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P6 THINK

DISCUSSING TALIBAN IN THE KASHMIR VALLEY

On Friday afternoon, the summer sun shone against a bright blue sky in Srinagar. Almost all the shops in the city were open, with the streets teeming with shoppers. Three young men sitting on a metal settee in a well-manicured park watched...

P7 TRUDEAU'S WIN IN A DIVIDED CANADA

Justin Trudeau has won a historic back-to-back third election in Canada, and is now in the elite company of prime ministers. However, he had won the third term through a snap election, by dissolution of the parliament in August 2021. An early opinion poll before the dissolution had kept his Liberal Party



P4 WORLD

SAM CURRAN RULED OUT OF T20 WC AFTER BACK INJURY IN IPL 2021

All-rounder Sam Curran has been ruled out of the ICC T20 World Cup with a lower back injury, which he sustained during an Indian Premier League game for



Innocence is courage and clarity both

- Osho

NEWS DIGEST

R K Chhibber Gets 6 Months Extension

SRINAGAR: RK Chhibber has been granted six months extension as Chairman and Managing Director of Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. on the request made by the Jammu and Kashmir Government (Board of Directors) to the Reserve Bank of India. Sources said that the Bank was intimated about the extension through a communiqué made by the RBI authorities. ● [More On P10](#)

J&K Reports

102 New Covid Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Tuesday recovery of 185 more coronavirus infected persons while 102 new cases of virus were reported from the Union territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, the trend of recoveries continued in J&K on Tuesday as 185 more patients recovered—46 from ● [More On P10](#)

Girl Injured In Acid Attack In Shopian

SRINAGAR: An 18-year-old girl was hospitalized with burn injuries sustained in an acid attack on her in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, police said. An unidentified person threw acid on the girl at Kral Check in Shopian district, resulting in burn injuries to her face, hands, feet and back, a police official said. ● [More On P10](#)

Ladakh Reports 3 New Covid Cases

LEH: Ladakh on Tuesday reported three fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the tally to 20,825 while the active cases in the Union Territory came down to 50, officials said. Ladakh has registered 207 Covid-related deaths -- 149 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. Five patients of coronavirus infection ● [More On P10](#)

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Bindroo Pharmacy Owner Among 3 Civilians Shot Dead In Span Of 1 Hour

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: A prominent Kashmiri Pandit pharmacist, a street vendor from Bihar and Hajin taxi union head were shot dead in three back to back attacks within an hour in this capital city and north Kashmir's Bandipora district, setting alarm bells ringing in the security establishment.

The first killing occurred around 7:20 pm Tuesday when suspected pistol-borne militants entered Bindroo Healthzone, Iqbal Park here and fired multiple shots at the owner Makhan Lal Bindroo, leaving him collapsed behind his counter in a pool of blood, officials said.



68-year-old Bindroo, a prominent pharmacist, they said, was removed to the SMHS hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead. "He had received one fatal bullet injury on the left eyebrow and three on the left and right shoulder." Medical Superintendent SMHS, Kanwaljeet Singh told Kashmir Observer. Police in a ● [More On P10](#)

Police Version

In a statement issued here this evening, police said that three terror incidents were reported from Srinagar & Bandipora, in which terrorists shot dead three civilians. At about 19:25hrs, Srinagar Police received information about terror crime incident near Iqbal Park Sherghari area of Srinagar, a police spokesperson said. He said that the officers attending the terror crime spot learnt that the owner of Bindroo Medicate namely Makhan Lal Bindroo was shot at by the terrorists near his shop at Iqbal Park. ● [More On P10](#)

Amit Shah Likely To Visit J&K This Month

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to visit Jammu and Kashmir later this month as part of the central government's mega outreach programme, officials said on Tuesday.

Shah will visit both regions of the Union Territory -- Kashmir and Jammu -- and the tour may

take place from October 23 to 25.

The home minister is likely to visit Jammu and Kashmir this month as part of the government's mega outreach programme under which 70 Union ministers are visiting the UT, an official from the ministry said.

During his trip, Shah will visit remote areas of the Kashmir Valley ● [More On P10](#)

Kishtwar Cloudburst: Victim's Body Recovered After 2 Months

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Body of one of the 19 missing cloudburst victims was recovered from a stream in Kishtwar on Tuesday, over two months after the natural calamity hit a remote village in the hilly district, officials said.

The decomposed body was recovered from downstream

Parties Term Killings 'Barbaric, Unacceptable'

Several mainstream parties have denounced the killings and said such acts of violence have no place in the society. "Condemn the killing of Shri M L Bindroo who chose to stay back in Kashmir even during peak insurgency. Such acts of violence have no place in our society. May his family find the strength to deal with this loss," PDP President, Mehbooba Mufti posted on her official Twitter handle. Former J&K Chief Minister and National Conference Vice President, Omar Abdullah also took to Twitter to condemn the killings in a series of posts. "What terrible news! He was a very kind man. ● [More On P10](#)

LG Assures Swift Action

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha condemned the killing of three civilians by militants in separate incidents in the Valley, vowing to bring the perpetrators to justice soon. "Deeply anguished to hear about the terror attack on Shri Makhan Lal Bindroo, owner of Bindroo Medicate. I strongly condemn this cowardly act. My deepest condolences to the bereaved family. Perpetrators of this heinous act will be brought to justice very soon," Sinha tweeted soon after the first killing. ● [More On P10](#)

Baseer Khan Removed As LG's Advisor

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday relieved retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, Baseer Ahmad Khan from the post of Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory.

"Pursuant to communication No 15030/40/2019-J&K dated 4th October, 2021, of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Shri Baseer Ahmad Khan (retired IAS: 2000) is hereby relieved from the post of Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, with immediate effect," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner/Secretary to the government.

Pertinently, Khan, the then Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir, was been appointed as the fourth advisor to former J&K Lieutenant Governor G C Murmu on March, 15 last year.

A year earlier in June, 2019, Khan and his twin brother Additional Director General of ● [More On P10](#)

Govt Orders Minor Reshuffle In Admin

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K government on Tuesday transferred four JKAS officers and assigned additional charge of posts to some in the interest of administration with immediate effect.

According to an order, Ms. Nargis Suraiya, JKAS, Joint Director, Handlooms, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Wullar-Manasbal, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Bilal Khurshid, JKAS, Joint Director, Education (South), Kashmir hqr at Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as Chief Executive ● [More On P10](#)

Sujit Kumar Posted As DIG central Kashmir

Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday ordered transfers and postings of deputy inspector generals (DIGs) According to an order Sunil Gupta, awaiting orders of posting is posted as DIG, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range. It also ordered that Sujit Kumar, ● [More On P10](#)

'This Is An Insult': A Missing Name Creates Political Anguish In Ladakh

Auqib Javeed

Two years after hailing the Government of India's move to abrogate the Article 370 in Parliament, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal raised the concern over "the growing political anguish" in Ladakh.

The Member of Parliament from Ladakh lost his cool after spotting the missing name of his Executive Councillor for Minority Affairs, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, Ghulam Mehdi, on the plaque of a road inauguration on October 1.

Mehdi represents the BJP in LAHDC from Tartuk area.

The young lawmaker had arrived along with Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur; Chief Executive Councillor (Leh), Tashi Gyalsan; Defence Secretary, Ajay Kumar and Director General Border Roads,



Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry, to carry out the sod-turning ceremony for the construction of Hanuthang-Handanbroke-Zungpal-Turtuk road, which will reduce the 395 km Leh-Turtuk journey to 61 km.

"This is an insult," Namgayal

lashed out at the authorities.

"The culprit should be punished. How come the names of those persons who don't represent this area are on the plaque, while those who represent this area were skipped?" Interestingly, this is the second

time within a week when political names of the ruling party were found missing on the plaques.

Earlier on September 25, when Anurag Thakur, Information and Broadcasting Minister, inaugurated high power transmitters at one of the highest Radio Stations in the world at Humbatingla in Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan's name was reportedly missing on the plaque.

Notably, Khan, who's chief executive of LAHDC, Kargil, was accompanying Thakur throughout his Kargil visit.

"All the government agencies including CID, IB and RAW present here must send this message to PM Modi and Home Minister that people are being insulted in Ladakh," Namgyal said.

"We're elected representatives. People have chosen us. We don't come from the ● [More On P10](#)

Chinese Air Force Still Present Across LAC: IAF

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The Indian Air Force (IAF) chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhary today said that the Chinese Air Force is still present on three air bases on their side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and assured that the IAF is fully deployed and prepared.

Addressing the media on the 89th anniversary of the force, the Air Chief Marshal said, "The situation on the Line of Actual Control is that the Chinese Air Force is still present on three air bases on their side of the LAC. We are fully deployed and prepared on our side."

On the Chinese Air Force capabilities near Ladakh, he said China's capability to



launch multiple high altitude missions would remain weak.

Air Chief Marshal Chaudhary also said that the induction of Rafale, Apaches have significantly added to India's combat potential.

He said that the IAF is in the process of new combat systems to ensure that we retain an edge over our adversaries. "The induction ● [More On P10](#)

India Slams Pak For Raising Kashmir At UN

Press Trust Of India

UNITED NATIONS: Strongly hitting out at Pakistan for again raising up the Kashmir issue at the UN, India has said a constructive contribution cannot be expected from a country that has an established practice of hosting terrorists and is the "epicentre" of global terrorism, and the biggest destabilising force in the world.

Counsellor in India's Permanent Mission to the UN, A Amarnath, said on Monday that India does not need advice from

a nation with a proven track record of illicit export of nuclear material and technology.

Pakistan's desperate attempts to peddle falsehoods and habit of abusing the sanctity of multilateral forums deserves our collective contempt, he said.

"Pakistan has made a number of futile and unsubstantiated allegations against India, including in relation to the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. These do not merit a response, as they pertain to matters ● [More On P10](#)

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Whereas an application has been recieved from one.
Shri : Mohammad Yaqoob Bhat S/o: Gh Hyder Bhat R/o: Bazar Mohalla Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04D 2946 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J&K Bank B/U Mirgund.

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

e_NIT_No._08/Hyd/Uri_of_2021-22 Dated: 1/10/2021

For and on behalf of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, e-Tenders on item rate basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Jammu and Kashmir UT Government, for the following works:-
Position of AAA: Accorded Position of Funds: Committed

S. No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	AAA order No.	Panchayat Block	Identified by	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	Major Head	Cost of Tender document (In Rs.)	TENDER-ID
1	Construction of Water Reservoir at Maniara for Ward 06 and Ward 07.	11.79	245/DDC of Nambla B 2021	Uri	PRI	Bid security form to be attached with the Bid	30-days	BEE/DEE/CEE	4515-PRI Grants (District Capex Budget)	600	2021_JFC_142189_1
2	Construction of concrete Bund 2-Sides at Nallah Hapathkhai from Masjid Sharief Ganie Mohalla to Khan Mohalla and Thala Trikanjan	13.00	244/DDC of Trikanjan 2021	Boniya	PRI		20-days	BEE/DEE/CEE	4515-PRI Grants (District Capex Budget)	600	2021_JFC_142189_2
3	Construction of Flood Protection Bund near Steel Bridge Nambla B	10.50	244/DDC of Nambla B 2021	Uri	PRI		28-days	BEE/DEE/CEE	4515-PRI Grants (District Capex Budget)	600	2021_JFC_142189_3
4	Improvement of Khul from Abdul Karim Tantary to Kanderwan Mohalla	7.00	244/DDC of Mohura 2021	Uri	PRI		20-days	DEE/CEE	4515-PRI Grants (District Capex Budget)	300	2021_JFC_142189_4

The NIT consisting of Qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from:-

Publishing Date	01/10/2021 from 4.00PM
Download Date Start	01/10/2021 from 4.00PM
Tender Submission date Start	01/10/2021 from 4.00pm
Tender Submission date Ends	7/10/2021 up to 4.00 pm
Date of Opening	08/10/2021 at 12.00AM, in the Office of the Executive Engineer Hydraulic Division Uri (H.Q. Chandanwari)

Tenders must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Hydraulic Division Uri, payable at Treasury Office.

- The Tenders for the works shall remain valid for a period of 90 (Ninety) days from the date of opening of Tenders.
- The Tenders shall be deposited in Electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The Tender uploaded on the website upto due date and time will be opened on the schedule date and time and any other date convenient to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer Hydraulic Division Uri H.Q Chandanwari, in presence of the Tenderers who wish to be present. In case of holiday or office happening to be closed on the basis of the opening of the Tender/date of submission of Hard copies, the same will be on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited if-
 - Any Tenderer withdraws his Tenders/tender during the period of Tender validity or makes any modification in terms and conditions of the Tender.
 - Failure of Successful tenderer to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- The tenderer shall have to execute the agreement within 10-days after fixation of contract.

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir.

NO: HDU/CC-02/1467-87

DATED: 01/10/2021

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Sd/-

(Er. Javid Ahmad Sofi)

Executive Engineer, Hydraulic Division Uri

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Public Notice

Sub.: **Public Hearing** for Minor Mineral (River Bed Mineral) Block scheduled on **30.10.2021** for Block-13 of District Shopian (J&K).

As per EIA Notification Rule 7(1) Section (III) issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide S.O.1533 dated 14th September, 2006 (as amended till date), **Public Hearing** is being conducted by J&K Pollution Control Committee as per requirement of EIA notification. The **ToR** (Terms of Reference) have been forwarded by JKEIAA vide no. **JKEIAA/2020/226/1839-43** dated 26.07.2021 for the said **Public Hearing** along with draft EIA/EMP, which is scheduled to be conducted as per below mentioned details in staggered manner:

Name of Agency	Area	Location of minor mineral area / Coordinates	Name of Village/ Tehsil / District	Location of public hearing Venue (Date and time)
Shri Abdul Hamid Wagay, S/o Sh. Ghulam Nabi Wagay, R/o Narapora, Distt. Shopian. (J&K)	(Original Area 5.79 Hect.) As per ToR dt. 26.07.2021 reduced working Area 4.82 Hect.	Block 13 , having an reduced working area 4.82 ha as per ToR, at Mini Secretariat Shopian upstream Nallah Rambria, Village Arhamia, District-Shopian. Coordinates: A 33°44'36.75" -N 74°50'09.99" -E to D 33°44'49.49" -N 74°49'48.95" -E	Village Arhamia Teh. & Dist. Shopian (J&K)	Date - 30.10.2021. Time - 10.00 AM to 12.30 AM Village : Arhamia, Tehsil : Shopian, Dist: Shopian (J&K)

The Executive Summary of EIA and draft EMP in English and Urdu of the above proposed mining block is available in the website of JKPCCC i.e., www.jkpcb.jk.in as well as in the following offices:-

- The Commissioner / Secretary to Govt. Forests, Ecology & Environment Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu.
- Director, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India Northern, Regional Office, Chandigarh.
- Director, Ecology Environment & Remote Sensing / Member Secretary, JKEIAA Paryavaran Bhawan, Transport Nagar, Narwal, Jammu.
- Member Secretary, J&K Pollution Control Committee, Transport Nagar, Narwal, Jammu.
- Deputy Commissioner, District Shopian.
- Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee, Sheikh-ul-Alam Campus, Behind Govt. Silk Factory, Rajbagh Srinagar, Kashmir.
- Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Shopian.
- Divisional Mineral Officer, Department of Geology and Mining Department, Shopian.

All concerned are hereby informed through this notice to send their suggestions / written objections or comments on or before 30th of Oct., 2021 addressed to Member Secretary, J&K Pollution Control Committee, Parivesh Bhawan, Gladni, Transport Nagar, Narwal, Jammu (09.30 AM to 05.30 PM) on any working day or by email membersecretaryjkpcb@gmail.com

The panel for conducting Public Hearing shall be as under:-

- District Magistrate, Shopian, J&K or his representative not below the rank of Addl. District Magistrate.
- Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee, Rajbagh Srinagar, or his authorized representative.
- District Mineral Officer, Department of Geology and Mining, Shopian.
- Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Shopian.

All interested persons/organizations/groups/stake-holders are invited to participate in the above mentioned Public Hearing on the aforementioned date strictly observing all **SOPs and guidelines of COVID-2019** issued in this behalf, at the venue and time and give their suggestions, views/comments and objections, if any, to the authorities conducting the Public Hearing.

Any person having interest in this public hearing can also have access to the Executive Summary of EIA from Office of District Pollution Control Committee, Shopian.

(B.M. Sharma) IFS
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Short Term Tender Notice

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir U.T short term tenders are hereby invited from reputed, resourceful, competent & experienced Govt. approved Civil Consultants for design, drawing & layout of RCC Structure at Electric Central Workshop Division Pampore, KPDCI Srinagar for repair of 33/11 KV Power Transformers.

1.	Name of work	Hiring of Consultant for design, drawing & layout of RCC Structure for repair of 33/11 KV Power Transformers.
2.	Estimated Cost of Job	1.49 Cr
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A	Date of issuing of Tender Notice	1.10.2021
B	Last date for submission	11.10.2021
C	Opening date & Time	12.10.2021

Interested consultants are requested to quote their rates in sealed envelopes & submit the same in the office of under signed address thereof is as "Executive Engineer Electric central workshop opposite Kong Posh hospital near EDI Pampore".

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A NUMBER OF MEDICAL STUDENTS on Tuesday held a sit-in at Press Enclave Srinagar against Govt's decision to pool its MBBS seats in the All-India Quota (AIQ) from the current session. Pic Abid Bhat

City Fails To Attract Investors Due To Uncertainty: Official Report

Agencies

SRINAGAR:- The erstwhile capital of Jammu and Kashmir—Srinagar—has failed to attract the investors in the industrial sector due to prevailing uncertainty, insufficient capital, lack of technology and infrastructure, reveals an official report.

Besides, it also states that the poor connectivity and frequent power cuts were some other major reasons to attract them.

According to the approved report of Srinagar Metropolitan Region (SMR) 2035, Srinagar being the most urbanized part of Jammu and Kashmir, the Valley has remained as an industrially backward region.

The documents available with the news agency reads, “The valley could not attract investments in the industrial sector for multiple reasons which include prevailing uncertainty, insufficient capital, lack of technology and infrastructure, poor connectivity and frequent power cuts.”

As per the estimates made by the department of Industries and Commerce, the State has invest-



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ed about 400 crore on industrial development in SMR, though no sizeable impact is seen on ground which can be attributed to the fact that about 40 percent of industrial units are dysfunctional and sick.

“The Industrial Estate (IE) at Zakura is the worst affected where most of the units are either closed or dysfunctional,” it reads.

The master plan states that the Jammu and Kashmir does not have a robust industrial base though many small and medium-scale industries have come up in the traditional sectors and in areas like food processing, agro-based units and metallic and non-metallic products.

As per the data collected from the Department of Industries and Commerce, the city has

about 4300 Kanals of land under eight industrial units besides the industrial estate at HMT, Zainakote which is 400 Kanals.

The Department is also in the process of finalizing thousand Kanals land at Budgam for the development of another major industrial estate and around ten IEs are located in Srinagar city region providing jobs to more than eight thousand people.

“However, the city has some service and small scale industrial units besides centuries old local craft like wood-carving, shawl and carpet making, stone polishing, Paper-Machie etcetera, the master plan reads.

The document further reads that besides these industrial estates, there are as many as twenty cement factories located in Khrew and Khonmoh due to availability of high quality limestone in the area. The JK Cements Ltd.—a PSU is the largest cement factory with installed capacity of 600 tonnes per day. The factory provides direct and indirect employment to over thousand skilled, semi-skilled and specialised workers.

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To Promote Exports From J&K, Director Agriculture Chairs Meeting At Lalmandi



SRINAGAR: To promote the exports (in Agriculture, Horticulture, Floriculture, Apiculture and other allied sectors) from UT of Jammu and Kashmir, a meeting of Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Agriculture, Horticulture, Horticulture and Planning Marketing (HPMC) departments and registered exporters was held at APEDA Regional Office Lalmandi, here.

The meeting was chaired by Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal. Speaking on the occasion Director Agriculture highlighted the importance of branding of Kashmiri products so that maximum returns could be fetched at different marketing platforms at international level.

He said that we are having a number of organic products like saffron for which a proper marketing strategy needs to be adopted on the global platform.

Sharing his views, Director APEDA Dr. Tarun Bajaj gave a detailed scenario of the present activities that are being carried out to promote the export of different agriculture and horticulture products from the Jammu and Kashmir UT.

He said that presently their focus is on the Middle East and South East Asia and therefore are trying to promote more products to the global marketing arena.

Some registered exporters present in the meeting also brought up their issues to the notice of APEDA and other concerned Departments and a threadbare discussion was held to address these issues.

The meeting was attended by Director APEDA Dr. Tarun Bajaj, DGM APEDA Davindar Prasad, Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing Dr. Vishesh Mahajan, Joint Director Horticulture, Joint Director Agriculture Extension, Registered Exporters of UT.

'Changing Patterns Of Migration'

KU VC Inaugurates National-Level Conference

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Talat Ahmad on Tuesday inaugurated a national-level conference on ‘Changing Patterns of Migration’.

The day-long conference, sponsored by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), was organised by the varsity's Department of Geography and Disaster Management (DGDM).

In his presidential address, Prof Talat called for active involvement of the student community in addressing concerns—natural and man-made—which trigger migrations and the resultant sufferings of the migrants.

“Students are going to be the future leaders of the planet Earth. We will have to train them today to assess the social and environmental problems to ensure that the planet becomes a better place to live in. When younger people will know about the fallout of these problems, they will be better equipped to address them at grassroots,” he said, congratulating the conference organisers for holding the important and timely event.

Chairperson National Commission for Women (NCW) Ms Rekha Sharma, who was a guest of honour, said migration for economic reasons is a good thing but “we have to evaluate whether we are providing the migrants, who are



a part of our GDP growth, better facilities.”

She enumerated various problems being faced by women migrants during and after the course of their migration for livelihood.

“We now have a National Migrant Policy drafted by Niti Aayog which is expected to address a host of challenges concerning migrants, including their social equity, healthcare, housing and education,” she said.

Dean Research at KU Prof Irshad A Nawchoo, a special guest on the occasion, called for academic collaboration and cooperation to discuss the natural and man-made causes of migrations. Dean School of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Head DGDM Prof Shamim A Shah highlighted the aims and objectives of the conference.

Conference Convener Dr Farzana Gulzar, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies, threw light on the

theme of the conference and also delivered a vote of thanks.

Two books including ‘Migration: Global and Local Perspectives’ edited by Dr Farzana Gulzar, Dr Sumeer Gul, Dr Shabana Gulzar and Aiman Fayaz, and ‘Entrepreneurship: a road less travelled’ authored by Dr Bilal A Dar were also released by the Vice-Chancellor. A website titled ‘World of Migration’ was also launched on the occasion.

The conference was attended by top academics from within and outside J&K including, among others, Ms Revathy Vishwanath, Deputy Director ICSSR; Prof Jagtar Singh, University of Patiala; Prof Panatula Murali Krishna, SK University Anantapur; Prof Jabir Ali IIM Jammu; Prof Haseena Hashia, JMI New Delhi, Prof Shabir Bhat, former Dean Academics KU; Prof S Mufeed Ahmad, Department of Management Studies KU and Prof Mushtaq Darzi, Director HRDC KU.

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Kupwara Family Appeals Police To Initiate Probe

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A hapless family from Zerhama hamlet of far flung area of border district Kupwara Tuesday appealed authorities to initiate a thorough probe into the alleged suicide case of 21-year old Shahid Ahmed Wani.

The mother Shakeela Akhtar and grandmother Jana Begum who had arrived in Press Enclave Srinagar to narrate the incident told news agency Kashmir News Trust that Shahid was found hanging with a lofty tree while his both hands were tied from the behind. “If my son committed suicide then who had tied his both hands from behind. It was a murder and the culprits are roaming free.

Both the woman alleged that policemen from police station Thregam and Awoora

Police Chowki didn't cooperate and support them. Shakeela while lauding the role of the then SSP Kupwara alleged that one of the officers who was investigating the case asked them to compromise with the people whom she is accusing of murder.

“I firmly believe that my son was killed by the members of his would-be in-laws. “The would be brother-in-law of my son was not willing to tie the knot of his sister with Shahid and he was frequently threatening him of dire consequences,” she said.

Both the women said that police only initiated inquest proceedings and didn't register and FIR against the suspects.

The wailing mother appealed top police brass including DGP and IGP to thoroughly probe the incident so that those who killed his son will be punished. (KNT)

APPEAL

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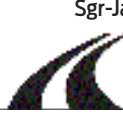


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- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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- Srinagar- Leh- (Open)

This Day in History

- 1762 - British troops occupy Manila, Philippines
- 1783 - Benjamin Hanks patents self-winding clock
- 1861 - Revolt of Russian student shuts down university of Petersburg
- 1863 - Battle at Baxter Springs, Kansas
- 1889 - Thomas Edison shows his 1st motion picture
- 1939 - Adolf Hitler denies he intends to go to war against France and Britain
- 1943 - Battle at Vella Lavella, Solomon Island
- 1944 - Allied aircraft accidentally bomb Fishing, Overijssel
- 1944 - Canadians free Austria
- 1948 - The 1948 Ashgabat earthquake kills 100,000 in the Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic
- 1948 - Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey finds the first partial fossil skull of Proconsul africanus, an ancestor of apes and humans on Rusinga Island, Kenya
- 1956 - Scientist Albert Sabin announces that his oral polio vaccine is ready for testing; it would soon supplant Jonas Salk's vaccine in many parts of the world
- 1959 - Soviet Luna 3, 1st successful photographic spacecraft, impacts Moon
- 1986 - Russian nuclear sub K291 sinks in Atlantic Ocean
- 1987 - Military coup leader Maj-Gen Sitiveni Rabuka declares Fiji a republic
- 1990 - US 67th manned space mission STS 41 (Discovery 11) launches into orbit
- 1990 - Solar Polar Orbiter 'Ulysses' launched
- 1995 - 51 Pegasi discovered as the first major star, apart from the Sun, to have a planet orbiting around it
- 2000 - President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milošević resigns
- 2010 - Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger launch Instagram
- 2015 - Nobel prize for Physics awarded to Takaaki Kajita (Japan) and Arthur McDonald (Canada) for work on neutrinos
- 2017 - British writer Kazuo Ishiguro is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature
- 2018 - Khabib Nurmagomedov of Dagestan beats Irishman Conor McGregor by 4th round submission in UFC lightweight title fight in Las Vegas; instantly marred by ugly post-fight brawling incident; belt withheld pending investigation
- 2019 - 99 Iraqis have died and 4,000 injured in protests over 5 days against living conditions, unemployment and corruption according to human rights group
- 2019 - Tens of thousands of Hong Kong protesters march in defiance of a new ban on face masks



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From KO Archives

J&K Team For Tibet To Find Truth Of 'Shahtoosh Threat'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah today said the centre would be approached to seek China's permission for facilitating the visit of a team to Tibet to find if continuing shahtoosh trade threatens antelope.

Speaking at a function held in observance of the mil-lennium's first wildlife week here this afternoon, the chief minister said the team will comprise wildlife officials and representatives of shahtoosh traders whose trip would be sponsored by the government. “If the team feels threat to antelope as genuine, the shahtoosh traders will have nothing to do with it”, he said, adding that with this the controversy over the issue would end once for all.

The chief minister said that as a result of measures taken to preserve wildlife, their population is on increase in the state. He stressed for creating awareness among the people especially students about the need for protecting wildlife and said that two zoos would be set up at Manda in Jammu and Dachigam in Srinagar for people to see nature's fauna. He asked for prepar-ing comprehensive plans for conservation of various sanctuaries like Hokersar, Hygam and Mirgund.

Abdullah called for evolving a mechanism and adopt-ing an integrated programme for making use of dead wood as fuel by those living near forest while stringent measures would be taken for preserving the green trees. Steps have to be taken for bridging the gap between ener-gy-need and energy source. This has become imperative in view of growing pressure of forest resource since other sources of energy like electricity and LPG have become costlier and scarce. He made a fervent appeal to the people for making judicious use of electricity, generation of which is affected during winter due to lesser water flow.

(Kashmir Observer, October 06, 2000)

'Taliban killed 13 members of Hazara ethnic group'

Ali M Latifi | Al Jazeera

The Taliban killed at least 13 members of the Hazara ethnic group, including a 17-year-old girl, in the central province of Daykundi, shortly after they took power in Afghanistan, according to a new report from Amnesty International.

On August 30, a convoy of 300 Taliban fighters entered Khidr district and killed at least 11 former members of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), nine of whom were taken to a nearby river basin where they were executed shortly after having surrendered, the rights group said in its report published on Tuesday.



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A teenager, identified by the name of Masuma, was killed in crossfire after the Taliban targeted Afghan forces who were attempting to flee the area. Another civilian, Fayaz, a newly-wed in his 20s, was also among those killed in the crossfire.

The ANSF members who were killed ranged in age from 26 to 46, Amnesty said. All the victims were Hazara, who were persecuted during the Taliban's first stint in power between 1996 and 2001.

It is the second killing of Hazaras documented by Amnesty. At least nine Hazara men were killed by Taliban

fighters in Ghazni province in July before the group captured power, Amnesty reported on August 19.

Both the Taliban and their rivals, the Islamic State Khorasan Province, ISKP (ISIS-K), an ISIL affiliate, have been accused of targeting the Hazara people, who make up the majority of Afghanistan's Shia population.

By September 1, the Taliban had denied the killings. Saidquallah Abed, the Taliban appointed police chief for Daykundi, would only confirm that one of their fighters had been injured in the crossfire.

Raihana Azad, a former

member of Parliament for the province, also verified Amnesty's report to Al Jazeera, saying the events of August 30 amounted to "inhumane mass killings" carried out by the Taliban.

She said what transpired in Khidr was in direct violation of the Taliban's claims of a nationwide general amnesty for former security forces and government workers.

"These cold-blooded executions are further proof that the Taliban are committing the same horrific abuses they were notorious for during their previous rule of Afghanistan," said Agnes Callamard, Amnesty International's secretary-general.

No two-finger test on the female officer who alleged rape: IAF chief

Agencies

New Delhi: Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari on Tuesday said that no "two-finger test" was done on a female officer who had accused a colleague of rape.

Addressing the annual conference ahead of the IAF Day on October 8, he said: "No two-finger test was done. The information regarding the two-finger test is misreported. Air force law is very strict. Actual fact is this test was not done... disciplinary action will be taken based on report of inquiry."

The rape victim had alleged that she was subjected to the banned test and questioned about her sexual history in the rape case against a fellow colleague.

The woman officer had registered an FIR on September 20 in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore alleging that she was raped by a Flight Lieutenant under the influence of alcohol on September 10. She alleged that she suffered an ankle injury on September 10, for which she had

taken a painkiller. Later that night, she had two drinks with a group of friends when the accused had served her one of the glasses. The woman officer claimed that even as she was in a subconscious state, she saw the accused enter the room and sexually assault her.

She told the National Commission for Women that she was subjected to a two-finger test at the Air Force Hospital later.

In a press note, the NCW said it has taken cognisance of the woman Air Force officer being subjugated to the two-finger test, and "strongly condemned" the action of Indian Air Force doctors.

"The NCW expressed utter disappointment and strongly condemned the action of Indian Air Force doctors for violating the right to privacy and dignity of the victim," it said.

NCW Chairperson Rekha Sharma had also written to the IAF chief to look into the matter and "impart necessary knowledge to the Indian Air Force doctors".



Some 216,000 children have been victims of abuse by members of the Catholic clergy in France since 1950, the head of a panel investigating abuses by Church members said on Tuesday.

Fully Ready To Deal With "2-Front" War Scenario Against Pak, China: Air Force Chief

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Indian Air Force is committed to the theaterisation programme and the initiative needs to be taken forward considering various key aspects involving the three forces, Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari said today.

Addressing a press conference ahead of Air Force Day on October 8, he said the Indian Air Force or IAF is fully prepared to deal with any security challenge in eastern Ladakh and that new infrastructure created by the Chinese side in the region will not affect India's combat readiness.

The Chief of Air Staff said India is fully ready to deal with a "two-front" war scenario involving China and Pakistan and that the focus



has been to enhance the IAF's overall combat capabilities.

On the ambitious theaterisation programme, he said the Indian Air Force is fully committed to it but added that discussions are required before new structures are put in place.

"Various options are being discussed among three forces," the IAF chief said.

The theatre commands are being planned to integrate

capabilities of the three services and to ensure optimal utilisation of their resources.

He said the IAF's strike capability has become more potent with induction of Rafale jets and various weapons.

On the alleged rape case in Coimbatore, he said no two finger test was conducted and that disciplinary action will be taken against those found guilty in the probe into the case.

An Indian Air Force official in Coimbatore has been charged with sexual assault of a woman colleague on September 10.

The 28-year-old woman Air Force officer has levelled serious charges against IAF authorities, including subjecting her to a banned finger test and also forcing her to withdraw the complaint against the accused Flight Lieutenant.

Lakhimpur violence

Priyanka says detained beyond 24 hours without FIR, Cong leaders claim drones monitoring her

Press Trust Of India

Sitapur/Lucknow: Why has the person behind the killing of four farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri not been arrested while she has been under detention for 28 hours without an FIR, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi asked on Tuesday as her colleagues alleged that she was not being allowed to meet her lawyers.

Priyanka Gandhi and other Congress leaders have been in detention beyond 24 hours and a drone camera deployed over the 2nd Battalion PAC guesthouse in Sitapur where they have been kept, Congress office-bearers claimed.

"She is not being allowed to meet her lawyers and the administration is not telling her reasons for her detention," Congress media and

communication vice chairperson Pankaj Srivastava said.

Besides Priyanka Gandhi, state Congress president Ajay Kumar Lallu, national secretary Dheeraj Gurjar, Youth Congress national president BV Srinivas, party MLC Deepak Singh are also under detention, he said.

The Congress general secretary was detained in Sitapur on Monday on her way to Lakhimpur Kheri, where eight people died and several others were injured on Sunday in the bloodiest clash since the farmers' protest over the Centre's agri laws began last year.

On Tuesday, she shared a video on Twitter purportedly showing a group of protesting farmers being mowed down by an SUV.

"@narendramodi ji

your government has detained me for the past 28 hours without any order or FIR. Why the person who ran over farmers has not been arrested yet?" she said in a tweet in Hindi.

Her party colleague Gurjar shared another video on the microblogging site showing a drone, which he claimed was flying above the guesthouse where Congress leaders have been detained.

"The government is so scared of Priyanka Gandhi that even after keeping her under detention, it is using a drone to keep an eye on her," he tweeted in Hindi.

As several Congress leaders took to social media, party workers staged demonstrations till late Monday night and slept on the pavement outside the PAC battalion complex.

Nobel Physics Prize To Two Climate Experts, Italian Theorist

Agencies

Stockholm, Sweden: US-Japanese scientist Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann of Germany and Giorgio Parisi of Italy on Tuesday won the Nobel Physics Prize for climate models and the understanding of physical systems, the jury said.

The Nobel committee said it was sending a message with its prize announcement just weeks before the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, as the rate of global warming sets off alarm bells around the world.

"The world leaders that haven't got the message yet, I'm

physics theory," said chair of the Nobel Committee for Physics, Thor Hans Hansson.

Manabe, 90, and Hasselmann, 89, share one half of the 10-million-kronor (\$1.1-million, one-million-euro) prize for their research on climate models, while Parisi, 73, won the other half for his work on the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems.

"Syukuro Manabe and Klaus Hasselmann laid the foundation of our knowledge of the Earth's climate and how humanity influences it," the Nobel Committee said.

"Giorgio Parisi is rewarded



not sure they will get it because we are saying it. But ... what we are saying is that the modelling of climate is solidly based in

for his revolutionary contributions to the theory of disordered materials and random processes," it added.

Bombshell Book: Trump Staffers Wallowed in Gifts on 1st Saudi Trip



Agencies

Washington: In her new bombshell book, ex-White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham says former US officials may have violated federal law Arabia by illegally accepting and not declaring gifts from their hosts, when president Donald Trump paid a visit to Saudi Arabia in May 2017 on the first leg of his maiden foreign trip.

"The rooms were paid for by the Saudi government," Grisham wrote in her forthcoming memoir titled "I'll Take Your Questions Now," adding that "we were told we could order anything we wanted on the room service menu."

She added that the offer was in violation of the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, but much of the former White House staffers on Trump's entourage were unaware of the basic protocol.

"It was the first and only time that happened, because we came to find out that it was against the rules," Grisham continued. "I don't know if the state department ended up paying for staff rooms, but I imagine they did."

Normally, US officials are trained to remain vigilant about foreign gifts, and must report anything worth more than \$415.

"At the time we didn't know, or maybe didn't care, that it wasn't allowed and that any gifts given to us had to be reported and turned in so they could be assessed for value before we were given the option to purchase them," Grisham wrote.

Grisham then described Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and one of the most influential figures in his administration, as "Rasputin in a slim-fitting suit."

"I have no idea what the end result was or if true, but I remember some people talking about the fact that Jared and his staff had been gifted Rolex watches, ornamental swords, and various textiles," she said.

Mark Zuckerberg Loses \$6 Billion In Hours After Facebook Outage

Mark Zuckerberg's personal wealth has fallen by more than \$7 billion in a few hours, knocking him down a notch on the list of the world's richest people, after a whistleblower came forward and outages took Facebook Inc.'s flagship products offline.

A selloff sent the social-media giant's stock plummeting 4.9% on Monday, adding to a drop of about 15% since mid-September.

The stock slide on Monday sent Zuckerberg's worth down to \$121.6 billion, dropping him below Bill Gates to No. 5 on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. He's down from almost \$140 billion in a matter of



weeks, according to the index.

On Sept. 13, the Wall Street Journal began publishing a series of stories based on a cache of internal documents, revealing that Facebook knew about a wide range of problems with its products - such as Instagram's harm to teen-

age girls' mental health and misinformation about the Jan. 6 Capitol riots - while downplaying the issues in public. The reports have drawn the attention of government officials, and on Monday, the whistleblower revealed herself.

In response, Facebook has emphasized that the issues facing its products, including political polarization, are complex and not caused by technology alone.

"I think it gives people comfort to assume that there must be a technological or a technical explanation for the issues of political polarization in the United States," Nick Clegg, Facebook's vice president of global affairs, told CNN.

French Bishops Seek Forgiveness After Damning Church Sex Abuse Report

Paris: French clergy have sexually abused more than 200,000 children over the past 70 years, a major investigation released on Tuesday found, and its authors accused the Catholic Church of turning a blind eye for too long and urged it to reform.

The revelations in France are the latest to rock the Roman Catholic Church, after a series of sexual abuse scandals around the world, often involving children.

The church had shown "deep, total and even cruel indifference for years," protecting itself rather than the victims of what was systemic abuse, said Jean-Marc Sauve, head of the commission that compiled the report.

Most of the victims were boys, he said, many of them aged between 10 and 13.

The church not only did not take the necessary measures to prevent abuse but also failed to report it and sometimes knowingly putting children in touch with predators, he said.

Speaking just after Sauve at the pub-

lic presentation of the report, the archbishop of Reims and head of the French conference of bishops, Eric de Moulins-Beaufort, spoke of shame, asked for forgiveness and promised to act.

The commission was established by Catholic bishops in France at the end of 2018 to shed light on abuses and restore public confidence in the church at a time of dwindling congregations. It has worked independently from the Church.

Sauve said the problem was still there. He added that the church had until the 2000s shown complete indifference to victims and that it only started to really change its attitude in 2015-2016.

CHURCH URGED TO REFORM

The Catholic Church's teaching on subjects such as sexuality, obedience and the sanctity of the priesthood helped create blind spots which allowed sexual abuse by clergy to happen. Sauve said, adding that the church needed to reform the way it approached those issues to rebuild trust with society.

Russian Film Crew Docks At International Space Station For First Movie In Orbit

Moscow: A Russian actress and director on Tuesday arrived at the International Space Station (ISS) in a bid to best the United States and film the first movie in orbit.

The Russian crew is set to beat a Hollywood project that was announced last year by "Mission Impossible" star Tom Cruise together with NASA and Elon Musk's SpaceX.

Actress Yulia Peresild, 37, and film director Klim Shipenko, 38, took off from the Russia-leased Baikonur Cosmodrome in ex-Soviet Kazakhstan as scheduled.

But they belatedly docked at the ISS at 1222 GMT after veteran cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov switched to manual control.

"Welcome to the ISS!" Russia's space agency Roscosmos said on Twitter.

The crew travelled in a Soyuz MS-19 spaceship for a 12-day mission at the ISS to film scenes for "The Challenge".

Ramban Becomes 3rd JK District With 100% Vaccination Of 18 Plus

Anantnag with 94% vaccination leads in Kashmir



AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: After Samba and Poonch districts in Jammu division, Ramban becomes third district in the erstwhile state to complete 100 percent first dose vaccination in all above 18 years of age.

An official said all 2,51,180 persons coming under the 18-44 year age category have been given the first dose of vaccine while 99,746 (46 percent) have been given the second dose of vaccination in the district.

In aggregate form around 90 percent have been given the first dose while 41 percent people in Jammu Kashmir have been given the second dose of

Covid vaccination under the 18-44 age category so far.

In Jammu division five more districts are set to achieve the feat in the next few days where around 90 percent people have already been given their first dose of vaccination.

In Kashmir division's Anantnag district where around 94 percent people have been vaccinated is leading, followed by Budgam with 92 percent and Shopian and Srinagar with 91 percent.

The vaccination drive in J&K was started on 16 January this year.

Around 12,190,802 doses of vaccine have been administered so far in J&K.

DAK Calls For Flu Testing Amid Covid-19 Pandemic

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: With the onset of flu season amid Covid-19 pandemic, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Tuesday urged authorities to make influenza testing kits available in Kashmir.

"Covid and flu have similar symptoms and it is hard to diagnose which condition you have based on your symptoms alone," said DAK President and influenza expert Dr Nisar ul Hassan. "Testing is the only way to differentiate flu from Covid," he said.

Dr Hassan said we need to test for both flu and Covid to know which viral infection a person has so that he or she can receive timely and appropriate treatment.

"Testing for both viruses will give public health officials important information how flu and Covid is spreading and what preventive steps should be taken to reduce transmission rates," he said.

"At the moment our labs have test kits for Covid only and don't have kits for influenza," Dr Hassan said.

"Many patients who come to hospitals with febrile respiratory illnesses need to be tested for influenza, but due to non-availability of flu kits they end up on getting misdiagnosed," he said.

The DAK President said last two flu seasons we saw very low levels of influenza due to social distancing, reduced travel, remote work and other mitigation measures in place because of Covid-19 pandemic.

"But unlike last two years, this year's flu season could be severe as students are returning to schools, workplaces are transitioning back to in-person operation and many people have thrown caution to the wind," he said.

"With almost no flu in circulation over last two seasons, there would be lower levels of natural immunity to the flu than usually seen," said Dr Nisar.

"This means we could have more flu cases this year," he said.

"We can't be complacent about flu which can alone cause lot of trouble and with Covid-19 still raging, two together can wreak havoc," he added.

Budgam Admin Regulates Scribe Count For Official Functions

Scribes term decision 'biased', attack on freedom of press
Regulating media to ensure discipline during VVIP visits: Officials

AGENCIES

BUDGAM: The Directorate of Information in Central Kashmir's Budgam district has decided to restrict the number of journalists for covering the functions of union ministers and other VVIPs to maintain discipline during the official events.

The move has, however, evoked sharp criticism from the journalists working in the district who termed it as "biased decision."

District Information Officer Budgam Tajamul Yousuf told the news agency KNO that there is no ban on covering official functions for journalists but yes "we are going to restrict the number of journalists by regulating the entry of journalists. Recently, some journalists tried to sabotage the program of union minister Anurag Thakur by asking him totally irrelevant question, while LG's advisor Farooq Khan was seen lining up the journalists who were resorting to tally indiscipline."

Talking to KNO, Abid Hus-



sain, who works for ETV Bharat, for Central Kashmir said: "As a journalist we are supposed to ask the questions but if we are stopped then how will we do our job. We went to DIO office and he told us verbally that we are not allowed to any such event where union ministers will visit as many of us ask irrelevant questions. We don't know why we should work for administration."

Another Budgam based jour-

nalist Samiullah who works for News 18 Urdu said that as conveyed by the district IO that some selected media persons will be allowed who will work according to administration. "What a freedom of press," he said. Samiullah also posted the same text on his Twitter handle.

Many other journalists working in Budgam termed the step as a "total attack on freedom of press in the name maintaining discipline."

35 GHSS Students Test Covid Positive In Poonch

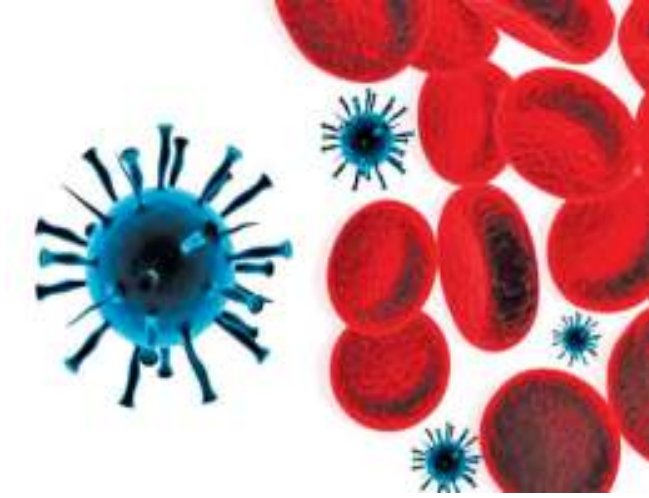
School closed for 5 days

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The authorities have ordered closure of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Mandi in Poonch district for 5 days after 35 students were reported positive on Tuesday during Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) in the school.

News agency KNS reported that an order issued by Chief Education Officer Poonch, Abdul Majid stated that, "As reported by Principal HSS Girls Mandi, 35 students of the school have been tested positive for COVID-19 during the Rapid Antigen Testing in the school today."

"Accordingly as a precautionary measure, the school shall remain closed for 05 days w.e.f 06-10-2021 to 10-10-2021. The Principal HSS Girls Mandi will ensure the sensitisation of the school premises including all class rooms, Labs, office etc in consultation with BMO Mandi. Moreover, the COVID Positive students shall be asked for



home isolation as per the protocol of COVID-19 and their parents shall be informed accordingly for strict adherence of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB)," the order reads.

It adds that all the staff members and students of the school shall also follow the COVID-19 guidelines in letter and spirit

and get themselves tested for COVID-19.

"Further more, all the Principals, ZEOs and Headmasters are also directed to ensure the adherence of COVID-19 SOPs and guidelines issued from time to time in respect of institutions falling under their control," it concluded.

ACB Produces Chargesheet Against Ex-Patwari

AGENCIES

KATHUA: Anti-Corruption Bureau Jammu presented the chargesheet before Addl. Sessions Judge Anti-Corruption Kathua in case FIR No. 01/2020 P/S ACB-Jammu U/S 7 (a) P.C Act (amendment 2018) r/w PC Act 1988 against Romesh Chander then Patwari Halqa, Bhaddu Tehsil Billawar.

The instant case FIR was registered on the written complaint lodged by Sh. Hukam Chand, S/o Sh. Mallu Ram R/o Beral, A/P Bhaddu Tehsil Billawar District Kathua, wherein he stated that in the year 1998 his father had purchased 04 marlas of land from Sh. Subash Chander S/o Chandu R/o Barel, in khasra No. 2244/1694 and about 10 years ago his father died. The complainant further stated that he along with Subash Chander approached Romesh Chander Patwari Halqa Bhaddu for issuance of 'Fard Intikhab' who directed him to file an application and get it marked to him from Tehsildar Billawar. Accordingly he moved an application and got it marked to the Patwari and the Patwari Romesh Kumar told him to come to his office on 16.01.2020.

On 16.01.2020 he went to the Patwari concerned who demanded Rs. 10,000/- as bribe for issuance of 'Fard Intikhab'. The complainant did not want to pay the bribe

as such he lodged the instant complaint against the Patwari and requested for legal action against him. Accordingly, on receipt of the instant complaint, a pre trap verification was conducted which confirmed that the Patwari concerned had indeed demanded and agreed to accept the bribe of Rs. 10,000/- for issuance of 'Fard Intikhab'. On the basis of this complaint and pre-verification report, case FIR No. 01/2020 U/S 7 of PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) was registered at P/S ACB-Jammu.

After registration of the instant case FIR, a trap team was constituted for laying of trap. Subsequently, a trap was laid and the accused Romesh Chander then Patwari Halqa, Bhaddu was caught red handed in presence of independent witnesses while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs. 10,000/- from the complainant.

After completion of investigation and obtaining prosecution sanction against the accused public servant, a charge sheet for commission of offence U/s 7 of PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) against accused person namely Romesh Chander then Patwari Halqa Bhaddu was presented before the Hon'ble Addl. Sessions Judge, Anti-Corruption, Kathua for judicial determination today on 05.10.2021. The next date of hearing in the instant case FIR has been fixed on 17.11.2021.



Pic: Abid Bhat/KO
CONGRESS MEMBERS PROTESTING in Srinagar against the detention of Priyanka Gandhi in UP.

J&K Congress Holds Massive Protest, Demands Release Of Priyanka Gandhi

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) on Tuesday staged strong protest against detention of Priyanka Gandhi by UP Police and sought her immediate release.

News agency KNO reported that J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Ghulam Ahmad Mir led the protest of hundreds of Party workers and leaders including Vice Presidents, General secretaries, Secretaries, DCC Presidents frontal organization workers and others against the detention of Priyanka Gandhi at Sitapur UP.

Amid slogans against the UP government and Modi government at Centre, Congress leaders and workers led by JKPCC President staged massive protest and demanded stern action against the UP Police for arresting Priyanka Gandhi, who was going to meet families of slain farmers, but was detained, without any reason.

Congress leaders and workers were forcibly stopped by police at Maulana Azad Road, but they continued to protest against the high handedness of UP police. JKPCC President along with dozens of leaders and workers were detained by police and lodged in Police station.

SHORT TAKES

Union MoS Law Visits Rajouri, Highlights Role Of Fast Track Courts

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI: Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Professor SP Singh Baghel, on Tuesday visited Rajouri district as part of the Union Government's Public Outreach Programme.

The Minister, while addressing the gathering on the occasion, highlighted the role of Fast Track Courts and Lok Adalats in ensuring prompt justice dispensation to the petitioners. "Effective justice dispensation through courts requires three main elements like access to courts, effective decision-making by judges and proper implementation of those decisions," he maintained.

The Union MoS visited Higher Secondary School Chingus and interacted with the students and the staff enquiring about the status of education being imparted to the children there.

During his visit to Muradpur tile factory, the Union MoS inspected different units of the venture and asked the concerned for production of quality stuff for better outcome.

Baghel, while elaborating on the objective of launching this massive Public Outreach Programme in the Union Territory, said "As per the directions of the Prime Minister we have come here to assess the on ground status of implementation of various government schemes in the region."

Later, the Minister had interaction with beneficiaries of various schemes like PMAY, PM Ujjwala, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and related programmes at departmental stalls set up at Chingus Fort.

DGP Sanctions Rs 67 Lakh Relief To NoKs Of Slain Cops

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh on Tuesday sanctioned welfare relief and financial assistance of rupees over 67 lakh in favour of four NoKs of martyr/deceased Police personnel/SPOs.

Financial assistance has also been sanctioned in favour of 47 Police personnel/SPOs that have tested positive for COVID-19 during 2nd wave of pandemic.

Via different orders, a welfare relief of rupees 65 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of NoKs of one martyr and two deceased Police personnel and one SPO. This amount includes rupees 20 lakh each in favour of NoKs of martyred/deceased Police personnel and rupees five lakh in favour of NoKs of deceased SPO. Out of this relief rupees one lakh each for police personnel and rupees fifty thousand for SPO was provided as advance for performing the last rites of the deceased.

Similarly rupees 2.35 lakh has been sanctioned as financial assistance to police personnel/SPOs that have tested positive for COVID-19. Rupees five thousand each has been sanctioned out of the Police Pariwar Fund in favour of 47 officials belonging to different units & wings of J&K Police.

Supporting the families of martyrs by providing financial assistance in connection with their different requirements, rupees fifty thousand has been sanctioned in favour of dependents of a martyr.

Police headquarters under different welfare schemes is providing welfare relief/loan, financial assistance to all the ranks of Jammu and Kashmir Police including the wards of martyr/deceased police personnel and SPOs.

NC Seeks Compensation To Hailstorm Affected In Kupwara

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Tuesday expressed anguish over the losses incurred by people due to heavy Hailstorm in various pockets of Kupwara District and demanded adequate compensation to the affected on MSP rates.

According to a statement, the political party expressed concern over losses to standing crop in orchards and other standing crops in a number of villages of Kupwara district late last evening, Party's senior leader Choudhary Mohammad Ramzaan and Member of Parliament Baramulla Muhammad Akbar Lone said the damage caused by hailstorm in Kupwara and Handwara areas, Hafra, Zurhama, Ladrawan, Alchizab, Manzgam, Kulmoona, Tarathpora, Marhama and Panzgam hamlets is immense.

They added that the hailstorm has dampened the hopes of people who were anticipating a good crop this year to make up for the losses of previous years but the rough weather condition has extinguished the hopes of farmers and orchardists.

"The weather furry witnessed by hailstorms and gusty winds has destroyed standing paddy crops in the hamlets. The weather vagary has defoliated and stripped crops of their precious produce well, hence destroying the months of hard work of our farmers. In addition to it the hailstorm has significantly caused fatal trauma to people and cattle at various places."

The heavy downpour besides impacting orchards, and paddy has also affected electricity transmission lines at various other places as well," they said. Keeping in view the havoc, the severe weather played with the people's crops and property, the divisional administration Kashmir, they said is expected to come to the rescue of the affected.

1 Dead, 3 Injured In Ganderbal Load Carrier Accident

AGENCIES

GANDERBAL: One person died while three other sustained injuries after load carrier vehicle skid off the road and collided with a tree at Batwina area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district this evening.

An official told news agency KNO that one died and three other persons sustained injuries after their load carrier vehicle met with an accident at Batwina.

Soon after the incident the injured where immediately rushed to PHC Wakura for advanced treatment. Later one among the injured identified as Abdul Ahad Ganie a resident of Guzhama succumbs to his injuries while the condition of other injured persons is said to be stable. The injured have been identified as Ab Rahman Mir from Guyana and Mushtaq Ahmad Dar from Khanpora.

DC Ganderbal Reviews Functioning Of Jal Shakti Department

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Kritika Jyotsna on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of works under Jal Shakti sector at Mini Secretariat, Ganderbal.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed the progress of works taken up under various schemes including

B2V, JJM, languishing scheme and District CAPEX.

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti briefed the meeting about the progress of ongoing projects/works of the department in the district. The meeting also discussed the status of tendering of works approved under district CAPEX and the Executive Engineer said that tendering of these works is in progress.

Minor Dies After Hit By Vehicle in Mendhar

AGENCIES

POONCH: A minor boy died after being hit by a vehicle in Mendhar of Poonch district on Tuesday evening.

A police official told GNS that information was received that a Tata Safari bearing registration number JK02AG -5453 driven by Mohammad Yasir, resident of Harni Gultha while on way from Mendhar to Gursai on reaching Talla Kasi, Ari hit a child namely Mobeen Khan (6) son of Mohammad Shafiq Khan, resident of Ari.

The child was shifted to SDH Mendhar, where the doctors declared him dead on arrival, the official said. The driver has been arrested and the vehicle seized from the spot, the official further said.

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K O V I E W

Politics Over Farmers

The killing of eight people, four of them protesting farmers, after being run over by a vehicle allegedly driven by the son of the Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra has snowballed into a major political issue. With the elections in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab looming, the opposition parties have made the incident a rallying point to take on the government in UP and New Delhi. The top Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi rushed to UP but was detained on the way to the site of the accident. She later sat on a hunger strike. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav was also detained by the police from outside his residence in Lucknow where he staged a sit-in after being stopped from visiting Lakhimpur Kheri district.

The killings have also given fillip to farmers' protest which has now been going on for the past ten months. But the union government has stood its ground on the laws. Least that the government has been willing to do is to suspend the three controversial farming laws for 18 months. But the farmers want a complete repeal of the laws. They argue that the laws will only hurt their livelihoods and will only benefit large corporations. The situation remains deadlocked. The farmers, meanwhile, continue their siege to New Delhi, blocking its main entry points. The government, it seems, has now fewer options left but to accede to farmers' demand. More so, with crucial UP elections round the corner. If this happens this will be the first time that the Narendra Modi government will be forced to withdraw any of the laws it has passed so far.

One of the biggest charge against the BJP-led union government is that it is unilaterally passing far-reaching laws with a bearing on the lives of millions of people. This started with sudden demonetisation of Rs 1000 and Rs 500 notes in November 2016 that plunged the country into a virtual chaos. Then followed the GST reform which crushed the small businesses. This was followed by the revocation of Article 370 that granted J&K its semi-autonomous status within the Indian Union. The move's fallout is still playing out in J&K and Ladakh, the former parts of J&K state, now downgraded into two union territories. Following this, the centre came up with Citizenship Amendment Act that ensured that only non-Muslim refugees from the neighbouring countries are entitled to Indian citizenship. Now the farmers' protest is taking place despite the pandemic. The best course for the government is to address the anxieties of the farmers and do everything to assure them that their livelihoods will not be threatened.

OTHER OPINION

Fairies With Pens

Once upon a time, there was a woman with a story to tell. Along came a man, rewrote her stories, and sold it to the public as his own. Research on the provenance of fairytales by Ruth B. Bottigheimer of Stony Brook University, New York, has revealed that the first edition of fairy tales by the likes of Giambattista Basile, Charles Perrault and the Grimms cited women – grandmothers, society matriarchs – as the original spinners of these stories. Unsurprisingly, under the male gaze of the new chroniclers, the original narratives were tweaked, transforming rich reflections on the experiences of women of flesh and blood into unimaginative, but socially conformist, plots. For instance, before the Grimms waved their wand of propriety over the tale of Rapunzel, she and the prince were said to have spent most days together in her tower of isolation, until the princess remarks to her foster mother that her clothes fit more tightly than before, indicating premarital pregnancy. Bibbidi-bobbidi-boo went the Grimms and turned Rapunzel into a damsel in distress, waiting to be rescued by the proverbial – male – knight in shining armour.

Hearteningly, women writers – fairies with pens – are now reclaiming storytelling. From Amazon's recent retelling of Cinderella, where she seeks salvation not in the arms of a prince but through her own creativity in fashion designing, to books like Fierce Fairytales and Girls to the Rescue, women screenwriters and authors are reimagining fairytales in a more egalitarian light. Purists will no doubt gasp and reach for a poisoned apple at the prospect of such alterations, arguing that this spells doom for the fables that have been passed down through the generations. But in reality, feminist retellings of fairytales might be seen as a reclamation of the original spirit of fairytales that were not so biased in favour of men. In fact, a recent study conducted by The Washington Post showed that while earlier adaptations of fairytales by Disney divided dialogues equally between princesses and princes, heroines were given fewer and fewer dialogues since the 1980s and '90s.

At their core, however, fairytales are about much more than who saves whom from the ivory tower. The reason fairytales are universally cherished is because they illustrate humanity's deepest fears and desires that transcend the barriers of time and geography. The story of Cinderella, for example, has been the subject of Italian operas, Russian ballets, and even Japanese kabuki plays, but each of these versions puts its own unique twist in the tale. Change, then, is the only constant when it comes to fairytales. Conversely, in real life, the more things change, the more they remain the same. Reading the patriarchal adaptations of fairytales is a chilling reminder that medieval notions about women and who controls their bodies have proved to be as resilient as the chivalrous knight. A 2016 study on the working of Special Courts under the POCSO Act in Delhi found many judges unwilling to convict adolescent boys of assault for forcibly kissing a girl. Little wonder then that Sleeping Beauty's beau found it perfectly acceptable to kiss a sleeping woman without her consent.

Refreshingly, rewritten fairytales are accommodating the possibility of transformations, such as a world that is more equal for women.

Telegraph India

Discussing Taliban In The
Kashmir Valley

These Are No Longer The 1990S As LoC Is Fenced, Security Forces
Have Better Surveillance Equipment Making Infiltration Difficult



BSF personnel patrol near the Indo-Pak Line of Control in Krishana Ghati sector of Poonch, Thursday, September 2, 2021. Security is tightened along LoC in Poonch after Taliban take over Afghanistan. Credit: PTI Photo

Gulzar Bhat

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE infiltration is unlikely since the Line of Control (LoC) has changed much since the 1990s when militants would cross it easily. After India and Pakistan inked a ceasefire agreement in 2003, India fenced the 450-mile long LoC within a year, significantly reducing infiltration. New surveillance gadgets also help the Indian security grid in tracking down intruders

On Friday afternoon, the summer sun shone against a bright blue sky in Srinagar. Almost all the shops in the city were open, with the streets teeming with shoppers. Three young men sitting on a metal settee in a well-manicured park watched a video showing exultant Taliban fighters celebrating their triumph. "After a good 20 years, they finally drove the foreign forces out and took Afghanistan back from the collaborators," one of the three said. A few hundred meters away, inside a newly constructed café on MA Road, young men in faded jeans and tees engaged themselves in a discussion over Afghanistan. "Now they (Taliban) won't be harsh towards women, and they will allow them to have access to modern education," they averred.

Since the lightning advance of Taliban fighters following the US troop pullout, people in the Kashmir Valley have keenly tracked the situation in Afghanistan. From cafés to hair salons to social media platforms, Afghanistan and the Taliban dominate discussions in the Valley.

Last month, Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen's statement that the Taliban had the right to raise its voice for Muslims worldwide, including in Kashmir, has only provided more grist to such discussions. Themselves caught in the throes of a protracted conflict, Kashmiris largely praise the grit

THE SITUATION NEXT SUMMER would help us better assess the impact of the developments in Afghanistan on Kashmir infiltration as snow is about to clog the mountain passes this year

and determination of the Taliban fighters. "They did not cave in, remained unyielding in the face of the world's most powerful army," Zeeshan Bhat, as he sips his cappuccino, says.

In 1988, when the Soviet soldiers began withdrawing from Afghanistan, the people also celebrated the victory of the Mujahideen across Kashmir. Noted Kashmiri writer and poet, 78-year-old Zareef Ahmad says that people in alleyways, mosques and market stalls would talk and praise the Mujahideen. "Some small newspapers carried articles applauding the Mujahideens for defeating the Soviet troops", Zareef says.

Why do Kashmiris discuss the Taliban?

Kashmir has found itself caught in the throes of a long-drawn-out conflict since 1989. Thousands have lost their lives so far, and the number of militants fighting the security forces has waxed and waned over the past 30 years.

Besides local militants, a scant percentage of foreign nationals from Pakistan and Afghanistan also sneaked into the Valley to fight the Indian military. In June, Jammu and Kashmir police chief Dilbagh Singh apprised reporters in Srinagar that many foreign militants were present in the region.

Ever since the Taliban fighters captured Kabul, there has been a general feeling among a large section of people in the Valley that the Taliban would make their way into the Valley to help local militant groups, a key reason why Kashmiris are discussing the Taliban.

Another reason might be the religious sentiment. Some pro-freedom Kashmiri leaders had welcomed foreign militants from Pakistan and Afghanistan to Kashmir in the past. Prominent separatist leader, founder of People's Conference, Abdul Ghani Lone, would describe foreign insurgents mehmaan or guest, mujahideen. Later, however, he changed his position on this, and in an interview, said that foreign militants should leave Kashmir as they had their own agenda.

The Taliban victory has galvanised some in the Valley, but security experts believe the development could also animate local militants. Last month, former top cop Shesh Paul said that the outcome would embolden militants in Kashmir.

However, a significant increase in the infiltration is unlikely since the Line of Control (LoC) has changed much since the 1990s when militants would cross it easily. After India and Pakistan inked a ceasefire agreement in 2003, India fenced the 450-mile long LoC within a year, significantly reducing infiltration. New surveillance gadgets also help the Indian security grid in tracking down intruders.

However, the situation next summer would help us better assess the impact of the developments in Afghanistan on Kashmir infiltration as snow is about to clog the mountain passes this year. Until then, the Valley's streets will continue to be filled with debates and gossip about the Taliban and Afghanistan.

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The Traffic Mess

Ever since the lockdown has been lifted and offices have resumed functioning with sufficient attendance, traffic on the streets has also escalated. However, this time around it is just too much for everyone to tolerate.

Roads in Srinagar have serpentine blockades and diversion. It really would take one a lot of philosophy to explain these sudden inexplicable shifts and stops. While it is a random construction in the middle of the road or just a authoritarian road block which forces you to take a different route; it is an affair that bothers and baffles!

Add to this the ever impatient nature of drivers here. It is too hard for those with two-wheelers to ever consider not getting into every breathing space – god forbid they don't feel the triumph that comes with the convenience of having a two Wheeler in traffic.

On the other side, there are the swanky drivers who have all the pride to derive out of showing all other foolish rule followers that they've got it in

them to cross the line of vehicles and go ahead of many. What they do with this achievement is unknown given that this adventure of theirs ends up jeopardises the possibility of traffic opening up.

Then there are the street vendors. I have nothing against them as long as their stalls don't keep increasing and taking up most space of the roads. Suddenly, many fruit vendors have opened up stages for their fruits instead of the smaller stalls. This creates yet another nuisance.

Yet another baffling sight are the newly installed street lights. They twinkle with so many signals that it would put an adolescent's existential dilemma to shame! Truly, they make one wonder at the purposelessness of life with arrows going in all directions.

Hope these nuisances are reduced so every one of us can have a pleasant commute experience.

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Road, Rage And Risks

In the past few months I have witnessed a number of kids driving vehicles on road and this is a disturbing trend which should be immediately addressed by the government. I think besides the thrill that children get from undertaking such risks, what primarily prompts them is the peer pressure and the need to demonstrate their audacity. In the desperate attempt to look cool and win over friends children don't realise the fatal consequences that such reckless behaviour entails. The incidence of road accidents involving children has risen and it is something that we should not take lightly, the laxity on the part of traffic police also serves to encourage children to get on the roads. The government should ensure an adequate presence of traffic police on the roads to deter children from venturing out recklessly. Besides this there is also a need to have road safety campaigns to apprise children of the mishaps that could take place because of

their careless behaviour. Additionally there should be counselling sessions in the schools for both parents and children to dissuade them from encouraging their children to drive before they reach 18 years of age and acquire a license. Besides this, there is also a need of an overhauling of the way that traffic police department works, the nonchalance to road rage and violation of traffic rules sets a bad precedent and kills innocent people. The salaries of traffic police department should be increased so that they don't fall prey to the bribes given by people to evade punishments. Sufficient funds should be allocated to enable this department to function properly, installation of CCTV cameras and traffic lights in absolutely necessary to allow the traffic police department to effectively monitor traffic movements and penalise those who defy the traffic rules.

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Trudeau's Win In A Divided Canada

Naveed Qazi

Justin Trudeau has won a historic back-to-back third election in Canada, and is now in the elite company of prime ministers. However, he had won the third term through a snap election, by dissolution of the parliament in August 2021. An early opinion poll before the dissolution had kept his Liberal Party ahead, but that soon changed with O'Toole's CPC moving ahead. Although, he had been positive about his campaign as he thought that his management for Covid was successful.

"It looks like nobody wanted an election and no one got what they wanted," said the Toronto Star political columnist Chantal Hebert as results came in, reflecting the peculiarity of the election. When it comes to his first term, it was often tainted as scandal ridden and shambolic.

For the second time since 2019, Trudeau has been handed a minority government by Canadians, meaning he will have to reach across the aisle to work with smaller parties in order to govern. For his critics, however, this snap election was for 'nothing'.

During the campaigns, he had been plagued by protestors at every stop, who made boulderish gestures and shouted rude words, which was not normal for him before.

The parliament had been largely mirroring the 2019 result. His rival, O'Toole had accused him of engineering a 'quick power grab' and being carefree about high deficits. Back then in 2019, by not coming in the majority, his brow had darkened, both literally and figuratively. But he still managed to form the government. Eventually, he started wearing a beard as a reflection of the gloomy new times.

Son of former liberal prime minister Pierre Trudeau, Justin's advocacy of a more moderate brand of conservatism, nevertheless, seems to have gone down well with many, even if it may puzzle some in the CPC's traditionally hard-line support base.

For his supporters, Trudeau had been looking too obviously good with his policies, after six years in power. He was also getting the hang of that Chrétienesque opportunism which can sometimes help win snap elections for weakened governments, but it can also taint by looking down at weaker opposition parties at the same time. This stance can also backfire. The Liberal risk is that, as Gord Downie sang, "there's nothing uglier than a man hitting his stride."

O'Toole's recent repositioning by tilting towards the centre, and shunning the far right, had also opened up



Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Getty, iStock)

IF TRUDEAU WERE A CHARACTER FROM A FABLE, HE would be the dog who, walking alongside a river, sees his own reflection in the water. Mistaking it for another dog carrying a better piece of meat, he opens his mouth to snatch it, losing his own real meat in the process. The Dog and his Reflection is an old fable by Aesop, retold innumerable times in various ways, with a moral about trading substance for shadow. It cautions against risking the good in pursuit of the perfect

space for the populist People's Party, campaigning on an anti-vax, climate-change-sceptic, pro-gun, pro-oil-industry platform. Several of its policies have been termed as xenophobic and racist. On the other hand, Greens failed to make an impact coming with a disappointing fourth.

However, several populist activists in Canada, quite lately, seem to have lost their nerve for normal civil conduct of Canadian politics. Rowdy disruptions of Liberal rallies by them have become counter-productive. Part of them are vulgar mobs, who are more organised than ever on social media. Actually, there is a rise of far-right extremism in Canada, which is putting its politics in a loophole. Canada is now a 'home of far-right extremism', according to Oped writer David Moscrop, because political parties in Canada, mainly the Conservatives have failed to repudiate extrem-

ists and drive them out of the tent. Infact, far right elements have been welcomed by the party. For instance, in 2015, then-Prime Minister Stephen Harper fought an election campaign in which his party floated the idea of a 'barbaric cultural practices' snitch line. He then lost the contest to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. In 2016, one of the faces of that policy, Chris Alexander, admitted the error as he prepared to run for the leadership of the party, but the damage was done. In 2018, then-Conservative senator Lynn Beyak was removed from caucus for defending residential schools, but the time it took to remove her was telling. She has recently quit the senate. In 2019, then-leader Andrew Scheer gave a speech to 'extremist yellow vests', part of the Canadian perversion of the French populist movement on Parliament Hill and then defended his decision to do so. Even the recent

expulsion of Derek Sloan, a Conservative member of Parliament – "because of a pattern of destructive behaviour involving multiple incidents and disrespect towards the Conservative team for over a year," according to O'Toole – raises the question of why that pattern was allowed to develop in the first place. Thus, it has become important for a pivotal party, such as CPC, to come clear, be persistent and unambiguous on extremism lurking in its shadows.

This, at the same time, also doesn't mean that if Canadians rebuke the Conservatives for stirring several controversies, it makes everything which Liberals do as right.

By the time September came, with its frantic culture of protestors outside hospitals and gravel falling on campaigners, the election result reflected that it was too late to get back to simply governing. It reflected how

Liberals in Canada had telegraphed confidence for too long. The election result is a madness in a way, as Canadians are in the middle of multiple national crises.

There is also Americanisation of Canadian political media, which focuses on party leaders, and not on representatives which common people actually vote for. Journalism like that can mislead, but this is how things are now in Canada.

Joseph Brean in the National Post had also shared some interesting anecdotes in his Oped. He compared Trudeau with a parable of a foolish prince, and wrote: 'The reason for this gamble was simple. Trudeau wanted to lock in his approval. Things were fine for him, as prime minister, but they could be better. It is a familiar storyline. Canadians recognise it. If Trudeau were a character from a fable, he would be the dog who, walking alongside a river, sees his own reflection in the water. Mistaking it for another dog carrying a better piece of meat, he opens his mouth to snatch it, losing his own real meat in the process. The Dog and his Reflection is an old fable by Aesop, retold innumerable times in various ways, with a moral about trading substance for shadow. It cautions against risking the good in pursuit of the perfect.

Pauline Greenhill, professor of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Winnipeg, and Canada's leading academic authority on folklore and fairy tales noted how different Trudeau is from traditional male folkloric hero, five years after. When he first became the prime minister, one could just shoehorn Trudeau into an imaginative folklore hero. Sure enough, he was a first-born political prince, not unprivileged as folk heroes usually are, and he did not seem exceptionally humble or clever like these heroes, but he had a strong and diverse team and a cabinet with half women, including an Indigenous justice minister. Now, many argue that Trudeau's political career has fallen just like seen in familiar plotlines that reflect rash confidence, pride and failures in recognising the structural qualities of a decision.

There has been a certain unCanadian behaviour during this election, which makes it understandable that Trudeau is in a pit of his own digging, as his failure to ensure a majority also asserts his political defeat and a depletion of his political capital.

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Letting your child use social media is like giving them cocaine, alcohol and cigarettes – all at once, or so we're told. If you have been following recent press reports about the effects of social media on young people, you may well believe this. But there is no scientific evidence to support such extreme claims.

The real story is far more complex. It is very difficult to predict how social media will affect any specific individual – the effect depends on things like their personality, type of social media use and social surroundings. In reality, social media can have both positive and negative outcomes.

Media reports that compare social media to drug use are ignoring evidence of positive effects, while exaggerating and generalising the evidence of negative effects. This is scaremongering – and it does not promote healthy social media use. We would not liken giving children sweets to giving children drugs, even though having sweets for every meal could have serious health consequences. We should therefore not liken social media to drugs either.

For a claim to be proved scientifically it needs to be thoroughly tested. To fully confirm The Independent's headline that: "Giving your child a smartphone is like giving them a gram of cocaine, says top addiction expert", you would need to give children both a gram of cocaine and a smartphone and then compare the effects. Similarly, you would need to provide millennials with social media, drugs and alcohol to test The Conversation's headline that: "Social media is as harmful as alcohol and drugs for millennials". But ethical guidelines at universities were put in place so that such studies will never be done.

The diversity of social media

But maybe news headlines should be discounted – as exaggerations are often used to grab the readers' attention. But even when ignoring these grand claims, the media coverage of social media is still misleading. For example, reports that talk about the effects of social media are often oversimplifying reality. Social media is incredibly diverse – different sites providing a

Social Media: *Nothing Like Drugs*

Misha Ketchell



host of different features. This makes it extremely difficult to generalise about social media's effects.

A recent review of past research concluded that the effect of Facebook depends on which of the platform's features you use. A dialog with friends over Facebook messenger can improve your mood, while comparing your life to other people's photos on the Newsfeed can do the opposite. By treating all social media sites and features as one concept, the media is oversimplifying something that is very complex.

Focusing on the negative

Past media coverage has not only oversimplified social media, but has often only focused on social media's negative aspects. But scientific research demonstrates that there are both positive and negative outcomes of social media use. Research has shown that Facebook increases self-esteem and promotes feeling connected to others. People's physiological reactions also indicate they react positively to Facebook use.

By contrast, it has also been found that

social media can decrease well-being and increases social anxiety. An analysis of 57 scientific studies found that social media is associated with slightly higher levels of narcissism. This array of conflicting evidence suggests that social media has both negative and positive effects. Not just one or the other.

The amount matters

The effect of social media also depends on the amount of time you spend using it. In a recent study we conducted of more than 120,000 UK teenagers, we

THE REAL STORY IS FAR MORE

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found that moderate social media use is not harmful to mental health.

We compared the relationship between screen time and well-being. We found that those who used screens a moderate amount – between one and three hours each day – reported higher well-being compared with those who didn't use social media at all and those who used it more than three hours a day. So, unlike drugs, those who practise abstinence do not appear to fare better.

Recent media reports may have made parents unnecessarily anxious about their child's use of social media. A flashy quote or headline can often distract from the real challenges of parenting. It's time the media covered not only the bad, but also the beneficial and complex sides of social media. The effects of social media cannot be summarised by comparing social media to drugs. It is just not that simple.

The authors teach at the University of Oxford. The article is being reproduced here by arrangements with The Conversation

'Our choices may be making us more individualistic'

Agencies

A new study has attempted to find the impact of the explosion of choice on the psyche of the individual, and further, society as a whole.

The findings of the study were published in the journal 'Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences'.

"America is called the republic of choice," said Shilpa Madan, assistant professor of marketing in the Pamplin College of Business.

"Just go into the supermarket - there are a mind-boggling variety of just cookies," Madan added.

In the last three decades, the number of products in the average supermarket increased from an average of nearly 9,000 to almost 47,000, according to the Food Marketing Institute, a trade group.

While having a variety of choices is widely seen as a positive consequence of economic development, what impact does this explosion of choice have on the psyche of the individual, and further, society as a whole?

In this study, Madan illustrates how this salience of choice alone can have a range of powerful psychological effects, including empowerment of the individual.

"Just thinking about making choices makes people more independent and more concerned about their self-interests. It makes people more individualistic," Madan explained.

Madan noted that these choices don't need to be life-altering decisions to have an impact. "The actual choices could be trivial. Maybe you woke up this morning and chose to eat cereal for breakfast instead of egg," Madan said.

"You chose to like a few posts on Instagram but ignore several others. This mere sense of choice, that you are in the driver's seat, makes people feel that they are independent and impor-



tant. It is said that we make choices that shape our environment, but most of us don't realise how our choices shape us," Madan added.

"This focus on the self isn't necessarily bad. In fact, it can have a range of positive consequences for the individual. When people think of themselves as independent, they are less likely to tolerate harassment or discrimination, more willing to raise their voice, and more willing to negotiate better conditions for themselves," Madan continued.

However, the increase in individualism can potentially have negative consequences for the collective well-being.

"Choice is good for the individual but could be bad for society. As people become more independent and more individualistic, more self-interested, it becomes more difficult to take collective action," Madan explained.

As Madan stated, we are potentially seeing those negative consequences now during the COVID-19 pandemic, as people are increasingly choosing to assert their independence and act in their own best interests, for example, by not wearing masks or not getting vaccinated.

"The challenges the world is facing right now - the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, discrimination, bias, and inequity - need collective action, need people to work together for the greater good," Madan said.

While the United States of America was founded on the ideals

of individualism, what about more collectivist societies? Does the salience of choice have the same impact on people in nations where individualism is not as prolific?

According to her research, the impact is the same, no matter the culture.

"It replicates across cultures. From America, which is already very individualistic, to Singapore and India, which are both collectivistic countries," Madan said.

One look down a supermarket aisle or at a Netflix home screen shows that our choices are only growing. So, what can be done to ensure that our focus on individualism does not come at the cost of the greater good?

According to Madan, this requires further research.

Madan added, "As research scientists, we are trying to find interventions for specific contexts where we can attenuate this negative effect of choice on collective well-being. What are the kind of interventions we can create to make people wear a mask, or get vaccinated, or make them care for the environment?"

In the interim, Madan reiterated that choices are meant to be made deliberately and consciously. She referenced the Virginia Tech motto to ensure we are making the right decisions, both for ourselves and for our community.

"Virginia Tech's motto, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), speaks to this. Make choices that are not just self-serving but good for those around you," Madan concluded.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Master Plan Division, Srinagar

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-N.I.T NO:- 18/WSMP OF 10/2021 DT:- 01-10-2021

Executive Engineer Water Supply Master Plan Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from approved Registered firms eligible (As Per Qualification Criteria Mentioned in Tender Document)

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Head of Account	Class Of Contract
1	Design (Including Geo- Technical Analysis/ Soil Investigation), construction, successful testing and commissioning including trial run for 06 months Of 5 MGD (22.7 MLD) rapid sand W.T.P. at Rangli.	Water Supply Master Plan Division Srinagar	Rs. 713.25 Lacs	Rs. 5000/- Pledged to Executive Engineer Water Supply Master Plan Division Srinagar	Under State Sector (Capex) Major Head 4215 Water Supply & Sanitation	(As Per Qualification Criteria Mentioned in Tender Document)

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	01-10-2021
2.	Date of Publication of E-tender:-	05-10-2021
3.	Document Download/Sale Start date:-	05-10-2021
4.	Bid submission Start Date	05-10-2021
5.	Pre Bid Meeting Date	18-10-2021 at 2.00 PM
6.	Bid Submission Close Date	26-10-2021 at 04:00 PM
7.	Date and Time for Opening Of Technical Bid	28-10-2021 at 11:00 AM
8.	Place of opening Bids:-	Office of the Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Department Raj Bagh Srinagar.
9.	Period of Bid validity:-	180 Days
10.	Officer inviting Bid:-	Executive Engineer Water Supply Master Plan Division Srinagar.

Administrative Approval No: CE/PHE/DB/229 of 08/2021 dated 03/08/2021.

Note:- For details, bidders are requested download the Tender Document published on website: <http://www.jktenders.gov.in>

No: WSMP/CC/4458-91

Date:- 01-10-2021

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Subject: Short listing/Rejection of the candidature of candidates for the post of Assistant Professor, Television & Film Making in Higher Education Department notified vide Notification No.10-PSC (DR-P) of 2017 dated 27.10.2017.

Notice
Dated:- 01-10-2021

Whereas, the J&K Public Service Commission vide Notification No.10-PSC (DR-P) of 2017 dated 27.10.2017 invited on line applications from the permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir for 12 posts (OM= 06, RBA= 03, SC= 01 and ST 01 and ALC 01) of Assistant Professor Television & Film Making in the Higher Education Department and in response the Commission received 46 application forms from the candidates; and

Whereas, on scrutiny of application forms it was noted that there is no clarity whether some of the candidates have acquired the prescribed qualification in the relevant subject; and

Whereas, the matter was taken up with the Higher Education Department for clarification and the Higher Education Department furnished the Minutes of the Equivalence Committee held on 10.9.2020. As per the decision of the Equivalence Committee, degree acquired in "Mass Communication, Mass communication and Journalism, Communication, Convergent Journalism, Theatre Arts, Theatre & Television" are equivalent with the qualification prescribed for the post viz Master's Degree in Television & Film Making.

Whereas, Rule 51 of J&K Public Service Commission (Business and Procedure) Rules, 1980, provides for the short listing of candidates for interview in the ratio of 1:3 and as such total 18 candidates under OM Category for 06 posts, 09 candidate for 03 post under RBA category, 03 candidates for 01 post under SC Category, 03 candidates for 01 post under ST category and 03 candidates for 01 post under ALC category are required to be called for interview. Due to less number of candidates available in the category of RBA, SC and ST, the ratio of 1:3 could not be followed in respect of these three categories. Besides, no candidate under ALC category has applied for the said post. The cut off merit under OM category is 24.84

The breakup of weight-age to be given to the Academic performance, outreach and extra-curricular activities, special attributes and teaching skills constituting 57 points, (on pro-rata basis i-iv only) as provided in rule 51 of J&K PSC (Business & Procedure) Rules 1980 with the break-up tabulated as under:-

10 th Class	10
12 th	08
UG	06
PG	25
JRF	11
MPHil	03
PhD	06
Post Doctorate (Minimum 03 years)	15
Deduction in NOC (Under of 01 candidate)	02
Deduction in Sports certified by the Secretary, J&K State Sports Council to be an outstanding sports person in terms of J&K Department of outstanding sports person Rules, 1993.	01
Gold Medal or First Position in PG level in the prescribed qualification	01
Teaching Experience of the level of post applied for or immediately above or below (10 Marks each) 0.25 points for each completed quarter of the Academic Session to the maximum of 02 points.	16
Total	57

Whereas, on the basis of the decision of the Equivalence Committee and provisions of Rule 51 of J&K Public Service Commission (Business and Procedure) Rules, 1980, as amended from time to time, short-listing of the candidates for the post of Assistant Professor, Television & Film Making advertised vide Notification No. 10-PSC (DR-P) of 2017 dated 27.10.2017 the following candidates have been provisionally found eligible to be short listed for interview:-

SR	REGNO	NAME OF THE CANDIDATE	PARENTAGE	CAT	REPRESENTATION
1	170110100043	SHEHNAZ PARVEEN	SHEHNAZ PARVEEN	OM	UG PG Degree, Post Graduate, Registered of Ph.D
2	170110100045	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	UG Degree, Ph.D Registration
3	170110100052	USHA FAKIR MEHRAI	USHA FAKIR MEHRAI	OM	NPT Certificate, PG Degree
4	170110100053	YUSHA KHAN	YUSHA KHAN	OM	PG Degree, Ph.D Registration
5	170110100054	ISHA AMIN	ISHA AMIN	OM	PG Degree, Ph.D Registration
6	170110100055	ROHINI ZALOOCH	ROHINI ZALOOCH	OM	PG Degree, Ph.D Registration
7	170110100056	USHA AMIN	USHA AMIN	OM	PG Degree, Ph.D Registration
8	170110100057	HEENA DIX	HEENA DIX	OM	NPT Certificate, PG Degree
9	170110100058	ABHINAV SHARMA	ABHINAV SHARMA	OM	PG Degree, Ph.D Registration
10	170110100059	MOHAMMAD WASEEM	MOHAMMAD WASEEM	OM	PG Degree, Ph.D Registration

11	170110100060	SATISH ANIL SHANKAR	SATISH ANIL SHANKAR	OM	
12	170110100061	ABHINAV SHARMA	ABHINAV SHARMA	OM	
13	170110100062	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
14	170110100063	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
15	170110100064	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
16	170110100065	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
17	170110100066	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
18	170110100067	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
19	170110100068	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
20	170110100069	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
21	170110100070	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
22	170110100071	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	
23	170110100072	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	MUHAMMAD HANAFI	OM	

The above candidates who have been found provisionally eligible and short listed for interview are advised to submit their deficient documents within 10 days.

The following candidates have been found ineligible for the post of Assistant Professor Television and Film making in Higher Education Department, as their candidature is rejected for the reasons indicated against each:

SR	REGNO	NAME OF THE CANDIDATE	PARENTAGE	CAT	REASONS FOR REJECTION
1	170110100073	SUNDEE SHARMA	SUNDEE SHARMA	OM	PG not in relevant discipline
2	170110100074	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET
3	170110100075	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET
4	170110100076	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	Hard copy not submitted
5	170110100077	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	Hard Copy not submitted
6	170110100078	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET, PG not in relevant subject
7	170110100079	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET, PG not in relevant subject
8	170110100080	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	Hard Copy not submitted
9	170110100081	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET, PG not in relevant subject
10	170110100082	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET, PG not in relevant subject
11	170110100083	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET, PG not in relevant subject
12	170110100084	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET, PG not in relevant subject
13	170110100085	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET, PG not in relevant subject
14	170110100086	USHA HANAFI	USHA HANAFI	OM	No NET SET, PG not in relevant subject

Any candidate, if aggrieved with the rejection of his/her candidature he/she may represent before the Commission with documentary evidence within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice. No representation/grievance when an over shall be entertained after the stipulated period.

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No: PSC/DR/Television & Film Making/08/2017

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Secretary

J&K Public Service Commission

Dated: 01-10-2021

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E-tender Notice

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are hereby invited from the registered Service Providers/Agencies/Firms having valid Registration Certificates, including registration with the Regional Labour Commissioner, EPF Registration, ESI Registration, ISO 90001-2008 Certificate and PAN Card, up to date, GST/CGST clearance certificate and having similar line of business for more than 02 years towards outsourcing of the manpower. The service providers should have local office at Srinagar to ensure satisfactory fulfillment of contractual obligations.

Requirement:-

S.No	Category	Quantity
1.	Technical Supervisor	01
2.	Assistant Technical Supervisor	01
3.	Project Assistant cum Computer Operator	02
4.	Carpet Weaver	02
5.	Digitizer (Digitizing carpet taleem script)	02
6.	Master Craft Persons (Trainers)	10

The complete tender document under the title "Tender Document for Hiring of Manpower on Outsourcing Basis" is available on www.jktenders.gov.in. Interested tendering Company/Firm/Agency may view / download e-bid document and submit their e-bids online, strictly as per the details given below:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	30-09-2021
2.	Document downloading Start Date	30-09-2021
3.	Clarification Start Date	30-09-2021
4.	Clarification End Date	21-10-2021
5.	Bid Submission Start Date	30-09-2021
6.	Bid Submission End Date	21-10-2021
7.	Bid Opening Date and Time (Technical)	23-10-2021 (11:00 a.m.)
8.	Bid Opening Date and Time (Financial)	27-10-2021 (11:00 a.m.)

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Director

India's Services Sector Activity Expands In Sep; Employment Rises For First Time In 10 Months



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: India's services sector activity continued to expand in September, supported by favourable underlying demand amid the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, but lost some momentum from August's 18-month high level, a monthly survey said on Tuesday.

The seasonally adjusted India Services Business Activity Index fell from 56.7 in August to 55.2 in September, but remained well above its long-run average.

"Despite easing from August, the rate of expansion was marked and the second-fastest since February 2020," the survey said.

Buoyed by signs of improvements in underlying demand, Indian service providers took on additional staff during September. The increase in employment ended a nine month sequence of job shedding, but was marginal overall as some panellists indicated having sufficient workforces to deal with their workloads.

For the second straight

month, the services sector witnessed an expansion in output. In Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"Indian companies continued to benefit from a recovery in demand as the pandemic receded further and restrictions were lifted. The improved market environment meant that firms managed to secure new work and increase business activity during September," said Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at IHS Markit.

However, despite the sustained recovery of the sector, business confidence weakened in September.

"While forecasts of better demand in the year ahead supported business confidence regarding output, growth looks set to be constrained by rising inflation expectations. We saw a substantial decline in positive sentiment among service providers due to this factor, despite input cost inflation retreating in September," Lima said.

Benchmarks Build On Gains As RIL, IT Stocks Sparkle

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MUMBAI: The Sensex and Nifty defied gravity for the second straight session on Tuesday as energy, IT and banking counters witnessed brisk buying amid mixed global cues.

The 30-share BSE Sensex opened weak but gained momentum in afternoon trade to finish at 59,744.88, up 445.56 points or 0.75 per cent.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty surged 131.05 points or 0.74 per cent to close at 17,822.30. IndusInd Bank topped the Sensex gainers chart with a jump of 4.60 per cent, followed by Bharti Airtel, Reliance Industries, HCL Tech, Titan, Asian Paints and TCS.

Index heavyweight Reliance Industries and the IT pack accounted for most of the benchmark's gains.

In contrast, Sun Pharma, PowerGrid, ITC, UltraTech Cement, Tata Steel and Nestle India were among the laggards, slipping up to 1.36 per cent.

The market breadth was in favour of the bulls, with 20 of the 30 index components closing in the green.

"Indian markets on Tuesday

ended in positive zone led by energy, IT, oil & gas and power indices. The rising crude oil and gas prices have been positive for the upstream oil & gas companies. Reliance Industries, ONGC and Oil India will benefit most from ongoing higher energy prices," said Arijit Malakar, Head - Research (Retail), Ashika Stock Broking Ltd.

Anticipation of strong Q2 FY22 earnings from Indian IT sectors also uplifted market sentiment, he added.

Domestic equities opened on a weak note as investors turned cautious due to a weak closing of the US market, said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

"However, upbeat mood of the European markets which rebounded after the US tech based sell-off helped the Indian market to regain momentum," Nair noted.

On the macroeconomic front, India's services sector activity continued to expand in September, supported by favourable underlying demand amid the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, but lost some momentum from August's 18-month high level, a monthly survey showed.

Petrol, Diesel Prices Surge To Record-High Levels

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices on Tuesday surged to all-time high levels as rates were increased again after international oil prices hit the highest mark since 2014.

Petrol price was hiked by 25 paise a litre and diesel by 30 paise, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

This sent the petrol price in Delhi to its highest-ever level of Rs 102.64 a litre and to Rs 108.67 in Mumbai. Diesel rates too touched a record high of Rs 91.07 in Delhi and Rs 98.80 in Mumbai.

Prices differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes.

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Similarly, the ninth increase in prices in less than two weeks has shot up diesel rates above Rs 100 mark in several cities in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

International oil prices rallied to a near seven-year high following a decision by OPEC+ to maintain its planned gradual increase of supply, despite the market facing an energy crunch.

Global benchmark Brent jumped to USD 81.51 per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate



rose to USD 77.76 a barrel.

Being a net importer of oil, India prices petrol and diesel at rates equivalent to international prices.

A month back Brent was less than USD 72 per barrel.

With international crude oil prices moving in both directions during July and August, no price increase was carried out by oil marketing companies (OMCs) from July 18 to September 23. Instead, petrol price was cut by Rs 0.65 a litre and diesel by Rs 1.25.

However, with no respite from surging international prices, OMCs have started to increase the retail selling price of petrol and diesel with effect from September 28 and September 24 respectively.

Since then, rates have gone up

by Rs 2.45 paise per litre and petrol price has been criticised by opposition parties who have demanded that the government cut record excise duty on the two fuels to give relief to consumers.

The government has so far not agreed to the demand.

Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday refused to even comment on the high fuel prices.

Asked about the fuel prices at his ministry's event in the national capital on Saturday, Puri said, "chodo (please leave it)" before walking away.

Fuel Prices Linked To Global Oil Rates, Centre, States Have To Handle Issue: Sitharaman

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

RAIPUR: As fuel prices surged to all-time highs on Tuesday, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said prices of petroleum products in the country depend on international oil rates and both the Centre and states have to together handle the issue of their rising cost.

Addressing a press conference at the Chhattisgarh BJP office Kushabhau Thakre Parisar here, she said prices of petroleum products in India, a big consumer of these imported items, depend on their prevailing rates in the global market.

Hence, both the Centre and states have to handle the fuel issue together as they impose taxes on oil products, Sitharaman said.

She was replying to a question about the rising prices of petrol, diesel and cooking gas in the country.

Sitharaman said India had to import almost 99 per cent of its petrol and diesel requirements.

Duty and tax on petrol and diesel are not levied only by the Centre. If we use 100 litres (of petrol or diesel), we have to import 99 litres out of it from abroad. According to oil rates abroad, prices (of fuel products) are fixed here. "When rate in the (global oil)



market changes, it also affects us. The Centre imposes a fixed amount as tax and not the value-added tax (VAT). But state governments levy VAT (on petrol, diesel), she said.

Sitharaman said rising fuel prices have definitely increased financial burden on common citizens.

In this structure both the Centre and states impose tax on petrol and diesel. I believe prices are rising and definitely there is a burden on the common people. But both the Centre and states have to handle the issue, she added.

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Four Days Of Coal Reserves Left In India, Energy Crisis Deepens



Rajesh Kumar Singh and David Stringer, Bloomberg

The worsening squeeze on India's coal supply is triggering a power crisis that's threatening to stall the world's fastest-expanding major economy.

Coal-fired power stations had an average of four days' worth of stock of the fuel at the end of last month, the lowest level in years, and down from 13 days at the start of August. More than half the plants are on alert for outages.

With coal used to produce almost 70% of electricity, spot power rates have surged, while supplies of the fuel are being diverted away from key customers including aluminum smelters and steel mills.

Like China, India is contending with two key challenges: soaring electricity demand as industrial activity rebounds after pandemic curbs were lifted and a slump in local coal output. The country meets around three-quarters of its demand locally, but heavy rains have flooded mines and key transport routes.

Operators of coal-fired plants are facing a dilemma -- pay large premiums at domestic auctions to secure any available local supply or wade into a seaborne coal market where prices have soared to the highest on record. Already, the nation's government is drawing up guidelines in case it needs to bring idle power stations back into action.

"Until supplies stabilize completely, we are likely to see power outages in some pockets, while customers elsewhere may be asked to pay more for power," said Pranav Master, director for infrastructure advisory at credit ratings firm Crisil Ltd. "Because of imported coal prices shooting through the roof, plants running on domestic coal have had to do a lot of heavy-lifting. Things are expected to get better as the rains abate."

The impact on consumer prices would show up a few months later, when distribution utilities get regulatory approvals to pass on the cost, he said.

Coal inventories at Indian power plants fell to around 8.1 million tons at the end of September, about 76% less than a year earlier, according to government data. Average spot power prices at the Indian Energy Exchange Ltd. jumped more than 63% in September to 4.4 rupees (\$0.06) a kilowatt hour.

'Pandora Papers' Show London Is A Key Hub For Tax Avoidance

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LONDON: Transparency advocates are calling on Britain to tighten the country's defenses against money laundering and tax avoidance after a massive leak of financial data showed how London is a key destination of choice for some of the world's richest and most powerful people to conceal their cash.

The cache of almost 12 million files shows how wealthy people around the world reportedly set up offshore companies to buy property and avoid taxes.

Foreign individuals identified as beneficiaries of these types of offshore accounts in London include Jordanian King Abdullah II, Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev and associates of Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan. Abdullah has denied any impropriety and Khan tweeted that his government would investigate anyone mentioned and take appropriate action if wrongdoing is found. Aliyev

hasn't commented.

The leaked financial data, dubbed the Pandora Papers, was published Sunday by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and its media partners, including Britain's Guardian newspaper and the BBC.

Though the purchases are legal under British law, they highlight the complicated and often anonymous financial practices wealthy individuals use to avoid tax, far removed from the everyday experience of most of the British population.

London is a go-to for the rich and powerful because it's home to a sophisticated ecosystem of businesses that can help in the process, including creative wealth management firms, high-end lawyers and long-established accounting firms.

A 2019 analysis by transparency group Global Witness indicated that around 87,000 properties in England and Wales were owned by anonymous companies registered in tax havens. (AP)

SHORT TAKES

Gold Climbs Rs 269; Silver Jumps Rs 630

NEW DELHI: Gold in the national capital on Tuesday rose by Rs 269 to Rs 45,766 per 10 grams amid rupee depreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had settled at Rs 45,497 per 10 grams.

Silver also jumped Rs 630 to Rs 59,704 per kilogram from Rs 59,074 per kilogram in the previous trade.

The Indian rupee depreciated 32 paise to 74.63 against the US dollar in opening trade on Tuesday.

In the international market, gold traded lower at USD 1,759 per ounce and silver remained flat at USD 22.58 per ounce.

"Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading half a per cent down at \$1,759 per ounce on Tuesday. Gold prices pared previous gains on the stronger dollar for the day," according to HDFC Securities, Senior Analyst (Commodities), Tapan Patel. (PTI)

Mahindra Adds Two New Variants To XUV700



NEW DELHI: Mahindra & Mahindra on Tuesday announced the addition of two new variants to its premium sports utility vehicle, XUV700, in both manual and automatic transmission with diesel engine.

The seven-seater variants—AX7 Luxury MT and AX7 Luxury AT+AWD (all-wheel drive)—are priced at Rs 19.99 lakh and Rs 22.89 lakh, respectively, M&M Ltd said in a release.

It also said these prices will be applicable for the first 25,000 bookings, which are slated to commence from October 7.

The company is offering XUV700 in two series: MX and AdrenoX (AX).

The AX7 variant will be available with an optional luxury pack. In addition to the standard AX7 features, the luxury pack will include features like immersive 3D sound, electrically deployed smart door handles, 360-degree surround view, blind view monitoring, electronic park brake, driver knee airbag, passive keyless entry and wireless charging, it said.

Mahindra has also launched an industry-first "add to cart" functionality on its website for the XUV700.

Rupee Slips 13 Paise To 8-Week Low Of 74.44 Against US Dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee fell 13 paise to hit its weakest closing in nearly eight weeks at 74.44 against the US dollar on Tuesday, weighed down by the strengthening of the greenback in the overseas market and rising crude oil prices.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened on a weak note and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.41 and a low of 74.63 against the US dollar in day trade.

The local unit finally settled at 74.44 a dollar, down 13 paise over its previous close. This was the rupee's lowest closing level since August 11.

"The Indian rupee depreciated for seven out of last eight days and plunged to a twelve-weeks low. Local currency remained under pressures as crude started trading above USD 78 barrel along with rally in dollar index," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Widening trade balance data and dollar outflows also weighed on rupee, Parmar added.

According to Parmar, the near-term outlook for rupee remains bearish and sustainable trading above 74.75 lead to further weakness towards 75 odd levels while near-term support has been shifted to 73.95 levels.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION KHANABAL KMR.

FINAL NOTICE

Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Bhat **No:-.....**
S/O Abdul Ahad Bhat
R/o Awantipora Pulwama **Dated:...../...../2021**

Subject :- Construction of Chain Link Fencing on backside of graveyard near Bashir Boot House Ward No. 09 MC Bijbehara

Reference:- This Office Letter No.6998-99 Dated 09-08-2021 and No. 8764-68 Dated: 31-08-2021

Whereas you were directed to deposit performance security equal to 3% of contract value amounting to Rs. 6298/- (Rupees Six thousand Two hundred and Ninety Eight) only within 03 days as pre-requisite for issuance of formal allotment of contract vide above cited references. But despite lapse of 20 days you have not deposited the performance security.

Now therefore, you are finally asked to deposit performance security, within 03 days positively, after Publication of notice for issuance of formal allotment of contract and start the work failing which the work shall be put to fresh tenders without further notice which may be noted and you will be debarred from entering into any tendering process in R&B Department for at least one year.

"Treat this notice as final".

Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Khanabal.

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Chilli Peppers And Hugs: This Is What Inspired Nobel Medicine Prize Winners

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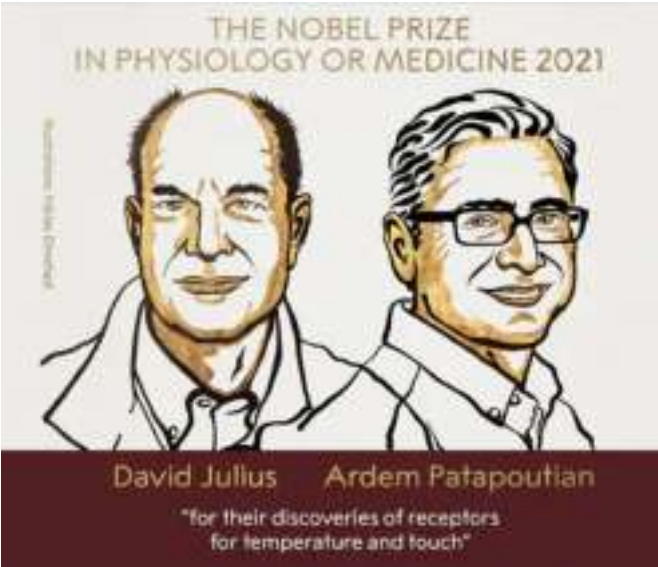
WASHINGTON: David Julius was browsing a supermarket aisle filled with chili pepper sauces when he turned to his wife, a fellow scientist, and said he thought it was time he finally solved how certain chemicals cause the sensation of heat.

"Well then, you should get on it," came her reply.

Ardem Patapoutian, meanwhile, had long been driven to unlock the neglected mysteries of touch, which govern everything from how we discriminate between objects and how we feel when we hug another person, to how our bodies intuitively "know" where our limbs are, without looking.

Both American molecular biologists won the Nobel Medicine Prize for their groundbreaking advances, conducted independently of each other in the late 1990s and 2000s, that are now being turned towards developing treatments, especially of pain.

Julius, of the University of



California, San Francisco told reporters he had always been fascinated by how people interact with natural products in their environment, and by how certain plants contain chemical irritants, such as spice.

Prior research had shown capsaicin was important as an

activator of neurons involved in pain -- but the underlying mechanism was unclear.

Julius discovered in 1997 the specific protein on the outer tip of sensory nerves responsible for the sensation of burning pain from chillies -- and discovered it also responded to high

temperatures.

He then turned to compounds from menthol and mint to identify similar "receptors" responsible for cold, and used molecules from wasabi to learn about inflammatory pain.

"I like doing experimental science because you get to work at the bench with your hands while you're also thinking, and that gives you an opportunity to really sort of enjoy what you're doing day to day, almost like a hobby," he said.

"There's a time when you make a discovery, where you're the only person on the planet, or at least you think you're the only person on the planet who knows the answer to a particular question, and that's a really thrilling moment."

A number of drug candidates to stop chronic pain are in the pipeline, but have so far come up against challenging side effects.

Immigrant success

Patapoutian, of Scripps Research, also made discoveries

linked to temperature, but his investigations into pressure stood out even more.

Specifically, he found two genes responsible for converting pressure into electrical signals through tests on lab-cultured cells.

It was a painstaking progress arrived at by deleting one gene after another. "After working on this for a whole year and getting one negative result after another, the 72nd candidate ... wiped out this ability," he said at a press event.

Armenian-origin Patapoutian, who grew up in war-torn Lebanon and came to the US aged 18, said it was hard for him to imagine the day would come he would win a Nobel.

When the Nobel committee tried calling him at 2:00 am in California, his phone was on silent.

"They somehow got a hold of my 94-year-old father who lives in Los Angeles, and I guess even if you have 'Do not disturb' people in your favorites can call you," he said, adding it was a "very special moment."

HDFC Bank Scales Up 3rd Edition Of Festive Treats 10 Times

MUMBAI: HDFC Bank is set to light up Indian hearts with more than 10,000 offers as part of its Festive Treats 3.0 campaign, a near 10 fold increase from 2020. This year Festive Treats will have more than 10,000 offers on cards, loans and easy EMLs.

The theme of this year 'Karo Har Dil Roshan' reflects the belief that even the smallest of our actions can have a cascading effect and transform the lives of others.

The bank has partnered with over 10,000+ merchants across 100+ locations to offer its customers an opportunity to avail fabulous deals specifically created for their personal and business needs. Some of the key national partners include Apple, Amazon, Shoppers Stop, LG, Samsung, Sony, Titan, Central, Ajio Reliance Trends, Lifestyle and many more leading brands while key regional ones are Vijay sales, Pothy's, DigiOne, Chennai Silks, GRT Jewellers, PhoneWale, Sargam Electronics, and Electronic Paradise.

From retail consumers aspiring to own the latest high-end smartphone to entrepreneurs in need of a working capital loan or farmers looking to purchase a new tractor, Festive Treats 3.0 has an offer for everyone.

Few illustrative benefits of some of the offers are cash-backs and no cost EMLs on premium mobile phones, Rs 6,000 CashBack on iPhone 13, personal loan starting at 10.25% with instant disbursal in account and car loan starting at 7.50% with Zero Foreclosure charges.

"As India unlocks, we are also trying to spread a little cheer in the lives of people and help the overall national economic good. And standby our customers in their times of need," said Mr Arvind Kapil, Group Head – Retail Assets, HDFC Bank.

"Our range of offers on credit cards is not just about coming back with a bang. It is about spurring India's consumption story," said Parag Rao, Group Head – Payments, Consumer Finance, Digital Banking, and IT, HDFC Bank.

"This has been one of the most challenging periods for people due to the pandemic. Festive Treats 3.0 is not just about spending for oneself but also about helping others who are facing extremely difficult situations," said Ravi Santhanam, CMO, Head – Corporate Communications, Liability Products & Managed Programs, HDFC Bank.

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Bindroo Pharmacy

tweet said the area was cordoned off and hunt launched for the assailants.

#Terrorists fired upon Owner of Bindroo Medicate namely Shri Makhan Lal Bindroo near Iqbal Park #Srinagar. He was shifted to hospital where he #succumbed to his injuries. Area cordoned off & search to nab the terrorists is going on," J&K Police Kashmir Zone Tweeted.

The attack on Bindroo took place barely hundreds of metres from SSP Srinagar's office and Cargo Camp of police located in the area that on daily basis maintains a bustling environment.

Bindroo was among a few Kashmiri Pandit's who stayed put in Kashmir despite the adverse situation of early nineties when his community migrated from their homeland enmasse.

It is pertinent to mention here that M.L Bindroo started his career from his father's shop in Hari Singh High Street in 1970's and later on went to rise as one of the most successful Chemists in the valley.

As per several locals, it was M L Bindroo who'd first started procuring the medicines from the international market and sold them at affordable rates in Srinagar. While he used to stay at his pharmacy in Iqbal park, his wife used to look after the daily affairs of their other shop at Hari Singh High Street.

"The medicines that one couldn't find anywhere in the Valley were only available at Bindroo's shop." Surinder Hakoo, a teacher told Kashmir Observer.

A resident of Iqbal Park, M.L Bindroo owned a shopping complex there where he operated his pharmacy.

Bindroo's uncle, Roshan Lal Maava was also shot dead by suspected militants during the peak of militancy in 1990's outside his shop in Bohri Kadal.

Bihar Resident killed

Nearly 30 minutes after Bindroo's killing; suspected militants shot dead a street food vendor identified as Virender Paswan in Bota Kadal area of the city. Paswan, a golgappa seller, was currently staying at a rented accommodation in Alamgari Bazar- Zadibal.

"I was passing through the area when I found people rushing towards a man lying in a pool of blood on the road. I thought he had probably fainted and hurt his head. Later I came to know that he has been shot dead," Mohammad Abrar, an eyewitness told Kashmir Observer.

Thousands of non locals from various Indian states have been working as street vendors and labourers in Kashmir despite adverse security situations.

Hajin Killing

The third killing of the day was reported from north Kashmir's Bandipora district at around 8:05pm, officials said.

They said militants shot at and injured Mohammad Shafi Lone alias Sonu in Shahgund village of Hajin town on Saturday evening. Shafi, President of Sumo Drivers Association Naidkhai, was removed to the community health centre (CHC) Sumbal for treatment.

However, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Today's killings come three days after suspected militants shot dead two people in back to back attacks in Srinagar's Karan Nagar and Batamaloo areas of this capital city on Saturday last.

Majid Gajri was shot dead by suspected militants around 5:30pm Saturday near Madina Complex in Karan Nagar area of the city. Barely two hours later, gunmen appeared in SD Colony, Batamaloo and shot dead Muhammad Shafi Dar.

Meanwhile, police in a statement issued here this evening claimed militants for the killings

"Police have registered cases regarding these terror crime incidents," a police spokesperson said.

"Investigation is in progress and officers continue to work to establish the full circumstances of these terror crimes. The respective areas have been cordoned and search in these areas is going on," he added.

Parties Term Killings

I've been told he never left during the height of militancy and remained with his shop open. I condemn this killing in the strongest possible terms & convey my heartfelt condolences to his family. God bless his soul," Omar posted on Twitter.

"Another targeted attack in Srinagar. A poor non local handcart stall owner selling

golguppas has been shot & has reportedly succumbed to his injuries. No words of condemnation are enough. May his soul rest in peace," he wrote in another Tweet.

"Mohd Shafi Lone of Naidkhai becomes the third casualty this evening. He was shot dead a short while ago in Bandipore district of North Kashmir. Even the words of condemnation & condolence after these militant attacks start to sound hollow. May Allah grate the deceased Jannat," the NC leader said in another Tweet.

Echoing similar views, the People Conference Chairman, Sajad Lone termed the killings outrageous and unacceptable.

"The fatal attack against the owner of Bindroo medicates is outrageous and unacceptable. I knew the gentleman personally. He never left the valley. And terrorists made him pay for that. May he live in peace," Lone wrote on his official Twitter page.

"Two more killings. Truly shocked at these brutal acts of violence.

I don't know what the killers want to achieve. We have seen this blood shed for 3 decades. Apart from sufferings we have achieved nothing," he wrote in another Tweet.

Apni Party President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari termed the incidents as extremely barbaric, reflecting the inhuman nature of perpetrators behind these attacks.

In a statement issued here, Bukhari condemned the killings of M.L Bindroo, a well-known pharmacist store owner in Lal Chowk, a non-local street vendor Virender Paswan from Bihar and another civilian identified as Mohammad Shafi from Shahgund Hajin area of Bandipora districts who were shot dead in cold blood.

"There are no words to condemn these killings. Our heads hang in shame. Mr. Bindroo never left his homeland even in the worst of turmoil and had continued to make the life saving drugs available to humanity in this part of the world. Is this how he has been repaid for his public services?" Bukhari asked.

Similarly, Bukhari said that killing of non-local labour in Lal Bazar and another civilian from Hajin is highly disgraceful as no words can ever compensate for the pain felt by their families.

"What logic can be given to the children who lost their breadwinner father in this senseless bloodshed? No words can deliver solace to them and nothing can bring back their loved ones," he remarked.

He urged the administration to ramp up the investigations and nab the culprits who seem to be adamant on disturbing the peaceful environment in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also demanded that security of the vulnerable persons need to be reviewed and efforts must be made to avoid such ominous incidents in the future.

In a statement issued here, CPI (M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami condemned Bindroo's killing.

"Late Bindroo stayed here in trying and difficult times and continued his service to the locals despite odds. It was a household name in Kashmir. His unfortunate death has sent shock waves. No words to condemn such a heinous and shameful act. This is indeed an irreparable loss for the whole society," he said.

LG Assures Swift

"I strongly condemn the killing of civilians Shri Virender Paswan and Shri Mohd Shafi Lone by terrorists," he said about the second killing.

The Lieutenant Governor said the barbaric act of killing innocent people is against humanity.

"Terrorists will never succeed in their nefarious designs, and those responsible for such heinous acts shall be brought to justice. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families in this hour of grief," he added.

Police Version

"He received grievous gunshot injuries in this terror incident and was immediately evacuated to nearby hospital; however he succumbed to his injuries," the police spokesperson said.

He said that at about 2015 hours Srinagar Police received information about another terror crime incident near Madina Chowk Lalbazar area of Srinagar, where terrorists shot dead a non-local (street hawk) identified as Virender Paswan resident of Bhagalpur Bihar at present Alamgari Bazar Zadibal.

The police spokesperson further said that third terror crime incident was reported in Shahgund area of Bandipora where terrorists

shot dead another civilian identified as Mohd Shafi Lone resident of Naidkhai.

"Police have registered cases regarding these terror crime incidents," he said.

"Investigation is in progress and officers continue to work to establish the full circumstances of these terror crimes. The respective areas have been cordoned and search in these areas is going on," he added.

Chinese Air Force

of Rafale, Apaches have significantly added to our combat potential. Our offensive strike capability has become even more potent with the integration of new weapons on our fleets," said the IAF chief.

He added that India has hardened its networks to avoid cyber attacks. Adequate safeguards are being taken to protect our critical infrastructure, he said.

"IAF is keen on integration amongst the Armed Forces. The joint planning and execution of operations by the three Services will result in a maximum increase in our net combat capability," he added.

VR Chaudhari took charge as the Chief of Air Staff from Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria on September 30, 2021. An ace fighter pilot, he was earlier in charge of the Ladakh sector during the peak of the crisis with China.

Amit Shah Likely

and the Jammu region, and take stock of various development initiatives.

The home minister also may attend a high-level law and order meeting with senior officials of the UT administration, the police, the paramilitary and the army, another official said.

A number of central ministers have already visited the UT while tours of several others are in the pipeline.

Kishtwar Cloudburst:

missing residents for over a month before calling off the operation.

At least 21 houses and as many cow sheds besides a ration depot, a bridge and a mosque were damaged in the incident.

The officials said the body recovered from the stream was later identified as that of Bashir Ahmad (45) who was one of the 19 persons reported missing after the cloudburst.

Ahmad was an employee of the Wildlife Department and his body was handed over to the next of his kin for last rites after the completion of legal formalities, the officials said.

India Slams Pak

internal to India," Amarnath said.

India exercised its Right of Reply after Pakistan's envoy to the UN Munir Akram raked up the issue of Jammu and Kashmir during the meeting of the General Assembly's First Committee that deals with disarmament and international security issues.

Amarnath reiterated that "the entire union territory of Jammu and Kashmir was, is 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, he said in the Right of Reply."

"Given its established State practice of hosting, aiding, and actively supporting terrorists, how could one expect any constructive contribution from Pakistan to the First Committee, that deals with important matters of international peace and security," Amarnath said.

With the Pakistani envoy also referring to India's defence arsenal, New Delhi hit back saying that as a responsible State, India strictly abides by its obligations under international treaties and needs no advice from a country, which has a proven track record of illicit export of nuclear material and technology.

India's security concerns are not confined to a region and, therefore, India has always approached these issues in a global context, he said.

He said that in contrast to India's constructive approach on disarmament matters, Pakistan has only been disruptive

Amarnath said it is 25 years now that the world is paying the price of Pakistan's obstructionist tactics in the CD (Conference on Disarmament) that have not allowed the conference to adopt a Programme of Work.

Pakistan has the dubious distinction of

having single handedly blocked the negotiations on Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT), including in 2009, when the Conference on Disarmament adopted a consensus Programme of Work, he said.

Having joined the consensus on the Programme of Work, Pakistan revealed its true character by soon taking a complete U-turn and blocking any work by the CD, Amarnath said.

"Pakistan, as the epicenter of global terrorism, is the biggest destabilising force in the world and has repeatedly indulged in cross-border terrorism," Amarnath said.

"They have no regard for UN principles. While Pakistan's Permanent Representative speaks about peace and security here, his Prime Minister glorifies global terrorists like Osama bin Ladin as martyrs'. What more could be a better proof of the utter duplicity that this country is infamous for?" he asked.

Amarnath asserted that the General Assembly's First Committee is not the forum to address bilateral or regional issues as it has a vast agenda dealing with global issues relating to disarmament and international security.

We wish to reiterate that regional security issues have no place in the First Committee's considerations, he said.

He said the Committee should not only categorically reject Pakistan's nefarious and vicious designs but collectively condemn Pakistan for its repeated efforts to politicise its work and hijack its mandate.

Amarnath said in the Right of Reply that India expects nothing new from Pakistan that harbours a deep sense of insecurity and orchestrated hatred for India and our secular credentials and the values that my country stands for.

However, despite its hopeless efforts, the world is able to see through its deceit and double-speak. It is time to hold Pakistan to account and not let them abuse UN platforms for spreading disinformation, hate and incite violence, he said.

Amarnath said Pakistan's baseless accusations against India are "indeed rich, coming from a nation that is encouraging sectarian violence against Muslims and suppresses the rights of minorities.

Going by its past practice and compulsive obsession with India, Pakistan may exercise its Right of Reply and continue its malicious false propaganda against my country. But I shall refrain from responding to it, out of respect for the work of the First Committee, he said.

Baseer Khan Removed

Police (Law and Order) Muneer Khan got an identical order of one-year extension of their service on a day they were retiring.

Govt Orders

Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Yusmarg, against an available vacancy.

Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, shall hold the charge of the post of Joint Director, Education (South), Kashmir, in addition to his own duties, till further orders, according to the order.

Navdeep Wazir, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Udhampur, has been transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Baderwah, relieving Rakesh Kumar, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Baderwah of the additional charge of the post.

As per separate order, Kulbushan Khajuria, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner (Central) with Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, has been transferred and has been asked to await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department.

Sujit Kumar Posted

DIG, North Kashmir Range is transferred and posted as DIG, Central Kashmir Range.

Udaybaskar Billa, DIG Doda-

Kishtwar-Ramban Range is transferred and posted as DIG, North Kashmir Range.

'This Is An Insult':

backdoor entry. I will not stay silent on this!"

Talking to Kashmir Observer about his speech expressing political anguish, Namgyal said he has given the message and doesn't want to explain it further.

"Samajnaywala Samajiyaga (Those who needs to understand will get it)," he made it curt and hung up.

However, politicians and political pundits from the cold desert term the outburst from a public representative of the ruling party a growing realisation of political erosion in the region since August 2019. Already, the same concern has been time and again raised by the Kargil political leadership.

"The level of frustration is such that they [BJP leaders] are now fighting for a missing name on a plaque when they should've fought when all their political rights were taken. Beating the chest for small things won't work now," Sajad Hussain Kargili, prominent political leader from Kargil, told Kashmir Observer.

"There's no value of an elected representative under bureaucratic rule. And this speech of the Ladakh public representative clearly shows they're desperate for credit politics."

Chering Dorjay, former BJP minister and ex-president of the party's Ladakh unit, termed the MP's outburst as "genuine", while stating that the elected representatives are being ignored.

"I've been saying this for a long time that the current administration is neglecting the elected representatives but they were not listening," Dorjay told Kashmir Observer.

"Now their own party men have started spilling the beans!"

R K Chhibber Gets

"Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements, Regulations, 2015, we hereby intimate that the Reserve Bank of India has under section 10 BB(2) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 extended the term of Mr. R. K. Chhibber, Chairman and Managing Director of the Bank by a further period of six months with effect from 10th October, 2021 or till the appointment of MD & CEO, whichever is earlier", the communication as per the sources read. (GNS)

J&K Reports

Jammu and 139 from Kashmir from the deadly infection. During the same time, they said, the UT reported 102 fresh cases—73 from Kashmir and 29 from Jammu, taking the overall number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic in J&K last year to 329991.

Giving district wise details, the officials said that Srinagar 41, Baramulla 9, Budgam 7, Pulwama 5, Kupwara 4, Anantnag 1, Bandipora 2 and Ganderbal 4. No case was reported from Kulgam and Shopian districts of south Kashmir.

In the winter capital, the officials said Poonch reported 9, Jammu 8, Rajouri 6, Udhampur 3, Kishtwar 2 and Doda 1 new cases of coronavirus. No fresh cases were reported from Ramban, Reasi, Kathua and Samba districts, officials said.

Also, the officials said that there was no death due to the virus. So far 4424—2174 in Jammu and 2250 in Kashmir—have died due to the pathogen.

Girl Injured In Acid

The official said the girl was taken to a hospital wherefrom she was referred to Srinagar for treatment. Police have taken cognisance of the incident and started investigation, he said.

The identity of the attacker or the motive behind the attack was not known yet, the official said.

Ladakh Reports

were cured and discharged from hospitals, taking the tally of cured patients to 20,658, they said. Of the three new cases, all were reported in Leh, they said.

There was no death reported due to Covid in Ladakh on Monday.

With this, the total number of active COVID-19 cases in Ladakh has gone up to 50 including 45 in Leh and five in Kargil district.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information to the general public that I, Ishtiaq Rasool Wani S/o GhuLam Rasool Wani R/o Gogji Bagh Srinagar Kmr have lost RC of my Scooty bearing RC No JK01AF 1979. Now I intend to get its duplicate if anybody have any objection he/she may file the same with RTO Srinagar within 7 days from the publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained afterwards.

‘Pele Of Kashmir’ KO Football Tournament Begins

Held in memory of Late Farooq Ahmad Bhat



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: ‘Pele of Kashmir’ League cum Knockout Football Tournament 2021 kick started at Eidgah Playfield on Sunday here.

A total of 20 Super Division clubs are set to participate in the tournament, which will be held in two stages. In the first stage, 12 teams will compete in a league format divided into four groups. The top four teams from all the groups will join another eight Super Division clubs in the second stage of KO tournament. These 12 teams will play on a knockout basis.

Meanwhile, the first match of the tournament was played on Sunday between Kashmir United FC and Rangreth FC in which Kashmir United defeated

Rangreth 4-1.

The tournament is being held at Downton Eidgah Playfield and is organised by Welfare Forum Eidgah in collaboration with J&K Football Association. Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Sofi, President DFA Srinagar was the chief guest on the occasion and was accompanied by Mohammad Iqbal, Asst Organizing Secretary DFA Srinagar.

Among others who were present on the occasion where Abdul Hameed Shalla, Abdul Hameed Makaya, Ghulam Ahmad Kumar, Nazir Ahmad Dalal, Farooq Ahmad Bolla, Mushtaq Ahmad Kanth, Lateef Ahmad and others.

Play-off Berth Secured, RCB Eye SRH Scalp

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ABU DHABI: Assured of a play-off berth, Royal Challengers Bangalore would look to inch closer to a top two finish in the league stage when they play Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL here on Wednesday.

Eying their first IPL title triumph, RCB are currently placed third in the pecking order with 16 points from 12 games.

Delhi Capitals are leading the standings ahead of Chennai Super Kings.

A win on Wednesday will definitely boost RCB's confidence ahead of their final group game against DC on Friday.

If RCB win both their remaining two games, they will move to 20 points and have a chance of finishing in the top two.

After suffering two defeats -- against Kolkata Knight Riders and CSK at the start of the second leg, RCB bounced back in style, registering a hat-trick of wins to seal their place in the play-offs.

And the Virat Kohli-led side would look to keep the juggernaut rolling in the competition.

Even though he is yet to make a big score post the tournament's resumption, Virat Kohli looked good during his stays in the middle and so did the skipper's young opening partner Devdutt Padikkal, who scored a 40 in their last match.

But star all-rounder Glenn Maxwell has been phenomenal for RCB in the second phase, scoring his third straight half-

century in the last game.

Maxwell hit a 33-ball 57 to guide RCB to 164 for 7, a target which they defended comfortably in the end.

SRH, on the other hand, had a poor outing this season and are already out of the competition, languishing at the bottom of the eight-team standings with just two wins out of 12 games.

SRH have registered just one win -- over Rajasthan Royals -- out of five game so far in the second leg.

They would be looking to finish their campaign on a positive note by registering two consecutive wins.

SRH had dropped their 2016 IPL winning skipper David Warner after axing him from captaincy but that didn't change the fate of the team as Williamson has not been able to revive the fortunes of the side.

Batting continues to be SRH's weakest link, especially in the absence of Jonny Bairstow.

In the bowling department, Jason Holder has time and again given them the breakthroughs, but senior India pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Siddarth Kaul have disappointed.

Young Kashmiri cricketer Umran Malik impressed with his pace on his IPL debut in their last game against KKR but needs more game time to polish his skills.

Leg-spinner Rashid Khan remains SRH's biggest weapon against any opposition, but he hasn't had enough runs to play with most times.



Sports Council Hails Its Women Cricket Academy Trainees

9 JKSC trainees selected for J&K Women's Senior team

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council has hailed nine of its female Cricket Academy trainees for their selection in J&K Women's Senior team.

Eight girls from Kashmir Valley and one from Jammu have been selected to represent the J&K's Senior Women's team in the upcoming Domestic Season 2021-22.

"The selected girls include Rubiya Syed, Bisma Hassan, Bushra Ashraf, Abriq Zahoor, Mehak Sofi, Sheeraza Bano,

Ananya Sharma, Laali Jan and Iqra Rasool," a JKSC statement said.

"Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull has congratulated the selected players and applauded the role of Cricket Academy Team working behind the scenes for their dedication and hard work in training the girls," the statement said.

"Nuzhat Gull wished team a grand success and assured girls all her support in future too. She also informed that J&K Sports Council is soon going to organise a mega cricket tour-

nament exclusively for female cricketers," it added.

Pertinently many male and female trainees of Sports Council Cricket Academy have made it to JKCA U-19 teams. Although the JKCA U-19 boys' team ended its Vinoo Mankad Trophy in a disappointing fashion, failing to win any of their four matches, the Women's team on the other hand has played 4 and won two matches in the Under-19 One Day Trophy 2021-22.

The senior domestic matches are set to begin in October.

Premier Division: Novelty FC, Real Kashmir Register Wins

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two matches of JKFA Premier Division were played on Tuesday at Synthetic Turf, TRC here.

The first match played between Novelty Football Club and Food & Supplies XI, the first goal was scored in the 19th minute by Aqib Ali of Novelty FC. Novelty then added another goal in the 32nd minute by Aaqib. Later in the second half, Aaqib scored his hattrick in the 53rd minute. Arjun of Novelty FC scored two goals in 68th and 80th minute.

At full time whistle, Novelty FC defeated F&S XI by 5 goals to nil. Aakib of Novelty FC was declared man of the match.

In the second match played between Real Kashmir FC (Reserves) and Kashmir Maharaja FC, the first half of the match ended 0-0. In the second half's 44th minute, Real Kashmir FC succeeded in scoring a goal through Owais. Kashmir Maharaja FC created some goal scoring opportunities but failed to find an equaliser. The match ended with 1-0 in favour of RKFC (R). Owais of Real Kashmir was declared man of the match.

A-Division Results

In the ongoing A-Division Annual League Football Tournament, two matches were played at Gindun Ground Rajbagh, here. Haroon FC and Al-Hilal FC. Haroon FC defeated Al-Hilal FC 2-0. The second match of the day was won by Towheed FC 4-0.



Positive KASHMIR: J&K Bank Beats SCFA XI



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the ongoing first edition Positive Kashmir Knockout Football Championship 2021, the third match of the Championship was played on Sunday at Synthetic Turf TRC between Sports Council Football Academy (SCFA) and J&K Bank XI.

J&K Bank XI defeated SCFA in the tie breaker after a full-time score of 1-1. The younguns of SCFA XI exhibited quality football and enthralled the audience while seasoned team of J&K Bank tried to maintain their unbeaten position.

In the 25th minute of the first half J&K Bank took the lead through Farhan. The first half

ended 1:0 in favour J&K Bank XI.

The second half was virtually dominated by SCFA boys, who did not allow the superior forward line of J&K Bank to penetrate the their defensive setup. One goal down, SCFA created several opportunities and finally managed to equalise via a superb goal by Sajad in 75th minute.

The full-time score of 1-1 meant that the tie breaker rule was applied. In the penalty shootout, J&K Bank defeated SCFA 3-1. SCFA goalkeeper Taif was awarded man of the match award for his performance.

The KO Tournament is organised by JKFA and NGO Positive Kashmir.

India & England Look Most Balanced For T20 World Cup: Rashid Latif

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

KARACHI: Pakistan's former Test captain Rashid Latif believes India and England seem like the most balanced teams heading into the T20 World Cup this month.

The event gets underway in the UAE and Oman from October 17.

"India and England appear to be the most balanced sides in the tournament while West Indies always remain a dangerous side but I wouldn't write Pakistan off as if they click they could gain momentum and surprise many people," Latif told PTI.

Speaking of Pakistan, Latif demanded the resignation of under-fire chief selector Muhammad Wasim if any changes are made to the World Cup squad announced last month.

The former wicketkeeper-

batsman said he could sense there would be some changes in the World Cup squad as it did not come across a balanced outfit and there were some perplexing inclusions and exclusions.

"Now if they go ahead and make changes in the main 15-member squad then the chief selector must ethically resign and so should the other selectors," Latif said.

"Because they are responsible for selecting the squad and if changes are made it means they failed to do their jobs properly the first time around."

Pakistan's World Cup squad, which will leave on a chartered flight for Dubai on October 15, has come under a lot of scrutiny after some of the selected players have failed to click properly in the ongoing National T20 Championship.

‘New IPL Teams Should Go For Rs 3000 Crore Plus’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Punjab Kings co-owner Ness Wadia feels Rs 2000 crore base price for two new IPL teams is a conservative number which should go up by 50 to 100 per cent during bidding.

The new franchises will be announced on October 25, making the IPL a 10-team affair.

Speaking to PTI, Wadia said the addition of the teams will lead to appreciation of the IPL's value as well as the existing franchises.

"The minimum base price is Rs 2000 crore at the moment, it will go for quite a lot more. Based on my little experience and knowledge of the IPL, 2000 is very conservative and I wouldn't be surprised if it went up a minimum of 50 to 100 per-

cent more than that. I would expect at least Rs 3000 crore plus.

"Everyone wants to be a part of IPL but only a handful can be a part of it," said Wadia.

Asked if there are concerns that the existing teams might have with the addition of more outfits, Wadia said: "There are no concerns at all. It is good that two new teams are being introduced.

"I also feel IPL is a premium product and with the limited number of teams, the value of all the franchises will go up after the addition of new franchises. Bringing in 10 teams will bring more width and depth to the IPL.

"There have been eight teams for majority of the IPL history and after this, I don't see more teams coming into the league for at least five to seven years.

NEWS MAKERS

Gavaskar Slams Umpiring Standards In IPL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar has slammed the standard of umpiring in the ongoing Indian Premier League.

Gavaskar made his comments after umpire Anil Chaudhary changed his decision from no ball to wide during the game between Delhi Capitals and Chennai Super Kings on Monday. The delivery by Dwayne Bravo landed outside the pitch.

"That was clearly a no-ball. We've had a couple of decisions from TV umpires, which in these circumstances can make the difference between winning and losing, and that shouldn't happen," said Gavaskar while doing commentary on Star Sports.

"These kinds of decisions should not change the game. It's a good thing Delhi won because that could have changed the game," he added.

Umpiring decisions in the IPL have come under scanner many times in the past and this season too there have been some questionable decisions made.

Park Appeals Man United Fans To Stop Singing Offensive Song

AGENCIES

MANCHESTER: Former Manchester United midfielder Park Ji-sung appealed to the club's fans on Monday to stop singing a song that contains a racial stereotype about his native South Korea.

United fans chanted a song about Park during his time at the club, from 2005-12, which included a disparaging line about Koreans eating dog meat.

The song is still heard at Old Trafford and the now-retired Park said he wants to educate supporters about why the words are hurtful to him and people from South Korea.

The 40-year-old Park said he was prompted to speak out after hearing United fans singing the song last month in an away match against Wolverhampton, which presented South Korea striker Hwang Hee-chan that day.

"I know that United fans don't mean any offense to him for

that song," Park told the UTD podcast, "but still I have to educate the fans to stop that word (dog meat), which is usually these days a racial insult to the Korean people."

Park, who won the Premier League four times with United as well as the Champions League in 2008, also played 100 games for South Korea and at three World Cups -- in 2002, '06 and '10.

"That particular word is very discomforting for Korean people, and I really feel very sorry for the younger players who heard that kind of song," Park said. "In Korea, things have changed a lot. It is true that historically we have eaten dog meat but these days, particularly the younger generation, they really hate it. The culture has changed.

"I really request the fans to stop singing that word. It causes discomfort to Korean people when they hear that song. It's time to stop."



Sam Curran Ruled Out Of T20 WC After Back Injury In IPL 2021

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

LONDON: All-rounder Sam Curran has been ruled out of the ICC T20 World Cup with a lower back injury, which he sustained during an Indian Premier League game for Chennai Super Kings, the England & Wales Cricket Board said on Tuesday.

He will fly back to the UK in the next couple of days and will have further scans and a full review later this week by the ECB's medical team.

"Curran complained of back pain after Chennai Super Kings Indian Premier League fixture on Saturday against Rajasthan Royals. Results of the scan revealed the injury," the ECB stated.

Curran's brother, Tom, has been drafted into England's squad for the World Cup. In addition, Surrey's left-arm seamer Reece Topley has been added as a travelling reserve. Topley will join the England party in due course.

The 23-year-old Curran had a forgettable IPL, scoring only 56 runs from nine games and picking up nine wickets at an expensive economy rate of 9.93. "Unfortunately I have received a gutting news that I will unfortunately be missing the remainder of the IPL season and the World Cup. Extremely gutted... absolutely loved my time with Chennai this season," Sam Curran told CSK.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet but I'm leaving the team in a fantastic space. The boys are playing really good cricket. I want to be supporting them from where I am in the next few days.

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In view of poor response, the Board has decided to provide one more chance to the desirous/interested candidates to submit Application Forms for admission to B.Arch. Course 2021-22 upto 10.10.2021 (3.00 PM).

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