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NEWS DIGEST

Fuel Prices Hiked For 5th Straight Day

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices on Sunday were hiked for the fifth straight day by 35 paise per litre each, pushing pump rates to new high across the country. The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of Rs 107.59 a litre and Rs 113.46 per litre. **More On P6**

4.2 Magnitude Quake Hits Ladakh

LEH: A medium intensity earthquake of magnitude 4.2 hit Ladakh on Sunday, the National Centre for Seismology said. The tremor occurred at 11.29 am at a depth of 140 kilometres in the Kargil belt of the union territory, it said. Officials said there were no reports of any damage. The Himalayan. **More On P6**

J&K Logs 72 New Covid Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday reported 72 fresh cases of coronavirus while 68 more patients recovered from the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, 62 new cases of Covid-19 were reported from Kashmir division while the remaining 10 from Jammu division, taking the total. **More On P6**

Teen Found Dead In Kulgam

SRINAGAR: A teenager on Sunday was found dead under mysterious circumstances in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. 15-year-old Tawseef Ahmad Bhat was found lifeless near a water channel in Badroo area of the district, an official said. He said that some passersby spotted the body lying at the water channel and informed the police about it. **More On P6**

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POONCH ENCOUNTER

Jailed Militant Killed, 3 Forces Personnel Injured

Zaid bin Shabir

Two weeks on, the presumed infiltrators who killed at least nine Army soldiers in Poonch's forests continue to evade government forces. The first casualty on the other side today turned out to be a jailed militant who was being escorted by joint teams of army and police.

The slain militant was identified as Zia Mustafa who has been in various jails, most recently in the



File Photo

notorious Kot Bhalwal jail, for the past nearly two decades.

It is within this jail that — both police and army officials claimed — Mustafa despite his high profile

had established contact with Pakistan, police and army officials told Kashmir Observer, quoting intelligence inputs.

Mustafa, who officials said was **More On P6**

Crackdown On Two-Wheelers Brings E-Commerce To A Halt In Kashmir

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: As the ongoing campaign to seize two-wheelers despite proper documentation stretched to a week, Kashmir's logistics and e-commerce industry — dependent on motorbikes for delivery — has come to a grinding halt.

At least two major e-commerce giants, Myntra and Flipkart, have suspended operations in the Kashmir valley.

Zahoor Ahmed Qari, President Kashmir Courier and Cargo Association (KCCA), said that the two e-commerce giants have suspended their operations solely because of the unspecified crackdown on bikers.



File Photo

"It's purely because of the recent police crackdown on bikers that has drastically hit the e-commerce sector," Qari told Kashmir Observer, adding that delivery of parcels accumulated in warehouses across Srinagar had also halted. "The in-house stock is already piling up and the

crackdown on bikers is still on, so there's absolutely no way that these delivery outlets can adjust the new arriving products in their offices." Qari alleged that several logistics executives were thrashed by police personnel. "Several of our boys have been beaten up by cops. **More On P6**

WHAT DID 70-YEAR-OLD DEMOCRACY give to Jammu & Kashmir? Let me tell you, it gave 87 MLAs, six MPs and three families" - Amit Shah



'PM's Personal Efforts Led To Art-370 Revocation'

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Sunday said the "discriminatory" Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and

Kashmir, was scrapped because of personal efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to fulfil the dream of Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee. In his first public rally in J&K after the August 2019 revocation of its special **More On P6**



happened," the Home Minister said Sunday.

Shah made these remarks during interaction with members of youth clubs at Raj Bhawan here, an official spokesperson said.

"We have 70% youth population in Jammu & Kashmir and they are shaping the present and building the golden future of Union Territory as we speak," he added.

The Home Minister, who arrived in Srinagar **More On P6**

AIM Higher

Reaching out to youth of Jammu and Kashmir, the Home Minister Amit Shah advised them to aim higher in life.

"The goal in life should never be kept small and while setting a goal, one should not think whether it will be accomplished or not, because the completion of the goal is not in your hands," Shah said, while interacting with youth from different districts. "You set a goal and start walking in that direction. God will surely help you and you will be able to achieve the biggest goal of your life. The one, who does hard work and planning with enthusiasm, definitely succeeds in the journey of life," he added. Giving his own example, **More On P6**

'What Did 70-Year-Old Democracy Give To JK?'

In a scathing attack on regional mainstream parties, including National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party, the Home Minister said that those, who are making noises, are perturbed by the strengthening of grass-root democracy in the Union Territory. Shah, according to the official spokesperson, said that some people are also restless because democracy has been finally freed from the "clutches of three families and has gone to a poor house". The Home Minister, he said, **More On P6**

CDS Rawat Warns Of More Curbs In Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat has warned of further curbs in Kashmir to tackle the recent violence, reports said on Sunday.

While delivering the first Ravi Kant Singh Memorial Lecture in Assam on Saturday, Rawat said the freedom of movement that people in Jammu & Kashmir were starting to enjoy in recent times may be disrupted due to the current situation and urged for people's cooperation in



tackling the situation.

Reacting to the remarks made by CDS Rawat, PDP president Mehbooba **More On P6**

Top Army Brass To Discuss J&K Situation

Top commanders of the Indian Army will carry out an extensive review of the country's security challenges, including in eastern Ladakh as well as other sensitive areas along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, at a four-day conference beginning Monday, people familiar with the development said. The commanders will also deliberate on the security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir in the backdrop of a **More On P6**

Civilian Killed Near CRPF Camp In Shopian

Police Says Youth Killed In Cross Firing

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A youth was on Sunday morning killed near a CRPF camp in Babapora area of Zainapora hamlet in South Kashmir's Shopian district.

The deceased was later identified as Shahid Aijaz from Anantnag.

Police claimed that the youth was killed in cross firing after CRPF party retaliated against

the militant action in the area. Police said that the CRPF party was out for area domination when militants fired upon them, to which they (CRPF) retaliated.

However, family of the deceased youth have alleged that Shahid was killed in a targeted killing.

"He was returning home after visiting his apple orchard in Shopian when he was shot", the family alleged. **More On P6**



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HM In Jammu On 2Nd Day Of Visit To Jammu & Kashmir

Time Of Injustice To Jammu Over Now: Shah

- Inaugurates New Campus Of IIT Jammu
- Investment Will Help Create Five Lakh New Jobs

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah on Sunday inaugurated the new campus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Jammu on the second day of his visit to Jammu and Kashmir. The new campus of IIT Jammu, built at a cost of Rs. 210 crore, provides all facilities like good hostels, a gymnasium and indoor games along with higher education to students. Shah also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development projects for Jammu and Kashmir.

Several dignitaries including the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Jitendra Singh were also present on the occasion.

In his address, Shah said that today is a pious day, the birthday of Pandit Premnath Dogra and not only Jammu but the people of India can never forget Premnath Dogra. It was that great personality who by establishing Praja Parishad, along with Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, gave the slogan of 'Ek Desh Mein Do Nishan, Do Vidhan and Do Pradhan Nahi Challenge'.

Shah said that the era of injustice to the residents of Jammu is over and now no one can cause any



injustice to them. You have faced injustice for years but now Jammu and Kashmir will develop together and both will take India forward together. He said that the era of development which is starting here today, is being disturbed by disruptive elements. But I assure you that no one will be able to stop the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Union Home Minister said that on August 5, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a historic decision, ended Articles 370 and 35A which were in effect for many years and lakhs of citizens of Jammu and Kashmir received their rights. Earlier people did not have the right to buy land, refugees did not have rights, people did not get reservation. But, now no one has to fear, because all the rights under the Indian Constitution are available to everyone. Women were also given their rights. To protect the

interests of workers, the Minimum Wage Act was implemented, the Safai Karamcharis Act was implemented, to protect the rights and interests of the Dalits and tribals and to stop the atrocities, land was leased to tribals and this right was also given by the Narendra Modi government.

Shah said that today many schemes have been inaugurated. There was a time when there were only four medical colleges in Jammu and Kashmir and today seven new medical colleges have been established in Jammu and Kashmir, out of which five have started. Earlier there were 500 medical seats, now 2,000 students pursue their MBBS degree and no one needs to go anywhere.

"I have not seen a modern IIT campus like the one which has been inaugurated here today." Discussions were also held about how IITs, IIMs and AIIMS will complement

each other by creating new types of courses together. There was also a discussion on the training of children from Jammu and Kashmir by opening a satellite campus so that more children from Jammu and Kashmir can be admitted to the IIT.

The Union Home Minister said if 45,000 youth are engaged in the service of the poor of Jammu and Kashmir, then terrorists cannot harm anything and these youths will change Jammu and Kashmir within no time. Apart from this, 25,000 government jobs have been given by the Service Selection Board, out of which 7000 people have been given appointment letters today.

Shah said that investment will help create 5 lakh new jobs. So far, land has been allotted for an investment of Rs. 7,000 crore in Jammu and Rs. 5,000 crore in Kashmir.

He said that when we announced the new industrial policy, three families, who have exploited you for years, used to ask who would come here. But it is the magic of Narendra Modi that till now an investment of Rs.12,000 crore has been received and before 2022 an investment of around Rs. 51,000 crore will be received. With this, 5 lakh youth of Jammu will get jobs. 9 medical colleges, 15 nursing colleges, IITs, NITs, IIMs, NIFT, IIIM, 2 Cancer Institutes, polytechnics, B.Sc nursing colleges, many institutes have been built and started here.

People Face Harassment During VIP Visits: ANC

SRINAGAR: Awami National Conference Sunday said that there is complete 'Jungle Raj' prevailing in Kashmir Valley as people are being made hostage whenever any dignitary from India visits Valley.

"There was absolute chaos on the arrival of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Srinagar. The Boulevard Road was made out of bounds for people. The road from Badyari Chowk to Nishat wore a deserted look as people faced lot of harassment. Bikers were put into hardships as

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their bikes were seized without any justification. Even those bikers were asked to take their bikes back after few days who were in possession of all valid documents," ANC Chief Spokesperson said in a statement.

ANC alleged that thousands of boys have been detained and thousands of bikes seized. He said 2 lakh people have been put under wrongful confinement while free movement of half a million curbed.

He said these acts on the part of the BJP administration amounts to severe violation of human rights not recognised & allowed under the Constitutional Guarantees.

He said that the deployed police personnel and para-military troopers even didn't care of those people who were supposed to either visit a medical shop or hospital. "Kashmir has become an open air prison where people face lot of harassment in the name of security," he said.

Div Com Opens Painters Camp At Old Sectt

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR:- To boost the visual and plastic art in J&K, Academy of Art, Culture and Languages has organized a National Painters Camp, which was inaugurated by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K Pole today here at historical Old Assembly Complex.

Prolific painters from various corners of the country are participating in this prestigious event.

The camp is being organized from 24th to 28th Oct 2021 and it is the first time that this event is being organized at a historical monument which has been converted into an Art Gallery.

The camp is being organized at Old Assembly Complex here in

which the painters/ Artists of national repute are participating, while as Prof. Vasant Sonabani veteran Artist and former Dean J.J. School of Art Mumbai, and Shri Sanjeev Rana Additional Secretary JKAACL also shared the presidium.

While addressing the gathering Div Com Kashmir P.K Pole said that Kashmir is famous for its art and craft worldwide and also appreciated JKAACL for organizing such type of events and providing platform to the senior/ budding artists.

Prof Vasant also appreciated the efforts taken by the academy for the promotion and preservation of Art and Culture.

Shri Sanjiv Rana additional Secretary JKAACL presented vote of thanks.

25 Tribal Families Rescued In Pulwama

Observer News Service

PULWAMA: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Baseer-ul-Haq Chowdhary on Sunday, a team of Officers headed by Tehsildar, Rajpora from District Administration rushed to Namlan Sangerwani where as many as 25 tribal families stuck along with 2000 livestock were rescued to safe locations. The families were stuck in the forest area of Namlan Sangerwani after heavy rains and snowfall in South Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Officers from District Administration reached the spot and with strenuous efforts rescued the Nomads and their livestock and soon after they were shifted to a safer place.

The team immediately rescued these families and livestock by placing them in Dhoks and kothars of Sangerwani. These families were on urgent basis provided firewood and first aid. Later in the day rescue material was sourced from DC office Pulwama and Tehsil office Rajpora and these families were provided with food kits, tarpaulin sheets, socks/ clothes and fodder including rice bran/ wheat bran, dry grass for livestock.

The rescue / relief effort was coordinated with close cooperation of local youth from Sangerwani which was later joined by Police and SDRF. These tribal families and local residents hailed the timely efforts of District administration Pulwama in rescuing these families and their livestock.

DC Shopian Visits Snow Affected Areas

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, along with a team of officers, on Sunday visited snow affected areas and inspected damaged apple orchards of the district including Jamnagri, Meemander, Vehil, Dangam, Bemnipora, Reshnagri, Ratnipora, Gadapora, Ramnagri Kachdoora of the district to take stock of damage caused due to the snow falling in the district and arrangements of health care, water supply and food items available in the far flung areas of the district to take first hand appraisal of the damage and restoration of es-

sential services in all affected areas. DC also directed the officers to remain present at their headquarters and be ready 24 x 7 to tackle any issue arising due to the spell of snowfall in the district.

During his visit DC also inspected PHC Vehil and emphasized for providing better healthcare facilities to the general public.

DC also directed the Tehsildars to monitor the exercise regularly in their respective jurisdictions to assess the damage to trees and fruit without fail and furnish reports and recommendations and all the possible support be provided to the Orchardist

JKPSC Conducts CCE-2021 Smoothly

Observer News Service

85 Centres Were Established In Both Divisions

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (PSC) today conducted Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination, 2021 (CCE), in two sessions, both in Jammu and Srinagar as well as at four districts of Doda, Rajouri, Anantnag and Baramulla smoothly.

For the smooth conduct of examination, the JKPSC had made elaborate four tier arrangements with strict adherence to Covid-19 protocols. All Examination Centres were sanitized and the candidates were also made to undergo thermal scanning before entering into the Examination hall.

Keeping in view the importance of COVID appropriate behavior and to avoid any last minute inconvenience, all the candidates were directed to report at the Examination venue at least two hours in advance for which JKPSC had made wide publicity through print and electronic media.

According to JKPSC, 30888 candidates were eligible for taking the examination, out of which 20777 candidates appeared for General Studies Paper-I and 20624 appeared for General Studies Paper-II and the total percentage of attendance today stood at 66.78 in all the 85

Centres in both the Divisions.

The Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination has been designed as three stage process and today's Examination was first stage to be followed by the Mains Examination in which the candidates shortlisted after the Preliminary stage shall appear.

The Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission thanked the UT Administration and Police Authorities for their cooperation and also complimented the Observers, Supervisors, invigilating and support staff involved with the conduct of Examinations for their untiring efforts to ensure smooth and successful conduct.

SDM Karnah Reviews Stock Position

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Karnah, Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Rather today convened a meeting of concerned officers/officials and gas dealers to review the stock position of essential commodities including ration and LPG supply in the border subdivision ahead of winter.

The meeting was informed that there is a sufficient stock of essential commodities available in the border subdivision to meet the requirements of the people during winter season. The stock has been dumped for the period up to June 2022 which includes 13030 quintal rice, 1173 quintal Atta, 122 quintal sugar, besides, 64000 ltr. kerosene oil and 6570 gas cylinders are also available in the area.

The meeting was also informed that an additional supply of 20000 quintal rice and 24000 gas cylinders will also be dumped in coming days to ensure adequate supply of essential commodities for the people of the sub division.

Meanwhile, the SDM stressed upon the concerned officers and dealers to ensure availability of sufficient stock of essential commodities in Karnah sub division which remains cut off from the rest of the district most of the time during the winter period. He directed them to stock additional supplies of the commodities required at an earliest so that the people could not face any inconvenience.

SHO Tangdar and Naib Tehsildar Tangdar were also present in the meeting.

Horticulture Team Visits Snow Hit Orchards Of Kulgam

Observer News Service

KULGAM: In view of the reports of damage caused to fruit trees and fruit crop by heavy rain and snowfall occurred on 23/10/2021, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director General Horticulture, Kashmir on Sunday visited various snow hit orchards of Kulgam district viz. Chawalgam, Nihama, KB Pora, Khul, Ahmadabad, Noorabad Waripora, Mirhama, Kulgam, DK Marg etc. and took stock of the situation.

He was accompanied by Joint Director Horticulture, Kashmir, concerned Chief Horticulture officer and various field functionaries. Concerned SDM, representatives of Krishi Vikas Kendra,

concerned Tehsildar, Members of Panchayati Raj Institute also accompanied the Director General.

The Director General said that the Department has already issued a detailed advisory in this regard and urged the farmers to follow the advisory in letter and spirit.

He further said that there are strict instructions from Advisor Farooq Ahmad Khan and Principal Secretary to Government, Horticulture Department, J&K Navin Kumar Chaudhary regarding assessment of damage caused due to the untimely snowfall. He accordingly directed the field functionaries to comply the instructions and report the same within the stipulated time.

Womens College M A Road Celebrates Iconic Week Event

Speakers Highlight The Contributions Of Alamdar-e-Kashmir, Lal Ded

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: To mark the celebration of Iconic Week Festival, Govt College for women among different colleges and Universities of Kashmir, held a day long programme under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav to remember two famous spiritual icons of valley, Sheikh ul Alam and Lala Ded besides highlight their contribution in sprouting communal harmony, love and compassion for co-existence.

At the outset of the programme the students of college performed a welcome song, Hamud Bari Tallah and Qawali which amused and mesmerized audiences of professors, scholars, educationists, students, writers, poets, sufis and others.

Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Naseem Aman while welcoming the guests and audiences stressed on the relevance of the teachings of Shaikh-ul-Alam (RA) and Lal Ded. She said we feel honored to organize a programme on the teachings, contribution of two spiritual icons and their influence on the culture of Kashmir since centuries. She said it is a great opportunity to shed light on facets of the lives of these two luminaries. Vice Chancellor of Cluster University, Srinagar, Prof. DR. Qayyum Hussain, who was chief guest on the occasion, while expressing his respect for Lala Ded and Sheikh ul Alam said that although Alamdar-e-Kashmir and Lal Ded belong to Kashmir, their message is universal.

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- Mughal Road - (Closed)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Closed)

This Day in History

- 1930 - 1st scheduled transcontinental air service began
- 1932 - Benito Mussolini promises to remain dictator for 30 years
- 1935 - Hurricane-produced floods kill 2,000 in Jeremie & Jacmel Haiti
- 1938 - Japanese troops occupies Hankou & Wuhan
- 1944 - Battle at Cape Engano: 4 Japanese ships sink
- 1944 - Battle at Samar-island
- 1944 - Battle in Straits of Surigao: Japanese fleet destroyed
- 1951 - Peace talks aimed at ending Korean War resumed in Panmunjom
- 1952 - Nazar Mohammad scores Pakistan's 1st Test century 124* v India
- 1955 - Austria resumed its sovereignty after departure of last Allied occupation forces, for 1st time since German occupation of 1938
- 1955 - Tappan sells 1st microwave oven
- 1960 - 1st electronic wrist watch placed on sale, NYC
- 1960 - Cuba nationalizes all remaining US businesses
- 1971 - Belgium & People's Republic of China establish diplomatic relations
- 1971 - General Meeting of UN agrees to admit People's Republic of China
- 1971 - United Nations votes to expel the Chinese Nationalist ruled Taiwan and admit the Communist People's Republic of China
- 1974 - US Air Force fires 1st ICBM
- 1975 - USSR's Venera 10 makes day-side Venus landing
- 1977 - Digital Equipment Corporation releases OpenVMS V1.0.
- 1978 - Israeli government approves "in principle", a draft compromise peace
- 1979 - USSR performs underground nuclear test
- 1981 - 200,000 demonstrate in Brussel against cruise missile
- 1983 - US invades Grenada, a country 1/2,000 its population (US Wins!)
- 1984 - USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR
- 1985 - Kosmos 1700 communications satellite placed in geostationary orbit
- 1986 - International Red Cross ousted from South Africa
- 1991 - Aaqib Javed takes 7-37 in 10 overs v India in cric 1-day at Sharjah
- 1992 - Lithuania holds a referendum on its first post-Soviet constitution.
- 1997 - After a brief civil war which has driven President Pascal Lissouba out of Brazzaville, Denis Sassou-Nguesso proclaims himself the President of the Republic of the Congo.
- 2000 - A team led by Brigitte Senut and Martin Pickford discover Orrorin tugenensis, one of the earliest species on the human family tree that lived about 6 million years ago, in the Tugen Hills, Kenya
- 2001 - Windows XP first becomes available
- 2004 - Fidel Castro, Cuba's President, announces that transactions using the American Dollar will be banned by November 8
- 2007 - The first Airbus A380 passenger flight, operating for Singapore Airlines, with flight number SQ 380, flying scheduled service between Singapore and Sydney, Australia.
- 2009 - The 25 October 2009 Baghdad bombings kills 155 and wounds at least 721.
- 2012 - Hurricane Sandy makes landfall in Cuba and Haiti killing 65 people and causing over \$80 million in damage
- 2012 - The double dip recession in the UK economy ends with growth of 1.0% in GDP in the third quarter of 2012, with help from the London Olympic Games
- 2013 - 74 Boko Haram members killed in a coordinated assault in Borno State, Nigeria

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'Kashmiri' Held With \$71,000 In New Delhi

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI- Busting the second major currency racket in the capital in a week, the enforcement directorate (ED) has arrested a person and recovered huge quantities of foreign and Indian currencies from his possession!

Acting on a tip-off, ED officials searched a person, hailing from Kashmir, and recovered 71,083 dollars (over Rs 32 lakh), Rs 90,000 worth Indian currency and some documents from his car, ED special director KR.Bhargava said here today. He said the car was also seized and the Delhi

police had been asked to check the person's, antecedents whether he had any links with militants in Kashmir.

ED sleuths had recovered nearly Rs one crore in Indian as well as foreign currency during raids last week at 11 premises belonging to ten global hawala operators and foreign exchange racketeers.

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K O V I E W

Bitter and
Beautiful

Now has been cardinal in the symbolism and representation attached with Kashmir. Quite obviously, it is touted as an integral constituent of the paradise imagery in Kashmir. However, winter is what it is — a season — an essential arrival in the cycle of nature's functioning.

This year, winter has knocked very early. As such, objectively, this arrival is an unwelcome one. However, with the aura of connotations that accompany it in the context of Kashmir — the reactions it invited were dual.

For one section, especially those merely concerned with an idyllic view of nature, snow was a warm welcome early guest. These included NRKs who bridge distance with nostalgia. Still others were those cozy and comfortable — viewing winters from a nonchalant distance and perhaps protected by privilege.

For others, snow spilled milk on a year's worth of toil. This was especially true of apple orchard owners and workers who were pining to prevent weather predictions through prayers. But as snow froze over their fates on Saturday, all hell broke loose. With the news of the impending arrival of early winters, harvesting was sped up but it was still too early to prevent loss. Worse still, the Horticulture sector has had difficult winters since the past few years and this year proved no better.

Therefore, one grid of social media was abuzz with winter carols on picturesque clicks and the other half wore a pall of gloom with apple growers mourning the loss of the fruit of their harvest.

It's true that nature has a magnetic pull and praise is inevitable. However, it is also important to make sure that all are party to this privilege of enjoying nature. This will only be possible when we look and live equitably. Take active steps in ensuring that all of nature's vagaries are dealt with a conscious and compassionate camaraderie.

OTHER OPINION

Technology in classroom
a double-edged sword

Since the dawn of civilization, technology has been making huge leaps and bounds. In the blink of an eye, humans went from rubbing two sticks together to create fire to creating fully functioning electric cars. The classroom is no different. But is it for better or for worse?

The average classroom hasn't been exempt from the rapid growth of technology. From pencils to styluses, chalkboards to smart-boards and tablets. These are just some examples of how technology has changed in the classroom. However, they all come as a double-edged sword.

Modern day college students have the entirety of humanity's knowledge at their fingertips. Within a couple of key clicks, students could be gathering knowledge in mere minutes, saving what would have taken others in the past days or weeks.

Along with the plethora of knowledge, there are also new collaborative opportunities that previously did not exist. For example, a group paper. Previously, students would have to either all meet together to write the paper, or, keep handing off unfinished copies, one person adding onto the next. Now, a team member can set up a Google Doc, and within minutes, everyone can be writing on the same document, hassle free.

But that's all just about the students. What about the teachers? Teachers can now (almost) seamlessly integrate software into their classrooms. If a teacher wants to get a quick poll of the class or give a pop quiz, all they have to do is put out a TopHat question. Along with this, students now have access to educational licenses of powerful softwares that allow teachers to create lesson plans that tailor more to hands-on learning. It's one thing to learn about coding, but it's another to be able to do it outside of the classroom.

Obviously, those are just a few of the great benefits technology can bring to the classroom for both teachers and students.

However, there is also a dark side.

One of the most common downsides to the increase in technology in the classroom is distractions. For example, how often have you been trying to pay attention in a lecture, just to see that the student in front of you is playing a game on their computer? Now that's all you can concentrate on.

And that is just your stereotypical distraction. What about ones that aren't meant to be distractions at all? Say you're trying to take notes on your tablet and you get a notification. Before you know it, you're on Facebook and didn't listen to a word of lecture.

Another negative is that not every student has access to technology. Some students spend hours upon hours in a computer lab trying to do the work others might have completed during class on their laptop.

In the end, it's easy to see the massive benefits bringing technology into the classroom has as well as its potential downsides. Just like in life, everything is beneficial in moderation, even with the benefits and pitfalls that could arise while using it.

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Will South Asia go Blind?

P Chidambaram

Pluralism is a reality. Every country must learn to live with people who belong to different cultures, practise different faiths, speak different languages and follow different mores. What bind a nation are acceptance and mutual respect. In recent years, India has failed in this regard

Boundaries define countries. Boundaries cannot contain people. The history of the world has many examples of large numbers of people migrating from one country to another. The 20th century was — and now the 21st century is — noteworthy for migration.

There is a body called the International Organisation of Migration (IOM) as part of the United Nations system. Founded in 1951, the IOM recognised the link between migration and economic, social and cultural development as well as the right to freedom of movement. Migration — both internal and external — cannot be stopped. (There are 65 million inter-state migrants in India.) We can only work, as the IOM does, to “help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration”.

Migration of millions

Partition is a cause of migration. War is another. India has witnessed both. The Partition of India in 1947 is believed to have caused one of the largest ‘forced’ migrations in human history — estimated at nearly 18 million. Before and after the Liberation war that gave birth to Bangladesh, 8-9 million refugees came to India. Most settled in West Bengal, a significant number settled in Assam. They included Hindus and Muslims. At the same time, millions of Muslims stayed back in India, thousands of Hindus and Sikhs stayed back in Pakistan and a large number of Hindus stayed back in Bangladesh. Of the three, India and Bangladesh, self-declared secular republics, are under severe test.

Over the years, millions of Indians, including Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs, migrated to the

United States. We proudly call them the Indian diaspora, but they are a minority in a secular, but largely Christian, country. So are the Indian migrants settled in many European countries, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The Indian government is legitimately concerned when any of them becomes a victim of racial or religious prejudice.

Majoritarian agenda

213 million Muslims have their home in India where their forebears lived. Similarly, 15 million Hindus (out of a population of 160 million) in Bangladesh are descendants of families

Minister Sheikh Hasina and her firm instructions to her home minister.

Pluralism is here

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that did not migrate to India either during Partition or the Liberation war.

Both groups of Muslims — descendants of Indian citizens and migrants — reside in India. They are, from time to time, victims of religious prejudice. Yet, the Modi government refuses to protect them or condemn the violence against them. If any country raises questions, the Modi government warns them against ‘interference in the internal affairs of India’. Contrast the concerns expressed by India when Hindus and Hindu places of worship were attacked in Bangladesh. Consider also the forthright statements of Prime

ent cultures, practise different faiths, speak different languages and follow different mores. What bind a nation are acceptance and mutual respect. In recent years, India has failed in this regard.

Violence seems to have taken the place of tolerance. That is abhorrent anywhere, any time. Violence will breed violence. An eye for an eye will render the world blind. Ask yourself, who said that?

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Through the Stock Glass

I have been learning to trade stocks for three months. During this period, I attempted to learn and comprehend the stock market using the internet's tools. I made a profit of one rupee when I initially started Intraday stock trading. Although this is a little sum, it has piqued my curiosity in the stock market. With numerous great profits and big losses so far, the stock market has given me the opportunity to discover and feel many untouched parts of life. The first point to remember is that stock trading is not a speculative activity. Those who fantasise about becoming wealthy through chance have no place here. The stock market provides opportunities for individuals who behave with discipline, patience, and understanding while making decisions.

When I am learning how to trade stocks, I realise how valuable time is. In a fraction of a second, stock prices rise or decrease. A skilled tender must make the proper judgment to enter into a trade or quit a trade that has already been taken in such situations. The heartbeat begins to increase when the value of a purchased stock rises or falls. There is no need to make decisions based on your emotions in this case.

As with any trade, there is the possibility of making a profit or a loss. However, in the stock market, luck is not enough. Instead, the trade must be made after calculating the profit or loss ahead of time. I need to decide how much profit or loss I want to make from the trade. Failure to do so could result in serious consequences. All of this is true in my circumstance as well. People frequently engage in stock trading in response to positive or negative news about a stock. However, I thought it to be a hazardous move on my part. Trading without a thorough understanding of the stock's volatility raises our risk of losing money.

Professionals can also be found on the stock exchange. Just as being a doctor necessitates an extensive study and the development of practical abilities, stock trading necessitates ongoing education. When we invest our money in stock trading, both fear and greed take over. I did not get out of the trade on time, even after taking profits several times, and I ended up losing a lot of money. Controlling both the greed of large profits and the fear of loss in the proper way is critical.

My most important lesson is that in order to become a successful stock trader, one must learn to adjust to the market over time. I believe that stock trading is the best method to grow as an emotionally mature person.

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Peep Into The Pinhole! **NETFLIX**
Ten "Palestinian Stories" To Stream Of Netflix



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Curated by Front Row Films Entertainment, a leading film distribution company in the Middle East and North Africa – Netflix is now streaming "Palestinian Stories". Featuring 32 films and documentaries, the collection highlights the plight and power of Palestinians living under Israeli occupation. Through different stories it explores the physical as well as psychological impact of the Palestinian conflict on its people. Launched in October, most of the movies are also available on Netflix India. Here's a list of 10 works you can watch right away:

- 1. Children of Shatila by Mai Masri (1998)**
Filmmaker Mai Masri focuses on the daily lives of two children who have grown up in Beirut's Palestinian Shatila refugee camp.
- 2. Divine Intervention by Elia Suleiman (2002)**
Separated by a checkpoint, Palestinian lovers from Jerusalem and the West Bank arrange clandestine meetings in this acclaimed satire on life on both sides of the Palestinian-Israeli border.
- 3. The Present by Farah Nabulsi (2020)**
Yusef and his young daughter set out in the West Bank to buy his wife a gift on their wedding anniversary.
- 4. Ghost Hunting by Raed Andoni (2017)**
Ghost Hunting is a 2017 Palestinian documentary film directed by Raed Andoni and starring Ramzi Maqdisi. It was awarded the best documentary at the Berlinale 2017.

- 5. Salt of this Sea by Annemarie Jacir (2009)**
Soraya, 28, who lives in New York, is of Palestinian Muslim origin. What Soraya experiences on returning to Palestine, which is now under Israeli Jewish rule, is the basis of the film.
- 6. 3000 Nights by Mai Masri (2015)**
After giving birth to a son in an Israeli prison, a young Palestinian fights to protect her newborn and keep hope alive behind bars.
- 7. A World Not Ours by Mahdi Fleifel (2014)**
Three generations of a family live in exile in a refugee camp in southern Lebanon, trying their best to survive.
- 8. Chronicle of a Disappearance by Elia Suleiman (1998)**
An experimental reflection on the psychological effect of political instability on the Palestinian people.
- 9. Maradona's Legs by Firas Khoury (2019)**
During the 1990 World Cup, two young Palestinian football fans set out to find the last missing piece of their sticker album and win an Atari
- 10. A Drowning Man by Mahdi Fleifel (2017)**
Alone and away from home, a Palestinian man paces the streets of Athens as he contends with his new life in exile. This film earned a BAFTA Award and was nominated for the Palm d'Or at Cannes.

Note: All descriptions are courtesy Netflix India

Cuts On Canvasses



Sunil Kataria

DABWALI: In a small salon in a nondescript town in northern India, a haircut is not just a trim or a crew cut but an opportunity to get some art embossed

IN THE BEGINNING

we used to give anyone we could get hold off free haircuts so that we could practice our skills on them. Some days we used to practice till 2.00 a.m., because during the day we used to run the regular salon," Rajwinder, the younger of the two brothers, told Reuters in an interview.

on the back of your head. Brothers Rajwinder Singh Sidhu and Gurwinder Singh Sidhu in Dabwali town in India's Punjab state are now famous in their small part of the world for giving haircuts

shaped in images of the customer's choice. From the Taj Mahal, complete with its many turrets and towers, to a lifelike portrait of pop star Michael Jackson, the brothers use a range of trimmers, scissors and pencils, among other tools, to get every minute detail of hairdos correct. "In the beginning we used to give anyone we could get hold off free haircuts so that we could practice our skills on them. Some days we used to practice till 2.00 a.m., because during the day we used to run the regular salon," Rajwinder, the younger of the two brothers, told Reuters in an interview. These days the brothers, aged 29 and 31, charge anywhere between \$20-\$30 for their special hairdos, and say they have plans to take their business outside of India as well. From requests of images of Bollywood stars to popular sportspersons and even an impression of Mickey Mouse, the brothers' salon is seeing a steady stream of customers who want to draw attention to themselves at social gatherings or events but do not want something lasting, like traditional tattoos. "Today, I got a tattoo of the Taj Mahal. The monument is very beautiful and with this tattoo, I will stand out in the crowd," said salon customer Darbar Singh, showing off his brand new haircut.

Reuters

It's Lit

Here are Speaking Tiger's October Titles to cop this autumn. Read onto find the texts that would interest you.

I HAVE NOT SEEN MANDU A FRACTURED SOUL-MEMOIR
Swadesh Deepak
Translated by Jerry Pinto

When Swadesh Deepak—celebrated Hindi playwright and short-story writer—arrives at PGI, Chandigarh, after having tried to set himself on fire, the doctors don't know if he belongs in the burns unit or in the psychiatric ward. He's living a 'curse'. A dangerous seductress—his Mayavini—is taking revenge for his insulting rebuff at her wish to visit with him the famous lovers' palace in Mandu. She comes to him at night, sometimes with three white leopards, and she leaves the smell of her body in his nostrils. When he tries to kill himself, she tells him he will not die. He is firmly in her clutches, but he will tolerate anything for her, from humiliation at the hands of acquaintances to carnivorous worms under his skin. This fractured, shattering narrative—among the most unusual books ever published in India—records Deepak's descent into madness and his brief, uncertain recovery. Shortly after it was published, he left home for a walk one morning and never returned. As the translator, Jerry Pinto, writes in his introduction: "[Deepak's] words carry all the scars of who he was and what his illness had made of him... His voice echoes from the bottom of a well."

THE GARDEN OF HEAVEN A NOVEL
Madhulika Liddle

A magnificent stone frieze—built up into curves and flourishes, peacocks and curving vines and trailing leaves—runs like a thread through this gripping, sweeping saga that spans a period of two hundred years between two invasions of Dilli—that of Muhammed of Ghur in 1192 CE, and Timur in the winter of 1398. For whom was it carved, and what happened to it as family fortunes and dynasties rose and fell? Ten-year-old Madhav comes to Dilli after his world is torn apart by the battle in which Prithviraj Chauhan loses his throne and his life, paving the way for the Delhi Sultanate. In the teeming city, Madhav starts a career as a stone carver, and the craft becomes a manifestation of his very being. It eventually inspires him to create his masterpiece, a stone frieze

TBR: October Titles

Speaking Tiger

that he calls the Garden of Heaven. Running parallel to Madhav's story is that of another family of stone carvers—Nandu, his arrogant daughter Gayatri, and Gayatri's daughter, Jayshree, who befriends an unusual, headstrong young woman who wears the clothes of a man and one day leads her army into battle as Razia Sultan. A gentle courtier named Amir Khuro also plays a part in this grand drama, as does Ibrahim, whose forbidden love for Chhoti brings two families together. And then there is poor and lonely Shagufta, who rescues Nasiruddin, a wounded Timurid soldier, and to distract him from his agony, tells the story of her city and herself...A richly human, layered and dramatic narrative about Delhi on the threshold of a new phase in its long and eventful history, The Garden of Heaven holds the reader in thrall till the end.

POW 1971 A SOLDIER'S ACCOUNT OF THE HEROIC BATTLE OF DARUCHHIAN
Major General Vijay Singh

The war with Pakistan in December 1971 lasted barely two weeks. It concluded on 16 December with a victory for India and the formation of Bangladesh. But there is a lesser known side to this epic military confrontation—that of the western front, namely Jammu and Kashmir. While many contests on this side of India's border were won, some battles were ill-fated. The heroic battle at Daruchhian in the Poonch Sector was one of them. A cone-shaped feature, approximately 1,000 metres in height, Daruchhian was of great tactical significance. The fierce clash on its slopes on the night of 13 December, however, could not ensure its capture. Many Indian soldiers were martyred, and the survivors taken prisoner, including Brigadier (then Major) Hamir Singh, VtC. Heavily injured in battle, he underwent a prolonged recovery at the Command Military Hospital, Rawalpindi, followed by an internment at the POW camp in Lyallpur. Hamir Singh's eyewitness account, recorded by the author, his son Maj Gen Vijay Singh, narrates in riveting detail what took place on that fateful night and what followed. From battle plans that were too perfect to succeed, to soldiers who didn't give up, enemies who honoured each others' professionalism, Pakistanis

nostalgic about pre-Partition India, and the shared sorrow and joy that dissolve boundaries of nation and religion, POW 1971 gives us a view of war, valour and humanity that is as heart-wrenching as it is moving.

ENCOUNTER WITH KIRAN FRAGMENTS FROM A RELATIONSHIP
Nayantara Sahgal

When they first met in 2002 at a literary festival, Nayantara Sahgal was a veteran of more than twenty books; her debut work, the memoir Prison and Chocolate Cake, was published in 1954. Kiran Nagarkar had published his first novel, Saat Sakkam Trechalis, in Marathi in 1974, and his first work in English, Ravan and Eddie, twenty years later. Sparks didn't fly at that first encounter. It was only in 2014, when Nagarkar wrote to Sahgal about Mistaken Identity and other books of hers that he had read, that she invited him to lunch at her home in Dehradun—and thus began a correspondence that lasted until Nagarkar's death in 2019. As they discussed each other's work, their almost daily exchange of emails grew into a sharing of concerns: Nagarkar's chronic ill-health, Sahgal's grief on the death of her 23-year-old grandson, Zum, and through it all, their distress at the rise of violent majoritarianism and the loss of democratic ideals in their beloved country. Emails don't, observes Sahgal, 'have the prestige of letters, but they have an immediacy that letters can't have. Our mails made for the sense of a presence nearby with whom it became natural to share views, feelings and daily doings'. United by their love of books and their politics, separated by distance—Nagarkar in Mumbai, Sahgal in Dehradun—this immediacy was the key to a friendship that remains an enigma to an outsider. For Sahgal, the emotions appear to be those of a friend, albeit a close and loving one. For Nagarkar, 72 to Sahgal's 87 when the correspondence began, the feelings run deeper; he misses her constantly, and proclaims his love. This collection of mails is a rare and poignant document, an intimate glimpse into the life and times of two extraordinary writers who drew strength from each other in their personal and political battles.

THE BOY FROM SHENKOTTAI

Stuart Blackburn

The Madras Presidency, 1911. It is 10:35 a.m., the appointed hour. A boy barely into manhood, a British officer for the Crown, and a loaded pistol will create a moment in history, the echoes of which are still faintly heard today. Vanchinathan, a young boy from a poor Tamil family living in Shenkottai, at the foothills of the western ghats, defies his family and goes far away to attend college. Carried away in the rising tide of anger against colonial rule, he finds himself drawn to one of the militant traditionalist groups opposed to the British Raj. He is recruited, trained to be an assassin and tasked with a secret mission: he must kill Robert Ashe, a British officer who has earned the ire of Vanchi's mentors by suppressing a riot and jailing its leader. Buffeted by self-doubt and ideological misgivings, Vanchi finds himself on a knife-edge. As Ashe's luxury train waits at an isolated station, will Vanchi raise his gun and shoot? Drawing upon a true story, Stuart Blackburn weaves together history, legend and narratives from South India's colonial past to deliver a gripping yet nuanced novel.

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CIVILIZATIONS FROM MESOPOTAMIA TO THE AZTECS
Subhadra Sen Gupta

Illustrated by Devashish Verma

Did you know... The Chinese were the first civilization to introduce the concept of exams? The Indus Valley Civilization was perhaps the cleanest and most organized of all civilizations? There used to be an Inca king who would dust himself with gold? Dive into these and many more nuggets of information about the world's earliest civilizations. Here you will read about the Egyptian rulers who built lavish tombs for their afterlife; about Greece, the first European civilization that gave us philosophers and mathematicians as well as the cherished concept of democracy; the builders and architects and the gladiators and warring emperors of Rome; and about Africa, the continent where gold and libraries abounded. In her unique and engaging style, Subhadra Sen Gupta takes us on a journey around the world, and tells the known and little-known stories about our origins. Well-researched and filled with captivating illustrations, The Story of the First Civilizations will delight and educate readers everywhere.

Abdullah Expresses Surprise Over Shah's Comment On Restoration Of J-K statehood

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JAMMU: National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah on Sunday expressed surprise over Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood would be restored after assembly elections.

He said urges and aspirations of people have to be satiated for lasting peace in the Union territory.

Abdullah expressed surprise over the logic being advanced by the central leadership that the statehood will be restored after completion of the delimitation of constituencies and holding of elections.

It is strange, he said and

recalled the all-party meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi a few months ago in which he took up these issues.

Modi had at that point of time asserted that the gap between New Delhi and J-K would have to be bridged by winning over the hearts Hearts cannot be won by undermining the status of Jammu and Kashmir, which was bifurcated and then downgraded, the NC leader said while addressing a public meeting at Mendhar in Poonch district.

Defending the BJP-led NDA government's decision to revoke Jammu and Kashmir's special status, Shah had on Saturday said August 5, 2019 was written in golden letters in the history of Kashmir.

He had reiterated that elections would be held in J-K after the delimitation exercise to be followed by restoration of statehood.

"Elections will happen. (Politicians from Kashmir want that the) Delimitation be stopped. Why? Because it hurts their politics. Now, such things will not stop in Kashmir.

The youth of Kashmir will get opportunities, so a right delimitation will be done, which will be followed by elections and then the status of the statehood will be restored. I have said this in the country's Parliament and this is the roadmap," Shah had said.

Abdullah further said it must have happened for the first time that a state is transformed and

downgraded as a Union territory. The urges and aspirations of the people have to be satiated for lasting peace, he underlined.

Pitching for India-Pakistan dialogue, the NC president said peace in the region will remain elusive unless a conducive atmosphere is made for talks between the two neighboring countries.

He also decried attempts of dividing the society for political gains and said this is not good for the unity of the country and integration of people.

The nation cannot afford to get fragmented into bits and pieces on the basis of religion. Elections were not to be fought on religion, as these provide an opportunity to put in place responsive governments which

serve the people in terms of development and economic emancipation, he said.

The former chief minister expressed grave concern over loss of life, and damage to standing crops and orchards due to heavy downpour, hailstorm and stormy winds across Jammu and Kashmir.

Abdullah, who is on a four-day visit to Jammu Province, also sought an exhaustive assessment by expert panels on the damage caused, saying preliminary relief in terms of financial assistance should be provided to the affected till the assessment is completed.

He also sought immediate release of compensation to the next of kin of those killed.

Indian Researchers Working On Early Landslide Detection Systems To Reduce Fatalities, Damage

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NEW DELHI: Widespread devastation, numerous road crashes and deaths caused by landslides in several parts of the country throughout the year have turned the spotlight on the urgent need for its early detection or monitoring systems.

Several groups of researchers in the country are working upon solutions to reduce landslide-induced fatalities by providing early and accurate warnings so that traffic can be stopped on certain routes and people are relocated to safer places in time.

Landslides are the third biggest natural disasters in the world, with India experiencing the biggest bulk of them -- 15 per cent of the country is prone to landslides and India has the

highest number of landslide deaths in the world.

According to experts, agencies like Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (Dehradun) and defence sector agencies like Boarder Roads Organization (BRO), Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Snow and Avalanche Studies Establishment (SASE) have been carrying out studies to minimise landslide-induced accidents and provide solutions.

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi who claim to have developed the cheapest solution for landslide monitoring system across the globe are now experimenting with the same system across railway tracks.

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4,500 Youth Clubs

on Saturday on a three-day visit, said that with the establishment of 4,500 youth clubs in J&K, the government has included the young generation in the development process so they can actively participate in designing the path to transform the entire country.

According to the official spokesperson, the Home Minister stressed upon the need for engaging youth and making them equal partners in the design and development of stability and sustainability of a prosperous J&K, and said no force can stop this wind of change and a new era will begin in Jammu & Kashmir and for this such programs (youth clubs) are necessary.

"If hope is instilled in the minds of this 70% population, if they are encouraged, if they are associated with development works, if they are focused on their education, skill development, employment and if they are made ambassadors of peace and development of Jammu & Kashmir, then no one can ever disturb the peace of this region," Shah said.

The Home Minister, as per the official spokesperson, highlighted that there are 4500 youth clubs registered all over J&K, out of which 4229 youth clubs are in rural areas, which are working to connect the youth in the respective areas with the activity of development, sports, education, employment and skill upgradation.

Applying the concept of 'Youth Club', he said, the Home Minister pointed out that it is a multi-faceted program, which also generates livelihood, advances education, skill development, economic development, grants, counseling and guidance, besides adding various aspects of healthcare up gradation to it.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir had set a goal that a youth club to be formed in every Panchayat and urban ward. I am happy to note that this milestone was achieved in a short span of time. A program has been institutionalized to provide assistance of Rs 25,000 to every youth club. Buildings have also been provided, Sports Engagement Program has been started all over J&K," the Home Minister said.

Shah, he said, further stated that the Government of India has decided to make multi-faceted use of these youth clubs for the development of the entire J&K in various areas, such as emergency management, health, communication, skills, capacity building and training.

"Every person's life is full of possibilities, but it depends on the person how he utilizes the opportunities that knock on the door. So, it is for the youth to decide whether he wants to sit with a negative mindset or ready to exploit the available opportunities with an optimistic mind and come out on the top", the Home Minister said.

"India has immense potential for every youth and Prime Minister Modi has launched start-ups and many other programs to realize their dreams. Modi ji has started several platforms through which the youth from even the smallest and remotest village of Jammu & Kashmir can showcase their power on the global stage. You need guidance, information and opportunities to tap into all these possibilities and this youth club will provide all three of these things to you," he added.

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the official spokesperson said that the Home Minister told the youth club members that his family does not have any political background, nor he is the son of any Chief Minister or MLA, but it is the beauty of democracy that by rising from the bottom, one can become the Home Minister of such a big country.

'What Did 70-Year-

also dwelled upon grass-root democracy that has been entrusted with the task of rural development in J&K post abrogation of Article 370.

"What did 70-year-old democracy give to Jammu & Kashmir? Let me tell you, it gave 87 MLAs, six MPs and three families. But PM Modi has given 30 thousand elected representatives in such a short span of time. Elections were held in 4291 constituencies in the Panchayat elections, 285 Tehsil Panchayats in the Block Development Council and 280 seats in the Zila Parishad. About 98 percent of the people voted enthusiastically and now 30 thousand elected representatives exercising their rights and serving the people of Jammu & Kashmir," the Home Minister said.

"With the introduction of a three-tier Panchayat system, the youth of Jammu and Kashmir has got the biggest opportunity of life. Youth of a village can dream to be Panch, Sarpanch, Zila Panchayat Member, MLA and Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir and they can also get elected to the Parliament of the country. Earlier, this opportunity was limited to a few families but Narendra Modi ji has made a new beginning and youth should join in a large number to further strengthen the democracy," he added.

PM's Personal Efforts

status, Shah said Modi restored the grassroots democracy and started a new phase of development in J&K where lakhs of people faced injustice under the garb of Article 370.

"After a long gap, I have come to meet my brothers and sisters in Jammu. I was a bit tense because of the inclement weather and was not sure of meeting you. But by the blessings of the Mata Vaishno Devi, the sun came out and we came together," the home minister said at a public rally here.

Heavy rains on Saturday had cast a shadow over Shah's scheduled public meeting. However, an improvement in the weather allowed the rally to go through and it was attended by thousands of people who raised high pitch pro-BJP slogans.

"Today is the birth anniversary of Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, a leader from J&K who worked for the total integration of the state with India along with Mookerjee by raising the slogan of 'ek nishan, ek vidhan and ek-pradhan'," the home minister said.

"On August 5, 2019, the Modi-led government took a historic decision and revoked the discriminatory article 370 paving the way for the development of lakhs of people of J&K who have faced injustice over the years," he said.

"It was our dream, the dream of Mookerjee and Dogra and we are happy that this dream was fulfilled in our lifetime and it was only possible because of Modi," Shah said.

He said the credit for setting up grassroots level democracy in J&K for the first time in 70 years goes to the BJP which conducted a successful panchayat, block and district development council polls along with urban local body elections.

"Anyone can become a minister and even the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir. The pahadis were being used as a vote bank but not given due representation. Now even their representative stands a chance to be the chief minister," he said.

He said that with the revocation of the controversial article, the people who have suffered immensely and faced injustice have been given their due rights.

"Now the Sikhs, Mahajans, Khatri and others have got the right to buy and sell land. West Pakistani refugees, Gorkhas, Valmikis got the citizenship rights and various other communities including Gujjars and Pahadis who were deprived of reservation rights and benefits of forests act got the benefits guaranteed by the constitution," he said, adding the women also got their rights back with the abrogation of the Article 370.

Various central laws were implemented in Jammu and Kashmir as the focus of the BJP government is to ensure development and prosperity of every citizen of the union Territory, he said. "Efforts are on to ensure gas connection to every household along with electricity and water tap connections."

CDS Rawat

Mufti said that repression was the Centre's only method to deal with the situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Even after turning Kashmir into an open air prison, Bipin Rawat's statement comes as no surprise because repression is GOLs only method to deal with the situation in J&K. It also contradicts their official narrative that all is well here, she wrote on Twitter.

The PDP chief wondered what more measures were left to be implemented after stringent, harsh & repressive measures like mass arrests, suspension of internet at will, and setting up new security bunkers.

After taking such stringent, harsh & repressive measures like mass arrests, suspension of internet at will, frisking people (not sparing even kids), seizing bikes plus two wheelers & setting up new security bunkers all over what is left to do? the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said. (with PTI inputs)

Top Army Brass

spate of civilian killings in the Union Territory in the last few weeks, they added.

The conference will take place in Delhi.

The people cited above said Chief of Army Staff General MM Naravane and the top commanders will review the country's combat readiness in eastern Ladakh where Indian and Chinese troops have been locked in a bitter standoff for 17 months, though the two sides have completed disengagement at a number of friction points.

They said the Army commanders are also likely to discuss the possible impact of the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan on the security of India and the region.

"The second Army Commanders' Conference of 2021 is scheduled from October 25 to 28 at New Delhi. Army Commanders' Conference is an apex level biannual event which is held in April and October every year," the Army said in a statement.

The conference is an institutional platform for conceptual-level deliberations, culminating in making important policy decisions for the Indian Army.

"The apex leadership of Indian Army will brainstorm on current and emerging security and administrative aspects to chart the future course for the Indian Army in the backdrop of the situation along the borders and challenges imposed by COVID-19 pandemic," the Army said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to address and interact with the top commanders of the 13 lakh-strong Army.

Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari are also scheduled to address the senior leadership of the Indian Army on avenues for promoting tri-service synergy, the Army said.

The Army commanders are also expected to deliberate on various reform measures recommended by separate internal committees, the people said.

They said the discussions on the situation in eastern Ladakh and ways to further bolster India's military preparedness in the region are likely to dominate the conference.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries erupted on May 5 last year following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas and both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

The tension escalated following a deadly clash in the Galwan Valley on June 15 last year. As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process in the Gogra area in August and in the north and south banks of the Pangong lake in February this year.

The last round of military talks on October 10 ended in a stalemate, following which both sides blamed each other for the impasse.

In a strong statement after the 13th round of talks, the Indian Army said the "constructive suggestions" made by it at the negotiations were neither agreeable to the Chinese side nor could Beijing provide any "forward-looking" proposals.

Each side currently has around 50,000 to 60,000 troops along the LAC in the sensitive sector.

Civilian Killed

Slain youth's picture showing him lying dead near his vehicle with vegetables scattered around had gone viral on social media during the day.

However, a police spokesperson in a statement issued late Sunday night said that preliminary investigation, including statements of eye-witnesses revealed that militants fired upon the area domination party (ADP) of CRPF which was retaliated.

During the cross firing, he said, an AK-47 service rifle of one of an ADP personnel, who was at the rear end was snatched by one of the "associate of terrorists".

"He was challenged and ordered to stop. However, he kept running towards the direction from where ADP party was being fired and in the meanwhile he received bullet injuries in the cross firing. One personnel of the ADP party also received injuries," he said.

In this connection, the police spokesperson said, a case vide FIR No.130/2021 under relevant sections of law stands registered in Police Station Zainapora and investigation has been initiated.

Crackdown On

Their families aren't allowing them to work now," said Qari, who operates a Blue Dart courier service in Srinagar. "If these guys have delivery brand bags, legal documents and courier company's I-cards, then why're they being forced to suffer?"

The e-commerce and logistics sector in Kashmir is still fledgling, grappling with the economic costs incurred due to the longest internet shutdown beginning August 2019.

The campaign to seize two-wheelers began days ahead of the Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Jammu and Kashmir, his first since August 2019 changes and when Kashmir was brought under direct central rule. Security in Kashmir has been stepped up with several new barricades put up and deployment of more than 5,000 additional troops following upsurge in militant violence this year.

At present, Qari said, there are around 4000 fulltime delivery executives employed by 35 courier services. Since the crackdown, around 75% of them have not reported for work. "If this Police crackdown continues, then these 4000 guys will be completely unemployed," he said.

Sheikh Samiullah, co-founder of Fast Beetle, a new Srinagar-based e-commerce start-up which employs more than 60 people, said the company has put a halt on its delivery services after police started arbitrarily seizing bikes in the city.

"More than 500 delivery executives are making their livelihoods from the delivery jobs in

Kashmir, where would they go now?" he asked, in anguish.

In a tweet, Samiullah wrote, "I wonder how on one hand the foreign investing parties are invited day in and day out to plan the possibilities in Kashmir and the local startups are pulled down with these unnecessary maintenance activities on the other hand."

The plight was shared by dozens of delivery outlets operating in the capital city, alleging that many of their delivery agents who commute on two-wheelers have been unable to show up for work since last week due to the fear of falling prey to the police crackdown.

"Since Tuesday, dozens of my delivery agents have called and complained that the police are confiscating their bikes without any specific reasons," Qazi Amaan, owner of a Kashmir-based delivery service told Kashmir Observer. "These bikes help these guys earn a living and feed their families. The police should understand that by seizing their bikes, they're not only hampering the growth of Kashmir's e-sector but also creating financial issues for these delivery agents."

He further added that they've suspended their operations because six of their bikes are currently seized and they've lost two emergency documents because of the fear-psychosis that the cops create while seizing their agent's bike.

"If this continues," Armaan said, "then courier services in Kashmir will go on an embargo."

Notably, the J&K Police has a regular social media presence and provides updates round the clock. However, it remained tight-lipped for two days on the crackdown on two-wheelers before breaking the silence on the third day.

In a tweet, the Kashmir zone police - quoting Inspector General of Police, Vijay Kumar - said that the confiscating two-wheelers and the shutting down of some internet towers was due to "terror" and "violence" and denied any link to the Amit Shah's Kashmir visit.

"We will return them [two-wheelers] after verifying their documents and identity," a police official told Kashmir Observer, adding that the rumours that police will hand over bikes on October 25 are baseless.

"Once the credibility of the biker is proved, everything will be sort out. Some seized bikes had been handed over to their owners after their registration papers were verified while some are still in custody as those vehicles were not registered in the driver's names."

Several two-wheeler owners, however, told Kashmir Observer that they were directed by police officials to secure their vehicles after October 25, incidentally the day the Home Minister's three-day visit to J&K is scheduled to come to an end

"They (police) told me not to worry and that my bike will be released only after October 25," a youngster who runs a mobile repairing shop in Nowgam told Kashmir Observer.

Kashmir Observer had, on Tuesday, reported the crackdown on two-wheelers as police stations across Srinagar brimmed with hapless owners, mostly young people, struggling to deal with the extrajudicial seizure of their vehicles.

Jailed Militant

a Pakistani national but is infact a resident of the part of Poonch district that is under Pakistani control, is alleged to be the "mastermind" behind the 2003 massacre of Kashmiri Pandits in the Nadimarg village in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

The extent of Mustafa's alleged involvement in the militancy from within the jail, 218 kilometres by road from Poonch, is not immediately known but is enough to raise alarm over breach of security in one of the most secure prisons in the erstwhile state.

According to Senior Superintendent of Police, Poonch, Vinod Kumar, fresh inputs indicated Mustafa had knowledge of hideouts in Bhata Durian forests. "Mustafa was presently in contact with Lashkar in Pakistan from his Kot Balwal cell," Kumar told Kashmir Observer. "Intelligence inputs suggested, Zia had knowledge about the hideouts in the area that the trapped militants were using."

During questioning inside the jail on Saturday, Kumar said that Mustafa "admitted that he had knowledge about fresh hideouts" and was "cooperative" with the interrogators. "He volunteered to assist the police in locating the hideouts"

According to Army sources, Mustafa was then taken on a ten-day remand by the police and taken to the site of the ongoing anti-militancy operation close to the Line of Control. There, Kumar said, "during the search trapped militants opened indiscriminate fire on the joint team of police and army personnel in which two policemen, an army jawan and Mustafa sustained injuries."

Owing to the "heavy fire", Kumar said that Mustafa "could not be extracted from the site and later, when the Police retrieved his body, he was already dead. An investigation has also

been ordered in this regard."

Army sources also told Kashmir Observer that "Mustafa had been in touch with Lashkar leaders in Pak and there were strong inputs that he knew about the hideouts that the trapped militants are presently using against the army."

The source, however, distanced the Army from Mustafa's fate. "Mustafa's remand was fully in the hands of J&K Police and army has nothing to do with it"

On October 14, five army personnel including an officer were killed in the single biggest casualty to government forces this year. On October 16, the bodies of two soldiers including an officer were recovered.

That a high profile prisoner was able to establish contact with alleged leaders of the Lashkar based in Pakistan undetected for an unspecified period of time also points to serious lapse in intelligence.

Officials of the Kot Bhalwal jail, however, pleading anonymity, said that Mustafa was transferred to the prison less than two months ago. The official told Kashmir Observer that there was no question of his contact with the outside world.

The official said that Mustafa "was lodged in an isolated cell with a sentry guarding him every time."

He added that "frequent checking of his cell was also carried out by the jail officials. There was not a single thing on him that suggested he had any contact with Lashkar or anything like that. Even today, we had carried out a check of his cell and there was no incriminating material jail officials could find there."

Snow Fury Claims

on October 24, one body was located on the spot, while another person died during the trip back," they said.

Two people survived and are being treated for hypothermia and shock, the officials added.

Parts of the valley, especially the higher reaches in south Kashmir, received moderate to heavy snowfall on Saturday.

The snowfall and rains, which started late on Friday night, triggered a mudslide that hit a tent set up by nomads in Noorpora in Tiral area of Pulwama district, leaving three people, including two women dead, and one critically injured, they said.

The nomads belonged to Reasi district in the Jammu Division, the officials added. (with PTI inputs)

Fuel Prices Hiked

in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

In Mumbai, diesel now comes for Rs 104.38 a litre, while in Delhi, it costs Rs 96.32 per litre.

This is the fifth consecutive day of the price hike. There was no change in rates on October 18 and 19, prior to which prices were hiked by 35 paise per litre each on four straight days.

While petrol has already hit the Rs 100-a-litre mark or more in all major cities of the country, diesel has touched that level in over one-and-a-half dozen states and UTs from Jammu & Kashmir to Tamil Nadu. West Bengal on Sunday became the latest state to have the nation's most used fuel above that level.

Purulia, Krishnanagar, Baharampur and Cooch Behar districts of the state had diesel above Rs 100-a-litre mark.

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

Petrol price has been hiked on 21 occasions since September 28, when a three-week-long hiatus in rate revision ended. In all, prices have gone up by Rs 6.4 a litre.

Diesel rates have been increased by Rs 7.70 per litre in 24 hikes since September 24.

Prior to that, the petrol price was increased by Rs 11.44 a litre between May 4 and July 17. The diesel rate had gone up by Rs 9.14 per litre during this period.

4.2 Magnitude

region is prone to earthquakes.

J&K Logs 72

number of people infected by the virus in the Union Territory to 331638.

Giving district-wise break-up of cases, the officials said that Srinagar reported the highest 32 new cases of virus, Baramulla 11, Kupwara 5, Budgam, Bandipora and Anantnag four each and Ganderbal two. The three districts of south Kashmir, including Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian reported no fresh cases on Sunday.

Similarly, the official spokesperson said that Poonch reported 3, Jammu, Kathua and Doda 2 each and Ramban one new case of coronavirus. No fresh cases of Covid-19 were reported from Udhampur, Rajouri, Samba, Kishtwar and Reasi districts.

"Moreover, 68 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 11 from Jammu Division and 57 from Kashmir Division," the officials said.

Teen Found

"Later, a team of police reached the spot and recovered it," he said.

To Bring Joy Back Home, Nabi's Afghanistan Look Up To Cricket



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SHARJAH: Afghanistan captain Mohammad Nabi is hoping for his team's success in the T20 World Cup and bring smiles on the faces of their fans back home, where cricket remains one of few sources of "happiness" following the country's takeover by Taliban.

Owing to the upheaval there after the radical organisation assumed power in August, the national cricket team's preparation for the T20 showpiece left a lot to be desired.

"It's not that ideal," Nabi told reporters on Sunday, a day ahead of their opening Super 12 match against Scotland here.

"Everyone knows that back home in Afghanistan, there's a lot happening from the last few months. But, from a cricket point of view, everybody is ready and prepared well for this World Cup." Nabi, who forms a fine spin trimvirate alongside Rashid Khan and Mujeeb Ur Rahman, added, "There were little issues when we arrived in Dubai, but these last two warm-up games and practice sessions prepared the team well."

"The fans are really waiting because the only happiness in Afghanistan is cricket. If we do well in the tournament and win games, the fans will be really

happy and there will be a lot of smiles on faces."

Nabi insisted that he will try his best to get his team to play as a unit. "Just at the last moment, I was made the captain. I will try my best to bring my team (together) as a unit. We will try our best and are doing that from the last one and a half weeks. We know each other very well from last few years."

He also said that his players are familiar with the conditions in the UAE having played there quite often in recent years.

"We have played a lot of cricket in the UAE and we know the conditions, like how it's worked and every player knows that as well. Insha Allah, we'll do our best," said Nabi during the pre-match press conference.

Nabi said he was pleased to see Scotland and Namibia qualifying for the Super 12 stage of the tournament. Afghanistan, who have made a lot of progress in recent years, were a direct entrant into the Super 12s.

"It's really tough. In the qualifying round, most of the time, we were doing it. It's really tough to qualify for the next round. I'm really happy about the performances of Namibia and Scotland. They did really well in the tournament and are now in our group. We are really happy to play the Super 12 here."



IND VS PAK T20 WC: Pakistan team celebrate early on while India captain Kohli stands a lonely figure in the two teams' opening clash in Dubai.

Shakib Becomes Highest Wicket-Taker In T20 World Cups

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SHARJAH: Bangladesh's premier all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan on Sunday became the leading wicket-taker in the history of T20 World Cups, surpassing former Pakistan skipper Shahid Afridi when he dismissed Sri Lanka's Pathum Nissanka during their Super 12 match here.

Shakib entered the game with 39 wickets in 28 matches.

Having produced a match-winning spell (4/9) against Oman in the preliminaries, Shakib, one of the world's leading all-rounders, found himself among the wickets in the team's first Super 12 game, against Sri Lanka.

Afridi picked 39 wickets in 34 matches.

Shakib went past Afridi's re-



cord when he used his vast experience to get the better of Nissanka with a lighted delivery.

Two balls later, Shakib bowled Avishka Fernando for his 41st wicket in the tournament.

With Bangladesh having

made the Super 12s and guaranteed to play at least five matches, it was only a matter of time before the left-arm spinner bettered Afridi's record.

Shakib is also the current highest wicket-taker in T20Is.

Keeping Calm Under Pressure Was Key Vs SA: Stoinis

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DUBAI: Australian all-rounder Marcus Stoinis on Saturday said the key to getting his side over the line in a nervy run chase against South Africa in their T20 World Cup 2021 Super 12 opener was keeping cool under pressure.

Stoinis struck a vital 24 not out from 16 deliveries and formed a crucial unbeaten partnership of 40 with Matthew Wade in the final 26 balls to see Australia home with five wickets and two deliveries to spare in pursuit of the Proteas' 118/9.

Josh Hazlewood was the pick



of the bowlers for Justin Langer's side as Australia picked up wickets at regular intervals to limit South Africa's progress despite the best efforts of Aiden Markram, who made 40 from 36 balls.

"The main thing for me there was trying to stay as calm as I can and for a Greek-Australian, that's pretty hard," said Stoinis, accord-

ing to the ICC.

"You saw a bit of emotion come out towards the end, but the main thing is Wadey and I were just communicating, trying to sort out who was going to bowl each over and making a plan and then staying calm from there."

Australia had slipped to 38 for three in reply before Steve Smith and Glen Maxwell navigated the middle overs with a partnership of 42. Both departed in the space of three balls but Stoinis and wicket-keeper Wade kept level heads to get the runs required but the former admitted it was not always easy going out in the middle.

Khalid Jamil Becomes First Indian Head Coach Of ISL Club

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

GUWAHATI: Khalid Jamil has become the first full-time Indian head coach in the history of the Indian Super League with NorthEast United FC offering him the top job ahead of the upcoming season.

Jamil, 44, guided the Highlanders to the semi-finals after taking over in an interim capacity from Gerard Nus last season.

Jamil oversaw a remarkable reversal of fortunes last season as the team, after a spate of defeats, made the last four following an unbeaten nine-match run.

A former midfielder, Jamil is an experienced campaigner in Indian football having coached the likes of Mohun Bagan and East Bengal.

His biggest success story though came at Aizawl FC, guiding the Mizoram club to a stunning I-League triumph in 2017. He had previously coached Mumbai FC for seven years keeping the club afloat in the top division.

Born in Kuwait to Indian parents, Jamil was a midfielder in his playing days and represented clubs like Mahindra United, Air India and Mumbai FC also had offers from Kolkata heavyweights Mohun Bagan and East Bengal.



lionaire Sanjiv Goenka are also considered to be serious bidders for a new franchise.

Whether RPSG would have any individual or other company as a part of consortium is still not known.

"Gautam Adani and Sanjiv Goenka are the biggest names in the Indian industry. They will be serious bidders. Expect a minimum bid of INR 3500 crore from the

potential bidders. Don't forget that IPL broadcast rights is projected around USD 5 billion (Rs 36,000 Crore).

"So the economics will work accordingly as franchises get the TV revenue share equally," a BCCI insider tracking the developments told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

For the record, Goenka owned the Pune Franchise

Rising Pune Supergiants (RPS) for two years and is also the owner of ISL franchise ATK Mohun Bagan.

There has been buzz that Lancer group, which is owned by Manchester United owner Avram Glazer, has also picked up the bid document.

The other notable companies which are in fray comprise Kotak group, pharmaceutical majors Aurobindo Pharma and Torrent group.

The two cities that are favourites in terms of stadium capacity are Narendra Modi Stadium in Motera with more than 100,000 capacity while the one is Ekana Stadium in Lucknow with 70,000 capacity.

T20 WC: Sri Lanka Earn 5-Wicket Win Over Bangladesh



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SHARJAH: Young left-hander Charith Asalanka smashed an unbeaten 80 off 49 balls while fellow southpaw Bhanuka Rajapaksa made a quickfire half-century as Sri Lanka beat Bangladesh by five wickets in their T20 World Cup Super 12 Group 1 match here on Sunday.

Sri Lanka suffered a mid-innings mini batting collapse but recovered in time to chase down the target of 172 with seven balls to spare, thanks to brilliant half centuries from Asalanka and Rajapaksa (53 off 31 balls) with the duo stitching 86 runs in quick time for the fifth wicket in just 8.4 overs.

The 24-year-old Asalanka, who has played just eight ODIs and four T20Is before Sunday's match, held the Sri Lanka innings together, hitting five fours and as many sixes in his entertaining unbeaten knock.

Coming in the 10th over, the 30-year-old Rajapaksa smashed three fours and as many sixes in his 31-ball innings as Sri Lanka reached 172 for 5 in 18.5 overs.

However Bangladesh would certainly be disappointed with their shoddy outfielding as Litton Das dropped regulation catches of both Rajapaksa and Asalanka denying his team a shot at victory.

Bangladesh got the breakthrough with the fourth delivery itself as left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed got rid of opener Kusal Perera (1) who failed to read a flatter and quicker delivery and was clean bowled.

Despite the early jolt, Sri Lanka were on the ascendency with Asalanka getting the boundaries with ease. He hoisted Nasum for two sixes in the third over and then punished Mahedi Hasan for another maximum to take Sri Lanka to 54 for 1 at the end of powerplay.

But Shakib Al Hasan triggered a mini batting collapse with two wickets—that of Pathum Nissanka (24) and Avishka Fer-

nando (0) -- in four balls.

Mohammad Saifuddin then dismissed Wanindu Hasaranga (6) as Sri Lanka lost three wickets in 10 balls for the addition of nine runs.

Sri Lanka were 80 for 4 at the halfway mark and set-batter Asalanka, who reached to his fifty off 32 balls, kept them in the hunt. He was going great guns by hoisting Mahmudullah for two sixes in the 14th over.

Sri Lanka needed 46 from the final five overs but Asalanka and new batsman Rajapaksa decisively titled the balance of the game in their favour. Rajapaksa smacked three sixes in a sensational show of batting pyrotechnics in the 16th over bowled by Saifuddin from which Sri Lanka took 22 runs.

Earlier, opener Mohammad Naim and Mushfiqur Rahim cracked impressive half centuries to steer Bangladesh to a competitive 171 for four.

Naim hit six boundaries in his 52-ball 62-run knock while Rahim remained unbeaten on 57 from 37 balls with the help of five fours and two sixes.

Bangladesh openers Naim and Liton waited for a couple of overs before playing big shots. The duo looked good for a substantial partnership before Das got out for 16 in sixth over of the bowling of Lahiru Kumara.

The dismissal led to an ugly scene between the batter and the bowler as the umpires had to step in to calm down the frayed tempers.

Kumara was seen charging towards Das who responded and the duo was seen exchanging a few words with their heads almost butting each other before they were separated. There was some pushing and shoving among the players.

Naim reached to his fifty in 44 balls in the 14th over with a four off Lahiru Kumara. He was, however, out in the 17th over as he mistimed a pull shot off giant paceman Binura Fernando, who took a catch off his own bowling.

New IPL Teams: BCCI Expects Rs 7K Cr - 10K Cr

Adani, Goenka, Aurobindo in fray

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: The Indian cricket board will be expecting the two new IPL franchises to go for Rs 7000 crore to Rs 10,000 crore each after the bidding process begins here on Monday. It is still not clear whether the BCCI will announce the successful bidders on Monday itself after doing the technical evaluation of the bids.

There are 22 companies that have picked up tender documents worth Rs 10 lakh but with base price for new teams pegged at INR 2000 crore, there is expected to be only five to six serious bidders in fray.

The BCCI is also allowing

a consortium of up to three companies/individuals to bid for a franchise.

However, in case of an individual or company, that particular entity's annual turnover should be minimum INR 3000 crore and in case of consortium, each of the three entities should have an annual turnover of INR 2500 crore.

In this scenario, one of India's richest business tycoon Gautam Adani and his Adani Group are expected to bid for the Ahmedabad franchise. Adani Group, if they finally put up a bid, are the favourites to own a new franchise.

Similarly, RPSG group which is headlined by bil-

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8. Unharvested fruit should be immediately harvested and stored properly for packaging and subsequent sale.
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