidents in Jammu and Kashmir but dealt a severe blow to terrorism in the union territory.

“Our government is doing a good job and has reached every section and region with its pro-people schemes. Whether it is Kashmir, Jammu, hilly Kishtwar, Kathua or Poonch-Rajouri belt, the developmental activities are visible everywhere,” he said.

Asked about the core group meeting of the BJP scheduled later in the day and its agenda, he said, “Whenever he reaches Jammu, the core group meeting is convened to discuss the party affairs.”

However, BJP sources said the party has convened the core group meeting to discuss the Chamber of Commerce and Industries-sponsored strike on September 22 against the alleged “directionless policies” of the Lieutenant Governor-led administrations.

## 143 New Cases

In Valley, the officials said, Srinagar reported a maximum 52 cases followed by Baramulla with 17, Budgam 14, Bandipora 6, Pulwama and Kupwara 4 each and Anantnag 2. No fresh case was reported from Ganderbal and the twin south Kashmir districts of Kulgam and Shopian.

In the winter capital, officials said, Rajouri reported 11, Doda 8, Jammu 7, Poonch and Reasi 3 each, Kishtwar 2 and Samba one new case of Covid-19. Udhampur, Kathua and Ramban districts reported no case of virus on Saturday.

Also, the officials said that 153 more Covid-19 patients have recovered—31 from Jammu and 153 from Kashmir.

Meanwhile, the deadly infection claimed one more life in Jammu division, taking fatality count to 4421—2173 in Jammu and 2248 in Kashmir.

## At UN, PM

that Afghanistan’s territory is not used to spread terrorism and for terrorist activities, he said. We also need to ensure that no country tries to take advantage of the delicate situation in Afghanistan and use it for its own selfish interests.

Pakistan’s neighbours, including Afghanistan and India, and the US have long accused Islamabad of providing safe haven and support to militants, a charge denied by it.

Modi said that oceans are also a shared heritage.

“Our oceans are also the lifeline of international trade. We must protect them from the race for expansion. The international community must speak in one voice to strengthen a rule-based world order, he added.

Speaking in Hindi, Modi said that the broad consensus reached in the UN Security Council during India’s presidency in August showed to the world the way forward for maritime security.

India, the US and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China’s rising military manoeuvring in the resource-rich region.

China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea. China also has territorial disputes with Japan in the East China Sea.

A day earlier, the Quad countries comprising India, Japan, Australia and the US - pledged to ensure a “free and open” Indo-Pacific, which is also “inclusive and resilient”, as they noted that the strategically vital region is a bedrock of their shared security and prosperity.

“We stand for the rule of law, freedom of navigation and overflight, peaceful resolution of disputes, democratic values, and territorial integrity of states. We commit to work together and with a range of partners, the Quad leaders said in a joint statement after their first in-person meeting hosted by US President Joe Biden and attended by Prime Minister Modi, his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison and Japanese premier Yoshihide Suga at the White House.

## India, Pak Trade

my country, and going so far as to spew falsehoods on the world stage, First Secretary Sneha Dubey said in the UN General Assembly on Friday.

“While such statements deserve our collective contempt and sympathy for the mindset of the person who utters falsehood repeatedly, I am taking the floor to set the record straight, the young Indian diplomat said, slamming the Pakistani leader for raking up the Kashmir issue in his video address to the 76th session of the UN General Assembly.

“We keep hearing that Pakistan is a ‘victim of terrorism’. This is the country which is an arsonist disguising itself as a fire-fighter. Pakistan nurtures terrorists in their backyard in the hope that they will only harm their neighbours. Our region, and in fact the entire world, has suffered because of their policies. On the other hand, they are trying to cover up sectarian violence in their country as acts of terror,” Dubey said.

Khan, in his nearly 25-minute address, had spoken about the August 5, 2019 decision of the Indian government on the abrogation of Article 370 as well as the death of pro-Pakistan separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

In the Right of Reply, Dubey strongly reiterated that the entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh “were, are and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India. This includes the areas that are under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. We call upon Pakistan to immediately vacate all areas under its “illegal occupation”.

Khan and other Pakistani leaders and diplomats have consistently raked up the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and other internal matters of India in their addresses to the UN General Assembly and other forums of the world organisation.

Pakistan’s attempts to internationalise the Kashmir issue have gained no traction from the international community and the Member States, who maintain that Kashmir is a bilateral matter between the two countries.

Dubey said it is regrettable that this is not the first time the leader of Pakistan has “misused” platforms provided by the UN to “propagate false and malicious propaganda against my country, and seeking in vain to divert the world’s attention from the sad state of his country where terrorists enjoy free pass while the lives of ordinary people, especially those belonging to the minority communities, are turned upside down.”

With the international community marking this month the solemn occasion of the 20th anniversary of the dastardly 9/11 terror attacks, Dubey said the world has not forgotten that the “mastermind behind that dastardly event, Osama bin Laden, got shelter in Pakistan. Even today, Pakistan leadership glorify him as a ‘martyr’.”

“Regrettably, even today he heard the leader of Pakistan trying to justify acts of terror. Such defence of terrorism is unacceptable in the modern world,” the Indian diplomat said.

Categorically emphasising India’s position, Dubey said New Delhi desires normal relations “with all our neighbours, including Pakistan.” However, it is for Islamabad to work sincerely towards creating a conducive atmosphere, including by taking credible, verifiable and irreversible actions to not allow any territory under its control to be used for cross border terrorism against India in any manner.

Asserting that Member States are aware that Pakistan has an established history and policy of

harbouring, aiding and actively supporting terrorists, Dubey said the country has been globally recognised as one openly supporting, training, financing and arming terrorists as a matter of State policy. “It holds the ignoble record of hosting the largest number of terrorists proscribed by the UN Security Council.”

“This is also the country that still holds the despicable record in our region of having executed a religious and cultural genocide against the people of what is now Bangladesh. As we mark the 50th anniversary this year of that horrid event in history, there is not even an acknowledgment, much less accountability, she said.

Highlighting that minorities in Pakistan - the Sikhs, Hindus, Christians - live in constant fear and state sponsored suppression of their rights, he said, “this is a regime where anti-Semitism is normalised by its leadership and even justified.

“Dissenting voices are muzzled daily, and enforced disappearances and extra-judicial killings are well documented,” Dubey said.

Dubey said that unlike Pakistan, India is a pluralistic democracy with a substantial population of minorities who have gone on to hold highest offices in the country including as President, Prime Minister, Chief Justices and Chiefs of Army Staff. India is also a country with a free media and an independent judiciary that keeps a watch and protects our Constitution.

“Pluralism is a concept which is very difficult to understand for Pakistan which constitutionally prohibits its minorities from aspiring for high offices of the State. The least they could do is introspect before exposing themselves to ridicule on the world stage,” the Indian diplomat said.

In his address, Khan said sustainable peace in South Asia is contingent upon resolution of the Kashmir issue.

He said Pakistan desires “peace” with India, as with all its neighbours. “But sustainable peace in South Asia is contingent upon resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir” issue, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, and the wishes of the Kashmiri people, he said.

He also called on the UN General Assembly to “demand” Geelani’s proper burial and rites.

On Afghanistan, Khan said, “for some reason, Pakistan has been blamed for the turn of events, by politicians in the United States and some politicians in Europe.

“From this platform, I want them all to know, the country that suffered the most, apart from Afghanistan, was Pakistan, when we joined the US War on Terror after 9/11.”

“At least there should have been a word of appreciation. But rather than appreciation, imagine how we feel when we are blamed for the turn of events in Afghanistan, he said.

Khan called upon the international community to strengthen and stabilise the Taliban government in Afghanistan, saying if the world community incentivises them, it will be a win-win situation for everyone.

He said there is a huge humanitarian crisis looming ahead and warned that a destabilised, chaotic Afghanistan will again become a safe haven for “international terrorists”.

## Centre To Invest

available,” the Minister said on Saturday, as per an official spokesperson.

He made these remarks while addressing a gathering of ITI and polytechnic students in a convention cum seminar organized in his honor at ITI Complex Wadipora Budgam, an official spokesperson said.

“In next 2 to 3 years U.T. of J&K will see new circle of development prosperity. Govt. of India has formulated a plan to spend Rs 60,000 Crores in the U.T of J&K alone. The amount will be utilized to create employment generating avenues, inspire youth to establish micro income generating units and boost local economy,” Chandrashekhhar said.

According to the official spokesperson, the Minister said about 8 lakh new jobs were created since 1st April 2020 to 30th April 2021 in IT and manufacturing sectors.

“He said it is our mission, goal and solemn promise to strengthen the entrepreneurship diversification as it has a great economic prospects to absorb youth in various fields”, he said, adding “The Minister appealed aspiring youth to be committed, positive in approach and remain enthusiastic to realize and fulfill every dream.” The Minister, as per the official spokesperson said ministers visiting U.T of J&K have an objective to check the situation relating to developmental and other aspects on ground.

“This is PM’s initiative and revolutionary first of its kind mission particularly for UT of J&K,” the Minister said.

“We came here with professional objective and ambition to deliver, our visits shall emerge result oriented.” The Minister appreciated concerned authorities that work done in skill development is enormous but still needs more boost and push. Budgam has potential and talent which they have showcased through incredible skills,” he added.

The official spokesperson further said that the Minister inspected automobile training centre of ITI Budgam and also the stalls installed by the skilled youth demonstrating and displaying manufacturing skills, talent and professionalism in respective art and trades.

Later, he said, the Minister presided a meeting of officers convened at Conference Hall Budgam where a detailed review of each sector was under taken scheme wise. The DC Budgam through a detailed power point presentation presented developmental and welfare scenario of the District.

“The Minister while going through the details appreciated the District Administration and its officials in achieving the given targets, despite facing inconveniences due to COVID 19 crisis and other circumstances. He impressed up on the District Administration to continue its engagements with same spirit, conviction and dedication,” the official spokesperson said.

Principal Secretary Skill Development Department Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, DC Budgam S.A. Mirza, Director Skill Development Department, SSP Budgam, Principal ITI Budgam and other District Officers were present on the occasion.

## Gol Committed

of social change.” The central government is committed to extend every possible help to achieve the cherished objectives (in the field of education),” the minister said, concluding his two-day visit to Udhampur district as part of the public outreach programme.

He said the education policy of a country should produce law-abiding and patriotic citizens.

“In this connection, the government has formulated the New Education Policy 2020, which is a milestone in the history of free India,” he said, adding that “it is skill-based and flexible and lays due focus on developing critical thinking and practical skills and aims at bringing the much-needed reforms in school curriculum and pedagogy, which help the learners to develop a positive attitude and gain employment”.

He appreciated all the teachers of Jammu and Kashmir in general and Udhampur in particular for extending their full cooperation during the Covid

pandemic.

“In addition to this, their hardwork in increasing enrolment and reducing dropout rate by creating awareness in the masses is highly commendable,” Singh said.

## First Int’l Flight

for Civil Aviation, Scindia, a slew of announcements have been made to strengthen the aviation infrastructure in the J&K Union Territory.

Quoting LG, he said that the Union Minister and J&K government agreed to start the first international flight between Srinagar – Sharjah soon, ending the long pending demand of the UT to have direct international connectivity.

“Similarly runway at the Jammu Airport has been enhanced and 30% load penalty at Jammu airport will be removed from 1st October. It will bring huge relief to the airlines and passengers. We have also decided to build a new airport terminal adjacent to existing airport at Jammu. The land measuring 122 acres has already been identified. It will soon be handed over to Airports Authority of India to build a state-of-the-art 25,000 Sqm new terminal building,” Sinha said, as per official spokesperson.

Earlier, the official spokesperson said, Scindia during a press conference at Raj Bhavan said the construction of a new terminal building at Srinagar will start soon that will cost around Rs. 1500 Crore. The new terminal at Jammu Airport will come up at Rs 600 crore.

“The decision will bring economic stimulus as well as employment opportunities in both the divisions. The Centre is implementing schemes in the UT in a focused manner to ensure sustainable economic growth and development of every sector,” Union Minister said.

Scindia, he said, maintained that since a special focus is being given on development of both air and road connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, a major road network including highways, ring road, tunnels and other projects are being constructed across Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

“The Minister said that the development of connectivity shall bring more tourists to J&K and promote local craft. He said that the promotion of tourism and crafts shall boost economic activity and prosperity of people of J&K,” he said.

“Scindia said that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, an era of peace, progress and development has already started in Jammu and Kashmir and all the three regions including Ladakh have come on track to become number one in construction and development in the country,” he added.

According to the official spokesperson, the Union Minister for Civil Aviation said that among other major projects, work was going on in full swing on ring road worth Rs 3000 crore, while as 100 percent households are being supplied electricity now, made possible by current dispensation.

The Minister, he said, also stated that currently 82 percent population is connected and being supplied tap water, however, the government is committed to cover all households in near future.

“He said that the Modi led government was not only successful in curbing corruption in J&K but sectors including health, education and others have also flourished in the UT during these years,” the official spokesperson said.

Referring to the visits of various Union Ministers to J&K, Scindia as per the official spokesperson said that all ministers have brought with them prospects of development, prosperity through their respective Ministries.

“Jammu and Kashmir will emerge as a region that will be a role model for other regions of the country and the World in terms of development with ample opportunities for its people,” the Minister said.

Scindia, he said, also stated that his ministry and the UT Government are working on increasing the maximum flight operations catering to the growing tourism, industry sectors of the UT and development aspiration of its people.

“Necessary steps will also be taken on priority to increase the helicopter services, especially in the far-flung districts of the UT on the lines of Utrtrakhand”, the Minister said.

Speaking on Cargo facility being built in the UT at the estimated cost of Rs 15 Crore, the Union Minister, as per the official spokesperson said that it will be ready soon and will facilitate the traders and business community of the UT.

“Referring to the long pending demand of a paid premium lounge at Srinagar Airport, the Union Minister said that a tender would again be floated for inviting a party to build it and hopefully the premium lounge would come up soon,” he said.

“He also assured for keeping a strict check on mass bookings during peak tourist season and put an end to such immoral and criminal system,” he added.

## Determined To Set-up

observed that the Transport Department has taken many decisions in the last few months to facilitate the common people in availing various services which will improve their lives and have positive impact on J&K’s transport sector.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG said that the 12 services made online last year have brought great relief to the people. Services like duplicate registration to replacement of driving license are being provided to common people through a hassle-free process.

He further said that the LG observed that many rules have been simplified to provide paperless, cashless, faceless facilities to the people. It will address the concerns of thousands of citizens and contactless services can be availed without going to RTO.

The various services of MVD made online and simplified include contactless application for Learners’ license, hassle-free quick registration process at dealer level, no inspection of newly built vehicles at RTO, besides others.

While flagging off the new fleet of buses, the LG, as per the official spokesperson said that it would provide better transport facilities to residents in far-flung areas and connect them to major towns of the UT and other states.

“The new addition of trucks in the fleet of JKRTC will ensure timely transportation of food grains and other essential commodities to common man,” Sinha said.

The official spokesperson said that the LG underscored that full utilization of opportunities for economic growth is possible only with a robust transportation system and said that the decision of augmenting the existing fleet of JKRTC with 226 new buses and 277 trucks was taken last year with an aim to connect the people of different regions in J&K and provide better transportation facilities to the traders and business owners.

He further said that the LG listed four main forces behind the promotion of local businesses in J&K viz raw material, workforce, capital, and market and said that the transporters provide a connection between these four.

“Subsidy of Rs 5 lakh was also provided to transporters for replacing buses older than 15 years. An amount of Rs 1.75 crore was given under the scheme to strengthen the transport sector in J&K and make it modern,” the LG said.

“Under Mumkin scheme, the youth of J&K are being connected with sustainable livelihood opportunities and provided with commercial vehicles at zero margin money. Apart from bringing a change in their lives, this

program will also strengthen the transport system of the UT,” he added.

As per the official spokesperson, the LG said that providing various government services and facilities online is key to a transparent and corruption-free governance system.

Sinha, he said, noted that many important steps have also been taken in last one year under the Road Safety Fund which includes 620 road safety awareness camps, equipments, motorcycles, and interceptor vehicles been given to traffic police for better road safety management.

## Loans, Losses, Liabilities

dues towards the government and our suppliers have to be paid, no matter what.”

Dealing with the same stark financial abyss now, Sheikh Amjad, another distressed unit-holder in Lassipora says he had started his PVC tube manufacturing plant in 2017 with great hopes. With a family of eight to fend for, he had mortgaged his ancestral property and acquired a couple of loans for establishing his plant.

But now, he’s barely able to make ends meet.

Determined to provide his two kids with the best kind of education that he couldn’t have, he had enrolled them in one of the prestigious schools of the valley. But come 2019, and the entire situation in the former state took a turn, for the worse, and so did Amjad’s fortunes.

Amid reminiscent sobs, Amjad says, “The situation got so appalling for me and my family that I had to pull my kids out of their school and get them admitted to one in our locality.”

The whole point of the abrogation of Article 370 was to lead the valley towards unprecedented development, he says: “But we know what’s happening on the ground. Where’re we supposed to go now? Who’re we supposed to call on now to get us out of this misery and misfortune that has been forcefully brought upon us?”

After losing its semiautonomous status, J&K economy has come down to minus 8 per cent, Amjad says: “Lassipora industrial area also suffers from that loss. After 2019, as many as 90 per cent of the establishments here have been under stress, and as many as 30 per cent of those had to shut shop because of high liabilities and their inability to cope with them.”

The rules and laws of declaring recession state that if an economy has had a negative growth rate for two consecutive years, it’s to be declared in a state of recession, Amjad argues.

“J&K has had negative growth for more than two years now, but nobody bats an eye,” he wonders. “It will take us more than five years to recover from the losses incurred during the consecutive lockdowns if the situation remains feasible enough to operate our plants and businesses.”

The Federation Chamber of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has been trying to get a bailout package for the industries sector in J&K, but so far, Amjad says, “we are yet to see anything concrete happening on the part of the central and regional government. We have a higher rate of unemployment here in J&K as compared to other states and union territories of the country. The ease of doing business is even worse.”

As the rate of unemployment has surpassed the national average by several notches in the erstwhile state, Abid Shah, the unit-holder in Lassipora, fears for his and his family’s future.

“Our future is being undone and unravelled right in front of us,” he laments. “We’ve become the wretched and helpless bystanders — the onlookers to our destruction.”

## Ex-Militant Held

A police spokesman said a special police party, on specific information, carried out raids at various suspected locations and arrested Dulla who was presently putting up at Kundwar village in Chatroo area.

Dulla was wanted in a militancy-related case registered against him at police station Chatroo in 2002 but was evading arrest, he said.

He was produced in a local court which sent him to judicial custody, the spokesman added.

Earlier, two former militants turned absconders -- Nazir Ahmad of Budhar-Bonjwah and Abdul Gani alias “Mavia” -- were arrested after a long hunt of 12 years and 19 years on September 15 and 17, respectively.

## Brother-In-Law

less than a week after the investigators exhumed the body of the teenager, Shariq Ahmad son of Mohammad Sadeeq of of Gohlad Kalara area of Mendhar.

“We have arrested the main accused Mohammad Qasim who happens to be the brother-in-law of the main victim,” the SDPO, flanked by other police officials including SHO Manzoor Kohli, told reporters as per news agency GNS.

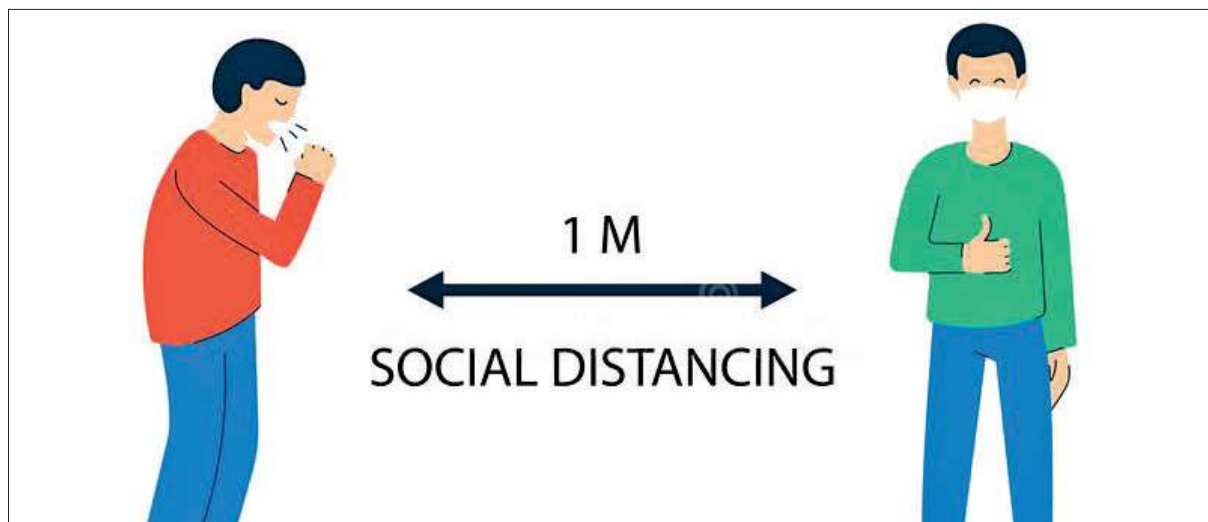
He said that proceedings under section 174 stand closed and a case (FIR No. 337 u/s 302 IPC) has been registered. “While the case has been worked out, further investigations are underway,” he added.

On September 18 the body of the teenager, a student of tenth standard, was exhumed after 100 days for the purpose of investigations. Body of the boy, lone brother of four sisters, was recovered from a water pond and he was later buried in the local graveyard.

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## 6 Feet Distance May Not Be Enough To Prevent Virus Spread Indoors: Study



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Physical distancing of two metres - about six and a half feet - may not be enough to sufficiently prevent transmission of virus-carrying airborne aerosols indoors, according to a study.

The results, published in the journal Sustainable Cities and Society, suggest that physical distance alone is not enough to prevent human exposure to exhaled aerosols and should be implemented with other control strategies such as masking and adequate ventilation.

The researchers examined three factors: the amount and rate of air ventilated through a space, the indoor airflow pattern associated with different ventilation strategies and the aerosol emission mode of breathing versus talking.

They also compared transport of tracer gas, typically employed to test leaks in air-tight systems, and human respiratory aerosols ranging in size from one to 10 micrometers.

Aerosols in this range can carry S-

CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. "We set out to explore the airborne transport of virus-laden particles released from infected people in buildings," said Gen Pei, study first author and doctoral student at Pennsylvania State University in the US.

"We investigated the effects of building ventilation and physical distancing as control strategies for indoor exposure to airborne viruses," Pei said.

The study shows that virus-laden particles from an infected person's talking - without a mask - can quickly travel to another person's breathing zone within one minute, even with a distance of two meters.

"This trend is pronounced in rooms without sufficient ventilation," said Donghyun Rim, corresponding author and associate professor at Penn State.

The researchers found that aerosols traveled farther and more quickly in rooms with displacement ventilation, where fresh air continuously flows from the floor and pushes old air to an exhaust vent near the ceiling.

This is the type of ventilation system installed in most residential homes, and it can result in a human breathing zone concentration of viral aerosols seven times higher than mixed-mode ventilation systems, they said.

Many commercial buildings use mixed-mode systems, which incorporate outside air to dilute the indoor air and result in better air integration, according to the researchers.

"This is one of the surprising results: Airborne infection probability could be much higher for residential environments than office environments," Rim said.

"However, in residential environments, operating mechanical fans and stand-alone air cleaners can help reduce infection probability," said Rim.

According to the researchers, increasing the ventilation and air mixing rates can effectively reduce the transmission distance and potential accumulation of exhaled aerosols.

However, they noted that ventilation and distance are only two options in an arsenal of protective techniques.

## \$7,000 All-In-One Kits, Remote Work Goes Luxury, But Many May Be Left Out

AGENCIES

Virtual reality meetings, \$7,000 all-in-one kits and digital hot desking: Big Tech is rolling out premium tools as the work-from-home era looks set to last well beyond the pandemic.

But experts warn that while top-of-the-line features may benefit privileged Americans, millions of others can barely access remote work tools already available.

Facebook has unveiled online "workrooms" for users of its Oculus virtual reality gear, and Google showed off interactive conferencing

displays, declaring the "hybrid" mix of in-person and remote work is here to stay.

Yet outside of Silicon Valley and other urban centers, basics like a fast internet connection and proficiency in remote tech is beyond the reach of tens of millions in the United States.

"For many people, being able to work from home is still a luxury," said Michelle Burris, a senior policy associate at progressive think tank The Century Foundation.

One reason is access to high-speed connections, with advocacy group BroadbandNow saying in a May report that 42 million Amer-

icans -- about 13 percent of the population -- cannot get broadband internet.

Another problem is equipment as many workers have to buy their own.

Take the example of Patricia McGee in Texas -- a 39-year-old mother of four who switched from an Amazon warehouse job to remote customer service work for another company when pandemic lockdowns hit about 18 months ago.

She had to plunk down \$2,000 to get a computer, not to mention the price of internet and the process of installing software and updates.

"Not everybody can afford a computer. So it's taking jobs from people that can't (buy one) or actually don't have the skills (to use one)," she told AFP.

Her machine broke a few days ago and because she had exhausted her paid time off, McGee can't work or make money until her computer is back online.

Risk of being left out The digital divisions exposed by the pandemic are well-documented with striking examples like families using the wireless internet at fast food restaurants so their children could attend school online.

### THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

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**Subject: Extension in date for submission of Application forms for admission to B.Arch. Course 2021-22**  
**Ref No: Notification No. 88-BOPEE of 2021 Dated. 10.09.2021**

**NOTICE NO. 069-BOPEE OF 2021 DATED. 24.09.2021**

It is notified for information of all desirous/interested candidates that the last date for submission of Application forms for admission to B.Arch. Course 2021-22 is hereby extended from 25.09.2021 upto 05.10.2021 (3.00 PM). The other terms and condition shall remain the same as laid down in the Notification No. 88-BOPEE of 2021 Dated. 10.09.2021 E&OE

**No:- BOPEE/Exam-20/2021 (Dr. Sunil Gupta)**  
**Dated. 24.09.2021 Controller of Examinations**  
**DIPK-NB-3791/21 J&K BOPEE**

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**Subject: Filling up of the posts of Physical Training Instructor in Higher Education Department - edit window reg;**

**NOTICE**  
**DATED: 24.09.2021**

It is for information of all the concerned candidates who have applied for the post of Physical Training Instructor in Higher Education Department advertised vide Notification No. 08-PSC (DR-P) of 2021 dated 18.08.2021, that the cutoff date for editing window is hereby extended and shall now be available w.e.f. 25.09.2021 to 30.09.2021.

Further, the candidates who have submitted their online application form before 15.09.2021 for the said post are advised to recheck their details with regard to the SET/SLET, NET, JRF, Post Doctorate and upload the additional documents mentioned in their online application forms, for any change/update, during the editing window time.

No further request regarding any change or correction shall henceforth be accepted after the cutoff date of the edit window.

**No: PSC/DR/PTI/2021 Under Secretary**  
**Dated: 24.09.2021 J&K Public Service Commission**  
**DIPK-9397-30**

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**Subject:- Provisional Selection list for admission to B.E./B.Tech (Engineering) Courses-2021 in Government/ Private Engineering Colleges of UT of J&K.**

**Reference: -**

- Notification No. 036-BOPEE of 2021 dated 10-03-2021.
- Notice No. 039-BOPEE of 2021 dated 06-04-2021,
- Notice No. 041-BOPEE of 2021 dated 16-04-2021.
- Notice No. 044-BOPEE of 2021 dated 29-04-2021.
- Notice No. 060-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09-08-2021.
- Notice No. 063-BOPEE of 2021 dated 19-08-2021.
- Letter No. SC/491-CET/271-74 dated 16-06-2021.
- Notification No. 081-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021.

**NOTIFICATION NO. 093-BOPEE OF 2021 DATED 24-09-2021**

In pursuance of Notification No. 081-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021, read with other Notifications / Notices, the Board conducted first round of physical counseling from 20-09-2021 to 23-09-2021 simultaneously at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar for admission to B.E./ B. Tech (Engineering) courses-2021 in Govt. / Private Engineering Colleges of UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The list of candidates provisionally selected for allotment of seats(s) / Stream / Institution as per their merit cum preferences is given at Annexure "A" to this Notification which shall remain available on BOPEE official website [www.jkbopee.gov.in](http://www.jkbopee.gov.in) only. The candidates provisionally selected shall report for admission to the allotted Colleges / Institutions by or before 5th of October 2021 (up to 03.00 P.M) along with their relevant certificates in original. The concerned Heads of the Institutions shall complete the admission process after checking the eligibility of candidates and verifying the following documents:

- Domicile Certificate.
- Marks Certificate of 12th Class.
- Date of Birth Certificate (10th Marks Sheet/ Diploma).
- Category Certificate, if applicable.
- ID card to verify the identity of the candidate, &
- Any other document, as required by concerned college/institution for admission purposes.

**NOTE:**

- All the Heads of the Institutions/Colleges are requested to keep their admission counters open on holidays/off days to facilitate the candidates to complete their admission process well in time.
- The candidate(s) who would conceal any information at the time of admission, the candidature of such candidates shall be cancelled abinitio and fine/penalty shall be imposed upon him/her as may be deemed proper by the Board in accordance with the laid down rules.
- The allotment of seats (discipline/institution) have been made in accordance to the provisions of S.O. 127 of 2020 dated 20-04-2020 read with S.O. 249 of 2021 dated 23-07-2021.
- The Concerned Colleges/Institutions shall ensure that, in case a person with disability, is selected in open merit or some reserved category, the college/ institution concerned shall refer such case(s) to the Medical College concerned for constitution of special Medical Board to assess such candidates and make recommendations based on which colleges shall take further necessary action. In case any such candidate does not fulfill the bench marks of disability, he/she shall not be admitted to the course/ college and the matter shall be reported to the BOPEE.
- For fee related query, candidates provisionally recommended for admission are advised to contact the concerned College/Institution. The Heads of the Institutions shall keep record of admissions and send the shortfall of the candidates, if any, to the Board through e-mail viz, [coejakbopee\(S\)@gmail.com](mailto:coejakbopee(S)@gmail.com) / [helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com) on 5th October, 2021 at 04:30 P.M positively.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the Information Brochure and Notifications/ Notices issued by the Board in this regard from time to time.

No. BOPEE/Exam-04/2021 (Dr. Sunil Gupta) Controller of Examinations  
 Dated: 24-09-2021 J&K BOPEE  
 DIPK-NB-3789/21

**GOVT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING KUPWARA

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**E-TENDER NOTICE NO: - 24 of 2021 -22 DATED: 24-09-2021**

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K (UT), Fresh e-tenders in SINGLE COVER SYSTEM are invited on item rate basis from approved Contractors / Reputed Firms/ companies shown as under for the below noted work:-

| S No | Name of work   | Block  | Adv cost (Rs. in lacs) | Class of Contractor | Cost of Tender documents (in Rupees) | Time of completion | Scheme / Major Head of Acctt. |
|------|--|--------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1    | Improvement of Balhama Khul from Balhama Masjid to Balkoot Masjid with Culvert, Block:Hyhama, Pyl: Batpora A | Hyhama | 6.00                   | DEE/CEE             | 300                                  | 30 Days            | Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund) |
| 2    | Const of Boundary Wall around Middle School Mirwane, Block:Hyhama, Pyl: Batpora D                            | Hyhama | 5.00                   | DEE                 | 200                                  | 30 Days            | Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund) |
| 3    | Const. of CSC, Beautification of Park & Fencing Near Darsgh Jugtiyal Block: Hyhama, Pyl: Jugtiyal,           | Hyhama | 7.00                   | DEE/CEE             | 300                                  | 30 Days            | Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund) |
| 4    | Const. of Food Store at Doban , Block: Hyhama, Pyl: Zangli,  | Hyhama | 7.50                   | DEE/CEE             | 300                                  | 90 Days            | Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund) |
| 5    | Const. of fencing around graveyard with filling near jamia masjid Bungam                                     | Hyhama | 5.00                   | DEE                 | 200                                  | 30 Days            | Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund) |
| 6    | Const of Boundary Wall around UPS School Guchipora, Block:Hyhama, Pyl: Batpora D                             | Hyhama | 7.29                   | DEE/CEE             | 300                                  | 30 Days            | Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund) |

**Position of AAA = Accorded Position of funds = Budgeted**

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria ,specification, 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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

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| 1. | Date of issue of Tender Notice.             | 24-09-2021  |
| 2. | Period of downloading of bidding documents. | 24.09.2021 To 30.09.2021  |
| 3. | Bid Submission Start Date.                  | 24.09.2021 from 10.00 AM  |
| 4. | Bid submission End Date.                    | 30.09.2021 up to 04.00 PM   |
| 5. | Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)     | 01.10.2021 at 10.00 A.M. in the office of Ex. Engineer, REW Kupwara |

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**

### OFFICE OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

**SKIMS MEDICAL COLLEGE-HOSPITAL BEMINA, SRINAGAR-190018**  
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**E-NIT No: SKIMS/MCH/MMD/ \_\_06\_\_ Tender OF 2021 Dated: 23 / 09 / 2021**  
**Sub: Notice inviting e- tenders for identification of local source/s for purchase of Drugs/Surgical/other items, on two year rate Contract basis.**

E-tenders are invited for and on behalf of Lt. Governor UT of Jammu & Kashmir, through Principal, SKIMS Medical College-Hospital Bemina Srinagar, from local retail dealers having valid retail drug license/ GST registration etc., and location of business unit within the aerial distance of 5 km. Bidders should have at least one year experience in the field for supply of Drugs/Surgical items as a local vendor. The Tender shall be invited on Two Year Rate Contract Basis to be submitted under two Bid Cover System- Cover I "Technical Bid" & Cover II "Price Bid". The tender documents/detailed specification are available at [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) / [www.skimsmc.edu.in](http://www.skimsmc.edu.in)

Tender Fee Rs.1,000/-

| S. No. | Nomenclature.                      | Schedule.  |
|--------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1.     | Date of publish                    | 23/09/2021.  |
| 2.     | Tender Download Start Date         | 24/09/2021.  |
| 3.     | Clarification Start date           | 25/09/2021   |
| 4.     | Last date of clarification, if any | 11/10/2021   |
| 5.     | Bid Submission Start Date          | 24/09/2021   |
| 6.     | Pre-bid meeting                    | 16/10/2021 at 03:00 PM in the office of Principal, SKIMS MCH, Bemina, Srinagar |
| 7.     | Bid Submission End Date            | 25 /10/2021 ( up to 2:00pm)  |
| 8.     | Technical Bid Open Date            | 02/11/2021 (at 2:00pm)   |
| 9.     | Financial Bid Open Date            | To be notified later   |

The tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed e-NIT.

No. SKIMS/MCH/MMD/ 05/Tender of 2021/  
 Dated: 23/09/2021.  
 DIPK-NB-3778

Sd/  
 Materials Management Officer  
 SKIMS MCH Bemina Srinagar.

**Critical Dates Table**

- The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into treasury under Major Head 0515-OR's the bidders must upload the scanned copy of treasury acknowledgment slip.
- Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.
- All Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1<sup>st</sup> lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 03 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The date and time of opening of technical bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message one their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of all e- Bidders shall be opened on same Web site in the office of Executive Engineer REW Kupwara (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-
  - Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid /tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and condition of the bid.
  - Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
  - Failure of successful to execute the agreement within 25 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction of bidders regarding e-tendering process:-
  - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "downloads" option as well as from "bidder Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) acquaint bid submission process.
  - To participate in bidding process. Bidder has to get digital signature Certificate (DSC). As per information technology Act-2000. Bidders cab 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.
- The DSC and registration shall be in the same name otherwise tender shall be rejected.
- Note: Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- Even after the work is allotted to the contractor/agency and there is a complaint regarding the documents submitted by him on the basis of which contract has been awarded and if it's found that the documents are not Genuine and are fake, then his contract shall be terminated and the concerned Agency / Contractor shall be BLACKLISTED for participation in all the future tenders of the Of Rural Engineering Wing Kupwara.
- COVID SoP / guidelines issued by the Government are strictly adhered to.

NO: XEN/REW/KUP/  
 Dated: 24/09/2021  
 DIPK-9393/21

Executive Engineer  
 REW Kupwara



## 5th District Srinagar Fencing Championship Concludes

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**SRINAGAR:** The District Srinagar Fencing Association under the aegis of Adhoc Committee of J&K Amateur Fencing Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council and DYSS, organised the Championship at Indoor Hall, BHSS Rawalpura Srinagar.

The 3-day long event saw the participation of 70 players including boys and girls from different Government and Private schools of Srinagar participated in Epee, Foil and Sabre events.

Nuzat Ara, Divisional Sports Officer, JKSC, was the chief guest on the occasion while Tanveera Ji, Principal GHSS Rawalpura, Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, Convener, were among the guest of honours. PEM and NIS qualified coach, Raziya Sultana was the Organising Secretary of the event. Technical experts

Amaan from BHSS Rawalpura. The Bronze was shared by Zainul-Abidin of Gandhi College and Jibran of BHSS Natipora.

Men's Foil results: Zakir from BHSS Jawahar Nagar secured Gold while as Danish BHSS Hyderpora won Silver. The Bronze went to Muneeb from Srinagar Public School and Uzair from BHSS Soura.

Men's Epee results: Gold went to Owais from BHSS Rawalpura, Silver to Ram Pariyar BHSS Rawalpura and Bronze to Aamir from BHSS Rawalpura.

In Girl's Sabre results: Gold went to Mehvish Mushtaq from BHSS Telbal, Silver to Saika GHSS Nishat and Bronze to Saista and Adiba from GHSS Kothibagh.

Girl's Epee results: Gold went to Mehak GHSS Nawakadal, Silver to Arjula GHSS Nawakadal and Bronze to Doha and Angila from GHSS Nawakadal.



PEM Niyaz Ahmed and PET Mehmood, Sawan Magotra and Chahat Singh officiated the bouts.

Men's Sabre results: Numaan from BHSS Nawakadal bagged the Gold, while Silver went to

Women's Foil results: Gold and Silver went to Zainab Gulzar and Zainab Mukhtar GHSS Nawakadal respectively and Bronze went to Nazima from GHSS Amirakadal and Simran from Girls Middle School Rampura.

## 4 Matches Played In DFA Srinagar Football Leagues



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Three matches in the ongoing DFA Srinagar Annual Football League 2021 were played on Saturday here.

Only one match was scheduled to take place in the Super Division. However, Real Kashmir (U-18) team got a walkover as their opponents Fort View FC failed to show up at the venue.

In A-Division League, three matches were played at the Gindun Ground, Rajbagh and at Synthetic Turf, TRC.

The first A-Division match was played between Central Football Academy and Seven Star FC. The match ended in a goalless draw.

The second match was played between Rising Star FC and Nadur Gund FC. This match also ended as a goalless draw.

In the third match, played between Sporting FC, Khanmoh and Spartans FC. The match was won by Sporting FC Khanmoh by a solitary goal. The DFA Srinagar Annual Football League is organised by JKFA in collaboration with JKSC.

**Premier Division Postponed To Oct 1**

The JKFA on Saturday announced that the Premier Division Football League 2021 will now kick start from October 1.

The matches will be played at Synthetic Turf TRC in Srinagar.

## M S Dhoni Cricket Academy Launched In Srinagar

Baseer Khan Calls It A Big Leap For Cricket In Valley



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Advisor to LG, Baseer Ahmad Khan on Saturday launched the M S Dhoni Cricket Academy at DOON International School (DIS) Srinagar.

Chairman DIS, Showkat Hussain Khan, Principal DIS, Mehfooz Aslam, Managing Director Aarka Sports Management, Mihir Diwakar, coaches and players of international repute were present on the launching ceremony.

Advisor Baseer Khan who was chief guest on the occasion said that it is a big moment for the entire Union Territory that M S Dhoni Cricket Academy has come to Srinagar.

Advisor said the Academy is

going to be one of the biggest platforms for cricket enthusiasts in the Valley and will provide an opportunity to hone the cricketing skills of the aspiring cricketers.

He said that the academy which is being established as a chain of academies will have an overwhelming response over a period of time and is the best thing that has happened to cricket in Jammu and Kashmir.

Advisor Baseer Khan said that he is confident that the academy will produce world class cricketers from the UT of Jammu and Kashmir who will represent the country at national and international levels.

He also said that the launching of the academy will be remembered from the perspective of cricket lovers and this is a happy

moment for cricketers in the UT.

Mihir Diwakar while giving a brief of the progress of the M S Dhoni Academy said that the aim of the academy is to benefit the student community and promote their cricketing skills to the next level.

Principal DOON said the school is leaving no stone unturned to promote sporting excellence in cricket in the valley. He expressed gratitude to the Advisor Baseer Khan for his support and lauded his contribution to the field of cricket.

On the occasion, a ceremony was also held during which students were felicitated by the Advisor as a recognition of their excellent performances.

It is pertinent to mention that the MS Dhoni Cricket Academy at DIS was announced last year.

## 1st Positive Kashmir Knockout Championship Begins

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The 1st Positive Kashmir Knockout Football Championship kick started on September 24 at Synthetic Turf TRC, Srinagar.

The Tournament is being organized by J&K Football Association and Positive Kashmir (NGO) in collaboration with JKSC.

Top 16 football clubs of J&K are participating in this tournament and a total number of 15 matches will be played.

Before the inauguration of the Championship, an exhibition match was played between Veterans of DFA Srinagar XI and Veterans of Positive Kashmir XI. DFA Srinagar Veteran team won this match by 3 goals to one.

Immediately after the Veteran match was over the inaugural match of the Championship was played between Iqbal Sports FC and Positive Kashmir XI. Both the teams played well and the match ended with 1-1 draw. During the penalty shootout, Positive Kashmir defeated



Iqbal Sports 4-2. The match was played under TRC floodlights.

P.K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir was the chief guest on the occasion. Bharat Rawat, Mentor, Positive Kashmir (NGO), Bilal Ahmad Bhat, DDC Vice Chairman Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmed Mir, Owner HK Cements and Ishfaq Ahmad, international footballer, were guests of honour. Officials of JKFA and JKSC were also

present on the occasion.

The teams were introduced to the chief guest and others before the start of the match. The Div Comm Kashmir interacted with the players and assured them that various steps are being taken for the promotion of sports and infrastructure in the UT of J&K.

On Saturday, ARCO FC played Kashmir Avengers FC. All the matches of the Championship will be played under floodlights.

## Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma To Face-off In RCB Vs MI Clash

Press Trust of India

**DUBAI:** Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma will be aiming to up their captaincy quotient and raise their respective team's performance by a few notches when Royal Challengers Bangalore lock horns with defending champions Mumbai Indians in an IPL game, in Dubai on Sunday.

India's outgoing T20 captain and the one who will replace him, both have endured crushing defeats. It puts them on a slippery slope as the tournament approaches its business end.

RCB are still in top four with 10 points from nine games while MI after their back-to-back defeats have slumped to sixth spot with eight points from nine games.

The fact that bulk of India's top-order batters, who are currently under-performing, are from these two sides, sticks out like sore thumb.

Going into the World T20, Kohli, Rohit, Suryakumar Yadav and Ishan Kishan are some of the batting mainstays.

Also there is Hardik Pandya,

that are expected to get slower.

One can only hope that their form doesn't desert them when they need it most in the "Desert Nation".

Interestingly, both RCB and MI have lost their two matches on resumption to same opposition --- KKR and CSK.

What's more disconcerting has been the patchy bowling efforts from both sides save an odd bowler.

For Mumbai, it is Jasprit Bumrah, who has looked head and shoulders above the rest of the pack while Yuzvendra Chahal with wiry little frame is carrying the burden of an entire below-par bowling attack.

No support for either of the two from the other bowlers have not helped their cause either.

RCB's case is a bit trickier as they have now lost seven matches on the trot in the UAE. Five of those defeats came in the last edition.

RCB's bowling attack, in terms of quality, is a bit wafer-thin as the likes of Harshal Patel don't have the wherewithal to perform match after match.



who is not being picked by Mumbai Indians as he is perhaps not 100 percent fit to carry his all-round duties which includes four overs of brisk fast-medium bowling.

But if Hardik is batting fit and still the burly and bordering on sloppy Saurabh Tiwary is preferred, then it does seem a bit baffling as the Baroda all-rounder purely as a batsman is miles ahead of the Jharkhand man.

Kohli showed some form en route his half-century against CSK at Sharjah but the overall form has been scratchy and his MI counterpart also didn't completely look in his elements during the previous game against KKR.

The more worrying factor will be Surya's lack of form which might be a result of lack of game time, having sat through two Tests in England. He is suddenly looking a lot rustier than usual.

It was no different for Ishan also as the trio needs to fire to be in good head space before the T20 World Cup on same tracks

In case of Navdeep Saini, a success-rate of just about "half wicket per IPL game" (17 scalps in 30 matches) gives a picture of why Kohli can't always rely on him.

Wanindu Hasaranga was taken after just two good matches against a second string Indian side in Sri Lanka and even if one goes by his ICC rankings, there are enough quality players who would see his spell through.

In batting, it's more about Kohli and Devdutt Padikkal who put on 111 for the first wicket only to find that others weren't good enough to add even 50 runs.

They have a keeper in Kona Bharath, who is primarily a red-ball specialist. Against the CSK, Harshal Patel, who had some sporadic experiences of batting for Haryana, was sent ahead of him.

That only speaks of skipper's lack of trust having sent him up the order. Glenn Maxwell as usual is the "big buy" which more often than not goes waste and Tim David not being the man for slow tracks is also hurting RCB chances.

**INDIA'S OUTGOING T20 CAPTAIN** and the one who will replace him, both have endured crushing defeats. It puts them on a slippery slope as the tournament approaches its business end.

## England Players Had No Role In Pakistan Pullout Decision: Union

Agencies

**LONDON:** England cricketers had no role in the team's decision to abandon their tour of Pakistan next month, the players' union has said.

New Zealand returned home from Pakistan after abruptly abandoning their tour minutes before the opening fixture in Rawalpindi, citing a security alert from their government.

England followed suit this week, calling off their men's and women's teams tour of Pakistan, citing players' "mental and physical well-being".

Team England Player Partnership (TEPP), which represents England's international players, said the cricketers were not asked for input.

"At no stage did TEPP inform the ECB that the players would not be touring," TEPP chair Richard Bevan told website ESPNcricinfo in an article published on Friday.

"At no stage has the ECB ever asked TEPP or the teams, men and women, whether the tour should go ahead or whether players were prepared to tour Pakistan."

"It is 100% incorrect to suggest TEPP intervened to say the players would not tour." Pakistan was shunned by other cricketing nations for almost a decade after the deadly 2009 attack on the Sri Lanka team bus in Lahore but has recently been wooing back top international sides.

The England teams were each scheduled to play two Twenty20 international matches on Oct. 13 and 14 in Rawalpindi, with the women's side due to stay on for a three-match one-day international series from Oct. 17-21. Former players have criticised the England and Wales Cricket Board's decision.

"English cricket, the governing body and players, had a chance to do the right thing this week," former England captain Michael Atherton wrote in The Times.

"They had a chance to repay a debt, uphold their honour and side with a cricketing nation that has undergone the kind of challenges others cannot even begin to contemplate."

"Instead, citing a mealy-mouthed statement, they did the wrong thing."

## City Ends Run Of Losses To Chelsea With 1-0 Win In EPL



Agencies

**MANCHESTER:** Manchester City broke its run of losses to Chelsea by handing its Premier League title rival a first defeat of the season thanks to Gabriel Jesus' deflected goal in a 1-0 win on Saturday.

In the latest match to highlight City's need for a striker, Pep Guardiola's team required a dose of fortune for the winner as Jesus took aim from just inside the area and the ball squirmed into the bottom corner off Chelsea midfielder Jorginho's heel in the 53rd minute.

Chelsea had beaten City in their last three meetings — most recently in the Champions League final in May — but was largely outplayed at Stamford Bridge. Indeed, it wasn't a bigger margin of victory only because of City's lack of an out-and-out center forward.

The result lifted City above Chelsea in the standings, on goal difference after six games, but there was a greater

significance to the victory.

After its strong start to the season — four wins, a draw at Liverpool and only one goal conceded — Chelsea had been anointed by increasing numbers as the title favorite this season.

But the way City dominated possession and reduced Chelsea to mostly long balls showed that Guardiola's team, the defending champion, might still be the team to beat.

Although City has had some big wins this season, like the 5-0s against Norwich and Arsenal and a 6-3 over Leipzig in the Champions League, a 0-0 draw with Southampton last weekend was a glaring reminder of the fact Guardiola failed to sign a striker in the off-season to replace Sergio Aguero.

And against Chelsea, Guardiola's team saw much more of the ball in midfield — the Spanish coach essentially played five attacking midfielders ahead of Rodri at the base — but there was no striker to make the kind of runs to finish off the flowing moves.

## DC Bowlers Script 33-Run Win Over RR

Press Trust of India

**ABU DHABI:** Delhi Capitals bowlers made up for the team's underwhelming display with the bat to hand Rajasthan Royals a 33-run defeat in their Indian Premier League match, here on Saturday.

The Capitals bowling unit restricted the Royals to 121 for six after the team put on board 154 for six on the back of Shreyas Iyer's 43 and a late flourish provided by Shimron Hetmyer, who scored 28 runs off 16 balls.

Rajasthan skipper Sanju Samson looked in sublime touch, scoring an unbeaten 70, but with wickets tumbling at regular intervals from the other end, the Royals innings failed to get the momentum it needed.

South African pacer Anrich Nortje (2/18) led the Delhi bowlers who performed as a cohesive unit. Avesh Khan (1/29), Kagiso Rabada (1/26), Axar Patel (1/27), Ravichandran Ashwin (1/20) snapped a wicket each.

With the win, the Capitals returned to the top of the table while the Royals moved down to the sixth spot.

Defending a modest total, pacers Khan and Nortje provided the electric start that the Capitals needed, sending back both openers — Liam Livingstone (1) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (5) in the first two overs.

Skipper Rishabh Pant made a bowling change by bringing in Ashwin and the senior Indian spinner got rid of the dangerous David Miller (7) to leave the Royals tottering at 17 for 3.

With the required run rate



increasing, Rajasthan needed 107 runs in the last 10 over.

Samson and young Mahipal Lomror (19) seemed to be reviving the innings but the ever-reliant Rabada nipped the partnership in the bud. Riyan Parag (2) and Rahul Tewatia (9) couldn't provide a valuable contribution either.

Samson was going strong, hitting boundaries at will but the Delhi bowlers came back strongly.

Earlier, the Royals pacers — led by Mustafizur Rahman (2/22), Chetan Sakariya (2/33) and Kartik Tyagi (1/40) — shared five wickets while spin all-rounder Rahul Tewatia (1/17) dismissed one batsman.

Tyagi, the star of the match against Punjab Kings, drew first blood with his very first delivery in the fourth over, cleaning up Orange Cap holder Shikhar Dhawan (8).

The Delhi opener looked to play a good length delivery but the ball rolled back to hit the timber.

Prithvi Shaw (10) soon followed his opening partner back to the dugout, slicing the ball off Sakariya to Liam Livingstone at mid-off.

At the end of the powerplay, the Capitals were precariously

placed at 36 runs for the loss of two wickets.

With spin introduced in the seventh over Shreyas Iyer (43 off 32 balls) and skipper Rishabh Pant (24 off 24 balls) started to repair the damage caused by the loss of the openers.

The duo, who stitched a 62-run partnership, kept the scoreboard ticking, while also hitting the occasional boundaries at the huge Sheikh Zayed Stadium.

The stylish Iyer then hit the first maximum of the match over long off in the 10th over off left-arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shamsi (0/34).

As the two Delhi batters found their footing, Rahman was brought back into the attack and the move immediately paid dividends as Pant, looking to hook the ball away, ended up getting an under edge.

Samson then showed his skills with gloves to stump Iyer, who failed to stretch his back foot inside the crease as wicket continued to tumble at regular intervals.

Shimron Hetmyer, who was striking the ball well, then upped the ante, hitting three boundaries off Tyagi to plunder 16 runs in the 16th over.