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NEWS DIGEST

90 More Recover From Corona In J&K

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Friday ninety fresh cases of coronavirus while 81 more people recovered from the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to the officials, 83 new cases of Covid-19 were detected from Kashmir Valley and seven from Jammu • **More On P10**

Class 8th Exams Will Be Held: DSEK

SRINAGAR: The Director School Education Kashmir (DSEK), Dr. Tassaduq Hussain on Friday strongly refuted the news item circulated on social media that no board examination will be conducted for class 8th. In a statement issued here, the DSEK today made it clear that all the schools have been • **More On P10**

Body Found In Uri Nallah

SRINAGAR: Police on Friday said it has recovered a semi-decomposed body along Hajipier Nallah in Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. A police official said that a body was spotted by locals near Hajipier Nallah, falling between Uri and Lagama town. "Soon after being informed, a joint team of police and medical authorities reached the spot to recover the body from the site", the official said. • **More On P10**

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With 0.8%, J&K Ranks Fifth In Lowest Debt-Asset Ratio, Says NSS

Zaid Bin Shabir

Against the all-India average of 4.4 percent, Jammu and Kashmir at 0.8 percent has ranked fifth in the lowest number of Debt-Asset Ratio (DAR). This was revealed by the newly unveiled annual survey by the National Sample Survey (NSS). The debt to asset ratio, or total debt

to total assets ratio, is an indication of a business entity's financial leverage. A business entity's debt to asset ratio measures its assets financed by liabilities (debts) rather than its equity. This ratio can be used to measure its growth through its acquired assets over time. The higher the ratio, the greater the degree of leverage and financial risk. J&K is preceded by the states of

Meghalaya (0.1 percent), Delhi (0.1 percent), Nagaland (0.4 percent) and Dadra & Nagar Haveli (0.4 percent). Notably, the DAR in the rural India category was recorded highest in Kerala (9.7 percent), while in the Urban India category, the highest DAR was recorded in Andhra Pradesh (9.5 percent). The survey was spread over 5,940

villages covering 69,455 households in the rural sector and 3,995 blocks covering 47,006 households in the urban sector at the national level. Conducting the All India Debt & Investment (AIDIS) survey in the rural and urban areas at periodic intervals, the NSS did the latest survey from January to December, 2019 and the information in the survey was collected in two visits.

The visit-1 was scheduled from January-August, 2019 and visit-2 was conducted between September - December, 2019. The NSS's "Report no. 588: All India Debt & Investment Survey - 2019", reveals that in visit-1 of rural and urban households in J&K, 1603 households were surveyed, while 858 households of both rural and urban households in J&K were surveyed in visit-2.

'PM MODI REDEFINED INDIA'S ATTITUDE AGAINST TERRORISM' Will Act Inside Pakistan If Needed: Singh

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India has clearly told Pakistan that action against militancy will be taken not only on this side of the border but also on their side if needed, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday. "People used to say that if Article 370 is abolished, then the entire Kashmir will burn... All in all, Jammu and Kashmir is peaceful except for a few incidents," he said at an event here. Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu region have witnessed a rise in infiltration attempts since June this year, resulting in the killing of nine militants in separate encounters.



The Centre had on August 5, 2019 abolished Article 370 of the Constitution that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir. Singh said, "It is true that our enemy forces are fidgety. I can say with surety that terrorists' confidence has • **More On P10**

More Snow, Rain from Next Week

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The meteorological department on Friday predicted another spell of snow and rainfall across Jammu and Kashmir from Monday next week. "From November 1-2, light snow-fall will occur at higher places while the plains will receive rainfall. The fresh spell will lead to a drop in mercury," Deputy Director, Meteorological Department, Mukhtar Ahmed told Kashmir Observer Friday. In Srinagar, he said, the minimum temperature will remain around 2-3 degree Celsius. However, he said, the cold weather conditions will intensify in the upper reaches of the Valley. Meanwhile, night temperatures continue to record dip in most places across the Valley, officials said. • **More On P10**

Day 19: Hunt For Militants Continues In Poonch



File Photo

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The government forces continued search operation for the nineteenth consecutive day Friday in Bhata Durian Poonch, even as no fresh contact

was established with a group of heavily armed militants hiding in the dense forest area. "Nothing specific has come out so far. However, the operation in the forest area is still in progress," a senior defence • **More On P10**

CISF Takes Over Security Of Power Plant in Kashmir

Agencies

The CISF on Friday took over the security of a Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) station located in the Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir with the induction of an armed contingent of 140 commandos. The New Wanpoh located power plant is "one of the most sensitive power grid installations established by PGCIL in the Union Territory of J&K", the CISF said. • **More On P10**

ACTUALLY, THE TERRAIN IS VERY DIFFICULT. There are natural caves inside the dense forest area. The joint team wants to clear the caves deliberately, one by one. So far not much has been recovered apart from a few stores in the last three days."

Govt Gears Up To Meet Winter Challenge

Officers Directed Not To Leave Their Stations Without Permission
Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As Kashmir Valley braces for a harsh winter, the Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday directed the officers of various departments not to leave their stations without permission from district and divisional administration and to come up with quick response action plan for restoration of services during and after snowfall.

These directions were passed by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Friday while chairing a meeting of officers to review the preparedness of all line departments for winter preparedness, an official spokesperson said. Among

others, the meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Divisional HoDs of KPDCL and officers of Horticulture, RDD, ULB, F&CS, Health, Metrological Department, Traffic Police, Fire and Emergency Department, Chief Engineers of PDD, PHE, UEED, PMGSY, MED and others. Pole, he said, held a detailed review of each department regarding their preparedness and their action plan besides passed strict directions for ensuring continuous services.

"He asked all officers present to notify their contact numbers and issue guidelines and advisories pertaining to their development in media for public information," the official spokesperson said.

The Div Com, he said, also directed all the officers not to leave their stations • **More On P10**

PMLA Case: Shabir Shah's Wife Gets Bail

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Friday granted bail to Kashmiri Freedom Party leader Shabir Shah's wife Dr Bilquis Shah in a 2005 money laundering case lodged against them for alleged militant financing to cause unrest in Jammu and Kashmir.

Special Judge Dharmender Rana granted the relief to Bilquis Shah on a bail bond of Rs 50,000 with two sureties each in the like amount, saying that placing her under custody would not serve any purpose.

The probe agency had named her as an accused in its supplementary charge sheet filed in the case in September 2020.

"I concur with the defence counsel that now placing her under custody would not serve any purpose. Considering her gender, nature of allegations against the applicant/accused, and the fact that she was not even arrested by the investigating authority during the course of the investigation, accused Bilquis Shah is admitted to bail," the judge said.

The court also directed her to appear before the court on every date of hearing and she shall not leave the country • **More On P10**

SRINAGAR RING ROAD PROJECT

Status Quo On Land Acquisition To Continue: HC

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has directed the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to maintain status quo on the land required for the construction of the Srinagar ring road project.

"These clubbed matters relate to acquisition of land. On the last occasion, we have directed the parties to complete the pleadings including filing of counter affidavits but even today the pleadings in all the petitions have not been completed," said a division bench of Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul.

Accordingly, the court directed the counsels for the parties to complete their pleadings by the next date of hearing. The court listed the petitions



File Photo

for next hearing on December 14.

The court has also directed the involved parties that if any interim direction was issued by the court earlier in the case, it will continue till the next date of hearing in all the petitions. It is pertinent to mention here, that

earlier this year several aggrieved persons from several villages of Budgam had approached the Jammu & Kashmir High Court, contending that their land was notified to be acquired under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act in the • **More On P10**

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Division of Fruit Science

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CORRIGENDUM

Due to poor response of tenders regarding auction of Kiwifruit invited vide notice No: AU/DOFS/TND/1672-73 dated: 13 -10-2021, open auction shall be held at main campus SKUAST-K Shalimar on 1st November 2021 at 10.30 am.
The terms and conditions can be had from the office of undersigned or downloaded from SKUAST -K website

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Notice inviting for E-tender.

For and on behalf of the J&K Tourism Development Corporation Limited (JKTDC), the e-Tenders are invited in single cover system on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railway and other State Central Governments for each of the following works.

E-NIT No. 09 of 2021-22

Dated: 21/10/2021

S.No	Name of the Work	Estimated. Cost (Rs.in lacs)	Cost of Tender documents (in Rs)	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	Necessary repairs to Civil, Sanitary, Painting and other allied works in Pahalgam Club at Pahalgam.	20.00	1000.00	45- working days	B&C-Class	Capex-2021-22
2	Renovation/up-gradation /improvement of Hotel Alpine at Aru.	40.00	1500.00	60- working days	A&B Class	Capex-2021-22
3	Renovation / upgradation of damaged huts including other allied works in the unit at Pahalgam.	20.00	1000.00	45- working days	B&C Class	Capex-2021-22
4	Renovation/up-gradation /improvement of Hut at Daksum.	11.50	600.00	30- working days	C&D Class	Capex-2021-22
5	Renovation/up-gradation /improvement by way of Civil/Sanitary works of Hotel Alpine at Banihal.	40.00	1500.00	60-working days	A&B Class	Capex-2021-22
6	Renovation/up-gradation /improvement of Dormitory block Thagwas at Sonamarg.	27.84	1200.00	30- working days	A&B Class	Capex-2021-22
7	Necessary repairs to trusses of identified Huts at Yousmarg.	10.00	500.00	30- working days	C&D Class	Capex-2021-22
8	Renovation/upgradation of Huts at Yousmarg.	40.00	1500.00	60- working days	A&B Class	Capex-2021-22
9	Revamping of drainage disposal and sewerage lines of double bed room Hutment at Alembal, Gulmarg.	30.00	1500	30- working days	A&B Class	Capex-2021-22

Technical Sanction - Obtained

Position of AAA: - Accorded vide No.51-JKTDC/MD of 2021, dated:-12-10-2021

Position of Funds: Committed

1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from <https://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 4:00 PM
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	22-10-2021 9:00 AM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	11-11-2021 upto 4.00 pm
5.	Date & Time of Opening of Bids (Online) in the Office of the Executive Engineer JKTDC, TRC Srinagar.	12-11-2021 at 11.00 AM

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In the court of Ist Additional District Judge At Sriangar

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In the Case Of:

Yasir Farooq Dar S/O Farooq Ahamd Dar
R/o Rawalpura, Srinagar

(Plaintiff)

V/s

Aijaz Ahamd Khan S/o Late Ghulam Hassan Khan
R/o Sonar Khul Safa Kadal, Sriangar

(Defendant)

In the matter of

Suit under XXXVII CPC for recovery of Rs 1,50,000/- (Rs One Lac Fifty Thousand Only) along with interests and costs.
Summon in summary suit under ORDER XXXVII Rule 2CPC

(Appendix B Form No. 4)

To

Sgct. Aijaz Ahamd Khan S/o Late Ghulam Hassan Khan R/o Sonar Khul Safa Kadal, Sriangar.

Whereas Yasir Farooq Dar S/o Farooq Ahamd Dar R/o Rawalpura, Srinagar, has instituted a suit against you under order XXXVII Of the Code Civil Procedure SVT 1977 for recovery of RS.1,50,000/- -(Rupees One Laac Fifty Thousand Only). On the ground that you have issued a cheques bearing no. 000123 dated 10-01-2018. "000125" dated 27-01-2018 and "000126" dated 10-02-2018 on A/C No. 50100130113020 maintained with HDFC Bank, branch Residency Road Srinagar.

You are hereby summoned to cause appearance to be entered for you within 10 days, to obtained a decree for any Sum not exceeding the sum of 1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lac Fifty Thousand Only) with interest and costs together with such interest, if any, as the court may order.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, the plaintiff will thereafter serve upon you a summons for judgment at the hearing of which you will be entitled to move to the court for the leave to defended the suit

Leave to defendant may be obtained if you satisfy the court by an affidavit otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on the merits Or that it is responsible that you should be allowed to defendant.

Take note that suit is fixed on 20.11.2021, however this shall not be debar you from causing your appearance before this court within the period stated here in above.

Given Under my hand and the seal of the court this 28th of August 2021.

Aijaz Kumar Gupta
Fist Additional District Judge
Sriangar

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam

Short Term NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

e-NIT No:11 /IDK/2021-22

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited (in single cover system) "on item rate basis" from registered PWD contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules for the following works:-

S.	Name of work	Advt. Cost Rs.in lacs)	Bid Security	Class of Contr act	Time for Compl	Cost of tender Docume nt	Major Head	Tender Receiving authority
1	Construction of lining wall on frest ladi of frest ladi-Dabrehkan ladi-Gam Nard ladi near the land of Azad Ahmad Dar and others (D's).	3.67	Declaration as per Annexure A	DEE	10 days	200/-	District Capex 4702	Exe Engineer IDkulga m.
2	Construction of foot bridge on Door laid near the land of Md. Ayoub lone, Md. Ashraf Mir and others.	2.50	Declaration as per Annexure A	DEE	10 days	200/-	District Capex 4702	Exe Engineer IDkulga m.
3	Construction of lining wall on both sides from RD 600-633 mts on Sathwath ladi.	3.695	Declaration as per Annexure A	DEE	10 days	200/-	District Capex 4702	Exe Engineer IDkulga m.
4	Construction of lining wall on both sides from RD 633-666mts on Sathwath ladi.	3.695	Declaration as per Annexure A	DEE	10 days	200/-	District Capex 4702	Exe Engineer IDkulga m.

Position of AA= Accorded Position of funds= Available

The bidding document and other details can be downloaded from the website:<http://jktenders.gov.in>

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), book of quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website: WWW.jktenders.gov.in As per the Schedule of dates given below:

i.	Publishing date of NIT	29/10 /2021
ii.	Download start date	29/10 /2021
iii.	Bid submission start date	29/10 /2021
iv.	Bid submission end date	12/ 11 /2021 upto 04:00 PM
v.	Bid opening date	13/11 /2021 at 11: 00 AM

2. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of tender document as specified in the table above and pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for six months after the opening of the bid. Bids will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam on 13/11/2021 at 11: 00 AM. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present.

3. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like Bid Security Declaration/treasury challan (MH-0701/0702) GSTIN /Registration card duly renewed and the successful bidder i.e L1 must submit the Bid Security Declaration/ Treasury Receipt, (in original) in the office of tender receiving authority after opening and declaration of successful bidder. Further the bidder must upload the contact details viz valid Phone No/ email ID.

4. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.

5. The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening of bid.

6. As soon as the contract is fixed with the successful bidder, he has to enter into an agreement with the department. However, non-drawl of agreement will not prevent the contract from being enforced upon him.

7. The bid security declaration shall be invoked if:-

a) Any bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms & condition of the bid.
b) The successful contractor fails to execute an agreement with the department within 10 days after fixation of contract.

c) The successful bidder fails to start the work within one week from the date of fixation of contract. The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept/reject the bid without assigning any reason thereof.

8. Watch & ward of depl. Material issued for the work (s) shall be exclusively the responsibility of the successful contractor/bidder & in the event of any loss/theft of the materials, the same shall be the responsibility of the bidder, the cost thereof shall be recovered from the bidder @ double the stock issue rates.

9. Any kind of damage which may occur to any work during the course of execution due to torrential rains/heavy snow fall/cyclone/floods etc. shall be the responsibility of the bidder till the work is finally handed-over to the Department.

10. The taxes viz. Income tax, Service tax & Cess shall be deducted from the bidder's claims as admissible under rules.

11. The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities). In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling item rate inclusive of all taxes & it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

12. The unit rates & prices shall quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of work unless otherwise specified.

13. If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the BOQ, such item/items shall be deemed to be the part of the overall/total contract value and no rate shall be allowed for such item/items.

14. The date of start of work shall be reckoned within two days from the date of issuance of LOI/Contract allotment as the case may be.

15. Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e- tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bids as per the Finance department's No; O.M No; A/24 (2017) -651 Dtd; 07/06/2018

16. In case the executing agency shall fail to complete the work within the stipulated time, the penalty upto 10% of the contract value shall be imposed on account of delayed completion.

17. Other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form-25 double.

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Access To Justice, Right Of Every Individual: Law Minster Rijiju

Inaugurates Legal Services And Awareness Camp At Dhara



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Union Minister for Law and Justice, Kiren Rijiju inaugurated a Legal Services and Awareness Camp at Astanmarg (Dhara). The camp was organized by District Legal Services Authority Srinagar under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority in collaboration with District Administration Srinagar on Friday.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Executive Chairman J&K Legal Services Authority and Member, National Legal services Authority where present on the occasion.

While speaking on the occasion Kiren Rijiju said that government's duty is to provide justice to various sections of the society and said that Legal Services Authority is doing a commendable job in this regard.

He said that continuous efforts are being made by courts to ensure that every individual has access to justice so that justice is delivered to the common man at doorsteps.

He further said that residents have a right to basic amenities like drinking water, drainage, roads, electricity and other things and said the outreach programme started by the Government of India provides a window to approach people directly for resolving their issues. The government wants every individual of Jammu and Kashmir to get benefited and several initiatives are being taken in this regard, he further added.

Different stalls were installed by various departments which include Horticulture, Health, Revenue, Agriculture, Youth Services & sports Labour Deptt., Forest, and DLSA

Srinagar, highlighting different welfare schemes of their respective departments.

During the camp, the Union Minister inspected each stall and took first-hand experience of activities of each department. He further distributed 15 wheel chairs, 15 hearing aids, 16 marriage assistance to the beneficiaries by Social welfare Department, a Borewell on subsidy rate and khadi component worth Rs 50,000 by Horticulture Department, 35 scheduled Tribe certificates & 50 Domicile certificate by Revenue Department, a tractor, tiller, seeds, mushrooms & fresh vegetables by Agriculture Department, 20 sport kits to the registered clubs by Youth Services & Sports Department, Financial assistance to 8 Children of Artisan workers & 30 Registration Certificate to the registered beneficiaries by Department of Handicraft, 50 Job Cards by Rural Development Department, 25 Gold Cards, Baseline Tests & Vaccination derive of Covid-19 by Health Department and legal aid provided in 15 cases by District Legal Services Authority Srinagar.

A legal awareness programme was also organised on "Legal Rights of Tribals" and the aim of this camp was to effect a paradigm shift from awareness to empowerment.

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No Friday Prayers At Jamia Masjid Again

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- There was no Friday prayers in historic Jamia masjid again, Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid said.

In a statement, Auqaf said that once again today authorities did not allow congregational Friday prayers to be held at Jama Masjid Srinagar.

"Deployment of forces was carried out since early morning in the area. When gates of the mosque were opened in the morning by Auqaf employees, forces stopped them and informed them that prayer will not be allowed today."

Auqaf said that "repeated and deliberate closure of the central Jama Masjid for Friday prayers by the authorities is highly condemnable."

"Muslims of the valley denounce this injustice and interference in their religious obligations in strongest terms the Anjuman said and register strong protest," Auqaf said.

JKAACL Hosts Theatre Play In Srinagar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- On the concluding day of the Iconic Week festival being held as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages organized a theatre play at SKICC here on Friday.

The play titled 'Jheel Bula Rahi Hai' was held in association with Mission Youth, J&K and it was mounted on

stage by Actors Creative Theatre, Srinagar. The play is a conventional drama about a family of fishermen who live by and off the Wular Lake.

Commenting on stage adoption of the play, Academy's Additional Secretary, Sanjeev Rana said that through mounting of plays like 'Jheel Bula Rahi Hai' and other similar initiatives JKAACL aims to promote the rich theatre traditions of the Union Territory.

Bollywood Singer, Noted Musicians Join Iconic Week Celebrations At Cheshmashahi

Adnan Sami, Abhay Sopori & Chaurasia's Melancholic Performances Enthrall Audience At Musical Evening Show



SRINAGAR- The star and renowned Bollywood singer Adnan Sami, national level musician and santoor player, Abhay Rustum Sopori and noted flutist Hariprasad Chaurasia Friday joined the Iconic Week celebrations and enthralled audience with their magical performances at musical evening show held at Cheshmashahi garden in Srinagar.

The musical evening show was organized by Mission Youth J&K in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and J&K Tourism department, where noted singers, musicians, instrumentalists both local as well as National level performed.

The show was inaugurated by Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh, Pankaj Mithal after holding Yiz-band khawni.

Mayor Srinagar, Junaid Azim Mattu, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Niteshwar Kumar, Secretary Tourism and Culture, Sarmad Hafeez and Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth J&K, Shahid Iqbal Chaudhary, Director Tourism Kashmir, G N Itoo and other officers were also present on occasion.

Speaking at the talk show, noted singer and music composer, Adnan Sami who sung various qawalis was all praise for Kashmir

for its incredible beauty and hospitality from the people.

He said that he is emotionally connected with Kashmir and his love for the place is unflinching.

Adding, he said that the beauty of Kashmir has no comparison in the entire world and he loves to perform here.

Kashmiri born Santoor Player and music composer, Abhay Rustum Sopori presented the Santoor Vadan on the occasion followed by soulful performance by classical flutist and music director, Hariprasad Chaurasia along with the team.

On the occasion, various stalls displaying and selling Kashmir's ethnic and street food including munjigool, nader-munj, tilkarr (fries), hazel nuts, famous Kashmiri barbeque and other traditional food varieties witnessed huge rush.

The soothing voice and melancholic musical streams by the performers reverberating through the cold breezes turned the show energetic and lively with the audience cheering for both local as well as National level artists.

A large gathering of both male and female who participated were upbeat and enjoyed the show.

Later, performers and guests were felicitated and presented with mementos.

CS Inaugurates Laser Show, First Ever Open Air Theatre In Dal Lake



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Continuing Iconic Week celebration, Chief Secretary, Arun Kumar Mehta, Friday inaugurated first of its kind an open air theatre and laser show in middle of the Dal Lake in Srinagar.

Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Nitishwar Kumar; Principal Secretary, H&UDD, Dheeraj Gupta; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole; Secretary Tourism and Culture, Sarmad Hafeez and Director Tourism, G N Itoo were also present on the occasion.

The dignitaries along with other guests watched "Kashmir ki Kali" movie telecast on open air theatre.

The show was organised by Jammu and Kashmir Tourism department in collaboration with Smart City Srinagar and Mission Youth J&K.

Earlier, Chief Secretary inaugurated laser show at Ghat

Number- 7, where a short film on history of houseboats in Kashmir was also telecasted on an open houseboat.

The dignitaries also inspected the gallery displaying old testimonials, periodicals and photographs depicting old pictures houseboats in river Jhelum and Dal Lake, Kashmiri Culture and traditional cuisine.

On the occasion, a shikara rally adorned and shining with lights passed through Nehru Park to Kabootar Khana with local artists singing and dancing Kashmiri songs which enthralled guests and all passersby through the Boulevard road.

A fleet of shikaras and houseboats were kept available for tourists to join the celebrations and witness laser show and film.

The tourists were upbeat who appreciated the tourism department for organizing such programmes and facilitating them to witness it.

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- Srinagar- Leh- (Open)

This Day in History

- 637 - Antioch surrenders to the Muslim forces under Rashidun Caliphate after the Battle of Iron bridge
- 1137 - Battle of Rignano between Ranulf of Apulia and Roger II of Sicily.
- 1470 - Wars of the Roses: Henry VI of England returns to the English throne after Earl of Warwick defeats Yorkists in battle
- 1502 - Vasco da Gama returns to Calicut, India for the second time.
- 1697 - Germany signs French/English/Spanish/Dutch/Brandenburgs peace treaty ending Nine Year War.
- 1739 - Great Britain declares war on Spain: War of Jenkin's Ear [NS=Oct 19]
- 1883 - Austria-Hungary, Germany and Romania sign military treaty
- 1886 - Great Britain and Germany agree boundaries in East Africa
- 1899 - Battle of Ladysmith, Natal: Boers defeat the British, leading to the Siege of Ladysmith
- 1918 - Slovakia asks for creation of Czechoslovakian state
- 1918 - WWI: Turkey signs an armistice with the Allies, agreeing to end hostilities at noon on 31 October.
- 1922 - Benito Mussolini forms government in Italy
- 1930 - Turkey & Greece sign a treaty of friendship
- 1939 - USSR & Germany agree on partitioning Poland, Adolf Hitler departs Jews
- 1944 - Sweden announces intention to stay neutral & refuse sanctuary in WW II
- 1944 - Tholen Island (Netherlands) freed during WWII
- 1956 - Israel captures Egyptian military post at El-Thamad
- 1957 - Soviet Union launches Sputnik II, carrying a dog named Laika
- 1961 - Soviet Union tests a 58 megaton hydrogen bomb named Tsar Bomba, the most powerful nuclear weapon ever detonated
- 1961 - Soviet Party Congress unanimously approves a resolution removing Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb in Red Square
- 1963 - Morocco & Algeria sign cease fire
- 1967 - USSR Kosmos 186 & 188 make 1st automatic docking & Vennera 13 launch
- 1968 - Nobel prize for chemistry awarded to Lars Onsager (thermodynamics)
- 1968 - Nobel prize for physics awarded to Luis Alvarez (bubble chamber)
- 1968 - Jack Lynch, Irish Prime Minister (Taoiseach), meets with Harold Wilson, then British Prime Minister, in London, calling for the ending of partition as a means to resolve the unrest in Northern Ireland.
- 1973 - The Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul, Turkey is completed, connecting the continents of Europe and Asia over the Bosphorus for the first time
- 1979 - NASA launches space vehicle S-203
- 1980 - NASA launches Flt Satcom-4
- 1985 - 22nd Space Shuttle Mission (61-A)- Challenger 9-launched
- 1991 - Colombian government negotiate with M-19 guerrilla
- 1991 - Mid East peace conference begins in Madrid Spain
- 2013 - 44 people are killed after a bus catches fire in Mahbubnagar, India
- 2017 - Kenyan election rerun, President Uhuru Kenyatta declared the winner with 38% turnout

From KO Archives

Passengers Forced To Walk 3Km With Luggage

Observer News Service

SOPORE: Security forces have unleashed terror at Watlab on Sopore-Bandipore road for the past four days in the wake of a recent landmine explosion in which a securityman, Suresh Ku-mar, was killed. People in general and the commuters and employees in particular are scared travelling on the route for fear of being belaboured by the personnel of 15 RR deployed at Watlab.

Eyewitnesses told Observer News Service the passengers are brought down from the buses and forced to walk over a distance of three kilometres on either side of Watlab. The Ban-dipore-bound passengers are forced to disembark at Warpora and made to foot the distance upto Sangri top. Likewise, the Sopore-bound passengers have to come down at Watlab and walk three kilometres upto to Warpora.

Lending a sadistic touch to the torment, eyewitnesses alleged, the security forces force the passengers, both men and women, to carry their luggage over their head all through the 3-km ordeal.

They said many transporters were reluctant to ply their vehicles of the route compounding the people's problems further. Reports said the hospital authorities here referred a villager of Botengoo to Srinagar after his condition deteriorated following several dog bites. He had been beaten by the security forces at the Watlab camp after which dogs were set at him. He was brought to the sub district hospital where doctors referred him to Srinagar with multiple dog bites.

(Kashmir Observer, October 30, 2000)

FCS&CA Re-Fixes Retail Price Of Poultry Products In Kashmir

SRINAGAR- Department of Food, Civil Services and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Friday issued revised maximum retail price of poultry products for Kashmir division.

According to a communiqué, the FCS&CA department has fixed the price of Broiler (live) at Rs 110 per kilogram. Similarly, Parent (live) per kilogram price has been fixed at Rs 95 whereas, Rs 66 has been fixed for per dozen eggs.

"Consequent upon the decisions taken in the meeting and

in supersession of all previous notifications issued on the subject and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Essential Commodities Act, 1955; I, Dr. Abdul Salam Mir, Director Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, Kashmir hereby revise and re-fix the maximum rate of poultry and poultry products," reads the order issued by Director Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.

"This notification shall have immediate effect," the order adds.

Day-Long Brain Storming Session Conducted At SKUAST-K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- One day brain storming session on "Cricket Bat Willow cultivation in Kashmir: Prospectus and Entrepreneurship opportunities for wood based industries" was conducted at Faculty of Forestry, Benhama-Watlar, Ganderbal, SKUAST-K on Friday.

The Chief guest of the occasion was Prof.(Dr.) J.P.Sharma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K and the guest of Honour was Mohit Gera (IFS), Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) & HOFF and Chairman Biodiversity Conservation, J & K Forest department, government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Professor T.H.Masoodi, Dean

Faculty of Forestry, welcomed the Dignitaries and guests on the occasion. Dr Javid A Mugloo, Organizing Secretary appraised the audience and gave a brief introduction of the programme and highlighted the importance of Cricket Bat Willow and encouraged the entrepreneurs to come forward and tape the potential of this industry. If we can produce good quality Cricket Bats, it can fetch a good market value in the national and international markets.

He further said that the Gap between market supply and demand has to be minimized.

Mohit Gera (IFS) PCCF & HOFF, on the occasion said that we are having maximum plantations of willow in the valley but unfortunately we are not

able to produce good quality cricket bats which can boost our economy.

He congratulated the Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K and Faculty of Forestry for their wonderful work on willows and as well as in organizing such events which will benefit farmers in particulars and the cricket bat industry in general.

Prof. J.P. Sharma (HVC) on the occasion said that we hope that J&K will be No. 1 as far as agricultural production is concerned, he said we have lot of potential in the shape of wood based industries and there would be no problem in the procuring of the best quality raw material. The climatic conditions are also good to support the growth of trees used in these industries.

G20 Leaders Converge In Rome Amid Tight Security

Agencies

Rome: The 16th G20 Summit, the first in-person gathering of leaders of the biggest economies since the onset of the pandemic early last year, will begin from Saturday in Italy's capital city amid tight security measures and with a packed agenda.

The summit will be preceded by a G20 Joint Finance and Health Ministers' meeting, which will also be hosted by Rome on Friday, reports Xinhua news agency.

The G20 countries have yet to agree on whether they should commit to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius by around mid-century and also on the timing of the related decarbonization process.

According to Italy, holder of the G20 Presidency since December 1, 2020, the Summit's agenda will cover the most pressing global health and economic issues related to the coronavirus pandemic.

These would include the need for the most developed economies to boost their efforts to ensure the fair and equitable global distribution of Covid-19 vaccines, especially to low-income countries.

Earlier this month, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres launched an appeal for some \$8 billion to speed up vaccination.

The plan unveiled by the World Health Organization (WHO) aims at immunizing 70 per cent of the planet's population by mid-2022.

The G20 leaders are also ex-

pected to discuss climate change, digital transformation and sustainable innovation, along with such issues as the situation in Afghanistan, on which Italy called an extraordinary G20 meeting earlier in October.

Since the G20 Summit is scheduled to take place just before the opening of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland (October 31-November 12), the leaders in Rome are expected to discuss a common strategy in coping with climate change.

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Security will be tight in and around Rome's La Nuvoletta Convention Centre in the EUR district, which will host the G20 Summit.

Rome's airspace has been closed from Thursday to November 1, although the city's Fiumicino and Ciampino airports will be allowed to operate.

The Italian capital's police ranks will be bolstered by 500 extra officers, and Carabinieri (military police) and special units will be deployed across the city to ensure security.

Set up in 1999, the G20 serves as a main forum for international cooperation on financial and economic issues.

It comprises 19 countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey, the UK, the US, plus the European Union.

Together, the G20 members represent almost two-thirds of the planet's population and accounted for some 80 per cent of global gross domestic product and over 75 per cent of global trade in 2020.

France Fines British Boats As Fishing Dispute Escalates



Agencies

London: French authorities fined two British fishing vessels and kept one in port overnight on Thursday amid a worsening dispute over fishing licenses that has stoked tensions following the UK's departure from the European Union.

Britain's government warned France that it would retaliate if French officials followed through on threats made late on Wednesday to block British boats from some French ports and tighten

checks on UK vessels. France also suggested it might restrict energy supplies to the Channel Islands, British Crown dependencies that lie off the coast of France.

"We believe these are disappointing and disproportionate, and not what we'd expect from a close ally and partner," UK Environment Secretary George Eustice told lawmakers. "The measures being threatened do not appear to be compatible with the trade and cooperation agreement or wider international law," he said. — AP



The Prince of Wales is greeted by local school children at the British Muslim Heritage Centre in Manchester, April 2019. (Getty Images)

Pak Rangers Draw 'Red Line' As Banned TLP Begins March

TRANS ASIA NEWS

Islamabad: Pakistan's National Security Committee (NSC) met here on Friday and resolved not to tolerate "any further breach of law" by the proscribed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TLP) — which has moved forward with its long march to federal capital despite warnings from the government.

Prime Minister Imran Khan, who presided over the meeting, told the participants that "no group or entity will be allowed to cause public disruption or use violence to pressure the government."

According to the statement, the participants of the meeting that included top brass of military conveyed that the state's restraint should not be seen as "a sign of weakness".

Participants criticised the "TLP's misuse of religion and the issue of Namoos-i-Risalat for political gains" saying that the move was "misleading the common man" and creating internal discord within society,

according to the statement.

"The TLP's violence has ended up furthering the agenda of sectarian elements and external enemies of the state," the statement said, adding that "no such violent agitation had taken place in any other Muslim country" despite over 1.5 billion Muslims across the world having immense regard and respect for Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

"The committee unanimously resolved to guard its sovereignty from all internal and external threats and not allow [the] TLP to challenge the writ of the state in any way.

Meanwhile radical TLP resumed its march from Gujranwala on Friday, with thousands of activists travelling in cars, buses and on foot continuing their journey towards Islamabad, despite Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed's Thursday night warning to the group to call off its march or face "consequences".

Dawn reported that the TLP-police encounter was expected at security points that

had been established at Chenab and Jhelum rivers, the only route for the march to reach Islamabad.

This time, Dawn said, the paramilitary Rangers would lead the command, while the Punjab Police would assist them as per the standard guidelines issued since the government deployed Rangers in the province under a notification issued on Wednesday.

The security personnel also have armoured vehicles with them and are equipped with riot gear, according to police sources.

Rangers marked a 'red line', and put up a notice nearby warning the protesters not to breach the line or face consequences.

"Attention: Beyond this line, the responsibility for law and order lies with Pakistan Rangers (Punjab), who have been given the authority to open fire at the miscreants. All the people are strictly warned to return to their homes," the banner installed by the paramilitary force reads.

As US freezes funds, a harsh winter awaits cash-strapped Afghans

Ali M Latifi | Al Jazeera

Kabul: In its latest report to the United States Congress, the Special Investigator General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) has detailed Washington's decision to cut off the Taliban government's access to billions in funds and assets that has led to devastation across the cash-strapped nation.

The top watchdog report says that over the 20-year US occupation, Washington spent \$146bn in Afghanistan's reconstruction, including \$89bn on training and supporting the country's National Security Forces "which no longer exists".

The report goes on to say that "other reconstruction objectives, such as to assist women and girls or to establish the rule of law, are under direct threat from the new Taliban regime".

After the Taliban toppled the Western-led government in the

middle of August, the US, along with international bodies including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), decided to cut off Afghanistan's access to more than \$9.5bn in assets and loans.

The decision has had a devastating effect on Afghanistan's healthcare and other sectors, all of which are struggling to continue operations amid cutbacks to international aid.

According to the World Bank, approximately 14 million people — one out of three Afghans — were on the brink of starvation due to the aid cuts until the end of the last month.

An overview of how food shortages in Afghanistan have gotten worse since 2018.

Sulaiman Bin Shah, the former deputy minister of Industry and Commerce, said the decisions by the US, World Bank and IMF led to more engagement by the United Nations and the European

Union in the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Afghanistan.

"The UN immediately went into action and restarted its efforts. That did a lot for UN's image and its perception among the Afghan people," Bin Shah told Al Jazeera from Kabul.

Likewise, he cited last week's announcement by the EU to reopen its embassies in Kabul in November. "That was one of the few positive developments out of all this," Bin Shah said.

Limit on bank withdrawals

However, with the harsh winter fast approaching, Bin Shah said the Afghan people "are paying a huge price because of the slow pace of diplomatic processes and negotiations".

Immediately after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, most banks, which were already dealing with an enormous rush of people desperate to withdraw their money, shut their doors. It took them weeks to reopen.

'Buyer Was Certainly Govt Of India', Chidambaram Reacts To Israeli Envoy's Remarks On Pegasus

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Friday attacked the Centre over the Pegasus snooping matter citing the Israeli envoy's remarks that his country does not allow firms like NSO to sell products to non-governmental actors, and claimed that in India's case, the "buyer was certainly the Government of India".

Also read: Can't sell Pegasus spyware to non-government actors: Israel's envoy to India

The Supreme Court on Wednesday set up a three-member independent expert panel to probe the alleged use of Israeli spyware Pegasus for targeted surveillance in India, observing the state cannot get a "free pass" every time the spectre of national security is raised and that its mere invocation cannot render the judiciary a "mute spectator".

"After the SC's wise and bold order in the Pegasus controversy, the first skeleton has tumbled out. Yesterday, Israel's Ambassador publicly stated that Pegasus spyware was sold only to government. So, in India's case, the buyer was certainly the Government of India," Chidambaram tweeted.

Will the Minister for Telecommunications admit that

the buyer of Pegasus was the Government of India, he asked.

"If he remains silent, the blot on his report card will remain," Chidambaram said.

Israel's newly-appointed Ambassador to India Naor Gilon said on Thursday that Israel does not allow companies



like NSO to sell their products to non-governmental actors.

"...Every export of NSO or such companies needs an export licence of the Israeli government. We grant this export licence only for exporting to governments," he had said.

"This is the only main requirement...Under the requirements, they cannot sell it to non-governmental actors. What's happening here in India is an internal thing for India and I would rather not go into your internal matters," Gilon said.

Print Money? Eat Swans? How North Korea Is Dealing With "Perilous" Crisis

Agencies

Seoul: From printing coupons as replacement cash to breeding ornamental black swans to eat, North Korea is being forced to innovate to handle economic woes and food shortages as anti-pandemic border lockdowns drag on, reports suggest.

With the harvest coming to an end, international observers say North Korea's food and economic situation is perilous, and there are signs that it is increasing trade and receiving large shipments of humanitarian aid via China.

South Korea's intelligence agency told a closed-door parliamentary hearing on Thursday that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un had issued orders calling for every grain of rice to be secured and all-out efforts devoted to farming, according to lawmakers at the briefing.

Still, the spy agency assessed that this harvest may be better than last year's because of sunnier weather, and it said North Korea was taking steps to reopen its border with China and Russia in coming months, the lawmakers told reporters.

North Korea has long suffered from food insecurity, with observers saying that mismanagement of the economy is exacerbated by international sanctions over its nuclear weapons, natural disasters, and now the COVID-19 pandemic, which prompted unprecedented border lockdowns there.

Kim Jong Un has acknowledged a "tense" food situation and apologised for sacrifices citizens had to make to prevent a coronavirus outbreak.

But he also said the economy improved this year, and North Korea denied a report from U.N. investigators this month that said thousands of its most vulnerable people risked starvation.

North Korea has not officially reported a single coronavirus case. U.N. agencies said North Korea has recently begun to allow in shipments of aid, and numbers released by China show a slow increase in trade.

Delicious Meat

According to various media citing unidentified sources in North Korea, the central bank has been printing money coupons worth about \$1 due to a shortage of North Korean won bills.



This Is How An Instagram Influencer Raised \$7 Million To Rescue Afghans

Englewood: When Instagram influencer Tommy Marcus read that Kabul had fallen to the Taliban he sprang into action, without knowing that like-minded US veterans were also desperate to do something.

"I was more horrified and disgusted and just wanted to help," recalls the 26-year-old New Yorker, who is known to his 800,000 followers as "Quentin Quarantino."

With just a few clicks on his phone from his home in New Jersey, Marcus started what would become an extraordinary operation to evacuate hundreds of terrified Afghans.

In three days he raised \$7.2 million and rallied to his cause retired soldiers and former diplomats, as well as experts in asylum law, humanitarian aid and air-



Instagram influencer Tommy Marcus at a temporary office in Englewood, New Jersey

lifts from war zones.

It is a plotline worthy of a Hollywood movie: a combination of the power of social networks, rapid crowdfunding and the logistical efficiency of American veterans that led to the rescue of 565 Afghans.

AFP has spoken to several of the main actors of "Operation Flyaway," which was launched on Au-

gust 17 and is ongoing, and reviewed contractual and budgetary documents related to chartered planes and arrivals in the United States.

Messages from Afghan women, children, LGBTQ people, social workers, journalists and interpreters to organizers begging for help to flee the country have also been read.

Queen Elizabeth Forced To Slow Down At Age 95 After Night In Hospital

London: After seven decades of relentless service, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II has reached a "turning point" after a night in hospital forced her to take advice to slow down and cut back on engagements.

The 95-year-old cancelled her appearance at the UN climate conference, which starts on Sunday in Scotland, a rare move for the workaholic monarch and all the more telling given her personal commitment to environmental issues.

Buckingham Palace said she was "disappointed" to pull out, but that the decision was taken following medical advice "to rest".

It also came as a blow to organisers of the UN summit, with the queen's star power sure to attract attention to any event.



"But I think it is a very sensible decision," Penny Junor, a royal family expert, told AFP.

"It would have involved a long journey from Windsor to Glasgow, it was an evening reception and therefore especially tiring, but there is the additional risk of exposing her to Covid-19".

The queen took a step back from a busy month on October 20, the day after a reception at Wind-

sor Castle where she chatted with Prime Minister Boris Johnson and US businessman Bill Gates.

She spent the following night in hospital, the first since 2013, where Buckingham Palace said she underwent "preliminary examinations".

The queen has since officially resumed "light duties", receiving two ambassadors by video conference.

Royal watcher Richard Fitzwilliams said the monarch would only have given up a COP appearance "reluctantly", but added "clearly at 95, there are limits."

Turning point

The queen is due to celebrate her platinum jubilee next year, marking 70 years on the throne, and was still in fine form in public recently, despite the loss of

her 99-year-old husband Prince Philip in April.

She has been attending official engagements almost daily, similar to her pre-pandemic workload, since returning from her traditional summer holiday in Balmoral, Scotland.

This doesn't take into account her less visible work of reviewing government documents and conducting almost weekly meetings with her prime minister.

She made the headlines recently after being seen walking with a cane, and The Sun tabloid reported that she had also stopped walking her corgis in recent days.

The Queen is reported to have stopped riding her horses, a keen passion, although plans to take it back up again after resting. She is also believed to have given up drinking alcohol.

Drug Menace Leads To Protest In Naina, Pulwama

Residents say drug paddlers, addicts have made their lives hell

AGENCIES

PULWAMA: The residents of Naina village in Litter hamlet of south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Friday staged a protest against administration for failing to curb rising drug menace in the area.

Locals blocked Sangan-Pulwama road at Naina and raised slogans against drug menace.

They said that cases of burglary and theft have increased in the area in which only drug addicts are involved as when they don't have money to purchase drugs, they resort to burglary in order to purchase drugs.

They added that every day they are witnessing hundreds of youth and even minors in the area to purchase drugs and they have caught dozens and counselled them but the situation is turning from bad to worse with each passing day.

Mohammad Aslam, a local resident said that around 20 percent of the population including girls is involved in drug peddling and

addiction but despite repeated requests to authorities no action is being taken against them.

"Youth from even north and central Kashmir are coming here to get the drugs. The youth can be seen anytime during the day here to purchase the drugs," he said.

"Womenfolk feel insecure. On many occasions, ear rings and other golden items were snatched from the women by these drug addicts when they were lonely at their farm land," said another local.

"Chastity of our women is at stake while the drug peddling in the area is going on in a broad daylight," he said.

Locals alleged that authorities have failed to take any step in this regard to end this menace. They requested the administration to act tough against the drug peddlers to put an end to the drug menace.

"We request civil administration and police to look into the matter and take immediate steps to curb this menace otherwise we will lose our coming generation to drugs," they said. (KNO)



All Schools Likely To Reopen Before Annual Exams: Div Com

Says first need to complete 'vaccination of 100% population'

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The government is mulling to reopen all the schools across Jammu and Kashmir before the annual final year examinations, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, P K Pole said on Friday.

Talking to media persons on the sidelines of the function at B.Ed College in M A Road, Pole said that the government has already reopened the educational institutions after the first dose of Covid vaccine was given to all above 18

years of age in J&K.

"The educational institutions for remaining students will likely be reopened before the annual final exams if the vaccination process for 100 per cent population is completed," Pole said.

Asked about the preparations for the possible third Covid wave, Pole said that adequate arrangements have been made in this regard. "We have made adequate arrangements with regard to manpower as well as the equipment to deal with the

possible third wave," he said.

He said that the 3rd Covid wave has arrived in some parts of the country, but in J&K, "we had fortunately completed 100 per cent first dose for those above 18 years of age and in the coming three to four weeks, we will complete the second dose as well."

However, he said that the administration cannot combat the virus without the cooperation of people. "The people need to follow the SOPs to help the administration in combating the virus," he said.

MHA To Approve Phase II Of Jehlum Flood Management Plan

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday reviewed the PMDP and Iconic projects of Jal Shakti department in a high level meeting with the officials of J&K and Punjab Governments.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary J&K, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta along with Commissioner Secretary, Jal Shakti department and Secretary, PM&DD. Mr Piyush Goyal, Additional Secretary, MHA, besides representatives of Ministry of Expenditure, and Jal Shakti participated in the meeting.

It was informed that ShahpurKandi project has an irrigation potential of 53927 hectares and will provide irrigation facilities to the two predominantly kandi Districts namely Samba and Kathua, thereby, enhancing agricultural potential of these areas.

Commissioner Secretary Jal Shakti, J&K informed that land acquisition proceedings have been initiated by J&K Government for balance portion of Ravi Canal and as and when the compensation payable to the land owners is worked out, the same shall be conveyed to the Punjab Government officials.

He further informed that out of a total of 192kanals to be acquired for the project, only

around 5 % remain to be acquired and transferred to the executing agency and that the work is not held up on account of non transfer of this small portion of land to the executing agency.

The Chief Secretary assured the MHA officials that the requirement of funds for compensation shall be worked out in the next fifteen days and conveyed to the Punjab Government.

The representative of Punjab Government informed that the filling up of the reservoir at ShahpurKandi would cause submergence of a portion of LakanpurBasohli Road.

The Chief Secretary directed the Administrative Secretary,

Government in the first quarter of the calendar year 2023 is not held up by the submergence of portion of the Lakhampur-Basohli road.

While reviewing the Ujh Multi Purpose Project, Additional Secretary, MHA indicated early approval of the project in view of enhanced irrigation potential.

He advised that the cost of the project has been revised from Rs. 9167 Cr to Rs. 11908 Cr and as the funding pattern of the project is 90:10, prior concurrence of the UT government is required before placing the same before the TAC for approval to the revised project cost.

Govt Renames 76 Schools, Roads After "Martyrs, Eminent Persons"

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday renamed at least 76 schools, roads and buildings across the Union Territory after the "martyrs" and eminent personalities under the ongoing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations."

According to reports, the General Administration Department (GAD) on Friday issued an order rechristening government run schools, roads and building in Jammu and Kashmir.

The GAD order comes a day after the Administrative Council (AC) met under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and approved the renaming of public infrastructure.

"As a mark of respect and acknowledgement of the exceptional contributions towards the security and development of the Union territory, the identified infrastructure will be renamed after the martyrs and living legends from Jammu and Kashmir," an official spokesperson had said.

According to the order issued by the GAD, Boys Higher Secondary School (HSS) Khanabal Anantnag was named as Shri Ravi Jee HSS followed by Traggpora Rohama Panzulla Road, Baramulla was named after HC Shri Mohammad Shafi, Salamabad Dachina Road Baramulla as Shri Manzoor Ahmad Naik, Sultandandi Kamalkote Road Baramulla as Sgt Shri Dost Mohammad, Chankhan Baramulla Sopore Road as Constable Shri Niyaaz Ahmad Dar, Humdub Shalkote Road, Baramulla was named as Dy.SP Shri S. Jagtar Singh.

Similarly, Balhama Naribal Road, Baramulla was named after NK Shri Ghulam Mohd Khan, MS Chairhara Magam Budgam as Constable Shri Abdul Rashid MS Mir, Govt High School Gutlibagh, Ganderbal as ASI Shri Sakhi Akbar, Boys HSS Kulgam as L/NK Shri Nazir Ahmed Wani, Govt Degree College Kilam Kulgam as Inspector Shri Mohammad Altaf Dar, Cheterkote-Gundishat Road, Kupwara as Sgt Shri Naseer Ahmad Kolie, Sulkote-Halmatpora-Batergan Gushi Road, Kupwara as Sgt Shri Mohammad Altaf, Gangbugh-Anderbugh Chandigam Road, Kupwara as HC Shri Ghulam Mohammad, Tral-kahlil Road, Pulwama as Shri Mohd Lateef Gojar, Awantipora Chowk, Pulwama as Shri Mohd Amin Bhat, Shaheed Arshad Khan Chowk (Khak Chowk), Srinagar as Shri Arshad Khan, Shaheed Javid Iqbal KP Bagh Bund Road, Srinagar as Shri Javid Iqbal.

Government Degree College Idgah, Srinagar as Shri Habibullah Bhat Alias Hamid Kashmiri, Government Degree College Zakura, Bhatpora, Srinagar as Shri Akhtar Mohiuddin, Government Degree College Alochibagh, Srinagar as Shri Moti Lal Kemu, Government Degree College Hyderabad, Srinagar as Shri Moti Lal Saqi, auditorium of DIPR, Polo View, Srinagar as Smt Raj Begum, Institute of Music and Fine Arts, University of Kashmir Srinagar as Shri Pran Krishan Kaul, BHSS G G Mohalla as Shri Ghulam Mohd. Saznawaz, as Naib Subedar Shri Chuni Lal, MS Banjar (Zone Gundana) Doda as Rfn. Shri Suraj Parkash, GHSS Kilhotran (Zone Gandoh), Doda as Captain Shri Gorkha Rifles Arya, Govt Degree College Kastigarh, Doda as Dy.SP Shri Aman Thakur, Govt High School, Maira Mandrian, Jammu as Shri Bansil Lal, Govt. Middle School Battal, Jammu as Shri Sudesh Kumar, Govt. Hr. Sec. School Khour as Dy.SP Shri Gulbadhan Singh, Govt High School Allah, Arnia, Jammu as SI Shri Sethi Ram, Govt Primary School Khanpur, Jammu as Shri Parshotam Singh, Govt. Model ICT Boys Higher Secondary School, R.S Pura, Jammu as Major Shri Arvind Bajala, GHSS Barwal, Kathua as Naik Shri Yog Raj Singh, Dayalachak Hiranagar Jandi Road (11.5Km), Kathua as Subedar (Honorary captain) Shri Dina Nath, GHS Galak, Kathua as Naik Shri Govind Ram, Girls MS Bhatta, Kishtwar as Constable Shri Nisar Ahmed, HSS Palmar, Kishtwar as Naib Subedar Shri Mehrajuddin Butt, HS Pochhal, Kishtwar as Shri Om Nath, MS Horna, Kishtwar as Constable Shri Madan Lal, Approach road to College Community hall and its extension upto village Panditgan, Kishtwar as Lnk Shri Laxman Dass, BG Balnoi Road, Poonch as ASI Shri Babu Ram, Govt. Model HSS (Boys) Poonch as Dy.SP Shri ManjitSingh, Government Degree College, Poonch as Shri Krishan Chander, Government Degree College Mendhar, Poonch as Shri Chhote Shah, GGHSS, Poonch as Shri Deena Nath Rafiq, GDC Doongi, Rajouri as Dy.SP Shri Ghani Sham Khajuria, Link Road Dabbar Potha to Kheri Dambri on Nowshera to Ser, Rajouri as Naib Subedar Shri Lekh Raj, Road Ghari Ground to Rana Bridge via Chapper Mohalla Chowki Panchayat-Nowshera, Rajouri as Hav Shri Babu Ram Choudhary, Chowk Seri Road Nowshera Rajouri as Rfn Shri Kulwant Raj, Mehar Neera Road, Ramban as Constable Shri Delhair Singh, HS Gam, Ramban as LN Shri Ranijit Singh and Gran Morh to Tote Road Reasi was named as Sgt Shri Kamal Kishore.

J&K Admin To Grant Excellence Awards On R-Days

Asks officers to send nominations, recommendations before Nov 25

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has notified the procedure for conferment of government awards in different fields on every Republic Day.

Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner Secretary to the government issued an order in this regard, which states that the Jammu and Kashmir Government Awards shall be conferred for excellence in different fields on the eve of Republic Day every year.

It also reads that, "As per the scheme, the nominations for granting J&K government Awards shall be made by social organization, sports bodies, NGOs, universities, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages."

It also includes Administrative Secretaries in relation to awards for Meritorious Public Service, Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

According to the official document, "All the concerned are requested to send suitable nominations, recommendations in respect of eligible persons, organizations, along-with citation(s) and supporting documents by or before 25th of November, 2021 for consideration for conferment of award on the eve of Republic Day, 2022."

As per the order, the awards shall be conferred in the field of bravery, for achievements in the field of literature, for performing art, for excellence in art and crafts, for social reforms and empowerment.

The awards include: award for meritorious public service (Two awards shall be reserved for non-gazetted officials), award for lifetime achievements in any other field, award for outstanding sports person, award for outstanding media person, award for outstanding environmentalist, award for outstanding industrial entrepreneurship. (KNO)

Behaviour Of Lawyers Towards Kashmiri Students In Agra Unacceptable: Omar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah on Friday said the behaviour of lawyers in Agra towards three Kashmiri students, arrested for allegedly celebrating Pakistan's win over India at the T20 World Cup, was unacceptable and the role of police suspect.

The Kashmiri students, who have been booked for sedition, were remanded in judicial custody for 14 days by a court in Agra on Thursday.

"The behaviour of the lawyers is unacceptable & the role of the police is deeply suspect. With polls around the corner rather than make friends with Kashmiri students the powers that be are happier using them as political cannon fodder," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister wrote on Twitter.

He was referring to reports about the Kashmiri students being heckled by some people while they were coming out of the court on Thursday.

Abdullah also questioned the Uttar Pradesh govern-

ment's decision to arrest the three students even after the college authorities gave them a clean chit.

"The college authorities have given these students a clean chit & confirmed they didn't shout any slogans. Rather than take the college assurance at face value the UP police is victimising these poor kids," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION KASHMIR

Subject:-Appointment of candidate on compassionate grounds under SRO-43 of 1994.

NOTIFICATION

It is notified for information of all concerned that the compassionate appointment case of below named candidate is under process in this Directorate. Therefore, any person having any sort of objection in this behalf shall submit the same in the office of Chief Education Officer concerned or this Directorate within ten days from the date of publication of this notification in press. After the expiry of stipulated period, no claim whatsoever will be entertained.

S/No.	District	Name of candidate with parentage/Residence	Name of deceased official with Designation & place of posting
1	Kupwara	Najmus Saqib S/o Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad Lone R/o Magam Tehsil Handwara, District Kupwara	Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad Lone Class-IV (Safaiwalla) BHS Magam, Distinct Kupwara..

No:- DSEK/NT/SRO/603/2021/Kup/1708-09

Dated 27-10-2021

DIPK-11487/21

Personnel Officer,
Directorate of School Education,
Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER I&FC DIVISION SUMBAL (Jal Shakti Deptt)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

E-NIT NO-IFC/Sumbal/17 OF 2021-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited (in single cover system) on "item rate basis" from Eligible Registered/ Approved and valid agencies registered with J&K Government for the following works: -

S. No	Name of Work	Appr. cost of Rest. (in Lacs)	Earnest Money	Cost of T.D	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	M.H of Account	Position of Funds
01	Repairing of damaged sump and intake channel of LIS Shalteng	2.38	Bidders declaration Form	200.00	15 days	DEE		
02	Providing fitting, testing and commissioning of single phase submersible pumping unit with allied electro mechanical works for dug well at Irrigation Colony Sumbal	0.61	Bidders declaration Form	200.00	15 days	DEE	2702-M&R	Available
03	Repairs renovation of Delivery tanks of Lift cum Dewatering schemes SK Flume Latyari and Malla Gund	0.94	Bidders declaration Form	200.00	20 days	DEE		

POSITION OF AAA = Accorded

01. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings (if any), book of quantities (BoQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.

01 Publishing Date	28/10/2021
02 Download date Starts	From 28/10/2021
03 Bid submission date starts	28/10/2021
04 Bid submission date ends	05/11/2021 upto 04:00 PM
05 Submission of hard copies	Hard copies shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as 1 st lowest bidder (L1) at the time of opening of tenders. The cost of tender documents will be collected through e-challan / receipt under head of account 0702. However, the unsuccessful bidders will submit the same separately after the opening of bids online.
06 Date and time of opening bids online	06/11/2021 in the office of Executive Engineer I&FC Division Sumbal (Jal Shakti Department)

2) The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

3) The bids uploaded on the Web site up to due date and time will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Sumbal in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case of Holidays or office happening to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The complete bidding process will be online.

4) Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non- Refundable/ Non-transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0702-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt or e-Challan (mentioning therein NIT No, Serial No of work and Adv. cost of work) to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Irrigation and FC Division Sumbal and Bid Security declaration form duly self-attested instead of Bid Security (EMD) as per Finance Department J&K Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar Circular issued vide No. A/ Misc(2018)-III-895/J, besides the date on the instrument must not be prior to date of issuance of this tender Notice. However, in case of compelling circumstances the same shall be obtained from the successful bidder by this department. (Refer Appendix-I).

b) Performance Security upto 03% shall have to be furnished by the successful tenderer whenever asked by the department (Refer Appendix-I).

5) The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of Price bids.

6) Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a) Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual form the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaints bid submission process.

b) 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.

c) The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

d) Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in above at Serial No. 1.

e) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary Documents.

18) The tests for concrete and allied materials shall have to be carried out at reputed institute / Firms as per directions of E-In-C, besides, charges on this score shall have to be borne by concerned agency/ contractor.

19) For Electro-Mechanical works, the proposals / claims have to be got vetted by concerned sister Deptt., if found necessary by E-In-C.

20) For earth work related items, the necessary L-Section/ X-Section be taken afresh and authenticated by all concerned Engineers and contractor prior to embanking on actual execution.

21) The Contractors in their own interest are advised to visit site prior to casting e-Tenders.

22) All other terms and conditions shall be same as are laid down in detailed general NIT and in PWD Form 25/33 double Agreement Form

23) Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

No: -I&FCB/Sbl/
Dt: - 28/10/2021
DIPK-11532/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
I&FC Division Sumbal (Jal Shakti Deptt)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My DOB has been wrongly written on my DOB certificate as 04-03-1989 while my correct DOB is 04-03-1992 which needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the Municipal Committee Khanabal within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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Clouds Of War

Israel Is Picking So Many Fights On Multiple Fronts That Several Wars Could Break Out At Any Time. Meanwhile, The Us Stays Silent

Robert Inlakesh

Tensions are at boiling point with Palestinians again, while spats have broken out with Hezbollah in Lebanon, Ansarullah in Yemen, and the Algerian and Syrian governments. Are the Israelis deliberately seeking conflict?

Israeli police forces this week raided the Damascus Gate (Bab al-Amud), located at the entrance to Jerusalem's Old City, injuring at least 70 unarmed Palestinians, who had set up celebrations for the Prophet Mohammed's birthday, considered to be a Palestinian national holiday.

At least 35 Palestinians were arrested, the majority of them children, two local journalists were also detained and a paramedic was assaulted, along with countless women and children, many of them passersby. The assaults at Bab al-Amud intensified on Wednesday, when far-Right Israeli Knesset members, Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, stormed the site under heavy police protection, as a means of provoking Palestinians.

Only compounding the escalation, Israel's district court upheld the bulldozing of one of the oldest Muslim cemeteries in Jerusalem, which Israeli forces began desecrating last week, unearthing the remains of the dead and buried. On top of this, illegal Israeli settlers continue to storm the al-Aqsa Mosque site, which has drawn threats from Hamas that the group will retaliate if they cross red-lines.

Interestingly enough, Israel seems not to have learnt from its mistakes in May, when it provoked fighting with armed factions in Gaza over its aggression against unarmed Palestinians in Jerusalem. The uprooting of Palestinians from their homes in East Jerusalem, attacks on holy sites, and its brutal police crackdowns on unarmed protesters all led to the paroxysm witnessed this May, resulting in 270 Palestinians being killed, along with 13 Israelis.

Following May's 11-day Gaza-Israel conflict, the Secretary General of Leba-



nese Hezbollah Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah stated in a speech that regional war would be the result of Israeli attacks on Jerusalem. On Monday, Yemen's Ansarullah party leader, Abdul-Malik Al-Houthi, pledged that it would join with Hezbollah in that endeavour. To make things more serious, Hezbollah leader Nasrallah also revealed the same day that the size of its military consisted of more than 100,000 fully armed and trained fighters.

Israel also re-opened its Northern Front with Lebanon in August, as the Lebanese Hezbollah announced it had fired rockets into Israel in response to IDF air raids. Hezbollah also accuses Israel of backing the right wing militia group, known as the 'Lebanese Forces', to create a civil war in Lebanon.

Talking of the alleged plot to cause instability inside of Lebanon, last week Algerian state TV channel, Ennahar, announced that a terrorist cell plotting to attack and destabilise the country had "direct contact" and was aided by "the Zionist Entity [Israel]."

The Algerian "General Directorate of National Security managed to thwart a conspiracy plot that dates back to 2014," the report stated. It was later revealed that the group directly responsible was the MAK, a separatist group registered

as a terrorist organisation by Algiers. Algerian forces also chased off what was believed to be an Israeli reconnaissance submarine, which had come close to entering its territorial waters.

Dangerously, Israel has also been escalating tensions with the government of Syria. Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett announced on October 11 that Israel was seeking to expand its illegal settler population four-fold in the illegally occupied Golan Heights. This would mean that the native Syrian Druze population there would become outnumbered.

That same day, during an address to the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM)'s meeting of member states, Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal Mikdad stated that his country "has every right" to retake the Golan Heights, which is recognised as Syrian territory by the United Nations. Israel was said to have responded by moving a large number of tanks to the buffer zone between the two sides.

Israel conducted two separate attacks on Syria within the space of roughly a week, killing a Syrian soldier and injuring several others, after which pro-Syria militias vowed to retaliate with a "very cruel" strike. Israel also allegedly assassinated a former member of Syrian parliament, Midhat Saleh, in a Syrian village near the border.

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Palestinians also suffer intensified daily hardships, which are feeding the desire for revenge. For example, Najia Bisharat, a Palestinian woman who was assaulted by Israeli settlers, was arrested by Israeli police forces this Monday and was prevented from breast-feeding her three-month old daughter for up to four hours during her interrogation. Bisharat's attorneys, Riham Nasra and Michal Pomerantz, said to Haaretz: "This is another example of a needless arrest, entailing potential health damages to mother and baby, just to appease the settlers who filed the complaint."

Inside Israel itself, tensions between the police and Palestinian citizens of Israel are also again coming to a boiling point, with protests regularly scheduled in areas such as Umm al-Fahm, which organised a general strike for this Thursday.

But the most explosive issue is perhaps Israel's ongoing abuse of Palestinian political prisoners, which has caused a row with the Gaza-based Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) movement. The group has announced that all of its members held in Israeli military prisons will go on hunger strike, protesting the measures taken against detainees who are deprived of their basic rights. PIJ states that if a prisoner dies, it is ready to launch armed attacks.

Especially concerning is the case of 24-year old Miqdad al-Qawasmeh, who

has already been on hunger strike for 91 days in an attempt to have his freedom granted, as he is currently held in administrative detention without charge. He was transferred days ago to the intensive care unit at Israel's Kaplan hospital and is in a critical condition. Miqdad's family say that he may die at any moment, but that they have been stopped from seeing him.

Hamas, which rules besieged Gaza, has gone through several rounds of indirect negotiations with Israel to try and seal a prisoner swap deal. If Israel does not agree to terms for an exchange between the two sides soon, Hamas may also seek an armed escalation with Israel in order to apply pressure. Right now, Israel must land a diplomatic resolution to the issue of prisoners, a long term truce with Hamas and the reconstruction of Gaza; if it does not achieve this, war is only a matter of time.

Just as was the case prior to the dramatic events of May, the Biden administration in the US seems to be twiddling its thumbs and refusing to rein in its ally. Although what happened earlier this year was not a death blow to Israel, it shook Israelis, and their political system, to the core. Another, more intense flare-up now, and perhaps a wider conflict, could turn out to be even more of a hammer blow.

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I Book Review I

A Virtue Of Disobedience By Asim Qureshi

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The increasingly polarised political climate in which we live is a source of constant anxiety for many of us. Muslims find themselves surrounded by a multitude of pressures and challenges, and at the center of these is dealing with racism in its many forms – including its structural as well as its everyday manifestations. From navigating life as a suspect community under the shadow of state securitisation, to disproportionately bearing the brunt of an austerity agenda, the impacts of which are getting harsher by the day – Muslim communities, and particularly young Muslims, are heavily burdened with these issues as they chart their personal journeys in life.

It is in this context that Asim Qureshi's A Virtue of Disobedience has a unique and compelling contribution to make. Qureshi is a researcher with 15 years of experience in the legal field, campaigning for the rights of victims of the war on terror, and draws substantially on his field-experience in his writing.

A Virtue of Disobedience reads as a passionate exercise in contemplation. The author describes his very personal reasons for writing the book – stemming from his frustration with encountering religiously couched justifications for political quietism being preached from the minbar. We also learn that much of the book was written over the summer of 2017 – a summer seared into so many of our memories due to the loss, horror and trauma brought about by several successive terrorist incidents in London and Manchester, as well as the Grenfell Tower atrocity.

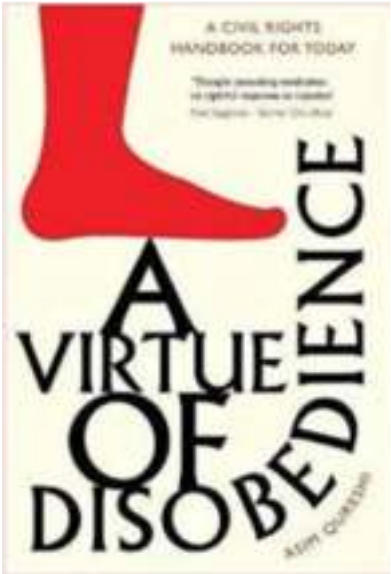
Qureshi's work with the advocacy organisation, CAGE, means that for the unfamiliar reader, his reputation may well precede him – having borne the brunt of high-profile hostile personal attacks from the press and political establishment over the years. Qureshi discusses these experiences of deep hostility that he and his colleagues are regularly met with, and by inviting the reader into his reflections on religion and ethics, and how

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they inspire his politics and quest for justice, this book goes a long way towards demystifying the 'enemy of the state' image that mainstream media outlets and politicians have expended significant effort in portraying.

There is, of course, some irony in pointing this out, since Qureshi would no doubt argue that he shouldn't need to demystify and humanise himself. Indeed, large sections of the book are devoted to explaining this very position – that there is now a routine expectation made of Muslims to 'prove' their own value and worth by fulfilling certain socially designated pre-requisites. Whether by performing extraordinary accomplishments before being afforded an ordinary level of acceptance or respect or by publicly condemning reprehensible atrocities and crimes that others have committed. However, in view of the post-truth era we currently inhabit, there is nonetheless an important point worth making in this: rather than allowing emotive tabloid headlines and political soundbites guide our perceptions, we could do worse than engage directly with the ideas of individuals themselves.

This book is informed by rich reflections on religious tradition, and the author's immersive meditations on the history and literature of resistance and liberation in a range of contexts – most notably the struggles of Black Americans. Yet for all the richness of its content, this is not your typical heavy academic work. Rather, its strength comes from its earnest and highly personal



tone. It invites the reader into the author's thought processes as he ponders successive themes – oppression and injustice, witness, representation, and dissent and resistance.

Though the book delves into political philosophy, it isn't weighed down by complex theoretical arguments. Instead, it draws on the works of a diverse range of thinkers to develop a working approach towards interrogating power structures and their reach, and calling on the reader to consider their own positions vis a vis violence and injustice in all their forms.

Similarly, whilst there is a foregrounding of the author's commitment to his faith in understanding and addressing the challenges that he is faced with, this is not a dense theological treatise. Qureshi's thoughts are deeply embedded in religious tradition, particularly history and storytelling, as parables from the Qur'an and Sunnah are recounted and the author's analysis of their lessons applied to contemporary dilemmas and challenges.

Early in the book, a discussion on the origins of oppression and specifically racism presents us with the character of Iblis as personifying their source (p.22). This simple yet power-

ful premise demonstrates how the arrogance that Iblis embodies has been a constant feature since the dawn of humanity – but also, crucially, that resistance to this arrogance and the oppression that it creates has also always existed, and that it will continue to. Thus, the tone is set for the rest of the book, where the reader is regularly prompted to consider ways in which their own personal decisions will place them in relation to this struggle between good and evil.

Complicity, collaboration, resistance and what the author describes as 'virtuous disobedience' are all notions which are unpacked and examined, all the while illustrated by examples from the past, by lessons from the Qur'an and Sunnah, and by contemporary events. The discussion on neoliberalism (p.42) resonated very strongly with me. Here, Qureshi talks about thinking of the privileges we enjoy alongside the notion of rizq, or provision. This connection encourages us to develop a sense of humility and groundedness in appreciating with a certain spiritual fullness what we may or may not have been blessed with. But equally, we are urged to be mindful of our consumption – not only what we consume, but the chain of production behind our consumption, those people impacted by it, not to mention our planet and everything in it. This response to neoliberalism and its obsession with production, consumption and economic growth at the expense of all else is perhaps not so unique for its holistic approach, as much as it is distinguished by its spiritual underpinning, which informs and substantially enriches the author's critique of neoliberalism.

So, I highlight this discussion not only for its merits as a very pertinent discussion of pressing and urgent issues. I also highlight it here because it demonstrates effectively to us that the binary which both Muslim commentators and those from a secular standpoint are often so keen to perpetuate – that of either addressing today's challenges through a prism of faith, or a secular one – does not have to be so. Often the two ap-

proaches are offered separately: on one hand, we are presented with a 'secular' model of anti-racism, and on the other, a religiously-inspired response that is at pains to discredit 'secular' answers as 'godless' and lacking. The ease with which Qureshi develops his analysis of neoliberalism and its devastating impacts by drawing on lessons from the Qur'anic story of the Prophet Shu'ayb alongside the works of Michael Neu and Eduardo Galeano shows us that such insistence upon this binary is vacuous and can only constrain the possibilities available to those engaged in collaborative resistance to systems of oppression.

But more than a work of analysis and contemplation, this book is also a call to action. Qureshi suggests to the reader ways to think about the extent to which we might be complicit with the oppressive structures around us. He also offers tentative ways to think about how and where we might be able to draw distinctions between actions of positive engagement or even influence, and what can potentially constitute collaboration with oppression or injustice.

If I were to make any criticism of this book, it would be of Qureshi's rather extensive use of lengthy direct quotes in his writing – these are brilliant for indicating the breadth of inspirations behind the author's line of thinking, but they can interrupt the book's flow somewhat. But this does not take away from the fact that there is a great deal to recommend it. Reflective and promoting reflection in equal measures, it is a welcome intervention during these times of uncertainty and entrenchment of positions and views. If it receives the exposure and engagement that it deserves, A Virtue of Disobedience will enrich conversations firstly within Muslim communities, but also among anyone who is serious about understanding the impact of oppressive power structures on our communities and ethically-centred approaches in the pursuit of justice.

Amaliah

Your unvaccinated friend is roughly 20 times more likely to give you COVID

Press Trust Of India

As lockdowns ease in New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT, and people return to work and socialising, many of us will be mixing more with others, even though a section of the community is still unvaccinated.

Many vaccinated people are concerned about the prospect of mixing with unvaccinated people. This mixing might be travelling on trains or at the supermarket initially. But also at family gatherings, or, in NSW at least, at pubs and restaurants when restrictions ease further, slated for December 1.

Some people are wondering, why would a vaccinated person care about the vaccine status of another person?

Briefly, it's because vaccines reduce the probability of getting infected, which reduces the probability of a vaccinated person infecting someone else. And,

despite vaccination providing excellent protection against severe disease, a small proportion of vaccinated people still require ICU care. Therefore some vaccinated people may have a strong preference to mix primarily with other vaccinated people.

But what exactly is the risk of catching COVID from someone who's unvaccinated?

What's the relative risk?

Recent reports from the Victorian Department of Health find that unvaccinated people are ten times more likely to contract COVID than vaccinated people.

We also know that vaccinated people are less likely to transmit the disease even if they become infected. The Doherty modelling from August puts the reduction at around 65%, although more recent research has suggested a lower estimate for AstraZeneca. Hence for this thought experiment, we'll take a lower value of 50%.

As the prevalence of COVID changes over time, it's hard to estimate an absolute risk of exposure. So instead, we need to think about risks in a relative sense.

If I were spending time with an unvaccinated person, then there's some probability they're infected and will infect me. However, if they were vaccinated, they're ten times less likely to be infected and half as likely to infect me, following the numbers above.

Hence we arrive at a 20-fold reduction in risk when hanging out with a vaccinated person compared to someone who's not vaccinated.

The exact number depends on a range of factors, including the type of vaccine and time since vaccination. But, in Australia we can expect a large risk reduction when mixing with fully vaccinated people.

The calculation holds true whether you yourself are vaccinated or not. But

being vaccinated provides a ten-fold reduction for yourself, which is on top of the risk reduction that comes from people you're mixing with being vaccinated.

So, dining in an all-vaccinated restaurant and working in an all-vaccinated workplace presents a much lower infection risk to us as individuals, whether we are vaccinated or not. The risk reduction is around 20-fold, but as individuals, we need to consider whether that's meaningful for our own circumstances, and for the circumstances of those we visit.

There are also added complexities, in that there are three vaccine brands available, and eligibility is still limited to those aged 12 and older. Although, we do know kids are less susceptible and less likely to show symptoms.

However, as more information emerges, we can always update our estimates and think through the implications on the risk reduction.

Jammu &Kashmir Small Scale Industries Development Corporation Limited (SICOP)

(A J&K Government Undertaking)

2nd floor, Sanat Ghar building Bermana Srinagar

e-Mail: gmmksicop@gmail.com

Dated: 27-10-2021

CORRIGENDUM

e-NIT No.: 35-SICOP (GMM) of 2021 Dated 09.07.2021

Work Name:- Rate Contract for Civil Works.

Due to correction in BoQ, the above mentioned e-NIT is retendered.

Sd/-

General Manager (M&A)

SICOP Kashmir

DIPK-NB-4577/21



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NOTICE

The examination of the paper entitled **"Hadith & Jurisprudence-I (BAF)"** of **BG 1st Semester Regular/Fresh Private (Batch-2021) and Backlog (Batch-2016 to 2020)** which is scheduled to be held on **03/11/2021 (Wednesday)** shall now be conducted on **08/11/2021 (Monday)**. Candidates at respective centres be aware of the postponement so that they will present themselves on 08/11/2021.

However, time and venue shall remain unchanged.

No. F(BG 1st Sem (B-16-21) Exam)/KU/21

Sd/- Asstt. Controller of Exams

Dated:-28/10/2021

DIPK-NB-4590/21

(UG Conduct)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SRINAGAR

NEAR J&K BANK,(Zaldagar)

Telefax No. 0194-2503195 e.mail Id: xenmidsrinagar@gmail.com

Gist of Short Term e-NIT No. 27 OF 2021-22, Dated: 27-10-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Srinagar, invites e- tenders on item rate basis by e-tendering mode for:-

S. No.	Particulars of the work	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost of work "Rs" in Lacs	Exemption Allowed	Completion Period	Class/ Registration Type
1	2	3	4	4	5	6
1.	Renovation of sub-divisional office and clearance of rank vegetation at Mechanical Circle (I&FC Deptt) Srinagar.	100.00	0.40	No	10 days	D-Class/ Petty Class Civil Registration Card

The bidding process shall be completed online in single cover containing Tender Document fee, Bid Security Declaration, prequalification and technical bid. Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

The critical dates are as tabulated below:-

i	Publish Date	28 /10/2021 at 1600 hrs
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	28 /10/2021 from 1600 hrs
iii	Clarification start date	N.A
iv	Bid submission start date	28/10/2021 from 1600 hrs
v	Clarification end date	N.A
vi	Bid submission/ Document Download/sale end date	08 /11/2021 upto 1400 hrs
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	09 /11/2021 at 1400 hrs

The bid uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on scheduled date /time or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Zaldagar Srinagar.

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD Form No. 25 & 33.

Position of funds	Available
Position of AAA	Accorded under order No. 32-MCD of 2021-22, Dated:- 25-08-2021
Position of Technical Sanction	Sanctioned

No. MIDS/Ts/ 3458-63

Dated:- 27-10-2021

DIPK-11515/21

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,

Mechanical Irrigation Division, Srinagar

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Office Of The Executive Engineer PHE (JSD)

Rural Water Supply Division, Ganderbal/Sgr.

H.Q: Duderhama Ganderbal.

e – mail: pherwsd@gmail.com,

Phone/Fax: 0194 – 2416292,

NOTICE INVITING e – TENDERS:

GIST of e– NIT No: 28/PHE/JSD/RWSD/Civil of 2021-22.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir U.T. Short Term e – tenders are invited (in SINGLE -Cover System) on "item rate basis" from Registered/Approved/Valid Civil Contractors/Agencies for the following works:

Table (I)

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In)	Time for completion	Class of contractor	Major Head of account	Tender Call
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Augmentation of water supply at Sharesbal including additional water storage tank and GI pipes in Theed A & B by way of providing/ laying/ fitting of 80/ 65/ 40/ 25/ 20 mm dia G.I. main and distribution main at various locations for WSS Sharesbal under DDC Grants for the year 2021-22.	15.00	1500	20 Days	BEE/CEE & DEE	DDC GRANTS	1 st
2	Augmentation of water supply in Gundtal by way of providing/ laying/ fitting of 80/ 65/ 50/ 40/ 25/ 20 mm dia G.I. main and distribution main at various locations for WSS Barji Old under DDC Grants for the year 2021-22.	15.00	1500	20 Days	BEE/CEE & DEE	-Do-	1 st
3	Augmentation of water supply in Khimber by way of improvement to distribution system including replacement of worn out pipes for WSS Khimber under DDC Grants for the year 2021-22.	8.00	800	15 Days	CEE & DEE	-Do-	1 st
4	Augmentation of water supply in Dara A&B by way of providing/ laying/ fitting of 40/ 25/ 20 mm dia G.I. pipes for WSS Checki Dara under DDC Grants for the year 2021-22.	6.00	600	10 Days	CEE & DEE	-Do-	1 st
5	Upgradation of water pipe line system in Khan Mohalla and Check Mohalla Shalbugh-B by way of providing/ laying/ fitting of 50/40/20 mm dia G.I. Pipes including supplying of T&P Artcils for Panchayat Halqa Shalbugh-B under BTV3.	4.48	500	10 Days	DEE	BTV3	1 st
6	Augmentation of water supply in Faqir Gujri A & B by way of Providing/ laying/ fitting of 25/ 20 mm dia G.I. pipe line for WSS Faqir Gujri under DDC Grants for the year 2021-22.	2.50	300	05 Days	DEE	DDC GRANTS	1 st
7	Providing/ laying/ fixing of G.I. Pipes at Larsun areas for WSS Dangerpora Tulmulla under JKIDFC	0.45	100	05 Days	DEE	JKIDFC	1 st
8	Carriage of pipes from Checki Duderhama to Peerpora near Physical College Store by Mechanical Transport under M&R	0.23	100	05 Days	DEE	M&R	1 st

Position of Funds: - Available

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>

From 28.10.2021 (10:00 a.m.) UPTO 08.11.2021 (04:00 p.m) Sd/=

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book 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

As per schedule of dates given below

TABLE (II)

01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	28.10.2021
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 29.10.2021 (10:00 a.m) To 06.11.2021 (upto 04:00 p.m).
03	Bid Submission Start Date	From 29.10.2021 (10:00 a.m).
04	Bid submission End Date	To 08.11.2021 (up to 04:00 p.m).
05	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	16.10.2021 at 11:00 am in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE JSD RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr (H.Q. Checki Duderhama Ganderbal)

Bids must be accompanied by Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer PHE JSD RWS Division Ganderbal (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st)). Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE JSD RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr (H.Q. Checki Duderhama Ganderbal) on 08.11.2021 at 11:00 am. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

No:- PHE/JSD/RWSD/Corrs./ 6510 - 34

Dated:- 28.10.2021

DIPK-11476/21

Sd/=

Executive Engineer PHE,

JSD RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr.

H.Q: Duderhama Ganderbal.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUIVE ENGINEER

PWD(R&B) DIVISION KULGAM

Fresh NIT Sl. No: 121/2021-22/RnB/Kul/e-tendering/7700-20 dated 28-10-2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs)	Time of completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of lane from main road Khuspura near house of Khurshid Ahmad Dar and others at HC Gamwar No.10	1.95	200	07 days	UDS	Dee

Accorded of AAA: accorded vide No: 14-DDCK of 2021 dated 30-01-2021

1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice .	28 -10-2021
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 29-10-2021 (10:00AM) To 04-11-2021 (04:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 29-10-2021 (10:00AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 04-11-2021 (04:00PM)
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	04-11-2021 (4.30 PM)

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam (Major Head 0059-Rev:Misc) [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M.No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam (Tender receiving Authority).

3. All the Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below).

4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

5. 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 Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam

6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

8. 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 to acquaint bid submission process.

9. 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 vendors.

10. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

11. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

12. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

13. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

14. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

15. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

16. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document) and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

17. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

18. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

19. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

20. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

No: 7721-23

Dtd: 28-10-2021

DIPK-11560/21

Sd/-

Executive Engineer

(R&B) Division Kulgam

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR

10-Karan Nagar, Srinagar Kashmir, 190010 pont No. 0914-2504114 Fax No 0194-2503115

INTERVIEW NOTICE

It is notified for the information of all candidates who have applied for the tenure posts of Registrars in the following disciplines in response to this office Advertisement Notices No. 06 of 2021 Dated 05-07-2021 that their Interview will be held on the indicated date & time against each Discipline in the office chamber of the undersigned: -

S. No	Discipline	Date	Time
1.	Anesthesiology	02-11-2021	10:00AM
2.	Blood Bank	02-11-2021	11:15AM
3.	Chest Medicine	02-11-2021	11:20AM
4.	ENT	02-11-2021	11:45AM
5.	Medicine	02-11-2021	01:45PM
6.	Radiotherapy	02-11-2021	03:15PM
7.	Obsts & Gynae	03-11-2021	10:00AM
8.	Radiodiagnosis & Imaging	03-11-2021	11:30AM
9.	Paediatrics	03-11-2021	01:45PM
10.	Surgery	03-11-2021	03:00PM

Note

- PSC confirmed doctors shall only be interviewed after obtaining NOC from competent authority as per Government Order No. 164-HME of 2012 Dated.
- 02-05-2012.
- The concerned candidates are advised to bring all original certificates/testimonials for verification by the Selection committee on the date of interview. no ta/da shall be paid to the candidates on this account.

No: AR/MC/R/D/Adv/2050-52/MC

DATED 29-10-2021

DIPK-11544/21

Principal/Dean

Govt. Medical College

Srinagar

Workplace Culture Improved Since Onset Of COVID-19: Survey



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Workplace culture has improved since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and employers are planning to make moderate to extensive changes in order to allow more hybrid working, says a survey.

According to the EY Work Reimagined Employer Survey 2021, 73 per cent of employer respondents believe that workplace culture has improved since the onset of the pandemic.

The survey covered more than 1,000 business leaders across nine countries and 25 industry sectors, examining their views on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the workplace.

It included over 100 employers from India and explored their perspectives on the risks and opportunities of hybrid working.

The findings showed that 61 per cent of employers are planning to make moderate to extensive changes in order to allow more hybrid working, reflecting the views of 90 per cent of employees, who said they want flexibility in when and where they work.

"Employers have heard loud and clear that employees are demanding flexibility in the post-pandemic working world. The biggest danger facing most employers is that they fail to provide clarity around their hybrid work and return to office plans," Anurag Malik, Partner, People Advisory Services, EY India, said.

Malik further noted that organisations that want to flourish need to ensure that their plans are well defined and communicated, and that they balance business and employee priorities in refining these plans to help create a win-win for the business and the workforce.

The study further noted that despite the overwhelming recognition of the importance of flexible working, 39 per cent of employer respondents want all their employees to return to the office full time post-pandemic.

On issues relating to business travel, there was a notable disconnect where 63 per cent of employer respondents say that they want to decrease business travel post-pandemic, but 90 per cent of employee respondents say they want it to resume.

On other key issues such as productivity, employees and employers were in agreement, where 83 per cent of employer respondents believe productivity can now be measured from anywhere, compared to 85 per cent of employee respondents.

Employers who took part in the survey were also asked about risks beyond physical health that may come with the shift toward hybrid working. Almost half (53 per cent) said that one of the biggest risks will be their ability to establish fairness and equity among employees when some jobs require a fixed schedule or location creating a have and have not' dynamic based on roles.

Centre's Fiscal Deficit Touches 35% Of Annual Target At H1-End

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: The union government's fiscal deficit has worked out to be Rs 5.26 lakh crore or 35 per cent of the budget estimates at the end of September 2021, as per the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Friday.

The deficit figures in the current fiscal appear much better than the previous financial year when it had soared to 114.8 per cent of the estimates mainly on account of a jump in expenditure to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit or gap between expenditure and revenue was Rs 5,26,851 crore at end of August, the CGA said.

For the current financial year, the government expects the deficit at 6.8 per cent of GDP or Rs 15,06,812 crore.

As per the data, the central government's total receipts stood at Rs 10.99 lakh crore or 55.6 per cent of corresponding budget estimates (BE) 2021-22 up to September, 2021. The total



receipts were 25.2 per cent of the BE of 2020-21 during the corresponding period of last financial year.

Of the total receipts, the tax revenue was Rs 9.2 lakh crore or 59.6 per cent of BE. The tax revenue was only 28 per cent of BE of 2020-21 in the year ago period.

The CGA data further said central government's total expenditure at the end of the first half of the fiscal year stood at Rs 16.26 lakh crore or 46.7 per cent of current fiscal's BE.

Of the total expenditure, out of Rs 13,96,666 crore was on revenue account and Rs 2,29,351 crore was on capital account. Out of the total revenue expenditure, Rs 3,63,757 crore was on account of interest payments and Rs 1,80,959 crore is on account of major subsidies.

The fiscal deficit for 2020-21 was 9.3 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP), better than 9.5 per cent projected in the revised estimates in the budget in February.

Govt Approves 8.5 Pc Interest Rate On EPF For FY'21

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: The government has approved 8.5 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund for the 2020-21 fiscal, a source said.

Just ahead of Diwali, this is a good news for over five crore subscribers of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

The 8.5 per cent rate of interest on provident fund deposits for the last financial year was decided by the EPFO's apex decision making body Central Board of Trustees (CBT) headed by Labour Minister in March this year.

A source said on Friday, "The rate of interest on EPF for 2020-21 has been ratified by the Ministry of Finance and now it would be credited into the accounts of over five crore subscribers."

In March last year, the EPFO



had lowered interest rate on provident fund deposits to a seven-year low of 8.5 per cent for 2019-20, from 8.65 per cent in 2018-19.

The EPF (Employees Provident Fund) interest rate provided for 2019-20 was the lowest since 2012-13, when it was brought down to 8.5 per cent.

The EPFO had provided 8.65

per cent interest rate to its subscribers in 2016-17 and 8.55 per cent in 2017-18. The rate of interest was slightly higher at 8.8 per cent in 2015-16.

It had given 8.75 per cent rate of interest in 2013-14 as well as in 2014-15, higher than 8.5 per cent for 2012-13. The rate of interest was 8.25 per cent on provident fund in 2011-12.

RBI Board Reviews Economic Situation

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MUMBAI: The Central Board of Directors of the RBI on Friday reviewed the current domestic and global economic situation and challenges.

The board also deliberated upon possible measures for addressing the emerging challenges, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a release.

The 591st meeting of the board was held under the Chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das. His tenure as the Governor has been extended by three years up to December 2024.

"The board also congratulated the Governor on his reappointment," the central bank said.

According to the release, the board also discussed the working of sub-committees of the central board and activities of a few Central Office Departments, including the nationwide survey among bank customers regarding banks' grievance redress system and the functioning of the Ombudsman schemes.

Deputy Governors Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao, and T Rabi Sankar attended the meeting. Other directors on the board -- N Chandrasekaran, Satish K Marathe,

S Gurumurthy and Sachin Chaturvedi -- were also present.

Besides, Debasis Panda, Secretary, Department of Financial Services and Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, attended the meeting.

Das was appointed the RBI's 25th Governor on December 11, 2018 for a period of three years after the abrupt resignation of his predecessor Urjit Patel.

He is the first RBI Governor to get extension after the BJP-led government came to power in 2014.

Two Day Apple Festival 2021 Concludes At SKICC



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: A two day long 'Apple festival 2021' by department of Horticulture concludes at SKICC Srinagar.

According to a statement, it is first of its kind Apple Festival-2021 organized by the Department of Horticulture, Kashmir at SKICC Srinagar on 28th and 29th of October. The festival was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday.

Kailash Choudhary, MOS, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Government of India was the guest of honour. Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI virtually addressed the audience.

Navin Kumar Chaudhary, Principal Secretary to Government, Horticulture Department, J&K, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, HODs of various Department and Vice Chairperson, KVIB, Dr. Hina Shafi Bhat participated in the Festival.

The main highlights of the festival were :

- Buyer seller meet
- Exhibition of local and exotic fruits especially Apple Varieties.
- Exhibition of high density plantation technology and latest Horticultural Machinery.
- Exhibition of latest varieties of fruit plants
- Unveiling of Horticulture booklets by the lieutenant Governor, J&K.

More than 40 stalls were installed at the venue, exhibiting huge collection of local as well as exotic fruits, machinery, High

density Technology. Technical sessions were also part of the event in which experts from SKUAST-K took part.

Interactions between buyers from all over the country and abroad like Lulu Group Dubai, Reliance India Ltd., Big Basket Begaluru, ITC Food Haryana, Grow Global Kolkata, PARC Mumbai, Innotterra Tech. Mumbai, Suro Agro Delhi, Frutech Agro Industries Pvt.

Ltd. Maharashtra, were held with the prominent fruit dealers and Entrepreneurs from the UT. Subsequently, various MoUs between the buyers and sellers were inked.

The Union Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar in his speech said that these sort of programme would help in boosting the Horticulture Sector and that the Government of India is committed to uplift the income of farmers, for which various schemes have already been launched by the Department.

The Lieutenant Governor, while addressing the gathering congratulated the whole Department particularly, Navin Kumar Chaudhary and Director General, Horticulture Kashmir for organizing such a mega event and also appreciated the working of Department of Horticulture. He said that the Government is committed to bring all fruits under crop Insurance. He urged the Department to conduct awareness camps at gross root level, so that the farmers get acquainted with the Departmental schemes and technical knowhow. On the occasion he unveiled the booklets of the Horticulture Department.

Panasonic Life Solutions India Introduces 'UNO Plus' Series

MUMBAI: Panasonic Life Solutions India, one of the largest manufacturers of electrical construction materials (ECM) in the country, revealed their latest range of premium switchgear, an advanced range of protection devices for quality-conscious Indian consumers.

According to a statement, the new UNO Plus range consists of Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB), Residual Current Operated Circuit Breaker (RCCB), and Distribution Boards (DB). The range is backed with the highest ever 7-year warranty, being offered for the first time in India on MCBs (0.5A to 63A), and

apart from this UNO Plus range has numerous unique features to boast in the 10kA segment.

Speaking on the occasion, Kazuki Yao, Managing Director, Panasonic Life Solutions India said, "The launch of UNO Plus is a significant milestone in our quest towards building a safe, secure, and quality assured product portfolio. This is in line with our endeavour from the very beginning to magnify our global expertise in the Indian market and enrich our portfolio. The UNO Plus range has been developed with Japanese Technology by the best of Japanese and Indian Minds."

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Gets 3-Year Extension

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: The government has extended the term of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das by three years -- a tenure that will make him the second longest serving head of the central bank.

Das was appointed as RBI's 25th governor on December 11, 2018, for a period of three years after the surprise resignation of his predecessor Urjit Patel.

An official order dated October 28 said the government has reappointed Das as the governor of the central bank for a period of three years beyond December 10, 2021, that is till December 2024.

The extension is longer than the norm of a two-year term in the last two decades.

Das' re-appointment will ensure continuity at a critical juncture for the economy that is emerging out of the devastation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

He will be the fifth governor to get a tenure this long. Usually, RBI governors are given a five-year term.



If completed, he will be the longest-serving governor after Sir Benegal Rama Rau, who was in office for 7 years and 197 days between July 1, 1949, and January 14, 1957.

The other four governors who had a tenure of more than 5 years were Bimal Jalan (November 1997 to September 2003), James Taylor (July 1937 to February 1943), B P Bhattacharya (March 1962 to June 1967), and C D Deshmukh (August 1943-June 1949).

Raghuram Rajan -- the first governor under the Modi government -- demitted office after completing his first three-year tenure. His successor and Das' predecessor Urjit Patel was in office for 2 years and 98 days.

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مضمون درخواست نیابت: سید احمد اشفاق احمد پیران ولد محمد یعقوب وانی ساکنہ انکام بغرض حصول RBA سرٹیفکٹ

اشتہار برادر آگاہی بر خاص وعام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساگان نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈ ایریا سرٹیفکٹ دفتر بذمہ پیش کیا ہے۔ اس بارے میں عملہ فیلڈ سے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساگان کا کنڈیوھڈ ایشن گزشتہ پندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پذیر ہے اور ساگان کا کنڈیو بڈیل ہے۔

نمبر شمار	نام افراد کنڈیو	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
01	محمد یعقوب وانی ولد غلام محمد الدین وانی	67 سال	پیشہ بولڈر LPC	
02	مسما حمیدہ بانو زوجہ محمد یعقوب وانی	60 سال	گھریلو کام	
03	سہیل احمد وانی ولد محمد یعقوب وانی	32 سال	زیر تعلیم	
04	اشفاق احمد وانی ولد محمد یعقوب وانی	27 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اسٹور کنڈیو 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا زیر بحث سرٹیفکٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنا اعتراض معروضہ وجوہات پیش کرے۔ میعاد گزرنے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

نائب تحصیلدار RNA

از نیابت ساگام با اجلاس نائب تحصیلدار ساگام

مضمون درخواست نیابت: منظور احمد وانی ولد غلام محمد الدین وانی ساکنہ انکام تحصیل کوکرائی

اشتہار برادر آگاہی بر خاص وعام۔

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نمبر شمار	نام افراد کنڈیو	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
01	منظور احمد وانی ولد غلام محمد الدین وانی	45 سال	سرکاری ملازم LPC	
02	مسما قارونہ جان زوجہ منظور احمد وانی	42 سال	گھریلو کام	
03	محمد عیان وانی ولد منظور احمد وانی	07 سال	زیر تعلیم	
04	منزہ وانی دختر منظور احمد وانی	05 سال	زیر تعلیم	
05	مسما ستارہ بیگم بیوہ غلام محمد الدین وانی	78 سال	عمر رسیدہ	

اسٹور کنڈیو 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا زیر بحث سرٹیفکٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنا اعتراض معروضہ وجوہات پیش کرے۔ میعاد گزرنے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.H.E DIVISION BUDGAM

H.Q: BUDGAM.

NOTICE INVITING E - TENDERS:

Short Terme- NIT No: 61/PHE/Bud/Civil of 2021-22.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu Kashmir U.T., e - tenders are invited (in Single Cover System) on "item rate basis" from Registered/Approved and valid Civil class of contractors/agencies registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments and whose registrations are renewed for current financial year for the following works:

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (₹/In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In ₹)	Amount of earnest money (In ₹)	Time for completion (in Days)	Class of contractor	Major head of account	Tender Call
1	Providing water supply to PHC Ichgam from Spring WSS Ichgam.	5.15	500/-	10,300/-	15 Days	D / C	Dist. CAPEX (Special Grants)	1 st
2	Shifting of PHE Utilities from Raiyar Chowk of WSS Alamdar Doodhpathri effected due to road widening / Mechanization of Doodhpathri road by R&B Department. (Deposit works)	2.58	200/-	5,160/-	12 Days	D	Dep. Works (R&B)	1 st
3	Installation of PVC water storage tanks with stand at spots in village Chanpora WSS Sukhnag.	2.40	200/-	4,800/-	10 Days	D	NRDWP	1 st
4	Shifting of pipeline aside road, effected due to road widening of Parimpora Soibugh road by ERA Srinagar.	1.13	150/-	2,260/-	8 Days	D	Dep. Works (ERA)	1 st
5	Bush cutting and grass cutting at Divisional store Budgam.	0.84	100/-	1,680/-	5 Days	D	M&R	1 st

Position of AAA:- Accorded; Position of funds:- Assured; Position of TS:- Under Process;

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktendersgov.in>

From 29.10.2021 (10:00 a.m) 05.11.2021 (04:00 p.m)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: www.jktendersgov.in As per schedule of dates given below

TABLE (II)		
01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	28.10.2021
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 29.10.2021 10:00 a.m. To 05.11.2021 04:00 p.m.
03	Bid Submission Start Date	29.10.2021 10:00 a.m.
04	Bid submission End Date	05.11.2021 Upto 04:00 p.m.
06	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	06.11.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam)

1. Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money, CDR/FDR and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam) on 0.11.2021 at 11:00 a.m. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

No:- PHE/Bud/5000-5035
Dated: 28.10.2021
DIPK-11506/21

(Er. Najeeb A Tramboo)
Executive Engineer,
PHE Division Budgam.

Kashmiri Students Used As Cannon Fodder: Omar

'Behaviour Of Lawyers In Agra Unacceptable'

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah on Friday said the behaviour of lawyers in Agra towards three Kashmiri students, arrested for allegedly celebrating Pakistan's win over India at the T20 World Cup, was unacceptable and the role of police suspect. The Kashmiri students, who have been booked for sedition, were remanded in judicial custody for 14 days by a court in Agra on Thursday.

"The behaviour of the lawyers is unacceptable & the role of the police is deeply suspect. With polls around the corner rather than make friends with Kashmiri students the powers that be are happier using them as political cannon fodder," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister wrote on Twitter.

He was referring to reports about the Kashmiri students being heckled by some people while they were coming out of the court on Thursday.

Abdullah also questioned the Uttar Pradesh government's decision to arrest the three students even after the college authorities gave them a clean chit.

"The college authorities have given these students a clean chit & confirmed they didn't shout any slogans. Rather than take the college assurance at face value the UP police is victimising these poor kids," he said.

Continued Ban On Hookah Amid COVID-19: Not The Time To Lower Guards, Delhi Govt Tells HC

AGENCEIS

NEW DELHI : The Delhi government Friday informed the Delhi High Court that it has decided not to lift the ban on the use of hookah in restaurants and pubs in the national capital because of the festive season and the chances of a third wave of COVID-19.

The AAP government said, in its affidavit, this is not a time to lower our guards for such an unnecessary service which is likely to contribute to the transmission and severity of coronavirus.

Justice Rekha Palli allowed several restaurants and bars, which have challenged the order of the Joint Commissioner of Police (Licensing Unit) prohibiting the sale or service of herbal flavoured hookahs, to file their response to the official stand and asked that the Delhi government's affidavit be brought on record before the next date of hearing.

Keeping in view the upcoming festive, chances of coming up of the third wave, AY.4.2 lineage of COVID-19, a sub-variant of the Delta coronavirus strain being found in many states of India, efforts of different departments i.e. health, police, municipality, transport, etc. to reduce coronavirus spread till date, substantial loss of lives & suffering caused during the second wave of COVID-19, it is important not to lower our guard for an unnecessary and ill-intended service which is



likely to increase the severity and transmission of COVID-19, the affidavit filed through the Delhi government's Standing Counsel Santosh Kumar Tripath said.

The Delhi government said that according to the court's order, it reconsidered its latest order of October 14 on continuing the prohibition on the use of hookah, with and without tobacco i.e. herbal hookah, water pipes, and other hookah like devices, in all public places including hotels, restaurants, pubs, etc.

It clarified that till date, Delhi Disaster Management Authority has permitted only those activities, such that the opening of cinema halls, restaurants, etc, that are essential and have social and economic well-being of the public.

Further, such activities are only allowed to be opened in compliance with all COVID appropriate behaviour but the very nature of the mechanism of hookah increases the risk of transmission of the virus , it

added.

COVID-19 infected smokers can spread the virus through floating of contaminated aerosol particles in the air, settling of contaminated particles on objects and surfaces, coughing, sneezing, disposal of contaminated cigarette butts, etc. The use of hookah in open space will not eliminate the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

"As per WHO & CDC (Centre for Disease Control) the act of hookah smoking includes, touching of hookah device by the fingers and close contact of fingers with lips which increases the possibility of transmission of the virus from hand to mouth. Thus, allowing herbal hookah in open spaces may worsen the situation and increase the transmission, the affidavit stated.

It is further stated that hookah consumption cannot be compared to the breath analyser tests being carried out by the police as the inhalers in the testing device are used only

for one person and have to be discarded after use so that both police and the person on whom the test has to be done are not exposed to hazardous communicable diseases .

The court is also informed that serving hookah is not only a fire hazard but using herbal hookah, without the consideration of the Ministry of AYUSH and other authorities on the nature of ingredients, may have serious health implications, the affidavit said.

Since petitioners are themselves accepting that only a few customers are asking for hookah, there can be no argument of loss of livelihood, the government added.

The high court had earlier directed the Delhi government to reconsider the ban and filed an affidavit.

On September 17, the high court had asked the Delhi government why DDMA's order prohibiting the use of herbal hookah in public places to contain the spread of COVID-19 be not re-considered when breath analyser test was being allowed now.

Separate petitions were filed by Breath Fine Lounge and Bar, TOS, R High Speedbar and Lounge, Verandah Moonshine, and Sixth Empirica Lounge in West Punjabi Bagh, saying that they were serving herbal hookahs for which no licence is required as they are totally without tobacco but the police were still conducting raids, seizing equipment, and issuing challans.

Ladakh Hosts Its First Bird Festival

LEH: The Union Territory of Ladakh has hosted its first-ever bird festival for ensuring preservation of the fragile ecosystem and promoting the diverse biodiversity of the region, officials said on Friday. Ladakh houses nearly 350 species of birds identified by various experts from time-to-time.

The festival was organised on Thursday as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations by the department of wildlife protection in Ladakh in collaboration with the Secure Himalaya project, they said.

While addressing a gathering here, Chief Executive Councillor Tashi Gyalson, who was also the chief guest, extended his gratitude to the department of wildlife protection for conducting the festival.

He stressed the need for encouraging avifauna as part of the Indian culture. Highlighting the importance of the festival, Gyalson stated that it should be a reminder for all of us to work collectively in preserving the fragile ecosystem and educate ourselves and promote the diverse biodiversity of Ladakh.

Speaking on the occasion, principal secretary, forest, ecology and environment, Pawan Kotwal, in his inaugural address, said this event is a first-of-its-kind in Ladakh.

He said Ladakh has a huge biodiversity, which falls on the pathway of migratory birds, and is a paradise for both birds and bird lovers.

Kotwal said just as humans have highways, birds have flyways.

"We have a huge responsibility to be the custodian of the land," he added.

'Live and let live' should not only be applicable for humans but it should also include all animals and birds as well, he said.

Further, Kotwal said that according to some experts more than 350 species of birds have now been identified in Ladakh.

He observed that one of the biggest strengths of Ladakh is that its people do not hunt. Therefore, it has become a huge refuge for birds and animals alike.

Kotwal also requested chief wildlife warden, department of wildlife protection, Ladakh, Preet Pal Singh, to document all the activities planned for the next three days for the festival.

Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal congratulated and thanked the dignitaries, officials, and experts on behalf of the people of Ladakh for organising the bird festival.

He said it was the moral responsibility of all Ladakhis to protect the birds in the region, and assured that he would contribute to this field as much as possible.

As part of the festival, a photo exhibition was held on birds found in Ladakh. The animated storybook 'Tashi the Explorer' was also launched on the occasion.

The inaugural session was followed by a panel discussion on emerging threats to avifauna in Ladakh, and the role of citizen science in bird monitoring and another discussion on birds in the culture and history of Ladakh was also held, the officials said.

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Will Act Inside

been broken in Kashmir Valley."

Since October 11, the Indian Army has been conducting a massive search operation to track down militants in Jammu and Kashmir's twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri.

Pakistan was not able to gather any support on the topic of Kashmir even after trying a lot, the minister said.

"Modiji has redesigned and redefined India's attitude against terrorism. Remember, what a soft attitude was maintained against terrorists during earlier governments," Singh told the gathering.

"If there were terrorist incidents, there was talk of giving "safe passage" to them, there used to be talk of playing or not playing matches against Pakistan," he said.

"Now the situation has changed. Our government has said clearly that terrorism and talks cannot go hand in hand. For the last few years, we have stopped having any talks with Pakistan," the minister mentioned.

"Now we don't talk about playing or not playing (cricket) matches. Instead, we have stated it clearly that action against terrorism will be taken -- on this side of the border as well as on the other side of the border if needed," he added.

More Snow,

A meteorological department official here said that Srinagar recorded minimum temperature of 2.6 degree Celsius against 3.4 degree Celsius on previous night.

Qazigund recorded a low of 2.6 degree Celsius against previous night's 2.8 degree Celsius, the official said.

Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 2.4 degree Celsius against minus 3.4 degree Celsius on previous night, he said.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 3.2 degree Celsius against 2.3 degree Celsius on previous night, the official said.

Kupwara town of the north Kashmir recorded a low 0.2 degree Celsius against 1.0 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Gulmarg, the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 0.0 degree Celsius against previous night's minus 0.6 degree Celsius, the official said.

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

Day 19: Hunt For

official told Kashmir Observer Friday.

"Actually, the terrain is very difficult. There are natural caves inside the dense forest area. The joint team wants to clear the caves deliberately, one by one. So far not much has been recovered apart from a few stores in the last three days," he added.

The senior official further said that around 20 suspects have been rounded up by police for questioning after it came to light that they allegedly provided logistic support including food and shelter to the militants.

On Monday, heavy firing was reported from Nar Khas forest area in Bhata Durian between joint team of forces and the militants, believed to be hiding in caves deep inside the forest.

Nine Army personnel including two JCO's and an arrested militant, a resident of Rawlakot in Pakistan side of Kashmir, have been killed and three security men injured since the commencement of the operation on October 11.

While five Army personnel were killed on the first day of the operation in Surankote forest of Poonch, four other soldiers lost their lives in Bhata Durian area of Mendhar on October 14.

The militant, who was shifted from Kot Bhalwal Central Jail Jammu to Mendhar on police remand for questioning in connection with the ongoing operation, was killed when the security forces accompanying him to identify a hideout came under fire from hiding militants on Sunday.

Besides Surankote and Mendhar, the search operation also continues in nearby Thanamandi forest in Rajouri district.

Army has been using helicopters and drones to keep a tight surveillance to ensure that the militants are not able to flee.

Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu region have witnessed a rise in infiltration attempts since June this year, resulting in the killing of nine terrorists in separate encounters. (With PTI inputs)

CISF Takes Over

It is situated on the Srinagar-Jammu Highway (NH-44) in Qazigund tehsil of Anantnag district in the cusp of Kashmir valley at an altitude of 1663.27 meters, a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) spokesperson said.

This substation is a "vital strategic link" in power distribution system of the country with a transmission capacity of 400/220 KV, he said.

The power unit was located here keeping in view the increasing demand of power in the Kashmir valley, especially during the winter months, the spokesperson said.

"Due to its location, the sub-station is inherently vulnerable to threats from anti-nationals and militants," he said.

"The CISF will provide round-the-clock armed security cover to the facility under the command of a deputy commandant rank officer," he said.

The CISF personnel armed with assault rifles like the AK series and the INSAS will also carry out anti-sabotage checks at the facility and there will be a quick reaction team (QRT) to respond to any emergency or terrorist attack.

The force will control the entry and exit of staffers and other people at the facility and will be authorised to carry out frisking of visitors in special cases and also check the bags they carry, a senior officer said.

This is the 353rd unit under the armed cover of the CISF that guards a number of vital and sensitive installations in the country, including those in the nuclear and aerospace domain apart from 64 civil airports, the Delhi Metro network and historical monuments like the Red Fort and Taj Mahal.

Govt Gears Up

which out permission from District and Divisional administration and these directions shall come in effect from November and will continue till March next year.

"He directed divisional heads of Mechanical Department, R&B, RDD, PMGSY, NHIDCL and Border Roads Organization to keep their men and machinery ready including snow cutters, snow clearance machines in a stand by position to clear roads of their respective jurisdiction," he said.

"He also directed SMC to remain prepared for snow clearance and dewatering during snow fall in City," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, Pole also directed Food & Civil Supplies Department officer to keep the adequate supply of ration, kerosene, petrol, diesel and LPG at far flung areas like Gurez which remain cut off during heavy snowfall and other places.

He said that the health department officials were also asked to stock the medicine and keep other health facilities available in high risk areas besides make availability of 4*4 ambulances at such places.

"Meanwhile, he emphasized on CE KPDCL to

ensure adequate buffer stock of electric poles, wires, transformers at all stations besides ensure restoration of electric supply immediately in case of any damage caused by snow fall," the official spokesperson said.

"Div Com also enjoined him to give wide publicity to curtail schedules and maintain adherence to the schedule. He was also told to conduct market inspections for seizure of heating appliances and deployment enforcement teams to check power theft and hooking by people," he added.

As per the official spokesperson, the Div Com directed Power transmission officers for arguments of various stations in Valley. Pole, he said, also directed CE PHE to keep all the water supply schemes functional so the people don't face scarcity of drinking water besides directed him to keep water tankers available wherever water shortages happens and keep DG sets available at lift water stations to keep them working.

"He was also directed to address the issue of laying of water supply pipes and construction of bore wells at Sonmarg in a time bound manner," he added.

PMLA Case: Shabir

without the permission of the court. It also directed her to surrender her passport to the court.

The court, meanwhile, allowed ED to examine Shabir Shah in jail regarding the recently traced out proceeds of crime.

Advocate M S Khan, appearing for Bilquis Shah, submitted that she has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submitted that the charge sheet in the case was already filed and during the investigation also, the ED had not sought her arrest and, therefore, now placing her under custody was not only illogical but also would not serve any purpose.

Special public prosecutors N K Matta and Rajeev Awasthi, appearing for ED, opposed the application and said that the allegations against her were serious.

They further submitted that there was strong apprehension that the accused may flee from the course of justice and may even attempt to tamper with the evidence if released on bail.

The court noted that during the investigation, there was no allegation that she attempted to influence the course of the investigation or in any matter jeopardised the ongoing ED investigations.

Advocate Qausar Khan, also appearing for Dr Shah, told the court that the accused joined the investigations as and when called by the investigating officer. In the charge sheet filed by ED's special public prosecutors N K Matta, the probe agency said that Bilquis Shah, along with Shabir Shah had received Rs 2.08 crore from reported hawala dealer Mohammad Aslam Wani, also accused in the case.

It said the claim was based on Wani's disclosure in the case, where he admitted that "all amounts were in cash and were handed over to Shabir Ahmad Shah and on three occasions to Bilquis Shah".

The ED said "she received the said amount knowing fully well that her husband had no known sources of income and this money could not have been obtained through licit means. It clearly implies that Bilquis Shah was an active accomplice of Shabir Shah in his illicit criminal activities." The ED further said that Shabir Ahmad Shah was in regular touch with Hafeez Sayeed, head of Jamat-ud-Dawa. "Shabir Shah had taken the services of Aslam Wani on a commission basis plus reimbursement of expenses, to collect crime money from Pakistan at Delhi and to carry the same for onward delivery to him or his wife Bilquis Shah," it said.

Aslam Wani used to receive hawala money from Pakistan at Delhi and carried the same to Srinagar on the directions of Shabir Shah and in lieu of these services, he was paid money by Shabir Shah, it alleged.

The case dates back to August 2005 in which the Delhi Police's Special Cell had earlier arrested Wani and recovered Rs 62.96 lakh cash, five Kgs of explosives, and one pistol with 15 live cartridges from his possession.

Wani had claimed that he had to deliver Rs 52.96 lakh to Shabir Shah in Srinagar and the remaining Rs 10 lakh were to be paid to the activists of Jaish-e-Mohammad.

Wani had then claimed that he had given Rs 2.25 crore to Shah, following which the ED had registered a criminal case under PMLA against the duo in 2007.

Status Quo On

year 2017, and that these proceedings have "lapsed" due to the efflux of time as per section 11B of the erstwhile J&K Land Acquisition Act 1934 samvat 1990.

The petitioners argued that neither was possession of the land taken from them, nor were they paid any compensation as a result of an award or under Section 17 of the J&K Land Acquisition Act. The Clubbed matters are the petitions filed by Ab Salam Bhat vs JK Govt, Ali Mohammad Akhoo vs JK Govt, Ghulam Ahmad Paul Vs JK Govt and several others.

Notably, taking cognizance of this issue, the J&K High Court had issued an order in the petition regarding the Srinagar Ring Road and asked the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) that the proceedings under the Land Acquisition Act have lapsed by the efflux of time and Land of petitioners in Budgam cannot be taken into possession.

In the case "Abdul Salam Bhat and Ors.Vs Government of JK and Ors. Respondent(s) Through: Mr. N.H.Shah, Sr. AAG," order, "CM No. 5051/2020 in WP © 1726/2020 CM No. 5052/2020", the J&K High Court has said that the notification issued in 2017 under the Land acquisition act of 1934 samvat 1990, under section 6 has lapsed due to efflux of time and the respondent can no longer take possession of the land of petitioner, Abdul Salaam Bhat and others who were the eligible candidates for the benefits of the land given to the NHAI for the construction of Srinagar Ring road.

"Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners and perused the record, I am of the view that the declaration in the instant case in terms of Section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, was issued on 12th December 2017, and if no award has been passed by the Collector Land Acquisition within a period of two years, then by operation of Section 11-B of the Act, the acquisition proceedings shall be deemed to have been lapsed," reads the High Court order passed by Judge Sanjeev Kumar.

The order further read, "Reference in this regard is invited to the communication of Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, dated 18th May 2020, wherein this position stands admitted."

Notably, there are three different acts for the Land acquisition including Central Land acquisition act, 1894 which in 2013 was amended and renamed as Right to fair compensation act, 2013 and J&K Land Acquisition Act, 1934 samvat 1990.

As per the J&K Land acquisition act, the Government is entitled to acquire land, pay compensation and complete award proceedings within 2 years from the issuance of the notification. But, in the Srinagar Ring Road case, for Budgam district the notification was issued in 2017 and by July-August 2019, the Government was supposed to complete the proceedings which it failed to do and the

whole case became null & void.

It is pertinent to mention here, that after the August 5, 2019 GOI abrogated Article 370 and 35-A of the constitution, about 80% of the erstwhile state Law were repealed including the J&K Land Acquisition Act, 1934 samvat 1990. As per experts, the new notification for acquisition of land for construction of Srinagar ring road will now be issued under the Right to fair compensation act, 2013, creating hopes for the land owners of a better compensation.

Meanwhile, the J&K High Court has said that in case of the final award qua the proprietary land of the petitioners has not been passed and if the petitioners were still in possession of their proprietary land, their position shall not be disturbed.

"Be that as it may, a case for indulgence at this stage is made out. Notice to the respondents, returnable within a period of four weeks. Requisites within one week." The court order reads.

It is pertinent to mention here, that earlier this year several aggrieved persons from several villages of Budgam had approached the Jammu & Kashmir High Court, contending that their land was notified to be acquired under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act in the year 2017, and that these proceedings have "lapsed" due to the efflux of time as per section 11B of the erstwhile J&K Land Acquisition Act 1934 samvat 1990.

The petitioners argued that neither was possession of the land taken from them, nor were they paid any compensation as a result of an award or under Section 17 of the J&K Land

Acquisition Act.

90 More Recover

division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 332053.

In Kashmir, the officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 48 new cases of virus followed by Baramulla with 13, Budgam 11, Ganderbal 5, Anantnag 3, Bandipora 2 and Pulwama one. Three districts of the Valley, including Kupwara, Kulgam and Shopian reported no new cases of coronavirus.

In the winter capital, officials said, Doda reported a maximum of four new Covid-19 cases, Jammu 2 and Ramban 1. No fresh case was reported from the seven districts of Udhampur, Rajouri, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar, Poonch and Reasi.

"Moreover, 81 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 12 from Jammu Division and 69 from Kashmir," officials said.

Also, the officials said that the death toll in J&K remained 4432-2176 in Jammu and 2256 in Kashmir, as no fatality was reported from the UT on Friday.

Class 8th Exams

instructed to conduct examinations of class 1st to 7th and 9th as per school Based Assessment Module, an official spokesperson said.

He said that the mandatory instructions regarding the SOPs to be followed during the conduct of examinations have already been issued.

"However, class 8th annual examination shall be conducted by JKSCERT & DIETS as per past practice. The examination schedule for class 8th shall be notified by JKSCERT accordingly," he added.

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"The body is in a semi-decomposed state and couldn't be immediately identified, the official said, adding it (body) is being taken to SDH Uri for DNA profiling," (GNS)

Rashid Khan Asks Fans To Maintain Decorum

‘This game is all about enjoyment’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Recalling the clash that broke out between fans of his team and Pakistan at the end of the 2019 World Cup match between them, Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan on Thursday urged the supporters of both sides to stay calm and just enjoy the game.

During the match on June 29, 2019, a scuffle broke out between Pakistan and Afghanistan fans outside the Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds after an aircraft was spotted flying in the area that unfurled a 'Justice for Balochistan' banner in the sky.

A number of videos surfaced showing the violent clashes during the first half of the game, leading to their eviction.

"After the 2019 World Cup match, whatever happened shouldn't have happened. But this is the kind of request to all the fans, whatever there is that comes at the end, at the end of the day this game gives lots of unity to the nations and brings them together, not to have those kinds of accidents," Rashid said.

The ace spinner was speaking on the eve of the T20 World Cup



match against Pakistan. The last time these two teams met in an ICC event in 2019, Pakistan won by three wickets.

"Definitely it's always a good game against Pakistan, even when we played in the 2018 in Asia (Cup). And also in terms of the 2019 World Cup. But this game should remain as a game. I think it's a request to all the fans to stay cool and calm and just enjoy the game. This game is all about enjoyment.

"The more we just focus on the enjoyment, and as we have seen in this game, things happen, accidents happen. So I hope they remain cool and calm and just focus on enjoying the game and who plays better on the day that team wins," he added.

England Face First Major Test Against Arch-Rivals Australia



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DUBAI: Title favourites England are expected to be tested for the first time in the ongoing T20 World Cup when they face arch-rivals Australia in a battle for supremacy in the Super 12 Group 1 here on Saturday.

Both teams go into the high pressure game unbeaten. While England started their campaign as favourites for the trophy, Australia have emerged as a strong contender with their performance in the first two games.

Australia's batting was not very convincing in the low-scoring match against South Africa but they were clinical in the chase against Sri Lanka Thursday night.

The biggest positive out of the Sri Lanka game was captain Aaron Finch and David Warner getting back amongst the runs at the top of the order.

Australia bowlers, be it the pace trio of Josh Hazlewood, Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins, have lived up to the expectations while leggie Adam Zampa showed the value he brings to the table against Sri Lanka.

The Lankans made a flying start but Zampa completely changed the momentum of the game with his double strike in the middle overs.

England, on other hand, are coming into the game with big wins over West Indies and Bangladesh. They hardly broke a sweat in those games but Australia are likely to pose a much tougher challenge.

Off spinner Moeen Ali, who opened the bowling in both the games, has been impressive and already has four wickets to his name. In the pace department, Tymal Mills has been the stand-out bowler and has been brilliant in the death overs.

Boxing: Kumar Gets Walkover, Advances To WC Last-16

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

BELGRADE: Indian boxer Akash Kumar (54kg) made the pre-quarterfinals of the AIBA Men's World Championships after his German opponent Omar Salah Ibrahim fell ill and gave him a walkover here on Friday.

Akash will face Puerto Rico's Pagan Caleb Tirado in the last-16 stage.

His bout was to open the day's

proceedings in India.

"His opponent did not show up for the weigh-in this morning as he was sick. Something like what happened to us in Varinder Singh's case. In that case, we suffered, today we gained," India High Performance Director Santiago Nieve told PTI.

Varinder had to pull out of his 60kg category bout due to high fever but he tested negative for COVID-19.

Pakistan Beat Afghanistan By 5 Wickets In T20 WC



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Pakistan beat Afghanistan by five wickets in their Group 2 Super 12 match of the ICC T20 World Cup here on Friday.

Opting to bat, Afghanistan were reduced to 64-5 in 9.1 overs but Gulbadin Naib (35 not out) and skipper Mohammad Nabi (35 not out) shared 71 runs to

take Afghanistan to a competitive 147 for 6.

Chasing the total, Babar Azam scored 51, while Asif Ali blasted four sixes in the 19th over as Pakistan romped home, scoring 148 for 5 in 19 overs.

Afghanistan spin trio of Rashid Khan (2/26), Nabi (1/36) and Mujeeb Ur Rahman (1/14) were among wickets.

For Pakistan, Imad Wasim

(2/25), Shaheed Afridi (1/22), Haris Rauf (1/37), Hasan Ali (1/38) and Shadab Khan (1/22) were the wicket-takers.

Brief Scores:

Afghanistan: 147 for six in 20 overs (M Nabi 35, G Naib 35, Imad Wasim 2/25).

Pakistan: 148 for 5 in 19 overs (Babar Azam 51; Rashid Khan 2/25).

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

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: One match of the on-going Premier Division League 2021 was played on Friday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The match between ARCO FC and Iqbal Sports FC ended in a disappointing 0-0 draw for both teams. The Pool B match was crucial for Iqbal Sports FC as they stay without a win in this Premier League campaign. ISFC might have fancied their chances, but ARCO team is definitely no pushover.



ARCO would have liked to take three points from the match, and

were strong favourites to do so. However, ISFC defenders kept ARCO forwards at bay.

Huzaif of Iqbal Sports FC was awarded the man of the match.

The Premier Division League 2021 first round stage is nearing its final stages, with each of the 16 competing teams required to play 7 Premier League matches in their respective groups. J&K Bank XI (who have won 5 out of their 5 matches) and Downtown Heroes FC remain undefeated in the competition.

Sarah Taylor Becomes First Woman Coach In Men's Franchise Cricket

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ABU DHABI: Former England wicket-keeper batter Sarah Taylor has become the first woman coach in men's professional franchise cricket after she was named assistant coach of Team Abu Dhabi for the Abu Dhabi T10 league beginning November 19.

Widely regarded as one of the best ever wicket-keepers, Taylor became the first woman specialist coach at a men's county side with Sussex in the United Kingdom.

She now builds on that by again treading a new path with Team Abu Dhabi, and Taylor hopes that her involvement with the T10 league will inspire women all over the world.

"Coming into this franchise world, you get players and coaches coming in from all around the world where it may not necessarily be the norm," said Taylor.

"But I'd love to think that



some young girl or some woman watching can see me in the coaching team and realise that's an opportunity and they can push for it, saying 'If she can do it, why can't I?'

After making her debut in 2006, the 32-year-old Taylor played in 10 Tests, 126 ODIs and 90 T20Is before announcing her international retirement in 2019. She returned to professional cricket this summer to feature in The Hundred and the 2021 Women's Twenty20 Cup in the U.K.

She is hoping that other women follow his path and emulate her. "I do hope that it becomes a

little more normal and I may be the first but I won't be the last. Coaching is my passion and it's kind of going down the men's route, which is really exciting.

"I've never had issues in male environments and I enjoy the challenge. You always want to prove that you're good enough, but that's the same for any coach going into a new environment."

Taylor, who won two ICC Women's World Cups, the ICC Women's T20 World Cup and represented England 226 times over the course of a stellar playing career, will serve as assistant to head coach Paul Farbrace.

Team Abu Dhabi has secured the services of former South Africa all-rounder Lance Klusener, who is currently head coach of the Afghanistan team playing at the T20 World Cup.

As well as continuing to work with Sussex, Taylor also coaches at Bede's School in the same county.

T20 WORLD CUP

All Eyes On De Kock As South Africa Take On Sri Lanka



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SHARJAH: Star batter Quinton de Kock's expected return after agreeing to take the knee will bolster South Africa when they take on an inconsistent Sri Lanka in their Super 12 game at the T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

De Kock's pullout for refusing to be a part of the anti-racism gesture in the game against West Indies kicked up a storm which subsided with a lengthy statement from him on Thursday in which he made himself available, saying he is fine taking a knee if it "educates others".

The off-field drama surrounding the wicketkeeper-batter, who is a key member of the side, did not distract the side as it beat the Caribbean by eight wickets.

De Kock, who felt deeply hurt at being called a racist for his earlier position, also apologised for the confusion caused by the entire situation.

He would now like to make a statement by scoring big if skipper Temba Bavuma and the team "will have me" back.

Bavuma, whose leadership has been outstanding during the mini crisis, would be eager that the player and the team are able to put behind the controversy as quickly as possible.

He has firmly stood behind de Kock during the media storm and has not hesitated to state that Cricket South Africa's timing wasn't ideal when it ordered players to take the knee before every match just hours ahead of the game against the West Indies.

Bavuma would now want to lead from the front with his batting as well. The right-handed opener has scores of 12 and 2 so far and he would be more than keen to find form.

But all the South African batters would need to be wary of the wily Sri Lankan spin duo of Wanindu Hasaranga and Maheesh Theekshana, who have bamboozled the opposition batters.

An important role would be played for the Proteas by their spinners -- Keshav Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi --, who would look to run through the talented but inconsistent Sri Lankan batting order.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER NAGAM

TENDER NOTICE

As the block Nagam is in need of diet for pregnant ladies under centrally sponsored scheme JSSK thus authorized dealers/ approved restaurants holding valid license and GST numbers can submit their quotations affixed with revenue stamp of Rs. 5/- within one week time after the publication of the notice, the CDR of Rs. 2000/- shall be attached with the quotation. The list of diet will be provided in the office of the undersigned during the working days from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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Dated: **28/10/2021**

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Block Medical Officer

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3	جیلہ بی بی زوجہ ایوب گورڈونی	38 سال	گھریلو کام	
4	عارف حسین ولد محمد ایوب گورڈونی	19 سال	مزدوری	
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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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03	10 th	5 subjects (Whole Syllabus)	12000/=	3000/=
04	11 th	Medical (Whole Syllabus)	27000/=	
05	11 th	N-Medical (Whole Syllabus)	27000/=	
		Per subject (Whole Syllabus)	9000/=	
06	11 th (Arts)	Per subject (Whole Syllabus)	7000/=	
07	12 th	Medical (Whole Syllabus)	27000/=	
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08	12 th	N-Medical (Whole Syllabus)	27000/=	
09	12 th (Arts)	Per subject (Whole Syllabus)	7000/=	
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Facebook Changes Name To Meta As It Refocuses On Virtual Reality



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Facebook Inc is now called Meta, the company said on Thursday, in a rebrand that focuses on building the "metaverse", a shared virtual environment that it bets will be the successor to the mobile internet.

The name change comes as the world's largest social media company battles criticisms from lawmakers and regulators over its market power, algorithmic decisions and the policing of abuses on its services.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg, speaking at the company's live-streamed virtual and augmented reality conference, said the new name reflected its work investing in the metaverse, rather than its namesake social media service, which will continue to be called Facebook.

The metaverse is a term coined in the dystopian novel "Snow Crash" three decades ago and now attracting buzz in Silicon Valley. It refers broadly to the idea of a shared virtual realm which can be accessed by people using different devices.

"Right now, our brand is so tightly linked to one product that it can't possibly represent everything that we're doing today, let alone in the future," said Zuckerberg.

The company, which has invested heavily in augmented and virtual reality, said the change would bring together its different apps and technologies under one new brand. It said it would not change its corporate structure.

The tech giant, which reports about 2.9 billion monthly users, has faced increasing scrutiny in

recent years from global lawmakers and regulators.

In the latest controversy, whistleblower and former Facebook employee Frances Haugen leaked documents which she said showed the company chose profit over user safety. Haugen has in recent weeks testified before a US Senate subcommittee and lawmakers in the UK's Parliament. Zuckerberg earlier this week said the documents were being used to paint a "false picture".

The company said in a blog post that it intends to start trading under the new stock ticker it has reserved, MVRS, on Dec 1. On Thursday, it unveiled a new sign at its headquarters in Menlo Park, California, replacing its thumbs-up "Like" logo with a blue infinity shape.

Facebook shares closed 1.5 per cent higher at \$316.92 on Thursday.

Tarnished reputation Facebook said this week that its hardware division Facebook Reality Labs, which is responsible for AR and VR efforts, would become a separate reporting unit and that its investment in it would reduce this year's total operating profit by about \$10 billion.

This year, the company created a product team in this unit focused on the metaverse and it recently announced plans to hire 10,000 employees in Europe over the next five years to work on the effort.

In an interview with tech publication the Information, Zuckerberg said he has not considered stepping down as CEO, and has not thought "very seriously yet" about spinning off this unit.

India Recorded 1.53 Lakh Suicides In 2020; Over 10,000 Of Them In Farming Sector



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India recorded 1,53,052 suicides—an average 418 daily—in 2020, with 10,677 of them by persons engaged in farming sector, according to the latest central government data.

The 2020 figures were more in comparison to 2019 when 139,123 suicides were recorded in the country, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) stated in its annual report.

Suicide rate (per lakh population) also increased from 10.4 in 2019 to 11.3 last year, the NCRB, which functions under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), stated.

A total of 10,677 persons involved in farming sector (consisting of 5,579 farmers or cultivators and 5,098 agricultural labourers) committed suicides during 2020, accounting for seven per cent of total suicide victims (1,53,052) in the country,

the report showed.

Out of 5,579 farmer or cultivator suicides, a total of 5,335 were male and 244 were female, it showed. Out of 5,098 suicides committed by agricultural labourers during 2020, 4,621 were male and 477 were female, it added.

The majority of suicides were reported from Maharashtra (19,909), followed by Tamil Nadu (16,883), Madhya Pradesh (14,578), West Bengal (13,103), Karnataka (12,259), accounting for 13 per cent, 11 per cent, 9.5 per cent, 8.6 per cent and 8 per cent of the total cases, respectively, the data showed.

These five states together accounted for 50.1 per cent of the total suicides reported in the country, while the remainder 49.9 per cent were reported from the remaining 23 states and eight union territories (UTs), the NCRB stated.

Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state with 16.9 per cent

share of the country's population, reported a comparatively lower percentage share of suicidal deaths, accounting for only 3.1 per cent of the total suicides, it added.

Delhi, which is the most populous UT, reported the highest number of suicides (3,142) among UTs, followed by Puducherry (408), the report showed.

A total of 23,855 suicides were reported in the 53 mega cities of the country in 2020, the report showed, observing that the suicide rate in cities (14.8) was higher as compared to all-India suicide rate (11.3).

According to the report, 'family problems' (33.6 per cent), 'marriage-related problems' (5 per cent) and 'illness' (18 per cent) together accounted for 56.7 per cent of total suicides in the country during 2020, it showed.

The overall male to female ratio of suicide victims was 70.9 to 29.1, the report stated. — PTI

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Leander Paes, Nafisa Ali Join Trinamool Congress

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PANAJI: Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee, on a visit to Goa where polls are due next year, on Friday said her party is national and "can go anywhere", and its initials—TMC—also stand for "temple, mosque and church." The BJP calls her "anti-Hindu", but it has no right to issue a "character certificate", the West Bengal chief minister said.

Asked whether she was eyeing the prime minister's post in 2024, she evaded reply.

The West Bengal chief minister, who arrived in the BJP-ruled Goa on Thursday evening on a three-day visit, said the TMC did not intend to divide votes in the coastal state, and if it came to power, Goa will not be run from Delhi.

On Friday, she met local party leaders and also interacted with members of the fishing community at Malim Jetty near here.

Tennis player Leander Paes, actor Nafisa Ali and entrepreneur Mrinalini Deshpande joined the TMC in her presence.

Addressing local TMC leaders at another event, Banerjee said,

"When I come to Goa, they deface my posters. You (BJP) will be blacklisted by the people from the country."

"You deface us, show black flags, refuse to grant permission (to hold event) because you know that TMC will die but will never compromise," she further said.

If the TMC won power in Goa, it will not pursue an agenda of revenge but work for the state, she said.

Listing various welfare schemes implemented by her government in West Bengal, she said her party can do it in a smaller state like Goa too.

"I will be happy to do it. I am not going to be the chief minister of Goa, but I will see to it that there is a policy, mechanism and no corruption in the government," Banerjee added.

The TMC is a national party and "it can go anywhere," she asserted.

"We will work for Goa in a resolute way. It is not that we want to divide votes. You have given opportunity to all (other) parties, now give opportunity to the TMC," Banerjee said.

'Very... meta': Twitter Cracks Up Over Facebook Rebrand

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WASHINGTON: Facebook's announcement Thursday that the company would henceforth be called Meta unleashed a torrent of hilarity on Twitter from companies, people and even the social media giant itself.

While critics pummelled Facebook over the change, claiming the rebranding aims to distract from the company's scandals, the internet still had a good laugh.

Here are some highlights of the meme and pun-fueled wisecracks:

- 'Changing name to Meat' - Meat jokes were all the rage, with US hamburger chain Wendy's tweeting shortly after the news: "Changing name to Meat."

Remaining true to its word, the chain did just that -- but only on its Twitter profile.

A tweeting wit under the handle @NicoTheMemeDude queried: "Is this the beginning of the Meataverse?"

To which Wendy's retorted: "very meta."

Meta's newly minted Twitter account, which already accrued 13.5 million followers, cordially chimed in: "Nice to meet you. @Wendys."

- 'Sounds like a drug' -

Though Meta will just be the name of the parent company, and the app will still be called Facebook, some observers were concerned.

"How can you tell anyone that you're on Meta. Sounds like a drug," wrote @careaware.

- 'Meh was taken' -

The social network's new name spurred plenty of disappointment too.

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