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Subject: Final seniority list of various categories of quality Control (Divisional Cadre, Kashmir) as it stood on 01.01.2021.

ORDER NO:- 647 DHHK of 2021
DATED :- 25.10.2021

Whereas, tentative seniority list of below detailed catagories of Quality Control, Divisional Cadre Kashmir as it stood on 01.01.2021, was issued / circulated for information of all the concerned vide No. DHHK/Estt/C/3599-3601, dated 09.08.2021.

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Whereas, objections, if any, were invited from the concerned officials through their concerned Head of the office / Drawing and Disbursing Officers within 21 days from the date of issue of this circular.

Whereas, Deputy Director (Quality Control) vide communication No.H&HD/QCD/Estt/63, dated 17.05.2020, submitted that no objection / representation has been received from any official /quarter within the stipulated time period, however further submitted that the date of 1st appointment of Mr. Akhlak Ahmad Shah, Analyst is 31.12.1998 instead of 13.01.1996, accordingly recommended for issue of final seniority list.

Whereas, the issue has been examined in light of the service records of the official and it has been observed that the official has been regularized w.e.f 31.12.1998, accordingly necessary corrections stand affected in the seniority list. Now therefore, final seniority list aforementioned catagories of Quality Control (Divisional Cadre, Kashmir) is hereby issued / circulated for information of all the concerned.

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Dated 25 .10.2021

NASA Finds First Signs Of Planet Outside Milky Way Galaxy

Agencies

WASHINGTON NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory has for the first time spotted signs of a planet transiting a star outside of the Milky Way galaxy, opening up a new avenue to search for exoplanets at greater distances than ever before. The possible exoplanet—or planets outside of our Solar System—candidate is located in the spiral galaxy Messier 51 (M51), also called the Whirlpool Galaxy because of its distinctive profile, NASA said in a statement. Astronomers have, so far, found all other known exoplanets and exoplanet candidates in the Milky Way galaxy, almost all of them less than about 3,000 light years from Earth. An exoplanet in M51 would be about 28 million light years away, meaning it would be thousands of times farther away than those in the Milky Way, NASA said. "We are trying to open up a whole new arena for finding other worlds by searching for planet candidates at

X-ray wavelengths, a strategy that makes it possible to discover them in other galaxies," said Rosanne Di Stefano of the Center for Astrophysics at Harvard and Smithsonian (CfA) in Cambridge, Massachusetts, who led the study. The findings are published in the journal Nature Astronomy. The exoplanet candidate was spotted in a binary system called M51-ULS-1, located in M51. This binary system contains a black hole or neutron star orbiting a companion star with a mass about 20 times that of the Sun. The X-ray transit they found using Chandra data lasted about three hours, during which the X-ray emission decreased to zero. Based on this and other information, the team estimate the exoplanet candidate in M51-ULS-1 would be roughly the size of Saturn, and orbit the neutron star or black hole at about twice the distance of Saturn from the Sun. The team looked for X-ray transits in three galaxies beyond the Milky Way galaxy, using both Chandra and the European Space Agency's

XMM-Newton. Their search covered 55 systems in M51, 64 systems in Messier 101 (the "Pinwheel" galaxy), and 119 systems in Messier 104 (the "Sombrero" galaxy). However, more data would be needed to verify the interpretation as an extragalactic exoplanet. One challenge is that the planet candidate's large orbit means it would not cross in front of its binary partner again for about 70 years, thwarting any attempts for a confirming observation for decades, NASA said. Named in honor of the late Indian-American Nobel laureate, Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, the Chandra X-ray Observatory is the world's most powerful X-ray telescope. It has eight times greater resolution and is able to detect sources more than 20-times fainter than any previous X-ray telescope. Known to the world as Chandra (which means "moon" or "luminous" in Sanskrit), Chandrasekhar was widely regarded as one of the foremost astrophysicists of the twentieth century.

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Quote!

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– Winston Churchill

NEWS DIGEST

IED Recovered In Anantnag

ANANTNAG: An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was detected and recovered by the police in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday, officials said. An official told a local news agency that the IED was detected near ● [More On P11](#)

Mughal Road Reopens After 3 Days

POONCH: Mughal road, connecting Shopian and Poonch-Rajouri districts, re-opened after remaining closed for three days amid fresh snowfall and heavy rains, officials said on Tuesday. AEE Mechanical, Mughal Road, in Surankote Sub Division Tahir Khan said snow Clearance has been completed. ● [More On P11](#)

J&K Reports 1 Death, 97 Fresh Covid Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 97 new Covid-19 cases on Tuesday while one person succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours, officials said.

Among the fresh cases, 15 were reported from the Jammu Division and 82 from Kashmir, taking the overall tally to 3,31,795. The casualty was reported from Kashmir. So far 4,431 persons – 2,176 in Jammu and 2,255 in Kashmir – have died of the virus, they said. Giving district wise ● [More On P11](#)

INDIA VS PAKISTAN AFTERMATH

Medical Students Found Cheering for Pak Booked Under UAPA



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir police has booked an unspecified number of medical students under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for celebrating Pakistan cricket team's win against India in the T20 World Cup.

A police official confirmed to Kashmir Observer that

they have registered two separate cases against those who celebrated Pakistan's victory. The official added that the investigations are on in the open FIR and the accused are yet to be identified.

The videos of the students, mostly female, showing them cheering after the Pakistani side defeated India with 10 wickets, went viral on social media ● [More On P11](#)

Agra College Suspends 3 Kashmiri Students

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: Three Kashmiri students have been suspended from a college in Uttar Pradesh for allegedly shouting slogans and uploading a WhatsApp cheering Pakistan's victory over India in the T20 world cup.

The three students were identified as Altaf Sheikh and Arshid Yousuf, both third year students, and fourth year student Showkat Ganai. ● [More On P11](#)

Those Cheering For Pak Will be Jailed: BJP

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina on Tuesday accused PDP president Mehbooba Mufti of having "Talibani ideology" and said anyone who celebrated Pakistan's recent win over India in a T20 World Cup match would be jailed for "conspiring" against the country. Mehbooba Mufti, the former chief minister, on Monday ● [More On P11](#)

'Vindictive Action': Mainstream Camp Play's FIRs

Mainstream parties in Kashmir have reacted strongly to the Jammu and Kashmir police booking students under stringent anti-terrorism laws for celebrating Pakistan's victory over India in the ongoing T20 World Cup. The police have registered two cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)

against medical students living in hostels in Government Medical College in Karan Nagar and SKIMS in Soura.

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PDP president Mehbooba Mufti accused the Centre of resorting to "vindictive" action against Kashmiri youth that will "alienate them further". ● [More On P11](#)

Grenade Blast In Sumbal, 6 Civilians Hurt

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: At least six civilians, including a woman, were injured in a grenade explosion in Sumbal area of Bandipora district of north Kashmir on Tuesday, police said.

"At about 10:20 am, militants hurled a grenade upon the Army convoy near bus stand Sumbal which missed the target and exploded on the road side," a police official said.

The explosion caused injuries to six civilians, the official said.

The injured were taken to SMHS hospital where their condition is stated to be stable, he added.

Mercury Rises In Kashmir Dry Weather To Remain Till Nov 1

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: After incessant rain and snowfall in Kashmir, temperature continued to rise across the Valley, barring Pahalgam and Gulmarg meadows where sub-zero temperature was recorded during last night, officials said on Tuesday.

An official of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said that Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 7.4°C against 6.5°C on the previous night.

Qazigund, the gateway town of Kashmir, recorded a low of 6.2°C against previous night's 4.8°C, the official said.

Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus ● [More On P11](#)

LG Attends 'Sufi Festival at Botanical Garden

Govt To Promote Iconic Role Of Sufis: LG



SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha Tuesday attended "Sufi Festival, a mystical musical evening" at Botanical garden, Srinagar showcasing the spirit of J&K.

The Sufi musical festival was organized by the J&K Tourism department to celebrate Iconic Week as a part

of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Jammu & Kashmir is blessed with rich cultural heritage, literature, and wisdom of Rishis and Sufis and the legacy needs to be shared with the world. It is home to values of communal harmony and unity in diversity, spreading the message of peace and ● [More On P11](#)

POONCH ENCOUNTER

3 Suspects Detained In Nepal

Observer News Service

POONCH: Three residents of Mendhar in Poonch district, where Army's search for militants who killed nine soldiers has exceeded two weeks, were arrested by the police from Kathmandu airport in neighbouring Nepal.

Official sources told a local news agency that the trio were reportedly trying to flee

the country on a flight to Saudi Arabia from Kathmandu but were detained before they could have boarded the plane.

Sources said that the police are questioning the trio who are suspected of providing logistics to the militants possibly hiding in dense woods of Nar Khas in Bhata Dhurian village of Poonch.

Meanwhile, police and army on Tuesday also said they have recovered ● [More On P11](#)



Shri Manoj Sinha
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'Asia Suffered Hottest Year On Record In 2020'

Agencies

United Nations: Asia suffered its hottest year on record in 2020, the United Nations said Tuesday ahead of the COP26 summit, with extreme weather taking a heavy toll on the continent's development.

In its annual "State of the Climate in Asia" report, the UN's World Meteorological Organization said every part of the region had been affected.

"Extreme weather and climate change impacts across Asia in 2020 caused the loss of life of thousands of people, displaced millions of others and cost hundreds of billions of dollars, while wreaking a heavy toll on infra-



structure and ecosystems," the WMO said.

"Sustainable development is threatened, with food and water insecurity, health risks and environmental degradation on the rise."

The report comes days before COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference being held in Glasgow from Sunday to November 12.

The report also laid bare the total annual average losses due to

climate-related hazards.

China suffered an estimated \$238 billion, followed by India at \$87 billion, Japan with \$83 billion and South Korea on \$24 billion.

But when the size of the economy is considered, the average annual losses are expected to be as high as 7.9 percent of gross domestic product for Tajikistan, 5.9 percent for Cambodia and 5.8 percent for Laos.

- Prolonged displacement -

Increased heat and humidity are forecast to lead to an effective loss of outdoor working hours across the continent, with a potential cost of many billions of dollars.

"Weather and climate hazards, especially floods, storms, and droughts, had significant impacts in many countries of the region," said WMO chief Petteri Taalas.

"Combined, these impacts take a significant toll on long-term sustainable development."

Many weather and climate-related displacements in Asia are prolonged, with people unable to return home or integrate locally, the report said. In 2020 floods and storms affected approximately 50 million people in Asia, resulting in more than 5,000 fatalities.

This is below the annual average of the last two decades (58 million people affected and about 15,500 fatalities) "and is testimony to the success of early warning systems in many countries in Asia", with around seven in 10 people covered.



Aryan Khan Case Officer In Delhi Amid Payoff Charge Against Him

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Sameer Wankhede, the Narcotics Control Bureau's Mumbai zonal director who is leading the probe in the cruise drugs case in which actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan is arrested, visited the agency's headquarters in New Delhi today.

The officer entered the NCB headquarters here in R K Puram area through a back entry gate and is expected to meet senior officers. He had landed at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport on Monday night.

Some people holding banners and certain posters declaring their support for Wankhede were seen outside the NCB headquarters.



Aryan Khan

His visit to Delhi comes in the backdrop of the NCB ordering a vigilance inquiry into the allegations made by a witness in the cruise drugs case of an extortion bid of 25 crore by some agency officials, including Wankhede, and others for letting off Aryan Khan.

The officer told media persons outside the IGI Airport that he has not been summoned by the agency but has some work here as he said he did a fair job in the drugs-on-cruise case.

Mr Wankhede on Sunday had written to Mumbai Police commissioner Hemant Nagrale, seeking protection from likely legal action "being planned" against him by unknown persons to falsely frame him concerning an alleged vigilance-related issue.

On Monday, he failed to get any relief related to an affidavit on the sensational extortion claims made by the independent witness, Prabhakar Sail, with a special court saying it cannot pass a blanket order barring courts from taking cognisance of the document.

Israel Holds Largest-Ever Military Drill With UAE Participation

Agencies

Jerusalem: Israel is holding its largest-ever air force exercise this week with the participation of several countries including the United Arab Emirates, with whom it normalised ties last year.

Amir Lazar, chief of Israeli air force operations, told reporters at the southern Ovda airbase the drills "don't focus on Iran", but army officials have said Iran remains Israel's top strategic threat and at the centre of much of its military planning.

Israel has held the so-called "Blue Flag" exercises every two years since 2013 in the Negev desert to synchronise differ-

ent types of aircraft, piloted by different countries to counter armed drones and other threats.

With more than 70 fighter jets and some 1,500 personnel participating, this year's drills are the largest-ever held in Israel, Lazar said.

Among the nations taking part are France, the United States and Germany, as well as the United Kingdom, whose aircraft flew over Israeli territory for the first time since the Jewish state's creation in 1948.

While UAE aircraft are not flying, the Emirate's air force chief was set to inspect the drills.

Lazar said the visit, set for Tuesday, was "very significant" as "someday" the nations par-

ticipating in the drill would be "working together" to counter the Iranian threat.

Tel Aviv normalised ties last year with several Arab countries, including the UAE, Bahrain and Morocco, through deals brokered by former US President Donald Trump.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei on Sunday condemned the normalisation, saying those countries had "sinned" and should reverse such moves.

"It is an act against Islamic unity, they must return from this path and make up for this big mistake," Khamenei said in a speech marking a public holiday honouring the birth of the Prophet Muhammad.

Iran Allows Fully Vaccinated Tourists After 20 Months Of Closure



Agencies

Tehran: Iran has reopened its doors to tourists vaccinated against Covid-19 after almost 20 months of closure due to the pandemic, media in the Islamic republic said Monday.

The country's anti-virus task-force approved the reopening on the advice of the tourism ministry, an official was quoted as saying on the ministry's website.

The Middle East country hardest hit by the pandemic had shut its borders to foreigners in March 2020, with the exception of medical and business trips.

The average number of international trips to and from Iran decreased by 80 percent in the year to March 20, 2021, according to the customs administration.

Iran's tourism sector recorded a deficit of \$1.2 billion during 2020-2021, according to the ministry.

"Tourists who have received two doses of anti-Covid vaccines and who can present a certificate

for a negative PCR test conducted within 96 hours can obtain a visa," ISNA news agency said.

This does not include travelers from countries considered to be high-risk by the World Health Organization.

The number of daily Covid-19 cases in Iran has declined in recent weeks after peaking in August.

Iran has registered more than 5.86 million cases of Covid infection and over 125,000 related deaths since the start of the pandemic, according to the health ministry's latest figures.

Authorities have admitted the real number of coronavirus deaths in the country is likely much higher.

About 51.1 million people have received a first dose of Covid-19 vaccine so far, with 30.1 million having been fully vaccinated, out of a population of 83 million people.

Iran also allowed worshippers to attend the main weekly prayers on Friday for the first time in 20 months.

Qatar Emir Pledges 'Equal Citizenship' After Vote Controversy

Agencies

Doha: Qatar's emir pledged "equal citizenship" on Tuesday after some people were excluded from participating in the country's first legislative elections, sparking rare debate in the wealthy Gulf country.

Only descendants of Qataris who were citizens in 1930 were eligible to vote and run for 30 of the 45 seats in this month's Shura Council polls, disqualifying members of families naturalised since then.

"To promote equal Qatari citizenship and translate it into practice... I have instructed the council of ministers to prepare the appropriate legal amendments to ensure the achievement of this goal," Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani told lawmakers at the new council's opening session.

In his first remarks on the issue, he called for combating "tribal bigotry vis-a-vis public interest or loyalty to the homeland."

This "negative aspect of tribalism" was surprising, he said, in apparent reference to isolated protests during the run-up to the elections.

Energy-rich Qatar, a US ally, has a population of approximately 2.5 million, most of whom are foreigners and ineligible to vote. Qataris number about 333,000.

Candidates were required to stand in electoral divisions linked to where their family or tribe was based in the 1930s, using data compiled by the then-British authorities.



Some members of the sizable Al-Murrah tribe were among those excluded from the electoral process, sparking a fierce debate online and sporadic protests.

Qatar signed a constitution into effect in 2005 - the first time since independence from Britain in 1971 - with the aim of introducing democratic reforms.

The constitution banned political parties but provided for legislative power to be vested in a consultative council, or parliament, made up of 45 members, two-thirds of whom would be elected. The rest are appointed by the emir.

In September, Human Rights Watch warned that Qatari law would "effectively disenfranchise thousands of Qataris from voting or running."

US Lifts Travel Curbs On India, Others, Children Exempt From Vaccine Rule



Agencies

Washington: US President Joe Biden on Monday signed an order imposing new vaccine requirements for most foreign national air travelers and lifting severe travel restrictions on China, India and much of Europe effective Nov. 8, the White House said.

The extraordinary US travel restrictions were first imposed in early 2020 to address the spread of COVID-19. The rules bar most non-US citizens who within the last 14 days have been in the United Kingdom, the 26 Schengen countries in Europe without border controls, Ireland, China, India, South Africa, Iran and Brazil.

"It is in the interests of the United States to move away from the country-by-country restrictions previously applied during the COVID-19 pandemic and to adopt an air travel policy that relies primarily on vaccination to advance the safe resumption of international air travel to the United States," Biden's proclamation says.

The White House confirmed that children under 18 are exempt from the new vaccine requirements as are people with some medical issues. Non-tourist travelers from about 50 countries with nationwide vaccination rates of less than 10% will also be eligible for exemption from the rules. Those receiving an exemption will generally need to be vaccinated if they intend to remain in the United States for more than 60 days.

The White House first disclosed on Sept. 20 it would remove restrictions in early November for fully vaccinated air travelers from 33 countries.

The World's Oldest Monarchy Is Running Out Of Royals

Japan will maintain tradition in the imperial household even if it means the end of the monarchy.

After a four-year engagement, Princess Mako, the niece of 61-year-old Emperor Naruhito, is marrying her longtime boyfriend, Kei Komuro. And because Japan's imperial law strips women of their royal status after marriage, the Princess will exit the family, leaving behind just 12 women and five men.

In addition, following controversy over their engagement, Mako turned down a 152.5 million yen (\$1.3 million) dowry that's traditionally been awarded to women in the royal family who've married, making her the first to do so since World War II.

"It's a radical departure from what is expected from women of the imperial family," said Shihoko



Goto, Deputy Director for Geoeconomics at the Wilson Center, a Washington-based think tank, and an Asian affairs specialist. "She is prepared to make financial sacrifices and uproot herself from the comfort, safety, and privileges of her life to pursue her own path."

There were 67 members of Japan's royal family after World War II. As of Tuesday, there will be just 17, and only three heirs to the throne among them: The emperor's

85-year-old uncle, Prince Masahito; his brother, Crown Prince Fumihito, age 55; and his nephew and Princess Mako's brother Hisahito, age 15. Japan is among a handful of modern monarchies that limits succession to men - Saudi Arabia, Oman and Morocco among them.

Princess Mako's wedding has spotlighted previous calls to allow women to be part of the line of succession, as a way to shore up the world's oldest, continuous, hereditary monarchy, and to bring it in line with more modern ideas about gender equality.

It's an overwhelmingly popular idea, according to a Kyodo News poll taken in March and April. Of respondents, 85% said they were in favor of a female emperor, and almost as many - 79% - said they'd support letting the empress pass the throne on to her own children.

Rajasthan teacher sacked over 'we won' post following India's loss to Pakistan

JAIPUR: A private school teacher in Rajasthan's Udaipur was sacked and a case registered against her after she posted a celebratory WhatsApp status following Pakistan's victory over India in their cricket world cup match Sunday.

Nafeesa Attari, a teacher at Neeraj Modi School Udaipur, had put out a picture of Pakistani players with the caption, "Jeeet gayeeeee... We wonnn".

After screenshots of her WhatsApp status went viral on social media, the school management terminated her.

"Yes, we have taken a decision to terminate the teacher," said school chairman Mahendra Sojatia after a meeting of the Sojatia Charitable Trust, which runs the school.

Amba Mata Police Sta-

tion SHO Narpat Singh said a case has also been registered against the teacher under Indian Penal Code section 153 (provocation with intent to cause riot).

The teacher later released a video statement apologising

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for the post, and saying she did not intend to hurt anyone's sentiment.

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ronment of fun, I replied 'Yes'. But, it doesn't mean anywhere that I support Pakistan. I am an Indian and I love India. I love India as much as everyone else does," Attari said in her video message.

She further said, "As soon

as I realised that I have made a mistake, I deleted the status message. I am sorry if I have hurt anybody's sentiments."

India lost its ICC T20 world cup opener against Pakistan by 10 wickets on Sunday.

Lifetime achievement award for author Anita Desai

Anita Desai, one of India's best-known authors, has been conferred with the Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021.

Desai's authorship has spanned more than 50 years, with memorable works such as 'Fire On The Mountain', 'Cry The Peacock', 'A Village By The Sea', 'The Clear Light Of Day', 'Baumgartner's Bombay', and 'In Custody', which was made into a Merchant Ivory film starring Shashi Kapoor, Shabana Azmi, and Amrith Puri.

Desai's blend of lyrical style, ease with different cultures, and a clear-eyed examination and confrontation of realistic truths about society and relationships, made for a unique reading experience that fast led her to occupy a leading place among her peers.





THE WALNUT SEASON STARTS EVERY AUTUMN and engages growers across the valley for the organic harvest. KO Photo Abid Bhat

500 Bedded Bemina Pediatric Hospital Starts OPD Services



Agencies

SRINAGAR: The 500 bedded pediatric hospital inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday at Bemina, starts its OPD services from today.

According to news agency MS GB Panth talking to media said that they have started the OPD services

in addition to the existing OPD. "We have all the facilities available in the OPD. Doctors, paramedical staff, consultants are on duty," he said.

"Public must take precautions in order of COVID-19 and take this hospital as their own to help us in maintaining hygiene in the hospital," he said—(KNO)

SFC Orgainses 2-Days Training Prog Field Functionaries Of Forest Deptt



KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Forest Circle is organizing two days Training Programme for Field functionaries of Forest Department, at Malhar Nursery Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal from 26th to 27th of October 2021.

Two days Training Programme on "Production of Quality Planting Material" was inaugurated by Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) J&K Forest Department, Dr. Mohit Gera at Malhar Nursery, Ganderbal

Speaking on the occasion PCCF

gave tips to the front line staff for production of robust planting stock in nurseries of the department. He also gave a Power Point Presentation on "Quality stock production for Green J&K drive" to the trainees.

Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle, Zubair Ahmed; DFO Sindh (Course coordinator) Owais Mir; DFO Tangmarg Showket Ahmed; Range Officers of Sindh Division were also present during the training event.

A total of 24 trainees from 13 different nurseries of Srinagar Circle are un-

dergoing the training, said informed an official present in the programme.

Dr Gera in his lecture talked about the essence of Composting in nurseries and the need for establishment of compost pits in each nursery of the valley. While, emphasizing the need of proper nursery equipments he stressed for making of locally adaptive tools and implementation of optimal use by a Mali of a nursery.

The PCCF physically demonstrated to the trainees the root structure of seedlings raised in poly bags as well as in root trainers. He advised for enhanced use of root trainers in department nurseries for quality stock production which has good sturdiness and optimal root-shoot ratio.

Srinagar circle has 13 nurseries across 5 territorial divisions in which around 13 lakh plants are to be raised this year with additional stocking of 2 lakh to maintain a proper age-gradation.

Registering FIR Against MBBS Students Unwarranted: CPI(M)

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: CPI (M) Secretary Ghulam Nabi Malik on Tuesday termed the police FIR against MBBS students at SKIMS and GMC Srinagar for allegedly celebrating Pakistan's win over India in the ongoing T20 World Cup as unwarranted, unnecessary and demanded immediate roll back of the charges against them.

In a statement CPI(M) said, "The past experiences reveal that such punitive actions have not helped

in achieving any results nor will it have any desired outcome this time. Winning and losing is part of any game and in a democratic set-up everybody has a choice to cheer up for his favorite team or a player."

"There are such examples where Indian fans gave a standing ovation to the Pakistan cricket team after its victory and the same things happened with Pakistani crowds cheering for India team. In 1999, the Chennai crowd gave a standing ovation to the victorious Pakistan side. The crowd applauded the fact that Pakistan on

that day was the better of the two sides," CPI(M) secretary said.

CPI (M) Secretary Ghulam Nabi Malik said that the Pakistani team reciprocated in kind to the crowd's gesture, taking a victory lap around the ground. "Nobody becomes anti-national if he supports one team or the other," he said.

"I urge upon J&K administration led by LG Manoj Sinha to immediately revoke the charges framed against the medical college students and help them to continue their degrees," he added. (KNT)

Govt. Teachers Flout Private Tuition Ban Block Job Opportunities For Unemployed Youth

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Scores of government school teachers across Kashmir division continue to indulge in private teaching practices, however government has selectively taken action a few.

As the educational institutions continue to remain shut in the Valley amid unrest in the Valley, scores of professors, assistant professors and lecturers from various university and colleges who teach students in tuition centres and stay away from duties.

Government imposed a blanket ban on private tuitions by teachers serving in state government run schools saying it amounts to "moral turpitude" and is a serious violation

of service conduct rules".

However, as per government services Act, government employees can't indulge in private businesses like teaching in tuition centres.

Sources told news agency that despite the government order, the assistant professors stationed in the government degree colleges in Pulwama disobeyed the orders of the higher education department. Several Government teachers are doing private tuitions in many villages of our district. Though few unemployed educated youth are hired just to show no in-service teacher is working there, but most of the teachers are employed with the government.

Unemployed educated youth has now urged government to set up a monitoring cell of honest and active peers to enforce the rules and regulations to hold such assistant professors and other government teaching staff accountable from time to time.(CNS)

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Archives Dept Started Week Long Cleanliness Drive In Heritage, Religious Spots



KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, has started a week long cleanliness drive as part of "Iconic week" celebration by Jammu and Kashmir government.

The event, being observed from 23rd to 29th October, envisages a slew of cleanliness activities to promote hygiene and proper sanitation in and around heritage sites, Shrines, Temples, Gurdwaras, Churches and other religious destinations.

During this week long initiative, cleanliness drives are being carried out for removal of debris, damaged and wastage items from sites having importance of historical and architectural value. Further, these drives are being conducted to make general public aware about the significance of cleanliness and hygiene in and around the heritage structures for their proper upkeep and preservation as well.

"This must be a social and moral responsibility of every citizen to keep their cultural heritage clean and intact for the

posterity", stated one of the departmental officials.

The drive is being conducted in collaboration with SMC, Srinagar; Municipality of the concerned district, concerned schools and colleges, locals, auqaf/trusts of Shrines, Temples, Gurdwaras and Churches.

So far, the drive has been conducted at various heritage structures like Temple Ambhigouri at Hariparbat Fort, Maharaja Pratap Singh's Samadi, Rambagh Srinagar, Samadhi of Maharaja Gulab Singh, Rambagh Srinagar, Jenab Sahib Masjid, Soura, Naqashband Sahab Shrine Srinagar, Hazratbal Shrine Srinagar, Amar Singh College Heritage Building, Gogijibagh Srinagar, Gousiya Shareef Sarai Payeen Srinagar, Women's College Heritage Building / Office Block M.A Road Srinagar, Women's College Laboratory Class Room, M.A Road Srinagar, Tomb Of Dedmari Malkha Nowhatta Sgr, Makhdoom Sahib Nowhatta Srinagar, Mughal Masjid Khanpur Sarai Chadora, Budgam, Tyndal Bisco School Building lalchowk Srinagar and Lal Bab Sahib Shrine Srinagar.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

This Day in History

- 1627 - English assault on French Il de Ré
- 1644 - Second Battle of Newbury: King Charles I beats parliamentary armies
- 1702 - British troops plunder St Augustine, Florida
- 1795 - Pinckney's Treaty [Treaty of San Lorenzo] signed by Spain and US, establishing the southern boundary of the US and giving Americans right to navigate the Mississippi River
- 1806 - The French Army enters in Berlin
- 1810 - United States annexes West Florida from Spain
- 1916 - Battle of Segale: Negus Mikael, marching on the Ethiopian capital in support of his son Emperor Iyasus V, is defeated by Fitawrari abte Giyorgis, securing the throne for Empress Zauditu.
- 1922 - In Italy, Liberal Luigi Facta resigns in the face of threats from Mussolini that 'either the Government will be given to us or we will seize it by marching on Rome'
- 1924 - The Uzbek SSR is founded in the Soviet Union
- 1941 - Nazi's directs gypsy ghetto in Belgrade
- 1942 - 5th day of battle at El Alamein: heavy battles/ Australian advance
- 1948 - Israel recaptures Nizzamin in Negev
- 1954 - President Eisenhower offers aid to South Vietnam Prime Minister Ngô inh Di m
- 1957 - Celal Bayar re-elected president of Turkey
- 1958 - General Ayub Khan succeeds Iskander Mirza as President of Pakistan
- 1959 - Rare Pacific hurricane kills 2,000 in Western Mexico
- 1961 - 1st Saturn launch vehicle makes an unmanned flight test
- 1962 -Black Saturday - Russian nuclear missile crisis in Cuba
- 1966 - UN deprives South Africa of Namibia
- 1969 - Nobel Prize in Economics awarded to John Tinbergen
- 1971 - Republic of Congo-Kinshasa becomes Republic of Zaire
- 1972 - OPEC approves plan providing for 25 percent government ownership of all Western oil interests operating within Kuwait, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia
- 1977 - NASA launches space vehicle S-200
- 1979 - St Vincent & Grenadines becomes independent of UK (National Day)
- 1981 - The Soviet submarine U 137 runs aground on the east coast of Sweden.
- 1982 - China announces its population has reached 1 billion plus people
- 1982 - IBM ROM is capable of EGA graphics
- 1986 - British government deregulates financial markets in a "Big Bang", enhancing London's status as a financial capital while increasing income inequality
- 1990 - Supreme Soviet of Kirghiz SSR chooses Askar Akayev as republic's first president.
- 1995 - Latvia applies for membership in the European Union.
- 1997 - Microsoft argues it should be "free from government interference"
- 2011 - The Royal Australian Navy announces that they discovered the wreck of a World War II submarine in Simpson Harbour, Papua New Guinea during Operation RENDER SAFE- it is likely to be Japanese.2012 - 46 people are killed and 123 injured in Iraq after a series of attacks and bombs
- 2013 - 38 people are killed in a series of car bombings in Baghdad, Iraq

From KO Archives

Kashmiri Men Snapped To Identify Militants!

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR- Indian army soldiers have been photographing male civilians in some parts of Kashmir to help them identify Muslim separatist militants, residents said Thursday.

In dozens of villages across Kashmir, army soldiers over the past few months have been conducting house-to-house surveys and photographing male members of every family.

"One, copy of the photograph is retained by the army, while the other is given to the family for proper preservation," said Altaf Ahmed of Sanoor kalipora in central Kashmir district of Budgam.

"Each family is asked to pay Rs 15 for the photographs." Besides taking photographs, thesoldiers record the men's names and professions. "Such an exercise helps in segregating militants from civilians," said an army officer, requesting anonymity.

"We conduct sudden and random raids on houses and if anyone else other than those photographed by us is present in the house he is questioned to establish his identity."

"The exercise is yielding guests at the nearest army good results," he said, and camp claimed it was more effective in Kashmir's borders areas adjoining Pakistan. Locals, however, criticize the army for allegedly harassing them and arresting visiting relatives.

"Last week one of my cousins visited us from Srinagar and he was arrested as a suspected militant. Even nomadic shepherds, who move into mountains with their herds during summer, were photographed, locals said.

"On our return from the mountains the army people make doubly sure that only those return who had gone up," said Naim-u-Dm Khan, who had driven his cattle to patrolling security forces," said Sonamarg, closer to the Mushtaq Tantray of northern Kargil region where Indian Pattan township. "It took us a week to establish that he was not a militant" Residents have been asked to register the names of their month stay.

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Fresh Covid Flareups

Over the last few days, China was forced to lock down a county Ejia in China's inner Mongolia region that has seen the most Covid-19 cases in the country's latest delta outbreak. This was followed by locking down on Tuesday of Lanzhou, a city of four million, in a bid to stamp out a domestic coronavirus spike, with residents told not to leave home except in emergencies. The country has also witnessed a nationwide surge in the Covid infections triggered by Delta, a new virulent strain that originated from India. China expects new Covid-19 outbreak to worsen in the coming days.

If anything, the fresh flare-up of the pandemic in the country of its origin is proof enough that the disease is now a part of our daily lives. Or to use a technical term, it has become endemic now.

India is also on alert after infections related to new Delta variant AY.4.2 were detected in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The strain is said to be potentially more contagious than the delta variant. This has become a cause of some concern. However, the overall situation remains very encouraging. With every passing day, the situation on the Covid-19 front is getting better. The much-feared third wave has not materialized. The vaccination of a majority of the population has drastically reduced the infections. India is reporting now less than 13000 cases, according to the data by the Union Health ministry. The country's overall active caseload has gone way below 2 lakh after more than seven months. This shows a steady decline in numbers. If this trend continues, India could be rid of the pandemic in a month or two.

This has given confidence to the union government to relax Covid-related restrictions and reopen its borders to foreign travelers after 19 months. The country has already started granting tourist visas to travelers arriving on chartered flights. The facility will be extended to those arriving on commercial flights from 15 November.

With travel set to reopen, this is going to benefit India's beleaguered economy. There are already signs to this effect with many sectors of the economy recovering fast. But that is no reason to become complacent. It is unlikely that the Covid-19 pandemic could be reigned in anytime soon. Unless the government complements the vaccination with the upgrading of healthcare and strict enforcement of adherence to SOPs in public, there are likely to be more outbreaks in various parts of the country. And such flareups could undo the progress made so far.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Mixed Messaging

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's first visit to Jammu & Kashmir after August 5, 2019 when Parliament diluted Article 370 of the Constitution that granted it a "special status" and downgraded and bifurcated the State into two Union Territories, took place against the grim background of the killings of 11 civilians by terrorists in one month. J&K has been under central rule since June 2018 and the political and parliamentary subterfuge in reorganising the erstwhile State still rankles as a discordant chapter of India's experiments in federalism. Mr. Shah used the three-day visit to underscore the progress J&K has made since its reorganisation — the uptick in tourist inflow and the string of development and welfare projects. As for the stringent curbs that the people have had to endure meanwhile, Mr. Shah said those were bitter pills that helped save lives. Through a series of public engagements and official functions in Jammu and the Valley, the Home Minister's single-minded focus was on reiterating the Bharatiya Janata Party's political narrative on Kashmir. He said "three families" had held J&K to ransom until the party came to its rescue. Whether or not politics in J&K has been any more or less corrupt than other parts of the country is anyone's guess, but it is a matter of fact that the former State had a poverty rate of 10.35% against the national average of 21.92%.

The Centre has been successful in removing the question of independence or even autonomy from the conversation on Kashmir. But to pretend that there is no political question in Kashmir to be discussed or resolved is reckless. Besides trying to systematically delegitimise the mainstream parties, the BJP policy also sought to build an entirely new political apparatus in the Union Territory. Mr. Shah ruled out any talks with Pakistan, but said he was willing to talk to the youth of Kashmir. That promise can be meaningful only with immediate action. Now that the Centre has made the restoration of statehood as the endgame of an unclear political process, it must establish a mechanism for dialogue with the people. In June, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had met political leaders from J&K in Delhi but there has been no follow up to that since then. On the contrary, Mr. Shah's messaging over three days emphasised the divisions between the people of the Valley and Jammu, and berated political leaders. True, he made the right gestures in terms of visiting victims of recent violence and interactions with locals but that is far from enough. More than 700 people had to be detained ahead of his visit, which is instructive of the continuing volatility in the Valley. Mr. Shah's trip is the latest in a series of visits by Union Ministers in recent weeks. While the Centre's outreach is indeed a welcome step, it needs to be more honest and open to be effective.

The Hindu

Kickstarting Rural Waste Management Programme In J&K



SOLID WASTE BEING DUMPED in water bodies such as the Poonch river [image by: Raja Muzaaffar Bhat]

Dr Raja Muzaaffar Bhat

Scientific waste management programmes are no more a prerogative of people living in cities and towns. Like municipal institutions providing sanitation service to people in urban areas, the gram panchayats in association with NGOs, Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and Self Help Groups (SHG) will now be working at the grassroot level to ensure solid and liquid resource (SLRM) management. Under the national flagship programme, Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G) has already launched a solid liquid waste management programme in several states of India but in Jammu & Kashmir this programme was yet to be launched.

However, Jammu & Kashmir Government is now contemplating to undertake solid and liquid waste management in all the rural areas of Jammu & Kashmir. The Mission Director, SBM Gramin J&K Mr Tariq Hussain Ganai, recently organised a stakeholder's orientation workshop and announced that within a few months the work on waste management in rural areas would be taken up. More than 50 officers of Rural Development Department, NGOs and media participated in this orientation programme. Noted plastic waste management expert from Bhopal, Mr Imtiaz Ali, was the resource person during the event.

Infact, Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin guidelines of 2014 and revised guidelines of 2017 also had a provision of waste management programme but States and UTs had more challenging issues like countering open defecation which caused a lot of delay in starting the solid liquid waste management programme. It was in 2019 that the waste management programme (SBM-II) was launched which is also called Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF Plus) programme. This too faced a setback due to COVID 19. Around the end of 2020, the work on solid liquid waste management or ODF- plus was taken up and is being implemented in a phased manner across rural India. To ensure that waste is not taken to be useless entity, its name was replaced with "resource" a few years back. This is the reason that under SMB-Gramin updated guidelines, this programme is now known as Solid Liquid Resource Management (SLRM).

Constitution of Apex committee in J&K

Government recently gave its sanction for the constitution of an Apex Committee for implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin

THE CHAIRMAN OF ZILLA Parishad who is also known as

Chairman District Development Council (DDC) in J&K will head the District Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (DSM-G). The Deputy Commissioner/CEO Zilla Panchayat (DDC) shall be the Executive Vice Chairman. The members of the DSM-G would be all MPs/ MLAs and MLCs of the district and Chairperson of the concerned Standing Committees of the Zilla Parishad (District Council) or their representatives.

(SBM-G) in the Union Territory of J&K. The seven to eight member committee is headed by the Chief Secretary. Other members of the committee include Administrative Secretaries of Finance, Health, Rural Development, Information and Jal Shakti. Experts in the field of sanitation, hydrology, IEC, HRD, Media, NGOs shall also be the members of this high level committee. This apex committee which was constituted vide Govt order No: 1116-JK(GAD) of 2021 Dated: 21.10.2021 will be advising the Mission Directorate of SBM – Gramin J&K (Directorate of Rural Sanitation). The committee shall be serviced by the department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

SLWM in rural areas

The guideline number 6.10.7 of SBM Gramin says that every state or UT should have at least one Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) Consultant at the State level and one SLWM Consultant in each district to guide the preparations of the SLWM projects for each Gram Panchayat (GP). Assistance of professional agencies/

NGOs may be sought to prepare/develop/test/implement such projects. The project preparation, supervision and monitoring costs of SLWM projects payable to such agencies may be made a part of the project cost itself. Maintenance costs for the first five years of operation may be made a part of the project cost. These projects can be made financially viable by dovetailing funds from other programmes and sources of funding like MG-NREGS, MPLAD, MLA-LAD funds, Finance Commission, CSR contribution, Swachh Bharat Kosh, donor funding, etc. Funding from programmes of other Ministries and departments may also be converged.

The guideline number 6.11.2 says that in order to implement the projects professionally, Specialists/ Consultants/Agencies from the fields of IEC, Human Resource Development, School Sanitation & Hygiene Education, SLWM, Monitoring and Evaluation etc. may be hired at the State and district levels for the project period. The guideline number 6.11.3 says that State / UT Governments are advised to post a government officer as a full-time Block Sanitation Officer (BSO). Until that is made operational, the State governments may officially assign SBM(G) activities to a senior official posted at the Block level. He/ She may be assisted by a Block Coordinator and a Data Entry Operator engaged on contract who shall be provided emoluments to be decided by State. This Block level arrangement shall be tasked with handholding, supervising and monitoring every Gram Panchayat (GP) in the implementation of SBM-Gramin scheme. SBM G guidelines has made it mandatory for every Gram Panchayat (GP) to have one Support Organization (SO) like an NGO member etc associated with it for assisting in furthering the sanitation programme. The State and District Missions are supposed to take necessary steps for providing supporting organisation to each panchayat.

DDC Chairman to head DSM-G

The Chairman of Zilla Parishad who is also known as Chairman District Development Council (DDC) in J&K will head the District Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (DSM-G). The Deputy Commissioner/CEO Zilla Panchayat (DDC) shall be the Executive Vice Chairman. The members of the DSM-G would be all MPs/MLAs and MLCs

of the district and Chairperson of the concerned Standing Committees of the Zilla Parishad (District Council) or their representatives. The CEO of the Zilla Parishad, District Officers of Education, Health, Panchayati Raj, Social Welfare, ICDS, PHE Jal Shakti, Agriculture, Information and Public Relation will also be the members of this district level committee. The NGOs can be identified by the DSBM(G) and co-opted into the Mission as members.

The CEO of the District Panchayat/ Parishad, the Executive Engineer of PHE Jal Shakti, District Engineer of the Zilla Panchayat or any other officer approved by State Swachh Bharat Mission - SSBM(G) shall be the Member Secretary. The Mission as per SBM-G guidelines shall meet at least once a quarter. DSBM-G are supposed to plan and advise on implementation of the SBM (G) in the district with appropriate Information Education and Communication (IEC) strategies and convergence mechanisms with all line departments.

Funding

SBM-G is a centrally sponsored scheme with fund sharing pattern between centre and states, UT's. This is 90 :10 for North Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and UT of Jammu & Kashmir. 100 % funding is provided to remaining UT's and 60 :40 ratio for the rest of the states. A village with a population upto 5000 people is provided Rs 60 per capita for solid waste management and upto Rs 280 per for grey water management. Villages with more than 5000 population get Rs 45 per capita for solid waste management and upto Rs 660 for grey water management. 30 % of the amount has to be borne by Gram Panchayats from the 15th Finance Commission grants. Construction of the soak pits, compost pits and grey water management tanks etc will be taken care under MG-NREGS.

The States are to decide the technologies suitable to their areas. Technologies identified by the Committee on Technologies may also be considered for implementation. Collection, segregation and safe disposal of household garbage, decentralized systems like household composting and biogas plants are permitted. Activities related to maximum reuse of organic solid wastes as manure are to be adopted under SLWM. Such technologies may include vermi-composting or any other composting method, individual and community biogas plants.

Conclusion

As the Chief Secretary is himself heading the Apex Committee on implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin phase-II with the main focus on solid and liquid waste management, one can hope that our villages which are choked with plastic and liquid waste will look neat and clean in the coming months and years. I would suggest that the Government make in-house composting of organic waste mandatory in rural areas as the rural households have enough space to dig compost pits or use plastic drums for composting the food and other organic waste. Low cost technologies for liquid waste management should be adopted. Government must ensure to make these waste management projects workable for the years to come as we have very bad experience of the past wherein only civil works were taken up and the projects like these failed to work soon after being inaugurated.

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Road, Rage And Risks

In the past few months I have witnessed a number of kids driving vehicles on road and this is a disturbing trend which should be immediately addressed by the government. I think besides the thrill that children get from undertaking such risks, what primarily prompts them is the peer pressure and the need to demonstrate their audacity. In the desperate attempt to look cool and win over friends children don't realise the fatal consequences that such reckless

behaviour entails. The incidence of road accidents involving children has risen and it is something that we should not take lightly, the laxity on the part of traffic police also serves to encourage children to get on the roads. The government should ensure an adequate presence of traffic police on the roads to deter children from venturing out recklessly. Besides this there is also a need to have road safety campaigns to apprise children of the mishaps that could take place because of their careless

behaviour. Additionally there should be counselling sessions in the schools for both parents and children to dissuade them from encouraging their children to drive before they reach 18 years of age and acquire a license. Besides this, there is also a need of an overhauling of the way that traffic police department works, the non-chalance to road rage and violation of traffic rules sets a bad precedent and kills innocent people. The salaries of traffic police department should be increased so that they don't fall

prey to the bribes given by people to evade punishments. Sufficient funds should be allocated to enable this department to function properly, installation of CCTV cameras and traffic lights in absolutely necessary to allow the traffic police department to effectively monitor traffic movements and penalise those who defy the traffic rules.

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Pashtunistan

Between Pashtunwali And Modernity



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KASHMIRI PASHTUNS

have a rich cultural tradition. They've traditional music, literature and poetry. Much like other ethnic groups, they too have managed to preserve their identity through diverse oral folklore and literature. Pertinently, amidst the struggles of a domineering culture, it is these forms of preservation that maintain an original sense of identity

NOORAIN ANSARI

On a sultry late September afternoon, donning a trademark Pashtun skull cap and suit, Gowhar Ali received us at the entrance of Kashmir's own Pakhtunistan. "We Pashtuns follow a common social code of behaviour and honour known as 'Pashtunwali' which promotes self-respect, independence, and tolerance towards all, especially towards strangers", we were told, as we were escorted into this Pashtun land by Gowhar, a student



lands and serve in the military. Kashmiri Pashtuns have a rich cultural tradition. They've traditional music, literature and poetry. Much like other ethnic groups, they too have managed to preserve their identity through diverse oral folklore and literature. Pertinently, amidst the struggles of a domineering culture, it is these forms of preservation that maintain an original sense of identity. A strongly knit group, they've also continued with the trust in traditional tribal elderly wisdom which is exemplified in their system of Jirga. However, no one has shifted to any urban centre despite economic windfall. With the present shift, Pashtun to speaking people of Gutlibagh are grappling with various issues and find it hard to preserve their language and culture. Modern day Pashtuns give more preference to Urdu as the language of communication as more and more people opt for government jobs and pursue other career options. As younger Pashtuns adapt English and Urdu languages, the older generation fears that their native language which they so meticulously preserved through a century, may fade away soon and that will leave no trace of Pashtuns in Kashmir.

of communication with the outside world. There are many dialects of the Pashto language. Pashto is broadly divided into two dialects-soft dialect or Kandhari dialect and hard dialect also known as Yousufzai dialect or the literary dialect. Kashmiri Pathans speak the Yousufzai dialect. The Pashtun immigrants in Kashmir have preserved their language against the dominant Kashmiri language of the region. "No other language is taught at an early stage", Shamshad Yousufzai, a teacher at Government High School Gutlibagh told us. However, being a minority language, it is not taught at schools. Even then they've tried to preserve their culture, primarily through language, by making it a part of their day-to-day conversations. However, this insistence on language often came with its own struggles. Pashtuns, who were not able to

from the University of Kashmir and offered - tea, meals and warmth. A few bumpy minutes away from Ganderbal district headquarters, Gutlibagh homes Pashtuns nested in the Harmukh mountain range of Central Kashmir. In this Pashtun land, people have been zealously trying to preserve their culture, language and traditions despite modern day onslaughts and invasions for over a century. Some Pashtuns have also settled in the hilly, remote areas of Anantnag and Kupwara districts. Virtually cut off from the local habitations, this Pashtun community has been living in Kashmir for the past 150 years. A large number of Pashtuns migrated to Kashmir from parts of Pakistan's North-west and Afghanistan before 1947 in search of livelihood. Overtime, many of them have assimilated with Kashmiri society and use Kashmiri as their first language. However, the residents of Gutlibagh continue to follow Pashtunwali customs and aspects of Pashtun culture. Gutlibagh alone is inhabited by more than twelve thousand Pashtuns or Pashto speakers, all of whom are Muslims. It was the Maharaja's regime which facilitated settlement of Afridis and the Machipurians from Yusufzai tribe here, as he wanted them to cultivate barren

ga. A self-governing and self-regulated body, all disputes are referred to and resolved by this self-elected and self-governing court of elders. Pensive yet passionate, Sanaullah Yousufzai, head of Gutlibagh Jirga talked to us about the roots of a literary tradition that aids their sense of identity. "It is believed that the literature of the Pashto language started with the poetry of Amir Kror Suri (the first poet of the Pashto language). Some of the notable literary personalities of Pashto are Khushal Khan Khattak, Rahman Baba, Shaikh Mali, Abdul Ghani Khan, and Pir Roshan", he said. Even as the spirit of the pride of their identity was visible, traces of their struggle in preserving their culture slipped to us in conversations. To preserve their language and culture the majority of the Pashtuns marry within their community; have kept themselves away from mainstream society and that perhaps explains why most of the majority community in Kashmir is unaware of their existence. Pashtuns have been contending to preserve their identity through their language. They have maintained their language despite the continuous social pressure like absence of this language from schools and difficulty

speaking it easier for them to communicate with the majority community. Pashtun community was granted Schedule Tribe category two years back and that has helped lift their living stan-



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Study explores how social media changes way people get to know each another

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According to a new book by a Penn State researcher, social media has the ability to connect people with almost anyone in the world; however it can also change the way brains form new social relationships, maintain current ones, and participate in social groups.

The book, 'Social Media Communication: Trends and Theories', written by Bu Zhong, associate professor of communications at Penn State, explores how social media affects information processing, the media industry, and business marketing, as well as interpersonal and group communication.

Zhong said he wanted to write the book not to examine specific platforms like Facebook and TikTok, but to analyse how social media as a whole affects the human mind and behaviour, as well as business and industry.

"The popularity of social media, to many, might be plausibly attributed to the influx of new media technologies," Zhong said. "The vital driving force behind it, however, is nothing but the trait of people being socially wired. This is consistent with the ample evidence from psychologists, who have discovered that the desire to form and maintain interpersonal attachments - the need to belong - is a fundamental human motivation."

Fundamentally, Zhong said, our minds are hardwired to be social.

According to Zhong, social media is a type of computer-mediated communication -- communication that takes place with the help of a computer, such as an email, video conferencing, and instant messaging. This not only opens up new ways for people to connect but also forces our brains to adapt to a form of communication it wasn't designed for.

Do-it-yourself background checks

When most people meet someone new for the first time, the book explains, they often feel a need to "reduce uncertainty" about that person -- or learn more about them when deciding whether to form a friendship.

This is usually done in three ways: by interacting directly with the person, asking others about the individual, or by observing the person interact with others. But now, research has shown that social media has introduced a fourth strategy.

"Platforms like Twitter and Facebook are particularly rife with uncertainty-reducing information such as personal beliefs, friends and acquaintances, and photographs," Zhong said. "This could be useful information to people forming any kind of relationship, but potential employers especially tend to do routine social media searches for job applicants before scheduling a face-to-face interview."



positioning -- that help people communicate. But because social media lacks this face-to-face contact, research has found that people have adapted to compensate when communicating online.

"People may ask more direct questions and disclose more information about themselves when communicating with a stranger through a computer than when interacting face to face," Zhong said. "Uncertainty might decrease more slowly when communicating online, but this strategy is still effective."

Taking a stand

According to Zhong, group communication was often difficult prior to the Inter-

net. But now, social media and other online platforms have made collaborating with large groups of other people much easier.

One of the ways this has manifested is through social movements, both positive -- like campaigns to engage voters -- and negative, such as recruitment by terrorist organisations. And, in countries without free media, it can act as a way to get important information to citizens.

"In some countries, where anti-government demonstrations erupted and turned into mass protests lasting for months, platforms like Twitter and Facebook became a crucial source of information for protestors and activists," Zhong said. "In this way, social media can often serve as a citizen-powered version of CNN during a social crisis, where people can seek real-time information that the news media are unwilling or unable to cover."

Overall, Zhong said the book could be helpful for anyone who uses social media. In addition to discussing how social media affects communication, business, and industry, it also delves into what constitutes problematic social media use, and concerns about safety and privacy.

"We used to talk about media literacy, and now I think we need to expand that to social media literacy," Zhong said. "With how much social media can affect the brain, it's important to be able to understand and take control of how social media is affecting you -- from information processing to health information to the integrity of our elections."

‘Whole Grains Could Reduce Economic Impact Of Type 2 Diabetes’

Agencies


According to a recent study, increased consumption of whole-grain foods could significantly reduce the incidence of type 2 diabetes and the costs associated with its treatment in Finland.

The findings of the study were published in the journal 'Nutrients'.

"Our study shows that already one serving of full grains as part of the daily diet reduces the incidence of type 2 diabetes at the population level and, consequently, the direct diabetes-related costs, when compared to people who do not eat whole-grain foods on a daily basis," said Professor Janne Martikainen from the University of Eastern Finland.

"Over the next ten years, society's potential to achieve cost savings would be from 300 million (-3.3 per cent) to almost one billion (-12.2 per cent) euros in current value, depending on the presumed proportion of whole-grain foods in the daily diet. On the level of individuals, this means healthier years," added Professor Martikainen.

Type 2 diabetes is one of the fastest-growing chronic diseases both in Finland and globally. Healthy nutrition



that supports weight management is key to preventing type 2 diabetes. The association of daily consumption of whole-grain foods with a lower risk of diabetes has been demonstrated in numerous studies.

"According to nutrition recommendations, at least 3-6 servings of whole-grain foods should be eaten daily, depending on an individual's energy requirement. One-third of Finns do not eat even one dose of whole grains on a daily basis, and two-thirds have a too low fibre intake," Research Manager Jaana Lindstrom from the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare said.

The now published study utilised findings from, eg, national follow-up studies, such as the FinHealth Study, to assess the health and economic effects of increased consumption of whole-grain foods on the prevention of type 2 diabetes.

"By combining population-level data on the incidence of type 2 diabetes and the costs of its treatment, as well as published evidence on the effects of how consumption of whole-grain foods reduces the incidence of type 2 diabetes, we were able to assess the potential health and economic benefits from both social and individual viewpoints," Martikainen said.

1 in 10 people clicking on phishing links on mobile devices

Agencies

Phishing has infiltrated every form of communication, from work and personal e-mail to SMS, social media and even advertising and now a new study has revealed trends within a sample of 5,00,000 protected devices across 90 countries, including India.

Among the key findings of the report by Cloud security firm Wandera (a Jamf company), the number of mobile users falling for phishing attacks has increased by 160 per cent (year-on-year).

Nearly 93 per cent of phishing domains are hosted on a "secure" website with a padlock in the URL bar.



that one in 10 people click on phishing links while on their mobile devices.

This doesn't mean simply receiving messages, but actually clicking on them, according to the analysis of phishing

Right food can help beat depression, say nutritionists

Agencies

Eating the right food can help beat depression effectively during difficult times, say nutritionists.

Troubles linked to personal health, family situation, financial condition, and any other issue which might trigger despair during Covid-19 pandemic is likely to result in causing mental depression among those facing these situations. The common belief is that people when depressed tend to consume food in excess.

However, nutritionists say eating the right food will also help people overcome depression. A Lancet report recently indicated that more and more people are suffering from depression related problems due to the after-effects of Covid-19 pandemic.

Commenting on linkage between food and depression, Dr N. Malleshwari, Chief Dietician & Nutritionist, Gleneagles Global Hospital said: "Poor food choices and selection of foods might contribute to deficiency of the nutrients which actually can result in depression. Some amino acids like tryptophan, tyrosine, methionine, and phenylalanine are often helpful in treating many mild disorders including depression." Mental depression is a serious problem that affects people around the world, and in many, this could be a life changing occurrence.

"While those who accept they are depressed, seek medical attention or counselling to overcome the condition, the best means to beat depression is to bring about lifestyle changes and start consuming a healthy diet. While medicines or counselling provide temporary relief, eating right food and bringing in positive lifestyle changes will help conquer the problem forever. Omega 3 fatty acids (EPA & DHA) elicit anti-depressant effects among humans and are very important to be included in diet," said Malleshwari.

"Human bodies normally produce molecules which are called free radicals which could lead to cell damage resulting in quick ageing and cause other problems. Consuming antioxidants-rich foods and vitamins-rich fruits and vegetables will have a positive impact on the brain and certainly lessen the destructive effects of free radicals. Foods like carrots, pumpkin, spinach, oranges, tomato, nuts and seeds, will be of great help," said Dr Arun Kumar, Chief Dietitian, SLG Hospitals.

Swetha, HoD - Nutrition, Aware Gleneagles Global Hospital believes that eating small portions of proteins several times in a day will help boost energy in the human body and will clear the mind.

"Protein-rich tuna fish, turkey, chicken have amino acids which help the human body stay alert. Beans, peas, milk, soya, yogurt too are a good source of healthy proteins. People who are suffering from depression must ensure they do not consume alcohol, or smoke, and even cut down on caffeine intake to overcome the problem." Overweight or obese people are more likely to suffer from depression because excess body weight will impact immune system and bring hormonal changes among both men and women. Obese individuals must immediately work on cutting down weight if they intend to overcome depression, and healthy food habits are a first step in that direction.



Twin Daughters Of CJM Reasi Die In Chandigarh Road Accident

Agencies

CHANDIGARH: Two daughters of Chief Judicial Magistrate Reasi died in a fatal road accident in Chandigarh on Tuesday.

The slain sisters were nieces of National Conference leader and former minister Aijaz Jan and the daughters of CJM Reasi Syed Adnan.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Reasi Syed Adnan hails from Surankote Poonch.

The deceased, as per the family sources, have been identified as Zava Adnan (elder daughter) and Aqsa Adnan (pursuing Law in Melbourne Australia).

The fatal road accident occurred on Chandigarh Highway when the driver lost control over the vehicle.

Zava Adnan as per family was travelling to Chandigarh along with her sister and other girls when the accident occurred.

Zava was scheduled to leave

for Bangladesh to appear in the entrance test for MBBS.

The two sisters died in the ac-



cident while other girls accompanying them sustained injuries and shifted to hospital.

National Conference Working President and former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also condoled the demise. In a tweet he said: "My heartfelt condolences to my colleague @ajazjan. Two of his nieces died in a tragic road accident earlier today. Allah marhoom ko magfirat farmaye. May the young ladies find place in Jannat & may their families find strength at this difficult time."

Withdraw UAPA Charges Against MBBS Students: JKSA

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: J&K Students Association Tuesday urged J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to withdraw UAPA Charges on humanitarian grounds against Kashmiri Students who celebrated Pakistan victory and raised slogans.

In a statement, spokesperson of Association Nasir Khuehami said that UAPA charges against students is a harsh punishment and will ruin their futures & will further alienate them. We are not justifying their act, but it will result in their career assassination. The charges will have serious consequences on the academic and future career of the students.

He said, "It may have serious repercussions, both in the long term and short term. The charges will have serious psycho-somatic consequences on the students. Govt should give Chance to the Students to restore their faith in the ethical standing and the fair

constitution of India, so that their futures are preserved," he maintained.

Khuehami said that medical students are the cream of every society. They are expected to behave in an orderly manner and not go overboard. We hope that in the larger interest of society and country a large hearted approach would be shown towards the Medical Students of Kashmir and they not be put under any case. No doubt they erred but we hope that they will be given a chance to return to studies and future of them not destroyed in the larger interest of the country, he added.

The National General Secretary of Association said that Campus voices should not be dealt with with such stringent laws. Their act has hurt the sentiment of people here, but we need to have enough space in the system to bring them to the table and have counselling. Slapping UAPA to them will put their career and whole parents resources at stake, he emphasized.

Damaged In 2018, School Building In Tulail Awaits Repairs

AGENCIES

GUREZ: A government high school with more than a hundred students on roll, is awaiting repair of its building which was damaged in 2018 snowfall at Buglinder a remote village of Tulail in Gurez area of north Kashmir's Baniptora district.

The high school, where the authorities have placed another middle school, is presently functioning from a single complex. However, the deteriorating condition of the building is causing trouble for the students of both middle as well as high school.

"Sadly, in 2018 when the building was handed over to the school management by the construction agency, immediately after that, the building was engulfed in snowfall and was damaged. Three years later, even the debris has not been removed yet," locals told news agency KNO.

Locals said that the school is presently having an enrolment of more than one hundred students.

"I think our village is the most remote area and the government is not paying attention to the education sector here. If you look, you will find many other school buildings here in the same state," Mohammad Jamal (56), a local said.

"We have informed the management about the condition of the building many times but nothing has happened yet. Our children continue to suffer," he said.

Mushtaq Gurezi, another local, said that the administration did not even consider it appropriate to remove the debris of the building.

Meanwhile, locals urged the administration to repair the building at the earliest so that the students could concentrate on their studies. Officials at Zonal Education Office (ZEO) Gurez however assured that they will look into the matter.

Name Correction

The name of my son was incorrectly entered as Aqdas Alhadi instead of Aqdas Alhadi Dar in the Passport records (U9541574) .Now I want to correct the name as Aqdas Alhadi Dar .If anybody has any objection in this regard, he may submit the same before the passport office within seven days. No objection will be entertained after the expiry of the said period.

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INDIA-PAK MATCH

6 Detained In Jammu Division

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JAMMU: Six people have been detained by Jammu and Kashmir police after a video purportedly showing objectionable slogans being raised by a group of persons in Samba district, following a T20 World Cup match between India and Pakistan, went viral on social media, officials said on Tuesday.

The video triggered wide-

spread protests by various social organisation in Samba district.

The video shows over two dozen people belonging to a particular community celebrating the victory of Pakistan cricket team against India, and raising objectionable slogans on Sunday night.

"Six people have been detained in this regard and investigation is going on, Deputy

Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta said.

A police officer said an FIR has been registered.

SSP Samba Rajesh Sharma said the detained people are being questioned regarding the incident. More people may be called for questioning, he said.

Videos of medical students raising pro-Pakistan slogans at their hostels had also gone viral on social media recently.

Inquiry Initiated Into Alleged Negligent Death At SDH Uri

AGENCIES

URI: Sub-district Magistrate Uri has initiated an enquiry into the death of a 24-year-old pregnant woman at a local SDH last week, after the husband of victim alleged the hospital authorities of negligence.

Harvinder Singh, SDM Uri, said that he is himself investigating the matter. "Investigations would try to find out the facts of the case," he said.

The versions of the victim's family and hospital staff would be sought for a just conclusion, he said

"If it is at any point found that the hospital staff has been negligent in its approach, legal action as warranted would be taken," the SDM said.

"Once the enquiry report is prepared, it would be accordingly sent to Deputy Commis-



sioner Baramulla," the SDM further said.

The GNS reported that Ifthkhar Hussain Manhas, resident of Shahdara Kamalkote Uri in his complaint before SDM Uri said that on October 18, at around 5 in the morning, he took his pregnant wife to SDH Uri and that there was no staff present for treatment.

Manhas said that a nurse came at around 8:30 in the morning to see his wife but

went back immediately.

He said his wife was shrieking because of labour pain but no one came to her and after repeated call, a doctor and few staffers came at around 11:30 am. However she died shortly thereafter.

Manhas has alleged the hospital staff was negligent saying that had they (hospital staff) treated his wife on time or even referred her to any hospital at Baramulla 'she could have been saved'. GNS

CPI (M) Demands Restoration of J&K Statehood

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: The Central Committee of CPI (M) Tuesday demanded immediate restoration of the state of Jammu & Kashmir, release of all political detainees, ending the curbs on media and stopping the indiscriminate arrests of people, particularly youth in J&K.

In a statement, a spokesman said that the Central Committee of CPI (M) was in session for three days at New Delhi. It said that the Union Home Minister visited Jammu & Kashmir under massive military fortification, detaining hundreds of people. He made preposterous claims that with the abrogation of Article 370 and dissolution of the erstwhile state of J&K, the situation has improved.

"The recent spate of targeted killings of civilians has created a situation drawing parallels to what prevailed in the 1990s. This is alarming, the statement said, adding that unless people's participation with the restoration of the democratic political process is established, it would be difficult to combat this rising extremist violence," the statement said.

Union MoS Lekhi Visits Baramulla

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: Continuing the Central Government's public outreach programme in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi on Tuesday visited Baramulla.

The Minister participated in a plantation drive at Government Girls Higher Secondary school Baramulla premises. She was accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Bhupinder Kumar along with other concerned officers who also participated in the drive.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister stressed upon the need for plantation of more and more trees for maintaining ecological balance and called it a sign of a healthy and progressive society. She stressed on planting maximum saplings in the premises of all the other offices and institutions.

Politics Of Hate Shield To Communal Elements: Farooq

Agencies

SURANKOTE: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday exhorted the NC cadre to gear up for the challenges facing Jammu and Kashmir, cautioning to maintain vigil against the elements inimical to religious harmony and unity.

"Enemies of people in general and National Conference in particular are spreading hate to divide the society, which has withstood all these machinations with courage and fortitude in the past", Dr Farooq Abdullah said while addressing a big rally at the border township of Surankote this afternoon.

General Secretary Mr Ali Mohammed Sagar, Provincial President Mr Rattan Lal Gupta and senior leader Syed Mushtaq Ahmed Shah Bukhari also addressed the people.

Besides Additional General Secretary Dr Sheikh Mustaffa Kamal, Khalid Najeib Suharwardhy, Mr Mushtaq Guroo and other senior leaders were present on the occasion.

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To achieve the objective of strengthening bonds of brotherhood, he asked the cadre to further intensify their mass contact, fan out in their areas and generate awareness among the people against divisive agenda of disruptive forces, which are exploiting the sentiments of the people on the basis of religion and region. He said all religions preach love and harmony and if there is any problem it is with the self seeking politicians who play communal cards to further their political agenda.

"There is no threat to any religion and if there is danger to anything at all, it is the politics of hate, which has been serving as a shield to communal elements", he said adding that the politics of mistrust and suspicion will take a toll on the nation. He asked what sort of the message they are conveying to the nation, which is a beautiful vase of different flowers. He cautioned that the attempts of communal polarization will weaken the fabric of the Indian nation.



Frequent Traffic Jam Irks Commuters In Sopore Town

Say authorities unmoved



AGENCIES

SOPORE: Daily commuters, particularly employees and students in the main town Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district are facing hard time due to frequent traffic jams during peak hours.

A group of commuters comprising of employees and students told KNS that authorities have failed to regulate traffic in the main town Sopore.

"The traffic situation in the town turns very bad during morning and evening hours and not a single traffic cop is being deployed to streamline the traffic here," they alleged.

They said that the movement of heavy vehicles through the main town has resulted into traffic mess, while the concerned authorities have slept over this grave issue.



"Traffic jams can prove detrimental for patients in case of any medical emergency. Ironically, the concerned authorities



are acting as mute spectators. The road alongside Jamia Masjid Sopore is fully occupied by the shopkeepers and even pedestrians do not find it safe to walk from here when traffic gets stuck," said Bilal Ahmed Dar, a local resident.

He said that there is no space in the town for the people to park their vehicles which forces them to park their vehicles on road sides, which adds to the traffic mess.

Earlier, authorities claimed of banning of traditional horse-carts (Tongas) within municipal of the town would result in decongestion of the traffic, as they believe Tongas were the main reason or frequent jams in the town. However, the order too proved a hoax as they continue to ply despite ban.

Meanwhile, locals appealed to the concerned authorities and the district administration to look into the matter at an earliest so that they have heave a sigh of relief.

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| Subject:- | Extension of time for admission to B-Pharmacy Course-2021 at PrabhaHarjilal College of Pharmacy & Preclinical Sciences Madre-e-Meharban Campus of Health Sciences, Jammu. |
| Reference: | i) Notification No.082-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021. ii) Notification No.101-BOPEE of 2021 dated 08-10-2021. iii) Notification No.105-BOPEE of 2021 dated 13-10-2021. iv) Notification No.107-BOPEE of 2021 dated 13-10-2021. |
| NOTICE NO. 073-BOPEE OF 2021 DATED: 25-10-2021. | |
| It is notified for information of all such candidates who have been provisionally selected for admission to B- Pharmacy Course-2021, in PrabhaHarjilal College of Pharmacy & Preclinical Sciences, Madre-e-Meharban Campus of Health Sciences, Jammu, that the Board has extended the joining time from 25-10-2021 to 30-10-2021, (3.00 PM). The Head of the College is advised to furnish the shortfall of candidates, if any, to BOPEE Office Jammu/ Srinagar on 30-10-2021 upto 05.00 PM. The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in various Notifications/ Notices issued by the Board from time to time in this regard. | |
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| Reference:- | Notification NO.113-BOPEE of 2021 Dated: 20-10-2021. |
| NOTICE NO.072-BOPEE OF 2021 DATED: 25-10-2021. | |
| It is hereby clarified that the candidates who are residents of UT's of Jammu and Kashmir / Ladakh but have appeared in the NEET PG 2021 from outside UT's of J&K / Ladakh and their Roll Numbers do not figure in the Annexure "A" of Notification No.II3-BOPEE of 2021 Dated: 20-10-2021, shall deposit their Bio-data / Documents with the J&K BOPEE office Srinagar / Jammu physically by or before 28-10-2021 (02.00 PM) from the date of issuance of this notice. Further, any other NEET PG-2021 appeared candidate(s) whose Roll Number does not figure in the Annexure "A" to the Notification No.II3-BOPEE of 2021 Dated: 20-10-2021 but belongs to the UT's of J&K and Ladakh may represent before the Board in its office at Srinagar/ Jammu upto 28th October, 2021 (2:00 P.M.) during working days. | |
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Harnambal Sports Field Has Turned Into A Cesspool: Locals



AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The only sports field for thousands of sports lovers has turned into a cesspool, the locals alleged on Tuesday, laying blame on the negligence of JK Sports Council and Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED).

Thousands of sports lovers who used to play and practice football and cricket at Harnambal ground of Natipora Srinagar have been expressing resentment towards the JKSC for not developing the said sports field on modern lines.

Sports lovers told news agency KNT that despite investing over Rs 2 crore, JKSC failed to make UEED accountable. They alleged that the UEED department has miserably failed to shift a main drain along the Sports stadium in the area.

"The Harnambal Sports Field has turned into a cesspool. Sports lovers from Natipora, Rambagh, Mehjoor Nagar, Padshahi Bagh, Budshah Nagar, Chanapora used to play in this ground but due to negligence of UEED and Sports Council, it has taken the shape of a pond where you can even oar a boat," sports lovers told the agency.

"From past over a decade, this play field was not developed as was aspired and demanded by the locals," they said. They added that the defunct drainage system is the main source of nuisance.

"The work on the new drainage system is going at snail's pace. Lack of accountability is spoiling everything."

The sports lovers sought the intervention of the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in redressing the issue at the earliest.

Hayden Hails Sporting Brotherhood Displayed By India & Pakistan



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Former Australia opener Matthew Hayden has hailed the "sporting brotherhood" displayed by arch-rivals India and Pakistan after their T20 World Cup clash, saying the players have set an example with their conduct.

India lost to Pakistan for the first time in an ICC World Cup, going down by 10 wickets in the opening Super 12 game of the T20 World Cup on Sunday.

However, one of the most endearing images from the match was of the Indian captain hugging winning team hero Mohammed Rizwan.

"The thing that inspired me the most out of the performance was the fantastic sporting brotherhood," Hayden, who is currently working as a batting consultant with the Pakistan T20 squad, said in a video message.

Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, now a mentor with the team, was also seen talking to the Pakistan players including captain Babar Azam, Shoaib Malik and fast bowler Shah Nawaz Dahani after the game ended.

Ever since the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks in which hundreds were killed, India has largely avoided bilateral cricket ties with Pakistan, competing only in ICC events.

Hayden said Pakistan and Indian players set a good example "of how we should treat each other as people" after coming together at the end of the match.

"That's the role of sport, so it's beautiful to see those moments where MS Dhoni is holding court with a few of the (Pakistan) players and Virat Kohli and (Rizwan), you know, in brotherhood, joining hands after there were heated battles in the middle."

Hayden, who was working as a commentator in the Indian Premier League, was appointed as a batting consultant by the Pakistan Cricket Board before the World Cup got underway on October 17.

The 49-year-old was also impressed with pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi's opening spell where he snapped the wickets of openers Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul.

"Pakistan has velocity in abundance, not just here but also back home that aren't celebrating in this World Cup," he said.

Rahul Dravid Formally Applies For India Head Coach Post Laxman in fray for NCA?

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Celebrated former captain Rahul Dravid is all but certain to be the Indian cricket team's next head coach after he formally applied for the high-profile position on Tuesday.

With Dravid, the current head of National Cricket Academy applying, the job for the Cricket Advisory Committee becomes easier as there aren't any big names in fray who can match the batting great's stature.

Also, it is reliably learnt that he is the first and only choice of BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah.

"Yes, Rahul has formally applied today as it's the last day of the deadline. His team at the NCA, bowling coach Paras (Mhambrey) and fielding coach

Abhay (Sharma) have already applied. His application was just a formality," a senior BCCI official told PTI on Tuesday.

Dravid had recently met the BCCI brass in Dubai on the sidelines of the IPL final between Kolkata Knight Riders and Chennai Super Kings where Ganguly and Shah spoke to him about taking up the position once Ravi Shastri steps down at the end of India's campaign in the ICC T20 World Cup.

Under Dravid, a new era in Indian cricket will start with the home series against New Zealand where he will take charge with a new T20 captain, which in all likelihood, will be Rohit Sharma.

Laxman in fray for NCA, Kumble could be sounded out

Former India batting great

VVS Laxman could again be back in the fray to head the National Cricket Academy in case the post falls vacant in the coming days.

It is learnt from sources that Laxman might not continue as the mentor of IPL side Sunrisers Hyderabad and in case, he is selected, he would also have to leave his media commitments including commentary and writing columns.

The national coach and the NCA head are expected to work in close coordination keeping the interests of Indian cricket in mind.

It is understood that Dravid and Laxman, who have had a close bond since the time they played for South Zone and subsequently for India for close to a decade and half, would be the perfect choice.

The other aspect that

needs to be chalked out is the fact that Laxman is a resident of Hyderabad, where he has a young family with children just in their teens and also old parents.

Laxman, it is learnt, was reluctant to take up NCA Director of Cricket offer but BCCI would once again be approaching him.

In case he again turns down the offer, they would have to look for other options. Anil Kumble is another big name but it remains to be seen whether the BCCI would approach the former India captain.

The NCA role worked well for Dravid as he is a Bengalaru resident.

In case of Laxman, if he has to stay in Bengaluru for a minimum of 200 days a year, it is like temporarily shifting base and his remuneration also needs to be chalked out.



Positive Kashmir: J&K Bank Win Inaugural Edition

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: J&K Bank XI on Tuesday won the 1st Edition Positive Kashmir KO Football Tournament by defeating J&K Power Development Corporation (PDC) XI 5-2 in the final played at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The first half turned out to be an exciting end-to-end affair as Hayat gave PDC XI a shock lead in just the 5th minute of the match. Bank XI soon responded through a goal by Adnan in the

10th minute. Ten minutes later, PDC XI took a 2-1 lead thanks to a fine goal by Immad. The Bank team scored the equalising goal through Akkif to end the first half level at 2-2.

However, in the second half of the match Bank XI blew PDC XI away by scoring 3 goals. Bank's talismanic striker Akkif gave his team a 3-2 lead in the 55th minute, scoring his second goal of the match. Faisal scored the fourth goal for Bank XI in the 65th, while Prem scored the last of the 5 goals in the 75th

minute. The 5-2 full time score was what many anticipated.

"Divisional Commissioner PK Pole was the chief guest on the occasion, and distributed prizes and mementoes to the players and officials. It is pertinent to mention here that a cash prize of Rs 50,000 were given to the runner-up team and Rs 1 lakh to the winners team, besides trophies and mementos. The officials of JKFA and Positive Kashmir NGO were also present on the occasion," the JKFA said in a statement.

Premier Division: Iqbal Sports, SCFA Play o-o Draw

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: One match of the JKFA Premier Division League 2021 was played on Tuesday at the Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The Premier Division match played between Iqbal Sports FC and Sports Council Football Academy (SCFA) ended in a defensive 0-0 draw. Both teams made attacking moves but were thwarted by astute defending and goalkeeping displays. Both halves of the match ended 0-0. Sahil of Iqbal Sports was awarded



The Premier Division League is the top-most footballing-tier of Kashmir Valley. A total of 16 sixteen teams are competing in

the League. The tournament is organised by Jammu & Kashmir Football Association, in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

IPL: Goenka Buys Lucknow Franchise For Rs 7,090 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Kolkata-based billionaire Sanjiv Goenka, who bought the Lucknow franchise for a whopping Rs 7,090 crore during the IPL bidding in Dubai on Monday, said the team's valuation "would be a multiple of a few times" over the next 10 years.

The BCCI had a windfall of close to USD 2 billion with Kolkata-based RPSG Group and international equity investment firm CVC Capital winning the bid for Lucknow and Ahmedabad franchises respectively.

The Goenka-owned RPSG Group became the highest bidder, while CVC Capital pipped Adani Group to win the bid for Ahmedabad with Rs 5600 offer.

"We do believe that the valuations of this will go up in the future. And from what we invest, to what it could be over a period of 10 years would be a multiple of a few times," chairman of RPSG Group Goenka, who is also the principal owner of ATK Mohun Bagan in ISL, said here.

"Frankly it's something that I've been keen on for a while. When the opportunity presented itself we took it. IPL has created some of the biggest brands. Look at Mumbai Indians, Delhi Capitals, Chennai Super Kings and look at some of the others, they are really household names, some of the biggest brands the country has."

J&K Wushu Team Win 6 Medals At Jr. National

Bags 3rd place in the Sanda event of the competition



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The J&K Junior Wushu team won 6 medals and emerged 3rd in the overall Sanda event rankings of Junior National Wushu Championship that concluded on Tuesday at Lovely Professional University (LPU) campus in Punjab.

The J&K Wushu team secured 2 Gold and 4 Bronze medals in the championship.

Sadia Tariq and Ansa Chisti secured Gold medals in the below 48kg and 52kg, respectively. It is the second consecutive Gold

medal for Sadia Tariq, whereas Ansa Chisti converted her previous silver medal to Gold.

Ayra Chisti, Kaifa Shah, Ali and Ajmal secured Bronze medals in the championship.

Ayra Chisti got injured during the bout and missed Gold medal.

Manipur lifted the overall trophy of the championship with 26 gold, 17 silver and 12 bronze medals in boys and girls categories.

The competitions were held in two types of Wushu - Sanda and Taolu, in nine weight categories for boys and five for girls.

T20 WORLD CUP

Quinton de Kock Skips Match After SA Asked To Take Knee

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Cricket South Africa on Tuesday ordered its players to take the knee before their T20 World Cup matches in support of the 'Black Lives Matter' movement, a directive that led to Quinton de Kock withdrawing from the game against the West Indies and laying bare the growing internal tension on the matter.

In a shocking move, wicket-keeper-batter de Kock made himself unavailable for selection in South Africa's Group 1 Super 12 stage match against the West Indies in Dubai on Tuesday, his decision coming after the CSA's diktat.

The board said it will await a report from the management before deciding on the next move. "Cricket South Africa (CSA)



has noted the personal decision by South African wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock not to "take the knee" ahead of Tuesday's game against the West Indies," the CSA said in a statement.

De Kock has expressed his reluctance to make the gesture in the past as well saying, "It's everyone's decision; no-one's forced to do anything, not in life. That's the way I see things."

THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA, SRINAGAR.



DATE SHEET

FOR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION PART-II (CLASS 12TH)
SESSION ANNUAL REGULAR 2021 OF KASHMIR PROVINCE

TIME:-12:00 NOON

| Day & Date | Science | Arts | Home Science | Commerce |
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| 09-11-2021 Tuesday | General English | General English | General English | General English |
| 13-11-2021 Saturday | IT& ITes./Security Retail/Healthcare /Tourism/Agriculture/ Media and Entertainment/ Beauty and Wellness/ Physical Education & Sports /Telecommunication | IT& ITes./ Security Retail/Healthcare /Tourism/Agriculture/ Media and Entertainment/ Beauty and Wellness/ Physical Education & Sports /Telecommunication | IT& ITes./ Security Retail/Healthcare /Tourism/Agriculture/ Media and Entertainment/ Beauty and Wellness/ Physical Education & Sports/ Telecommunication | IT& ITes./ Security Retail/Healthcare /Tourism/Agriculture/ Media and Entertainment/ Beauty and Wellness/ Physical Education & Sports /Telecommunication |
| 16-11-2021 Tuesday | Physics | Home Science (Elective) History Public Administration | Human Development | Business Mathematics Public Administration |
| 18-11-2021 Thursday | Geology Bio-Technology Microbiology Bio-chemistry | Urdu / Hindi / Kashmiri / Punjabi | ----- | Business Studies |
| 21-11-2021 Sunday | Chemistry | Arabic / Persian Economics | Clothing for the Family | Entrepreneurship Economics |
| 25-11-2021 Thursday | Geography | Geography / Psychology / Music/ Philosophy / Education | ----- | ----- |
| 27-11-2021 Saturday | Mathematics Applied Mathematics | Mathematics Applied Mathematics Sociology | Extension Education | ----- |
| 30-11-2021 Tuesday | Biology Statistics | Political Science Statistics | ----- | Accountancy |
| 04-12-2021 Saturday | Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Physical Education Islamic Studies Electronics | Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Physical Education Travel, Tourism and Hotel management English Literature | Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Physical Education Travel, Tourism and Hotel management | Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Physical Education Travel, Tourism and Hotel management |

NOTE:-

- The Examination Centre is specified on Admit Card.
- The examinees are advised to adhere strictly to the instructions given on the back side of the admit cards and bring the same (Admit Card) on all days of Examination for verification.
- The external practical examination shall be conducted by the respective affiliated academic institutions at their own level before commencement of theory examination and submit the award rolls internal and external practicals to Joint Secretary, Secrecy BOSE, K.D immediately after the issuance of the Admit cards (Roll No. Slips) by JKBOSE.
- All the Heads of the Institutions shall ensure adequate heating and lighting arrangements in the examination rooms/halls.
- All concerned must adhere to the instruction in reference to Govt. Order No. 74 - JK(DMRRR) Of 2021 dated:- 24-10-21.

Instructions in reference to Govt. Order No. 74 - JK(DMRRR) Of 2021 dated:- 24-10-2021:

- The Superintendents shall allow only those candidates who are having consent for each examination duly signed by their Parents/ Legal Guardians.
- All the superintendents / Head of the Institutions (Inspectors) of examination centres shall ensure complete Sanitization of desks/Examination Halls/Rooms / Toilets daily before and after the examination and strictly follow the SOP's issued by the administration /Health department from time to time.
- The seating arrangement should be made in such a manner that every second desk is left vacant to maintain physical distancing.
- The HOI's shall ensure that the supervisory staff and officials involved in conducting the examination are vaccinated.
- The Head of the Institutions shall ensure a thermal Scanner, Pulse Oximeter , First Aid Box Masks and Hand Sanitizers at the venue of the examination.
- The HOI's shall ensure that candidates appearing for examination must mandatorily be wearing masks, adhere to social distancing norms and if required shall carry drinking water bottles along with them.
- The HOI's shall ensure that Separate facility should be provided to the students showing any symptoms like Cough, Common Cold and Flu.

LETTER OF CONSENT

I, _____, Father/ Guardian of _____, Who is appearing in HSP-II (Class 12th) Session Annual Regular 2021 Examination under Roll No. _____, hereby consent to appear my ward in the designated examination Centre.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

R/O _____

Contact No. _____

Joint Secretary

Examinations, KD

No. F/JSE/Inst/HSE-II/AR/21

Dated:- 25-10-2021

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Medical Students

sparking a debate with some denouncing them as traitors and others defending their right to celebrate victory of their favourite team.

Official sources said that the police have taken notice of two incidents particularly – one at the hostel of the prestigious SKIMS hospital in Soura and another at the hostel of the Government Medical College (GMC) in Karan Nagar, Srinagar.

As per an FIR filed at Soura police station (under FIR No. 104/2021), "during intervening night of 24 and 25 October 2021 after Pakistan won the one day cricket match, students pursuing MBBS and other medical degrees residing in the 'un-married' hostel of SKIMS Soura raised slogans and burst firecrackers".

It says that in this connection a case was registered under section 13 of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 105A and 505 IPC.

The police have also filed an FIR (under no. 71/2021) under section 13 of the UAPA at the police station Karan Nagar against the students residing at the GMC hostel, "who were crying and dancing last night evening after Pakistan won the World Cup T20 match against India". (With inputs from Agencies)

Agra College Suspend

They were enrolled in civil engineering course at the Raja Balwant Singh Engineering Technical Campus in Agra.

It isn't immediately clear what the contents of the chats were. The move comes days after Kashmiri students in two colleges in Punjab faced mob violence after some students celebrated Pakistan's victory late Sunday night.

The students have been expelled with immediate effect. According to college authorities, the students were found involved in an indiscipline act of posting status in favour of Pakistan the match on Sunday October 24, a statement from RBS engineering technical campus said.

However, the students' woes didn't end with the expulsion.

The Agra Police, in a statement issued on Twitter, has also taken note of the incident and lodged an FIR against the three youths. The police said that it was acting on a complaint but didn't disclose its contents or identify the complainant.

"Superintendent of Police Nagar Agra [Vikash Kumar] gave a bye in relation to the legal action being taken on the basis of the complaint received on the police station Jagdishpura regarding the anti-India remarks during the chat on WhatsApp app on the victory of the Pakistan team in the cricket match played between India-Pakistan," Agra Police wrote on Twitter.

Meanwhile, the police in Srinagar has also lodged two FIRs under anti-terrorism laws against unspecified medical students of the Government Medical College and Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences. The move was widely condemned by regional political parties.

Those Cheering

had called on people to take Pakistan's win over India in a T20 World Cup match in the right spirit, amid reports of anger against Kashmiris for celebrating the neighbouring country's victory.

Pakistan beat India by 10 wickets in a Super 12 game on Sunday in their first win over their arch-rivals in a World Cup match in their 13th attempt.

"Some leaders need security cover and are protected round-the-clock by our forces but their heart beats for Pakistan. Mehbooba is of Taliban ideology and she is answerable to the people for supporting an enemy nation which is pushing armed terrorists, conspiring against us and bleeding J&K. She has committed a grave sin," Raina said.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function organised by his party to celebrate 'Vijay Diwas' (accession day) at Maharaja Hari Singh Park here, the BJP leader said those who have conspired against the country by celebrating Pakistan's win cannot be spared.

"Anyone who poses a threat to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of our motherland will be bulldozed and crushed. FIRs have been registered against those who celebrated Pakistan's win in Kashmir and elsewhere and created a ruckus under a conspiracy are being identified. Police, CID and NIA are taking action against them and all of them will be put in jail," Raina said.

Six people were detained in Samba district, while several FIRs were registered against those who celebrated the victory of the Pakistan cricket team.

Union minister Rao Inderjit Singh joined a large number of BJP leaders and workers to celebrate the accession day and paid rich tributes to the last Dogra ruler of J&K Maharaja Hari Singh. The national flag was also hoisted on the occasion.

Accession Day marks the signing of the instrument of accession by the maharaja with the governor-general of India, Lord Mountbatten, on October 26, 1947 to join the then dominion of India.

"Vijay Diwas is like Republic and Independence day for us as this was the day when our maharaja made J&K an integral part of India some parts of Jammu and Kashmir are still under the illegal occupation of Pakistan and China and the day is not far when we will hoist the tricolour there as well," Raina said in his address to the gathering.

In his address, Union minister Singh recalled the historic movements of the signing of accession and the defeat of Pakistani raiders who tried to control the Srinagar airport and said the work started by the maharaja was completed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi by revoking the Article 370 on August 5, 2019.

After the historic step, the accession of Jammu and Kashmir with India is complete, he said, adding that "neither Pakistan nor China or for that matter Taliban can think of taking over J&K from us".

Former MLA Devender Singh Rana said

Pakistan is not learning the lessons from history and repeatedly attempting to disturb the situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

"They have suffered defeats and will face the same fate in future as no conspiracy will be allowed to succeed. The temporary accession was made permanent on August 5, 2019 under the present dispensation which strengthened J&K and the country, Rana said, highlighting the contribution of the maharaja.

He said Jammu and Kashmir was and will remain the integral part of India.

'Vindictive Action'

"HMs (Union Home Minister Amit Shah) 'Mann ki baat' with Kashmiri youth started with slapping UAPA against medical students for celebrating Pakistan's win. Instead of trying to ascertain why educated youth choose to identify with Pakistan, GOI resorting to vindictive actions. Such steps will alienate them further," the former chief minister had tweeted.

VOLCANO BUILDING UP

NC President Farooq Abdullah also reacted strongly, stating that the celebrations were meant to "provoke" the BJP. "They (the BJP) took away Article 370 and Article 35A from us," Abdullah said at a meeting of party workers in Poonch's Surankote. "A volcano is building up even as they think they have silenced (the people)."

The students who celebrated Pakistan's win, Abdullah said "don't have anything to do with them (Pakistanis). It was done to provoke the BJP. They were children and young boys and this should serve as an eye-opener for the BJP." He further warned: "This volcano will erupt one day and god knows what will be its shape and size. They have to return Article 370 to the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

A DISEASE

Sajad Lone, chairperson of the People's Conference, however, called the celebrations of Pakistan's victory by Kashmiris a condition of disease. "We don't see anti-Indianism or pro-Pakistanism as an irreversible condition. It is at best a curable disease," he said, adding that "punitive actions can worsen the disease."

He added: "We live in Kashmir and have to live with those who are ideologically opposed to us. But we are confident that it is a game of narratives, of discourses. And that we will win. We will convince all about the goodness of our ideology."

Reports of celebrations emerged from different parts of the Valley soon after Pakistan's victory over India in the world cup tournament. Kashmiri students in two Punjab colleges also faced mob violence after some students cheered for Pakistan.

Home Minister Amit Shah was in Srinagar during his three-day visit to the region. With PTI Inputs

Govt To Promote

love, observed the Lt Governor.

The government is committed to promote the iconic role of Rishi's and Sufi saints in disseminating peaceful and syncretic tradition, the Lt Governor said.

The musical evening brought together the gems and renowned artists of the Sufi tradition, from across the country, in Kashmir, including Vidha Lal, a famous Kathak Exponent, and Vusat Iqbal Khan, a Dastango, telling the tales of the mystics and literary legends through their performances.

DDC Chairpersons, public representatives, people from all walks of life, and tourists in large numbers also witnessed the musical extravaganza.

Dry Weather

1.7°C against 0.2°C on the previous night, he said.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 4.8°C against 3.2°C on the previous night, the official said.

Kupwara town of north Kashmir recorded a low 2.8°C against 5.2°C on the previous night, the official said.

Gulmarg, the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 1.4°C against previous night's minus 1.2°C, the official said.

The temperatures have fallen considerably after record rainfall and snowfall in some plains and upper reaches.

The summer capital Srinagar recorded a cumulative rainfall of 66 mm on Friday and Saturday. The previous extreme rainfall record for the month of October for 48 hours in Srinagar was 65.4 mm in 1966, the official said.

Qazigund had 108mm of rain during the time which surpassed 101.4mm in 1982. The famous Pahalgam record received 111

mm rains during the two days against 67. 2 mm record in October, 1982, the official said. Kokernag had 98.4mm against 61.1mm in 1982, he said. In Jammu, Katra recorded 124.5 mm rains breaking the record of 92.2 mm in the October of 2000 while Banihal had 97.4mm against 60.4mm. The MeT office has forecast mainly dry weather over Jammu and Kashmir divisions till November 1.

3 Suspects Detained

arms and ammunition from the Bhatta Durian encounter site during a search operation.

A police official told a local news agency that one AK-47 with 29 rounds and two grenades were recovered by the forces in addition to an assortment of food and clothing items. The encounter started

on October 12. So far only one militant, who was taken from the Kot Bhalwal jail in Jammu to the site of the encounter, was killed in a militant ambush, officials claimed.

IED Recovered

a nallah in Fatehpura, following which the Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) was called in. He said that the detected IED will be destroyed soon.

Mughal Road

Subsequently, DTI Mughal Road Mohammad Qasam said that traffic was allowed to move.

The traffic movement on the thoroughfare was shut in view of snow accumulation at few places and heavy rains for three days with apprehension of landslides or shooting stones en route.

J&K Reports 1 Death

details, official data stated that Srinagar reported 36 cases, Baramulla 18, Budgam 16, Pulwama 0, Kupwara 1, Anantnag 0, Bandipora 0, Ganderbal 6, Kulgam 0, Shopian 1, Jammu 3, Udhampur 1, Rajouri 2, Doda 2, Kathua 0, Samba 0, Kishtwar 0, Poonch 6, Ramban 0 and Reasi 1.

Moreover, 77 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time – 20 from Jammu Division and 57 from Kashmir.

So far 3,26,510 patients have recovered, leaving the active case tally at 854 – 124 in Jammu and 730 in Kashmir.

They said there was no new confirmed case of mucormycosis (black fungus) reported today. So far 49 black fungus cases have been confirmed in J&K, the officials said.

The government also informed that 63,426 doses of covid-19 vaccine were administered during the time in J&K.

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