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NEWS DIGEST

Cop Main Suspect In Twin Murder Case

JAMMU: A policeman has emerged as the main suspect in indiscriminate firing that left two people dead and as many injured in the outskirts of Jammu, officials said on Saturday. Police raided multiple locations to arrest him along with another associate who is also a former policeman. Sabar Chowdhary and Arif Chowdhary were found dead and two others -- Babar Chowdhary and Parveen • [More On P10](#)

Mughal Road Reopens For Traffic

SRINAGAR: Traffic on Mughal Road, connecting Shopian and Poonch-Rajouri districts, was restored after remaining closed for a day, officials said on Saturday. DySP Traffic Rajouri-Poonch Range Aftab Bukhari said that the thoroughfare was opened after clearance of landslides and snow this morning. • [More On P10](#)

4 'Extortionists' Held With Toy Gun

SRINAGAR: Four people were arrested while a dummy weapon was recovered in connection with an extortion case in Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Saturday. Police received a complaint on August 23 this year from Tawseef Ahmad Bhat, a resident of Rawatpora Khag. • [More On P10](#)

5 More CRPF Companies Arrive In Srinagar

Officials Say Part Of 'Internal Rationalization'

Agencies

SRINAGAR: At least five additional CRPF companies have been brought into Srinagar from various parts of Kashmir with officials stating the additional forces have been brought in as part of "internal rationalisation."

However, what has triggered a debate is that at some places in Srinagar, the additional CRPF men have been lodged in marriage halls located in civilian areas.

A CRPF official said that they are in Kashmir to assist J&K police and they don't go to any place unless they are sought.



"It is the J&K administration and the police that sends requisition to the Ministry of Home Affairs after which fresh deployment of CRPF men is made," the official said.

Asked how many additional companies of CRPF have been brought in to Srinagar, he gave a guarded reply stating that

have arrived in Srinagar.

Media reports quoting officials in the J&K administration said the Union government is deploying an additional 50 companies of the CRPF and 25 Border Security Forces (BSF) companies in parts of Kashmir. According to these reports the deployment of paramilitary forces has been increased on the directions of the Union home ministry.

The reports said that deployment of paramilitary forces will be made in the areas where members of the minority community are putting up. "There would be forces deployment in the vulnerable areas as well and also near government schools, apart from other identified areas," he said.

"The (Srinagar) district administration has marked marriage halls • [More On P10](#)

POONCH OPERATION

Govt Forces Cordon Forest Area in Rajouri

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The main road connecting Rajouri to Thanamandi was briefly closed for traffic on Saturday as security forces extended the ongoing search for a group of militants to the Khabla forest following information about their suspected movement

in the area, officials said.

The counter-insurgency operation in Surankote and Mendhar forest in Poonch district and Thanamandi in Rajouri district entered the 27th day on Saturday.

While the operation to track down the militants in the forest belt of • [More On P10](#)

War Against Coronavirus

LG Calls For Rapid Testing, Contact Tracing To Prevent Spike

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday emphasized on the need to take effective and quick actions to minimize Covid-19 impacts and termed rapid asymptomatic testing and contact tracing as important tools to help reduce the spread of the virus.

"Test, Trace, and Isolate mechanism remains critical to the district's plan for tackling the pandemic," Sinha said.

He made these remarks while reviewing the Covid situation in J&K during a series of meetings with the members of



the Covid Task Force, Deputy Commissioners, and SPs, an official spokesperson said.

"Main line of defence is now vaccination. We have secured sufficient supplies to support vaccination • [More On P10](#)

Srinagar Could Trigger III Covid Wave: Admin

Observer News Service

Amid the looming threat of a third coronavirus wave emerging from this capital city, the district administration on Saturday warned of strict action against the people violating the Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) and guidelines even as the daily positive cases continue to shoot up. • [More On P10](#)

151 New Corona Cases, 79 From Srinagar

The daily coronavirus cases continue to show a rapid spike in Jammu and Kashmir as 151 more people tested positive for Covid-19 on Saturday, even as no fresh fatality was reported across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. • [More On P10](#)



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معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں درخواست سال دفتر بذیں زیر کارڈی ہے اس سلسلے میں پٹاری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول ریکارڈ طلب کیا گیا ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سالک متبع ٹلواری میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کہہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

مریدہ کہہ	70 سال	عمر رسیدہ
عبدالعزیز ولد سیف الدین	40 سال	زمینداری
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اقراء بانو	08 سال	ز تعلیم
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مریدہ کہہ	33 سال	زمینداری
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اشتہار بمراد گاہی ہر خاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں نسبت رپورٹ پٹاری حلقہ میں کیا گیا مطابق رپورٹ پٹاری حلقہ میں ہے کہ سالک چھپتے پندرہ سال سے وہہ بذیں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کسی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے۔ سالک والد سعید قمر الدین مور 2019-09-23 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے۔ متوفی کے وارثان جائز بذیل ہے۔

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اس کے علاوہ کوئی افراد کہہ نہیں ہے سرٹیفکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی مذریعہ اعتراض ہو تو وہہ اپنا مذریعہ اعتراض ساتھ یوم اندر دفتر بذیں پیش کرے معیار کر کے بعد کوئی بھی مذریعہ اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

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مضمون کاغذات درخواست مخائب صبرینہ اختر و زاہد احمد اولادان فاروق احمد ملک ولد عبدالرحمان ملک ساکنہ ہرودہ مامد بمراد عطا گی RBA سرٹیفکیٹ تحت SRO 294

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E-N.I.T NO:- 29 / WWD OF 2021-22 DT:- 03.11.2021

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Note:- For further details, bidders are requested to refer to E-NIT No:- WWD / 29 of 2021-22 Dt: 03-11-2021. instructions published on website: <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> The dates showing 'bid submission date/closing date' etc. are given below:

1	Date of publishing	03-11-2021
2	Document downloading date	03-11-2021 / 1700 hrs
3	Bid submission start date	03-11-2021 / 1730 hrs
4	Bid submission closing date	12-11-2021 / 1600 hrs
5	Date and time for opening bids	13-11-2021 / 1400 hrs
6	Place of opening of bids	Office of The Executive Engineer Water Works Division Srinagar.

Note: Bid security declaration 'Self Attested' be uploaded with the bid as per Appendix II as per Finance Deptt. Govt. of U.T. of J&K letter No. A/Misc. (2018)-III-895/ dt. 22-12-2020.

The bid uploaded without challan of Tender Document Fee shall be rejected straightaway

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Water Works Division Srinagar

No: WWD/ 5426-38
Dated: 03-11-2021
DIPK-12012/21



Ensure Hassle-Free Supply Of Essentials During Snow: DC To Officials

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Saturday chaired a meeting of Sectoral Officers of various Departments convened to review mechanisms being put in place for snow clearance and overall winter preparedness in the district.

The DDC took a review of overall winter preparedness in the district including power curtailment schedule and water supply besides measures taken for snow clearance.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner asked the Officers of R&B, SMC, PDD, PHE, UEED, MED Departments to conduct a Mock Drill exercise regarding the snow clearance at specific locations in Srinagar District to identify the gaps and shortcomings, if any. He said that Mock Drill is very important for devising appropriate strategies to tackle these situations during winters.

The DC impressed upon the concerned depart-



ments/agencies to work 24x7 to ensure that people are provided all basic necessities in particular power, water, essential commodities during the winter months without any interruption.

He further asked them to remain in close touch with the weather predictions and ensure that the action plan for restoration of basic services is in place in advance with role clarity for the convenience of the people.

He stressed upon the concern to ensure a prompt response system is placed to ensure hassle-free sup-

ply of essential services to the general public and instructed that reaction time should be minimized while facing any emergency like situations.

Meanwhile, the DC urged for community participation in snow clearance so that deployed men and machinery from Administration performs its job in an efficient and effective manner for the overall convenience of the public. "Community participation shall lead to prompt action on ground and strengthening of the response system", the DC added.

SRTC Employees Stage Protest Demand Release Of Pending Dues

Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir state road transport employees staged protest in Srinagar on Saturday demanding release of pending dues.

Talking to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the SRTC employees Union President Muhammad Ashraf Khanday said that they are protesting to demand for release of pend-

ing dues which they haven't received since past 11 years.

"Almost 750 employees were appointed under SRTC/VRS, GHS scheme which was provided by government in which it has been stated whosoever will be appointed in SRTC/VRS/GHS will get all rights within two months but unfortunately till now we have received only 60% of dues and 40% are still pending. Even bills for the same have been already prepared

in SRTC and civil secretariat but it's very unfortunate that two departments like the finance department and department of SRTC sit on this very sensitive issue," he said.

He said that they had left jobs only after they were promised that their all pending dues will be released. "We request LG Manoj Sinha and Advisor R R Bhatnagar to resolve our issues on fast track basis," Khanday said—(KNO)

Leakage In Pipeline Irks Residents Of Lal Bazaar

Agencies

Srinagar: Locals of Bhagwan Pora area of Lal Bazar on Saturday expressed resentment against the Department of Jal Shakti, accusing the department of not "repairing the leakage in the supply line.

The locals said that the area is witnessing frequent

inundation due to regular wastage of water from the supply line causing inconvenience to locals.

According to locals, the leakage in the locality has become a routine and insensitive approach of Jal Shakti officials and has taken a heavy toll over the movement of locals.

"It has become a routine. After every 2 to 3

months it develops leakages at one place or the other," Umar Sofi, a local told CNS.

"There are several nearby residential houses that have witnessed damages due to the wet surface. Though the matter was taken up with officials multiple times, nothing has been done so far," Sofi added. CNS

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Directorate of State Motor Garages J&K
Bemina Bypass Road Srinagar/New Plots Jammu

"Expression of Interest (EOI) for FASTag"

- The National Highway Authority of India has introduced payment of Toll on various Toll Plazas by FASTag facility for hassle free movement of vehicles. The facility is also being introduced/implemented in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. A FASTag is a Radio Frequency Identification RFID technology based tag that is affixed on the windscreen of a vehicle which enables the users to drive through toll plazas, without stopping for cash transactions while the payments are debited from User's e-wallet.
- The State Motor Garages Department UT of J&K owns fleet of more than 500 on road vehicles as on date, attached with Darbar Move, District Administrations and in Pool of State Motor Garages for discharging duties with the dignitaries of the UT of J&K including VVIPs visits, who off and on visit inter region/District as well as UT, and these vehicles have to pay toll tax at the Toll Plazas established by NHAI.
- Accordingly Expressions of Interest is invited from Banks having branches in J&K UT/reputed agencies/vendors dealing in providing updated FASTag facility to quote rates for providing such facility to the vehicles of State Motor Garages alongwith Terms & Conditions as well as Discount structure if any. The rates shall be quoted on vehicle wise basis and the quotation shall reach to the office of Directorate of State Motor Garages Department Bemina Bypass Road Srinagar by 1700 hours on 12.11.2021, in a sealed cover containing signed in original. The sealed cover should be prominently marked as **"Expression of Interest"**.

Dipk-11952/21 Accounts Officer, State Motor Garages Department J&K Jammu

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have bought a vehicle bearing Regd No; JK03A-7421. Now I want to change the name on registration papers from Ab Majeed Bhat S/O Abdul Rahim Bhat R/o Nilpora Anantang. To Ubaid-ur-Rehman S/O Ab Rehman R/O Bumthan Mir Bazzar Anantang. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO Anantang within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ubaid-ur-Rehman S/O Ab Rehman R/O Bumthan Mir Bazzar Anantang RNA

The Assistant Regional Transport officer Shopian

Applicant for Bid number. With high regard and respect I Gowhar Ahmad Pal S/o Mohd Amin Pal R/o Danger Pora Shopian wants to Bid for vehicle number JK 22C.0064

So I request your goods self to approve the said vehicle number for me, that will be your most kindness.

yours faithfully
Gowhar Ahmad Pal
S/o Mohd Amin Pal
R/o Danger Pora Shopian

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District Police Headquarters Poonch Tender/ Auction Notice

DISTRICT	POLICE	HEADQUARTERS	POONCH
TENDER/ AUCTION NOTICE			
Subject:- Notice for inviting Tenders for Auctioning of retrieved material of buildings of Police Station Surankote.			
It is notified for General Information of Public for open Auction of retrieved material of old buildings of Police Station Surankote and family quarters of Police Station Surankote, which is lying within the premises of Police Station Surankote. The interested party/person/Contractor shall submit bidding documents in the sealed envelope in the office of Station House Officer, Police Station, Surankote, upto 11-11-2021 to 10-11-2021 upto 1600 hours. The bid will be opened at Police Station Surankote on 13-11-2021 at 1000 Hours.			
The detail of retrieved material is as under:-			
(1) Old material of Police Station Surankote Building:			
S.No.	Name of the Item	Quantity	Cost per No. Total Rs.
1.	CGI Sheets (8' x 2 1/2' Ft)	30	Rs.350/- Rs.10500/-
2.	CGI Sheets (8' x 1' Ft)	05	Rs.100/- Rs.500/-
3.	Plank (Photo 8' Ft x 8' Inch)	02	Rs.200/- Rs.400/-
4.	Balies (13 Ft)	08	Rs.300/- Rs.2400/-
5.	Balies (10 Ft)	08	Rs.200/- Rs.1600/-
6.	Plank (Photo 8' Ft x 8' Inch)	06	Rs.200/- Rs.1200/-
7.	Plank (Laser 9' Ft x 4' inch)	06	Rs.250/- Rs.1500/-
8.	Small Planks/Lags (2 Ft)	06	Rs.100/- Rs.600/-
9.	Door Wooden	25	Rs.150/- Rs.3750/-
10.	Window Wooden	40	Rs.100/- Rs.4000/-
11.	CGI Sheets (10 Ft)	43	Rs.275/- Rs.11825/-
12.	CGI Sheets (8 Ft)	35	Rs.350/- Rs.12250/-
13.	Plank (Laser 10 Ft)	60	Rs.200/- Rs.12000/-
14.	Plank (Laser 8 Ft)	25	Rs.200/- Rs.5000/-
15.	Plank (Laser 6 Ft)	10	Rs.150/- Rs.1500/-
16.	Wooden Lag (12 Ft)	03	Rs.2500/- Rs.7500/-
17.	Small piece of Plank	95	Rs.150/- Rs.14250/-
18.	Wooden Lag (6 Ft)	27	Rs.100/- Rs.2700/-
19.	Wooden Lag (8 Ft)	18	Rs.150/- Rs.2700/-
20.	Wooden Lag (10 Ft)	08	Rs.200/- Rs.1600/-
21.	Plank (10 Ft)	36	Rs.400/- Rs.14400/-
22.	Plank (8 Ft)	27	Rs.200/- Rs.5400/-
23.	Plank (6 Ft)	27	Rs.150/- Rs.4050/-
24.	Plank small/mix	25	Rs.100/- Rs.2500/-
25.	Wooden Lag Small (Approx. 1.3, 4, & 5 Ft)	60	Rs.100/- Rs.6000/-
26.	CGI Sheets (Approx. 2.4 & 3 Ft)	60	Rs.75/- Rs.4500/-
27.	Door Frame	04	Rs.1500/- Rs.6000/-
28.	Window Frame with Grill	08	Rs.1500/- Rs.12000/-
29.	Ventilation with Grill	06	Rs.1000/- Rs.6000/-
30.	Plank (Wooden Lag 10 Ft)	17	Rs.2000/- Rs.34000/-
31.	Plank (Wooden Lag small piece/mix)	25	Rs.500/- Rs.12500/-
32.	Dressage Stands	Approx. 18	Rs.100/- Rs.26100/-
Total			Rs.394425/-
Security amount @10%			Rs.39442/-

(2) Old material of Family quarter building of Police Station Surankote:			
S.No.	Name of the Item	Quantity	Cost per No. Total Rs.
1.	Tin (6' Sheet) (8' Ft x 2 1/2' Ft)	100 Nos	Rs.350/- Rs.35000/-
2.	Tin (6' Sheet) (8' Ft x 2 1/2' Ft)	15 Nos	Rs.150/- Rs.2250/-
3.	Tin (6' Sheet) (8' Ft x 10' Ft)	05 Nos	Rs.100/- Rs.500/-
4.	Balies (13 Ft)	04 Nos	Rs.300/- Rs.1200/-
5.	Balies (10 Ft)	07 Nos	Rs.400/- Rs.2800/-
6.	Plank (Photo) 10 Ft x 06 Inch	70 Nos	Rs.200/- Rs.14000/-
7.	Plank (Laser) 10 Ft x 04 Inch	50 Nos	Rs.400/- Rs.20000/-
8.	Window Wooden (8' Ft x 04 Ft)	10 Nos	Rs.1500/- Rs.15000/-
9.	Wooden Lag (10 Ft x 05 Inch)	15 Nos	Rs.2000/- Rs.30000/-
10.	Window Wooden (8' Ft x 03 Ft)	01 No	Rs.1000/- Rs.1000/-
11.	Wooden Lag (05 Ft x 04 Inch)	04 Nos	Rs.1500/- Rs.6000/-
12.	Wooden Lag (10 Ft x 04 Ft)	17 Nos	Rs.1000/- Rs.17000/-
13.	Door Frame (06 Ft x 03 Ft)	20 Nos	Rs.1500/- Rs.30000/-
14.	Wooden Lag (08 Ft x 04 Inch)	10 Nos	Rs.2000/- Rs.20000/-
15.	Doors (06 Ft x 07 Ft)	02 Nos	Rs.1500/- Rs.3000/-
16.	Wooden Lag (12 Ft x 04 Inch)	02 Nos	Rs.3000/- Rs.6000/-
17.	Wooden Lag (05 Ft x 05 Inch)	03 Nos	Rs.1000/- Rs.3000/-
18.	Wooden Lag (07 Ft x 08 Inch)	02 Nos	Rs.1000/- Rs.2000/-
19.	Wooden Lag (08 Ft x 04 Inch)	01 No	Rs.1000/- Rs.1000/-
20.	Wooden Lag (10 Ft x 04 Inch)	16 Nos	Rs.1500/- Rs.24000/-
21.	Mix Wooden (4.5, 6, 8 Ft)	40 Nos	Rs.500/- Rs.20000/-
22.	Engaged Stoppers	35 Nos	Rs.100/- Rs.3500/-
Total			Rs.322500/-
Security amount @10%			Rs.32250/-

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- The interested party/person/contractor shall have to deposit 10% amount of official bid value in cash in form of Security in the office of Station House Officer, Police Station Surankote under proper receipt.
- The Security amount will be returned to the successful bidder.
- No any substitute of party/person/contractor will be allowed in auction.
- The items shall be sold to highest bidder.
- The bids will be received after specified date and time should not be considered.
- The selected bidder will pay the full amount before lifting the material in the office of SHO Police Station Surankote.
- The selected bidder will lift the material within period of 07 days from the auction date and the bidder shall arrange their own transport for lifting the material.
- In case, the selected bidder does not show interest in lifting the goods, the bid security should be forfeited and other actions initiated including resale of the goods in discretion of the risk and cost of the bidder.

DIPK-11966/21

(Chairman of Assets Committee, Srinagar District of Police, Poonch)

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- BUBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

Highway Status

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

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01 Rabi-ul Sani
1443

PRAYERS

FAJR	5:30
ZUHR	12:14
ASR	4:55
Magrib	5:36
ISHA	6:57

This Day In History

- 1918 - United Press erroneously reports WWI armistice had been signed
- 1931 - Chinese People's Republic proclaimed by Mao Zedong
- 1940 Tacoma Narrows (Galloping Gertie) Bridge collapses, Wash
- 1941 - British air attacks on Berlin, Mannheim & Ruhrgebiet
- Communication
- 1944 - Franklin D. Roosevelt is re-elected President of the United States for a record fourth term,
- 1951 - Constitution of Jordan passes
- 1954 - US spy plane shot down North of Japan
- 1956 - Suez Crisis ends with a ceasefire as the United Nations Emergency Force is established at instigation of Canadian diplomat Lester B. Pearson and UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld
- 1957 - Cold War: The Gaither Report calls for more American missiles and fallout shelters.
- 1967 - Surveyor 6 launched for soft landing on Moon
- 1984 - STS 51-A launch scrubbed because of high shear winds
- 2000 - Controversial US presidential election that was later resolved in the Bush v. Gore Supreme Court Case
- 2000 - Hillary Clinton is elected to the US Senate, becoming first US First Lady to win public office and while still the First Lady
- 2001 - The supersonic commercial aircraft Concorde resumes flying after a 15-month hiatus.
- 2002 - Iran bans advertising of United States products.
- 2004 - War in Iraq: The interim government of Iraq calls for a 60-day "state of emergency" as U.S. forces storm the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.
- 2015 - Sierra Leone is declared free of Ebola by the World Health Organization (death toll 4,000)

From KO Archives

Probe Ordered In Sikh Massacre

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government today ordered, a judicial probe into the Chittisinghpura massacre in which 35 Sikhs were gunned down during President Bill Clinton's visit to India in last March. This follows in "dictament of SOG and CRPF personnel by the two commissions that probed the killing of protesters at Barakpora and the massacre of Amarnath yatis at Pahalgam.

Announcing the decision at a crowded press conference at his residence, the chief minister Dr Farooq Abdullah, immediately after chairing a cabinet meeting, said here today that the judicial commission headed by Justice

S R Pandian, which probed the Barakpora firing on April 3 on demonstrators protesting the disappearance of five local youths, had indicted three SOG personnel of Jammu and Kashmir police and four CRPF jawans.

Similarly, the chief minister said, a three member commission, headed by Lt Gen J R Mukharjee of the XV corps and comprising the principal secretary, home, and the deputy commissioner, Anantnag, which inquired into the shooting incident on an Amarnath pilgrims camp at Pahalgam on August 1 in which 23 devotees were among 53 people killed, had indicted five CRPF personnel for using excessive force besides some police officers for dereliction of their duty.

Dr Farooq said the government had decided to register murder cases against the three SOG personnel indicted by the Pandian commission and a special team would be constituted to prepare cases against them in a court of law. They have been immediately placed under suspension. The cases relating to the CRPF personnel would be referred to the centre for appropriate action.

The indicted SOG personnel include ASI Ashok Kumar, head constable, Kishan Kumar, and sergeant constable, Ganan Lal. The CRPF personnel indicted are: com-mandant, RP Roy; besides PC Handi, Sham Kumar and S Limberkar.

Stating that his government has accepted the report of the two panels "in toto", Dr Farooq said it had decided to order fresh probe into the Chittisinghpura massacre and subsequent Patribal incidents by Justice Pandian. "Since all the three cases are linked to one another, we are going to request Justice Pandian to conduct an inquiry into Patribal and Chittisinghpura incidents also," Abdullah said. Law minister, P L Handoo will visit Chen-ai to request Justice Pandian to investigate the causes that led to the two incidents as he was the right person to head the inquiry.

About the recommendation of Justice Pandian commission for reinstatement of the then senior superintendent of police, Anantnag, Farooq Khan, and the SHO, Achabal, Gananfar Ali, the chief minister said the matter would be put on hold in view of the inquiry into Patribal and Chittisinghpura incidents. The inquiry into the latter would also address the apprehensions of the Sikh community, he added.

The chief minister said the Pandian report had recommended compensation of Rs two lakh to next of kin of each of the dead and an equal amount to the two injured. Others injured have been recommended a compensation of Rs 25,000 and Rs 10,000. He said the next of kin of the dead had already been paid Rs one lakh each and the remaining Rs one lakh would be paid to them soon.

(Kashmir Observer, November 07, 2000)

Jewish Leaders In Saudi To Advance Normalization With Israel



DUBAI: A delegation of some 20 American Jewish leaders visited Saudi Arabia recently, and met with senior officials in the kingdom, including at least six government ministers and senior representatives of the Saudi royal house, Israeli media reported on Friday.

The group visited Riyadh at the invitation of the Saudis and with the blessing of the Biden administration, following a visit to the United Arab Emirates aimed at strengthening ties after it signed a deal to normalize ties with Israel last year.

"The Saudis are preparing their citizens for normalization with Israel," claimed Jewish-American businessman Phil Rosen, a member of the delegation. "They see Israel as a regional power and admire its ability to defend itself," against Iran, a common foe.

"I would not be surprised if we see normalization between Saudi Arabia and Israel in the coming months or year," he added, according to Ynet News, an Israeli news website.

Rosen, a personal friend of Opposition Leader Benjamin Netanyahu, said the kingdom is taking various "small steps" towards normalization, among them allowing Israeli flights to use Saudi airspace.

He also claims Riyadh has been holding covert talks with Washington about joining the Abraham Accords, and that without the kingdom's blessings, the UAE and Bahrain would have not signed the agreement.

The Abraham Accords formalizing diplomatic ties between Israel and the two Gulf nations were forged by the Trump administration, and signed in September, 2020 at the White House.

JEWISH-AMERICAN businessman Phil Rosen, a close associate of Netanyahu, says Riyadh is ready to join Abraham accords 'within months or year', and claims the kingdom admires Israeli ability to defend itself against Iran.

Morocco and Sudan later joined the agreement.

Asked if the Saudis are not conditioning normalization with Israel on a breakthrough that could resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Rosen said: "In my opinion, the Saudi's will not condition normalizations on peace with the Palestinians. They are waiting for the right moment," he said.

Saudi Arabia, at least in its official statements, has repeatedly stated that it will not normalize its relations with Israel without progress in peace talks with the Palestinians.

Rosen said that he met the Saudi ministers in charge of cultural matters who said he was organizing a film festival scheduled for next year, who told him he would be happy to see Israel films take part.

"I met young Saudis officials and asked them what do you dream about? Their answer stunned me - they said their dream is to visit the beaches of Tel Aviv," Rosen said.

Rosen was under the impression that the Saudis were ready to move forward with a normalization deal with or without the Biden administration.

Fear Stalks Rohingya Refugee Camps In Bangladesh After String Of Murders



Agence France-Presse

KUTUPALONG: Bloodstains still mark the spot where assassins gunned down Mohib Ullah, an activist who was a leading voice for the 850,000 Rohingya living in fear in Bangladesh refugee camps.

In the weeks since the murder, a senior member of the now-shells shocked volunteer group that Ullah headed has received phone calls telling him he'll be next. And he's not alone.

"They can hunt you down the way they have brazenly shot dead our leader and so many people," Noor, too frightened to give his real name or be filmed, told AFP.

"They", he believes, are members of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), an insurgent group fighting the Myanmar military but also thought to be behind a wave of killings and criminal activity in the camps.

ARSA has denied it killed Ullah.

Most of the Rohingya have been in the camps since 2017 when they fled a brutal military offensive in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, where the predominantly Muslim minority are reviled and seen as illegal immigrants.

Refusing to go back until they are assured of security and equal rights, the refugees remain stuck in bamboo-and-tarp shacks with no work, poor sanitation and little education for their children.

Overflowing latrines fill narrow mud lanes with excrement in monsoon season, and fires can rip through the flimsy homes in minutes during the hot summers.

By day the Bangladesh authorities provide some security. But at night the camps become the domain of gangs -- allegedly linked to ARSA -- that traffic millions of dollars worth of methamphetamine from Myanmar.

"The scenario is different as soon as the sun sets," Israfil, a Rohingya refugee who goes by one name, told AFP.



PEOPLE TAKE PART IN A FRIDAYS for Future protest during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), in Glasgow, Scotland, Britain, on November 5, 2021 [Dylan Martinez/Reuters]

COP26: Protesters Worldwide Demand Action On Climate Crisis

Agencies

WE'RE SEEING many children and families turning out, and the message primarily to the climate diplomats is one of you must stand accountable. We are halfway through COP26 right now, and the pressure has never been greater,"

Protests are under way for a second day in cities around the world as part of a global mobilisation against what campaigners say is a lack of urgency to address global warming at a crunch United Nations climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland.

From Paris to Sydney, Nairobi to Seoul, more than 200 events are planned worldwide on Saturday to demand immediate action for communities already affected by climate change, particularly in the poorer countries in the South.

In Glasgow, organisers and police said they expected up to 50,000 people to parade through the streets of the city near the COP26 summit venue, which is under tight security.

"The mood is mixed here," Al Jazeera's Andrew Simmons, reporting from Glasgow, said. "There is anger, there is some form of celebratory tactics to be used, and there is real concern particularly among the families who have joined the demonstrations.

"We're seeing many children and families turning out, and the message primarily to the climate diplomats is one of you must stand accountable. We are halfway through COP26 right now, and the pressure has never been greater," he added.

Delegates from nearly 200 countries are in Glasgow to hammer out how to meet the Paris Agreement goals of limiting temperature rises to between 1.5 and 2 degrees Celsius (34.7 to 35.6 Fahrenheit).

So far, some countries have signed up to pledges to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, with separate deals on phasing out coal, ending foreign fossil fuel funding and slashing methane.

The promises followed a significant assessment that showed global carbon dioxide emissions were set to rebound in 2021 to pre-pandemic levels.

But campaigners have been left unimpressed by the summit, with prominent environmental activist Greta Thunberg calling it a "failure".

"They cannot ignore the scientific consensus and they cannot ignore us," said Thunberg.

"This is no longer a climate conference. This is now a global greenwashing festival."

'We want more'

In Australia on Saturday, more than 1,000 protesters in Sydney and Melbourne -- some dressed as lumps of coal or Prime Minister Scott Morrison, a vigorous defender of the mining industry -- labelled the talks "a sham" and their national leader "an absolute embarrassment".

"No more blah, blah blah. Real climate action now," read one sign at a protest in Sydney.

"We're all out here to show that we want more from our government," Georgia, one of the protesters, told the Reuters news agency.

Melbourne's protest was smaller than Sydney's, with just a few hundred people turning out for a rally that also featured a giant koala emitting plumes of smoke and protesters dressed as skeletons on bikes.

Afghan Interim Foreign Minister To Visit Pakistan With Resetting Bilateral Ties High On Agenda

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The interim foreign minister of the Taliban government in Afghanistan is expected to visit Pakistan in the coming days as part of efforts by the two sides to reset their ties in the wake of the Taliban's takeover of Kabul, a media report said on Saturday.

Amir Khan Muttaqi was invited last month by Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi during his visit to Kabul.

This will be the first visit by the interim Afghan foreign minister to Pakistan since the headline Islamists took control of Afghanistan on August 15.

The visit of Muttaqi in the coming days to Pakistan was on the cards as both sides were in contact to finalise details, official sources told The Express Tribune.

Though Pakistan has not formally recognised the Taliban government, it is one of the few countries which maintain their diplomatic mission as well as envoy in Kabul.

Last month, a media report said that Pakistan has quietly allowed the Taliban-appointed diplomats to take charge of the Afghan embassy and consulates in the country.

The sources said the likely visit by Muttaqi was part of the ongoing engagements by Pakistan with the Kabul administration.

Pakistan feels that the engagement opposed to the dis-engagement is the best way forward in dealing with the current situation of Afghanistan.

However, a senior official said that Pakistan shared concerns of the international community that the Taliban government needed to fulfil the commitments they made.



NASA To Deflect Asteroid In Test Of 'Planetary Defence'



Agencies

In the 1998 Hollywood blockbuster "Armageddon," Bruce Willis and Ben Affleck race to save the Earth from being pulverized by an asteroid.

While the Earth faces no such immediate danger, NASA plans to crash a spacecraft traveling at a speed of 15,000 miles per hour into an asteroid next year in a test of "planetary defense."

The Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) is to determine whether this is an effective way to deflect the course of an asteroid should one threaten the Earth in the future.

NASA provided details of the DART mission, which carries a price tag of \$330 million, in a briefing for reporters on Thursday.

"Although there isn't a currently known asteroid that's on an impact course with the Earth, we do know that there is a large population of near-Earth asteroids out there," said Lindley Johnson, NASA's Planetary Defence Officer.

"The key to planetary defence is finding them well before they are an impact threat," Johnson said. "We don't want to be in a situation where an asteroid is headed towards Earth and then have to test this capability."

The DART spacecraft is scheduled to be launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket at 10:20 pm Pacific time on November 23 from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.

If the launch takes place at or around that time, impact with the asteroid some 6.8 million miles from Earth would occur between September 26 and October 1 of next year.

The target asteroid, Dimorphos, which means "two forms" in Greek, is about 525 feet in diameter and orbits around a larger asteroid named Didymos, "twin" in Greek.

Johnson said that while neither asteroid poses a threat to Earth they are ideal candidates for the test because of the ability to observe them with ground-based telescopes.

Images will also be collected by a miniature camera-equipped satellite contributed by the Italian Space Agency that will be ejected by the DART spacecraft 10 days before impact.

'A small nudge'

Nancy Chabot of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, which built the DART spacecraft, said Dimorphos completes an orbit around Didymos every 11 hours and 55 minutes "just like clockwork."

The DART spacecraft, which will weigh 1,210 pounds at the time of impact, will not "destroy" the asteroid, Chabot said.

"It's just going to give it a small nudge," she said. "It's going to deflect its path around the larger asteroid."

"It's only going to be a change of about one percent in that orbital period," Chabot said, "so what was 11 hours and 55 minutes before might be like 11 hours and 45 minutes."

The test is designed to help scientists understand how much momentum is needed to deflect an asteroid in the event one is headed towards Earth one day.

"We are targeting to be as nearly head on as possible to cause the biggest deflection," Chabot said.

The amount of deflection will depend to a certain extent on the composition of Dimorphos and scientists are not entirely certain how porous the asteroid is.

Multiple People Wounded In Knife Attack On German Train



Agencies

"there is now no more danger".

The Bild newspaper said at least three people had been hurt, two of them seriously.

A police spokeswoman said that none of their lives was in danger.

So far, there is no information available about the attacker or his possible motives.

Bavarian state police are on the scene in Seubersdorf, local police confirmed.

A spokesperson for the German railway network confirmed that the station in Seubersdorf has been closed since approximately 9am and that train travel between Regensburg and Nuremberg has been suspended.

Germany has had violent incidents in recent years from armed groups and the far-right.

Several attacks have been committed since 2015.

On June 25, three people were killed and five others injured in a knife attack in Wuerzburg, southern Germany.

A knife attack on a high-speed train in Germany has injured several people, police have confirmed.

Local police told The Associated Press news agency that they received a call about the attack at approximately 9am local time (08:00 GMT) on Saturday morning.

The train in question, one of Germany's high-speed ICE trains, was travelling between the Bavarian cities of Regensburg and Nuremberg at the time of the attack.

One man has been arrested in connection with the attack at the train station in Seubersdorf, where the train is currently stopped, police said. Police said multiple people were injured but were unable to provide a specific number.

"According to preliminary information, several people were injured," police in Neumarkt in der Oberpfalz said in a statement, assuring that

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Drought Gives Rebirth To Kurdish Village In Northern Iraq

Agencies

DOHUK: The ruins of an Iraqi Kurdish village abandoned 36 years ago and submerged under the waters of a dam, have suddenly resurfaced thanks to sinking water levels in the drought-hit country.

The construction of the dam, 2 km north of the town of Dohuk, started in 1985 and prompted the resettlement of Guiri Qasrouka's 50 families.

Guiri Qasrouka was then swallowed by the waters which serve to irrigate surrounding farmland.

"Because of the drought" caused by scant rainfall in Iraq, the Dohuk dam's water level dropped by seven meters in September and brought the village back to the surface, explained the dam's director, Farhad Taher.

"This phenomenon is certainly linked to climate change," Taher said, adding that the ruins had also reappeared in 2009, 1999 and 1992.

Before the winter rains set in and the village goes under again, visitors on foot can now view the stone walls of a Guiri Qasrouka home that is still standing.

The algae-splattered and shell-indented ruins are set against a backdrop of the towering Kurdish mountains of northern Iraq.

With financial compensation, villagers, who had also fled between 1974 and 1976 during a Kurdish uprising, built a new Guiri Qasrouka nearby.



Returning SpaceX Crew Stuck Using Diapers Due To Broken Toilet

Agencies

The astronauts who will depart the International Space Station on Sunday will be stuck using diapers on the way home because of their capsule's broken toilet.

Nasa astronaut Megan McArthur described the situation on Friday as "suboptimal but manageable". She and her three crewmates will spend 20 hours in their SpaceX capsule, from the time the hatches are closed until Monday morning's planned splashdown.

"Spaceflight is full of lots of little challenges," she said during a news conference from orbit. "This is just one more that we'll encounter and take care of in our mission. So we're not too worried about it."

After a series of meetings on Wednesday night at the earliest, French astronaut Thomas Pesquet, who will return with McArthur, told reporters that the past six months have been intense up there.

The astronauts conducted a series of spacewalks to upgrade the station's power grid, endured inadvertent thruster firings by

Friday, mission managers decided to bring McArthur and the rest of her crew home before launching their replacements.

That SpaceX launch already had been delayed more than a week by bad weather and an undisclosed medical issue involving one of the crew. SpaceX is now targeting liftoff for

docked Russian vehicles that sent the station into brief spins, and hosted a private Russian film crew -- a space station first.

Toilet trouble

They also had to deal with the toilet leak, pulling up panels in their SpaceX capsule and discovering pools of urine.

The problem was first noted during SpaceX's private flight in September, when a tube came unglued and spilled urine beneath the floorboards. SpaceX fixed the toilet on the capsule awaiting liftoff, but deemed the one in orbit unusable.

Engineers determined that the capsule had not been structurally compromised by the urine and was safe for the ride back. The astronauts will have to rely on what Nasa describes as absorbent undergarments.



Jal Jeevan Mission Tenders Worth Rs 100 Crore Cancelled

SRINAGAR: A week after cancellation of tenders worth Rupees 100 crores of the Jal Shakti Department in the Bandipora district, senior officials of the department have said that they are reviewing the matter and would arrive at a resolution soon.

Haris Ahmad Handoo, Special Secretary to Government, while assuring the resolution of the matter added that the signature of the district treasury officer who has been appointed as the member of the Jal Shakti Contract committee remained pending.

"We have asked the Executive Engineer to submit his report about the reasons of the pending signature of the concerned official", he told a local news agency. "I will again talk to the concerned officials about the same and will try to solve the matter on immediate basis."

The JJM is among the flagship schemes launched of the Government of India that seeks to provide a drinking water connection to every rural household by the year 2024. The cancel-



lation of the works worth 100 crores comes as a setback.

Last Monday the Jal Shakti Department in Bandipora had cancelled all the tenders, estimated to be worth around 100 crores, for which contractors had deposited lakhs of rupees under bank guarantee for acquiring loans for carrying out the works for the same.

Officials of the department provided no clear reason for the termination of the tender. However,

The contractors are anguished as they say they have suffered huge losses due to cancellation of these tenders. The contractors seek the intervention of the Lieutenant Governor into the matter.

Sporadic Internet Shutdowns A Reminder Of August 2019: Tarigami

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: CPI (M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami on Saturday said that the Jammu and Kashmir administration's decision to shut down the internet sporadically in several parts of Kashmir has brought back "painful memories" of the communication blockade of August 2019 that was lifted the following year.

The four-time legislator said the curbs on 4G internet in Kashmir are "contrary to government claims of creating opportunities" for all citizens by harnessing digital technologies through the Digital India initiative.

Tarigami, in a statement, said that the shutdown has "hugely impacted students, who are not able to attend their online classes as the internet remains shutdown during day hours."

He said people, including businessmen, doctors, media personnel and other professionals, are also suffering im-



mensely due to sporadic shutdown of internet services. "It is high time that internet services are restored throughout Kashmir without any further delay," he demanded.

Internet access in several parts of Srinagar, particularly in the city's downtown areas, and parts of southern Kashmir have remained shut for most part of the day, particularly during the late evening hours, beginning last month when a series of target killings by suspected militants caused panic in the administration.

Senior administration officials confirmed that the internet shutdown – which remain

unaccounted for, in violation of Supreme Court directives – was indeed in response to the killings. Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole, had told Kashmir Observer that internet was being shut because militants used it during evening hours.

"The killings in Srinagar occurred during evening hours. It was also found that some apps were used in these areas by the militants," Pole said. "So as a precautionary measure we restricted the internet during non-online class hours i.e. from 3 PM onwards."

Meanwhile, Tarigami said that the fresh communication blockade was worsening the situation in Kashmir. "The 2019 communication blockade led to huge economic losses and unemployment and cost the Kashmiri economy thousands of crores while thousands of people lost their livelihood," he said. "The latest curbs on internet are bound to aggravate the situation."

Omar, Mehbooba Object To CRPF Using Community Halls As Barracks

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SRINAGAR: NC vice president Omar Abdullah on Saturday said the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir had regressed to such an extent that community halls built during his tenure as chief minister of the erstwhile state were being used as barracks for security forces.

"My Government built community marriage halls & demolished bunkers in Srinagar. It's disappointing to see the security situation in the city has now regressed so far that new bunkers are being constructed & the marriage halls are being used as barracks for security forces," he wrote on Twitter.

His remarks came after reports of a few community halls or marriage halls being taken over by the CRPF here. The security forces' presence has been strengthened in Srinagar following a recent spike in militant attacks.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti also lashed out at the government over the move, and said every day more draconian laws are brought in with the sole purpose of suffocating people into silence.

"After placing security bunkers at every nook & corner of Srinagar, CRPF personnel have been pushed into marriage halls which is the only private space left for people here. Every day more draconian laws are brought in with the sole purpose of suffocating people into silence," she tweeted.

Meanwhile, Srinagar mayor Junaid Azim Mattu raised the issue with the divisional administration for exploring alternative options for housing the security personnel.

He said the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) was not consulted on the issue.

"Have spoken to Divisional

Commissioner Kashmir, Pole Sb regarding the issue of SMC Community Halls being made available to the CRPF SMC wasn't consulted on this decision," he tweeted.

Mattu noted that community halls are integral to social and community functions, and are constructed in areas where people do not have huge houses and lawns.

They, hence, are a community necessity. A lot of money has been spent on their construction, upkeep and maintenance, he said.

The mayor said the Kashmir divisional commissioner has assured him that alternative options will be explored.

I have strongly urged for this. It is very important that community facilitation services are not hampered. It would be a huge inconvenience to people and also stigmatise law and order measures, he said.

Mattu maintained that CRPF personnel deployed in Srinagar should have decent and appropriate housing facilities, but community halls should be left for community services.

This is not a political issue - and should not be distorted as such, he added.

Public Relation Officer (PRO), CRPF, Abhiram Pankaj said additional troops from within Kashmir Valley were deployed in the city in view of the requirement.

Rationalisation has happened. These troops have come from north and south Kashmir, he said.

Asked why the troopers were housed in community halls, the official said the places for accommodating the forces were chosen by the civil administration.

The CRPF is getting deployed at the behest of the civil administration. They put us into a place of their choosing, he added.



Allen Career Institute Nowgam Felicitates NEET Rankers



SRINAGAR: With an aim to bring remarkable changes on the career pursuits in Kashmir region, Allen Career Institute, Nowgam, Srinagar felicitated the rankers of recently released NEET results during an impressive function at its Nowgam campus.

A felicitation ceremony of Allen's rankers was held at its Nowgam campus with the speakers and faculty highlighting the role of Allen Nowgam in reaching out to the students' community in Kashmir with evolved processes of career pursuits.

"Kashmir is known for its talent and intelligence. All we have to do is make arrangements and platforms for the young kids who can avail of the facilities and compete in the national level exams. We have to channelize their energy," Managing Director, Guardian Group of Hostels, an affiliate of Allen Career Institute, Dr Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, said. He said since the GGH is the logistic partner to Allen and they were trying their best to provide world class services as assured to the students in Kashmir region.

"Our students as I have seen give their best, all they need is the evolved facilities and we are offering them up to the mark services. Results are important but we equally give importance to the level and quality of services that are being provided at our Allen Nowgam Cen-

tre," said Dr Bhat.

During the felicitation ceremony, the students including Anam Husain and Ishaan Qaiser, were felicitated for securing their ranks in the recently released NEET results.

"We are really thankful to our students for doing well in the exams and they have made us proud," said, Muhammad Akmal Khan, faculty, Chemistry. "We have been mentoring students and the students also reward us in securing top ranks in the exams. That is the biggest satisfaction for us as an Institute," he said.

The speakers said that "At Allen, we focus on building a strong foundation of knowledge and concepts among students for their success and provide an excellent platform for the preparation of competitive exams and board level education."

The rankers while receiving mementos said that teachers are builders. "Allen Nowgam is taking all possible measures to revolutionize the education sector in Kashmir region, especially the career related courses," they said.

Allen Career Institute, is a premier coaching institute for the preparation of JEE (Main+Advanced), JEE (Main), Pre-Medical (NEET-UG), Pre-Nurture & Career Foundation (Class VI to X, NTSE & Olympiads). The Institute is well regarded for the high quality entrance exams preparation and produces best results year after year.

Admin Expands Golden Card Benefits

90 Additional Treatment Procedures Approved Under The Scheme

KO News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday expanded the benefits under Golden Cards to 90 more medical procedures, including pacemaker implantation and endovascular treatment, officials said.

According to a government handout, the approval to the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, as the scheme is officially called, was made by a meeting of the State Health Agency chaired by its Chief Executive Officer, Yasin Mohammad Choudhary.

"The decision of extending these unspecified cases was taken after SHA received these cases from empanelled Healthcare Providers related to various specialities. As per the guidelines of unspecified cases issued by NHA, Medical Committee has discretion to take the decision on these cases," officials said.

They added: "To bring more efficiency in the operation of scheme for greater good of patients of J&K, SHA would launch new Health Benefit Packages 2.2 with revised rate of 409 packages."

Besides administration officials, experts and other stakeholders related to the scheme were also present in the meeting. Choudhary stressed on suggestions from all stake holders for incorporation of newer therapies and medicines for treatment of cancer patients which

were not incorporated earlier. The committee, as per officials, also suggested allowing the clubbing of surgical medical packages in the Transaction Management System (TMS). Choudhary asked members to submit detailed report for clubbing medical and surgical packages for onward submission to the NHA.

Choudhary also sought suggestions from members regarding the inclusion of high-end antibiotics and lifesaving drugs like immunoglobulins and albumin. "This is a not a normal scheme," Choudhary said. "All of us have to get our act together and ensure that people are benefitted in fair and transparent way."

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Srinagar Airport Declared Major Airport

OBSERVER MONITORING DESK

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Civil Aviation named Srinagar International Airport as a major airport on Saturday.

According to the Gazette notice issued by the ministry on Saturday, the Central Government declares Srinagar Airport as a major airport in the application of Sub-section (i) of Section 2 of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008 (No.27 of 2008).

Interestingly, on October 23, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the first direct international flight between Srinagar and Sharjah and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

With this move, the Airports

Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) will determine tariff for aeronautical services at Srinagar airport.

The Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) was set-up to regulate tariffs and other charges (development fee and passenger service fee) for aeronautical services at major airports.

As per Section 13 of the Act, AERA has been mandated to determine the tariff for the aeronautical services rendered at major airports; the amount of the development fees including user development fee; and the amount of the passengers service fee levied under Rule 88 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 made under the Aircraft Act, 1934.

(With agency inputs)

Security Allowance To SOG, BDS Increased

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has decided to grant additional security allowances to members of the Special Operations Group (SOG), Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) and other state police personnel.

In an order issued on November 1, the combatant operational personnel of SOG, BDS and J&K police will get incentive of 25 percent of their basic pay while non-combatant personnel will get 12.5 percent effective immediately.

The order also said that the hardship allowances to SOG and BDS shall also be the same as given to other police personnel. According to an official, the administrations move came after the high level security meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on October 23 at Srinagar. The official also said that the decision has been taken keeping in mind the security threat prevailing in J&K.

Chill Returns After Fresh Snow Spell

SRINAGAR: Night temperature recorded a slight dip at most places in Kashmir Valley even as sub-zero conditions were recorded in world famous Gulmarg and Pahalgam resorts on Saturday.

A meteorological department official here said that Srinagar recorded a low of 5.2°C against 5.6°C on the previous night. The temperature is however above 2.7°C for this time of the year in the summer capital, he said, as per news agency GNS.

Qazigund, the gateway town of Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of 3.2°C, same as on previous night, the official said. Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 0.4°C against 2.2°C on the previous night, he said.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of 4.6°C against 3.1°C on the previous night, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of 4.8°C against 6.7°C on the previous night, the official said. Gulmarg, the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 2.0°C against 1.0°C on the previous night, the official said.

(GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B)
ELECTRIC DIVISION SRINAGAR

Short term Tender Notice No. 161 of 2021-22/R&B Dated: 31.08.2021

For and on behalf of The Lt. Governor of Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir sealed tenders affixed with 5/- rupees revenue stamps are invited for the below mentioned works from approved and eligible Electrical contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other state / Central Govt. as per specification and detailed mentioned in the BOQ.

S.No	Name of Work	Approx Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Class Of Contractor	Time of Completion	Cost of tender document
01	Updation of Electricity of UPS backup and wiring for inverter points of various sections of additional District Court Complex Sopore	85500.00	2700/-	"A" Class Electrical	07 days	200
02.	Internal Electrification of ISM building at Kupwara (ground floor)	98000.00	3000/-	"A" Class Electrical	10 days	200

Position of Funds: - Demanded

1. The tender should be addressed to the Executive Engineer (R&B) Electric Division Srinagar and should reach in the office by or before 11.11.2021 upto 4.00 PM. The tenders / bids will be opened on the same day or any other day convenient to tender opening authority in presence of the contractors who may like to be present. In case the last date of receipt of tenders happens to be a holiday /Hartal /curfew day the tenders will be received on next working day.

2. The tender document shall be issued by this office from 05.11.2021 upto 10.11.2021 against receipt of treasury challan received from the eligible Electrical contractor and should enclose following documents Viz: valid registration with latest renewal certificate, Pan Card, valid GST registration with latest GST clearance certificate, valid contact No/E-Mail ID in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Srinagar. (Tender inviting authority).

3. The bidders shall be a liberty to send their bids either in person or through registered post but shall super scribe the following in front of the envelopes.

4. i.) Name of work ii) cost of work iii) Full name of contractor with contact No .iv) Ref. to CDR No & Date v) Date of receipt of tenders vi) Ref. to NIT No.

5. The bidder Should enclose CDR/FDR

6. The bidder should sign each page of tender document enclosed with their bid.

7. All other Terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD form 25.

NO:- ERB/3445-52
Dated:- 05.11.2021
DIPK-12023/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
(R&B) Electric Division Srinagar

JAMMU & KASHMIR PROJECTS
CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LIMITED

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GENERAL
MANAGER JKPCCLTD SRINAGAR UNIT.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS.

NIT No: 33 /e-Tendering/DGM/SGR-UNIT/JKPCCLTD OF 2021-22 DATED: 02.11.2021

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, JKPCCLTD, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K union territory Govt. CPWD, Railways and other States / U.T. and Central Governments for the following works.

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Amount In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Class of Contract	Call
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Balance items of work for construction of Guest House at Solina Srinagar.	Rs.1.35	Rs.500.00	7 DAYS	"C&D" Class Contractors MSME/SSI	3 rd

Position of AA A :- Submitted
TS:- Under submission

Position of funds:- Available.
Project Authority: Public Service Commission

The Bidding documents consisting of specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) 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:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	02.11.2021
2.	Date of publishing of NIT Online	02.11.2021
3.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 02.11.2021 4:00PM to 12.11.2021 upto 12:00PM
4.	Bid submission Start Date (Online)	02.11.2021
5.	Bid Submission End Date	12-11-2021 upto 2:00 PM
6.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	12-11-2021, after 3:00 PM in the Office of the Deputy General Manager, Srinagar Unit JKPCCLTD

No:- e-Tendering/DGM/SGR-UNIT/JKPCCLTD/ 3384-92
Dated: 02-11-2021
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Twitter Talks

“Private schools in Kashmir end up becoming an exploitation racket where teachers are exploited the most - and paid less than peanuts for a hell lot of work! Civil society, more than govt, needs to push back so that these schools aren't allowed to exploit more”
@MaqboolMajid

“We are asked often why it matters that women don't have access to mosques.The mosque is a space of learning & community.In the absence of this space, we have to ask how are Muslim women meant to access their faith? Some have access to 3rd spaces/ scholars, but many do not”
@MyMosqueStory

“Stop hitting your children. Using pain and violence to control people's behavior causes profound harm. It teaches children to be violent and accept violence from others as a sign of love or something that can coexist with love. These lessons follow them into other relationships”
@UjuAny

The Future Of Global Tech



Following their first in-person summit in Washington, Quad countries — Australia, India, Japan and the United States (US) — announced a set of principles that will guide how they design, develop, govern and use technology. These broadly rest on three pillars — technologies should support democratic values; build trust, integrity and resilience; dignity of individuals”. This contradicts some of the principles China has embraced. It has a sprawling deployment of digital tools that help keep a strong check on the activities of its people. In 2019, the US blacklisted several Chinese companies for furthering China's “campaign of repression, mass arbitrary detention, and high-technology surveillance” in the Xinjiang region. In fact, the principles explicitly condemn the misuse of technology for “malicious activities such as authoritarian surveillance and oppression, for terrorist purposes or to disseminate disinformation”. This is a message to autocracies, but it is also a message to democracies to live by their own ideals.

A second core area of focus relates to how the Quad countries envision the future of their tech industries. Technology ecosystems must be built with “trust, integrity and resilience”. Again, the China backdrop is conspicuous. In recent years, all Quad partners have blacklisted Chinese hardware giants such as Huawei over concerns that they could open security backdoors for China. Quad also aims to reorient the semiconductor supply-chain dominated by Beijing. All four Quad partners are well positioned to make a meaningful pivot if they address this overreliance. Crucially, India will stand to gain as it attempts to become an alternative to the powerhouse of the tech industry that China has become. But for that to happen, India's commitment to the principles will be under close scrutiny. In the short-term, this could have a bearing on how India approaches regulation of big tech which, for a while now, appears to be on a collision course with the Global North's light touch policies.

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and foster competition and collaboration that drive advances in science and technology. The direction that Quad countries take will have a significant bearing on the future of technology. A key driver of Quad is balancing China's influence on global security and economy, and the future of technology sits at the heart of both.

In this context, the principles outlined reflect a significant commitment to a counter-China approach. Take, for example, the stress on values: Technology should be designed, governed and used to promote “shared values of autonomy, agency and

Hindustan Times

The ‘Good’, The ‘Bad’ And The ‘Deobandi’ Taliban

While An Effort To Classify The Taliban Into Good And Bad Is Rather Easy, The Underlying Reasons To Classify Them As Deobandi Becomes A Little Tough And Illogical

A glimpse into Darul Uloom Deoband/WBUR

Asad Mirza

The seizure of Afghan capital, Kabul by the Taliban and their declaration to declare Afghanistan an Islamic Emirate has again raised the spectre of The Good, The Bad and The Deobandi Taliban.

The Good and Bad Taliban

I believe the distinction between the good and the bad Taliban was first made by Shah Mahmood Qureshi during his first tenure as the Pakistani foreign minister from 2008-2011. Interpreting his statement led to the fact that Pakistan believed that the Taliban aligned to Pakistan were the 'good' Taliban and those opposed to its policies and intervention in Afghanistan were the 'bad' Taliban.

The Western media took the categorisation a step forward and even American politicians like Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Clinton used the phrase to divide the Taliban into two different categories.

While delving into the psyche of the 'good' and the 'bad' Taliban, let's be clear that the Taliban is not a monolithic organisation, it has various factions which have tribal and clannish rivalries. In the backdrop of the traditional Afghan society, we have to understand that the smallest functioning unit is the village. The local village headman or the local Imam holds sway over the vast multitude of uneducated Afghans. Thus, the message which they get from their local leaders is the final order for them, added to their loyalty to the local militia or the Taliban unit. In addition, the local commanders wield a lot of clout and power. Moreover, when the un-

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educated rural folks are handed the latest automatic weapons, they become another power unit of their own, with no link to the tag with which they were attached.

More recently, before the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, the chief of the US Central Command General Kenneth F. McKenzie called the Taliban, “very pragmatic and very business like”. This sounded more in alignment with the 'good' Taliban label, as they were eager to gain legitimacy before the US withdrawal and were putting out their best behaviour.

This shift is happening in the Taliban ranks too, and as per the rules set by the west and Pakistan, the factions which align with them will be the 'good' Taliban. And those who are still committed to the old or stubborn Taliban are likely going to be termed as the 'bad' Taliban.

The Deobandi Taliban

Perhaps, the most damaging sobriquet attached to the Taliban is describing them as Deobandi. It shows that the people who label them as such have no clue about the great Indian seminary of Darul Uloom Deoband and the role, which it played in tempering Muslims sentiments on “secular” lines in addition to its immense contributions to the freedom struggle of India.

Barbara Daly Metcalf, an expert on the history of South Asia, especially the colonial period and the history of the Muslim population of India and Pakistan, in her book Islamic Revival in British India, Deoband 1860-1900 (February 2002) describes Deoband at the turn of the millennium emerging into public consciousness because of the association of the leadership of the Afghan Taliban regime with the Deobandi Ulema of Pakistan.

She is of the view that many of the Taliban, whose very name described them as madrasa 'students', had studied in Deobandi seminaries in the Pakistan frontier provinces when, from the 1980s on, millions of Afghans had settled as refugees in that area. Based on this fact alone, collectively calling all Taliban as Deobandi Taliban and casting aspersions on the Indian Deoband seminary is being completely ignorant of Islam in the sub-continent.

The surge in the number of madrasas coincided with the influx of some three million Afghan refugees, for whom, these madrasas provided the only available education. One school in particular, the Madrasa Haqqaniya, in Akora Khatak near Peshawar, trained many of the top Taliban leaders. These students were shaped by many of the amended Deobandi reformist causes, all of which were further encouraged with Wahabi interpretation by Arab volunteers in Afghanistan.

These causes included rigorous con-

cern with fulfilling rituals related to daily prayers and reciting the Holy Quran; opposition to custom laden ceremonies such as weddings and pilgrimage to shrines, along with practices associated with the Barelvi and Shi'a minority; and a focus on seclusion of women as a central symbol of a morally ordered society.

Theirs was, according to political analyst Ahmed Rashid, 'an extreme form of Deobandism', which was being preached by Pakistani Islamic parties in Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

None of the Deobandi movements has a theoretical stance in relation to political life. They either expediently embrace the political culture of their time and place, or withdraw from politics completely. As happened in India after independence in 1947, when the leaders of Darul Uloom withdrew from the political scene completely and confined them to Deoband.

Barbara further asserts that the Deobandi madrasas on the Pakistani frontier closed periodically to allow their students to support Taliban efforts. But the historical pattern launched by the Deobandi Ulema, had treated political life on a primarily secular basis, typically, de facto if not de jure, identifying religion with the private sphere, and in that sphere fostering Islamic teachings and interpretations that have proven widely influential.

British historian and academic specialising on the history of South Asia and Islam, Francis Robinson, in an essay on the first edition of Barbara's book, described the Deobandi movement as 'the most constructive and most important Islamic movement of the [nineteenth] century.'

He further says that aside from Deoband's enduring influence, it exemplifies a pattern represented in general terms in a range of Islamic movements outside South Asia as well-of cultural renewal on the one hand and political adaptability on the other.

We also need to be aware of the fact that the Pakistani madrasas, which were described as Deobandi, essentially followed the curriculum prescribed by the Indian Darul Uloom. Further some of the founders of these madrasas might have studied in the Darul Uloom, but they had no umbilical link with their alma mater, and just based on the fact that they followed a particular syllabus they were described as Deobandi, though in fact the psyche and practice of their leaders were completely different from the teachings of the Deoband. Thus, it would be a misnomer to call the Taliban as 'Deobandi' Taliban.

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subcontinent and in the UK and Africa. It is said the Sihlwi's teaching circle was seen as the biggest seat of learning in Hindustan.

This glorious academic curriculum was lost in the battle against colonialism and Muslims began trying new ideas and solutions like the Nadwatul Ulama, the Islah and the Jamia Millia Islamia. The latter was established to help Muslims unite and stop the “Mulla vs. Mister” debate. Its co-founder was the first student of the Deoband seminary, Shaykh al-Hind, Mawlana Mahmud Hasan, who had just been released from the Malta prison and had turned very weak. He said, “We laid the foundation of this university to purify the milk-like pure syllabus of the state-linked higher institutions with which a drop of poison had been mixed”, the same statement that Gandhi had made. The Jamia was established on the lines of the Deoband seminary, having no connection with the government. It connected two schools, the one in Aligarh which was oriented towards materialism, and the Deoband, which focused on religion-specific subjects. Shaykh al-Hind died a month later, and if he had lived more – he would have made a more profound nizami based curriculum, ending the Mulla-Mister debate completely.

According to Muhammadullah Khalili Qasmi mentions, “As Islam is a comprehensive religion, its education system is also comprehensive. It includes all kinds of sciences and arts that are beneficial for human beings in this world and hereafter. Islam does not encourage such things that seem to be sciences, but they are based on ignorance and

useless or even harmful for human beings. Thus, Islam classifies the useful sciences from the useless and harmful ones. Islam gave every science its due position and importance so that people can benefit from them as per their importance and need.”

Similarly, Mawlana Manazir Ahsan Gilani tried to identify a solution to this issue by suggesting a unity of the educational system. In his words, “People want to be free from Firawn, however it is more important that we try to be free from Firawnism”.

Mawlana Gilani too advocated a comeback of the unified old educational system to solve this issue.

These debates are all alive in one form or the other in academia. However, as these are a part of a legacy of Muslims, it becomes important for us to decolonise our education and fall back on the trust that our traditional scholarship put in an amalgamation of different kinds of discourses in pursuit of Knowledge. In the world of today, it should be deemed cardinal for all Muslims to dissociate themselves from definitions that create false dichotomies. One such dichotomy, as mentioned already, is the one between secular knowledge and religious knowledge.

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Traditional Curriculum's New Significance

Aaqib Anjum Aafi

The famous poet Iqbal had said that the fantasy of “old” and “new” is an indication of short-sightedness. If we were to look from a more aware prism, we will know that the religion of Islam gives everything its due. So, essentially, all dichotomies of the “modern” world which compartmentalise Islam are reductive and limited. This is especially true of “knowledge”.

During the colonial period, various discourses facilitated the disconnection of knowledge from religion. The Deoband seminary was established to help Muslims revive their lost identity and counter this colonisation of Knowledge. It's curriculum focused on religion-specific subjects such as the Tafsir (exegesis), Hadith (Sayings/teachings of Prophet pbuh) and Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence).

The Aligarh school tried to work on the other front and majorly worked with a more materialistic approach. These steps taken by Muslim leaders could have been helpful in that relevant time period, however, they had a huge drawback as well. They led to the creation of a “Mulla vs. Mister” binary. Mawlana Manazir Ahsan Gilani aptly captures this division thus: For Muslims students who received their education from Aligarh, he said, “They have been robbed [of their religion], yet they know not of their robbing.” On the other hand, for the madrasah graduates he said, “Although imbued

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with religious predilections; they carry no real valence in society. To rub salt into the wound, these two classes of Muslims increasingly view each other with hostility and animosity.”

Various academic curriculums exist and are being taught in universities across the world. However, the Muslim madaris still focus on what is called the “Nizami” curriculum that was designed by Mulla Nizamuddin Sihlwi, a scholar of well-repute belonging to the Farangi Mahali School. This curriculum was an amalgam of specific-religious subjects and non-religious subjects and included subjects as vast as medicine and mathematics.

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In the contemporary age, this curriculum in essence exists nowhere but its name-sake, the “contemporary dars-e-nizami”, partially or entirely modified, is taught in all the Islamic traditional seminaries in the

10 Ways To Avoid Marrying The Wrong Person

Dr Nafisa Sikanderi & Hosai Mojaddidi

There is a right way and a wrong way to get to know someone for marriage. The wrong way is to get caught up in the excitement and nuance of a budding relationship and in the process completely forget to ask the critical questions that help determine compatibility. One of the biggest mistakes that many young Muslims make is rushing into marriage without properly and thoroughly getting to know someone. A common myth is that the duration of a courtship is an accurate enough measure of how compatible two people are. The logic follows that the longer you speak with someone, the better you will know them. The problem with that premise is that no consideration is given to how that time is spent. Increasingly, young Muslim couples are engaging in "halal dating," which is basically socializing with each other in the company of friends and/or family. This includes going out to dinner, watching a movie, playing some sport or other leisure activity, etc. Depending on the family or culture, conversations are either minimal & chaperoned or worse, unrestricted and unsupervised. When you consider these limitations it makes one wonder when exactly, if ever at all, would the critical conversations take place? Unfortunately, for many, the answer is never and they live to suffer the consequences. If you or someone you know is in the "getting to know someone" phase, the following guide offers advice on exactly what to look for and avoid:

1) Do Not Marry Potential: Oftentimes men consider marrying a woman hoping she never changes while a woman considers marrying a man she hopes she can change. This is the wrong approach on both accounts. Don't assume that you can change a person after you're married to them or that they will reach their potential. There is no guarantee, after all, that those changes will be for the better. In fact, it's often for the worse. If you can't accept someone or imagine living with them as they are then don't marry them. These differences can include a number of things such as ideological or practical differences in religion, habits, hygiene, communication skills, etc.

2) Choose Character Over Chemistry: While chemistry and attraction are no doubt important, character precedes them both. A famous quote follows, "Chemistry ignites the fire, but character keeps it burning." The idea of falling "in love" should never be the sole reason for marrying someone; it is very easy to confuse infatuation and lust for love. The most important character traits to look for include humility, kindness, responsibility, & happiness. Here's a breakdown of each trait:

Humility: The humble person never makes demands of people but rather always does right by them. They put their values and principles above convenience and comfort. They are slow to anger, are modest, and avoid materialism.

Kindness: The kind person is the quintessential giver. They seek to please and minimize the pain of others. To know if a person is a giver, observe how they treat their family, siblings, and parents. Do they have gratitude towards their parents for all that they've done for them? If not, then know that they will never appreciate what you do for them. How do they treat people they don't have to be kind towards (i.e. waiters, sales associates, employees, etc)? How do they spend their money? How do they deal with anger; their own anger and their reaction to someone else's anger?

Responsibility: A responsible person has stability in their finances, relationships, job, and character. You can rely on this person and trust what they say.

Happiness: A happy person is content with their portion in life. They feel good about themselves and good about their life. They focus on what they have rather than on what they don't have. They very rarely complain.

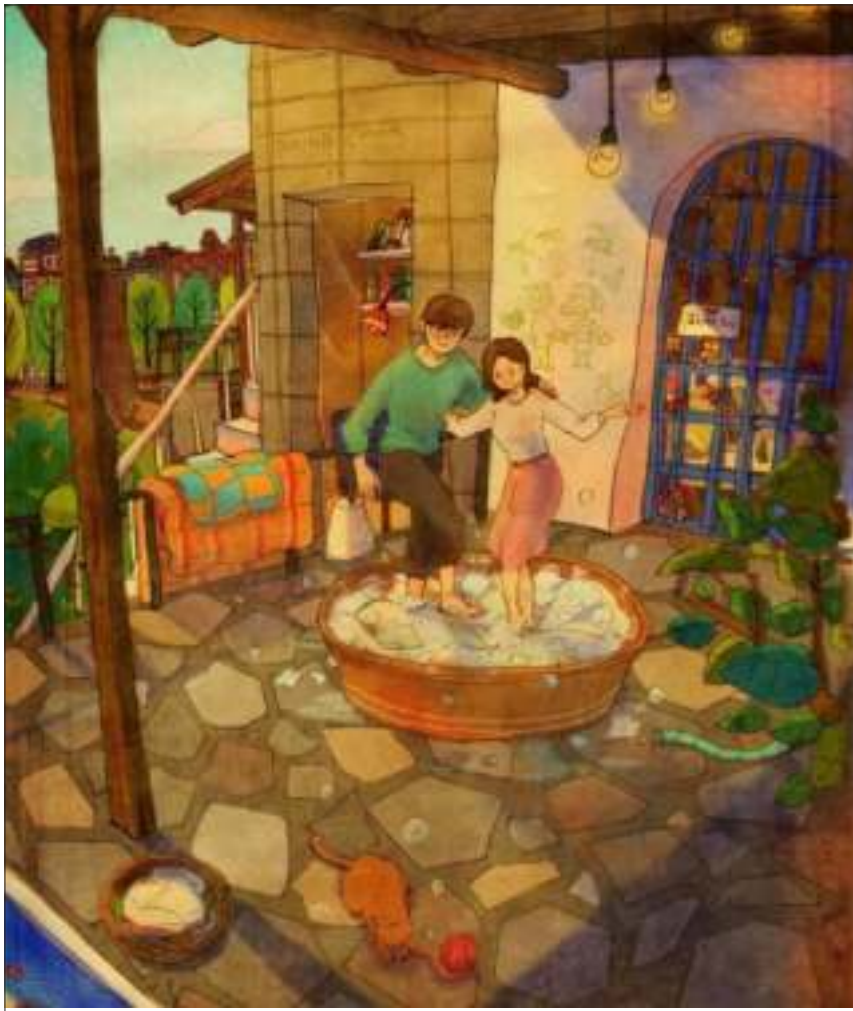


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3) Do Not Neglect The Emotional Needs Of Your Partner:

Both men and women have emotional needs and in order for a partnership to be successful those needs must be mutually met. The fundamental emotional need of a woman is to be loved. The fundamental emotional need of a man is to be respected and appreciated. To make a woman feel loved give her the three AAAs: Attention, Affection, & Appreciation. To make a man feel loved give him the three RRRs: Respect, Reassurance, & Relief. It is the obligation of each partner to make sure the other is happy and this extends to intimacy as well. As long as each partner is fulfilled by the emotional needs of the other, the intimate relationship will thrive. When a man takes seriously the emotional needs of his wife she will feel more encouraged to fulfill his sexual desires. Likewise, when a woman takes seriously the emotional needs of her husband he will feel more encouraged to give her the affection, love and appreciation she wants from him. Working together in this way encourages both giving and receiving.

4) Avoid Opposing Life Plans: In marriage you can either grow together or grow apart. Sharing a common purpose in life will increase the chance that you will grow together.

You must know what the person is into. In other words, what are they ultimately passionate about? Then ask yourself, "Do I respect this passion?" "Do I respect what they are into?"

The more specifically you define yourself, i.e., your values, your beliefs, your lifestyle, the better chance you have of finding your life partner, your soul mate, the one you are most compatible with.

Remember, before you decide who to take along on a trip, you should first figure out your destination.

5) Avoid Pre-Marital Sexual/Physical Activity: Recognize that there is incredible wisdom in why God has ordered us to refrain from intimacy before marriage; they are to prevent great harms as well as to keep sacred what is the most blessed part of a relationship between a man and a woman.

Aside from the obvious spiritual consequences, when a relationship gets physical before its time, important issues like character, life philosophy, and compatibility go to the wayside. Consequently, everything is romanticized and it becomes difficult to even remember the important issues let alone talk about them.

Intellectual commitment must be established before emotional or sexual commitment.

6) Avoid Lack Of Emotional Connection: There are four questions that you must answer YES to:

Do I respect and admire this person? What specifically do I respect and admire about this person?

Do I trust this person? Can I rely on them? Do I trust their judgment? Do I trust their word? Can I believe what they say?

Do I feel Safe? Do I feel emotionally safe with this person? Can I be vulnerable? Can I be myself? Can I be open? Can I express myself?

Do I feel calm and at peace with this person?

If the answer is "I don't know, I'm not sure, etc." keep evaluating until you know for sure and truly understand how you feel. If you don't feel safe now, you won't feel safe when you are married. If you don't trust now, this won't change when you are married!

7) Pay Attention To Your Own Emotional Anxiety: Choosing someone you don't feel safe with emotionally is not a good recipe for a long-lasting and loving marriage. Feeling emotionally safe is the foundation of a strong and healthy marriage. When you don't feel safe, you can't express your feelings and opinions. Learn how to identify whether you are in an abusive relationship. If you feel you always have to monitor what you say, if you are with someone and you feel you can't really express yourself and are always walking on eggshells, then it's very likely you are in an abusive relationship. Look for the following things:

Controlling Behavior: This includes controlling the way you act, the way you think, the way you dress, the way you wear your hair/hijab and the way you spend your time. Know the difference between suggestions and demands. Demands are an expression of control and if the demands are implied, than you must do it or there will be consequences. All of these are clear indications of abusive personalities.

Anger Issues: This is someone who

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mistake of not putting everything on the table for discussion from the onset. Ask yourself, "What do I need to know to be absolutely certain I want to marry this person?" "What bothers me about this person or the relationship?" It's very important to identify what's bothering you, things that concern you, and things you are afraid to bring up for discussion

raises their voice on a regular basis, who is angry, gets angry at you, uses anger against you, uses put downs, and curses at you, etc. You don't have to put up with this type of treatment. Many people who tolerate this behavior usually come from abusive backgrounds. If this is the case with you or someone you know, get help right away. Deal with those issues before getting married or before even thinking about getting married.

8) Beware Of Lack Of Openness In Your Partner: Many couples make the mistake of not putting everything on the table for discussion from the onset. Ask yourself, "What do I need to know to be absolutely certain I want to marry this person?" "What bothers me about this person or the relationship?" It's very important to identify what's bothering you, things that concern you, and things you are afraid to bring up for discussion. Then you must have an honest discussion about them. This is a great way to test the strength of your relationship. Bringing up issues when there's conflict is a great opportunity to really evaluate how well you communicate, negotiate, and work together as a team. When people get into power struggles and blame each other, it's an indication they don't work well as a team. Also important is being vulnerable around each other. Ask deep questions of each other and see how your partner responds. How do they handle it? Are they defensive? Do they attack? Do they withdraw? Do they get annoyed? Do they blame you? Do they ignore it? Do they hide or rationalize it? Don't just listen to what they say but watch for how they say it!

9) Beware Of Avoiding Personal Responsibility: It's very important to remember no one else is responsible for your happiness. Many people make the mistake of thinking someone else will fulfill them and make their life better and that's their reason for getting married. People fail to realize that if they are unhappy as a single person, they will continue to be miserable when they are married. If you are currently not happy with yourself, don't like yourself, don't like the direction your life is going now, it's important to take responsibility for that now and work on improving those areas of your life before considering marriage. Don't bring these issues into your marriage and hope your partner will fix them.

10) Watch Out For Lack Of Emotional Health And Availability In Your Potential Partner: Many people choose partners that are not emotionally healthy or

available. One huge problem is when a partner is unable to balance the emotional ties to family members, the marriage ends up having 3 (or more) people in it rather than two. An example of this would be if a man is overly dependent on his mother and brings that relationship into the marriage; this is no doubt a recipe for disaster. Also important to consider are the following:

Avoid people who are emotionally empty inside. These include people who don't like themselves because they lack the ability to be emotionally available. They are always preoccupied with their deficiencies, insecurities, and negative thoughts. They are in a perpetual fight with depression, never feel good, are isolated, are critical and judgmental; tend to not have any close friends, and often distrust people or are afraid of them. Another clear indication about them is they always feel their needs are not getting met; they have a sense of entitlement and feel angry when they feel people should take care of them and they don't. They feel burdened by other people's needs and feel resentment towards them. These people can not be emotionally available to build healthy relationships.

Addictions can also limit the level of availability of the partner to build a strong emotional relationship. Never marry an addict. Addictions are not limited to drugs and alcohol. They can be about addictions and dependency on work, internet, hobbies, sports, shopping, money, power, status, materialism, etc. When someone has an addiction, they will not and can not be emotionally available to develop an intimate relationship with you!

Additional Points To Consider:

The fact is no one looks 25 forever. Ultimately, we love the person we marry for more than their appearance. When we get to know someone we love and admire, we'll love them for their inner beauty and overall essence.

Once we find someone, we consciously or subconsciously want so badly for it all to work that we decide not to question or see what is clearly in front of our eyes: they were rude to the waiter, speaks ill of others, is rude to you, etc. We don't stop to ask, "What does all of this mean about their character?"

Never separate someone from their family, background, education, belief system, etc. Asking clear questions can clarify this. Ask questions like, "What does it mean to have a simple lifestyle?" "What are your expectations of marriage?" "How would you help around the house?" Compare your definition with theirs.

Be Flexible. Be Open-Minded!

Giving in a happy marriage should not be confused with martyrdom. It should be about taking pleasure and seeing the other person as happy because of your connection with them.

Morality and spirituality are the qualities that truly define someone in addition to beauty, money, and health. The morally upright and spiritual person will stand by your side during adversity and hardship. If someone isn't God-conscious and doesn't take themselves into account with God then why should you expect them to fulfill their rights owed to you? The ideal partner is someone who considers giving a gain and not causing a loss. Having a mutual and shared spiritual relationship will foster a successful marriage. Furthermore, a successful marriage is one that keeps the laws of family purity which require a certain degree of self-control and self-discipline, as well as the belief that the physical side of the relationship includes the spiritual and emotional side as well. Finding commonality and balance between the spiritual and emotional aspects of a relationship is a strong key to a healthy and thriving marriage.

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WHAT WE'RE READING

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Do Muslim Women Need Saving?

by Lila Abu-Lughod

This book is an essential read for one and all. It is a must especially with pop-culture feminism taking over the nuances of intersectionality. This book explains the politics that

goes into a certain politics of labelling Muslim women as beings with no agency which disqualifies them from the ability to understand and fight for their own rights. This discourse has been employed to colonise many Muslim countries, justify their colonisation and oppression in the name of "saving" their women. The book exposes the workings of such pernicious politics on the bodies of muslim women.

Sally Rooney For Palestine

Irish writer Sally Rooney said on Tuesday that she declined an Israeli publisher's bid to translate her latest novel into Hebrew as part of a cultural boycott over the state's treatment of Palestinians.

Rooney said she "did not feel it would be right" to accept a contract with an Israeli company "that does not publicly distance itself from apartheid and support the UN-stipulated rights of the Palestinian people". In a statement, the 30 year-old author of three novels said "it would be an honour" for her latest book Beautiful World, Where Are You to be translated into Hebrew.

"But for the moment, I have chosen not to sell these translation rights to an Israeli-based publishing house," she added.

The decision to block an Israeli trans-

lation has attracted criticism from some quarters.

Gitit Levy-Paz, a fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI), said "Rooney has chosen a path that is anathema to the artistic essence of literature".

"The very essence of literature, its power to bring a sense of coherence and order to the world, is negated by Rooney's choice to exclude a group of readers because of their national identity," she wrote on Jewish news site Forward.

"Sally Rooney's novels are available in Chinese and Russian. Doesn't she care about the Uighurs? Or Putin-defying journalists?" asked US critic Ruth Franklin on Twitter.

"To judge Israel by a different standard than the rest of the world is antisemi-

tism," she added.

Citing human rights reports, Rooney said: "Israel's system of racial domination and segregation against Palestinians meets the definition of apartheid under international law".

She said she supports the "Boycott, Divestments and Sanctions (BDS)" movement targeting "complicit" firms and institutions "in response to the apartheid system and other grave human rights violations".

Rooney said the BDS movement is "modelled on the economic and cultural boycott that helped to end apartheid in South Africa".

"Of course, many states other than Israel are guilty of grievous human rights abuses," she added.

"This was also true of South Africa during the campaign against apartheid there." Rooney, born in the western Ireland town of Castlebar, is considered a cult author and her works depicting lovestruck youngsters regularly dominate the literary discourse.

Her two previous books, Conversations with Friends and Normal People, have both been translated into Hebrew.

Normal People was longlisted for the Booker prize in 2018 and has sold more than a million copies. It was made into an award-winning television drama.

Beautiful World, Where Are You was published in September and quickly became a bestseller in the UK and Ireland.

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The Era Of Anti-Covid Pills Begins

What if a simple pill could help heal from Covid-19?

US pharma giants Merck and Pfizer have announced encouraging results for oral drugs, while an anti-depressant has also shown promise in what could open up a new chapter in the fight against the pandemic.

What are these treatments?

They are pills taken orally as soon as the first symptoms of Covid-19 appear, to avoid serious forms of the illness, and therefore hospitalisation.

This form of treatment has been sought since the start of the global health crisis.

After months of research, Merck and Pfizer say they have reached that elusive goal.

Early in October, Merck said it was seeking authorisation in the United States for its pill molnupiravir, and Pfizer followed suit on Friday with paxlovid.

They are both anti-virals that act by reducing the virus's ability to replicate, slowing down the disease.

Both companies say clinical trials showed a strong reduction in the risk of hospitalisation.

Those who took molnupiravir saw that risk diminish by 50 per cent and those who took paxlovid by nearly 90pc, although direct comparisons of these efficacy rates

should be avoided because of the different study protocols.

An anti-depressant that is already available to the public, fluvoxamine, has also shown encouraging results in preventing serious forms of Covid-19, according to a study published in October by Brazilian researchers in the Lancet Global Health journal.

Why are they important?

If the efficacy of these drugs is confirmed, it will be a major step forward in the fight against Covid-19.

They would add to vaccines to bolster the world's therapeutic arsenal against the virus.

Treatments already exist, mostly in the form of synthetic antibodies.

But these drugs, which usually target those who already have severe forms of the disease, are injected and therefore more difficult to administer.

A pill can be quickly prescribed to a patient who will then take it easily at home.

Merck and Pfizer's treatments, which so far have not shown many side effects, would entail taking around 10 doses over five days.

"The success of these antivirals potentially marks a new era in our ability to prevent the severe consequences of SARS-CoV2 infection," British virologist Stephen



Griffin told the Science Media Centre.

What limitations?

It is difficult so far to properly evaluate Merck and Pfizer's treatments given both groups have only published statements and have not made the data of their clinical trials available.

French infectious diseases specialist Karine Lacombe warned in September that these types of announcements should be treated with "caution" until the studies can be scrutinised.

Several researchers have complained that the authors did not just limit themselves to evaluating the frequency of hospitalisations, but also assessed the frequency of prolonged emergency room stays.

This, they say, complicated the interpretation of data.

When? And how much?

Merck's molnupiravir has already been approved in the United Kingdom where health authorities on Thursday gave their green light to its use in patients at risk of developing a serious form of the illness, such as the elderly, obese people, or those suffering from diabetes.

US and EU health authorities are also urgently reviewing the drug.

The European Medicines Agency promised on Thursday to "accelerate" proceedings, without giving a firm date.

Several countries have already ordered stocks of molnupiravir, such as the United States, with 1.7 million courses of the drug.

The US order gives an idea of the steep price of the drug.

It comes to \$1.2 billion, which equates to around \$700 for a five-day course.

As for Pfizer, while it has not outlined a price for paxlovid, it has promised it will be "affordable" and subject to a tiered pricing approach based on the income level of countries.

Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir

Scholarship Name 1: Kotak Shiksha Nidhi

Description: Kotak Shiksha Nidhi invites applications from school and college students who have lost a primary earning member of their family due to COVID-19, for continuity of their education from Class 1st to diploma and graduation level courses.

Eligibility: Loss of both parents
Loss of one of the parents
Loss of primary earning member of the family (other than parents)

Applicants must be school or college going students aged between age 6 to 22 years i.e., class 1 to diploma or graduation course

Prizes & Rewards: Terms and Conditions Apply. Selection and

the quantum of assistance under Kotak Shiksha Nidhi will be based on fulfilment of the eligibility criteria and will be at the discretion of Kotak Education Foundation.

Last Date to Apply: 31-03-2022
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/KSFA1

Scholarship Name 2: HDFC Bank Parivartan's COVID Crisis Support Scholarship Program 2021

Description: HDFC Bank Parivartan's COVID Crisis Support Scholarship program aims to support students who have been through COVID-led crisis and are studying in Class 1 to post-graduation level to continue their education.

Eligibility: Indian students who have either lost their parent(s)/ earning members or whose earning family members have lost their employment (or livelihood) during the pandemic are eligible. They must be currently studying in Class 1 to 12, Diploma, Undergraduate or Post-graduate (including professional and non-professional courses) level. They should be enrolled and continuing their education. Annual family income must be less than or equal to INR 6,00,000 (6 lakh) from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 75,000
Last Date to Apply: 30-11-2021
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/CCSS1

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3	Renovation of R/Wall Near Sumo Stand with Drain at Khadiniyar Block BARAMULLA under ADP	1.50	200	30 days	DEE.	ADP	AAA Accorded	Allotted	
	C/O tile path at Shah Mohallah Heing Under ADP/ PRI , Block Hardaboora	3.00	200	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded	Allotted	
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8	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN AT DIFFERENT SPOTS AT KHAN STOP AT SUCHPALPORA Block WAILOO under ADP.	4.25	200	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded	Allotted	
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12	Development of spring near jamia masjid sharief at chanderseer,Block KHAIPORA, under ADP(PRI)	8.00	600	60 days	CEE, DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded	Allotted	

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, 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 the scheduled date given below.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	03-11-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 03-11-2021 to 09-11-2021 up to 4:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	03-11-2021
4	Bid Submission End Date	09-11-2021 up to 4:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 10-11-2021 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

- The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:07.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt) that the participation in the tendering process of works up to an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat. In the event of inadequate response to a tender, participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein name of work and NIT No. (Copy enclosed) in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).
- 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 Responsivebidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.
- All The Bidders has to submit Bid Security Form instead of Earnest Money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1st Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-
 - a) Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).
- No 13625-632
- Dated 03-11-2021

Executive Engineer,
REW Baramulla

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
CRIME BRANCH HEADQUARTERS J&K Jammu
CPO Complex Panjtherthi Jammu Phone/Fax: 0191-2572475/ 2564210
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Short Term Tender Notice No. 01 of 2021 DATED: 02.11.2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT, sealed short term tenders affixed with revenue Rs: 10/= are hereby invited from approved/ reputed Printing presses for printing of J&K Police Crime Gazette of the year 2020.The tender bids should reach the office of Spl. Director General of Police Crime Branch J&K CPO complex Panjtherthi Jammu 180001 by or before 13.11.2021 at 1130 hrs in presence of tenderers who may wish to remain present on the opening. The terms and conditions are mentioned here in below besides the sample of Crime Gazette is also available at this Hqrs for glance of tenderers who may wish to see the sample.

TERMES & CONDITOINS

1. Rates of cover page and inner pages should be shown separately, so that the cost of book is calculated on actual printed pages.
2. The tender should be send by registered post or can be delivered personally at Crime Branch Hqrs CPO Complex Panjtherthi Jammu. The tenders received after expiry of prescribed date and time will not be entertained
3. The successful tenderer, whose tender is accepted, shall arrange the supply within a period of 10 days from the date of work order.
4. The tender bid must be accompanied with earnest money of Rs: 5000/= in shape of TDR/FDR/CDR and tender fees of Rs:500/= (non refundable, which will be deposited in Govt. Treasury under head tender fees) in shape of demand draft both pledged to Staff officer to Spl DGP Crime Branch J&K.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Title cover page =350 GSM Glossy or Matt with thermal glossy lamination and UV in four colours offset printing.
2. Inner page = 130 GSM imported mat paper with thermal lamination.
3. Book size = 11 inchsx8 ½ inchs.
4. Book contains approximately 180 pages.
5. Copies required = 200 approximately (The quantity can be decreased or increased as per demand till finalization of tender process).

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J&K Jammu

No. CB Hqrs/CPH-CG20/14899-900

J&K Haj Committee
Under Department of Haj & Auqaf, Govt. Of Jammu & Kashmir
Notification for Haj 1443 (Hijri) 2022 (CE)

It is for the information of all those aspirants who intend to undertake Haj journey 1443(H) –2022(CE) that Haj Committee of India has invited Online Haj Application Forms w.e.f 01/11/2021. Before filing the application form online, the concerned Haj aspirant/ aspirants is/are hereby requested to go through the Provisional Haj Guidelines for Haj-2022 available at Haj Committee website www.hajcommittee.gov.in. Any Muslim can apply except:

01. Those applicants who will complete 65 years of age before 10th July, 2022 (born before 10th July, 1957).
02. Any person not in possession of Machine Readable International Passport issued on or before 31st January, 2022 and valid atleast upto 31st December, 2022.
03. Any person having performed Haj already through Haj Committee of India. However a repeater shall be allowed to proceed for Haj as a Mehram of a female pilgrim if no other Mehram is available in the family, subject to condition that the lady aspirant should not have performed Haj till date.
04. Those aspirants having severe medical ailments such as Terminal cancers, Heart ailment, Co- morbidities, Advanced Cardiac, respiratory, Liver or Kidney Disease, infectious Tuberculosis Diseases, or Senility are strictly not allowed at this stage due to the prevailing Covid-19 situation.
05. Intending Pilgrims should be fully vaccinated with an approved COVID-19 Vaccine, Atleast one Month before actual departure for Haj 2022. Only such Pilgrims shall be allowed to travel for Haj 1443 (H) –2022(CE).
06. Ladies not accompanied by Sharie Mehram, except ladies without Mehram (LWM) above 45 years and below 65 years of age who wish to go for Haj but do not have a Mehram (Male Companion) and their school of thought (Maslak) permits are allowed to travel in a group of 4 ladies. The group of such ladies shall remain (4) at all stages of Haj journey.
07. Pregnant Ladies and those above the prescribed age limit in view of Coronavirus Pandemic are strictly restricted for Haj-2022 as of now.
08. Person against whom any Court Order prohibiting him/her to travel abroad exists can also not apply.
09. Any person found to have furnished false information in Haj Application. In such cases, he / she will be disqualified at any state and even de-boarded at the Embarkation Point. The entire amount deposited by him / her shall also be forfeited by Haj Committee of India. Besides, he / she may be prosecuted for furnishing incorrect / false declaration. These restrictions will also apply for concealing the fact of having performed Haj earlier as well as for Pilgrims intending to perform Haj-e-Badal.
10. NRI's in view of the prevailing conditions are not allowed to apply for Haj.
11. The intending Pilgrims have to make Haj Application Forms online only at the website of Haj Committee of India www.hajcommittee.gov.in or on Haj App through Android Mobile App "HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA" available on Google Play store. Intending Pilgrims shall have to upload the necessary documents as indicated in Haj Guide lines.
12. The last date for submission of Online Haj application Forms has been fixed as 31/01/2022.
13. No hard Copies of handwritten/ typed applications will be accepted by the J&K Haj Committee at this stage.
14. For any clarification the J&K Haj Committee shall be approached through following telephone numbers during office hours.

0194-2495365
0194-2495367

Sd/-
Executive Officer
J&K Haj Committee
Srinagar

No.Haj/2022/Cs/Pr/120/01
Dated: 02-11-2021

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Fairdeal Motors Launches Punch SUV



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Fairdeal Motors and workshop private limited Saturday launched sub-compact SUV 'Punch' at its showroom in Parimpora area of Srinagar.

The SUV was earlier launched by Tata motors across the India. The SUV is priced at Rs 5.55 lakhs.

Key Highlights of PUNCH
1st SUV from the proven ALFA Architecture. Offers the agility of

a hatch with the DNA of an SUV
Earned the 5-star safety rating of 16.453 from Global NCAP, highest adult occupant protection rating any vehicle has received in India. Comes in 4 distinct 'Personas' with customization packs to match diverse lifestyles. KRAI Fuel efficiency — 18.97 KMPL. Enjoy a spirited Performance with absolute safety, class leading comfort, advanced infotainment, and rich connectivity.

India's Forex Reserves Increase USD 1.9 Bn To USD 642 Bn

MUMBAI- India's forex reserves have increased by USD 1.919 billion to USD 642.019 billion for the week ended October 29 on a healthy increase in the currency assets and value of gold, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

The overall reserves had declined by USD 908 million to USD 640.1 billion at the end of the previous reporting week.

Foreign currency assets, a major part of the overall reserves, increased by 1.363 billion to USD 578.462 billion for the reporting week, the RBI said in the weekly data.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. (PTI)

IPO Rush Continues; Paytm, 2 Other Public Issues To Open Next Week

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Hectic fundraising through IPOs will continue next week, with three firms -- One97 Communications, owner of Paytm; Sapphire Foods India, which operates KFC and Piza Hut outlets; and Latent View Analytics -- are set to launch their initial share-sales to collectively mop up about Rs 21,000 crore.

This comes after five companies successfully concluded their public offerings (IPOs) this week.

Those five firms are FSN E-Commerce Ventures, which runs online marketplace for beauty and wellness products Nykaa; Fino Payments Bank; Policybazaar parent entity PB Fintech; decorative aesthetics supplier SJS Enterprises; and microcrystalline cellulose maker Sigachi Industries.

The three-day IPOs of Paytm, Sapphire Foods India and Latent View Analytics are scheduled to open on November 8, November 9 and November 10, respectively.



So far in 2021, as many as 46 companies have floated their IPOs to raise Rs 80,102 crore and market experts believe that the year should close with the Rs 1-lakh crore primary market fundraising.

Apart from these, PowerGrid InvIT, the infrastructure investment trust (InvIT) sponsored by the Power Grid Corporation of India, mopped up Rs 7,735 crore through its IPO, and Brookfield India Real Estate Trust raised Rs 3,800 crore via its initial share-sale.

The fundraising so far this year is way higher than Rs 26,611 crore collected by 15 companies through initial share-sales in the entire 2020.

Such impressive fundraising through IPOs was last seen in 2017 when firms mobilised Rs 67,147 crore through 36 initial share-sales.

Digital firm One97 Communications, which operates under the Paytm brand name, is set to come out with its Rs 18,300-crore IPO on November 8.

The IPO comprises fresh issuance of equity shares worth Rs 8,300 crore and Rs 10,000 crore from an offer for sale (OFS) by existing shareholders. The company has fixed a price band of Rs 2,080-2,150 apiece, implying a valuation of around Rs 1.48 lakh crore.

The Rs 18,300-crore offer, if successful, will be the biggest in the country after Coal India's IPO in 2010, wherein the state-owned company had garnered Rs 15,200 crore.

"The biggest merit for Paytm's IPO would be that they have so much more diversified regulatory access under one roof. "This focus on diversification means that none of their particular business books has depth, unlike other major players who focus more on specialising," Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of True Beacon and Zerodha, said.

DG Horticulture For Speedy Implementation Of MHDPS

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Director General (DG) Horticulture, Kashmir, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat Saturday chaired a review meeting at Directorate of Horticulture Rajbagh, here.

During the meeting, the DG took review of all the Departmental schemes and emphasized upon all the officers and concerned agencies for timely completion of given targets. He urged the officer to make proper and full expenditure and said that low expenditure on the part of any Officer

shall not be accepted.

The DG further instructed them to speed up the implementation of the Modified High Density Plantation Scheme, for which a target of 5500 Hectares has been fixed for a period of 6 years.

He urged the Officers to make frequent visits to the field and conduct awareness camps on a routine basis and provide the growers with latest technical knowhow. Improvement of work culture in the offices, maintaining a grower friendly atmosphere and skill development of the staff were also among many instructions



given to the officers.

The meeting was attended by Chief Horticulture Officers, and other Divisional level officers of the Department. The representatives of empanelled agencies for modified High Density Plantation Scheme also attended the meeting.

Hafeez Reviews Arrangements For Winter Tourism

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Tourism & Culture, Sarmad Hafeez Saturday reviewed the arrangements put in place by the Tourism Department for winter season tourism and sports at various destinations across Kashmir Valley. He directed that all sports facilities and equipment at the winter destinations be kept in a state of readiness in view of the onset of the winter season. Chairing a meeting of officers of Tourism and related Departments here today, the Tourism Secretary suggested setting up of Ice Parks at Gulmarg and Sonamarg for which he directed consultations with J&K Cultural Academy and Institute of Music & Fine Arts, Srinagar.

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Real GDP Expected To Grow At 8-9% YoY In Q2FY22: Report

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: India's real GDP is expected to grow at 8-9 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in Q2FY22, Motilal Oswal Financial Services (MOFSL) said.

The real GDP is the inflation adjusted figure of all the finished goods and services produced in a country within a specific time period.

In a report, MOFSL said its in-house estimates suggest India's real GDP grew at 8-9 per cent YoY in Q2FY22, marginally higher than "our expectations".

The second quarter GDP numbers have not yet been released. The macro-economic data points are slated to be released on November 30.

MOFSL said: "Looking at our EAI estimates, we believe that better growth was largely supported by massive government spending in 2QFY22."

Besides, the report said the economic activity for October 2021 appeared promising.

"Most of the indicators - PMI manufacturing, toll collections, e-way or vahaan registrations, mobility indicators, and power generation - improved last month."

However, the brokerage house's preliminary estimates indicate that Economic Activity Index (EAI) for India's GVA posted a seven-month low growth of 5.4 per cent YoY in September 2021 versus 11.7 per cent YoY in August 2021.

"Consequently, EAI-EVA grew 9.2 per cent YoY in 2QFY22 on account of lower growth in the aFarm and Non-Farm sectors.

This further indicates the favourable base effect is waning off."

India Ready To Move Into Next Orbit Of Growth: SBI Chairman



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: India is ready to move into the next orbit of growth with the hugely successful implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination program, State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara said on Saturday.

The kind of vaccine drive the country has seen makes all the Indians proud, especially because the domestically produced vaccine is being used in a big way, Khara said at the India Pavilion at EXPO2020 Dubai.

"Actually, it (rapid vaccination) has enhanced the confidence level of the common man as well as the economy," he said.

India recently achieved a major milestone in its vaccination programme against COVID-19 as the cumulative vaccine doses administered in the country surpassed the 100-crore mark.

"The country has lived through one of the most challenging times and has come out of it in a very successful manner that gives the

confidence that going forward, the journey should be rather easy, and we should be having a huge opportunity for growth...which I am sure will go a long way in terms of meeting the common man's aspirations," he said.

The credit growth in the economy was quite muted for almost two years, he said, expressing hope that the capacity utilisation will improve, and help revive investment demand in the corporate sector.

"The government has done a wonderful job by continuing its focus on infrastructure investment, which has gone a long way in terms of giving a push to the core sectors of the economy. And with private corporate sectors coming with the investment, the economy will certainly move to the next orbit of development," he added.

On the India Pavilion, Khara said it is presenting the real India, which is full of opportunities, to the whole world in an impressive manner.

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CURTAILMENT SCHEDULE FOR METERED FEEDERS FOR DISTRICT SRINAGAR

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Monday	Group A1	GroupA2	GroupA3	Group A1	GroupA2	GroupA3
Tuesday	GroupA2	Group A3	Group A1	GroupA2	Group A3	Group A1
Wednesday	Group A3	GroupA1	Group A2	Group A3	GroupA1	Group A2
Thursday	Group A1	GroupA2	GroupA3	Group A1	GroupA2	GroupA3
Friday	GroupA2	Group A3	Group A1	GroupA2	Group A3	Group A1
Saturday	Group A3	GroupA1	Group A2	Group A3	GroupA1	Group A2
Sunday	Group A1	GroupA2	GroupA3	Group A1	GroupA2	GroupA3

Group A1: Baghwanpora F2 (Baghwanpora), LalBazar F3 (Molvistop),Barbarshah: F1(HABBA KADAL), Basant Bagh F1(BASANT BAGH), Brein F1+F4 (Brein), Buchwara: F2(Dalgate), Elahibagh F1 (Elahibagh), Habak:F1+F5 (Hazratbal+Mallabagh), Hazratbal:F2 (Nigeen), Khayam: F1(BAR BAR SHAH), Mughal Masjid: F6 (Jamia Masjid), Nishat: F3(LASHKARI MOHALLA), Owantabhawan F1 (Owantabhawan), Rainawari F3 (Hassanabad), Shalimar: F2(SHALIMAR), Sonwar F1(Indranagar), Soura F3 (Upper Soura), Umerhaire F2 (Umerhaire), Zainakote F3(RoseAvenue), Bemina-I F1 (Police colony), Bemina-I F6(S.K.Colony), Bemina II F3 (Sharjah), Bemina I F2, Chanapora F2 (old chanapora) F4 (chanapora local), Silkfactory F3 (solina), Rangreth F3 (Rangreth), BaghiMehtab F2(BaghiMehtab), Rawalpura F5 (Baghat), Exhibition F3 (HSHStreet),Rajbagh F1(JawaharNagar) Batmaloo F2 (Magarmal bagh) Narkara F3 (Galwanpora)

Group A2: Barbarshah: F2(BAR BAR SHAH), Basant Bagh: F3(MAISUMA), Brein: F2(TULIP GARDEN), Buchwara: F1(GAGRIBAL), Habak: F2(Umer Colony), Harwan: F4(DARBAGH), Hazratbal: F3 (Kanitar), Khayam: F3(BISHHEMBARNAGAR), Nishat: F1(NISHAT EXCHANGE), Owantabhawan F2 (umer Colony), Rainawari F4 (Jogilankar), Shalimar: F3(ARBAL), Soura F5 (Buchpora), Sonwar Station F2(Batwara), Sonwar Station F3(Shopora), Shreenbagh F1 KakaSarai, Zainakote F4(lqbalColony), Bemina II F5 (lqbalabad) F6(HIG/MIG colony),Bemina III F2 (Haji house), Shalstore F1 (Tankipora) Chanapora F5 (Lalnagar), Silkfactory F2 (AllochiBagh), Rangreth F2 (Kralapora), Rawalpura F1 (Old Rawalpura) F4(Gulberg Colony), Peerbagh F1 (Humhama) , Bone &Joint F1 (Baghat), Rajbagh F2(GogjiBagh)Rajbagh F4(KursoorRajBagh)

Group A3: Badamibagh F1(Pandarathen), Barbarshah: F5(KOKER BAZAAR), Brein: F3(PHALLO), Buchwara: F3(Buchwara), Habak:F4(Zakura), Harwan: F2 (CHANDPORA), Nishat F2+F4 (Nishat Main+Syed Rehmat Sahib), Shalimar F1+F4 (SKAUST+Deewan Colony), Sonwar Station F4(Sonawar). Bemina II F4 (Nundresh Colony), KaranNagar F2(Balgarden), Shalstore F2 (Suthrashahi), Chanapora F3 (Gulshannagar), Silkfactory F4 (Old Barzullah), Rangreth F4 (GoGooHumhama), Rawalpura F3 (Parraypora), Peerbagh F2 (PeerBagh) , Bone &Joint F3 (Pamposh Colony), Rajbagh F3(Rajbagh)

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Group B1: Ahmदनagar F2(Khalmulla), BadamiBagh F3(-bund) F4-(PanthChowk), BAMK F3 (Zadibal), Baghwanpora F3(Amdakadal) Station), Burzhama F1 (Daniham), Burzhama F3 (Telbal), Fateh Kadal: F1(K K MOHALLA), Harwan: F3 (DARA), KathiDarwaza F1(Saida kadal), Kawdara: F2(KAWADAR), Khanyar F5(Nowhatta, Maqdoom Sb), Lalbazar F1-(Botashah Mohallah), , Khayam: F2(BABA DEMB), Khunmoh F2(Khanmoh town), F1(Chakhsangri), Mughal Masjid: F1+F4(MAQDOOM SAHIB+NARWARA), Karannagar F1 (Golemarket), Mughal Masjid: F4(), Panthachowk F1(Samarbug), Soura F2 (Anchar), TRC: F5 (DALGATE), Zakura F2 (Zakura), ShireenBagh-F3-NawaBazar),Lasjan F1(Lasjan), Syed hamidpora),F5 Dalalmohalla; F4(Nawab bazar), MR GUN: F3(mirwaizmunzil), F4(Sarafkadal)Waganpora, F1(Waganpora), Safakadal: f2 (Ganderpora),F4(Danamazar) Baghimehtaab: F1(Mochwa), Danderkha:F1(Batmaloo old) Bone and Joint : F4(Natipora), Karanagar: F4 (Pinche mundi) Bemina-i: F3(Chattabal) Bemina-II: F2(Hamdanial colony)

Group B2: Ahmदनagar F1(Pandach), Balhama F2(Bafina),F3(Balhama) , BAMK F2 + F5 (Raja Colony + Gilli Kadal), Burzhama F2 (Khimber), Elahibagh F2 (Owantabhawan), Fateh Kadal: F3(NOWPORA), Habak: F3(Rangpora), Harwan: F1(NEW THEEDI), KathiDarwaza F2(Naidyar), Kawdara: F3(NAWA KADAL), Khanyar F6(Radpora), Khunmoh F3 (Armed police Zewan) F4(Zawoor), Mughal Masjid: F2+F5 (RAJOURI KADAL+MUGHAL MASIID), Lalbazar Station: F2(Sikh Bagh), Panthchowk F2(Rakh shalina), Soura F4 (Nowshera), Zakura F3 (Batpora), PCDepot: F1(Gagarzow) Bemina -III JVC: F1(Boatman Colony) Zainakote: F1(Zainakote), Shalteng: F2 (Parimpora),F5 (Malaroo) Shareefabaad: F1(Shareefabaad),F2(Soibug) Jawaharnagar: F1(Mehjoornagar) Narkara: F1(Narkara) KP Bagh: F2(Kpbagh) Rakharth: F1 (Dal colony) Exhibition: F4(banporabatmaloo) Batmaloo: F1(Firdousabaad), Shalteng: F3(Palpora),F4(Mujgund) Bakshipora: F1(Kreshbal),F2(Goripora) Narkara: F2(Gangbugh) KP Bagh: F3(Soiteng)Rakharth: F6(Khumaini-chowk) Exhibition: F5(Mominbaad)

Group B3: Bagwanpora Station: F1(Gulshanbagh), Balhama F1(Zaffron colony) BAMK F4 (Kathi Darwaza-Bota Kadal), Burzhama F4 (Burzhama), Fateh Kadal: F4(BOHRI KADAL), KathiDarwaza F4(Kathidarwaza), F5(Dal) , Kawdara: F4(JAMIA MASJID), Khanyar F4 + F7 (Miskeen Bagh+Hazari Bagh), Mughal Masjid: F3(ZADIBAL), Rainawari F2(Kondbal) , Zakura F4 (Gulabagh), Soura F1 (Bohlaipora), Umerhaire F1(Ahmadnagar), Zoonimar F1 (Zoonimar), Shreebagh: F4(Chattabal) Lasjan: F2(Byepass)Syed HameedPora: F2(Jamalaatta) MR GUN: F1(Aalikadal), F2(Wazapora)Waganpora: F3(Saidpora) Safakadal: F1(Saffakadal), F3(Noorbagh), F5(Shaheen colony) TRC: F5(Dalgate) Baagh I Mehtab; F3 (Gopalpora) Danderkha: F2(Tengpora) Silk factory: F1(Rambagh) Chanpora : F1(Nowgam) KaranagarF8(Karfallimohalla), Bemina II: F1(Boatman Colony)PC Depot: F2(Qamarwari), F3(Fruit Mandi Shaali store: F3(Kannikadal) Zainakote: F5(Khushipora)

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Strong Winds Help Improve Delhi's Air Quality Slightly

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Strong surface winds slightly improved Delhi's air quality on Saturday but it remained in the 'severe' category as the contribution of farm fires in the city's PM2.5 pollution reached the season's highest of 41 per cent, officials said.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) bulletin, the city's air quality index (AQI) stood at 449 (severe) at 8 am, and 437 at 4 pm. The AQI on Friday was recorded at 462.

The CPCB's Sameer app showed that the AQI at Punjabi Bagh was 452, ITO 443, Chandni Chowk 445, Ashok Vihar 450, Karni Singh Shooting Range 470,

Mathura Road 446, IGI Airport (T3) 426, NSIT Dwarka 429 and Patparganj 452.

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

The weather office said that strong surface winds will keep sweeping through the Delhi-NCR on Sunday as well and are expected to flush out pollutants.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality forecast agency, SAFAR, stated that stubble burning accounted for 41 per cent of Delhi's PM2.5 pollution on Saturday, the season's highest so far.

"Delhi's AQI is likely to

improve to the upper end of the 'very poor' category as surface winds are becoming stronger, dispersing air pollutants. Strong north westerly winds enhance transport of emissions from stubble burning. Share of crop residue burning emissions in PM2.5 is 41 per cent (effective fire count 5,159)," SAFAR said on Saturday.

The weather office said the wind speed at both airports (IGI Palam and Safdarjung) were recorded between 10 and 15 kmph till 4pm.

Weather experts said due to rampant bursting of crackers on Diwali despite restrictions, the city's air quality after the festival dropped to its poorest level

in five years. Rise in incidents of stubble burning in neighbouring states also contributed towards it.

Air quality degraded to the 'severe' zone in the Delhi-NCR due to unfavourable weather conditions, low temperature and low mixing height and a poisonous cocktail of emissions from firecrackers, stubble burning and local sources, they added.

On Saturday, Delhi's maximum temperature settled at 28.1 degrees Celsius, a notch below the season's average, and the minimum temperature was recorded at 14.7 degrees Celsius, normal for this time of the year, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

Jinnah Remark: Adityanath Attacks Akhilesh, Calls Him 'Cultureless'

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AURAIYA/LUCKNOW (UP): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday targeted Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav over his Jinnah remark, saying that someone who is "cultureless" cannot be expected to know the difference between a national hero and a traitor.

He was attacking Yadav for his remarks in which he appeared to have equated Pakistan's founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Without naming the SP chief directly, Adityanath said a leader of a party had recently spoke of Sardar Patel and Jinnah in the same breath as leaders who fought for India's

independence.

During a public meeting in Hardoi on October 31, Yadav had put together names of Mahatma Gandhi and other freedom fighters with Jinnah's.

"Sardar Patel, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Jinnah studied in the same institute and became barristers. They helped (India) get freedom and never backed away from any struggle," he had said.

During a programme launching online transfer of money in the accounts of parents of 1.80 crore students studying under Basic Shiksha Parishad at his official residence in Lucknow, Adityanath said, "Remember, if education is incomplete, culture is lacking, etiquette is lost, then you cannot expect that person to feel the difference between a

national hero and a traitor."

"If such a situation arises today, then it may also be a reason for the lack of interest of the child's parents in their education. And, so all this needed to be told in the morning assembly," he said.

"Often this disorientation starts only when the person does not know who is the friend of the country and who is the enemy of the country. When we start weighing the national hero and the anti-national in the same scale, then naturally it raises a question mark on the person's ability," the chief minister said.

In Auraiya, earlier in the day, Adityanath warned people against political parties which equate Sardar Patel with Jinnah.

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5 More CRPF

in Suthrashahi, Barbar Shah, Newshehr, Ilahi Bagh, Mal Bagh and other localities for lodging newly arrived paramilitary forces," said a media report from New Delhi.

CRPF spokesman in Srinagar Abhiram Pankaj however said that a few companies of CRPF have been lodged in one or two marriage halls in Srinagar.

"Some additional CRPF men have been brought in from south and north Kashmir areas to be deployed in Srinagar. Our deployment is based on the requisition by the UT administration or the police, we don't come on our own," he said.

"Bringing some men from south and north Kashmir has been done under an internal rationalization process. As and when, decision is taken, they will go back to the areas where they have been brought in."

Meanwhile, a senior official in the J&K administration said that the CRPF men will soon be shifted from marriage halls to alternate accommodations. "They were lodged temporarily in one or two marriage halls in Srinagar and will be shifted to alternate accommodations within a few days," the official said.

Earlier, locals of Shuthrashi and Illahibagh-Malpora area of Srinagar had lodged a protest against the authorities' decision of lodging CRPF men in marriage halls in their areas.

LG Calls For

and efforts should be made to maximise uptake," the LG said.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG set the timeline of one week for 100% coverage of the overdue 2nd doses.

Sinha, he said, directed the DCs, SPs and Health department to strictly enforce Covid Appropriate Behaviour in Hospitals, Shopping complexes and other public places.

"He passed specific directions to the Health Department for monitoring all the relevant data on a regular basis for swift action," he said.

The official spokesperson further said that instructions were also issued to the concerned officials to ensure that restrictions on the public gatherings continue, besides declaration of Red zones and micro containment zones in areas registering surge in positive cases on priority.

While appreciating the efforts of the District Administrations for making tremendous efforts in the fight against Covid on various fronts, the LG, as per the official spokesperson observed that the good practices must be replicated by other districts as well for a better outcome.

During the meetings, he said, the LG sought District-wise feedback on various critical aspects of Covid management, and implementation of the directions passed in the previous meetings.

"The Lt Governor directed the DCs to regularly monitor the functionality of the oxygen plants in their respective districts and get the audit of OGP's done for operational readiness," he said.

The meeting also discussed the way forward for more effectively tackling and containing the spread of the infection across the UT.

According to the official spokesperson, Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department briefed the chair about the district-wise analysis of Covid-19 situation, present status of positivity rate, testing, and vaccination across the UT.

"He informed that around 59% of the targeted population has received the second dose of Covid vaccine," he said.

He further said that the LG also reviewed the situation of Dengue in Jammu and directed the concerned officials for effective prevention efforts.

Court Seeks

within a period of ten days.

Notably, the Special court order came in a case filed by Naveed Bukhtiyar, a social activist who had moved to the special court against the seizure of two-wheelers and had pleaded that the J&K police had acted as a "Traffic Magistrate" in releasing the confiscated vehicles.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Motor Vehicle Act of 1988 has provided provisions for traffic regulations, vehicle insurance, registration of motor vehicles and controlling permits and penalties.

In its order, the special court has notified that the applicant has raised "serious issues" of detaining the vehicles "illegally" under the garb of Motor Vehicle Act, and "releasing them latter by exercising the powers of a Traffic Magistrate" as such.

"The issue requires the indulgence of this court as the allegations are very serious in nature and the applicant is on affidavit," reads the Special Court order, copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer.

Pertinently, on October 19, Kashmir Observer had reported that The Jammu and Kashmir police had intensified its crackdown against bikers and seized hundreds of two-wheelers allegedly without any "reason or rhyme" causing much inconvenience to the city residents.

The report had also highlighted how J&K police and CRPF personnel were confiscating hundreds of scooters, bikes and other two wheelers without assigning any reason.

The police crackdown came into action in the aftermath of several targeted killings and also coincided with Home Minister Amit Shah's maiden visit to J&K, creating serious suspicions among the locals that two-wheelers were being seized due to the Home Minister's visit.

However, police defended its action saying that the "seizure of some bikes and shutting down of internet in some areas was purely related to militancy and had nothing to

do with the visit of Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir".

A police source, who wished anonymity, told Kashmir Observer that over 700 bikes were seized by the police during last month's crackdown.

"There were around 750 bikes that were seized in different police stations of Srinagar city and majority of these two wheelers were not registered on the driver's name," The source said. "This subsequently created a suspicion among cops about the identity of the vehicle owner."

He further added, "All the confiscated vehicles have been released after a proper verification of the driving person."

Meanwhile, the case in this regard was filed through Advocate Malik Aadil against several non-applicants that include Inspector General of Police (Zonal Police Headquarters Batamalo, Srinagar), Deputy Inspector General of Police (Range Police Headquarters Batamalo, Srinagar), senior superintendent of Police (District Police Headquarters Batamalo, Srinagar), Sub division police officer Shaheed Gunj Srinagar and Station Head Officer Batamalo, Srinagar.

Govt Forces

Poonch-Rajouri was underway, the security forces received information about the suspected movement of militants in the vast forest area of Khabla along the Mughal Road in the early hours of Saturday, the officials said.

An operation was jointly launched by the Army and the police in the forest area of Khabla but there was no contact with the suspected militants, they said.

In view of the operation, the traffic on the Rajouri-Thanamandi road was suspended as a precautionary measure for the safety of commuters, the officials said.

Nine soldiers, including two Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs), were killed in two separate encounters with the militants on the first day of the search operation in Surankote forest on October 11 and in Mendhar forest on October 14.

A Pak Kashmir militant, Zia Mustafa, who was shifted from Kot Bhalwal Central Jail, Jammu to Mendhar on police remand for questioning in connection with the operation, was killed when the security personnel accompanying him to identify a hideout in the Bhata Durian forest in Mendhar came under fire from the militants on October 24, according to police.

Srinagar Could

The sudden spike in daily cases prompted the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad to conduct a surprise inspection of various marketplaces of the city and to get firsthand account of implementation of Covid-19 related SOPs in markets to prevent further spread of infection in the district.

During the visit, Asad, who is also the Chairman District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) inspected various marketplaces here, including Polo-View, Residency Road, Regal Chowk, Abi Guzar, Ghanta Ghar, Court Road, Amira Kadal, Hari Singh High Street, Jehangir Chowk, an official spokesperson said.

The inspection, he said, was carried out to take stock of implementation of various Covid-19 related advisories and guidelines particularly use of face masks at business establishments and by transporters and passengers.

He said that a fine of Rs 40,000 was imposed on the violators of Covid-19 guidelines during the inspection while rapid tests of over 100 people without masks, including shopkeepers, transporters, passengers and pedestrians were also conducted.

According to the official spokesperson, the DC directed the concerned surveillance squads to ensure effective monitoring and adherence to Covid-19 SOPs by the people and initiating strict legal action against the violators for public safety.

"He said due to active support and cooperation of all stakeholders/General Public including Traders of Srinagar City, the District Administration was able to defeat the first and second wave of the Pandemic in the District," he said.

Asad, as per the official spokesperson said that the

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administration was mulling for localised lockdown in some specific areas of City, if the number of positive cases do not decrease.

"He further said that Srinagar has witnessed a spike in Covid cases in the past one week, prompting the administration to declare some areas in the City as Containment Zones," he said.

"The DC said out of total active Covid-19 positive cases in J&K, about half of them come from Srinagar district only. He further said if people don't follow Covid-19 Safety Protocols, then Srinagar could be the reason behind the start of the third wave in J&K," he added.

Asad, the official spokesperson said, appealed to traders and transporters to cooperate with District Administration and strictly follow Covid SOPs, guidelines and precautions so that the Covid-19 infection rate may be significantly reduced.

Earlier, speaking to journalists, the DC said that from last few days, Covid-19 cases in Srinagar have shown a sharp increase.

"Next two weeks are very critical for us as this period would decide if cases increase or decrease. If we start care from today, definitely cases would reduce," he said.

151 New Corona

According to officials, 135 new cases of coronavirus were reported from Kashmir and the remaining 16 from Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected by virus so far to 332911.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar registered record 79 new cases of Covid-19, Baramulla 14, Budgam 12, Ganderbal 10, Bandipora 9, Kupwara 7, Anantnag 3 and Pulwama 1. The twin districts of Kulgam and Shopian in south Kashmir reported no new cases.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported 5 new cases, Reasi 4, Doda and Poonch three each and Rajouri 1 new case. No cases were detected in the five districts of Udhampur, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar and Ramban.

"Moreover, 69 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 16 from Jammu Division and 53 from Kashmir Division," the officials said.

Also, the officials said that the death toll remained 4440-2177 in Jammu and 2263 in Kashmir, as no coronavirus related fatality was reported on Saturday.

Cop Main Suspect

Kumar-- critically injured in Salehar area of Arnia in R S Pura on Friday following a shooting incident.

Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Chandan Kohli immediately constituted a special investigation team (SIT) to probe into the incident and bring the culprits to book.

After initial investigation, Constable Bhopinder Singh emerged as the main

accused who had fired indiscriminately from his service rifle on the four people following a brawl over some issue, the officials said.

Singh was accompanied by his former colleague constable Sadeeq and both of them fled the scene after the shooting, they said, adding multiple teams have been formed to arrest the accused who are on the run.

The officials said Singh has been placed under suspension. (PTI)

Mughal Road

The vehicular traffic was allowed on historic route on July 5 this year. Prior to it, the road was only allowed to be used for ferrying perishable items, mainly fruits. (GNS)

4 'Extortionists'

alleging that he and his neighbour Saqib Ahmed Dar were stopped by some masked persons on their way home in the evening a day earlier. They were shown a weapon and thrashed, while Bhat was robbed of a cash amount of Rs 1,50,000, a police spokesperson said.

A case was registered and an investigation into the matter was taken up after receiving the complaint, he said.


During the course of the investigation, a suspect, identified as Feroz Ahmad Wani, a resident of Pethzanigam, was called for questioning. He confessed his involvement in the commission of the crime, the spokesperson said.

On Wani's disclosure, his two associates Asif Ahmad Ahaner, a resident of Bonzanigam, and Bilal Ahmad Malik from Pethzanigam, were arrested, he said.

Police recovered a dummy AK-47 weapon, Rs 33,300 cash and three face covers on their disclosure from a shed constructed at Ahaner's orchard, the spokesperson said.

During the investigation, it also came to the fore that the dummy weapon was made by carpenter Abdul Momin Shah, a resident of Pethzanigam, who was also arrested, he said.

An investigation into the case is underway and more arrests and recoveries are expected to take place, the spokesperson added.



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T20 WORLD CUP

NZ, Afghanistan Clash
To Decide India's
Semifinal Chances

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ABU DHABI: The Indian team will watch with bated breath as New Zealand face Afghanistan in a T20 World Cup match, the result of which will decide the semifinal line-up from Group 2, here on Sunday.

Joining Team India in praying for an Afghan victory will be its billion-plus fans.

A win for the Kiwis would shut India's hopes of advancing to the last-four as it would take them to eight points, putting things beyond the reach of Virat Kohli's men.

If Afghanistan manage to turn the tables on Kane Williamson & Co, it will keep alive their slim chances while boosting that of the Indians (on 4 points currently), who would need to win their last match with a good margin.

However, if the Kiwis secure a win, India's final league game on Monday against Namibia will be rendered inconsequential.

New Zealand will head into the match high on confidence after having eased to victory against Namibia on Friday. Jimmy Neesham and Glenn Phillips rose to the occasion after the top-order failed to fire and set up a challenging total which proved too much for the Namibian batters.

The Kiwi bowlers' experience and skills have been on show in the tournament and they would pose problems for the Afghan batters too and could decide the fate of Sunday's contest.

The Afghanistan batters have come up with consistent performances which have helped the spin-heavy bowling unit go about their job with confidence. But they would be up against an attack that includes Trent Boult, Tim Southee and the pacy Adam Milne, apart from the spin duo of Ish Sodhi and Mitchell Santner, which has troubled the batters right through the tourney.

If the Afghan batters can put up a sizeable score, then the bowling unit with Rashid Khan at the forefront could be more than a handful. The absence of Mujeeb-ur-Rahman owing to injury could weaken the bowling department but given the Kiwi batters' struggles against spin, a huge task awaits them.

How the New Zealand batters handle the middle overs when star spinner Rashid Khan would be in operation would have a huge say on how the match pans out and a good start by the powerful Martin Gupthill and Daryl Mitchell could prove crucial as would skipper Williamson's contribution.

Australia Claim Eight-Wicket
Thrashing Of West Indies

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ABU DHABI: Veteran opener David Warner produced a feisty unbeaten 89 as Australia recorded a facile eight-wicket win over the West Indies to stay alive in the semifinal race at the T20 World Cup, here on Saturday.

The left-hander was at his vintage best as he smashed four sixes and nine fours to anchor the 158-run chase in a match that was a swansong game for Dwyane Bravo and probably also for Chris Gayle.

Warner got good support from Mitchell Marsh who slammed a 32-ball 53 (5×4, 2×6) before getting out while trying to score the winning run. The duo stitched a match-winning 124-run partnership in 75 balls to seal the chase with 23 balls to spare.

Australia would now have to wait for the result of South Africa and England match.

The Proteas need to beat England by a big margin to crush the hopes of Aaron Finch's men who have a net run rate of 1.216 with four wins from five matches.

Earlier, skipper Kieron Pollard struck a combative 31-ball 44



to lead West Indies to a fighting 157 for seven.

Opting to field in a must-win match, Australia were taken to the cleaners by Windies opener Evin Lewis, who smashed Josh Hazlewood for a hat-trick of fours en route to his 26-ball 29.

'Universe Boss' Gayle made a nine-ball 15 in what seemed his last International appearance as he enjoyed every bit of the moment and also signed off with a wicket of Marsh.

It was an emotional match for Bravo whose final innings in International cricket was over when he departed after getting caught at long-on.

Bravo was hugged by Pollard on his way out as Russell and others too gave him a standing ovation, while Gayle also gave him an emotional hug in the dugout.



Pic Abid Bhat

NIFF Youth League To
Begin November 10

JKSC, NIFF launch YL, top 16 academy teams to participate

ABID BHAT

SRINAGAR: NIFF (National and International Footballers Forum) in collaboration with J&K Sports Council (JKSC) and sponsored by New JK Roadways, on Saturday launched the first ever Youth Football League at Synthetic Turf, TRC here.

In first of its initiative to nurture, develop and provide a platform for young talented footballers, NIFF in full collaboration with J&K Sports Council launched the Youth League with an exhibition game between J&K Bank Academy and Sports Council Football Academy. The initiative is also taken in light to ensure a drugs-free society and to encourage youth towards sports.

Speaking on the occasion chief guest Nuzhat Gul, Secretary JKSC hailed the efforts put in by NIFF by creating ample opportunities to local talent to showcase them at global level.

"Such initiatives for youth age-groups is in immense



need, and only way forward to nurture players at right age," the Secretary said.

Among other guests present at the occasion were Chairman New JK Roadways, Maqbool Ahmad, who is the main sponsor of the event, Mukhtar Ahmad, President Hotelier Club, Gulmarg, M Yousuf Dar, former International footballer, Ab Hameed Bandy, Former Chairman JK Bank Sports Board, Div Sports Officer JKSC,

Nuzhat Ara, Khurshid Baba former Indian National team player, Roshal Khayal, sports presenter, famous anchor Tabrez Madani, and various others were present. The Youth League matches, as per schedule, will begin from November 10 onwards, in which top 16 academy teams are set to participate.

NIFF has announced that it will organise a similar League at Jammu in the coming season.

SYED MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY 2021

J&K Register 1st Win, Defeat
Haryana By 7 Wickets

Parvez Rasool takes 3 wickets, scores unbeaten 34

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: After receiving a drubbing in its first two matches, Jammu and Kashmir team came back strongly to register their first win in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy – being played at Vadodara Gujarat.

Backing the decision of their skipper Shubham Pundhir, who after winning the toss decided to bowl first, the Jammu and Kashmir bowlers were sensational in their execution and eventually got the results in their favour. Umran Malik, Parvez Rasool and Mujtaba Yousaf kept taking wickets at regular intervals to restrict the opponents Haryana to just 108. The trio shared nine wickets



among them with Umran taking 4, Parvez 3 and Mujtaba 2 – nonetheless with an evenly better economical rate of less than six an over.

The Jammu and Kashmir opening batting duo comprising Ian Dev Singh and Vivrant Sharma negotiated the Haryana bowling attack led by skipper Harshal Patel – who earned 'Purple Cap' after taking 32

wickets in recently concluded IPL – to provide an opening stand of 36 to the team. However both the batters were cleaned up by Jayant Yadav. Henan Nazir also fell cheaply to Rahul Tevatia.

After failing to leave a mark in the last two matches, skipper Shubham Pundhir ably supported by former captain Parvez Rasool steadied the innings with the scorecard reading 56-3. The experienced batting duo ensured that no other wicket falls till they reach the target, scoring 28 and 34 respectively.

Jammu and Kashmir, placed in Elite Group C, is scheduled to play its next match against Himachal Pradesh on November 8. (GNS)

Pakistan Look To
Continue Invincible
Run Against Scotland

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SHARJAH: Former champions Pakistan will look to continue their invincible run when they play minnows Scotland in their inconsequential last Super 12 Group 2 match of the T20 World Cup here on Sunday.

Pakistan, who had claimed the title in 2009, have been simply sensational in the tournament so far and have bossed around other teams in their group to seal a place in the last-four with four convincing wins.

If arch-rivals India were blown away by 10 wickets, New Zealand were outclassed by five wickets, in the team's first two matches.

Afghanistan did make life difficult for them for a while but Asif Ali deposited four sixes in six balls to bail them out before Pakistan sealed their semifinal spot with a 45-run win over Namibia in their last match.

Pakistan's openers Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan have been on fire and when they failed to do the job, their middle-order rose to the occasion, while six-hitting machine Asif has proved to be one of the best finishers in the tournament so far.

Although they have contribut-

ed, the likes of Fakhar Zaman, Mohammad Hafeez and Shoaib Malik will hope to be more consistent and look to stay till the end.

In the bowling department, the pace duo of Haris Rauf and Shaheen Afridi have been their best bowlers with seven and five wickets respectively so far, while spinners Imad Wasim and Shadab Khan, too, have done the job asked of them.

The only worrying thing will be the form of seamer Hasan Ali, who has gone for runs.

With the semifinal spot assured, Pakistan might look to rest a few players and give others opportunities in the inconsequential match.

For Scotland, it will be an uphill task but they would hope to put up a better show than their last match and end things on a positive note. Scotland won all three matches to qualify for Super 12 but crashed out after losing the last four games.

The eight-wicket loss to India on Friday night has been the most difficult to digest but skipper Kyle Coetzer will hope the interaction with Indian players, including skipper Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, in Dubai will inspire the team to put up a good show against Pakistan.

Chris Gayle Might Have Played
His Last T20I For West Indies
Fraternity hails format's Bradman

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ABU DHABI: Wearing a beaming smile and sunglasses under a helmet, 'Universe Boss' Chris Gayle on Saturday appeared to have brought the curtains down on his phenomenal T20 international career even as the big-hitting batter did not make any official announcement on his retirement.

The happenings inside the Sheikh Zayed Stadium here pointed to this, as the swash-buckling Jamaican walked off to a standing ovation from his teammates after scoring a nine-ball 15 against Australia at the T20 World Cup.

Gayle, 42, bludgeoned Pat Cummins for six off the first ball of the third over to move to 15, but dragged the next delivery on to his stumps.

As his West Indies team-mates gave a standing ovation by the boundary, Gayle waved his bat to all corners of the ground as he left the pitch.

This was one ball after hitting his 1045th six in T20 cricket. Very few players have had more impact on T20 cricket than Christopher Henry Gayle.

Gayle hasn't officially announced his retirement yet, but



he has been a part of an ageing West Indies team in this ongoing tournament, which has struggled to get going in its quest to defending the title it won more than five years ago.

Commentator Ian Bishop said on air, "Everything points to this being the last time we will see Gayle in West Indies' colours."

Former India star VVS Laxman led the plaudits, describing Gayle as T20's greatest player.

Gayle, who made his debut for the West Indies in 1999, was pivotal in their two World Cup successes and said he was thrilled to share his last match with his long-time teammate Dwayne Bravo, who has just announced his retirement from the international arena.

A two-time T20 World Cup-winning superstar, Gayle has 1899 runs in 79 T20Is. He averaged 28.11 and struck at 137.31.

Vaughan Dropped
From BBC Show After
Racism Allegations

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LONDON: Former England skipper Michael Vaughan has been dropped from a BBC show after allegations of racism were levelled against him by two players.

Vaughan has been working as an analyst on Test Match Special for 12 years on the BBC 5 Live's 'The Tuffers and Vaughan Cricket Show'.

But he will not appear in the show on Monday following allegations of racism by Azeem Rafiq, who claimed that Vaughan had made racist comments towards him and other players before a Yorkshire match in 2009.

In a column for 'Daily Telegraph', Vaughan admitted that he was the former player implicated in the investigation into Rafiq's allegations of institutional racism at Yorkshire but "completely and categorically" denied the charges and vowed to "fight" to clear his name.

Vaughan, who represented the county from 1991 until his retirement in 2009, apparently, told a group of Asian players, including Rafiq, "Too many of you lot, we need to do something about it."

The alleged incident occurred as Yorkshire were taking the field during a match against Nottinghamshire in 2009. Rafiq's maiden season as a professional.

More Misery For Manchester United
With 2-0 Loss To City

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MANCHESTER: It took only seven minutes of the Manchester derby to be in no doubt about the parlous state of United.

When Eric Bailly clumsily intercepted João Cancelo's cross to divert the ball into his own net it was the start of another agonizing Old Trafford encounter with a now far superior rival.

The only surprise from Saturday's derby was United escaping with a 2-0 loss to Manchester City after Bernardo Silva beat goalkeeper David De Gea at his near post in stoppage time.

Humiliation was avoided, two weeks after being routed 5-0 by Liverpool here, but it was another encounter to reinforce just how far United has slipped behind the Premier League's elite.

City and United boast the



world's most expensive football squads – each assembled for more than \$1 billion – but that wouldn't be obvious watching in the lashing northern English rain.

On paper, six points now separate defending champion City in second from United in fifth. The gulf in quality, tactics and style look greater, with City effortlessly cruising to victory.

It wasn't Pep Guardiola's name City fans were sing-

ing at Old Trafford. They were mercilessly mocking Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

"Ole's at the wheel," they serenaded the United manager, sarcastically adopting the United fan song.

Solskjaer limps on in the job, with just one win from six league games. The only success came last Saturday against Tottenham, which acted swiftly to decide managerial change was required. And in firing Nuno Espirito Santo and hiring

Antonio Conte, the north London club snapped up a potential replacement for Solskjaer.

The Norwegian couldn't rely on being bailed out again by Cristiano Ronaldo, whose double salvaged a Champions League draw at Atalanta on Tuesday.

Instead Ronaldo cut a frustrated figure as the lack of intensity and pressing left him isolated up front. Only once did he come close to scoring what would have been an equalizer in the 26th minute, with a first-time volley from Ronaldo pushed wide by Ederson.

It electrified the crowd with the type of roar not heard again until the rarely used Donny van der Beek was brought on in the second half.

Boos, though, were once again the soundtrack of the home crowd at Old Trafford.

Xavi To Return To
Barcelona As New Coach

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BARCELONA: Xavi Hernández, the player who personified the attacking style made popular by Barcelona and Spain's national team, is returning to Camp Nou as the new coach of his struggling boyhood club.

Barcelona announced in the early hours of Saturday that Xavi has agreed to a contract through 2024 after the former Spain midfielder was released from his contract as the coach of Qatari club Al-Sadd.

Xavi will replace Ronald Koeman, who was fired last week following a series of losses for a club that failed to re-sign Lionel Messi. Sergi Barjuan has been coaching Barcelona since, overseeing a draw in the Spanish league and a victory in the Champions League. Barjuan will return to coaching the reserve team after Saturday's game at Celta Vigo.

The 41-year-old Xavi left Barcelona in 2015 after helping the club win 25 titles, including four Champions Leagues and eight Spanish leagues in 17 seasons. He was also key to Spain's streak of titles when it won the 2010 World Cup and European Championships in 2008 and 2012.

He has been at Al-Sadd since leaving Barcelona, first as a player and then as coach.

Earlier on Friday, Al-Sadd said it was ready to let Xavi go upon the payment of a buyout clause reportedly worth 5 million euros (\$5.7 million). Barcelona made no mention of the clause when it announced the deal with Xavi, only saying that it came "after talks held over the last few days with the owners of the (Qatari) club."



JINNAH ROW

Read Books Again, Akhilesh To Detractors

LUCKNOW: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday sought to defend his Muhammad Ali Jinnah remark as he hit out at his detractors, asking them to read history books again.

On Sunday, Yadav courted controversy when he named Jinnah, along with Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and Mahatma Gandhi, saying they had helped India achieve independence and never shied away from any struggle. He had also said the three leaders studied at the same institute for their barristership.

Asked by reporters here on Saturday at the inauguration of the office of ally Janvadi Party Socialist about that row, Yadav shot back, "Why should I say the context? I would say read the books again."

His comments drew a sharp response from Uttar Pradesh BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh, who in a Hindi tweet said, "The love for Jinnah still remains intact. Akhilesh Yadav ji please tell which history books have to be read—the Indian or the Pakistani." Singh had earlier said that glorifying Jinnah will prove costly to Yadav, as the country still considers Jinnah a "villain".

On Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's comment that he is ready to contest polls from anywhere in the state, the SP chief said he should not do so as he is going out of power.

"Now, 'Baba Mukhyamantri' should not contest the elections. He is going (out). Now, what has to be done with a person who is going out," he said.

Asked whether he will be contesting the upcoming Uttar Pradesh assembly elections, Yadav said the decision is for the party to make but indicated he is not averse to the idea.

"When we are in the election arena, then how can we move back?" He added that if he answers the question, the next question will be "which constituency?" Asked the purpose of a recent meeting between Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and RLD's Jayant Chaudhary at the Lucknow airport, Yadav downplayed the matter saying there was nothing more to it than bumping into someone at a restaurant.

Smoke, Cries, Panic At Ahmednagar Hospital As Fire Engulfed ICU; Most Victims Senior Citizens

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PUNE: Fire brigade personnel had hard time dousing the fire at the ICU of the Ahmednagar civil hospital in Maharashtra on Friday morning as they could not enter through the main entrance due to smoke, and the windows had grills over them.

A fire audit had been carried out at the hospital, but all necessary systems were not in place for want of funds, an official claimed. The blaze claimed 11 lives. Most of the patients were senior citizens, and many of them were on ventilator or oxygen, which made the rescue operation more tricky.

Amid panic, cries and chaotic scenes, fire brigade personnel broke the window panes and began dousing the flames using water canons, said a civic fire official whose team was the first to reach the spot after the blaze started around 11 am. About 20 coronavirus patients were undergoing treatment in the ICU, he said.

There were 15 patients on ventilator or oxygen. "Saving them was the priority. But due to their critical condition, to remove the oxygen support and bring them out was a tough decision," he said. "After discussion, we decided



to bring them out anyhow and later put them back on oxygen or other support systems," he added.

There was smoke everywhere, and a senior fire brigade official said that rather than flames, the smoke might have proven more lethal. Most of those who died were aged between 65 to 83, according to hospital officials.

After a devastating blaze at a

COVID-19 hospital in Nashik earlier this year, a fire audit had been carried out at this hospital.

Shankar Misal, Chief Fire officer of Ahmednagar municipal corporation, said they rushed two fire tankers immediately when the call came.

"The fire was not that big, but there was smoke all over the place. The patients who died in

the incident possibly suffocated due to the smoke and heat inside the ICU," he said.

After the recent fire audit, the hospital had been asked to install an effective fire-fighting system including a pipeline and sprinkler system, he said. But the work was incomplete due to "want of funds", though the hospital had fire extinguishers, he said.

Massive COVID Wave Unlikely If Large Population Already Infected, Says AIIMS Doctor



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NEW DELHI: Responding to the World Health Organization's (WHO) warning of a new COVID-19 wave, AIIMS Doctor and Epidemiologist Dr Sanjay K Rai on Friday said that it is unlikely if a large population has already been already infected by the virus.

The WHO had earlier warned of a massive COVID-19 wave in Europe and Central Asia. It also said that over 5,00,000 deaths (combined) are likely in this region by February 2022.

"When large populations get infected, massive waves of the virus are unlikely. Natural infections lead to natural immunity which leads to a decline in the number of cases. Vaccinations also reduce disease severity and deaths. It will happen in Russia and Central Asia. A wave of infections is going on there, but this will reduce by February. This happened everywhere, including in India. A large amount of the population was

infected, then cases started to decline rapidly. Whenever the cases rise rapidly, they decline quickly too," he said.

He, however, said it was likely that the regions could touch the mark of 5,00,000 deaths by February and even vaccinations would not bring the rising deaths to a sudden halt.

He added that WHO was losing its credibility on the global stage.

"It has been giving controversial statements. It has not been able to figure out the origins of COVID-19. It took them over 1.5 years to understand that natural infections are giving protection to the people but they are still not giving much weightage to it," he said.

Amid increasing COVID-19 cases in Europe and Central Asia, WHO Director-General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Thursday warned of rising cases and deaths. According to the WHO, every single country in Europe and Central Asia is facing a real threat of COVID-19 resurgence or is already fighting it.

'Withdraw Clean Chit To China': Congress To Centre On Pentagon Report

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NEWDELHI: he Congress on Saturday sought an apology from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked him to "withdraw" his "clean chit" to China that no one has entered into Indian territory while citing a Pentagon report that claims China has entered 4.5 km into Arunachal Pradesh.

Congress spokesperson

Pawan Khera said the prime minister must give answers and give deadlines on when there will be status quo ante as on April 2020 on all our borders with China. The demand came after the Congress cited the Pentagon report.


Mr Khera said the Chinese intrusion has now been confirmed by the Pentagon to the US Congress in its annual report. The villages across

the border are of dual-use that have not only civilian population but act as cantonment for the Chinese army.

He said in June 2020, BJP MP in Arunachal Pradesh Tapir Gao had written to the prime minister and the home minister warning them of the transgressions made by China into Indian territory. Mr Khera said the prime minister and the home minister denied the

transgressions and it has been 17 months since PM Modi gave a "clean chit" to China.

"That clean chit is a dark chapter in our history because it was used by China across the world. China was emboldened by this clean chit, not just in Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh but also in Uttarakhand, where PLA entered and destroyed our infrastructure," he told reporters.



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