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Quote!
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NEWS DIGEST

Govt Okays Four New Courts In J&K

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday approved creation of four courts of Additional District & Sessions Judges at district headquarters - one each in District Samba, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Poonch. The decision in this regard was **More On P10**

Missing Rajouri Residents Traced

JAMMU: Two villagers, who were reported missing from the upper reaches of Rajouri during snowfall last week, were traced in a village in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, police has said. Javed Shah of Targain and his relative Khadam **More On P10**

2 Rape Accused Held After 19 Years

JAMMU: Two rape accused, who had been absconding since 2002, were arrested in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, police said. Based on specific information, a police team led by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shailender Singh arrested **More On P10**

Woman Tourist Dies Of Heart Attack

SRINAGAR: An elderly tourist died on Wednesday after suffering a cardiac arrest in the tourist resort of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. 77-year-old Rajni Patwa wife of Ramesh Patwa fell unconscious following which she was rushed to a **More On P10**

No Plans to Capture Pak Kashmir for Now, Says Top IAF Commander

Will Have Whole Of Kashmir Someday: IAF

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A top Air Force officer on Wednesday said there was no plan "at the moment" to capture Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (PcK), but expressed the hope that someday India will have the "whole of Kashmir".

Speaking to reporters at an event here to mark the 75th anniversary of the Indian troops' Budgam landing, Air Officer Commanding in Chief (AOC-in-C) of Western Air Command, Air Marshal Amit Dev, also said the people on the other side of LOC are not being treated very fairly by the Pakistanis.

"...All the activities which were carried out by the Indian Air Force and the Army (on October 27, 1947) resulted in ensuring the freedom of this part of Kashmir. I am sure that someday, the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir **More On P10**

LG Recalls Pakistan's 'Brutality, 1947 Invasion'



Observer News Service

Termining the events of October 1947 as the first landmark military action of Independent India, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday said that Pakistan Army disguised as Pashtun Tribals "cre-

ated havoc and rampaged Baramulla, killed, raped and looted the innocents, burnt houses, hospitals and churches".

"The historic Air landing Operation conducted by Indian Army & Air Force in face of the enemy and subsequent eviction of Pakistani forces was the first **More On P10**

Kin Of Non-Local Militancy Victims Likely To Get Jobs

J&K Govt Extends Compensation Under SRO-43

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday extended relief under SRO-43 to the non-local victims of militant violence, which will entitle their next of kin to cash compensation or government jobs.

The decision was taken by the Administrative Council of the Union Territory, which met here under the

chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha, an official spokesperson said.

The decision extended relief under SRO-43 to the next of kin of victims who were non-residents of Jammu and Kashmir and were killed in the recent violence in the Kashmir valley, he said.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the LG, along with Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the LG, attended the meeting.

Jammu & Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta also was part of the meeting where the **More On P10**

Street Violence, Bandh Call Culture Over In J&K: DGP

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir police Chief Dilbag Singh said on Wednesday that law and order situation has shown a marked improvement in the last three years and the "street violence" and the favourite "Bandh call culture" of separatists has almost ended completely in the Union Territory.

Singh made these remarks while giving insights about the security scenario in J&K to the Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Meenakshi Lekhi, who was on a visit to Kashmir as part of the government's outreach programme, a police spokesperson said. Lekhi, he said, interacted with DGP and



other police officers at GOs Mess Humhama here on Wednesday.

According to the police spokesperson, the DGP gave an insight into the security scenario in J&K and said that from the last three years the peace and **More On P10**

NIA Raids 17 Spots In Jamaat Funding Case

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday conducted searches at 17 locations in seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir in connection with the Jamaat-e-Islami militancy funding case, an official of the agency said.

The raids were carried out in Anantnag, Kulgam, Ganderbal, Bandipora and Budgam districts in the Kashmir division and Kishtwar and Jammu districts in the Jammu division of the Union Territory, a spokesperson of the NIA said.

"Searches conducted today included the premises of office bearers and members of the Jel (Jamaat-e-Islami) and **More On P10**

J&K Reports 70 Cases In 24 Hours

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Wednesday 70 fresh cases of novel coronavirus while 86 more patients recovered from the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, 64 new cases of coronavirus were reported from Kashmir Valley and the remaining 6 from Jammu division, thus taking the total number of people infected by virus in J&K to 331865.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar registered highest 49 new cases of virus followed by Budgam, Ganderbal **More On P10**

PMLA CASE

Centre Files Plea In SC To Transfer Mehbooba's Petition

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Centre Wednesday informed the Delhi High Court that it has filed a plea before the Supreme Court seeking the transfer of PDP leader Mehbooba's Mufti's petition which challenges the Constitutional validity of a provision of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The counsel representing the Centre told a bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh that the transfer petition is likely to come up for hearing before the apex court within a week -- on October 29.

The high court listed the matter for further hearing on December 23.



The Centre had earlier told the court that several petitions concerning various provisions and scheme of PMLA are pending in the Supreme Court and the matter has been assigned to a special bench and parties have exchanged certain queries, one of which is directly **More On P10**

Baldev Prakash Named As J&K Bank MD



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the candidature of Baldev Prakash as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Jammu and Kashmir Bank for a period of three years.

The appointment is effective from the date of taking charge or April 10, 2022, whichever is earlier, the bank said.

The appointment of Baldev Prakash as MD & CEO by the Board of the Bank and the actual date of his taking charge shall be communicated separately, the bank said.

Previously, Baldev Prakash was working with State Bank of India in various capacities including as Chief General Manager (Digital and Transaction) **More On P10**

INDO-PAK CRICKET AFTERMATH

UP Police Arrests 3 Kashmiri Students

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: The Uttar Pradesh police have arrested three Kashmiri students for allegedly celebrating Pakistan cricket team's win against India in the T20 World cup after BJP workers filed a complaint against them.

According to reports, the three students identified as Arshid Yusuf, Inayat Altaf Sheikh and Showkat Ahmed from Chadoora in Budgam and Bandipora districts, were arrested by a team of


UP police from their hostel at the Raja Balwant Singh (RBS) Engineering Technical Agra. Reports said that a police team from police station Jagdish Pura Agra arrived at the hostel of the college and arrested the trio under section 153A and 505 (1) (B).

Jammu and Kashmir Student Association spokesman Nasir Khuehami said that police in UP had confirmed to him that an FIR was filed against the three students. The students have allegedly posted **More On P10**

2 Held In Samba For Raising Pro-Pak Slogans

Two more people were detained by police on Wednesday for allegedly raising pro-Pak slogans in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district. **More On P10**

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ڈیپٹمنٹ سرٹیفکٹ SRO294
اچھا ہر گز ادائیگی ہر خاص و عام

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All the candidates are directed to join the office of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Jammu/ Srinagar within stipulated time mentioned in the each Government order for respective candidates failing which the appointment shall be canceled forthwith.

(Suresh Kr. Gupta) IFS
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Disengaged Anganwadi Workers, Helpers Stage Protest

Agencies

SRINAGAR:- Jammu and Kashmir Helpers to Supervisors Association of ICDS department today staged a protest demonstration at Press enclave Srinagar demanding revocation of their "sudden" disengagement orders from the service. Government has ordered to disengage 918 helpers to supervisors in Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme of Social Welfare Department.

One of the protesters said, "We will continue to protest until the order is rolled back. Just think about it, we have given our blood to this department from 10 to 25 years with our service and suddenly we are being thrown out"



KO Photo Abid Bhat

In addition, the workers alleged that they have not been

paid for 3 years. "We never get paid on time but our work

should be on point and on time. It has been years since we are

waiting for our salaries. We protested and raised our voice but it seems to have fallen on deaf ears. We request governor sahib to listen to us and roll-back this order," another protester said,

The aggrieved workers said that if their demands are not met within a week they will start a strike with "Governor House" and will camp in the city centre till their demands are fulfilled.

Last Month , Secretary Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda, said that "there are no posts sanctioned, no budget and no funds for payment of remuneration to them."

The government had already written to Mission Directors regarding disengaging of the 918 helpers to supervisors.(CNS)

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Botanical Garden Reverberates With Kalam E Khusro, Lalle Vaakh



KO NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR: As part of the ongoing week long Iconic Festival, Department of Tourism, organised a Sufi musical evening here last evening with artists of national and international repute enthralled the audience with sufi music in the lawns of the beautiful Botanical Garden.

The festival has been organized

to commemorate the 75th Independence Day year being celebrated as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav across the country.

Famous artists of Kashmir like Abdul Rashid Hafiz; Gulzar Ganai and others enthralled the audiences with famous traditional Chakkri songs of sufi poets like Wahab Khaar and others.

The musical evening also brought together some other artists

national eminence in the Sufi tradition from across the country like Vidha Lal, a famous Kathak Exponent and Vusat Iqbal Khan, a Dastango from the Delhi Gharana, telling the tales of the mystics and literary legends through their mesmerizing performances. Besides, the Nizami brothers kept the audience spellbound with their famous and acclaimed qawwali numbers.

The festival also saw some enthralling performances from local artists of Kashmir who mesmerised the audience with the vaakhs of Lal Ded.

Public representatives, people from all walks of life, Tourists also witnessed the musical extravaganza.

A unique feature of the event was the participation of a large number of tourists, currently in the Valley, who remained glued to the performances despite the autumn cold.

The musical evening was organised with an aim to promote the iconic role of Rishi's and Sufi saints in disseminating peaceful and syncretic traditions for which Jammu and Kashmir is known across the globe—

APHC Regrets Registration Of Cases Against Medical Students

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) headed by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq Wednesday strongly regretted the registration of two police cases against medical students under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for cheering at Pakistan's victory over India in a cricket match.

In a statement, APHC said that such a harsh measure will ruin the life and career of these young students forever, which is very disturbing.

"Settling scores and playing politics should not be done at the expense of the future of these young students and the

SETTLING SCORES AND playing politics should not be done at the expense of the future of these young students and the rulers of the day should immediately withdraw the cases against these students and others concerned,"

rulers of the day should immediately withdraw the cases against these students and others concerned," APHC said.

APHC hoped that better sense will prevail in this matter, and the concerned authorities will rise above and not give in to the pettiness of revenge—

Heaps Of Garbage Stinks Sgr Baramulla Highway At Narbal

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Mounds of garbage on Srinagar-Baramulla road near Narbal crossing has turned it into a garbage dump site with people coming from different areas frequently throwing garbage on roadside.

Garbage heaps greet people entering north Kashmir via Narbal route. A large number of plastic wrappers, papers and polythene bags could be seen along the road to the area.

Stray dogs, and crows could be seen prowling on the garbage. Besides, the garbage is providing breeding ground for insects. In the absence of bins, residents dump the waste on roads as dogs and cattle squatter upon the waste and also consume it.

Commuters and local residents while showing anger against the concerned authorities said that either garbage should be cleared regularly or dustbins should be placed.

"People from different areas are putting heaps of waste on the roadside, which has turned it into a garbage dump site which poses a threat of diseases to the community," said Muneeb, who regularly passes through this road.

WE FELT ashamed when our vehicle drove into Narbal on way from Srinagar."

"The authorities should ensure the clearance of the garbage from the area and should place bins there. The area should be sanitized immediately as heaps of garbage present there poses threat of diseases," said Khalid, who has his agricultural land nearby.

A Kashmiri migrant family while venturing into the North Kashmir from Srinagar-Baramulla highway had this to say: "We felt ashamed when our vehicle drove into Narbal on way from Srinagar."

The officials however said that many dustbins are placed in the area, but locals fail to utilise them. "Residents dump the garbage at any place convenient to them that cannot be cleared immediately. Bins are placed in the area and people should use them to throw garbage," he said.(CNS)

Multi-Physics Analysis Of Electrical Machines Workshop Begins At NIT

KO News Service

SRINAGAR: Week-long workshop on "Multi-physics analysis of Electrical Machine Using ANSYS Software and PLECS Simulation tool for Power Electronics Applications" began at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Wednesday.

The workshop is being organized by the Electrical Engineering department, while it is sponsored by Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) India in association with PLEX-IM, Switzerland.

The inaugural session of the workshop was presided over by the Director, Prof.(Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal, who is also the Chief Patron of the workshop, while Prof. Mairaj Ud Din Mufti, Professor, EE, Prof. Aijaz Ahmad Professor, EE, Prof. S. A. Lone are the patrons of the program.

HOD, Electrical Engineering NIT Srinagar, Dr. Mohammad Abid Bazaz is the convener of the weeklong workshop. Prof. Abdul Hamid Bhat, Dr. Obbu Chandra Sekhar, and Dr. Ha-reesh Myneeni are the Program Coordinators of the event.

The workshop was formally inaugurated by Prof. Sehgal and he spoke about the developing software technologies like ANSYS and congratulated the Electrical Engineering Department for organizing such events.

"We have should not use any software as a black box and should know what is happening inside, how they are selecting tools and other things," he said.

In his message, Registrar NIT, Prof. Kaiser Bukhari also appreciated the organizers for conducting a workshop on a relevant theme. He said these sessions are the need of the hour and will explore more in-depth knowledge to the participants.

J&K IMPARD Observes Vigilance Awareness Week In City

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Management Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD) today observed Vigilance Awareness Week at IMPARD, Main Campus, M A Road, Srinagar.

Director General IMPARD, Saunabh Bhagat, administered Integrity Pledge to officers of IMPARD and all those officers and officials deputed by different departments for different short and long duration training courses in the campus.

The focus area of the Integrity Pledge ceremony was to bring greater awareness on complaints under Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (PID-

PI) and Special Clearance Campaign for clearing all outstanding vigilance matters. The pledge was taken as formally prescribed by the Central Vigilance Commission.

Director General asked the concerned to ensure that two posters each, as prescribed by Central Vigilance Commission, would be displayed at IMPARD Srinagar and IMPARD Jammu announcing to the public at large that they should lodge a complaint under PIDPI if they find any corruption being practiced.

The spirit behind the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week at IMPARD was to sensitize the officers against the menace of corruption; and that the fight against corruption was a collective effort involving everyone.

PIB Conducts Virtual IMPCC Meeting

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: An online meeting of the Inter Media Publicity Coordination Committee (IMPCC), consisting of various units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), was organised by Press Information Bureau (PIB) Srinagar today.

The meeting was chaired by Additional Director General (Region) PIB, Yogesh Baweja and the proceedings were conducted by Deputy Director (Media & Communications), PIB Srinagar Ghulam Abbas. Representatives of various MIB units and other related departments functioning in different parts of J&K also attended the meeting.

Welcoming the participants, Shri Baweja said that different media units under MIB have been regularly disseminating information about the ongoing vaccination drive and Covid Appropriate Behaviour. He appreciated the synergy of media

departments especially in view of the recent parliamentary visits to the Union territory.

Addressing the participants, Shri Ghulam Abbas highlighted the importance of coordination between various media units and added that inputs shared amongst all the units will help in disseminating vital information among people. He thanked DIPR and other media units for proper coordination in connection with the coverage of different Union Ministers' visits to J&K.

Director Programmes, DDK Srinagar Naseeb Singh Manhas informed the participants that the Kendra has been successful in covering the visits of the dignitaries to Jammu and Kashmir. He said that besides carrying out its routine activities of Covid awareness, DD has been airing patriotic programs by bringing Kashmiri poets onboard. He added that DD has also taken an initiative of reviving traditional folk format Bande Pathir.

Presenting an overview of the activities of Regional Outreach Bureau (ROB) J&K, Ms Neha Jalali, Joint Director, highlighted the various initiatives taken by the department throughout Jammu and Kashmir. She said that ROB has undertaken various field activities with respect to healthcare, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Poshan Abhiyan and also collaborated in Himalayan Film Festival in Ladakh and installed wall paintings in Kargil, Leh and other districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Deputy Director, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) JK, Mridu Salathia presented an overview of the activities of DIPR. Expressing gratitude to PIB, DDK and AIR for the successful coordination to cover the events of Union Ministers, she said that DIPR is actively participating with the department of tourism for highlighting different activities to boost tourism sector in J&K. She said that

DIPR has taken initiatives to highlight centrally sponsored schemes through different programs by focussing on various success stories.

Ramesh Raina, Deputy Director News, Regional News Unit Jammu said that AIR and DD Jammu have extensively covered the visits of Union Ministers to J&K. He said that both the units have covered different programs on Covid awareness, Mask up India and Iconic Week Celebrations.

Majid Pandit, Media and Communications Officer, PIB Srinagar briefed the participants about the initiatives undertaken by the Bureau with respect to Union Governments Outreach program and said that the department also carried out awareness initiatives on its social media platforms for wider reach. He emphasised upon the continuous synergy between various media departments in order to achieve the efficient message delivery to the people.

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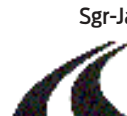
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- 306 - Maxentius proclaimed Emperor of Rome
- 312 - Emperor Constantine the Great beats rival Maxentius at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge
- 1420 - Beijing is declared the capital of the Ming dynasty under the Yongle Emperor
- 1492 - Christopher Columbus sights Cuba and claims it for Spain under the name "Juana"
- 1516 - Battle of Yavis Khan: Turkish forces under the Grand Vizier Sinan Pasha defeat the Mameluks near Gaza
- 1531 - Battle of Amba Sel: Imam Ahmad ibn Ibrahim al-Ghazi again defeats the army of Lebna Dengel, Emperor of Ethiopia. The southern part of Ethiopia falls under Imam
- 1740 - Ivan VI becomes Tsar of Russia [OS=Oct 17]
- 1831 - Michael Faraday demonstrates his dynamo invention, an electrical generator
- 1864 - Second Battle at Fair Oaks, Virginia, ends with 1554 casualties
- 1864 - Battle of Wauhatchie, Tennessee
- 1886 - Statue of Liberty dedicated by US President Grover Cleveland, celebrated by first confetti (ticker tape) parade in New York City
- 1914 - German battle cruiser Goeben enters Black Sea
- 1916 - Australian government holds a national referendum seeking support for the proposal of compulsory conscription; it is rejected
- 1918 - Czechoslovakia gains independence as Austria-Hungary breaks up
- 1922 - Benito Mussolini takes control of Italy's government
- 1924 - French-Russian trade agreement signed
- 1943 - German submarine U-220 sunk by US aircraft in the Atlantic
- 1944 - Russia & Bulgaria sign weapons pact
- 1946 - German rocket engineers begin work in USSR
- 1948 - Flag of Israel is adopted
- 1954 - Nobel Prize for Literature is awarded to Ernest Hemingway
- 1962 - Radio Moscow reports nuclear missiles in Cuba deactivated
- 1970 - US/USSR sign an agreement to discuss joint space efforts
- 1971 - Great Britain becomes 6th nation to have a satellite (Prospero) in orbit
- 1974 - Luna 23 launched (landing on Moon)
- 1988 - Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen gives \$10 million to University of Washington library
- 2009 - NASA successfully launches the Ares I-X mission, the only rocket launch for its later-cancelled Constellation program.
- 2012 - Syrian ceasefire collapses and 128 people are killed in ongoing civil war violence
- 2012 - 15 people are killed and 33 injured by a series of Baghdad car bombings
- 2015 - World Health Organization ranks Tuberculosis alongside HIV as world's deadliest infectious diseases, killing 1.2 million (2014)
- 2015 - Research indicating Plague dates back to the Bronze age in skeletons 5,783 years old, published by University of Copenhagen team in "Cell"

From KO Archives

70-Yr-Old Sets Himself Ablaze

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Overcome by his daughter's defiance, a 70-year-old set himself and his house ablaze in Sopore village today. Mu-hammad Sabid Malla later succumbed to burn injuries.

Reports said that Sabir's daughter had opposed the match he had arranged for her. Unable to bear this rebellion, Sabir drenched himself and his two story home with petrol, climbed atop the building and set himself alight. The village Sopar Naghama some 7 kilometres from Handwara watched aghast as flames engulfed the man and his dwelling. Fire tenders rushed from Dangiwaicha prevented the blaze from spreading to the ground floor. Sabir who had sustained extensive burns passed away soon after.

Meanwhile there were reports of two youth and women trying to put an end to their lives in different parts of the Valley.

Tired of his life Shiraz Ahmad Lone of Sahpora Pattan attempted suicide but was rushed to the hospital, where he is reported to be in a serious condition.

Saleema w/o Muhammad Shaban Bhat of Baran Pattan was rushed to hospital after she consumed some poisonous substance in a bid to put an end to her life. Doctors saved her life.

(Kashmir Observer, October 28, 2000)

Gulf Arab States, Squeezed By Climate Change, Still Tout Oil

Agencies

RIYADH: The global energy transition is perhaps nowhere more perplexing than in the Arabian Peninsula, where Saudi Arabia and other Gulf monarchies are caught between two daunting climate change scenarios that threaten their livelihoods.

In one, the world stops burning oil and gas to cut down on heat-trapping emissions, shaking the very foundation of their economies.

In the other, global temperatures keep rising, at the risk of rendering unlivable much of the Gulf's already extremely hot terrain.

The political stability of the six Gulf states - Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman, is rooted in profits from fossil fuels.

This includes exports that energy-hungry China and India will want even more over the next two decades.

"Climate action, it's almost an existential problem for an absolute monarchy based on oil exports," said Jim Krane, author of "Energy Kingdoms: Oil and Political Survival in the Persian Gulf."

"They need climate action to succeed without wrecking the oil market. That's a tough needle to thread."

In pledging "net-zero" emissions targets as Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Bahrain have done this month, greenhouse gas emissions would be cut within their borders, while maintaining fossil fuel exports abroad.

Saudi Arabia, which supplies about one-tenth of the world's oil demand, made its announcement this week while hosting its first major climate change forum.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman set 2060 as Saudi Arabia's target.

It was an important announcement for a country with an estimated 265 billion barrels of oil reserves worth \$22.5 trillion at current prices.

Saudi Arabia has expressed determination to pump oil until the last drop, but it could find little use for its greatest natural resource in a world that runs on cleaner forms of renewable and solar energy.

Gulf monarchies have used oil revenue to maintain domestic support, buy regional clout and expand influence.

The money has built up national armies and provided citizens with cushy public sector jobs, free health care and higher education, subsidized fuel, land to build homes on, marriage dowries and generous pensions.

Without this patronage system, Gulf monarchies might have to allow greater political participation or turn more repressive, said Krane, an energy studies fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy in Texas.

Gulf Arab states pledging "net zero" emissions are positioning themselves to be part of the multi-trillion-dollar clean energy industry, even as they keep earning from oil and gas.

At the Saudi Green Initiative Forum in Riyadh, President Joe Biden's climate envoy, John Kerry, told a roomful of princes and prime ministers from across the region that climate action can create "the biggest market opportunity the world has ever known."

4 Pak Policemen Killed In Clashes With Banned TLP Group



Agencies

Islamabad: Thousands of demonstrators from a banned Pakistani Islamist group clashed with police on Wednesday, killing and wounding several people from both sides, police and the group said.

The clash broke out at a rally of the banned Tehrik-e-Labaik Pakistan (TLP) on a highway in Sheikhupura district just outside the eastern city of Lahore, a spokesman for the Punjab police said on Wednesday.

"TLP activists used SMG, AK 47 and pistols to target police officials as the result of which several officials were martyred," the spokesman said.

He said there were no details of the number killed but there were around 25 wounded.

The group said several of their activists had also been killed or wounded.

Thousands of TLP activists have blocked Pakistan's busiest highway since Friday, demanding the release of their leader and the expulsion of France's ambassador over the publication by a satirical magazine of cartoons depicting the Prophet Mohammad.

After negotiations with the government failed, the demonstrators began marching towards the capital Islamabad on Wednesday.

Police said they had tried to block the march, which triggered the clashes. The highway sit in followed clashes in the eastern city of Lahore on Friday that killed three police.

Dubai Hosts Arab Fashion Week



Italian designer Giorgio Armani put on a flamboyant show in Dubai on Tuesday night, with a stellar guest list to match.

'Vaccinated But...': Delay In Covaxin Approval By WHO Hits Indian Travellers

Agencies

Pandalam: Stuck in a village for nine months and unable to return to his job in Saudi Arabia, Sugathan P.R. is hoping the World Health Organization will approve the COVID-19 shot Covaxin, paving the way for his trip back.

Like Mr Sugathan, millions of Indians have taken Covaxin and many have complained of travel struggles as the vaccine has not been recognised for international travel by several countries.

"I cannot continue to remain idle here any further," said 57-year-old Sugathan, who returned to Pandalam village in Kerala in January to be with his family after missing his father's funeral last year when the pandemic disrupted flights.

"I had the option of going to Saudi and taking (additional doses of) Covishield after a four-day institutional quarantine, but I was not sure of its implications on my health," said Mr Sugathan, referring to AstraZeneca's vaccine.



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"If the Covaxin approval does not come, I will take the risk of going and taking a Saudi-approved vaccine," he added, sitting in his spacious two-storey house fronted by paddy fields.

WHO Chief Scientist Soumya Swaminathan said after a meeting on Tuesday that its independent experts had sought "additional clarifications" from Covaxin maker Bharat Biotech for a final assessment on Nov. 3.

The global agency has been

deliberating on data supplied by Bharat Biotech since early July but has said it cannot "cut corners" in making a decision.

Without a WHO nod, the two-dose Covaxin is unlikely to be accepted as a valid vaccine globally and would complicate travel plans for Indians who have taken it.

Rajan Pallivadakethil Unnuni, 59, who worked in Kuwait as a welder for two decades before flying to India late last year, has been unable to go back as Kuwait does not recognise Covaxin.

He is now struggling to repay his \$20,000 bank loan selling chicken at a small stall in Kerala and making \$4 a day.

"If I cannot go back to Kuwait, I will not be able to repay the loan and complete the education of my children," said Rajan, seated on a plastic stool in front of his shop.

"I can buy a ticket to Kuwait only if the Kuwait government app shows a green signal."

‘Climate catastrophe’: World faces 2.7C temperature rise

Current commitments to cut greenhouse gas emissions put the planet on track for a "catastrophic" average 2.7-degree Celsius temperature rise this century, the United Nations has said, the latest stark warning ahead of crunch climate talks.

Just days before the COP26 climate summit in the Scottish city of Glasgow, the UN's Environment Programme (UNEP) said on Tuesday national plans to reduce carbon pollution amounted to "weak promises, not yet delivered".

"The G20 countries are responsible for 78 percent of all emissions so the 'to do item' lies with them," Inger Andersen, executive director of the UNEP, told Al Jazeera.

"The developed countries have a special responsibility to really step up, but actually everyone does - all 193 member states."

Andersen said much of the pledged action by countries is delayed until 2030, which scientists warn will be far too late to halt the worst ravages of climate change on the planet. "Action is needed



now," she warned.

Governments will be in the spotlight at the COP26 conference next week to meet a deadline of this year to commit to more ambitious greenhouse gas cut promises, in what could be the last chance to put the world on track to limit warming to 1.5C (2.7 Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels.

This would help prevent the worst-imagined catastrophic changes threatening the planet, scientists say. As extreme weather events including superstorms,

forest fires and floods increasingly hit countries around the world, even the slightest increase in global temperatures will worsen the situation.

"Thundering wake-up call" The UN World Meteorological Organization said ahead of the two-week event, which begins on Sunday, that greenhouse gas concentrations hit a record last year and the world is "way off track" in capping rising temperatures.

Agencies

ISIL Attack On Iraqi Village Kills 11 ‘Defenceless Civilians’

Agencies

Baghdad: At least 11 people have been killed and others wounded in an ISIL (ISIS) attack on a village in Diyala province in eastern Iraq, according to the country's security forces.

The attack on Tuesday targeted "defenceless civilians" in the village of al-Hawasha, near the town of Muqadadiya, the Joint Operations Command said in a statement.

The Associated Press news agency cited two officials as saying that ISIL fighters had kidnapped two villagers earlier and then raided the village when their demands for ransom were not met. The dead and wounded were all civilians, they added.

In a Twitter post, Iraqi President Barham Salih denounced the attack as a "despicable attempt to destabilise" Iraq. He said the country needed to boost its security, address security gaps and "not underestimate the threat of ISIL".

At its peak, ISIL controlled vast swaths of territory in Iraq and neighbouring Syria under its self-proclaimed "caliphate".

Attacks targeting civilians have become rare in Iraq since

ISIL was largely defeated in the country in 2017, although it remains active through sleeper cells in many areas.

A United Nations report published early this year estimated that about 10,000 ISIL fighters remained active across Iraq and Syria, and still conduct operations, often targeting security forces, power stations and other infrastructure.

A roadside bomb attack targeted a suburb of the capital, Baghdad, in July, killing at least 30 people and wounding dozens of others at a crowded market.



In January, twin suicide bombings ripped through a busy market in Baghdad, killing at least 32 people and wounding dozens. Iraqi officials blamed ISIL for those attacks.

Germany To End National 'Epidemic' Situation Next Month



Press Trust Of India

BERLIN: The German parliament will not extend the "epidemic situation of national scope" when it expires next month, but will keep in place certain measures to check the spread of the coronavirus, lawmakers said on Wednesday.

Leading members of the country's parliament, or Bundestag, said that although coronavirus infections have been rising again recently, they did not see the need to prolong the "epidemic situation" which it was first declared in March 2020 and has been repeatedly extended since then. They said that the situation had fundamentally changed due to the fact that about two-thirds of the population had been vaccinated against the virus.

The health emergency situation declaration had enabled federal and state governments to order key coronavirus measures without the approval of the national and regional parliaments.

"There will no more be school closures, lockdowns or curfews again," said Dirk Wiese, the deputy head of the center-left Social Democrats parliamentary group. He added that the pandemic still needed to be handled responsibly, but that restrictions on civil rights needed to be eased again.

Despite the Nov. 25 expiration of the "epidemic situation," some measures like obligatory mask wearing in public spaces, restrictions on entry to certain venues to only those who have been vaccinated or financial support for workers who have been hit hard by the pandemic will stay in place until March. In addition, individual states can still decide to again implement stricter measures if needed.

Members of the three parties that hope to form Germany's new government announced the country's new direction on the pandemic to reporters in Berlin.

Germany held national elections last month. The Social Democrats, environmentalist Greens and the pro-business Free Democrats opened formal coalition talks following a preliminary deal earlier this month, and said they hope to announce a deal for a new government in early December.

If the negotiations succeed, the new government will send Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right Union bloc into opposition after 16 years at the helm. Her likely successor would be Olaf Scholz of the center-left Social Democrats, her vice chancellor and finance minister since 2018.

Mullah Omar's Son On TV For First Time As Taliban Polishes Public Image

Kabul: The son of Taliban founder Mullah Omar appeared in public for the first time on Wednesday, as Afghanistan's hardline rulers try to polish their media image.

The televised event saw Mohammad Yaqoob, Afghanistan's new defence minister, appealing to local businessmen to invest in hospitals and clinics, signalling the Taliban are emerging from the shadows.

As supreme leader of the movement during their first reign of power, Yaqoob's father Mullah Omar rarely appeared in public, and photos of him were banned.

Even when the one-eyed cleric died in 2013, the news was not made public for more than two years.

But since the Taliban



returned to power in mid-August after a 20-year war against a US-backed government, its ministers have been taking a more open public and political role.

"Let's spend some money here, businessmen brothers have to come here to build hospitals, clinics, doctors have to come here

too," Yaqoob said, at the Sardar Mohammad Dawood Khan military hospital in Kabul.

Afghanistan's health sector has been shattered by war and Afghanistan's economy has ground to a halt since the return of the Taliban, who remain under international sanctions.

Thousands are seeking treatment abroad, adding to chaos at the borders as others flee Taliban rule.

Yaqoob was once head of the powerful military commission and benefited from the aura of his late father's cult-like status in the movement.

But the most senior positions in the new government went to comrades of Omar, including Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Akhund and his deputy Abdul Ghani Baradar.

'First known exoplanet' spotted in another galaxy

In a groundbreaking scientific development, astronomers are believed to have found the first known planet in another galaxy-- beyond ours, according to media reports.

The potential world, called M51-ULS-1b, orbits both a massive star and a dead star in the Whirlpool or Messier 51 galaxy, about 28 million light-years from Earth, reports Science News.

The object's existence, if confirmed, suggests that there could be many other extragalactic exoplanets waiting to be discovered, astronomers report in a study published in Nature Astronomy on October 25.

Nearly 5,000 "exoplanets" - worlds orbiting stars beyond our Sun - have been found so far, but all of these



have been located within the Milky Way galaxy, according to BBC.

The possible Saturn-sized planet discovered by Nasa's Chandra X-Ray Telescope is in the Messier 51 galaxy.

"We probably always assumed there would be planets

in other galaxies", said astrophysicist Rosanne Di Stefano of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass. "But to actually find something, it's a beautiful thing. It's a humbling experience."

Exoplanets are defined

as planets outside of our Solar System. Until now, astronomers have 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, says Nasa.

"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 Stefano, who led the study.

There is no reason to think that other galaxies do not also host planets. But the most popular exoplanet hunting techniques are difficult to do with such faraway stars, which blend together too much to observe them one by one.

J&K Aspirational Blocks Dev Programme Launched

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SRINAGAR: For intensive and focussed development of the 44 most backward blocks of the Union territory, the Administrative Council (AC), on Wednesday met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the rollout of the prestigious 'Aspirational Blocks Development Programme'.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The blocks identified under the Aspirational Blocks Development Programme are the most backward blocks of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir which require special focus to bring them at par with other blocks. The programme aims to improve development in terms of various socio-economic parameters like education, health and well-being; and overall living conditions of the people.

These Aspirational Blocks shall be developed through convergence of various ongoing UT schemes/programmes, and centrally sponsored schemes/programmes. The District Development Commissioners will be tasked with preparation of a suitable development plan, whereas, the Planning Development and Monitoring Department will constantly monitor the district-wise progress of these blocks through a digital portal.

Under the programme, the resources will be clearly delineated across various sectors of development – poverty, health & nutrition, education, and basic infrastructure, at the district level. Additionally, an amount of Rs. 1.00 crore will be provided to each block after fulfilment of defined criteria.

The best practices implemented in the development of Aspirational Blocks will be acknowledged and duly replicated in other blocks towards ensuring an inclusive and equitable socio-economic development of the Union territory.

Covid-19 Likely To Become A Seasonal Illness: DAK

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SRINAGAR: The Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Wednesday said that Covid-19 will likely become a seasonal illness similar to flu that peaks in fall and winter.

"Covid-19 pandemic will end at some point, but the virus will continue to circulate in the human population," said DAK President and influenza expert Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

"However, the impact of the virus in terms of deaths, illness and the need for social isolation will lessen. Cases will wax and wane over time. Outbreaks will pop up here and there," he said.

"Covid-19 will become yet another infection joining many other diseases that humanity has learned to live with. We will probably be living with this virus for rest of our lives," he added.

Dr Hassan said Covid-19 could transform into a milder illness that can be managed seasonally like the annual flu.

"The 2009 H1N1 flu pandemic could offer a clue about the course of Covid-19," he said.

The DAK President said H1N1 pandemic was over in about 16 months, but the virus did not disappear. Instead it has turned into a seasonal flu strain that circulates all years, and peaks during winter. Covid-19 could ultimately become

another seasonal respiratory virus, like the four other coronaviruses that cause a sizeable proportion of common colds.

"The seasonality of respiratory viruses is affected by number of factors," he said.

"Flu, for example tends to peak in winter because people spend more time indoors in close proximity to each other, our immune system gets weakened in cold weather due to vitamin D deficiency and the flu virus is more stable in lower temperature."

"The latest knowledge on the stability and transmission of Covid-19 suggests that the novel virus might follow a similar pattern," Dr Nisar said.

"That will happen only once the pandemic phase of Covid-19 will be over," he said adding "Covid-19 is still in a pandemic phase because infections continue to increase across the globe and many people are still susceptible."

"Vaccination is critical to end the pandemic phase of the virus. When enough people will get vaccination against the virus, and that too quickly, we may see an end to the pandemic soon. Even with vaccination, virus is going to stay around and cause smaller outbreaks, much like seasonal flu. And, we may need booster shots of Covid-19 vaccine on regular basis to maintain immunization over time," said Dr Nisar.

Army Holds 'Run For Unity' In Kupwara



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SRINAGAR: 142 girls of Ramhall and Taratpora block in Kupwara On Wednesday came out in their comfort zone early in the morning on a chilling day to compete in a 'Run For Fun' event organised by Indian Army at Vilgam.

"The theme for this Fun event was 'Run For Unity' and the participants pledged to spread the message of Unity, Peace and oneness in the Union of India. The event also played an important role in grooming young girls of the valley in developing sportsmanship, which was evidently seen by the Josh, Vigour and Dedication displayed by each participant," the Army said in a statement.

"A clear message of women taking a step out of homely shackles and empowering themselves even in the valley of Kashmir has been conveyed in the environment with so many girls turning up for the event in spite of mid term examinations being conducted in most of the schools," they added.

"A total of 21 teachers and parents also accompanied young runners, not only to the start point but also during their run continuously motivating their students to perform better in the event. Individual medals, certificates and cash prizes were given to 10 best position holders and a certificate and a finishers medal to each participant," the statement concluded.

MoS Lekhi Opens Lit Festival At Gulmarg

BARAMULLA: Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Leekhi on Wednesday inaugurated the first ever literary festival at Gulmarg today.

The literary festival organized by the J&K Government has brought numerous literary personalities across the country to mark the 75 years of inde-

pendence. Acclaimed writers, emerging poets, intellectuals discussed and analysed several aspects of literary traditions in the festival. While inaugurating the literary festival, Meenakshi Leekhi praised the efforts of J&K UT Administration for organizing festival of this kind and said that such kind of festivals are inspiring youth across the country

to explore their inherent creativity and is also attracting literati loving people. She emphasized that literary festivals provide a platform to the budding writers and young enthusiasts to express their ideas and feelings.

In the morning session 'Debut To Bestseller', The Climb, The Voyage with moderator Arjun Gaind, famous writers Kanchana

Banerjee, Anuja Chandramouli, Koral Dasgupta and Neil D'Silva participated. In another session with moderator Siddhartha Gigo, meant for the budding writers from Jammu and Kashmir, four young poets and writers, Anushka Dhar, Manpreet Kour, Mahpara Khan and famous Urdu poet and DC Srinagar, Aijaz Asad participated.

AC Approves 3rd Party Inspection Guidelines In Road Sector

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SRINAGAR: In a bid to improve the quality of infrastructure in road sector and fix responsibility for proper maintenance of assets, the Administrative Council (AC), which met here on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the roll out of 3rd party inspection guidelines in Jammu and Kashmir.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The new guidelines have been framed on the lines of established regulations in respect of road network created under the PMGSY scheme. Accordingly, structured control mech-

anism is being established in PW(R&B) Department to carry out scientific and periodic independent inspections for all district roads and state highways by undertaking monitoring via in-house departmental engineers and empanelled consultant of National stature.

The quality control mechanism also defines procedures and timelines to properly govern preparation of realistic detailed project reports (DPRs); preparation of bid documents and effective selection process for procurement of works; quality control on material and workmanship through enforcement of technical standard; and quality control requirement by regular testing, close supervision and inspection.

The new guidelines make it mandatory to conduct independent quality tests in accordance with the standard codal

requirements and verify that the quality management system is achieving its intended objectives. They also prescribe non-release of payments to the contractors until works are inspected and graded satisfactory by the quality monitor.

Further, the Directorate of Design, Inspection & Quality Control which has the mandate for designing and quality control, shall be the Nodal Agency for implementation of Quality Control Mechanism independently under overall supervision of PW(R&B) Department as Quality Control Unit.

With the roll out of 3rd party inspection system, the quality of works executed under various programmes/schemes in road sector will be brought under scrutiny and responsibilities will be fixed for non/under performance of various agencies.

'Internet Cut', Call Drops Irk Users In Parts Of Kashmir

Services remain suspended from 7 am to 11 am and from 3 pm to 10 pm; Jio consumers most irked

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SRINAGAR: The frequent internet cuts in different areas of Kashmir since the past 15 days is irking local residents to carry out their day-to-day work.

The residents of Downtown Srinagar, Pampore, Pulwama and many other areas complained that the frequent internet cuts are creating hurdles for them to carry on with their daily work.

Tawseef Ahmed, a resident of Lethpora Pampore, said that the internet services remain suspended in the area from 7 am to 11 am and then from 3 pm till 10 pm on a regular basis for the past one week or so.

"Most of the business activities in contemporary times depend on internet services but frequent blockades are taking a toll on our business," he said.

Similarly people from different areas of Downtown said that the internet blockade creates problems for students enrolled in different colleges and universities.

"After power cuts, authorities



have now resorted to internet cuts in the Downtown area. It is a sheer injustice to us. We are being punished for no fault," Ishfaq Majeed from Nowhatta said.

Zahid Ahmad from Litter who deals with submitting different forms online said that his 50 percent work has got affected due to the frequent internet blockades in the last few days.

"Most of the students and other people were coming to my shop to submit forms in the evening time but due to the internet blockades, they are choosing to go to other areas

now," he said.

"We request higher ups to look into the matter and before blockade keep the business community and students in mind as internet blockades are adding to our miseries," locals said.

Meanwhile, police had said that shutting down the internet of some towers is purely related to militancy related incidents. Apart from the internet snapping, call drops on Jio and Airtel are being frequently reported from majority of Kashmir parts leaving the consumers of these telecom services irked.

Vigilance Awareness Week Begins In J&K

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SRINAGAR: The Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from October 26 to November 1, 2021 across the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The observance of the week commenced with officers and officials of ACB taking the integrity pledge which was administered by Anand Jain, IPS at ACB headquarters. The pledge at ACB

branches at Jammu and Srinagar were also organized by the respective Branch SSSP. The Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVOs) also organized the pledge ceremonies in their respective departments.

Vigilance awareness week is observed every year as a part of the multi pronged approach to encourage stakeholders to collectively participate in the prevention and fight against Corruption. This is observed every

year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls.

To raise awareness on Vigilance, ACB will undertake various programs like lectures in offline/online mode, webinars and other related activities. Banners and posters will also be displayed across UT for spreading awareness. The DVOs will also organize such programmes in their respective departments.

Apni Party Holds District Convention

SRINAGAR: Apni Party Youth Wing Kashmir on Wednesday organised a day-long convention at its Central office in M2 Church Lane, Srinagar wherein youth participated across the Kashmir division.

The convention was organised by Apni Party Youth Provincial President Kashmir, Khalid Rathore which was presided over by Apni Party Provincial President Kashmir Mohammad Ashraf Mir.

Addressing the gathering, Mohammad Ashraf Mir said that youth is a global agent of progressive change and social well-being of any civilized society.

During the convention, Youth General Secretary Irfan Manhas also laid stress on the need for empowering the youth of Jammu and Kashmir who have been regrettably neglected by the previous governments.

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An Integrated South Asia

On a visit to Saudi Arabia, Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan at a function talked at length about India, Pakistan relations. He once again expressed his desire to have better relations with India but said that Kashmir issue was in the way. "There is only one issue between India and Pakistan and it is the issue of Kashmir. If only we are able to get it out of way, we will be good neighbours," Khan said. Pakistan premier once again dangled the carrot of the access to Central Asia to India. should the two countries be able to normalize their relations. In an obvious call for India to take bolder steps to resolve its issues with Pakistan, Khan said that the most successful business people are those who look ahead and take risks. "The ones who go on the trodden path never really become outstanding in any field, let alone business," he said.

Whatever New Delhi makes of Khan's observations, his vision of an integrated, peaceful south asia is too tempting to ignore. However, this is not the first time the prospect of regional connectivity has been laid out whereby India and Pakistan are foreseen to not only trade with each other but also with central Asia, In Kashmir, China's Border Roads Initiative project has drawn a lot of attention for its alleged potential to boost regional connectivity which in the long term may also help aid India, Pakistan reconciliation. Many observers have predicted that the China Pakistan Economic Corridor will have very consequential impact on the overall framework of India-Pakistan relations. The project, as it progresses is expected to introduce new geo-political factors which in the near or long term will help shape the future of South Asia..

Already, the new factors being unleashed by the project are straining existing geo-politics of the region. However, for now, we are only witnessing the beginnings of this shift. And considering India and Pakistan have not been able to mend their relations over the past seven decades, the prognosis for the future of their relations can't be optimistic. But who knows new geopolitical factors and the great possibilities of a normal bilateral relationship might force a decisive rethink after all. Here's hoping that India and Pakistan do go back to dialogue and engagement and, for once, try to seriously sort out their longstanding issues. And for that the leaders of both the countries need to act in a statesmanlike way.

OTHER OPINON

Ducking

Virat kohli has a social media following that the country's political parties would be envious of. Other cricketers in India's World T20 squad are also A-listed influencers. But when their long-time mate, Mohammad Shami, an India regular in charge of a new ball for close to a decade, was targeted and abused, and his faith was invoked after the loss to Pakistan, those eagerly followed timelines remained silent. The team that gets into a tight huddle before every game, a reassuring picture of solidarity in a diverse nation, didn't form the same ring of support for Shami. Hours before, however, the images of Kohli and his teammates congratulating Pakistani players sent out a heartwarming signal — that sportsmanship and grace could be found in defeat; that an India-Pakistan cricket match did not have to be overshadowed by bitter enmity. Surely, then, a statement from the team would also have been an eloquent rebuttal to those who saw in Shami only his faith.

In the polarised world of social media, debate usually means extremists on either side hijacking the discourse. Add to this the potent mix of cricket, India, Pakistan and majority vs minority, and it's not difficult to see why many may see silence as a preferred option. But India's sporting icons, from Neeraj Chopra to Virat Kohli, can send out the much-needed message of inclusion to the young. The cricketers' silence stood out, especially when the team collectively supported the ICC's anti-racism stand by taking the knee, the protest posture made famous by the Black Lives Matter movement. A long list of former players did react but many missed the point. Calling Shami a committed, world-class bowler, Sachin Tendulkar tweeted: "He had an off day like any other sportsperson can have." But a player doesn't deserve civility based on the runs he concedes in the game. And this was a day when India was thrashed by 10 wickets, openers Rohit Sharma and K L Rahul went for single digits, finishers Ravinder Jadeja and Hardik Pandya failed to fire at the end and the world's top bowler Jasprit Bumrah was blunted by Pakistan's sauntering openers. It was not difficult to see why the digital mob had targeted Shami.

The BCCI, the richest board with the deepest social media reach, too, must be mindful of its responsibility. England's Football Association was quick to throw its weight behind their players — Marcus Rashford, Jadon Sancho and Bukayo Saka — after they faced racist abuse on missing penalties against Italy in the Euro 2020 final. Indian cricket's footprint is now global. The IPL is a growing tent that attracts a diversity of talent. How players behave in such situations amplifies a vital message to the next generation — that ambition and talent go hand in hand only if they are inclusive. That the team chose to be silent when a colleague was the target of hate is not only disappointing, it also dents Indian cricket.

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Mental Health In Kashmir
Not A Copy-Paste Approach



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Amir Suhail Wani

THE ACCELERATED PROLIFERATION
and diversification of mental health issues has equally baffled the patients and doctors alike. The situation has been deplored by the negligence towards and at times ignorance of these mental health issues by the patients. The situation is further convoluted by the issues particular to our valley and the failure and incapacity to address these diverse and nuanced issues have only catalysed the worsening of the overall scenario

Mental health and psycho-social wellbeing is an issue confronting the world at large. Both in developing and developed countries, the issue of mental health has assumed newer and deeper dimensions. But a place like Kashmir, sandwiched as it is in the geopolitical rivalry between India and Pakistan has been a breeding ground for psychological and psychiatric disorders of all sorts. The political crisis that Kashmiris as people have witnessed has made them vulnerable to depression, anxiety, trauma and PTSD.

Decades of violence in Kashmir has had an unimaginable impact on the mental health of people here. The underlying political uncertainty had already augmented the socio-economic issues and now, COVID is compounding the problems, multiplying mental health issues and simultaneously burdening the mental health system in the state even further. Besides the well-known psychiatric disorders, the valley distinguishes itself by the fact that here we encounter psychological complications that sometimes even escape a specialist's profiling and demand customised assessment and treatment modules. This aspect has been usually overlooked and professionals have started stretching generalizations beyond their legitimate limits. But the typology and peculiarity of the situation demand that instead of working with sweeping treatment methodologies, patient-specific and non-conventional methods be explored and employed.

The unrivalled social transformation coupled with the unleashing of technological potential has plunged mankind as a whole into the abyss of wholesale existential crisis and psychological pandemonium. Never before in the known history of mankind have changes bombarded the human species so frequently and with such agonising consequences. With the invasion of technology and then more technology in our lives, human miseries at the deepest level have just multiplied in number and deepened in their ramifications. Having overcome the threats and obstacles outside themselves, human beings are now more scared by what lies within - an era of psychological and existential crisis has permeated the very existence of mankind. Urbanisation, industrialization and modernization have just culminated in man's alienation - from the self and the world. Happiness and meaningfulness are two indispensable denominations of human existence and the world we have landed in seems to be bereft of both these essentials. Both globally and locally, mankind seems to have compromised with mental health, exchanging it against restlessness for petty

material gratifications and in so doing we have just made the deteriorating mental health an inevitable catastrophe. We are all at discomfort with our existence at deepest levels and despite this deep lurking danger sending repeated warnings, it just goes unnoticed and suffers gross ignorance at our hands - only to recur in much devastating and damaging manifestations.

Not just man's misplaced efforts and endeavours result in disorders of psychological and psychiatric order, but the direction in which the modern world has set itself rolling adds to these anomalies and abnormalities in unforeseen manner and

THE UNRIVALLED SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION
coupled with the unleashing of technological potential has plunged mankind as a whole into the abyss of wholesale existential crisis and psychological pandemonium. Never before in the known history of mankind have changes bombarded the human species so frequently and with such agonising consequences. With the invasion of technology and then more technology in our lives, human miseries at the deepest level have just multiplied in number and deepened in their ramifications. Having overcome the threats and obstacles outside themselves, human beings are now more scared by what lies within - an era of psychological and existential crisis has permeated the very existence of mankind.

magnitude. The phenomenon that needs unearthing and attention is to see the extent to which mental health providers - psychologists, psychiatrists and counsellors have kept pace with these mutations of mental health disorders and the degree to which they have responded to the same. The fact remains that most of us haven't been prompt enough in our response to these mental health issues and the subtleties they are accompanied by. The accelerated proliferation and diversification of mental health issues has equally baffled the patients and doctors alike. The situation has been deplored by the negligence towards and at times ignorance of these mental health issues by the patients. The situation is further convoluted by the issues particular to our valley and the failure and incapacity to address these diverse and nuanced issues have only catalysed the worsening of the overall scenario.

Psychiatry and psychology are in the process of assuming critical roles in defining and guaranteeing the wellness of our overall health. Just that people have not fully awakened to the importance of the psychological dimension of health, the fields of psychiatry and psychology are yet to enter the domain of critical importance that legitimately belongs to them. "Mental Health in an unequal World", as the theme for this year's, World Mental Health Day stands, appropriately captures the uniqueness and diversity of Mental Health issues faced by people

in conflict torn and economically underprivileged zones.

It so happens in these regions, like ours, that people are so busy fighting the battle of life and seeking their sustenance and sustainability that they end up being indifferent to their Mental Health issues. This naivety and gross negligence multiplies the responsibilities of Mental Health providers, who, in such cases not only diagnose and treat the patients but also raise the level of consciousness vis a vis Mental Health and its importance among masses. This places an incumbent responsibility upon the institutions and specialists to come out of their daily cyclic schedule and to reach masses in whatever form they can so as to mitigate the inadvertent Mental Health crisis that looms over the horizons. There is an urgent need to sensitize people to the intricacies of Mental Health and make them proactive in responding to any anomaly. This awareness has to flow in a top to bottom approach and psychiatrists have a heightened role to play in disseminating the prior knowledge and awakening masses, irrespective of their mental health status, to the effects of the same.

In a fragile zone like Kashmir early psychological and psychiatric intervention can be very helpful; both in mitigating the problem and dispensing information. But this process of early intervention builds upon the premise of positive and cordial patient doctor relationship. The scenario demands from doctors to leap out of their pre-designed treatment, frameworks and modules and to adopt a holistic, sympathetic and integrative approach towards the patients. This early intervention and improved

doctor patient relationship can account for systematic information within the overreaching reaching superstructure of the Mental Health care system.

A further descriptive and emancipatory role is supposed to be played by Mental Health workers in spreading awareness and thereby profiling mental health disorders like any other health disorder. The tragic fate of psychiatric patients is that they are subjected to marginalization, otherisation and unacceptance at social and familial levels consequent to their psychiatric /psychological disorders. This has played a ruinous character in preventing people from seeking early and timely psychiatric intervention, till they end up in situations beyond medical reach. An emancipatory awareness to this end can only flow from the experts of the field and unless this phenomenon of emancipation permeates the society we cannot expect any improvement in the mental health of the people, for most of the cases, will go unnoticed as ever. This must awaken the psychiatrists and Mental Health providers to the task at hand and in so doing they must discover for themselves the roles beyond clinical evaluation and routine medicine prescription.

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Winds Of Change

Winters have arrived early in Kashmir. The temperatures have dropped all of sudden. Temperatures had been considerably up throughout mid-year and even September which is considerably moderate

was quite hot.

This was until October decided to drop the frost on us. Upper reaches in Kashmir have already received untimely snow which has stalled the smooth harvest of apples as well. Additionally, it has set the state in a state of hurry to wrap up with layers

of sweaters when least expected.

These sudden changes in climate are an outcome of climate variations which have happened world over because of climate crisis. Our glaciers are receding. Our summers are hotter. The amount of snowfall over the years has also been erratic.

Experts in Kashmir should get proactive in researching the causes and suggesting ways to mitigate this crisis. They must also organise and ask the government to vocalise these concerns and raise these at larger platforms.

Musaib Gul

Bleached Girls The Obsession With Fair Skin

Neha Mishra | Ronald Hall

“Let’s scrub out that tan” is a common refrain in beauty parlours in India, where girls grow up with constant reminders that only fair skin is beautiful. From Sunday classified ads touting the marriageability of an “MBA graduate, 5-½ ft. English medium. Fair complexion” to elderly aunts advising young women to apply saffron paste to “maintain your skin whiter and smoother”, the signs are everywhere.

TODAY, THE CONTEMPT
for brown skin is embraced by both the ruling class and lower castes, and reinforced daily by beauty magazine covers that feature almost exclusively Caucasian, often foreign, models

Even sentiments like, “She got lucky he married her despite her [dark] complexion” are still whispered around India in 2017.

Younger generations are now starting to push back. On July 7, 18-year-old Aranya Johar published her Brown Girl’s Guide to Beauty on Youtube. The video, a spoken-word poem containing lines like “Forget snow-white/say hello to chocolate brown/I’ll write my own fairy-tale” went viral, reaching 1.5 million viewers around the world in its first day alone.

Johar’s candid slam came just before Bollywood actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui



used Twitter to indict the Indian film industry’s racist culture.

His post recalled the vehement push-back of actress Tannishtha Chatterjee, who was bullied for her skin tone on live TV in 2016.

Though many Indians still feign ignorance about social discrimination based on skin colour, the country’s obsession with whiteness can also be violent. In recent years, fear of black and brown skin has also spurred harassment and attacks on African students living in India.

Why do Indians so hate their own colour?

The bleaching syndrome

Indian history offers some answers. Throughout medieval and modern history, the Indian subcontinent has been on the radar of various European settlers and traders, including, from the 15th to 17th centuries, the Portuguese, Dutch and French. The subcontinent was invaded and partly ruled by the Mughals in the 16th century, and colonised by the British from the 17th century onwards until independence in 1947. All these foreign “visitors” were of relatively fair complexion, and

many claimed to be superior.

Being subject to a succession of white(ish) overlords has long associated light skin with power, status and desirability among Indians. Today, the contempt for brown skin is embraced by both the ruling class and lower castes, and reinforced daily by beauty magazine covers that feature almost exclusively Caucasian, often foreign, models.

It’s been the dark man’s burden in this majority-non-white nation to desire a westernised concept of beauty, and post-colonial activism has not been able to change this.

According to a study we conducted from 2013 to 2016, 70% of the 300 women and men we interviewed reported wanting a date or partner with someone who had light skin. This colourism is what pushes so many Indians to lighten their skin, creating a phenomenon termed “bleaching syndrome”.

Bleaching syndrome is not a superficial fashion, it’s a strategy of assimilating a superior identity that reflects a deep-set belief that fair skin is better, more powerful, prettier. And it’s not

limited to India; skin bleaching is also common in the rest of Asia and in Africa.

A thriving bleaching market

An inventive and growing market of creams and salves has cropped up to fill this demand, which now pulls in over US\$400 million dollars annually.

Some of the most widely-sold products include Fem, Lotus, Fair and Lovely and its gendered-equivalent Fair and Handsome. Most of these appealingly named creams are in fact a dangerous cocktail of steroids, hydroquinone, and tretinoin, the long-term use of which can lead to health concerns like permanent pigmentation, skin cancer, liver damage and mercury poisoning among other things.

Nonetheless, a 2014 marketing study found that almost 90% of Indian girls cite skin lightening as a “high need”. These young women are willing to overlook the after-effects of bleaching, and the advent of online sales allows them to use these products in the privacy of their own homes.

Initially focused on feminine beauty, the fairness creams market now also caters to Indian men. Products marketed to men promise to fight

sweat, give them fairer underarms and attract women.

And Bollywood stars with huge followings, including Shahrukh Khan and John Abraham, regularly endorse and promote skin bleaches.

Bleaching backlash

The brand Clean and Dry took bleaching to new levels in 2012, when it began heavily advertising for a new wash to lighten the vagina.

This time, women had had enough. In 2013, the activist group Women of Worth launched their Dark is Beautiful campaign, which was endorsed by the Indian theatre actress Nandita Sen.

With other feminist groups, the women compelled the Advertising Standards Council of India to issue guidelines in 2014 stating that “ads should not reinforce negative social stereotyping on the basis of skin colour” or “portray people with darker skin [as]... inferior, or unsuccessful in any aspect of life particularly in relation to being attractive to the opposite sex”.

This guidance is in keeping with the Indian Constitution, which provides for equality for all (article 14) and prohibits discrimination on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth (article 15).

Unfortunately, the law can do little to stop the subtler forms of racism and bigotry present in Indian society. And, to date, that vagina bleaching product is still on the market.

The “bleaching syndrome” goes far beyond skin colour, with Indian women also questioning their hair texture and colour, speech, marital choices and dress style, raising real concerns about female self-esteem.

As Aranya Johar rhymed on Youtube, “With the hope of being able someday to love another/let’s begin by being our own first lovers”.

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A Look At The Absence Of God From The Contemporary Wave Of Spirituality

SARA KADIR

A woman sits cross-legged, poised, shoulders back, her eyes closed and a smile on her face, it’s a smile just wide enough to indicate that she’s not happy (who wants to be happy? Happiness is so 1990s). She is content, she is self-accepting. She is the modern ‘spiritual’ woman, and she is meditating (the contemporary secular equivalent to religious prayer), but you mustn’t say such things out loud as this new form of spirituality has absolutely nothing to do with God or religion.

The absence of God from spirituality is a relatively new concept that has come to existence and can take many forms, the most popular being that of contemporary mindfulness. Mindfulness is defined as a lifestyle that places the concept of moment-by-moment awareness at its core. The idea is that if you pay attention to nothing but this very moment in time, you will experience feelings of peace and calm. There is A LOT of scientific research out there that backs this claim, contemporary mindfulness has been shown to decrease levels of anxiety and depression, as well as increase feelings of empathy and nurture virtues such as forgiveness and honesty. The message is, you don’t need God to feel complete, you just need to be at one with yourself. You need you.

What’s more, the idea of being spiritual but not religious is often portrayed as a progressive reaction to the realisation that science and capitalism have failed to live up to their expectations. They have not given us answers to the BIG questions that plague every single one of us, questions like ‘what are we doing here?’, ‘how did we end up here?’ and ‘why are we here?’ and we have come to accept that no amount of ‘Black Friday buy-one-get-one free’ offers are going to fill the hollowness and aching we experience at the centre of our chest when we contemplate the worth of our existence. Both science and capitalism have failed to provide us with meaning or reassurance, so the woke contemporary individual has no choice but to turn to modern spirituality for inner peace and meaning.

THIS UNDISPUTED POWER AND

freedom given to the self has meant that the effectiveness of modern spirituality has been questioned. Can someone really become spiritual without a rigid moral and ethical system to take them to account? And can it be done whilst being embedded and loyal to a capitalist and colonialist structure that seeks to enslave us all to a system of inequality?

But the way this modern spiritual narrative sells itself can be highly misleading given that a lot of the core practices and concepts found in narratives that are labelled as ‘secular spirituality’ resonate in and originate from religious traditions, including Islam. And so this modern spirituality can sound a lot like the very institutions and systems it claims to be separate from. Essentially, it sounds like a religion. Take the contemporary concept of mindfulness popular amongst western white middle classes; it makes the claims to being a ‘secular’ practice, despite the fact that its concepts and meditative techniques originate from the Buddhist tradition. Within the Buddhist tradition mindfulness is at the centre of a very complex system that includes



moral and ethical commitments, including speaking and doing good and espousing detachment from worldly desires at its core, all with the aim of ending human suffering. It is hard work and requires commitment, not simply ‘paying attention to the moment’. The Islamic equivalent to what has been done to the Buddhist tradition in the context of contemporary secular mindfulness would be encouraging people to carry out the five daily prayers as a form of meditation and stipulating that the belief in other Islamic concepts including God is irrelevant to achieving peace through prayer. I imagine that narrative would annoy a few people, as it has in the contemporary mindfulness context, where some critics (and not just those who adhere to the

Buddhist tradition) have criticised the contemporary secular take on mindfulness as being another example of a colonialist ‘take over’. This is when Eastern traditions are whitewashed and re-packaged to suit western temperaments with little respect or regard for their origins. This observation has earned mindfulness the nickname ‘Mc Mindfulness’, due to opponents seeing it as nothing short of a covert continuation of existing western capitalist ideals, where emphasis is on a ‘fast service’ that appeals to as many people as possible to maximise returns.

The capitalist modernist undertone is most glaringly obvious in its selling point – no God. As in true secular capitalist fashion, ‘the self’ has taken on that role. The self is in charge, it decides which parts of spiri-

tual philosophy are followed and when, it decides what is right and wrong and so in essence it is what is being worshipped; it has taken on the role of God. Since people turn to spirituality to gain a sense of self-worth and acceptance, the capitalist narrative plays on this emotion by placing the gratification and exploration of the self as a core concept. The self then becomes both the means and the ends. This is at odds with spiritual development concepts found in world religious philosophies as well as ancient philosophies, where emphasis is placed on self-control and freedom is found in self-denial.

“Self-worship is the cornerstone upon which our post-modernist, capitalist societies are built on. We are constantly encouraged to shamelessly flaunt it”, we are constantly bombarded with adverts that glorify the self, rendering it all sufficient and all powerful. You simply have to take a look at the Nike adverts that pitch the likes of you and me as being the missing hero in the Avengers line-up. If only we just had belief in ourselves and ran a couple of times around the block (in Nike gear-obviously) how life would be different for us and the world!

Perhaps this ‘new wave’ of spirituality is not ‘new’ at all, but simply another attempt at side-lining God and/or religion from worldly narrative, where capitalist ideals work to encourage philosophies such as this modern wave of spirituality and contemporary mindfulness practice in an attempt to ‘take over’ the wider ethical and social concerns that are associated with religion and communities. The understanding here is that capitalist ideals will work to prey upon the feelings of disillusion that people may have towards institutionalised religion and offer something similar (a sense of self-worth and meaning) but different (i.e. you’re God).

So, perhaps it is high time that people of faith and belief in God were more mindful of the narratives that seek to undermine and replace the beliefs that are important to them and became more aware of the ways that secular contemporary narratives may have unintentionally crept into their subconscious, disrupting their wellbeing. I think it is time that we start talking about God and religion and the ways in which we can integrate these concepts into worldly narratives, so that we can start living life in line with our consciousness, with feelings of fullness and peace.

Until then I’m afraid it’s either God or your Nikes (I’m 99.999% certain I’m not destined for the Avengers, so I’m sticking with God).

Amaliah

Study Suggests To Better Understand Speech, Focus On Who’s Talking

Agencies

During a recent study, researchers have found that matching the locations of faces with the speech sounds they are producing significantly improves the ability to understand them, especially in noisy areas where other talkers are present.

In the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, published by the Acoustical Society of America through AIP Publishing, researchers from Harvard University, University of Minnesota, University of Rochester, and Carnegie Mellon University outline a set of online experiments that mimicked aspects of distracting scenes to learn more about how we focus on one audio-visual talker and ignore others.

"If there's only one multisensory object in a scene, our group and others have shown that the brain is perfectly willing to combine sounds and visual signals that come from different locations in space," said author Justin Fleming. "It's when there's a multisensory competition that spatial cues take on more importance."

The researchers first asked



participants to pay attention to one talker's speech and ignore another talker, either when corresponding faces and voices originated from the same location or different locations. Participants performed significantly

better when the face matched where the voice was coming from.

Next, they found task performance decreased when participants directed their gaze toward a voice trying to distract them.

Finally, the researchers showed spatial alignment between faces and voices was more important when the background noise was louder, suggesting the brain makes more use of audio-visual spatial cues in challenging sensory environments.

The pandemic forced the group to get creative about conducting such research with participants over the internet. "We had to learn about and, in some cases, create several tasks to make sure participants were seeing and hearing the stimuli properly, wearing headphones, and following instructions," Fleming said.

Fleming hopes their findings will lead to improved designs for hearing devices and better handling of sound in virtual and augmented reality. They look to expand on their work by bringing additional real-world elements into the fold.

"Historically, we have learned a great deal about our sensory systems from studies involving simple flashes and beeps," he said. "However, this and other studies are now showing that when we make our tasks more complicated in ways that better simulate the real world, new patterns of results start to emerge."

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CIVIL)

Sher-i- Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura Srinagar.

Notice Inviting E- Tenders

NIT NO : SIMS/HEC/ET/38 of 2021-22 Dated: 25-10-2021.

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor U.T Jammu & Kashmir, E – tenders are invited from “AAY” Class Civil contractors registered with PWD/CPWD/MES/RAILWAYS.

S.No	Name of work	Adv. Cost	Cost of T/ Document	Earnest Money	Class of contractor	Time of completion
01.	Balance work for Construction of Nuclear Medicine Block at SKIMS	Rs. 525.82 lacs	Rs. 8500/=	Rs. 10.52 lacs	" AAY" Class Civil	24 Months

1. Major Head of Account

2. Position of AA

3. Technical Sanction

4. Position of funds

5. Downloading/uploading of bidding documents

6. Submission of hard copy end date

7. Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)

8. Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)

Capex-4210 (Plan)

AA Accorded

T.S Accorded vide No SIMS/CE-69-OF 2021-22 Dated: 30-09-2021

Committed (On going scheme)

28-10-2021 to 12-11-2021 upto 3 PM

13-11-2021 Upto 3PM (in the office of Chief Engineer SKIMS)

15-11-2021 at 11.30 AM (in the office of Chief Engineer SKIMS)

16-11-2021-2021 at 11.30 AM (in the office of Chief Engineer SKIMS)

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
1. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, and bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms & conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
2. Bids must be uploaded with scanned copy of cost/fee of tender document & earnest money (Bid Security) in the shape of DD & CDR/FDR respectively pledged to Director Finance, SKIMS Soura Srinagar.
3. Qualification criteria for the work and other terms & conditions are contained in the bidding documents, available on skims website

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Civil)
Hospital Engineering Department
SKIMS, Soura

DIPK-NB-4539/21

No: SIMS 139/ 105 /2021-22-2177-85
Dated: 25-10-2021

Office Of The Chief Medical Officer Budgam

Mr. Hamidullah Bhat
Nursing Orderly Block Khag
R/O Aripanthan Beerwah..
No: CMOB/133349-53 DATED 23-10-2021

Sub: -Unauthorized absence.

Whereas this Office received your unauthorized report on 27-04-2021 from Block Medical Officer Khag via mail w.e.f. 05-03-02021.

Whereas BMO Khag was directed to call an explanation to you vide this Office letter No; CMOB/S694-96 Dated;- 30-04-2021 and submit his report to this Office In the first Instance.

Whereas this Office received your reply of explanation through Block Medical Officer Khag along with some Medical prescriptions vide his letter No;- BMOK/108 Dated;-10-06-2021.

Whereas Block Medical Officer Khag was directed to submit a detailed report vides this Office letter NO. CMOB/8359 -61 Dated;- 29-06-2021.

Whereas Block Medical Officer Khag vide his letter no;- BMOK/178 Dated;- 20-08-2021 has submitted a detailed report regarding your absence and also relieved you for this Office for further duties, but you have failed to report to this Office.

Whereas Block Medical Officer Khag was directed vide this Office letter No. CMOB/11828-30 Dated;-17-09-2021 to issue a notice on your home address.

Whereas Block Medical Officer Khag vide his letter no.- BMOK/207 Dated;- 22-09-2021 reported that he is not In position to Issue the Notice to you as he has already relieved you to this Office.

Whereas you should note that un-authorized absence from duties tantamount loss of employment In terms of article 128 of J& K CSR.

Now therefore one more Opportunity is given to you, to report for your duties within 07 days positively through the medium of this Notice from the issuance of this Notice failing which It sholt be presumed that you are not interested to serve the department anymore and action as warranted under rules will be initiated against you for resorting unauthorized absences, and your case will be referred to DHSK for termination of your services.

DIPK-11390/21

Dr Tajamul Hussain Khan
Chief Medical Officer, Budgam

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOURISM (M&W) KASHMIR, SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. DT/M and W/K/ 43 of 2021-22, Dated 21.10.2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited by Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Kashmir on (Aggregate Percentage Basis) from approved and eligible Civil Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Govt. for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	Development of Ziyarat Sharief at Anchar, Soura Srinagar. (By way of construction of 4-units Ablution block "Gender based")	5.06	300	30-days	CEE/ DEE	PLAN
2	Development of Ziyarat Sharief Syed Zakir Biatullah at Kanihama, Tagmarg. (By way of tile path to stairs and other allied works)	3.45	200	20-Days	DEE	PLAN
3	Development of Infrastur facilities at Astan Alia (Nabi sahib) Baramulla. (By way of construction of boundary wall, Devri path and other allied works)	12.52	600	60-days	BEE/ CEE/ DEE	PLAN
4	Development of Shiv Temple at Tahab Pulwama. (Dormitory)	5.01	300	30-days	CEE/ DEE	PLAN
5	Development of Temple at Jeewan Sahib at Ladhoo, Pulwama.	8.14	600	45-days	CEE/ DEE	PLAN
6	Development of Ziyarat Sharief "Sharief-ul-Din" (RA) at Tral, Pulwama.	8.46	600	45-days	CEE/ DEE	PLAN
7	Up-gradation of Staff quarters, Generator room at Gulmarg.	9.57	600	55-days	BEE/ CEE/ DEE	PLAN
8	Construction of truss work / finishing items to Dormitory at Chotta Amarnath Bijbehara, Anantnag.	8.49	600	45-days	CEE/ DEE	PLAN
9	Completion of Bheeda Bhagwati Temple at Hall Shopian. (Dormitory and other allied works)	8.54	600	45-days	CEE/ DEE	PLAN
10	Repairs / Up gradation of Assets at Aharbal.	1.08	200	10-days	DEE	M&R

Position of AAA/TS: Accorded
Position of Funds: Committed

Special conditions:-
I. The intending tenderers must have sufficient skilled /unskilled labour force.
II. All Bidders have to upload Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
III. Intending bidders shall upload scanned copies of documents of valid Registration card / PAN / GST registration and Treasury Receipt (1452-TSM Revenue Head). However successful bidder shall produce the original copies of same within 3 days after opening of tenders.
IV. The successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of Adv. cost as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 03 days after opening of tenders and same shall be released after successful completion of work / DLP.
V. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21/10/2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	21/10/2021 3.00 P.M to 29/10/2021 04.00 P.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	21/10/2021 From 3.00 P.M.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	29/10/2021 4.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids(Online)	30/10/2021 at 11.00 A.M
in the office of Dy. Director Tourism, M&W		

General Conditions:
1. The bidders will provide email ID and complete postal address including cell numbers.
2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Website in o/o Dy. Director Tourism, (M&W) Kashmir, Srinagar (Tender Receiving Authority).
3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of Bids
4. The earnest money shall be forfeited, If:-
a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 7 days after fixation of contract.
5. Bidders are advised to visit and examine the site / location of work, its surroundings and familiarize himself with existing facilities / difficulties and environment and collect all other information which he may require for preparing and submitting the bid entering into the contract. Claims and objections due to ignorance of existing conditions are in-adequacy of information will not be considered after submission of the bid and during execution of work.
6. Bidders are advise to examine the departmental store before quoting the rates and ensure the condition of material available to be fixed and erected at work site any defect or damages in the material shall be rectified by the successful contractor at his own risk & cost.
7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
7.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.
7.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid.
45. Schedule of payments:
The payment schedule shall be fixed as per standard norms in accordance with specification, terms and conditions of award of contract accordingly the claim shall be prepared and processed further for technical check. Payment shall only be released as & when funds are available with DDO.
46. The tenderer should study all the terms and conditions of e-NIT in carefully and fill up the tender accordingly.

DIPK-11365/21

Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Srinagar

NIT No:- DT/M&W/K/ 43 / 21-15 /TD,

Dated: 21/10/2021

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT)

PHE GROUND WATER DIVISION SRINAGAR.

Baghi-Ali- Mardan Nowshera Srinagar.

Gist for SHORT TERM

E-NITNO:- PHE/GWD/52 OF 10/2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant governor of Jammu and Kashmir tender is invited in single cover system from registered "Repairs/Overhauling/ Servicing of Truck (Eicher) JK01P-1707" shown at below:-

S.No	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs. In lacs)	Tender Doc. fee	Class of Contract	Time of Completion	Programme	Position of Funds
01.	Repairs/Overhauling/Servicing of Truck (Eicher) JK01P-1707)	1.55 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Automobile Work Shop Holder	10 days	Maintenance and Repairs	Assured/Available

Critical Dates/Information.

1.	Publishing Date	27-10-2021 (02:00 P.M)
2.	Period of Downloading of Bids	27-10-2021 (02:00 P.M) to 05-11-2021 (02:00 P.M)
3.	Period of Submission of bids	27-10-2021 (02:00 P.M) to 05-11-2021 (02:00 P.M)
4.	Date of opening of Tender.	06-11-2021 (02:00 P.M)
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer , (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water SrinagarKashmir-190011	
6.	Document Cost : Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar(at Saddar Treasury Srinagar) (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply)	
7.	Bid Validity Period: 180 Days	
8.	The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www.Jktenders.gov.in	
9.	Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish "Bid Security Declaration", format of the declaration is mentioned in the Bid Document	

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Dated: 25-10-2021.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Deptt. (PHE)
Ground Water Division Srinagar.

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CS Reviews Implementation Of Business Reform Action Plan /EoDB Reforms

Directs end to end digitization of all Schemes, Services by first week of November, 2021



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the implementation of Business Reform Action Plan/ Ease of Doing Business reforms (EoDB) in Jammu and Kashmir.

Administrative Secretaries of departments of Finance, Housing & Urban Development, Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, General Administration, Labour & Employment, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Industries & Commerce, School Education, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, and Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs along with the concerned sectoral heads participated in the meeting.

It was informed that while in the BRAP ranking released by DPIIT for the fiscal 2018-19, Jammu and Kashmir was ranked 21st, the UT is striving towards being amongst first ten performers in the country in EoDB ranking during the fiscal 2021-22.

The department informed that EoDB ranking for the fiscal year 2019-20 has not been released as yet and if and when it is released, the UT would be better placed corresponding to its rank in the fiscal year 2018-19.

It was informed that the department has made substantial progress on minimising regulatory compliance burden and that it is expecting a considerable jump in the MRCB ranking as and when it

is announced.

It was further informed that J&K is amongst the leading 10 best MRCB complied States/UTs and that the UT has set the target of achieving 750 and 1200 reform points under MRCB by December 2021 and March 2022 respectively.

It was informed that 64 services under SBRAP have been integrated on the single window platform and work on bringing the remaining 62 onboard is underway.

The department further stated that out of 301 action points identified under SBRAP, 104 points have been implemented and that the remaining 197 reforms will be expeditiously implemented.

The Chief Secretary directed that end-to-end digitization of all services identified under (EoDB) should be completed by first week of November.

While stating that the UT of J&K has to be amongst the top five best performing States/UTs in the country on BRAP/EoDB, Dr Mehta stated that if the finalisation of vendor for carrying out IT related tasks for implementation of EoDB is holding up the progress in the matter, the department should immediately use the services of JKeGA/NIC for implementing the EoDB in the UT.

"Applications/software/IT solutions for implementation of the BRAP/EoDB reforms have been developed by a few progressive States. They can be simply replicated with need based/localised customisation in J&K," he stated

Daylong Tourism Festival Celebrated At Yousmarg

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM: In connection with ongoing 'Iconic Week' celebration, a daylong Tourism festival was held on Wednesday at tourism resort Yousmarg, Budgam.

The daylong festival was jointly organised by District Administration Budgam, Tourism Development Authority Yousmarg and Tourism Department Kashmir.

The celebration started with a series of cultural programmes organised by the Department of Tourism and District Information Centre, Budgam.

The cultural programmes presented on the occasion enthralled the audience gathered.

The event was also marked by flagging off Cycle race by Chief Guest on the occasion, ADC Budgam, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone who was accompanied by CEO YDA Bilal Khurshid, SDM Chadoora Prince Noorul Hamid, DIO, SDPO Char Sharief and ATO. A painting competition on the theme 'Conservation of Ecology and Environment' organised by the Education Department was also attended by students of Higher Secondary School Char I Sharief.

During the festival different departments had installed their stalls depicting and demonstrat-

ing their products, products and services, besides on spot registration facility for scholarship seekers including students belonging to ST and other backward classes was also made available.

The ADC along with other officers inspected the stalls, the staff deployed at these stalls apprised the inspecting Officers about the Nature of service, schemes and programmes being offered and implemented by line departments across the district.

Later, the ADC Budgam along with all concerned officers flagged off Horse riding race and a contingent of tracking team for expedition from Yousmarg to Nilnag.

In conclusion, appreciation certificates to the students who participated in the painting competition and cycle race were distributed by the Chief Guest in the presence of a huge gathering with a round of applause. The appreciation also included the winner of the essay competition namely Arkam Iqbal besides Waqar Abdullah for his best performance in the painting competition.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Nasir Ahmad said that he felt thrilled while witnessing the overwhelming response by the audience, particularly keeping in view the pre-stall weather conditions.

Govt Winds Up J&K Cements Ltd

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of Industries and Commerce Department regarding complete sale of Jammu and Kashmir Cements Limited through ascending e-auction from qualified bidders.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar,

Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The decision has been taken in view of sharp decline in production and revenues from 2012-13 onwards.

Over the loss making years, the company has been burdened by its own liabilities on account of salaries/bills raised by the contractors and various departments, CP Fund of employees, and GST liabilities.

Winding up of the loss-incurring PSU will open up the huge area of land measuring approximately 240 kanals appurtenant to the Khrew Plant which can be utilized as industrial estate by J&K SIDCO. The decision will assist the closing PSU in realizing revenue through payment of premiums by the prospective entrepreneurs to effectively clear the statutory liabilities of the company.



LPG Price May Be Hiked Next Week; Petrol, Diesel Rates Up Again

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NEW DELHI: Cooking gas LPG prices may be hiked next week after under-recovery on the fuel widened to over Rs 100 per cylinder, sources said insisting that the rate hike, including the quantum of increase, is dependent on government permission.

If allowed, this will be the fifth increase in cooking gas rates across all categories — households using subsidised gas for cooking and heating purposes, non-subsidised fuel and industrial-sized gas.

LPG rates were last hiked by Rs 15 per cylinder on October 6, taking the total increase in rates since July to Rs 90 per 14.2-kg cylinder.

Sources with direct knowledge of the matter said state-owned oil marketing companies have not been allowed to align retail selling price with the cost, and no government subsidy has so far been approved to bridge the gap.

The under-recovery or losses on LPG sales have mounted to over Rs 100 per cylinder after international energy prices soared to multi-year high, they said.

While Saudi LPG rates have jumped by 60 per cent to USD 800 per tonne this month, international benchmark Brent crude oil is trading at USD 85.42 per barrel.

"LPG is still a controlled commodity. So, technically, the government can regulate the retail selling price. But, when they do that the oil companies have to be compensated for the under-



recovery (or losses) they incur on selling LPG at rates below the cost," one of the sources.

The government last year eliminated subsidies on LPG by bringing retail prices at par with the cost through periodic hikes. But, unlike petrol and diesel, whose pricing has been decontrolled, the government has not official announced deregulation of LPG rates.

"So far, there is no indication that the compensation or subsidy will be restored as the gap between cost and retail price has widened," the source said.

In case the government is not willing to bear subsidy, retail prices have to increase, he said adding that the increases might be moderated to spare consumers of any steep burden.

Currently, cooking gas costs Rs 899.50 per cylinder in Delhi and Mumbai, and Rs 926 in Kolkata. This is the rate that domestic households — who are entitled to 12 cylinders of 14.2-kg each at subsidised rates, poor households that got free connections under the Ujjwala scheme and industrial users pay.

Meanwhile, after a two-day

pause, petrol and diesel prices on Wednesday were again hiked by 35 paise per litre each, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

Petrol now costs Rs 107.94 a litre in Delhi and Rs 113.80 in Mumbai. Diesel is now priced at Rs 96.67 a litre in Delhi and Rs 104.75 in Mumbai.

While petrol has already hit the Rs 100-a-litre mark or more in all major cities of the country, diesel has touched that level in over one-and-a-half dozen states and UTs from Jammu & Kashmir to Tamil Nadu.

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

Petrol price has been hiked on 22 occasions since September 28, when a three-week-long hiatus in rate revision ended. In all, prices have gone up by Rs 6.75 a litre.

Diesel rates have been increased by Rs 8.05 per litre in 24 hikes since September 24.

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

ADB, AIIB Processing USD 2 Billion Loan For India To Buy COVID-19 Vaccines

PRES TRUST OF INDIA

BEIJING: China-based Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) along with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) are currently processing a USD 2 billion loan for India to purchase COVID-19 vaccines.

Of the USD 2 billion loan, the Manila-based ADB is expected to finance USD 1.5 billion and AIIB is considering providing USD 500 million, AIIB's Vice President D.J. Pandian said here on Tuesday.

"The ADB has agreed to finance USD 1.5 billion and AIIB will supplement with another

USD 500 million," Pandian said.

The loan is under consideration from the AIIB board, he said, adding that India has applied for it three months ago. About 667 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were expected to be procured through the loan, according to the Bank.

He said the vaccines will be purchased by the Government of India through a competitive process and the ADB will be administering the purchasing system and implement it under ADB's APVAX, or Asia-Pacific Vaccine Access Facility, mechanism.

India, which produces Covishield and Covaxin, has re-

cently crossed an inoculation milestone of administering 100 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses to its citizens against the deadly virus. India also plans to resume vaccine exports and provide the jabs to a number of countries.

Besides funding various infra projects in India, the AIIB has also granted USD 1.75 billion to India for the COVID-19 relief budget support.

Pandian said the Beijing-based AIIB, in which India is the second-largest shareholder after China, has so far approved 147 projects amounting to USD 28.9 billion.

Airlines Brace For Early 'Long Lines' When US Lifts Travel Restrictions



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WASHINGTON: Delta Air Lines Chief Executive Ed Bastian said on Tuesday that travelers should be prepared for initial long lines when the United States lifts international travel restrictions for fully vaccinated travelers on November 8.

"It's going to be a bit sloppy at first. I can assure you, there will be lines unfortunately ... but we'll get it sorted out," Bastian said at a US travel event.

"We're going to have a good surge of demand but in order to keep that surge up we're going to need to make it easier and easier for people to figure out what the documentation requirements are."

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 November 8.

Airlines will check vaccination documentation for international travelers as they currently do for COVID-19 test results.

US Travel Chief Executive Roger Dow said in an interview he was concerned whether US

border officials would be prepared for the November 8 surge.

"I think there will probably be a few hiccups," Dow said, saying the travel industry thinks the international travel increase "will be much bigger than people expect."

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said at the travel event the department is preparing for a significant domestic and international holiday air travel increase. "I think we're going to be equipped to handle what we hope to be a real surge in holiday traffic," Mayorkas said.

Last week, American Airlines and Southwest Airlines and the White House said they do not think the Biden administration's executive order mandating that federal contractors require employee vaccinations by December 8 will impact holiday travel or result in employees leaving.

Some airlines and industry watchers initially feared an exodus of unvaccinated airline or government employees involved in travel just before the Christmas season but airlines later said that would not happen and cited comments from the White House last week.

Conference On Tourism And Culture Of Southern Region In Bengaluru Today

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BANGALORE: Ministry of Tourism is organising a conference of Tourism and Culture Ministers of the Southern Region on 28th & 29th October 2021 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and DoNER G. Kishan Reddy and Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai are scheduled to address the event.

The event is expected to be attended by the Ministers of State for Tourism, Govt. of India, Senior Officials from various Central Ministries, State Governments, Union Territory Administrations (UTs), Media and industry stakeholders.

According to a statement from the Tourism Ministry, the States and Union Territories of Southern Region are endowed with diverse tourist attractions and each State/UT has its own distinct features.

"The Ministry of Tourism is continuously working on different verticals like infrastructure development, promotion and publicity, skill development etc. to facilitate the development of overall tourism in the region," the statement reads.

The conference will have sessions wherein the State Governments & UTs from the region will also be making presentations on the status of the tourism sector in their states and latest initiatives being taken by them for development of tourism, it said.

"During the sessions, discussion on Heritage & Cultural Tourism initiatives, Rail Tourism, Skill development, potentiality of Cruise Tourism in the Southern Region etc. will be held," the statement noted.

The Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination including southern region States & UTs on various platforms in Digital, Print and Social Media.

"Since April 2020, under Dekho Apna Desh campaign, the Ministry of Tourism is conducting webinars on various tourism products including dedicated webinars on States & UTs of Southern Region," the statement further reads. Adding that "the connectivity by air, rail and road to various destinations in the region is excellent and sought-after destinations by many"

The Ministry said it has put in place a System for Assessment, Awareness and Training in Hospitality Industry (SAATHI) to ensure compliance with COVID 19 Safety and Hygiene guidelines and to ensure safety and health of employees / customers.

The Ministry of Tourism undertakes development of infrastructure at tourist destinations across the country under its infrastructure development schemes viz. Swadesh Darshan (SD) and PRASHAD (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive).

SHORT TAKES

Airtel CEO Cautions Against Cyber Frauds

SRINAGAR: Airtel CEO, Gopal Vittal, has cautioned customers upon the rising cases of cyber frauds which has become frequent due to surge in online transactions in the post Covid era.

In an email outreach to subscribers, Gopal Vittal has urged users to remain vigilant about the calls made to the by cyber-fraudsters posing as an Airtel executive on the pretext of updating his Know Your Customer (KYC) form and duping them.

He has also elaborated upon the common instances of fraud like Fake UPI handles/website and Fake OTPs and listed down the precautions, every customer should take in order to safeguard themselves from the fraudsters.

Gopal Vittal said "The customers can get call or message from the fraudster claiming to be from a bank/financial institution and asks for account details or an OTP to unblock/renew the existing bank account. The details are then used to withdraw money from the customer's bank account. I urge you therefore to pay heed and proceed with care and do not to share any financial or personal information like customer ID, MPIN, OTP etc over the phone.

Maruti Q2 Net Dips 66% To Rs 487 Cr

NEW DELHI: The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India on Wednesday reported a 66 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at Rs 487 crore in the second quarter ended September 30, 2021, impacted by the ongoing semiconductor shortage and increase in commodity prices.

The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,420 crore in the second quarter of last fiscal, Maruti Suzuki India said in a statement.

Consolidated revenue from operations stood at Rs 20,551 crore in the second quarter, as compared to Rs 18,756 crore in the year-ago period, it added.

Total vehicle sales were down 3 per cent at 3,79,541 units in the second quarter, as against 3,93,130 units in the corresponding period last fiscal, it said.

Domestic sales were at 3,20,133 units in the second quarter, as against 3,70,619 units in the year-ago period.

Exports were, however, the highest ever at any quarter in the company's history at 59,408 units in the second quarter, as compared to 22,511 units in the same period last fiscal.

Gold Plunges Rs 244; Silver Tumbles Rs 654

NEW DELHI: Gold in the national capital on Wednesday plunged by Rs 244 to Rs 46,747 per 10 gram reflecting the decline in international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the precious metal had settled at Rs 46,991 per 10 gram.

Silver dipped Rs 654 to Rs 63,489 per kilogram from Rs 64,143 per kilogram in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold was trading lower at USD 1,787 per ounce and silver declined marginally to USD 23.94 per ounce.

"Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading 0.32 per cent down at USD 1,787 per ounce on Wednesday," HDFC Securities Senior Analyst (Commodities) Tapan Patel said. (PTI)

Sensex Snaps 2-Day Winning Run Ahead Of Derivatives Expiry

MUMBAI: Market benchmarks closed in the red for the first time this week on Wednesday amid a bearish trend overseas and volatility ahead of expiry of monthly derivatives contracts.

A depreciating rupee and mixed corporate results also took a toll on sentiment, traders said.

Snapping its two-session rising streak, the 30-share BSE Sensex closed 206.93 points or 0.34 per cent lower at 61,143.33.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty slipped 57.45 points or 0.31 per cent to 18,210.95. Axis Bank was the top loser in the Sensex pack, tanking 6.52 per cent, despite reporting an over 86 per cent jump in standalone net profit at Rs 3,133.32 crore for the September quarter.

Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, IndusInd Bank, HUL, Tata Steel and NTPC were among the other laggards.

Rupee Declines By 7 Paise To 75.03 On Month-End Dollar Demand

MUMBAI: The rupee weakened by 7 paise to end at 75.03 against the US currency on Wednesday due to month-end dollar demand from importers and a muted trend in the domestic equities.

A stronger dollar in overseas markets and suspected RBI intervention ahead of IPOs also weighed on the local unit, according to analysts.

"The Indian rupee depreciated following month-end dollar demand and a stronger greenback against major currencies. Weakness in Asian currencies and risk-off sentiments weighed on the local unit," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

"Going Ahead, the rupee is expected to consolidate between 74.70 and 75.30 following expectation of fund inflows from a series of IPOs starting from tomorrow," Parmar added.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 75.02 and later witnessed a high of 74.90 and a low of 75.05 against the US dollar in the day trade.

Will Have Whole

will also join this part of Kashmir and we will have the whole of Kashmir in years to come," he said.

However, when asked if the Air Force had any plans to capture the PCK, Air Marshal Dev said there was no plan at the moment.

"(The whole of) Kashmir is one, a nation is one. People on both sides have common attachments. Today or tomorrow, history is witness, that nations come together. We do not have a plan at the moment, but, God willing, it will always be there because people in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir are not being treated very fairly by the Pakistanis," he said.

Indian troops had landed in Kashmir on October 27, 1947 as the then Maharaja Hari Singh signed an instrument of accession with India following the Pakistani tribal raids.

The AOC-in-C of the Western Air Command said the IAF faces many challenges, but the basic one is technology.

The rate of change of technology is so fast in the world today that we have to keep pace with that. If any nation which is to grow economically has to have a strong military, we must fulfil our obligation to the nation in the years to come...and we are always ready for the challenge, he said.

The IAF has become a very capable force and in the years to come, "we will continue to serve the nation with honour" he added.

Asked about the drone attacks, Air Marshal Dev said they can inflict minimal damage only.

We had equipment against it (drone attacks) ready, and it was deployed here as well. We are now increasing the deployment by further procurement. Drone challenge is a small challenge and we will be able to deal with that challenge as and when it comes, he said.

He said celebrating the 75 years of Budgam landing was a historic occasion.

After the instrument of accession was signed, we moved in our troops quickly and Srinagar airfield was saved and thereafter we launched further offensive and pushed the Pakistani military, which came as Kabalis (tribals), further back.

"I am sure if the UN had not intervened, perhaps, the entire Kashmir would have been ours, he said.

He said the IAF and the Army carried out many other small missions including the operations in Poonch after an airstrip was laid there in a short span of seven days, attacks at Srinagar airfield, in Skardu on ammunition dump, and in Leh.

LG Recalls Pakistan's

landmark military action of Independent India," Sinha said.

He was speaking at the event organized by Chinार Corps at Technical Airport Budgam to commemorate the 75th year of Air Induction of Indian Army to evict Pakistan forces from Kashmir, an official spokesperson said.

"On this day, 75 years ago, the first Dakota aircraft with Lieutenant Colonel D.R. Rai and his warriors on board had reached Srinagar airport. The gallant actions of the Indian Army alongside the people of J&K turned the tide in favour of the Nation," the LG said.

Sinha, as per the official spokesperson paid homage to Brigadier Rajinder Singh, Major Somnath Sharma, Lt Col Rai, Maqbool Sherwani, and others who laid down their lives to save J&K from Pakistan Army's 'invasion'.

"The new generation must be told about the barbaric atrocities perpetrated by Pakistan, killing of thousands of innocents. They must know the brutality executed by the neighboring country, also the biggest terror sponsor," the LG said.

He further said that stories of people like Sherwani who fought Pakistani attackers in 1947 would be made part of the school syllabus from next year. The decision, he said, is taken to educate the new generation about the fighters' valour and sacrifice, he said.

"Why were people not told about the evil deeds of Pakistan? Why are stories of Maqbool Sherwani, Major Somnath, Brigadier Rajinder Singh and Lt Col D R Rai not told to the students in schools?," said Sinha.

"I want to tell you today that these stories will be part of the school syllabus from the next year. It is our responsibility to bring stories of these bravehearts who sacrificed their lives for the country to every student," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, Sinha further stated that Pakistan Army disguised as Pashtun Tribals on reaching Baramulla created

havoc and rampaged the entire town, killed, raped and looted the innocents, burnt houses, hospitals and churches.

"People of all religions, whoever had survived, left their homes and took refuge in the mountains. The 1947 generation of Srinagar heaved a sigh of relief when on the intervening night of 4th and 5th November, the Pakistani army, marching towards the city, was gunned down by our brave soldiers near Trikūlbal before reaching Srinagar," the LG said.

Hailing the courage of Major Somnath Sharma, Sinha, as per the official said that the army officer with a handful of soldiers fought bravely and attained martyrdom in defending Srinagar airport from being captured by the enemies.

"The bravery, patriotism with which our soldiers sacrificed their lives for the defense of Jammu and Kashmir is exemplary and inspirational for all," the LG said.

Paying tributes to the Maha Vir Chakra recipient Brigadier Rajinder Singh on his death anniversary, the LG, as per the official spokesperson said that the army officer sacrificed his life valiantly defending Jammu & Kashmir while fighting Pakistani invaders.

"His gallantry, indomitable spirit and significant contribution to uphold the unity and integrity of the motherland will continue to inspire generations to come," he said.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG said that it was our responsibility to pass on the legacy of valour and sacrifice of our bravehearts who thwarted the "nefarious designs" of the enemies and protected the honour and integrity of our great nation.

"I am proud of the Army and Security forces, carrying the great tradition of courage and valour to protect the motherland. Today, J&K is marching ahead towards peace, development and prosperity and it is a true reflection of the sheer grit and dedication of our brave security personnel," Sinha said.

Invoking the slogan Hamlawar Khabardar, Hum Kashmiri Hain Tayar (Beware o attackers, We Kashmiris are ready) raised by the people of Kashmir after the attack, the LG said there was a need to raise it once again to give a mighty blow to powers that want to create hurdles against peace in Kashmir.

"When Army laid down its lives in protecting Jammu & Kashmir, it had people behind it who raised this slogan. There is a need to remember that," said Sinha. (With PTI inputs)

Baldev Prakash

Banking Marketing) responsible for framing bank level policy and strategy for developing and providing digital and transaction banking services to all corporate clients of the Bank.

Besides this, Prakash has worked for over four years at Muscat (Sultanate of Oman) responsible for handling remittances business including treasury operations successfully, the bank said in a release.

In September this year, J&K Bank in an exchange notification said the board has approved fund raise up to Rs 2,000 crore subject to approval of shareholders. The fundraise will be a mix of debt and equity, the bank said.

Presently, RK Chhibber is the Chairman and Managing Director of J&K Bank, who assumed charge of the bank in June 2019. Sources said Chibber will continue as Chairman for some more time.

Meanwhile Jammu & Kashmir Bank stock traded at Rs 43.20 apiece on BSE, up 5.62 per cent from the previous close on Wednesday.

UP Police Arrests

congratulatory messages for Pakistan as their Whatsapp status.

Following the arrest of the students, rest of the students who are enrolled in the college have left for home fearing for their life, Nasir said.

Earlier the BJP workers had protested at the college campus and filed a complaint against them with the police.

Thousands of Kashmiri students are studying in colleges outside in different states. The incident of booking three Kashmiri students and arresting them has raised concern and fear among the students who are studying in outside colleges in different states.

The JK Students Association has urged the UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath to revoke FIR against the students.

J&K Students Association here today wrote to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to drop an FIR against three Kashmiri students & revoke their suspension.

Khuehami said that three Kashmiri students pursuing civil Engineering in Raja Balwant Singh Engineering Technical Agra, Uttar Pradesh have been suspended by college authorities for uploading status in favour of Pakistan after India Pakistan match. All three students have been booked under FIR by police station JagdishPura Agra, after a complaint was lodged against them for sharing posts related to it on social media.

"There is nothing wrong in cheering and yelling for any team. It is the right of an individual to cheer for the sports team or player he/she likes the most and the arbitrary action of the College authorities and of the police against the Kashmiri students is totally unwarranted," he said.

He said that, "FIR is a very harsh punishment for the act they did and "it will ruin their career and will further alienate them". (With KDC inputs)

2 Held In Samba

following a T20 World Cup match between India and Pakistan, taking the total number of those detained to eight, officials said. On Monday night, a case was registered and six people were detained in this connection. A senior officer of the district said, "Two more persons have been detained on Wednesday. More persons are likely to be detained."

A video purportedly showing objectionable slogans being raised by a group of persons following a T20 World Cup match between India and Pakistan on Sunday surfaced.

This triggered widespread protests by various social organisations in Samba district.

Videos purportedly showing medical students at female and male hostels in Srinagar raising pro-Pakistan slogans have also surfaced.

Kin Of Non-Local

decision was finalised.

At least five non-local workers were killed in militancy-related incidents during the month of October this year.

SRO-43, promulgated as Compassionate Appointment Rules in 1994, was enacted to compensate kin of victims of militancy among government employees and other permanent residents of J&K.

Street Violence,

progress have been moving forward together and the peaceful environment has brought dividends to the people who have contributed in a big way in our peace building efforts.

"Law and Order and security situation has shown a marked improvement in all respects with least loss of life and property. There is no street violence and the favourite Bandh Call culture of separatists has ended almost completely," the DGP said, as per the spokesperson.

The police chief, he said, also informed the Minister that the changing environment has upset the Pak agencies and their proxies and recent innocent civilian killings is indicating their frustration with people's partnership in peace and progress and communal harmony.

"The DGP said that such elements shall not be spared and stringent measures shall be taken to defeat their nefarious designs. He said peace, harmony and brotherhood among the people living here shall be safeguarded," he said, adding that Singh also stated that Police alongwith the security forces are working in a well coordinated manner to foil these evil attempts.

According to the police spokesperson, the DGP also briefed the Minister regarding various initiatives of Jammu and Kashmir Police in engaging the youth in positive activities.

Earlier, he said, the Minister paid her tribute to the uniformed persons who are working hard to protect "our people and nation from evil eye" under difficult circumstances.

The Minister, while interacting with the lady officers, said that it is fascinating to see the women sharing spaces of public offices and responsibilities with the male counterparts in building the nation.

"She said that her Ministry will try to develop religious and heritage tourism in UT so that tourists in large numbers are attracted towards the religious and spiritual places here. She said that Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine is a shining example of attracting religious tourists to the UT. She added that on the same lines some more tourist circuits can be developed and promoted," the police spokesperson said.

The Minister, he said, also highlighted the importance of preservation of Culture and cultural symbols.

"She said that Kashmir had a rich cultural heritage of being a learning place in the Indian subcontinent," he added.

NIA Raids 17 Spots

various incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized from the premises of the suspects," the agency said.

Earlier, the NIA had searched 61 places in 10 districts of Kashmir and four districts of Jammu during raids on August 8 and 9.

In February 2019, the Centre banned the Jel for five years under anti-terror laws on grounds that it was "in close touch" with militant outfits and was expected to "escalate secessionist movement" in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A notification banning the group under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) was issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs after a high-level meeting on security chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Hundreds of Jel activists were arrested in a major crackdown across Jammu and Kashmir following the ban, which came just months ahead of the abrogation of the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and its bifurcation into union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in August 2019.

The NIA said a case was registered on February 5 in pursuance of an order from the Ministry of Home Affairs relating to separatist and secessionist activities of the Jel, an unlawful association under the UAPA, even after its proscription on February 28, 2019.

The members of the organisation have been collecting funds domestically and abroad through donations particularly in the form of 'Zakat, Mowda and Baat-ul-Mal' purportedly to further charity and other welfare activities. But these funds are instead being used for violent and secessionist activities, the NIA said.

"The funds raised by the Jel are also being channelised to proscribed terrorist organisations such as Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and others through well organised networks of Jel cadres," an NIA spokesperson had said

"Jel has also been motivating impressionable youth of Kashmir and recruiting new members (Rukuns) in J&K to participate in disruptive secessionist activities," the spokesperson had said.

The NIA said the investigation in the case continues.

J&K Reports

and Baramulla with 3 each, while Bandipora reported two new cases of coronavirus. The remaining five districts of Valley, including Pulwama, Kupwara, Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian reported no case of virus.

In the winter capital, officials said that Jammu and Doda reported two new cases each, while one case of virus each was reported from Kishtwar and Reasi districts. Udhampur, Rajouri, Kathua, Samba, Poonch and Ramban reported no case of Covid-19.

Also, officials said, 86 more Covid patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 9 from Jammu division and 77 from Kashmir Valley.

Meanwhile, the death toll due to coronavirus remained 4431 in J&K—2176 in Jammu and 2255 in Kashmir, as no fatality was reported on Friday.

Centre Files Plea

in question here.

The Centre had said it intended to move a transfer petition so that the matters can be done together.

It had said that the questions before the Supreme Court included issues concerning the commencement of investigation under PMLA.

Former J&K Chief Minister Mufti, in her plea filed in March, has sought to declare Section 50 of the PMLA as void and inoperative, being unfairly discriminatory, bereft of safeguards, and violative of Article 20(3) of the Constitution.

Section 50 of the Act empowers the authority, that is, officers of ED, to summon any person to give evidence or produce records. All persons summoned are bound to answer the questions put to them and to produce the documents as required by the ED officers, failing which they can be penalized under the Act.

She has also challenged issuance of summons to her by the ED in a money laundering case and sought a stay which was refused by

the court earlier.

The 61-year-old leader, who was released last year after more than a year in detention following the scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, was served notice to appear at the ED headquarters in the national capital.

Initially, the ED had summoned Mufti for March 15 but it did not insist for her personal appearance at that time. Thereafter, she was summoned for March 22.

Mufti, in her petition, said she has received summons from the ED under the provisions of the PMLA, purporting to call for 'evidence' on pain of punishment, whereas she is, to all intents and purposes, a subject of investigation.

"She has not been informed if she is being summoned as an accused or as a witness. She has also not been informed of what she is being summoned in connection with and the scheduled offence under the PMLA which gave rise to the proceedings in respect of which impugned summons has been issued to her. The petitioner is not the subject of investigation, nor is she an accused, in any of the scheduled offences to the best of her knowledge, the plea said.

It claimed that ever since Mufti was released from the preventive detention following the formal abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, there have been a series of hostile acts by the State, against her, acquaintances and old family friends, who have all been summoned by the ED and a roving inquiry about her personal, political and financial affairs was made, in the course of which their personal devices have been seized.

Earlier, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and advocate Amit Mahajan, representing the ED, had said there was no need to issue a formal notice to them as they are already appearing before the court and said they will file a short note on the issue of question of law.

Govt Okays Four

taken in the Administrative Council (AC) meeting chaired by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, an official spokesperson said.

The AC, he said, also approved creation of 40 new posts of different categories (10 each) at the new court complexes in the 4 selected districts having a financial implication of Rs. 258.245 lacs (salary) and Rs 21.657 lacs (NPS) per financial year.

"The gradual increase in the population of Jammu and Kashmir has substantially enhanced the judicial work load which has necessitated the opening of new court complexes to cater to the increased public demand," the official spokesperson said.

Missing Rajouri

Shah of Hasote-Chassana were reported missing on October 24 during a trip to Kashmir they carried out on foot with their sheep and goat, a police officer said.

The families of the two men lodged a complaint after they lost contact with them due to snowfall in the high altitude areas.

When Budhal Police station in Rajouri district got the information, it rushed a police party to the upper reaches of snow-bound mountains for a search and rescue operation, the officer said.

The army also joined the search party along with a team from Jammu's Reasi district.

The men were located at Mony Mahal area of south Kashmir's Shopian district, the officer said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Sheema Nabi Qasba, meanwhile, appealed to the people not to venture in snow-bound areas and only use tracks which are safe in winter season.

2 Rape Accused

Abdul Rashid and Makhna from Miyan Khariyan area in Mahore tehsil for allegedly raping a woman in Reasi district 19 years ago.

They had been evading arrest since 2002, the police said.

The duo was booked on charges of kidnapping a woman and repeatedly raping her in 2002.


At least 100 absconding accused and convicts have been arrested in the last six months, the police added.

Woman Tourist

nearby hospital where doctors declared her dead on arrival, reports said.

Rajni, a resident of Ghatkopar Mumbai, as per the officials, died due to cardiac arrest.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR (UT)



OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MUFFASIL (R&B) DIVISION BUDGAM.

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ICC T20 Rankings: Kohli Slips To 5th, Afridi Rises 11 Spots



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

DUBAI: India captain Virat Kohli dropped one place to fifth despite his half century against Pakistan for a lost cause in the ongoing T20 World Cup while team-mate KL Rahul slipped two slots to eighth in the ICC men's T20I Player Rankings issued on Wednesday.

Kohli (725 rating points) had hit 57 off 49 balls, while Rahul (684) scored 3 runs in India's total of 151 for 7 which Pakistan chased down with 13 balls to spare for a 10-wicket win in the blockbuster Super 12 match here on Sunday.

Pakistan opener Mohammad Rizwan is three places up to fourth -- his career best ranking -- following his match-winning 79 not out against India and 33 in their second win against New Zealand on Tuesday.

South Africa batter Aiden Markram, who struck 40 and 51 not out against Australia and the West Indies respectively, also attained his career-best ranking. He gained eight slots to reach third position, only behind Dawid Malan (831) of England and Pakistan captain Babar Azam (820).

Markram's previous best was ninth place last month and he now averages nearly 40 with a

strike rate of 147.29 in his career. Afghanistan's Rahmanullah Gurbaz rose nine places to a career-best 12th position after notching up 46 against Scotland, while Bangladesh opener Mohammad Naim has moved up 11 places to a career-best 13th position after his 52-ball 62 against Sri Lanka.

Namibia captain Gerhard Erasmus is up to joint-37th position after helping his side into the Super 12s.

The top nine names in the bowlers' list are all slow bowlers with Bangladesh spinner Mahedi Hasan's consistent economical bowling lifting him nine places to a career-best 12th position.

Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Afridi, who starred in their memorable 10-wicket win over India with a haul of three for 31, is up 11 places to 12th position, just two off his career best ranking.

Harris Rauf, whose four for 22 against New Zealand helped them register a second consecutive win, has gained 34 slots to reach a career-best 17th position.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh star Shakib Al Hasan has regained the top spot among all-rounders after a fine start to the T20 World Cup.

We Expected Pakistan Bowlers To Be Outstanding: Williamson

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SHARJAH: New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson extolled Pakistan bowlers "outstanding" performance against them, saying their clinical show at the death was of the "highest class".

Pakistan restricted New Zealand to a modest 134 for eight and then romped home in 18.4 overs to win the Group 2 Super 12 contest by five wickets for their second consecutive victory in the ICC T20 World Cup.

Pacer Harris Rauf took four for 22, while spinners Imad Wasim and Shadab Khan also contributed in choking the batsmen in the middle overs.

"Unfortunately, it didn't quite go our way and I suppose if we look at the opposition and how clinical they were at the death and not allowing us to time the ball, they were the highest class and for us it's trying to take some of those learnings and move forward," said Williamson.

"There's a lot to learn from those experiences but at the end of the day, Pakistan were outstanding and they finished the game of beautifully on it on a very tough surface.

"Their bowlers were outstanding today as they were the other night in their first match (against India), which



we expected that to be the case. They continued to deliver and they were outstanding in their performance for Pakistan."

Pakistan bowlers were impressive against India too on Sunday when pacer Shaheen Afridi rocked the arch-rivals' top order by dismissing Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul upfront.

Williamson, who scored 25 runs before being run out, said the Sharjah track was difficult for batting but Pakistan number seven batter Asif Ali timed the ball with ease.

"It was a tough surface to time the ball on and someone like Shoaib Malik batting through and finishing off with a couple of blows. And Asif Ali who came in and hit the ball beautifully, much sweeter than anybody else on a tricky surface."

Shoaib Akhtar Walks Out Of TV Show After Being Asked To Leave

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

KARACHI: Former Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar was embroiled in a controversy when he walked out of a TV programme and resigned from his job as cricket analyst after being told to leave the set by the host of the show at state-owned PTV.

Akhtar, 46, said he had been treated badly and insulted on air by the host in the post match show following Pakistan's five wicket win over New Zealand in ongoing T20 the World Cup on Tuesday.

Akhtar, who played 46 Tests and 163 ODIs, got up, took off his microphone and left. Host Nauman Niaz didn't attempt to call him back and showed no reac-



tion at all and carried on with the show as normal.

But the other guests on the show including greats like Sir Vivian Richards, David Gower, Rashid Latif, Umar Gul, Rashid Latif, Aaqib Javed and Pakistan women's team captain Sana Mir were clearly shaken by the incident.

Akhtar's walk out prompted a storm on the social media with majority of the netizens sympathis-

ing with him and demanding an apology from the PTV Sports host, Niaz, who is a well-known cricket historian and analyst who heads the PTV sports department.

Clips of the argument between Akhtar and the host which led to the resignation part were also shared widely on social media.

Akhtar himself took to twitter on Wednesday to clarify his position.

"Multiple clips are circulating on social media so I thought I shud clarify, dr no-man was abnoxious (sic) and rude wen he asked me to leave the show," Akhtar tweeted.

"It was embarrassing specially wen u have legends like sir Vivian Richards and David gower sitting on

the set with some of my contemporaries and seniors and millions watching.

"I tried to save everyone from embarrassment by saying I was pulling dr no-mans leg with this mutual understanding that dr no-man will also politely apologise and we will move on with the show, which he refused to do. Then I had no other choice."

The problem began apparently when Akhtar ignored the line of questioning by the host and decided to talk about pacer Harris Rauf and chose to lavish praise on the Pakistan Super League franchise, Lahore Qalanders and its coach, Aaqib for discovering Harris and supporting him properly.



3 Premier Division Matches Played On Wednesday

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Three matches of the JKFA Khyber Premier Division League 2021 were played on Wednesday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

In the first match of the day, J&K Police XI played a 2-2 draw with Real Kashmir FC (Reserves). Real Kashmir took the lead in the 15th minute through Mujtaba. The RKFC team then doubled the lead in the 32nd minute through Samuel. J&K Police, however, pulled a goal back in the 36th minute through Nainjot.

After the half time score of 2-1 the J&K Police XI came out in the second half of the match with a mission. The Police team brought the match on level terms through a goal by Hanan Fayaz. At final whistle the score was 2-2.

The second match of the Premier Division was played between Ali Jana FC and J&K Bank Academy. The match ended in a 0-0 draw, with the defenders and goalies on either side performing brilliantly.

The third and final match of the day was played between Downtown Heroes FC and Kashmir Maharaja FC. The He-

roes won the game 2-0 and both the goals came in the second half of the match. Ubaid scored the first in 44th minute, while Faisal scored the second goal in the 60th minute.

Meanwhile, over in Srinagar A-Division League 2021, two matches of the second stage round were played at Gindun Ground Rajbagh here.

The first match, between Yahya Warse FC and Real Cosmos FC, was won by Yahya Warse FC 3-0. while the second match played between Haroon FC and Alamdar FC, was won 2-0 by Haroon FC.

Sports Field In Kupwara Approved

AC Gives Nod To Transfer Of 60 Kanals To DYSS

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC) on Wednesday met here under the chairmanship of the LG, Manoj Sinha, approved the transfer of land measuring 60 kanal at Village Haqanibad Punzwa, Tehsil Villigam, District Kupwara to the Youth Service & Sports Department (DYSS) for construction of a sports stadium.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant



Governor attended the meeting.

The upcoming stadium will cater to the needs of local population as well of the youth from the 20 neighbouring villages by purposefully engaging 20,000 youth with sporting activities across a number of

disciplines.

During this financial year, an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakh has also been earmarked for the development of the infrastructure, of which Rs. 50.00 lakhs stands allocated to the Department to kick-start the works at an earliest.

Pacer Rubel Hossain Replaces Saifuddin In Bangladesh Squad

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ABU DHABI: Fast bowler Rubel Hossain has replaced injured Mohammad Saifuddin in the Bangladesh squad ahead of their clash against England after the event technical committee of the T20 World Cup approved the change.

Hossain, who has played 159 international matches including 28 T20Is, was named as a replacement after medium pacer Saifuddin was ruled out due to a back injury.

Saifuddin had taken one wicket for 38 runs in his three overs when Bangladesh lost by five wickets to Sri Lanka in their tournament-opener on October 24.

Bangladesh play their second match on Wednesday against England.

"Rubel was a reserve as per



the allowance for teams to travel with extra players in view of COVID-19 quarantine requirements," an ICC release said.

The replacement of a player requires the approval of the event technical committee before the replacement player can be officially added to the squad.

The committee consists of Chris Tetley (Head of Events, Chair), Clive Hitchcock (ICC Senior Cricket Operations Manager), Rahul Dravid and Dhiraaj Malhotra (BCCI Representatives), Simon Doull and Ian Bishop (Independent Members).

Waqar Younis Apologises For 'Namaz In Front Of Hindus' Comment

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

KARACHI: Waqar Younis on Wednesday apologised for his communal remarks during a television show following Pakistan's 10-wicket victory over India in the ongoing T20 World Cup as the former Pakistan pacer was castigated on social media for his "jihadi mindset".

Appearing on the A Sports channel, Younis had spoken about not just the blockbuster match but also how opener Muhammad Rizwan had taken time out during a break in the Pakistan innings to offer prayers on the ground.

"What I liked the most was what Rizwan did. 'Usne Hinduon ke beech mein khade ho ke Namaz padhi (He stood in the middle of the ground and offered prayer in front of Hindus). That was something very very special for me," Younis had said.

Waqar's comments evoked a strong reaction in both the countries with former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad berating him for his remarks.

"Takes jihadi mindset of another level to say this in a sport. What a shameless man," Prasad tweeted.

Realising his blunder, Younis came out with an apology.

"In the heat of the moment, I said something which I did not mean which has hurt the sentiments of many. I apologise for this, this was not intended at all, genuine mistake. Sports unites people regardless of race, colour or religion," he tweeted.

He also apologised on the same channel.

"Commenting on religious



matters is something I never do as I respect every one's religion. I got caught up in the moment and I didn't mean to hurt the sentiments of Hindus in Pakistan, India and anywhere in the world.

"I was very excited after Pakistan's win and those words came out in the heat of the moment. I apologise for it," he added.

Noted cricket analyst Harsha Bhogle too expressed his disappointment.

"For a person of Waqar Younis' stature to say that watching Rizwan offering namaz in front of Hindus was very special to him, is one of the most disappointing things I have heard. A lot of us try hard to play such things down and talk up sport and to hear this is terrible," Bhogle tweeted.

"I really hope that a lot of genuine sports lovers in Pakistan are able to see the dangerous side to this statement and join in my disappointment. It makes it very difficult for sports lovers like us to try and tell people it is just sport, just a cricket match."

India had frozen the bilateral cricket ties with Pakistan since the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks and not allowed players from the neighbouring country to compete in the much-popular IPL.

Martin Guptill Suffers Toe Injury, Doubtful For India Clash

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SHARJAH: Experienced opener Martin Guptill has been rendered a doubtful starter for New Zealand's Super 12 match against India on Sunday after he suffered a toe injury during their clash against Pakistan in the ongoing T20 World Cup.

Guptill hurt his toe after being hit by a Harris Rauf delivery during his side's five-wicket loss to Pakistan here on Tuesday night.

New Zealand head coach Gary Stead said Guptill, who scored 17 runs from 20 balls before being cleaned up by Rauf, was not feeling comfortable after the match.

"Guptill was looking in a little bit of discomfort at the end of the match and the next 24 to 48 hours will be decisive," Stead told reporters after the match.

"We'll see how he scrubs up overnight. He looked in a little bit of discomfort at the end of the game and it might take 24 to 48 hours to see how he goes."

If Guptill is ruled out of the India clash, it will be a big blow for the Kiwis, who had lost their

pace spearhead Lockie Ferguson before the Pakistan match due to a calf muscle injury.

New Zealand named Adam Milne as replacement of Ferguson, who has been ruled out of the tournament, in the squad.

Playing their first match of the tournament, New Zealand were restricted to 134 for 8 after being invited to bat and Pakistan chased down the small target in 18.4 overs to claim their second win in as many matches.

The win placed Pakistan on top of the Group 2 points table and Stead feels New Zealand's next match against India in Dubai on Sunday will be crucial if the team has to qualify for the semifinals.

"You would imagine that Pakistan are now the hot favourites in our group to be the number one seed and the rest of us are fighting it out for the next spot, which makes the India game pretty critical," said the coach.

"You sometimes have to lose one to find out the important things for you. If we can go and beat India then we certainly put ourselves back on the right track."

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SADAT RIZVI BEREAVED

FATEHA KHAWANI ON FRIDAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Syed Azhar Hussain Rizvi**, son of late **Syed Muhammad Rizvi of Madeen Sahib Hawal, Srinagar** who passed away on **Tuesday 26th October 2021**. His congregational Fateha Khawani would be held on **Friday 29th October 2021** at their ancestral graveyard at **Madeen Sahib Hawal, Srinagar** at 7:30 am.

BEREAVED FAMILY

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'Unilateral Move': India Criticises China For New Land Border Law

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NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday hit out at China for its "unilateral" decision to bring about a new land border law and said it is a matter of concern as the legislation can have implications on the existing bilateral pacts on border management and on the overall boundary question.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India expects that China will avoid undertaking action under the pretext of the law that could unilaterally alter the situation in the India-China border areas.

tranquillity along the LAC in India-China border areas," he said.

Xinhua news agency reported last week that the law, which becomes operational from January 1 next year, stipulates that "the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of China are sacred and inviolable".

"We have noted that China has passed a new 'Land Boundary Law' on October 23. The law states among other things that China abides by treaties concluded with or jointly acceded to by foreign countries on land boundary affairs," Bagchi said.



He said such a "unilateral move" will have no bearing on the arrangements that both sides have already reached earlier -- be it on the boundary question or for maintaining peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Last week, China's national legislature adopted the new law on the protection and exploitation of the land border areas, which could have bearing on Beijing's border dispute with India.

"China's unilateral decision to bring about a legislation which can have implication on our existing bilateral arrangements on border management as well as on the boundary question is of concern to us," Bagchi said.

He was replying to a media query on the matter.

"Such unilateral move will have no bearing on the arrangements that both sides have already reached earlier, whether it is on the boundary question or for maintaining peace and

He said the legislation also has provisions to carry out reorganisation of districts in the border areas. The MEA spokesperson noted that India and China have still not resolved the boundary question and that both sides have agreed to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable resolution to it through consultations on an equal footing.

He said both sides have also concluded several bilateral agreements, protocols and arrangements to maintain peace and tranquillity along the LAC in India-China border areas in the interim.

The spokesperson said India expects that China will avoid undertaking action under the pretext of this law.

"Furthermore, the passage of this new law does not in our view confer any legitimacy to the so-called China Pakistan 'Boundary Agreement' of 1963 which government of India has consistently maintained is an illegal and invalid agreement," he said.



No Bail For Aryan Khan: Arguments To Continue Today

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The Bombay High Court will continue hearing the bail plea of Aryan Khan, the son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan who has been arrested in a drugs case, on Thursday when the NCB will present its arguments.

Justice N W Sambre began hearing the bail application on Tuesday. On Wednesday Aryan

Khan's counsel Mukul Rohatgi, co-accused Arbaaz Merchant's lawyer Amit Desai and advocate Ali Kaashif Khan Deshmukh who appeared for Mumun Dhamecha completed their arguments.

After the hearing which went on for over two hours, Justice Sambre said he would hear Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh, who is representing the Narcotics Control Bureau

(NCB), on Thursday.

"Tomorrow we will try to finish it," the judge said.

Aryan Khan (23), Merchant and Dhamecha were arrested along with others on October 3 following a raid by the NCB on a cruise ship off the Mumbai coast and alleged seizure of drugs.

They approached the HC last week after a special court for NDPS Act cases rejected their bail pleas.

Qazi Claims Wankhede Was Muslim At The Time Of His First Marriage; NCB officer Says He Never Converted

MUMBAI: The Qazi who had performed the first marriage of Sameer Wankhede, the Mumbai zonal director of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in 2006, on Wednesday claimed the officer belonged to a Muslim family otherwise the 'nikah' would not have been solemnised as per Islam.

The Qazi's claim came in the backdrop of Maharashtra

minister and NCP leader Nawab Malik's allegations that Wankhede was born Muslim, but forged documents, including a caste certificate, to show that he belonged to the Hindu SC category to get a job under quota after clearing the UPSC examination.

"I had performed the 'nikah' of Sameer Wankhede and Shabana Qureshi. Her father had approached me to perform the

marriage in the Lokhandwala complex area of Mumbai. The groom's name was Sameer Dawood Wankhede who married Shabana Qureshi," Maulana Mujammil Ahmed told a news channel.

When asked about Wankhede's claim that he is Hindu the Qazi said had Sameer Wankhede been a Hindu the 'nikah' would not have been performed.

Delhi HC Issues Summons to Ramdev for Spreading Misinformation

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The Delhi High Court, on Wednesday, issued summons to Baba Ramdev on a lawsuit by several doctors' associations for allegedly spreading misinformation against allopathy amid the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the plea was not frivolous and a case for its institution was "definitely" made out.

Justice C. Hari Shankar granted four weeks to Ramdev to file his response to the suit.

The judge clarified that he was "not expressing any opinion" on the merits of the allegations in the plaint against the Yoga guru and the issue of grant of any relief, interim or otherwise, shall be looked into subsequently.

"I have seen the video clips (of Ramdev). From the perusal of the video clips, your client is scorning the allopathic treatment protocol. He has literally gone to scorn at the prescription of steroids, people going to hospitals. From the perusal of the clips, there is definitely a case for the institution of the suit. They (plaintiffs) may have nothing for an injunction but the case is not frivolous," the judge told senior counsel Rajiv Nayar, appearing for Ramdev.

The senior lawyer said while he had no objections to the issuance of summons in the matter, he opposed the allegations made in the case.

"There are three parts to the suit--Coronil, defamation, and hesitancy against vaccination. The court may restrict notice to only defamation," Nayar urged the court.

"I am not passing any order. You file your written statement. Say there is no case," the judge responded.

"Permission to institute the suit is allowed. Let the plaint be registered as a suit. Let summons be issued in the suit," the court ordered and posted the next hearing in January.

Apart from Ramdev, the summons was also issued and a response sought from Acharya Balkrishna and Patanjali

Ayurveda on the suit.

The court also issued notice to social media platforms Google, Facebook, and Twitter.

Three resident doctors' association of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Rishikesh, Patna and Bhubaneswar as well as association of resident doctors, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh; union of resident doctors of Punjab (URDP); resident doctors' association, Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial Medical College, Meerut, and Telangana junior doctors' association, Hyderabad had moved the high court earlier this year.

They alleged that Ramdev was misleading and misrepresenting to the public at large that allopathy was responsible for the deaths of several people infected by COVID-19, and insinuating that allopathic doctors were causing the deaths of the patients.

Senior counsel Akhil Sibal, representing the associations, had argued that amid a pandemic, the Yoga guru made unsubstantiated claims on Coronil being a cure for COVID-19, contrary to the licence granted to the drug for merely being an "Immuno-boosters".

In their plea filed through advocate Harshvardhan Kotla, the associations had submitted that the yoga guru, who is a highly influential person, was sowing doubts in the minds of the general public concerning the safety and efficacy of not only allopathic treatments but also COVID-19 vaccines.

The plea alleged that the misinformation campaign was nothing but an advertisement and marketing strategy to further the sales of the product sold by Ramdev, including Coronil which claims to be an alternative treatment for COVID-19.

Earlier this week, the court had stated that the doctors' plea deserved consideration and could not be "thrown out" at the first stage as, at the present stage, it needed "to see if allegations in the plaint make out a case to be entertained".

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