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#### NEWS DIGEST

##### 4 Youths Detained In Doda Released

**BHADERWAH:** Four youths detained during a counter-insurgency operation were released on a surety bond in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, officials said on Wednesday. The youths, including two brothers, were picked up by the troops of **More On P10**

##### Pak National Arrested Along Border

**FEROZEPUR:** The BSF Wednesday arrested a Pakistani national near the India-Pakistan border in Fazilka district, officials said. The arrested Pakistani national has been identified as Najib Ullah Khan (38), son of Chann Suraj Abdullah Khan, a resident of **More On P10**

##### Former Cong Leader Joins BJP In J&K

**JAMMU:** Former Congress leader and prominent businessman Y V Sharma on Wednesday joined the BJP here, pledging to work towards strengthening the party in Jammu and Kashmir. Sharma, a former president of Jammu Chamber of Commerce and **More On P10**

##### Bus Mows Down Beacon Labourer

**SRINAGAR:** A 50-year-old beacon labourer died on spot after he was run over by a speeding passenger bus in Bramri in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Wednesday morning, reports and officials said. A Beacon In-charge said that a group of labourers **More On P10**

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## Pain, Tears, Blurry Vision: Screen-Learning Turning Toxic For Students

Syed Burhan

Afeefa Anees is once again preparing for the worst. As the possible third wave is making e-learning away of life again in Kashmir, the mother of two from Srinagar's Downtown area fears it might once again come at a heavy cost.

It was only after few months of attending online classes that her son Muhammad Mushahid started complaining of blurry vision last year amid pandemic.

"I took him to an ophthalmologist who advised him to wear eyeglasses," Afeefa, 37, says.

Before leaving his clinic, the eye specialist told the anxious

mother that her son had developed eye complications due to excessive use of mobile phone.

"As a mother I keep an eye on my son as he sticks to the smartphone on the pretext of attending online classes," she says. "This has already given him a blurry vision."

As the pandemic nears two years, there's an increase in the number of students complaining of eye-related problems and complications due to the increase in the screen-time for online classes.

"Online classes have become a headache for parents," Saima Hassan, another anguished young mother from Srinagar, says. "I can't reconcile with



the fact that my son Absaar, a second-grade student, is a

mobile-phone addict." While online classes might've

given students a field day with smartphones, many blame the style of contemporary Kashmiri parenting raising their new born with YouTube cartoons. Saima's son is one of those 'YouTube babies' of Kashmir.

As she narrates ordeal of her son, nine-year-old Absaar is busy playing games on the mobile phone. She quotes her son saying, "I will only study if you give me access to mobile phone".

Absaar uses online classes as a pretext to get access to a mobile phone. But when the same routine gave him frequent headaches, an oculist recommended him wear eyeglasses.

Apart from this

smartphone-driven parenting problem, the sustained screen learning is leaving Hakim Zahra in tears.

She first noticed the toxic change when she attended school and tuition classes online for hours together over a span of few months.

"At first I was not sure why my eyes were teary," Zahra, a Class 11 student, says. "Over the time I realized the more screen-time I share, my eyes would shed tears and I started to experience blurry vision. It got aggravated to the extent that I could not sleep anymore."

She went to an eye specialist who recommended her eyeglasses. Since then **More On P10**

## Chinese Troops Survey Border Villages In Pak Kashmir

Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** Chinese People Liberation Army personnel are carrying out a survey of the border posts and villages in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (PcK) to strengthen the Pakistan military apparatus across Line of Control, said sources, adding the Indian military is keeping an eye on the activities and motives behind the survey.

Source said that around four dozen Chinese People's Liberation Army soldiers arrived in general area Kel, Jura and Leepa sectors of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir a month ago.

Indian armed forces say that these areas — Kel, Jura and Leepa — are among those from where Pakistan pushes militants into Jammu and Kashmir.

Source said that the over 40 People's Liberation Army soldiers came to these regions, divided themselves into groups of five or six each, visited a number of villages and conducted surveys of villages, Pakistan Army posts and "infiltration routes used by terrorists to reach the Kashmir Valley".

The groups were accompanied by Pakistan Army personnel, Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) officers, and interpreters.

Source said that the visit of Chinese troops in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir villages indicates the making of model villages — which can be used both by civilians and military



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**ARE CHINESE HELPING PAKISTAN** in building model villages along the Line of Control as they have done across borders with India."

— in these regions.

"Are Chinese helping Pakistan in building model villages along the Line of Control as they have done across borders with India," questioned a senior government officer over Chinese PLA men visiting these regions.

Last week, the US Department of Defense in its annual report to Congress on military and security developments involving the People's Republic of China (PRC) had flagged that China has built a large 100-home civilian village inside disputed territory between the Tibet Autonomous Region and India's Arunachal Pradesh.

The report also had stated that these and other infrastructure development efforts along the India-China border have been a source of consternation in the Indian government and media.

About the US report, a senior security official, however, stated the said village being referred to has been under Chinese control since 1959.

The village has been built by China in an area that was occupied by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) after overrunning an Assam Rifles post in 1959, in an operation known as Longju incident along the frontier in Arunachal Pradesh.

## Cop Among Two Injured In Eidgah Blast

Zaid Bin Shabir

**SRINAGAR:** Two people, including a policeman were injured on Wednesday in a grenade blast in Eidgah area of the Old City here.

Unknown militants lobbed a hand grenade towards the picket of CRPF 61 battalion in Aali Masjid area of Eidgah on Wednesday evening reports said. The grenade, however, exploded on the road injuring a policeman and a civilian.

The injured identified as Aijaz Ahmad of Hawal and Sajad Ahmad Bhat of Narwara were removed to the hospital for treatment, reports said.

Bhat, who works in Jammu and Kashmir police, **More On P10**

## Mercury Dips Further, -3°C In Pahalgam

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Cold conditions continued unabated across Kashmir Valley with Pahalgam and Gulmarg recording minus 3.0 degree Celsius and minus 0.6 degree Celsius respectively on Wednesday.

A meteorological department official here said that Srinagar recorded a low of 1.6 degree Celsius, same as on previous night which is below minus 0.2 degree Celsius normal for this time of the year in the summer capital.

Qazigund recorded a minimum temperature of 0.2 degree Celsius against previous night's 0.8 degree Celsius, **More On P10**

### Registration Of Outside Vehicles

## HC Pulls Up Transport Dept For Seeking 9% Token Tax



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Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The J&K and Ladakh High Court has asked the government not to demand 9% token tax from the owners of the outside registered vehicles in Jammu and Kashmir.

Hearing a contempt petition, a division bench of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice Sanjay

Dhar also granted three weeks more time to Commissioner/Secretary to Transport Department, Transport Commissioner and RTO Kashmir for filing response to the plea filed against the circular issued on June 10 this year, falling which the officers have been asked to appear in person before it on next date of hearing on December 2. Counsel for **More On P10**

## J&K Logs 165 Cases, 3 More Covid Deaths

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Three more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday while 165 fresh cases of virus were reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, two fresh

fatalities were reported from Kashmir Valley and one from Jammu division on Wednesday, taking the overall fatality count in J&K to 4448—2178 in Jammu and 2270 in Kashmir.

About the fresh cases, the officials said that 147 were reported from the Valley and the remaining **More On P10**

## DSEK Cracks Whip On Private Schools

'Don't Force Parents To Buy Books, Uniforms From Particular Shops'

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Taking a strong note about some private schools forcing the parents to purchase books from some specific private shops, the Director School Education Kashmir on Wednesday warned all private recognised schools of de-recognition and withdrawal of NOC for such activities.

"Again it has come into the notice of this Directorate that recognised Private schools are still indulging in selling books/uniforms in the school premises and even parents are being forced to purchase books from

some specific private shops, besides the exercise of replacing existing books with the new one is becoming habitual on part of recognised unaided private schools which has been viewed very seriously," DSEK said in a circular issued here.

This practice, the DSEK said, was against the instructions already issued on the subject vide series of communications issued earlier.

"As such, it is once again enjoined upon all the Private recognised schools that they should desist from compelling the parents for purchasing books/uniforms from any particular shop and change of books thereof," it reads.

Further in order to have a wider choice for the parents for purchase of **More On P10**

## Ex- J&K Deputy CM In Soup Over Illegal Construction

Nirmal Singh has 5-Days To Demolish Palatial House

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The Jammu Development Authority (JDA) has served a notice on senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Nirmal Singh asking him to demolish his illegally constructed house on the outskirts of the city within five days.

Singh and his family moved into the palatial bungalow near the Army's ammunition sub-depot at Ban village of Nagrota on July 23 last year, even though the high court had in May 2018 directed the authorities to ensure "strict implementation" of



a 2015 notification barring general public from carrying out any construction within 1,000 yards of defence works.

"The matter is sub-judice and I will be consulting my lawyers for future course of action, the BJP leader told PTI, confirming the receipt of the notice issued by the JDA on November 8.

In its order of demolition, the

JDA said the building was constructed without attaining the valid permission from the competent authority.

"...you are hereby directed to remove the illegal construction on your own level within five days from the date of issuance of the order. If you fail to remove the illegal construction within the stipulated period of time, the same shall be demolished by the enforcement wing of JDA and cost of removal shall be recovered from you as arrears of land revenue," the JDA said.

The high court on May 7, 2018 had asked all parties concerned to maintain status quo until final disposition of an Army plea which claimed that the building was in violation of laid down norms.

Raising security and safety concerns in view **More On P10**

## 26 KP Employees Served Notice For Unauthorized Absence

Augib Javeed

**SRINAGAR:** The authorities in south Kashmir's Anantnag district have issued show cause notice to at least 26 Kashmiri Pandit employees, who fled from the Valley following a spate of civilian killings last month.

According to an order issued on Thursday by the District social welfare officer (Anantnag), 26 Kashmiri Pandit employees absent from duties for over a month have been asked to resume duties or face action as warranted under rules. The 26

employees, including six women working as junior assistants, orderly and social workers, have been asked to explain their position over absence from duties.

"Whereas you have been found unauthorizedly absent from your legitimate duties. Whereas this office tried to contact you telephonically and by other media but you didn't bother to resume your duties and you failed to join back to your duties," reads the order.

It also adds that the unauthorized absence has hampered the office work both at district as well **More On P10**





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از نیابت شائکس با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول شائکس چیمبر گل درخواست منجانب : انایت احمد پسر محمد صادق سا کے چیمبر گل بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشتیہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	انایت احمد پسر محمد صادق	25 سال	مزدوری	4000/=
2	سایہ زوجہ انایت احمد	23 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	عالیہ جان دختر انایت احمد	08 سال	زیر تعلیم	
4	مہران احمد پسر انایت احمد	02 سال	کمن	

اس طور پر سائل کا کنڈیڈ 104 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار گذرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	رشتہ ہمراہ	پیشہ	عمر
01	مسما زینہ بیوہ عبد احد حجام	زوجہ متوفی	عمر رسیدہ	54 سال
02	مسما سمیلہ دختر عبد احد حجام	دختر متوفی	گھریلو کام	25 سال
03	مشتاق احمد ولد عبد احد حجام	بیٹا متوفی	مزدوری	22 سال
04	بشیر احمد ولد عبد احد حجام	بیٹا متوفی	مشدوری	21 سال
05	ارشاد احمد ولد عبد احد حجام	بیٹا متوفی	مزدوری	70 سال

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	رشتہ ہمراہ	پیشہ	عمر
01	مسما زینہ بیوہ عبد احد حجام	زوجہ متوفی	عمر رسیدہ	54 سال
02	مسما سمیلہ دختر عبد احد حجام	دختر متوفی	گھریلو کام	25 سال
03	مشتاق احمد ولد عبد احد حجام	بیٹا متوفی	مزدوری	22 سال
04	بشیر احمد ولد عبد احد حجام	بیٹا متوفی	مشدوری	21 سال
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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	محمد صادق ولد عبد اللہ	55 سال	مزدوری	4000/=
2	شریفہ زوجہ محمد صادق	52 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	عرفان احمد پسر محمد صادق	23 سال	مزدوری	4000/=
4	ربیعہ دختر محمد صادق	18 سال	گھریلو کام	

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اشتیہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	عبد الغنی ولد عبد قادر چو پان	مزدوری	65 سال	5000/=
2	سارہ زوجہ عبد الغنی چو پان	گھریلو کام	60 سال	
3	منظور احمد ولد عبد الغنی چو پان	زیر تعلیم	26 سال	
4	روی جان دختر عبد الغنی چو پان	زیر تعلیم	24 سال	
5	مبشر احمد ولد عبد الغنی چو پان	زیر تعلیم	22 سال	

اس طور کہ پانچ افراد پر مشتمل ہے اور کنڈیڈ میں زیر تعدادی ۔۔۔ کنال موجود ہے۔ جس سے کنڈیڈ زیر بحث کی سالانہ آمدنی 50,000 روپے تک ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں، معیار گذرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the RC of my Vehicle Bearing Regd No:-JK03G-2356. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO ANANTNAG. Within a period of seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Name :- Farooq Ahmad Shah  
S/o :- Ghulam Mohd Shah  
R/O :- Yarhool Babapora Bonigam

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Abdul Lateef Rather S/o: Ali Mohammad Rather R/o: Jawharpora Narbal Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04F 7484 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J & K Bank B/U Sherabad Pattan Baramullah. Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper . No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3789 Dated 10-11-2021

Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Zahoor Hussain Mir S/o: Ab Rashid Mir R/o: Badrad Magam Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04D 8783 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J&K Bank B/U Main Branch Magam . Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper . No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3798 Dated 10-11-2021

Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Where as a joint application has been recieved from owner. Shri : Mudasir Ahmad Ganie S/o: Ghulam Mohammad Ganie R/o: Narkara Budgam as Transferor) & Shri.Mohammad Shafi Dar S/o Ali Mohammad Dar R/o Near Main Road Raithan Budgam.as Transferee) for transfer of Sumo Maxi Cab vehicle No. JK04A -7720. As well as HPA Cancellation with Sudan Enterprises Shop No.05 Yard No. 06 Transport Nagar Narwal Jammu 180061 also required. Now it is therefore notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit/Vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper . No. ARTO/ BUDGAM. 3780 Dated 10-11-2021

Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Mir Hafiz ullah S/o: Abdul Ahad Mir R/o: Gotapora Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04D 1649 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S State Bank of India B/U Soligh . Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper . No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3794 Dated 10-11-2021

Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir

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## LSA to take law students for internships across the nation: Justice Magrey

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: In the valedictory function of the 'Moot Court Competition (provincial- Kashmir), 2021, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh today remarked that the J&K Legal Services Authority (LSA) would give opportunity to law students of J&K to do their internships across the courts in India.

On the occasion Justice Magrey, who is also Executive Chairman, J&K LSA and member NALSA also reiterated that the Authority will offer an opportunity to winners of the Moot Court to work along with the Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh. He maintained that these law schools are pivotal in chiseling the young talent to make quality lawyers out of them.

While pronouncing the objective of Moot Courts the Justice elaborated that it is a fine platform to make best out of our talent pool. He said that it imparts the knowledge and conduct in courts of law and above all the strength of drafting, pleading, convincing and research skills among the them.



Hundreds of J&K Bank ATM guards on Wednesday staged protest in Srinagar, alleging that the new company that has overtaken the security of the Bank is firing most of them while at the same time they are made to face the salary cuts.Pic Abid Bhat

## ISBANDH: A Venture Aimed To Revive Traditional Kashmiri Lifestyle At Mahatta

Syed Burhan

Srinagar: It is the sixth day of the event "Mashe-e-Payeez: Ishq-e-Nabi" organized by Edraak and visitors are greeted by an enclosure setup by a Kashmiri brand "isbandh".

With a Charkha, Isbandh Souz and Portrait of Habba Khatoon, the stall is aimed at taking back the visitors to nostalgia times.

"It is an attempt to revive the rich crafts and culture of Kashmir valley and create fusion of Kashmiri crafts with the rest of the sub-continent", says Mehreen Jan, co-founder of the venture.

She said "We are artists at heart and are working with artisans especially women who have been associated with weaving and embroidery. We are empowering Kashmiri artisans who form the backbone of our art and culture".

Their first collection "Zoon" is inspired by the popular Kashmiri poetess Habba Khatoon. The collection

offers hand-woven Pashmina and Woolen Pheran with signature heritage embroidery.

The collection also offers silk velvet and organza ensembles, with a fusion of



different embroideries, tilla, dabka and sitara, says Mehreen who is studying textile designing from University of Arts, London.

Syeda Aga, who visited the "ISBANDH" enclosure at the exhibition, expressed her happiness over the enclosure. "This is a good attempt at reviving traditional craft. Machine work has hit

the artisans hard and it is a good attempt to revive Kashmiri arts and crafts. This venture will go a long way in helping Kashmiri artisans", she said.

Edraak: a movement that

aims at educational revival through arts and aesthetics Kashmir kicked off its exhibition at Srinagar's Mahatta Gallery on 5 November.

The event is aimed at encouraging and inspiring budding Artists and artisans, providing them with a platform to showcase their talent. The workshop cum exhibition will last till November 14.

## 'Ensure No Maxi Cab Is Allowed To Operate From Old Bus Stand'

Agencies

Srinagar: The divisional administration Kashmir has directed the concerned departments to ensure that no maxi cab (small passenger vehicles) shall be allowed to operate from in and outside erstwhile General Bus Stand Batamaloo Srinagar.

The decision was made by the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir P K Pole a day after the Transport Welfare Association headed by General Secretary appealed for immediate stop of illegal operation of Maxi Cabs from in and outside Batamaloo vicinity, besides, submitted that no Maxi Cab be allowed to cross Parimpora Bus Stand point from north and north-east areas of Kashmir division.

In the minutes of meeting, the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir directed

the SSP Traffic City Sgr, SSP Srinagar, Commissioner SMC, RTO Kashmir and SRTC to ensure that the court directions with regard to the subject matter shall be complied and implemented in letter and spirit by all the stake holding departments without any fail.

SSP Traffic City Sgr, SSP Srinagar and RTO Kashmir have been directed to ensure that no maxi cab shall be allowed to operate from in & outside erstwhile General Bus Stand Batamaloo Srinagar from forthwith.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir directed that Srinagar Development Authority in consultation with RTO Kashmir and SSP Traffic City shall immediately do the access cutting of the erstwhile General Bus Stand Batamaloo by digging the deep trenches so that no

vehicle is able to go inside.

"Deputy Commissioner Srinagar shall immediately ensure potholing of the roads inside the Parimpora Bus Stand. Commissioner, SMC shall ensure rigorous sanitization drives of the Parimpora Bus Stand in addition to routine cleanliness. Besides, immediate installation of street lights in the Parimpora Bus Stand," it further reads.

Srinagar Development Authority shall frame a self sustaining model for Parimpora Bus Stand for repairs of the toilets, drinking water tapes, medians of roads etc, within the bus stand, it said, adding that SRTC is not allowed to operate from the Erstwhile General Bus Stand Batamaloo and shall also ensure operation of their bus fleets from Parimpora/Panthachowk Srinagar only—(KNO)

## Working On A Plan To Ensure All Essential Supplies During Snowfall: DC

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 10: As part of winter preparedness particularly with regard to snow clearance, the District Administration Srinagar Wednesday Morning conducted a Mock Drill to undertake a test drive of various Machines to check their proper functioning.

The Mock Drill was held in wake of the directions passed in a meeting held by the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar on November 06 with regard to winter preparations in the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex. The several teams of R&B, MED PHE, KPDCL, SMC, Fire and Emergency and other Departments constituted by the District Administration

conducted exercise from Shalteng to Dalgate via Bypass, Tengpora, Court Road, Qamarwari, Batamaloo, New Secretariat, Lal Chowk and other adjoining areas under the supervision of concerned Superintendent Engineers and Tehsildars.

In this regard, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad who is also the Chairman District Disaster Management Authority said that basic purpose of the Mock Drill was to undertake a test drive of Men and Machinery kept ready to ensure all essential supplies including supply of water and power do not get affected, besides snow is cleared from roads at the earliest so that general public do not face any inconvenience during winters.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF PROSECUTION, J&K,  
(2nd Floor Pragati Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu)  
email:-dg-prosecution@jk.gov.in

Subject: Deputation of officers of the UT of J&K to the Prosecution Department.  
Reference:- Government Order No. 231-Home of 2021 dated 07-10-2021.

**Advertisement Notice No.: 01 of 2021  
Dated 09 -11-2021.**

Applications are invited from the officers serving in various departments of UT of J&K for their deputation to the Prosecution Department to effectively supervise prosecution of the criminal cases/to ensure proper legal advice/assistance in the Police offices, so that litigation, criminal as well as civil, is dealt with effectively.

**I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** The applicants should fulfil the following eligibility criteria:  
a) Must possess Bachelor's degree in Law from a recognized Institution,  
b) Should be a permanent employee of the Government of UT of J&K, serving in level 8 to 13A of Pay Matrix.  
c) The age of the applicant should not exceed 56-years on the closing date of receipt of the applications.

**II. Terms of Deputation:** The appointment on deputation shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Regulations, 1956. The initial term of deputation shall, however, be for a period of two years.

**III. Mode of Selection:** The applicant shall be considered for deputation based on the interview which shall be conducted by a four member committee, constituted by the Government in terms of the Policy notified vide Government Order No. 231-Home of 2021 dated 07-10-2021. The date and place of interview shall be notified separately.

The applications in PDF as per prescribed proforma, forming Annexure to this advertisement, complete in all respects, should be sent on the official mail of the Director General of Prosecution, J&K at dg-prosecution@jk.gov.in.

Date of commencement for submission of applications : 11-11-2021  
Last date for submission of applications : 26-11-2021

The following officers may be contacted for any clarification:  
1. Sh. Aejaz Ahmad, DDP (Cell No. 9419069848)  
2. Sh. Prashant Mahajan, CPO (Cell No. 9419197009)

No:- DG-Pros/Apptt/2020/2035  
Dated:-09-11-2021

Sd/-  
Deepak Kumar/JPS,  
Director General of Prosecution,  
J&K (Chairman Selection Board)

**ANNEEXURE**

**FORMAT OF APPLICATION**

1.	Name in Full ( IN BLOCK LETTERS)					
2.	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)					
3.	Date of Superannuation (DD/MM/YY)					
4.	Service to which you belong.					
5.	Office address with Telephone No. / Email id					
6.	Residential address with Telephone No.					
7.	Present Post held, alongwith Pay level.					
8.	Education qualification (Matriculation onward) Self attested copy of Degree obtained in Law to be attached.					
Exam Passed	Name of the university/ Institute/ Board	Year of Passing	Duration of Course	Subject	Percentage of Marks Mentioned Distinction, if any	
9.	Details of the employment in chronological order (if needed, enclose a separate sheet duly authenticated by your signature in the format given below)					
	Name of the Office/Instt./ Organisations	Post held (Designation)	Period of service From To	Nature of appointment (Regular/Adhoc/Deputation)	Scale of pay/ pay band and grade pay	Nature of duties
10.	In case the present employment is held on deputation, please state: a. The date of initial appointment. b. Period of appointment with address. c. Name of the parent office/organization.					
11.	Details of trainings undergone:					
12.	Details of proficiency in computer:					
13.	Any other information applicant wants to furnish:					
14.	Please state briefly how you find yourself best suitable for the post applied for:					

**Note :** Applicants are advised to enclose documents in support of the details provided above.

I have carefully gone through the advertisement and I am well aware that the Curriculum Vitae duly supported by documents submitted by me will also be assessed by the Selection committee at the time of selection for the post. It is also certified that the information furnished above is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. In the event of my selection, I shall abide by the terms and conditions of services attached to the post.

Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

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## This Day In History

- 1945 - Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Cordell Hull (establishing UN)
- 1953 - David Ben-Gurion, resigns as Prime Minister of Israel
- 1963 - Train crash in Japan, kills 164
- 1970 - Scientists perform 1st artificial synthesis of a live cell
- 1974 - A salmon is discovered in the River Thames, England, for the first time since 1833.
- 1979 - US President Carter announces a halts to Iranian oil imports & freezes Iranian assets
- 1981 - 2nd shuttle mission-1st time spacecraft launched twice (Columbia 2)
- 1981 - Great Britain performs nuclear test
- 1984 - Space shuttle astronauts snared a satellite 1st space salvage
- 1985 - STS 61-B vehicle moves to launch pad
- 1989 - Brazil holds its 1st free presidential election in 29 years
- 1990 - Crown Prince Akihito is formally installed as Emperor Akihito of Japan, becoming the 125th Japanese monarch.
- 1990 - Tim Berners-Lee publishes a formal proposal for the World Wide Web
- 1991 Atlanta Brave Tom Glavine wins NL Cy Young Award
- 1991 - Dili Massacre, Indonesian forces open fire on a crowd of protesters in Dili, East Timor, killing at least 250
- 1995 - STS 74 (Atlantis 15), launches into orbit
- 2001 - Taliban forces abandon Afghanistan's capital Kabul, ahead of advancing Afghan Northern Alliance troops
- 2001 - In New York City, American Airlines Flight 587, an Airbus A300 on its way to the Dominican Republic, crashes minutes after takeoff from John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 on board and five on the ground.
- 2003 - With 501 km/h (311 mph) Shanghai Transrapid sets up a new world record for commercial railway systems.
- 2003 - Iraq war: In Nasiriyah, Iraq, at least 23 people, among them the first Italian casualties of the 2003 Iraq war are killed in a suicide bomb attack on an Italian police base.
- 2006 - The former Soviet republic of South Ossetia holds a referendum on independence from Georgia.
- 2011 - Silvio Berlusconi resigns as Prime Minister of Italy due, in large part, to the European sovereign debt crisis.
- 2012 - Into the Silence by Wade Davis wins the 2012 Samuel Johnson Prize
- 2014 - European Space Agency's Rosetta lands the Philae probe on the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko
- 2015 - Suicide bombings in Lebanon kill 43, Isis claim responsibility
- 2016 - Jackie Chan awarded honorary Oscar for his film achievements at 8th Annual Governors Awards ceremony

## From KO Archives

## US election drama drags on; trailing Gore wants hand count, loses faith in machines

AGENCIES

WASHINGTON: Republican George W. Bush's lead over Democrat Vice-President Al-Gore has been pegged at 327 votes after a final unofficial recount in Florida, prompting the Bush camp to ask Gore to concede defeat but the outcome of the US Presidential election will not be known till next week as several thousand postal ballots are expected from abroad.

Vice president Al-Gore, who the recounts showed was trailing by 327-votes to Republican George W Bush has demanded more vote recounts in crucial Florida state particularly hand counts in four of the 67 counties. Saying machines make mistakes.

Meanwhile, news reports said a court in Palm Beach had ordered a freeze on the recount process in the county pending a hearing next week on alleged irregularities that could hurt Gore.

Three days after the voting, the election to the White House was mired in uncertainty facing legal challenges and the world yet to know as to who is the next incumbent.

The unofficial count by the Associated Press county-by-county slightly boosted Bush's tally after earlier counts had showed the margin as 225 votes.

The recount shoved Bush won Florida, Bush's communication director Karen Hughes claimed in a statement in Austin, Texas, asking Gore to concede.

The Gore camp hit back saying contrary to claims by the rival side this election is not over.

Again we want the true and accurate will of the people to prevail and that means the legal system to run its course. If at the end of that process, George Bush is the victor, we will respect that result, Gore campaign chairman William Daley said in a statement.

(Kashmir Observer, November 11, 2000)



## Aid Group Says 4,000-5,000 Afghans Crossing Into Iran Daily



Agencies

As many as 4,000-5,000 Afghans have been crossing into Iran daily since the Taliban seized Kabul in August and hundreds of thousands more are expected to arrive in the coming winter, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) said on Wednesday.

The aid group said as many as 300,000 Afghans have crossed the border since the Taliban victory and it called for more international support for Iran, which is grappling with a deep economic crisis of its own.

"Iran cannot be expected to host so many Afghans with so little support from the international community," NRC Secretary General Jan Egeland said in a statement. "There must be an immediate scale up of aid both inside Afghanistan and in neighbouring countries like Iran, before the deadly winter cold."

The shock victory of the Taliban as the last US troops were preparing to leave Afghanistan,

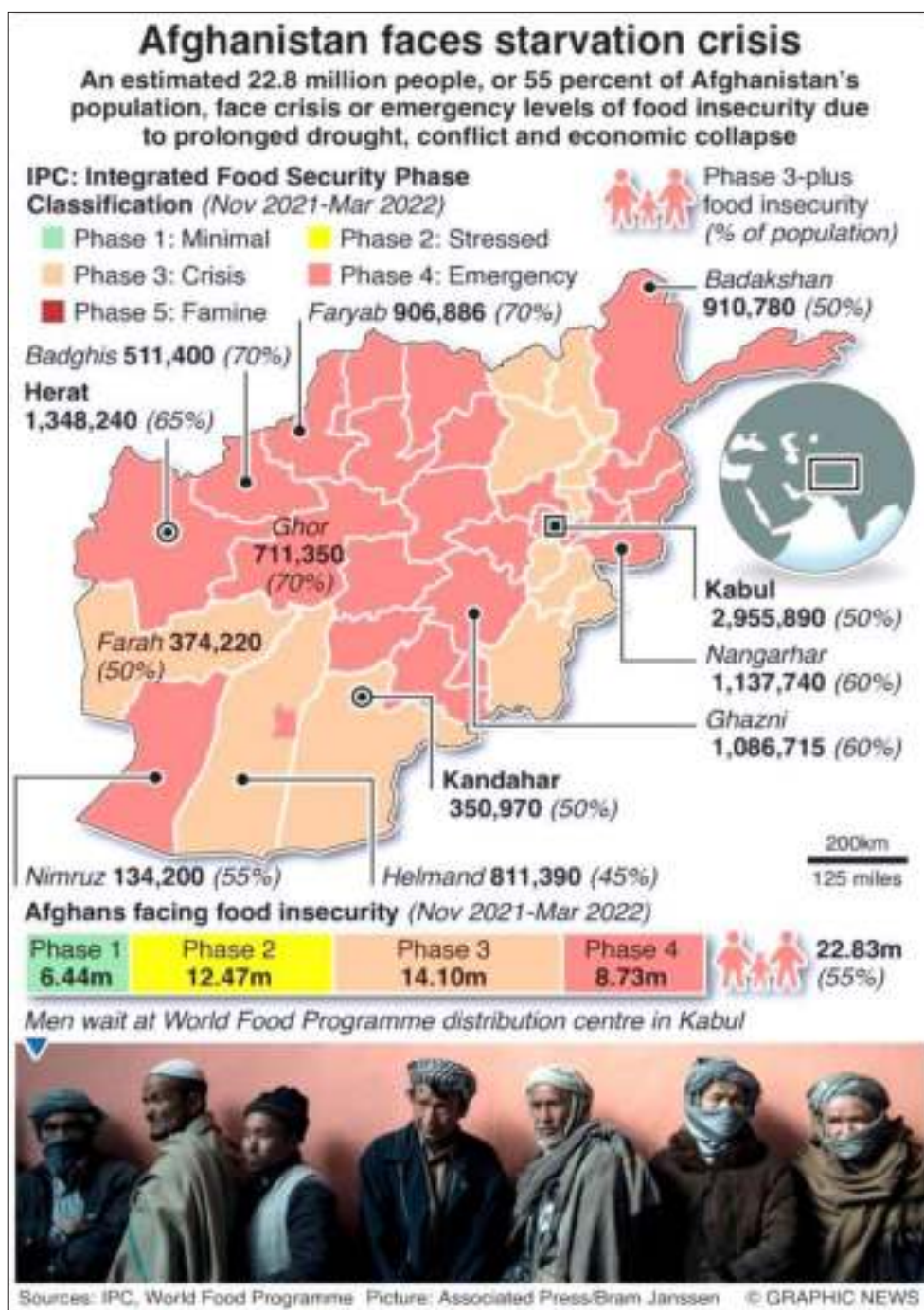
prompted a mass exodus of officials and others connected with the former Western-backed government and other vulnerable Afghans.

The abrupt end to international support and the freezing of Afghan central bank assets held abroad has also pushed the country close to economic collapse, raising fears of a refugee crisis similar to the 2015 exodus from Syria that shook Europe.

Iran and Pakistan together house about 90% of the 5 million Afghans displaced outside their country, although not all of these are counted as refugees.

"We commend Iran for welcoming and hosting millions of displaced Afghans for the past four decades. But now the international community must step up to support Afghanistan's neighbours," Egeland said.

UN agencies say as many as 22.8 million people - more than half of Afghanistan's 39 million population - are facing acute food insecurity and compared to 14 million just two months ago.



## Forced Marriages Continue To Plague South Asian Diaspora

Agencies

Salema Yasmin remembers packing her bags to catch her return flight to England from Sylhet a decade ago, when her parents told her the plane had "broken down." The then 17-year-old, who was born and raised in Bedford, England, by Bangladeshi immigrant parents, thought she would take the next available flight. She did not expect to be forced into a marriage instead.

After the shock idea of marriage was presented to her, her parents piled on the pressure. To overcome her reluctance, they said there would only be an engagement and no marriage immediately. Salema agreed to the engagement as this was the only way to convince her parents to let her return to England.

"I dressed up, and a man (who was officiating at the ceremony) asked me something in a dialect I barely understood. Later, they had me sign a paper which was not in English," Salema told Dhaka Tribune in a Zoom interview.

Salema thought she had just been engaged, but she was left alone at a hotel with the man she thought was just her fiancé soon after the party ended. Her family then told her she was married to this man and there was nothing she could do.

"That very night, that man forced himself on me," said Salema.

Salema was trapped in the marriage for one month. She was eventually repatriated to England with the help of her elder sister and the British High Commission in Dhaka and has never looked back. Her parents were put under a forced marriage protection order by the British High Court and could not force Salema's siblings into marriages against their will.



Salema's experience is similar to many other cases handled by Britain's Forced Marriage Unit, a joint effort between the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Home Office.

Forced marriage within the South Asian diaspora in England and other countries is fairly common. Survivors and social service providers say there are several factors that keep this practice alive, including religious, cultural and social practices such as keeping property within the family, fear of losing touch with traditions, and protecting "family honor."

The Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) dealt with 69 cases linked with Bangladesh in 2020, down from 144 in 2019. Overall, the FMU gave advice or support in 750 cases solely related to forced marriage in 2020, down from 1,355 in 2019 and 1,507 in 2018.

The decline in 2020 was because the pandemic led to travel and wedding party restrictions in many countries around the world, according to the FMU.

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## India Hosts Talks On Afghanistan Boycotted By Rival Pakistan

Associated Press

**NEW DELHI:** India on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, hosted senior security officials from Russia, Iran and five Central Asian countries to discuss the situation in neighboring Afghanistan following the fall of the U.S.-backed government and the Taliban takeover of the country.

India's National Security Adviser Ajit Doval invited security chiefs from Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Afghan representatives were not invited, while Pakistan and China declined to attend, with Pakistan's National Security Adviser Moeed Yusuf last week calling India a "spoiler" and not a "peacemaker" in Afghanistan.

"This is a time for close consultation among us," Doval said in opening remarks ahead of the meeting. He said he hoped the deliberations will help the people of Afghanistan and enhance the

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region's collective security.

India's Ministry of External Affairs in a statement said the meeting will address "the relevant security challenges and support the people of Afghanistan in promoting peace, security and stability."

The top security officials were expected to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. The first two editions of the meeting were hosted by Iran in 2018 and 2019.

India's foreign ministry officials said Pakistan's refusal to attend the meeting was "unfortunate, but not surprising" and "reflects its mindset of viewing Afghanistan as its protectorate."

The meeting underscores India's attempts to protect its strategic interests in Afghanistan amid Pakistan's growing influence in the region.

Archrivals India and Pakistan have both long tried to wield influence over Afghanistan to meet their security interests.

India's leaders fear the Taliban rise to power will benefit Pakistan and feed a long-simmering insurgency in the disputed region of Kashmir, where militants already have a foothold.

New Delhi's relations with Afghanistan are in suspended animation. It has no diplomatic presence left in Kabul after it evacuated its staff ahead of the final U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. It did, however, hold its first official meeting with a Taliban representative in Qatar on Aug. 31.

Before the Taliban took Kabul, India provided Afghan security forces with operational training and military equipment, even though it has had no troops on the ground. It was also the region's largest provider of development aid to Afghanistan.

## Germany Advises Against Moderna Covid Vaccine For People Under 30

Agence France-Presse

**BERLIN:** German health authorities on Wednesday advised against the use of the Moderna coronavirus vaccine for people under 30 due to evidence of a small risk of cardiac inflammation.

The Stiko vaccine commission cited studies showing that mRNA jabs led in rare cases to the conditions myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and pericarditis (in-

flammation of the tissue surrounding the heart) in younger patients, with slightly higher prevalence in those who received Moderna.

"For people above the age of 30 there is no higher risk," it added.

As a result, the Stiko updated its coronavirus vaccine guidance and "recommends that people under 30 only be vaccinated with Comirnaty," the BioNTech-Pfizer jab, one day after France issued similar guidance.

The advisory covers both initial in-

oculations and booster jabs even if the first vaccine was Moderna, it added.

The Stiko bases its recommendations on the findings of Germany's Federal Institute for Vaccines and Biomedicines, which compiles data on side effects and complications.

The US has also delayed approval of the Moderna jab for young people, though last week they recommended use of the Pfizer vaccine for children ages five to 11 after reviewing the risks of myocarditis.

## Pak Supreme Court Grills PM Khan In 2014 Army Public School Massacre Case

**ISLAMABAD:** Imran Khan on Wednesday faced a barrage of questions at a hearing of the 2014 terror attack on an Army-run school during which the Supreme Court Bench asked the Pakistan prime minister why he was negotiating with the culprits of the massacre of nearly 150 people, mostly students.

A total of 147 people, 132 of them children, were killed when Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants stormed Army Public School (APS) in Peshawar in 2014.

The three-judge Bench — headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Gulzar Ahmed, and comprising Justice Qazi Mohammad Amin Ahmed and Justice Ijazul Ahsan — had summoned Khan around 10 am. He arrived at the court roughly two hours later, just before noon.

"The satisfaction of the parents [who lost their children in the APS



The Bench said the government should listen to the parents of the APS schoolchildren and take action against the culprits.

"The government should take action against those involved in the Army Public School massacre," said the Supreme Court.

Khan assured the Bench that the government will fulfil the requirements of justice. The apex court, in turn, directed the prime minister to ensure implementation of its October 20 verdict.

The prime minister told the Bench that he had met the parents of the deceased children before, adding that he would continue to do it in the future.

"Find out why 80,000 people were killed. Also, find out who is responsible for 480 drone attacks taking place in Pakistan," Khan said.

"Finding out about these things is your job, you are the prime minister. As the prime minister, you should have the answer to these questions... You are the prime minister, you should have answers," the chief justice responded.

"Khan told the Supreme Court judges that they can constitute a high-level commission on the APS tragedy.

"We have already formed a commission and it has issued a report as well. Our order of October 20 states clearly that the government should find out who is responsible for the massacre and take action against them," responded the chief justice.

## Eye On Indian Ocean, China Gives Its Largest Warship To Pak



**BEIJING:** China has delivered its largest and most advanced warship to Pakistan as it seeks to beef up the navy of its all-weather ally in the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean, where it has increased its own naval presence in recent years.

Designed and built by China State Shipbuilding Corporation Limited (CSSC), the frigate was delivered to the Pakistan Navy in a commissioning ceremony in Shanghai, the CSSC announced in a statement on Monday.

The Type 054A/P frigate was named the PNS Tughril, state-run Global Times reported on Tuesday.

Pakistani Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque said the commissioning of the PNS Tughril ensures balance of power in the Indian Ocean.

In the context of the overall security paradigm of the region, Tughril-class frigates will strengthen Pakistan Navy's capabilities to respond to maritime challenges to ensure

seaward defence, maintain peace, stability and balance of power in the Indian Ocean region, he said, according to the Global Times report.

The PNS Tughril is the first hull of four Type 054 frigates being constructed for the Pakistan Navy and the vessel is a technologically advanced and highly capable platform with enormous surface-to-surface, surface-to-air and underwater firepower, besides extensive surveillance potentials, the daily quoted a Pakistan Navy's statement.

Being equipped with state-of-the-art combat management and an electronic warfare system along with modern self-defence capabilities, the Type 054A/P frigate can simultaneously execute a number of naval warfare missions in a highly intense multi-threat environment, it said.

The frigate is the largest and most advanced warship China has ever exported, the CSSC said. — **PTI**

### NEWS MAKERS

## Nobel Prize-Winning Activist Malala Yousafzai Gets Married

Agencies

Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, who was shot by the Pakistani Taliban for campaigning for girls' education, got married on Tuesday in a small ceremony in Birmingham, central England, she announced on social media.

"Today marks a precious day in my life. Asser (Malik) and I tied the knot to be partners for life," she wrote on Twitter, where she also posted images of herself and her new husband on their wedding day.

"We celebrated a small nikkah ceremony at home in Birmingham with our families. Please send us your prayers.



We are excited to walk together for the journey ahead," she added.

A nikkah ceremony is the first step in an Islamic marriage.

When she was 15, Yousafzai was shot in the head by mili-

itants from the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, an offshoot of the Afghan Taliban, in her home town in the Swat valley while on a school bus in 2012.

She recovered after months of treatment at home and

abroad before co-writing a best-selling memoir titled "I am Malala."

Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize as a 17-year-old in 2014, sharing the award with Kailash Satyarthi, a children's rights activist from India.

She graduated last year from the University of Oxford with a degree in philosophy, politics and economics.

Now 24 years old, she advocates for girls' education, with her non-profit Malala Fund having invested \$2 million in Afghanistan.

She has also signed a deal with Apple TV+ that will see her produce dramas and documentaries that focus on women and children.

## Bangladesh Sentences Former Chief Justice To 11 Years In Jail

Agencies

Bangladesh's former chief justice has been sentenced in absentia to 11 years in jail for corruption in a case that opposition groups and supporters say is politically motivated.

Surendra Kumar Sinha, 70, headed the Supreme Court when it ruled in 2017 that parliament could not sack judges, a move hailed by lawyers as safeguarding judicial independence.

Sinha left Bangladesh in late 2017, alleging he had been forced to step aside following the landmark ruling. He lives in North America where he has reportedly sought asylum.

Campaigners have said his departure was a massive blow to the credibility of the country's judiciary, and accused the government of go-



ing after Sinha.

"It was very obvious that the government was angry with him and ... was determined to just kill his reputation," Asif Nazrul, a law professor at Dhaka University, told the AFP news agency.

A court in the capital Dhaka found Sinha guilty of laundering approximately \$471,000 in connivance with the officials of a private bank. Ten more people were indicted in

the case, eight of whom have been convicted and handed down varying punishments, reports said.

Judge Shaikh Nazmul Alam of Special Judge's Court in Dhaka delivered Tuesday's verdict, ordering Sinha to serve seven years in jail for laundering money and four years for breach of trust, prosecutor Khurshid Alam Khan said.

"This verdict proved that nobody in the country is above law. Wrongdoings will bring anyone in the trial," he told AFP.

Sinha was the first Hindu chief justice in the officially secular Muslim-majority nation of 169 million.

He later wrote a book, titled A Broken Dream: Rule of Law, Human Rights and Democracy, in which he said he had been forced to resign and flee after being threatened by a military security agency.



## Kargil Clerics Seek FIR Against Rizvi For Blasphemy

KO NEWS DESK

**KARGIL:** A prominent religious organisation from Kargil on Wednesday urged the authorities to lodge an FIR against Waseem Rizvi for his blasphemous remarks on Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and the Holy Quran.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, Jamiat Ul Ulama Insa Asharia said that Rizvi's remarks is a well thought out conspiracy to provoke and incite communal violence in the country.

"Therefore, request you to kind lodge an FIR against Waseem Rizvi and arrest him immediately so that communal harmony prevails in the country," the statement reads.

It further adds that there are several videos on the Youtube and other social media platforms in which Rizvi used blasphemous comments against Prophet

Muhammad (SAW) and the Holy Quran.

"After these utterances of Waseem Rizvi, Muslims across the country are enraged and their religious sentiments are hurt. Such incidents can lead to violence if he is not stopped to do preposterous acts", the statement adds.

It said, "These acts are contrary to our constitutional and moral values and these types of hatred can't be tolerated in a civilised society. But sadly no action has been taken against his Islamophobic rant"

The body alleged that Rizvi has been continuously stirring up the controversy so that all his past misdeeds of corruption which he had "committed by selling off lucrative waqf lands" in the state of UP to land mafias during his tenure as Chairman of Shia Waqf Board.

## No Lack Of Infra, Resources In Government Schools: DSEK

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** The Director School Education, Tasaduq Hussain Mir on Wednesday said that there was no inadequacy of infrastructure and resources for the government school in Kashmir.

Hussain, while talking to reporters here said that they are not lagging behind infrastructure and resources. "Compared to whole country we spend much more on every student and this enrolment drive will take our education to a new level," he said.

He said that they have started this drive so as to facilitate optimum enrolment in government schools but no injustice would be done to private schools as they won't retain any student just for money.

He said that after the end of examinations a rationalization of teachers program would be started to provide sufficient staff for the government schools which will fulfill the educational needs of students as well as provide employment to so many youth.

"We will keep our hopes high and our team at Handwara is a dedicated one. They won't let us down. We will do our best to make this enrolment drive a successful program," he added.

He said that they don't lack infrastructure, this is a misconception as they have the highest infrastructure in the entire country.

"If we go by the figures we spend about Rs 1.10 lakh per student per year when national average is forty to fifty thousands. So vis a vis infrastructure we are not lagging behind nor we are lagging behind resources but we need a motivational drive

### J&K Crisis Need Pollution Solution Not Military: Mehbooba

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**SRINAGAR:** PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday said the crisis in Jammu and Kashmir needed a political solution.

"The crisis in J&K needs a political and not a military solution," Mehbooba tweeted.

Mehbooba reacted to reports of fresh deployment of Central Armed Paramilitary Forces in Kashmir in the aftermath of targeted civilian killings by militants over the past six weeks. "Even after converting J&K into a military garrison, additional troops are being brought to Kashmir. Whatever little breathing space people have here is being choked and taken over all under the pretext of security," she said.

### Govt Relaxes Upper Age Limit For SIs Recruitment Aspirants

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir government has on Wednesday announced a one-time age relaxation to the sub-inspector post aspirants besides increasing the overall Union Territory posts from 800 to 1200. The Office of Lieutenant Governor Jammu and Kashmir made the announcement via a tweet. "Following representation from various delegations, the Govt has taken a decision to provide one-time age relaxation for aspirants in recruitment of Sub-inspectors in @JmuKmrPolice. The Upper age limit increased from 28 to 30yrs & no. of UT cadre posts also increased from 800 to 1200 (sic)", the tweet reads.

JAMMU SHOOTOUT

# Suspended Cop, His Colleague Arrested From Kathua

**JAMMU:** A suspended policeman and his former colleague, who were wanted in connection with last week's shooting incident in the outskirts of Jammu, were arrested from Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, a police officer said.

Three people, including a history-sheeter and his brother, were killed and another critically injured in a shooting incident following a brawl over some issue in Salehar village of Arnia in R S Pura on Friday.

Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Chandan

Kohli had constituted a special investigation team (SIT) to probe 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 rifle on the four people. He was accompanied by his former colleague constable Sadeeq.

"Both the accused were arrested by the SIT from Kathua district, the officer said, without divulging further details.

The accused were on the run since the shooting and on No-

vember 8, police detained the wife of Sadeeq for questioning and also recovered the service rifle of the suspended cop from a field.

Babar Chowdhary, a history-sheeter, his brother Sabar Chowdhary and Arif Chowdhary were killed, and their associate Parveen Kumar was critically injured in the incident.

While Sabar and Arif died on the spot, Babar succumbed to injuries when he was being shifted to a hospital in Punjab for specialised treatment on Sunday.

## Vibrant, Disruption Free Winter Priority Of Govt: CS

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday directed power development department to undertake greater efforts to ensure smooth power supply during winters in the Union Territory.

The directions in this regard were passed by the Chief Secretary Dr Arun K Mehta while chairing a meeting to review the power scenario in Kashmir valley, an official spokesperson said. Mehta, he said, maintained that a vibrant, disruption free winter remains the topmost priority of the government this year.

Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary Power Development Department, Basharat Qayoom, MD Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited and Chief Engineers and other senior officers of Distribution Kashmir, Projects Kashmir and Transmission Kashmir attended the meeting.

According to the official spokesperson, the Chief Secretary was apprised about the existing electricity scenario in Kashmir valley, the current energy consumption pattern and future power requirement during the winter season.

"He was informed that the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation has already touched a peak load of 1653 MW which is nearly 100 MW higher than the peak load of 1546 which was served last year. Similarly, the power supply to the Kashmir valley this



year alone had been of the order of 5719.6 million units- an increase of 12% over the previous year," he said.

While acknowledging the efforts of the department, the Chief Secretary, as per the official spokesperson also directed the officers to undertake greater efforts to ensure smooth power supply during winters. Mehta, he said, also directed inspection of all transformers by 30th November 2021 to ensure good health of transformers, besides simultaneously inspecting all HT/LT fuses within 15 days.

"Mehta further directed prevention of unscheduled power cuts due to overloading and formulation of proper protocol to manage scheduled power cuts. He also directed initiation of IEC campaign for raising awareness on agreedement power load, schedule of electricity cuts and helpline number for complaints," the official spokesperson said.

He said that the Department was also directed to explore the possibility of informing

the public about the scheduled power cut through text messages in the future, besides ensuring lowering the existing transformer damage rate from 20% to 10% during the three winter months.

"The department was also asked to ensure that the damaged transformers in all main towns be replaced within 8 hours of reported failure, while in other areas the same shall be made functional within 24 hours," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, special emphasis was to be laid on providing protective gear and proper heating arrangements to the employees deployed on duties in extreme weather conditions for maintenance works.

"The Chief Secretary mentioned that the government is keen to ensure a vibrant winter tourism season in Kashmir and for this purpose, provision of reliable electricity supply is of critical importance," he said.

Mehta, he said, exhorted the officers of the KPDC to provide 24x7 power supply to Gulmarg and Pahalgam, besides ensuring that winter tourist spots including Sonamarg and Doodpathri receive adequate electric supply during these winters. For this all necessary arrangements including laying of underground cables and other suitable arrangements shall be made in a timely manner.

## Patients Shiver With Cold As Hospitals Lack Heating Arrangements

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Patients admitted in various hospitals are shivering with cold as authorities have failed to keep heating arrangements in place amid dip in temperature in the valley.

Bashir Ahmad, an attendant with a patient at Super Speciality Hospital Srinagar said neither the heating system has been started nor personnel blankets are allowed to patients.

"Patients are shivering with cold but nobody is concerned. We are even not allowed to bring our own blankets to make ourselves warm. The non-availability of heating arrangements is causing cold-related ailments among the patients. Our patient has caught a cold in the hospital," he told a local news agency KINS.

An official at LD Hospital said newborn babies in the hospital are also facing the threat of catching cold-related diseases.

"This issue has been brought into the notice of concerned authorities many times but to no avail," the official added. Similarly, attendants also complain about the lack of heating arrangements at SMHS Hospital Srinagar.

"My mother is admitted here but there is no heating arrangement in place. Patients are shivering with cold. Nobody is concerned about patients and attendants. This is the scene of the premier hospital of Kashmir then you can imagine the condition in other hospitals," said Mehraj ud Din, whose mother is admitted to SKIMS Soura.

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An official of SKIMS Soura said that heating system has been started in a few departments like pediatric department. "But majority of SKIMS is without a heating system thus bringing huge inconveniences to the patients and attendants," the official said.

When asked Medical Superintendent SKIMS Soura Dr Farooq Jan about lack of heating arrangements he refused to comment. "You should talk to PRO for the comments," he said.

PRO SKIMS could not be contacted for the comments.

Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) has urged administration to start the heating system in Kashmir hospitals as the patients are suffering due to the chill.

With temperatures dipping, DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan said patients are shivering with cold as the heating system of hospitals has not been started yet.

"The bone-chilling cold in hospitals is making life difficult for ailing patients," he has said.

The DAK President said tertiary care and peripheral hospitals are without heating putting lives of patients at risk.

"Cardiac and Stroke patients in hospitals are at increased risk of death as cold thickens blood and constricts the arteries," he said.

"Even the condition of Asthmatics and patients with Chronic Obstructive Lung Diseases worsens in hospitals because of cold conditions," he added. (KINS)

## Govt Asks All Departments To Ensure No 'Wasteful' Expenditure

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** The government on Wednesday directed all Administrative Secretaries, Head of Departments (HODs), Drawing and Disbursing officers (DDOs) and Treasury Officers to streamline the expenditure in various departments during the remaining period of the current fiscal.

Atal Dulloo, Financial commissioner, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department in this regard issued any order.

The order states that all Administrative Secretaries, HODs, DDOs and Treasury Officers are strictly advised to adhere to the guidelines to regulate the expenditure before the end of the current financial year.

The order states that the funds shall be drawn as per the actual demand and requirement of the department. Proposals for parking of funds in "Civil Deposit" in

order to avoid lapsing of funds shall not be entertained and processed.

"The additional proposals involving new schemes and projects shall be avoided at this stage as the budget formulation exercise has been already completed. The expenditure shall be regulated in such a manner so as to ensure that all procedures are complied with and there is no irregular, infructuous or wasteful expenditure," it reads.

With regards to expenditure, the official document reads as all the departments shall ensure uniform pace of expenditure during the financial year 2021-22. The overall ceiling of 30 percent expenditure shall be maintained during the last quarter of the Financial Year 2021-22. The expenditure during the last month of the current Financial Year 2021-22 shall be restricted to 15 percent of the budget allocation.

### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.H.E DIVISION BUDGAM H.Q: Budgam.

NOTICE INVITING E - TENDERS:

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Short Term e- NIT No: 66/PHE/Bud/Civil of 2021-22.

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

Table I

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (₹ In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In ₹)	Amount of earnest money (in ₹)	Time for completion (In Days)	Class of contractor	Major head of account	Tender Call
1	Construction of Machine drilled Handpumps of 125 mm dia casing for providing water supply facilities at Wahabpora and Haknipora.	4.59	300/-	9,180/-	7 Days	DEE	UPD	1 <sup>st</sup>

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Two More Killings

Two more people, including a police officer, were shot dead by militants in Srinagar in continuation to a series of targeted attacks in the recent past. On Monday evening, Muhammad Ibrahim Khan, a resident of Astengo in Bandipora district, was fired near a grocery shop in Bohri Kadal area of downtown Srinagar. Earlier on Sunday evening Tauseef Ahmad, a police official, was killed outside his home in the Batamaloo neighborhood.

The targeted killings began more conspicuously on October 6 when the suspected militants killed prominent businessman Makhan Lal Bindroo. On the same day, a Hindu Bihari street vendor was also shot dead in downtown Srinagar. And the following day a Kashmiri Pandit school teacher and a Sikh woman principal were also killed. Days after, a Hindu and a Muslim Bihari street vendors were gunned down across the Valley followed after a week by the killing of two more Hindu Bihari labourers in South Kashmir.

This is when a tipping point was reached triggering the flight of the laborers. Ever since hundreds of migrant workers have started leaving the Valley, making it the second exodus of its nature in the last three decades of the political turmoil that has so far led to the loss of over 70,000 lives.

The two persons killed now belong to the majority community. But unfortunately, the killings of this nature don't generate much outrage outside Kashmir where it is largely the minority killings that get noticed. In fact, selective outrages have been an invariable feature of the tragedy of Kashmir. And there is hardly any section of the population who can claim a moral high ground. Even those who bemoan selective outrage are often themselves guilty of it. The killing of civilians has been the single-most agonizing feature of the life in Valley over the past so many years. It is not unusual for the security personnel to fire at protesting youth and get away with it as it is for the militants to do so. Over the last month, two civilians who allegedly jumped a checkpoint were shot dead by the security personnel. There is no introspection as to why it is that jumping a checkpoint, if at all, it is true, needs to be responded with bullets

The parties might condemn, they might wring their hands, but it hardly generates a deep sense of outrage over the state of affairs. Beyond a day or two after the incident, the state of affairs returns to normal. No action follows. In Kashmir, like always it is the exception that passes off as normal. The standards that are duly followed in the rest of the country are only observed in breach in the Valley. More tragically, the deaths in Kashmir mean little beyond the Valley. Let alone in the rest of India where the media has pretended as if nothing has happened, even around the world.

O T H E R   O P I N O N

Keeping The Faith: On WHO Approval To Covaxin

Following months of speculation, the World Health Organization (WHO) has granted Emergency Use Listing (EUL) to Covaxin, manufactured by Bharat Biotech. This now allows the vaccine's better availability in many more countries, particularly via global groupings such as Covax. One of WHO's key aims is to have at least 40% of people in all countries vaccinated by the year-end — a tall order as the latest estimates suggest that only around 1% of people in low-income countries have received their jabs. Seventy countries are yet to vaccinate 10% of their populations, and 30 countries — including much of Africa — have vaccinated fewer than 2%. In Latin America, only one in four of the population has received a vaccine dose, according to The British Medical Journal. Covaxin is an indigenous, inactivated whole-virion vaccine that has been developed based on well-established protocols. This has meant that it was put on the regulatory speed belt at nearly every stage, the most significant being its emergency approval by India's drug regulators without any published phase-3 efficacy data. The ostensible reason for the haste was that India needed a low-cost indigenous vaccine that could be quickly administered to many.

Though Bharat Biotech has years of experience in producing crores of vaccines, the scale of quickly ramping up Covaxin supply has so far been beyond its capacity. In no month, since July, has Bharat Biotech actually delivered on its promised supply of vaccine, and even after over 107 crore shots have been administered, only around 12% have received Covaxin; many in India have been vaccinated with Covishield. Moreover, before the Centre agreed to take over 75% of the public supply, Covaxin offered no cost advantage — and in some instances was costlier — than Covishield. Bharat Biotech however moved to quickly get WHO's approval for its vaccine under its emergency listing process, in July. But unlike the rapid-fire clearance by India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, WHO's evaluation process has turned out to be considerably more involved. WHO cleared the AstraZeneca (Covishield) vaccine in four weeks but that Covaxin has required over 20 weeks — especially in a climate where much of the world is desperate — raises several questions. Bharat Biotech is no novice to WHO's clearance process and would surely be aware of all the requirements. While Covaxin's EUL may now ease foreign travel for a fraction of Indians, there is a real need to know why, in spite of Bharat Biotech's claims that it had furnished the required data whenever demanded, this approval took the time it did. With Covaxin close to being approved for children there will be significant demand now for this population segment; however, the company must work to improve its manufacturing supply and contribute to a larger share of the vaccines globally administered.

The Hindu

Why Do Climate Change Talks Fail?



BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER Boris Johnson with Indian counterpart Narendra MOdi attend the World Leaders' Summit "Accelerating Clean Technology Innovation and Deployment", during the CoP26 in Glasgow on November 2, 2021. | Photo Credit: Jeff J Mitchell

Shafi Lone

Leaders from across the world have gathered at the Scottish city of Glasgow to discuss the climate change emergency. At COP26, world leaders dialed up doomsday warnings and sought out mechanisms, and pledged to keep the global rise of temperature well below 1.5 degree Celsius. Conference of Parties is the apex decision-making body under the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change, that meets every year to review the implementation of the convention and take decisions in the direction of stabilization of greenhouse gases.

This year's COP is particularly important as it comes in the backdrop of IPCC's report, dubbed by UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres as 'code red' for humanity. The report pointed towards the climate change emergency and concluded that more emission cuts are needed to hold back temperature rise to target, as set out at the Paris climate agreement.

Climate change negotiations have been going on since 1994, when UNFCCC was formed under the RIO convention. However, nothing substantial has come out of these negotiations. The failure of climate change talks is attributed by experts, primarily to not basing these negotiations on the principle of equity. The principle of equity is fundamental in climate governance as it emphasizes the distribution of cost and benefits evenly between states. The fact that the developing world appropriates less atmospheric space and bore disproportionate climate costs makes it all-important to make equity an underlying principle of climate negotiations.

The concept of equity aims to achieve fairness and balance in access to environmental resources, in bearing environmental burdens, and in participating in environmental decision-making. The principle of equity demands that historical pol-

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luters must be first to achieve carbon-neutrality and to operationalize green climate funds set up in 2010 to make available \$100 billion for developing countries to mitigate and adapt to climate risks.

The data analyzed by CSE, Delhi shows that between 1860-1989, seven historical polluters, the US, UK, EU-27, Canada, Russia, Australia, and Japan, contributed 70% to total carbon dioxide emissions. At present, China, the EU, and the US emit 50% of total emissions, while India and Africa combined emit 10% but make up 17% of the global population. Moreover, the per capita carbon emissions are disproportionately higher for developed countries. For instance, emissions emitted by one person in the United States are equivalent to emissions emitted by 108 persons in Ethiopia. Hence, environmental justice can be ensured only by making the principle of equity fundamental to climate governance.

The imperative of equity is required for bold and urgent action on climate change for many reasons. The residence time of Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere ranges from a few hundred to a few thousand years. The residence time of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is 100 years, while that of SF6 is about 3200 years. Because many greenhouse gases stay in the atmosphere for long after being released, their warming effects on climate persist over a long time and can therefore affect both present and future generations. Thus, emphasizing only

upon present emissions and not taking responsibility for past emissions is a negation of the principle of distributional justice.

Carbon dioxide emissions are linked to economic growth. The developed world has appropriated the past and grown by employing carbon-intensive fuels and technologies. The economic growth and development, as seen in the developed world, have been the product of the unsustainable use of natural resources. The industrial revolution and subsequent technological advancement led to the carbonization of economies. It becomes imperative for the developed world to not only de-carbonize their economies and move towards green and clean energy options but also help emerging worlds to make the low-carbon transition by making capital and technology available to them.

Since the emerging world has been historically deprived of its share in growth and prosperity, these countries were either colonized and exploited or were not able to harness the benefits on account of technological backwardness. The lack of capital coupled with technological backwardness didn't allow third-world countries to grow despite abundant resources. The lack of growth translated into deprived conditions of people, overburdened health and educational infrastructure, and a poverty-stricken population. The principle of justice demands that space be provided to these countries to grow to achieve

better living standards and alleviate the sufferings of people living in third-world countries.

Paris agreement, although touted as a major milestone in climate negotiations, has in fact, weakened the principle of equity. It sought to rewrite the 1992 framework convention on climate change by not mentioning the historical responsibility of countries towards climate catastrophe. The parties to the Paris Agreement agreed that all countries would act to reduce emissions, not based on their contribution to the stock of emissions but do as best as they can. The parties are supposed to submit nationally determined contributions, which would contain measures and strategies to cut down emissions. Thus, by rewriting the 1992 convention, leaders agreed that there would be no mention of the historical responsibility of countries and that climate justice would be a postscript.

IPCC has made it clear that we are about to exhaust the carbon budget; only 400Gtonnes is left for the world to stay below 1.5 degrees from pre-industrial levels.

However, the pace with which economies are driven by fossil fuels, the report estimates that we are going to exhaust our carbon budget in a decade or even earlier. The world has run out of time and carbon budget, but the vast number still need the energy to grow. The past has been appropriated and gobbled up; millions cannot be told that there is no space for them to grow. As they develop as they must, they will add to emissions and will add to our jeopardy. These countries need huge augmented funds and technology to build low-carbon economies.

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Where Are Your Masks?

Srinagar Has Witnessed A Recent Surge In The Number Of Covid Cases. This Was Bound To Happen As People Wearing Masks Are Rare. These Are Probably The Anti-Vaxers Of Our Society As Well.

THE rapid surge in covid cases has posed a conundrum for the government, it has an onus to ensure citizens' health and economic security, it is faced with a daunting challenge to safeguard both. The situation seems to be sliding back to what it was a few months ago when things went haywire. The daily case records have risen and the rise in numbers is worrisome. Unfortunately, this comes at a time when some semblance of normal life was returning.

The sudden rise in covid cases may prompt the government to impose stringent restrictions or perhaps a lockdown. A total lockdown will be devastating for the economy which has just begun to spring back but it will be the only option left with the government if the situation becomes progressively worse. The government should not wait to take action when the push comes to shove, it will be prudent to impose some restrictions now, to prevent the situation from deteriorating.

Non-essential travel has mainly contributed to the spike, while it is essential for restoring economic growth but some restrictions must be imposed to keep the cases under control.

It is important to understand this virus will not vanish into thin air, a complete lockdown is not an option, it will destroy livelihoods, a vaccine shot is not a remedy as well, though it will play a huge role in mitigating the severity of the virus, it doesn't eliminate the possibility of its contraction and

transmission. As stated by the WHO chief António Guterres, we must learn to live with this virus, complying with the SOP's and refraining from carelessly venturing out will keep the virus at bay.

Please get yourself vaccinated if you still haven't and do not wait for things to worsen. Covid waves come unannounced. Do be a cause for it.

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# Petite and Picture Perfect

Teenage girls with perfectionist tendencies need to take extra care with social media

Marianne Etherson | Thomas Curran

People higher in self-critical perfectionism are therefore thought to be especially vulnerable to negative social comparisons. This is because they derive their self-worth from being seen by others as flawless. While social media can seemingly provide people higher in self-critical perfectionism with a fleeting fix of self-worth and validation, the endless likes, comments and follows can also evoke feelings of inadequacy

We all do it. Robot-like, we endlessly scroll through social media feeds. To an extent, we even go about our daily lives staring at screens while ignoring the world around us. In fact, evidence suggests a fifth of adolescents spend five or more hours on social media per day. Some even log on after midnight.

Social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook and TikTok are a ubiquitous part of young people's lives – especially female adolescents. But as recent research suggests, the psychological wellbeing of these young women may be at stake as a result. And our new study, published in the Personality and Individual Differences journal, has identified a group who may be particularly vulnerable.

Social media feeds are filled with beautiful models, people living perfect lives and unattainable body ideals. Photographs are altered using filters – and only a person's highlights are shown. We find ourselves under the spell of social media, and while there are benefits to using it, it often takes an emotional toll.

Female adolescents are particularly vulnerable to the stringent standards of beauty displayed on social media. Social media often intensifies their insecurities and anxieties. And, in the face of the edited, perfect lives of others, many feel inadequate.

This is partly because social media provides female adolescents with a platform to compare their appearance with others. Sadly, research suggests that women often perceive themselves negatively in such comparisons. It has been shown to heighten female body-image concerns, reduce happiness and increase feelings of social alienation.

#### Rising levels of perfectionism

Whether social media is harmful or not ultimately depends on who is using it, though. Our new study suggests that "self-critical perfectionism" is one characteristic which may make young women vulnerable to the harmful effects of social media.

Perfectionism is a personality trait characterised by irrational standards and harsh self-criticism. People who are high in self-critical perfectionism are likely to set uncompromising standards for their appearance and compare themselves negatively with others. They can also have a tendency to feel that other people or society more generally demand perfection. This can lead to chronic concerns about others' criticism and expectations.

Recent research has found perfectionism to be rising in young people. This is particularly alarming, as perfectionism has been linked to a host of negative outcomes, such as depression, symptoms of eating disorders, and even thoughts and ideas about suicide.

To test whether perfectionists really are more vulnerable on social media, we measured 135 female adolescents' level of perfectionism, body appreciation, depressive symptoms and comparisons based on appearance on social media. We did this once a week for four weeks.

In line with previous research, we found that the girls who were self-critical perfectionists were more likely to have greater depressive symptoms and lower body appreciation. However, we also discovered that



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the girls reported even more depressive symptoms and negative body image when comparing their appearance negatively to others on social media.

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While social media can seemingly provide people higher in self-critical perfectionism with a fleeting fix of self-worth and validation, the endless likes, comments and follows can also evoke feelings of inadequacy. Negative comparisons will likely exacerbate perfectionists' underlying sense of inferiority.

#### Moving forward

Although social media is an inevitable part of modern society, we suggest that adolescents who are more vulnerable to the negative effects should spend more time offline. They should also control what is

shown on their social media feeds – by unfollowing or muting accounts that are triggering their anxieties. Finally, they should avoid or reappraise comparisons made with others.

In particular, adolescents would benefit from questioning the unrealistic standards of beauty on social media, and being more wary of the perfect images portrayed online.

Parents can help by talking with their adolescent children about the fact that their value as a person does not hinge on attaining a perfect appearance. They should help encourage children to avoid using social media to gain validation and self-worth. Indeed, challenging this belief and adopting greater self-compassion and self-acceptance is vital to help counteract these harmful effects.

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## Turkish Telenovelas Are Thriving In Latin America

SANTIAGO

Sherezade, a young widow, needs cash to pay for her son's leukaemia treatment. She accepts \$150,000 in return for sleeping with her boss Onur, a balding misogynist who advises his friends not to trust women because "perfidy fills them like the weave of their beautiful garments". Unexpectedly, the pair fall in love. But—plot spoiler—it takes two failed engagements, one divorce, the appearance of illegitimate children, a miscarriage caused by poisonous tea, a few assassinations and one suicide for the couple finally to commit to one another in episode 179 (the son survives, too).

When the Turkish soap opera "1001 Nights", loosely based on the classic collection of Middle Eastern folk tales, first aired on Chilean tv in 2014, it broke viewing records. Mega, the ailing broadcaster that bought the rights, was the only channel to make a profit that year. It has bought the rights to 26 other Turkish shows since then, and remains one of the country's most popular channels.

The largest market for Turkish shows used to be the Middle East. But recently Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia have boycotted or banned Turkish shows because of the country's embrace of the Muslim Brotherhood and its support for Qatar (the relative freedom of Turkish female characters does not help, either). Latin America has filled the gap. Turkish production companies say that a third of revenue from foreign sales comes



from there, more than any other region. Somewhat conservative themes resonate with many Latin Americans. "We like big families, big dinners, and we value things like respect for elders," says Ozlem Ozsumbul of Madd Entertainment, a distributor.

From Ecuador to Mexico, prime-time slots are now filled by Turkish shows. "Kara Para Ask" (Black Money Love) counts Lionel Messi, an Argentinian footballer, as a fan. In 2018 Venezuela's dictator, Nicolás Maduro, visited the set of "Dirilis: Ertugrul" (Resurrec-

tion: Ertugrul), where he tried his hand at blacksmithing, wore a traditional hat, and is said to have compared himself to the show's hero, the father of the founder of the Ottoman Empire.

But the biggest fans of Turkish telenovelas are señoras of a certain age. They like them because they are less raunchy and gory than local shows, with their gun-toting drug lords. It takes 28 episodes before Sherezade and Onur share their first kiss, which even Argentina's leading conservative newspaper complained lacked "feravour".

Norma, an 82-year-old in Buenos Aires, likes Turkish shows because "they are so decent, so romantic." Her carer, Karina, adds: "Argentine telenovelas are too extreme, on the first date they already have sex!" They watch Turkish shows every day from 4pm until Norma goes to sleep.

It also helps that, in contrast to Turkey, where dramas are shown once a week and can run for over two hours, in Latin America these shows are chopped up into shorter chunks. This makes them far easier to watch;

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it also helps boost the ratings of the tv channels, which can spin out the tales over hundreds (if not thousands) of episodes. The formula may feature few besos, but it brings in plenty of pesos.

The Economist



# Air Pollution And Genes May Elevate Risk Of Depression

Press Trust of India

Washington- Exposure to high-particulate-matter air pollution may significantly increase the risk of depression in healthy people who have a genetic predisposition for the disorder, according to a first-of-its-kind study.

The research, published on Monday in the journal PNAS, combined scientific data on air pollution, neuroimaging, brain gene expression, and additional data gathered from an international genetic consortium from over 40 countries.

"The key message in this study, which has not been shown before, is that air pollution is affecting important cognitive and emotional circuitry of the brain by changing the expression of genes that are conducive to depression," said Hao Yang Tan from the Lieber Institute for Brain Development (LIBD) in the US.

"More people in high-pollution areas will become depressed because their genes and pollution in their environment exaggerate the individual effects of each," said Tan, who led the research in collaboration with Peking University, China.

The researchers noted that all people have some propensity for developing depression, but certain people have higher risk written into their genes.

This predisposition does not mean that a person will develop depression, but it increases a person's risk above the average population, they said.

The study shows that depression is far more likely to develop in otherwise healthy humans who have these key genes and who live in environments with high levels of particulate-matter in the air.

"Our results are the first to show a direct, neurological link between air pollution and how the brain works in processing emotional and cognitive information and in risk for depression," said Zhi Li, a postdoctoral fellow at the LIBD, and lead author of the study.

"What is most intriguing is that the two factors are linked in such a way that they have a multiplier effect on one's risk of depression. That is, together, risk genes and bad air raise the risk of depression much more than either factor does in isolation," Li said.

The brain circuits involved in the effects of genetic risk and air pollution control a wide range of important reasoning, problem-solving, and emotional functions, suggesting potentially widespread brain effects of air pollution, the researchers said.

The study recruited 352 healthy adults living in Beijing, a city with well-documented daily pollution levels.

Participants first underwent genotyping from which the researchers calculated each person's polygenic depression risk score -- the mathematical likelihood that a person will suffer depression based on genes alone.

They then collected detailed information

examined data from a gene atlas of postmortem human brain tissue.

The researchers then mapped the postmortem brain networks to the very same networks in living subjects to test whether those genes underwrite the effects of air pollution.

The team found that people who had high genetic risk for depression and high exposure to particulate matter had brain function predicted by a tighter integration with



Leaders and public health officials around the globe have ample evidence that additional air pollution controls will lead to improved cognitive function and lower rates of depression -- particularly in densely populated urban areas where air pollution is highest, and stress from socioeconomic and racial inequities is greater

about each participant's relative exposure to air pollution over a prior six-month period.

The participants then engaged in a series of simple cognitive tests while undergoing functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) showing which parts of the brain were activated during the cognitive processing.

They were also subjected to social stress, which affected how a widespread network of brain circuits operated during the tests.

The researchers showed that this brain network was disproportionately degraded by the combination of the genes for depression and the relative degree of exposure to air pollution.

To directly examine how genes for depression operated in the human brain, they

how genes for depression operated together.

The researchers also found that a subset of genes driving these associations were implicated in inflammation, as well a finding that could provide new pharmacological insights into mitigating the effects of air pollution on brain function and depression.

Tan said that this new understanding has implications for policymakers around the world.

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## Here's how bedtime is associated with heart health

### Agencies

Going to sleep between 10:00 and 11:00 pm is associated with a lower risk of developing heart disease compared to earlier or later bedtimes, according to a study led by an international team of researchers.

The study was published in European Heart Journal - Digital Health, a journal of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC).

"The body has a 24-hour internal clock, called circadian rhythm, that helps regulate physical and mental functioning, while we cannot conclude causation from our study, the results suggest that early or late bedtimes may be more likely to disrupt the body clock, with adverse consequences for cardiovascular health," said study author Dr David Plans of the University of Exeter, UK.

While numerous analyses have investigated the link between sleep duration and cardiovascular disease, the relationship between sleep timing and heart disease is underexplored. This study examined the association between objectively measured, rather than self-reported, sleep onset in a large sample of adults.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

FRESH NIT No.130/ET/R&B/SUMBAL of 11/2021.

(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

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2	Construction of Store/sale store for CAPD at Rakhi Asham.	6.99	300/-	30 Days		CEE/DEE
3	Restoration/ Upgradation of road surface by way of WBM,G-II in patches/stretches at Safapora	1.65	200/-	15 Days	Restoration of POT Holes	DEE

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2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority).

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

4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority).

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

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

7.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) into acquaint bid submission process.

7.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

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

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

7.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

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

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

9. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.

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

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

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

13. In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

14. The successful bidder who fails to submit original copies of uploaded documents especially 3% security performance of NIT, Advt. Cost within five days after opening of Bid shall be debarred from participating in future tendering for a period of one year in this Division as per instructions and reference of clause 2.20.5.

DIPK-12372/21

Sd./ Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division Sumbal

No. R&B/Sbl/21/2978-85.

Dated:- 09-11-2021.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Finance Department

Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar

NOTICE

It is for the information of candidates selected/recommended under the Hon'ble PM's Package for Kashmir Migrants and Non-migrant Kashmiri Pandits for the post of Assistant Compiler and Sub-Inspector, in Finance Department for Divisional Cadre, Kashmir who could not file the verification rolls of Character and Antecedents before the cut off date as per General Administration Department Order No.524-JK(GAD) of 2021 dated 21.06.2021 read with Order No.1003-JK(GAD) of 2021 dated 27.09.2021, shall file the verification rolls in triplicate form at the offices of J&K, Funds Organization and State Taxes Department, Jammu/Srinagar within 15 days from the date of issuance of approval of competent authority conveyed vide U.O. No. GAD-MTGURBIV/257/2021-02-GAD dated 09-11-2021.

DIPK-12390/21

No: FD/ST/11/2021-03

Dated 10-11-2021

(Shafaqat Ali Kenn) KAS

Under Secretary To The Government,

Finance Department.

Jal Shakti, Public Health Engineering, Department.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT No:-CE/PHE/KMR/ISD/20 OF 2021-22, Dated: 06-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian district for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works", details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1<sup>st</sup> consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover 2<sup>nd</sup> shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of document /tender fee (In Rs)	Earnest money (Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	2	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian District for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of: -  a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains. b. Drilling of production tube well. c. SITC of pumping units along with associated electro-mechanical works for harnessing of tube well. d. Retrofitting of electro-mechanical equipment's at various Water Supply Schemes	Work/scheme wise details given in Section II of tender document	1000/-		180 days	
	Group IV	Above 1 crores upto 3 crores		0.75		120

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir/ Jal Shakti (PHE)Department. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DIJJM).

Note: -

In view of the fact, that this NIT for item rate contract has been framed for the first time in the Department, a helpdesk shall be established at the Direction office level as well as district level for encouraging and facilitating the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.

Key/critical Dates:

i	Publish Date	08-11-2021
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	08-11-2021
iii	Clarification start date	08-11-2021
iv	Bid submission start date	12-11-2021
v	Clarification end date	26-11-2021
vi	Pre-bid Meeting date	22-11-2021
vii	Document Download/sale end Date	26-11-2021
viii	Bid submission end date	26-11-2021
ix	Date and time of Bid opening	29-11-2021

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in>

2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.

3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

4. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

6. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar

a. **Bid Security** to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti PHE Department. **Bid Security** will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.

b. The **cost of downloaded tender documents** should be in form of DD /TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

7. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

8. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of **180 days** from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

10. Queries by email if any should be made at [kmrphed@gmail.com/phecejmu@gmail.com](mailto:kmrphed@gmail.com/phecejmu@gmail.com)

No:CE/PHE/KMR/ISD/260049-60

Date:06.11.2021

DIPK-12341/21

Chief Engineer, Kashmir Jal Shakti, PHE Department.



## Cabinet Approves Ethanol Price Hike By Up To Rs 1.47/Litre For Mixing In Petrol

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** The government on Wednesday hiked the price of ethanol extracted from sugarcane for blending in petrol by up to Rs 1.47 per litre for 2021-22 marketing year starting December, as part of its target to achieve 20 per cent doping by 2025.

Higher mixing of ethanol in petrol will help cut India its oil import bill and also benefit sugar cane farmers as well as sugar mills.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, raised the price of ethanol extracted from sugarcane juice to Rs 63.45 per litre from the current Rs 62.65 per litre for the supply year beginning December 2021.

The rate for ethanol from C-heavy molasses has been in-



creased to Rs 46.66 per litre from Rs 45.69 per litre currently, and that of ethanol from B-heavy to Rs 59.08 per litre from Rs 57.61 per litre, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said at a media briefing.

Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) buy ethanol at a price fixed by the government.

Thakur said the ethanol blending with petrol has touched 8 per cent in the 2020-21 marketing year (December-November) and is expected to reach 10 per cent in the next year.

## Excise Duty Cut On Petrol, Diesel Is Significantly Positive For Inflation: RBI Guv

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**MUMBAI:** The recent decision of the central government to cut the excise duty on diesel and petrol is significantly positive for inflation, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Wednesday.

He said food inflation is now under control, but core inflation continues to remain elevated.

That (excise duty cut on petrol and diesel) is significantly positive for inflation, Das said.

Inflation in India is mainly caused due to the supply-side factors, which have been addressed by the government, he added.

The supply-side factors have

been addressed by the government, particularly with reference to pulses and edible oils, and now very recently with reference to petrol and diesel. All these have augured well for the inflation scenario.

So, food inflation, by and large, looks to be now under control, Das said.

So far, as India is concerned, core inflation has remained elevated, and that is a policy challenge, and we are keeping a very close watch of the evolution of the core inflation, he noted.

Even the fuel inflation has also remained elevated, and the RBI is closely monitoring it, he added.



## India On Way To Becoming Fastest Growing Economy In World: Finance Ministry Report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** Armed with necessary macro and micro growth drivers, India is on its way to becoming the fastest growing major economy in the world, a finance ministry report said.

Rapid vaccination and teeming festivities will push India's ongoing recovery resulting in narrowing of demand-supply mismatches and greater employment opportunities, as per the monthly Economic Review prepared by the ministry.

"Aatmanirbhar Bharat Mission encapsulating major structural reforms continues to play a critical role in shaping India's economic recovery, both through the signalling of business opportunities and expansion of spending channels."

"Armed with necessary macro and micro growth drivers, the stage is set for India's investment cycle to kickstart and catalyse its recovery towards becoming the fastest growing economy in the world," the review said.

The Economic Survey 2020-21, released in January this year, had projected GDP growth of 11 per cent during the current financial year ending March 2022.

The Survey had said growth will be supported by supply-side push from reforms and easing of regulations, push for infrastructural investments, boost to manufacturing sector through Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, recovery of pent-up demand, rise in discretionary consumption subsequent to rollout of vaccines and pick-up in credit given adequate liquidity and low interest rates.

India's economic recovery gathered steam in the festive season, recording a decade



high Diwali sales of Rs 1.3 lakh crore, as per Confederation of All India Traders.

Improving COVID-19 situation amid high business and consumer spirits delivered sustained economic recovery in October 2021 as well. The global economic recovery however continues to be impacted by prolonged supply constraints and input cost inflation, it said.

Yet IMF in its October 2021 update foresees improved global growth prospects at 5.8 per cent in 2021 and 4.9 per cent in 2022 triggering a coterminous global trade growth, by volume, at 9.7 per cent and 6.7 per cent, respectively.

World Trade Organization's October forecast also confirms favourable trade prospects underpinned by resurgence in global economic activity and vaccine dissemination.

This augurs well for India's export performance in the near future lending credence to IMF projecting India becoming the fastest growing economy, among major countries, in the current and the following year.

Agricultural sector continues its strong presence in economic recovery with higher acreage of Rabi sowing, improved reser-

voir levels, and adequate availability of fertilisers and seeds ensured by the government, it said.

Sustained rise in agri-exports, growing year-on-year by 22 per cent in April-August 2021, bespeaks government's commitment to increasing farmers' income, it said, adding, rural demand remains upbeat with month-on-month improvement in tractor and two and three-wheeler sales in September 2021.

The report said, softening retail inflation and adequate liquidity in the market are also reflected in largely stable G-Sec and corporate bond yields since July 2021.

"A more deliberate effort to reduce cost of borrowing is seen in complete pass-through of policy repo cuts as weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh rupee loans decline by 130 basis points between February 2020 and September 2021," it said.

Understandably, it said, RBI's Monetary Policy Committee in its 33rd meeting during October 6-8 resolved to continue with the extant configuration on the policy rates and its accommodative stance, while deciding to prioritise growth.

## Maruti Suzuki Drives In All New Celerio At Rs 4.99 Lakh



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Wednesday launched the all-new version of its premium hatchback Celerio in the country, priced between Rs 4.99 lakh and Rs 6.94 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). The manual trims are priced between Rs 4.99 lakh and Rs 6.44 lakh while the AGS (auto gear shift) variants are tagged between Rs 6.13 lakh and Rs 6.94 lakh.

The new Celerio is now bigger than the outgoing model and comes with an updated engine and a host of new safety and convenience features. The new engine on the new Celerio helps the model deliver a fuel efficiency of 26.68 km per liter, making it the country's most fuel-efficient petrol car.

"India is now fifth largest car market globally and Maruti Suzuki is proud to contribute nearly half of this. We stand committed to taking India to much greater heights. If we have to grow the Indian market further, we have to pay special attention to the volume segment," MSI Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Kenichi Ayukawa told reporters.

He added that compact cars and entry-level cars form a big volume in India as nearly 46 per cent of the market is hatchbacks. "It is with this background that we decided to present all-new Celerio to the Indian customer... We are proud to introduce next-generation K10 C engine to the company portfolio with the model," Ayukawa noted.

He added that the all-new Celerio with the 999-cc K10 C petrol engine is the most fuel-efficient petrol car in the Indian

passenger car segment. "Our engineers have achieved major fuel efficiency improvement ranging from 15 to 23 per cent across variants over the outgoing Celerio," Ayukawa said.

He added that in the following months, many other models will also be equipped with this next-generation K family engine. Ayukawa noted that the model reinforces the company's commitment to India's focus to lower the carbon footprint and reduce oil imports. "MSI would continue to invest in future technologies to bring down emissions and improve energy efficiency," he added.

Commenting on the market situation, Ayukawa said the second quarter turned out to be another challenging period for the company because of the unprecedented global supply crisis of electronic components.

Industry, at large, witnessed a significant disruption in its production operations but despite all odds, the auto industry progressively moved ahead, he stated. "While in terms of volume, we may still be much lower than our best of fiscal year 2018-19 but I am confident that together we will attain those levels," Ayukawa said.

He further said: "Overall, I feel there may be some supply side constraints in the short term owing to shortage of electronic components. But the medium and long term India story continues to look promising."

Ayukawa noted that the vaccination drive being undertaken in the country and young aspirational population looking for growth and fulfillment, gives hope for a quick recovery in the market.

## FM To Meet Heads Of Banks, FIs Next Week

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to meet heads of banks and financial institutions next week to remove friction in credit flow to productive sectors of the economy battered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The two-day conference, beginning November 17, would see participation from all public sector banks and financial institutions (FIs).

Besides, CEOs of top six private sector lenders and non-banking financial com-

panies (NBFCs), including HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Cholamandalam Investment and Finance, Shriram Transport Finance and Tata Capital, would also be present.

In a letter addressed to chairman and CEO of banks and financial institutions, the finance ministry said the two-day conference will focus on flow of credit into different sectors of the economy in a seamless manner.

Observing that bank credit is integral to economic activity, the letter said "traditionally, banks have been



the main source of credit for various sectors of the economy and their lending operations have evolved in response to needs of the economy."

In order to better understand the ecosystem and related issues, it said, a stakeholders' conference is

being organised on November 17-18 to be attended by Finance Minister and other top government officials.

The conference would be attended by secretaries representing various ministries to provide insight pertaining to initiatives or projects in pipeline of their respective ministries or departments that may require credit.

Industry association have also been invited to share their perspective in this regard, it added.

According to sources, the two-day conference would also undertake a compre-

hensive review of various segments, progress in government schemes including Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

The meeting comes at a time when banks are undertaking outreach programmes to push lending in the productive sectors of the economy.

Since the commencement of the government's nationwide Credit Outreach Programme on October 16, banks have sanctioned 13.84 lakh loans totalling Rs 63,574 crore through 10,580 camps held across the country as of October 31.

## India-Focussed Offshore, Exchange-Traded Funds Log USD 95 Mn Outflow In Sep Quarter

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** India-focused offshore funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) witnessed a net outflow of USD 95 million in three months ended September 2021, making it the 14th consecutive quarter of withdrawal, according to a Morningstar report released on Wednesday.

This was significantly lower than the net outflows of USD 1.55 billion registered during the quarter ended June 2021. India-focused offshore funds and ETFs are some of the prominent investment vehicles through which foreign investors invest in the Indian equity market.



offshore fund segment witnessed net inflows, after 13 consecutive quarters of net outflows. The category garnered net assets worth USD 13.6

million in the September 2021 quarter, which was in contrast to the net outflows of USD 1.7 billion recorded in the previous quarter.

In contrast, the offshore ETF segment witnessed net outflows of USD 108.2 million in three months ended September, after three consecutive quarters of net inflows. "This is in line with expectations, given that investors who have been sitting on profits on the back of Indian markets touching all-time highs will have chosen to book them through the ETF route," the report noted.

Flows into offshore funds are generally considered to be long-term in nature, whereas flows into offshore ETFs indicate predominantly short-term investment. The offshore funds and ETFs category has been witnessing consistent net outflows since February 2018.

The intensity reached its peak in the March 2020 quarter, as almost USD 5 billion left its coffers. This was the highest quarterly net outflows that the category had ever witnessed. The intensity of net outflows did show signs of moderation during the June, September, and December quarters of 2020 as well as during the quarter ended March 2021.



**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
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**Subject: - Change/Transfer of ownership in the Registration Certificate of M/s Jhan Tour & Travels.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas, this office has received an application from **Ms. Sada Jan D/o Late Liakat Ali Jan R/o M.K Chowk, Hawal, Srinagar**, wherein she has requested this office for transfer of Registration certificate namely **M/s Jhan Tour & Travel** from **Late Liakat Ali Jan** to **Ms. Sada Jan** under J&K Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011.

Whereas, the applicant along with her application, submitted Original Registration Certificate, State Subject, Educational qualification Certificate, Character Certificate, Affidavit of TT Act, PAN Card, Legal heir Certificate and Death Certificate of her father in support of her claim for favour of change in the registration records of this office.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 39 of Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011 before the request of the applicant is considered for change of name in the Registration Certificate, the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Financial Institutions/Banks/Organizations, etc. for purpose of inviting objections if any, the same should reach this office within a period of **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice in the local newspapers. No objections whatsoever beyond the period of **7 days** will be entertained and request of the applicant will be considered as per rules.

No: Reg/481/415/DTK  
Dated:10-11-2021  
DIPK-12411/21

SD/-  
Deputy Director Tourism,  
Registration (Kashmir)

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**Subject: J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination-2021, Horizontal reservation for Physically Challenged Candidates reg;**

**Ref: GAD-SERVOKAS/477/2021-02-GAD Dated: 10.11.2021.**

**NOTICE**  
**DATED:10.11.2021**

It is for the information of all the concerned candidates who have appeared in J&K. Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination-2021 held on 24.10.2021, that the 4% horizontal reservation for Physically Handicapped/ Disabled Candidates, in terms of J&K Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1998 and Government Order No. 163-JK(SWD) of 2021 dated:05.11.2021, shall be as under:-

1. Junior Scale of J&K Administrative Service	: 02 posts
2. J&K Accounts (G) Service	: 02 posts
Total	: 04 posts

The other terms and conditions as notified vide advertised notification no. 02-PSC (DR-P) of 2021 dated: 26.02.2021 shall remain the same.

No:- PSC/Exam/KAS(Prel)/2021  
Dated: 10.11.2021  
DIPK-12420/21

(Anil Sharma), JKAS  
Controller of Examinations,  
J&K Public Service Commission

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION KASHMIR**  
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**Sub:- Select list of the candidates for the post of "Teacher" (Education Department) District Cadre Anantnag in pursuance to Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2012 dated 19.07.2012 (Item No. 001) under Prime Minister's Special Package for Kashmiri Migrants and issuance of Provisional Appointment thereof.**

**Ref:- 1) Administrative Department's communication No. Edu-NG K/247/2021-01-SED dated 12.10.2021.**  
**2) J&K Services Selection Board's communication No. SSB/Secy/Sel/43/2015/Mig/11126-28 dated 02.06.2021 and No. SSB/Secy/Sel/43/2015/Mig/4110-12 dated 02.06.2021**

**NOTIFICATION**

Pursuant to the recommendation made by J&K Services Selection Board as conveyed by the Administrative Department vide aforementioned communication Shri. Amit Raina S/o Ashok Kumar Raina R/o Macha Bhawan and Smt Archana Pandita D/o Shri Avtar Krishan Pandita R/o Irkamoo Bidder Kokernag figuring at S.No. 29/Wait and 35/Wait respectively in the selection list of candidates for the post of Teacher under Prime Minister's Special Package for Kashmiri Migrants in District Cadre Anantnag are hereby informed to deposit all the testimonials/ certificates, verification of character and antecedents form prescribed by the Government in light of Order No. 528-JK(GAD) of 2021 dated 21.06.2021 within a period of 21 days from the date of issuance of this notification in the Directorate of School Education Kashmir.

The documents shall not be entertained after expiry of the stipulated time period.

No:- DSEK/Estt/III/B-Trs/M2/Sel-Part-II/1819  
Dated:- 8/11/2021  
DIPK-12395/21

Sd/-Director School Education  
Kashmir



# Das Says GDP To Clip At 9.5% As Growth Impulses Strong

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**MUMBAI:** Stating that growth impulses and the fast-moving economic indicators are strong, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday exuded confidence in the economy clipping at the projected 9.5 per cent this fiscal.

Crediting various measures taken by the government and RBI for the faster-than-expected recovery so far, Das said the fiscal and taxation reforms especially have played a key role in driving growth and reviving confidence.

These measures will continue to drive growth going forward. But as the monetary measures have almost reached their limits, going forward the government has to be in the forefront driving faster growth and the central bank can continue to support to revive the economy ravaged by the pandemic, he noted.

Citing a slew of measures the government has taken since the pandemic struck in March 2020, the governor specifically mentioned tax cuts on fuels, tax resolution for the telecom sector, annulling of the retro tax legislation, sale of Air India, plans to sell some of the public sector banks and PLI scheme as the major reforms and growth-drivers bearing fruits now.

Though soaring global crude prices and many geopolitical issues along with other global headwinds are challenges to growth, the overall growth outlook is very positive for us. I am very confident that our GDP will comfortably grow by 9.5 per cent this fiscal because all growth impulses are very strong, and the fast-moving indicators are stronger.

Our assessment is that we are on a path of reaching the 9.5 per cent growth comfortably, Das

said at a function organised by financial daily Business Standard here this evening.

But there are global headwinds as advanced economies, which have recovered faster from the pandemic and had posted higher growth numbers earlier, seem to have moderated now, he noted, putting question marks on the 5.9 per cent global GDP forecast.

Given all these global GDP may undershoot the 5.9 per cent target due to shortages of semi-conductors, shipping containers, and the resultant soaring freight rates, among others.

But on top of all these is that many European, Asian and American countries are still fighting the pandemic, Das said, warning this should ensure that there is no room for complacency at all.

He also based his growth optimism on the indications coming in from bankers that investment loans are making a slow come back and will pick up steam from the next fiscal.

Our recent interaction with bank CEOs make me confident that demand for investment capital is making a slow come back and should gather momentum from the next fiscal, he said, when asked whether he is worried that for the first time retail loan book at Rs 28.58 lakh crore - driven largely by home loans - has surpassed corporate loan book of Rs 28.28 lakh crore as of July this year.

Loans will go where there is demand. As of now, there is great demand for housing loans for one as we are now, in the lowest interest rate regime and ample liquidity, and for another, many people are looking for more spacious homes due to the pandemic, he said.

So, it is up to banks to do risk pricing very carefully in terms

of sectoral allocation of their assets. Each bank has to do its due diligence and determine the risk appetite, Das noted, parrying a direct answer to the question of whether he sees any bubble in the retail books.

The governor also discounted the fears being raised about the government being forced to infuse capital into the RBI, as in the past three years it had taken out a lot of the central bank's reserves as dividends.

One report has pegged that the government will infuse at least Rs 57,000 crore to maintain the over 20 per cent capital buffer that the Bimal Jalan panel had recommended. However, Das said this is an alarming forecast and there is no way that the government will have to infuse capital into the central bank. But we have more than four months left to close the fiscal and we will know the exact position only by the end of the year.

But all I can say is that the forecast is alarming and there will not be any need for capital infusion into the bank. This is purely speculative. Government injecting capital into RBI will not happen, as it is very alarmist and we don't foresee such a position, he said.

On the rising forex reserves to the tune being called the Dutch problem now, he said most of the forex is built through current account deficits, and we are basically a current account deficit country. Our reserve accreditation is happening through foreign capital inflows, but that also makes us responsible to make adequate reserve positions.

We want higher reserves to deal with any volatility in the forex markets, as happened from May through August of 2013. We should not revisit that episode. In a way, CAD is good as it brings in capital from outside, Das said.

# CISF To Hold National Conference On Streamlining Security For Differently-Abled Airport Passengers

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**New Delhi:** Airports guarding force CISF will hold a national conference on ensuring better and hassle-free security services to differently-abled air passengers on Thursday, officials said on Wednesday.

The all-India conference will be chaired by CISF director general (DG) M A Ganapathy and representatives from about 150 disability rights NGOs, airports security body Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), Ministry of Civil Aviation and CISF security chiefs of all 64 airports under its charge will participate in the event, which will have both physical and virtual attendance.

"The day-long conference aims to further streamline the security protocols that are undertaken in context of differently-abled passengers at airports under our cover.

"The Central Industrial Security Force is committed to make air travel absolutely smooth and happy for such passengers and this conference is aimed to further thrust out issues in this domain," CISF Deputy Inspector General (operations) Anil Pandey told PTI.

He said the force also plans to replicate the 'swarnim sewa' facility, currently operational for passengers at the Hyderabad airport, at other such civil aviation facilities under its control.

Under the 'swarnim sewa' facility, senior citizens, differently-abled, first-time fliers, pregnant women and other such category of passengers are provided special assistance



by CISF personnel during entry and exit at airports.

The current security guidelines for frisking differently-abled passengers, their equipments like wheelchairs, artificial limbs and others were brought in by the BCAS following the 2016 Somalia blast where a wheelchair-bound passenger was suspected to have carried out a blast in the aircraft after he tricked security at the Mogadishu airport.

A senior aviation security officer said while the guidelines issued by the CISF make it clear that passengers with special needs, donning artificial limbs and on wheelchairs need to be frisked with all due respect and courtesy, some stray incidents

do take place where passengers allege they were not treated well by the security personnel.

Recently, noted dancer and actor Sudhaa Chandran had issued a video statement, saying she felt "humiliated" when she was asked by a CISF personnel at the Mumbai airport to remove her artificial limb.

The CISF soon after issued an apology to Chandran over social media saying, "as per protocol, prosthetics are to be removed for security checks only under exceptional circumstances".

"We assure Ms.Sudhaa Chandran that all our personnel will be sensitised again on the protocols so that no inconvenience is caused to travelling passengers," the CISF had said.

The conference aims to standardise the process across all airports under the CISF cover in dealing with differently-abled passengers and address their problems appropriately, another officer said.

Presentations will be shown to all the participating stakeholders as to what and how the CISF undertakes security checks of such passengers and their feedback, grievances and suggestions will be noted during the event, he said.

The CISF is designated as the national aviation security force and it has functions under the control of the Union home ministry. It has 64 civil airports of the country under its cover at present.

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### Pain, Tears, Blurry

she has seen some improvement in her eyes. Experts suggest the increase in the dryness of eyes and blurry vision is a result of exponential increase in screen-time by students.

To reduce the number of hours children spent in front of their laptops and mobile phones, the Union Human Resource Ministry, last year had suggested capping the duration of online classes and also limiting the number of sessions for students.

The guidelines by the Ministry of Human Resources Department (HRD) are called "Pragyata".

According to their recommendation, the students from Class I to VIII should not have more than two online classes per day, each lasting around 30-45 minutes.

For classes IX to XII, the HRD Ministry had recommended four online classes per day up to the duration of 45 minutes each, which roughly equates 3 hours of classes per day.

The guidelines further direct that kids in pre-primary classes should not spend more than 30 minutes on their online classes.

However, the authorities have failed to implement these guidelines leaving the Kashmiri student community prone to more screen-time which has potential to cause eye-related complications.

Dr. Shazia Shafi, an ophthalmologist working at Sharp Sight Hospital, says there has definitely been an increase in footfall of patients since the pandemic started.

"Increasing number of kids are having eye complications like colour vision loss," Dr. Shazia having an expertise in cataract and glaucoma says.

"Screen time should be restricted," she added. "Even in-between their classes, students should take breaks and follow the 20-20-20 rule."

Elaborating about the rule, the ophthalmologist says that after screen time of twenty minutes one should try to look at distant objects and try to blink eyes twenty times.

"The blinking of the eyes stops while looking continuously at the screen," the ophthalmologist says. "As a result the moisture in the eyes also decreases. It leads to dry eyes and strain. With conscious learning techniques, all this can be handled."

### Cop Among

was on leave when he received splinter injuries in his left foot due to the blast, while Ahmad has sustained injuries on his face and left arm, reports said.

However, Medical Superintendent SMHS, Dr Kanwaljeet Singh told Kashmir Observer that only a civilian with minor splinter injury on his arm was brought to the hospital for treatment.

"His condition is stable," Singh said. Soon after the incident, police and CRPF reinforcements reached the area and launched a search operation to nab the attackers.

Pertinently, the grenade attack on CRPF picket comes two days after a salesman of a Kashmiri Pandit trader was shot dead on Monday in Bohri Kadal area of the Old City.

A day earlier, suspected militants shot dead a policeman outside his residence in Batamalo area of this capital city.

### Mercury Dips

the official said. It was minus 1.9 degree

Celsius below normal for the place, the official said.

Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 3.0 degree Celsius against minus 3.3 degree Celsius on the previous night and normal of minus 1.1 degree Celsius, he said.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of 2.1 degree Celsius against 1.5 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was minus 0.6 degree Celsius below normal there, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of 0.1 degree Celsius against 1.1 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Gulmarg, the famous skiing resort in north Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 0.6 degree Celsius against minus 1.0 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Leh recorded a low of minus 6.5 degree Celsius against last night's minus 6.6 degree Celsius while mercury settled at 3.0 degree Celsius in Kargil, the official said.

The MeT office has said that there was no forecast for any major snowfall for now and the weather shall remain dry. (GNS)

### HC Pulls Up

the petitioner submitted that the authorities concerned are demanding 9% token tax from the owners of the vehicles who have applied for assignment of new registration mark in the J&K even though their vehicles are duly registered outside J&K and have already paid life time tax on them.

"The submission has prima facie substance. The respondents in terms of order dated 12.07.2021 were asked to file their response within one month but till date, no response has been filed and the violation to the extent as indicated above is in continuation," the bench said, adding, "In the above background, we have no option but to ask the respondents to adhere to the judgment in letter and spirit and there shall be no demand made of 9% token tax from the owners of the vehicles who have already paid the tax at the time of registration from outside the UT."

On July 12, the High Court had issued the officials on a contempt petition and sought response within one month. However, the court observed that no response has been filed so far.

"Response shall be filed within three weeks failing which all the respondents shall appear in person," the court added.

In the contempt petition, the petitioner contended that circular issued by the Commissioner/Secretary Transport Department was against the purport of the High Court's judgment on April 29 by virtue of which RTO Kashmir's order regarding re-registration of the vehicles from outside J&K was quashed.

Among others, the judgment provides that a vehicle once registered in any state of India, shall not be required to be registered elsewhere in the country.

However, it said, that a motor vehicle registered in one state and, if kept for a period exceeding 12 months in another state, shall apply to the Registering Authority of the new state/UT for the assignment of the new registration mark and once the life time tax has been levied and paid on a motor vehicle at the point of the registration of a vehicle, no further tax can be levied and demanded on the vehicle, on it being removed from one state to another. (GNS)

### J&K Logs 165

18 from parts of Jammu division, taking the number of people infected by virus to 333490.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar registered highest 68 cases, Baramulla 30, Budgam 17, Ganderbal 15, Bandipora 9, Kupwara 7 and Pulwama 1 new case of coronavirus. The three south Kashmir districts of Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian reported no new cases of virus.

In the winter capital, officials said that Jammu reported a maximum of nine cases, Poonch 3, two each in Doda and Rajouri districts and one each in Samba and Reasi. No new cases were detected in Udhampur, Kathua, Kishtwar and Ramban districts.

"Moreover, 131 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 20 from Jammu Division and 111 from Kashmir," they said.

### DSEK Cracks

books and uniforms, the same should made be available in the open market, the circular reads.

"Any deviation from these instructions if noticed shall be viewed seriously and action will be taken as per the provisions of the law which may include de-recognition/withdrawal of NOC also."

All Chief Education Officers, the DSEK, said shall constitute special monitoring teams headed by Deputy Chief Education Officer/Senior Most Zonal Education Officer to verify the complaints received on account of sale of books/uniforms by the Private Schools, pressing parents for purchase from any particular shop and replacing existing books with the new one thus adding more burden on the parents during present circumstances in the valley.

"Action taken in this regard shall be submitted to this Directorate on weekly," the circular added.

### Ex- J&K Deputy

of the building's proximity to an ammunition depot, the Centre had filed two petitions before the high court.

Singh had earlier claimed it was a political conspiracy against him.

The piece of 2,000 square metre land was brought in 2000 by Himgiri Infrastructure Development Private Limited whose shareholders included former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta and BJP MP Jugal Kishore and Singh.

Gupta, however, had claimed that he resigned from the company.

The construction work on the plot had started in 2017 prompting the Army to send a communication to Singh, who was then deputy chief minister in the PDP-BJP coalition government, asking him to stop the activity as it was in violation of the Works of Defence Act (WoDA), 1903 which bars any construction activity up to 1000 yards (914 metres approximately).

The construction activity falls nearly 581 yards from the boundary of the depot. A contempt notice was moved by the central government in 2018 against Nirmal Singh's wife Mamta Singh for allegedly violating a 2015 order of the then deputy commissioner of Jammu in which the Army depot was notified by the state government.

The high court had on May 7, 2018, while hearing a contempt petition, asked various departments of the state to file their replies and directed Singh and others to "ensure" that the

2015 order is "strictly implemented with all provisions of law/rules and no unlawful/im-permissible activity in the area is permitted".

The 2015 order was clear that "no variation shall be made in the ground level and on building, wall, bank or other construction...erected, added to or altered otherwise that with the written approval of the General Officer Commanding (of the Army)..."

"No wood, earth, stone, brick, gravel and or other material shall be stacked, stored or otherwise accumulated" and the order was applicable to all those living within 1,000 yards of the ammunition point at Ban village.

It said that any violation "shall be dealt with by the local Army commander under law and no compensation in respect of removal of such unauthorised structures shall be payable to the owners."

The Defence Ministry had filed a writ petition on May 3, 2018 when the local administration and police failed to implement the 2015 order.

Despite the high court's order for strict implementation of the order of the deputy commissioner, the construction work continued unabated prompting the Centre to move a contempt petition on May 16, 2018.

Officials in the Defence Ministry said that in view of militant activities, concerns regarding security of such sensitive defence installations have always assumed importance.

Guidelines such as the Works of Defence Act are meant to deter such threats as well as cater for the safety of the civilians residing in the vicinity. However, such construction activity reduces the open area for surveillance and monitoring by the Army too.

### 26 KP Employees

as subordinate offices due to which poor beneficiaries and common people are badly suffering

"Now, therefore keeping all the above facts in consideration you are hereby directed to resume your duties within two days and explain your position failing which action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against you," reads the order.

Pertinently, hundreds of migrant employees and Kashmiri Pandit employees left Valley last month following a spate of targeted killings.

In the last month, 20 militants, 12 soldiers and 13 civilians were killed in different militancy related incidents, including encounters and targeted killings.

The killing of 13 civilians in a month, most of them non-locals, is the highest death toll in the last two years and the fourth-highest since 2012.

### 4 Youths Detained

Rashtriya Rifles from forested Dhara top, located four kilometres away from Baderwah town, on Sunday and handed over to police for questioning, the officials said.

They said the detained youths were released on surety bond as no militancy link was established against them during questioning.

However, the investigation regarding the recovery of four gelatin sticks and some phosphorus sulphate powder from their possession was still in progress as they have been booked for robbery. (PTI)

### Pak National

Malla Khara village in Mian Wali district of Pakistan, they said.

The Border Security Force (BSF) troops observed some suspicious movement early on Wednesday.

When checked, they found Najib was trying to enter the Indian territory near border pillar number 270/11, following which he was nabbed by the BSF sleuths, officials said.

During his frisking, an identity card, two Pakistani SIM cards besides an aluminium box were recovered from his possession, they said.

The matter is being investigated by the BSF. (PTI)

### Former Cong Leader

Industry, quit the Congress in December last year. He, along with his supporters, was welcomed into the BJP fold by Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina and MP Jugal Kishore at the party headquarters here.

"I am joining the BJP after being influenced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, who have devoted full attention towards the sensitive Jammu and Kashmir, which is hit hard by Pakistan-sponsored terrorism over the past three decades," Sharma said.

He said he will work in accordance with the policies and directions of the party with utmost devotion and dedication.

"Businessmen are the wealth creators and employment generators, and hence the doors of the party should always remain open for them," he said, vowing to play a crucial link between the party and the community to address their issues.

Expressing happiness over Sharma's joining, Raina said the policies of the BJP-led central government were attracting people from all walks of life into the party fold as they benefited every section of the society in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The BJP is getting strengthened in every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir with prominent people, who desire to serve the people, increasingly joining the party," he said.

"Given the public support, we are confident of forming the next government with absolute majority in the Union Territory, which will go to assembly polls after the completion of the ongoing delimitation exercise. The next chief minister in Jammu and Kashmir will be from the BJP," Raina said.

He assured the people that the BJP will not allow "injustice or discrimination". MP Jugal Kishore credited Raina for strengthening the party and said prominent people joining the BJP in such huge numbers was the result of his sincere efforts. (PTI)

### Bus Mows Down

was erecting a signal board along highway in Bramri, adding, during the course of time an overspeeding passenger bus fatally hit a labourer resulting in his on spot death.

Another labourer also received minor injuries in the incident, the Beacon In-charge said.

Meanwhile confirming the incident a police official identified the deceased as Gulam Mohiuddin Shiekh, 50, son of Abdul Khaliq Shiekh, a resident of Kralpora.

A case under relevant sections has been registered in this regard and further investigations are underway, the official added. (GNS)



## PCB Chief Ramiz Raja Backs Babar Azam In Semis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**KARACHI:** Babar Azam has led Pakistan team well in the ongoing T20 World Cup and doesn't need to do anything differently in the semi-final against Australia on Thursday, PCB chairman and former skipper Ramiz Raja said on the eve of the game.

Pakistan have comfortably won all their five games and are dubbed as favourites to beat Australia, who haven't been bad either.

"So far the Pakistan team has really done well and impressed us well with their consistent performances. I don't think Babar Azam needs to do anything differently in the semi final against Australia. The team should just remain motivated and play fearlessly," Ramiz said in a statement.

Ramiz said that he was happy to see the Pakistan team shed the tag of being inconsistent performers by doing consistently well in the T20 World Cup and winning five matches in a row.

"The win over India was the result of a strong temperament while we beat New Zealand with some good planning while the win over the Afghanistan team came after playing their spinners well," he added.

He said that Babar's leadership, the players' self belief and their



humble behaviour on the field had been appreciated by everyone and had led to consistency in the team's performance as well.

"You have qualified for the knock-out stage victory or defeat is not in any human's hand. But you should just continue to play good cricket and have self belief. The entire nation's prayers are with you."

Ramiz said he was just happy to see that no player is afraid of defeat and they are playing fearless cricket which is the brand of cricket Pakistan should always play.

Ramiz, who took over as Chairman of the board on 13th September accepted Babar's request for changes in the squad before the World Cup, something which the Pakistan captain admitted on Tuesday had allowed him to lead the side more confidently and without fear of defeat.

Ramiz himself is flying to Dubai to attend the World Cup final and also the ICC board meeting, which is being held for the first time in person since the Covid-19 outbreak last year.

## Battle With Shaheen In Powerplay Will Be Crucial: Finch



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**DUBAI:** Australia will need to handle Shaheen Shah Afridi's inswinging deliveries in the Powerplay overs well when they face Pakistan in the second semi-final of the T20 World Cup, captain Aaron Finch said on Wednesday.

Pakistan have won all five group league games but it's Afridi's fiery first spell against India in the opening Super 12 game that is now a part of T20 folklore.

"Shaheen has been in really good form for Pakistan. Yeah, so that's going to be a crucial battle no doubt," Finch said at the pre-match press conference.

Underlining the importance of the first six overs, Finch said: "I think what we've seen over the course of the tournament is how important the powerplay is for batting and bowling."

"I think the stats around the middle overs and the death overs are pretty similar throughout, but the Powerplay definitely holds the key." Finch didn't give too much credence to the theory that losing the toss could be of disadvantage.

"I think when it comes to finals, it

doesn't make too much of a difference to be honest.

"I believe getting runs on the board, especially in a final, can be really beneficial. We've talked about it. We're confident that we can win if we happen to bat first or second."

He said Pakistan's current form provides them with an edge and also they have a quality spin attack in left-arm spinner Imad Wasim, leg-spinner Shadab Khan and off-spinner Mohammad Hafeez.

"In terms of the Pakistan spin, they've had some really good success obviously with Imad bowling in the powerplay predominantly and then Shadab throughout the middle overs they've been excellent."

But the Australian skipper has faith in Adam Zampa's abilities and also backed Glenn Maxwell's off-breaks.

"We've been really happy with how Adam Zampa has been going. He's bowled brilliantly throughout this tournament. He's taken big wickets at crucial times. He gets good players out. Maxwell has chipped in and done really well for the overs that he's bowled."



## J&K Bank Crowned Premier League 2021 Champions

Defeat Kashmir Avengers 2-1, retain Premier Division title

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**SRINAGAR:** The J&K Bank XI was on Wednesday crowned the JKFA Premier Division League 2021 champions after they defeated Kashmir Avengers FC 2-1 in the final match played at Synthetic Turf, TRC here.

Pitted against the underdogs, the seasoned campaigners of J&K Bank trailed 1-0 at half time, before scoring 2 goals in the second half of the match.

The high-flying Avengers took the lead in the 8th minute through Kelvin. The team held

their nerves and defended with prowess to thwart J&K Bank attackers. KAF's goalkeeper made a few diving saves to keep his team's lead intact.

J&K Bank, however, came into the second half all guns blazing and brought the game on level terms through Akif Reshi. The talismanic striker then scored another in the 60th minute to give his team the 2-1 lead.

The Avengers tried to get back in the game but J&K Bank players used all their experience to see out the game till final whistle. Akif was named

man of the match for his match-winning performance.

An awards ceremony was held after the match in which Nuzhat Gul, Divisional Sports Officer (Kashmir) JKSC distributed prizes and mementoes among players and officials. The officials of JKFA and JKSC were also present on the occasion.

"JKFA is highly indebted to JKSC for providing facilities and other logistic support for the tournament," the Association said in a press release. The tournament was organized by DFA Srinagar in collaboration with JKSC.

## Yahya Warsi FC Wins Srinagar A-Division League



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The final match of DFA Srinagar A-Division League 2021 was played on Wednesday at Synthetic Turf, TRC here.

Yahya Warsi FC from Ompora, and Haroon FC from HMT, battled it out for the title. The two teams played excellent football but couldn't find the back of the net. At full time the

score remained 0-0, and the match was decided in a tie-breaker.

Yahya Warsi FC managed to defeat Haroon FC 6-5 in the penalty shoot-out to lift the A-Division title.

Nuzhat Gul, DSO (K) JKSC, was the chief guest and Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar, Manager Gindun Ground Sgr. was the guest of honour on the occasion, and distributed prizes and mementoes to players and officials.

## New Zealand Beat England To Reach T20 World Cup Final



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**ABU DHABI:** New Zealand reached the Twenty20 World Cup final with a five-wicket victory over England in the first semi-final in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday.

Daryl Mitchell smashed an unbeaten 72 and Jimmy Neesham provided the late assault as New Zealand chased down their 167-run victory target with one over to spare.

Earlier, Moeen Ali struck 51 not out and Dawid Malan made 41 to help former champions England post 166-4 at the Zayed Cricket Stadium.

Put into bat, England were 67-2 at the halfway stage of their innings and reached the 100-mark in 14 overs, kept in check by New Zealand's tight bowling and sharp fielding.

Moeen smashed two sixes and three fours in his unbeaten 37-ball knock.

## T20 WC SEMIFINAL

## Favourites Pakistan Face Resurgent Australia



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**DUBAI:** Pakistan seem primed to win their second title but it will take a special effort to upstage a tenacious Australia, which is peaking at the right time, in the second semifinal of the T20 World Cup here on Thursday.

Pakistan have turned it around following their first-round exit in 2016. The Babar Azam-led side has defied the odds to become the team to beat this edition. The 2009 champion is the only team that remains undefeated in the ongoing tournament.

The last time these two met in the semifinals of a T20 World Cup, Australia, inspired by Mike Hussey, had beaten Pakistan in a thriller.

But in the ongoing edition, the Men in Green have resurgent crumbling under pressure and are comfortable in the UAE, having hosted several seasons of the Pakistan Super League and their home matches here since the 2009 terror attack on the Sri Lankan team shut down international cricket in their country.

Following a historic win over India where they looked completely invincible, Pakistan have showed very few chinks in their armour against New Zealand and Afghanistan.

The formidable top-order, led by the tournament's leading run-scorer Azam (264), who has four half-centuries against his name, is expected to deliver once again

but Australia's bowling attack will also be ready and waiting to capitalise on any slip up.

In case the opening duo of Azam and Mohammad Rizwan fail, Pakistan have an array of match-winners in the middle order in the form of six-hitting machine Asif Ali and veterans Shoaib Malik and Mohammad Hafeez, who all are among the runs.

However, the team would be expecting more from Fakhar Zaman, the only one to have not made a significant contribution with the bat yet.

Their bowling attack has been as impressive as their batting unit if not more. Pacers Shaheen Shah Afridi and Haris Rauf have troubled batters but Hasan Ali has had an ordinary tournament and, although skipper Azam has backed the speedster to come good, Australia is likely to target him.

Spinners Imad Wasim, Mohammad Hafeez and Shadab Khan will be skipper Azam's main weapons against Australia, a side that struggles against spin in general.

On the other hand, Australia, the 2010 runners-up, are beginning to peak at the right time in their bid to win their only missing title.

Apart from the eight-wicket mauling by England, Aaron Finch and Co. have registered dominant wins which helped them book a semifinal slot ahead of South Africa.

## OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONER (WORKS)

CENTRAL OFFICE, KARAN NAGAR SRINAGAR, 190010

## TENDER NOTICE FOR

### SNOW CLEARANCE OF CITY ROADS AND MUNICIPAL WARDS FOR THE WINTER SEASON 2021-22 (Two Cover System)

Fresh NIT No. e-NIT/05/SMC/JCW/SE of 2020-21, Dated: - 08-11-2021. For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar, e-tenders (in Two Cover System) are hereby invited for "Snow Clearance of City Roads and Municipal Wards for the Winter Season 2021-22" as per the details given below: -

S. No.	Name of the Zone	Municipal Wards	Cost of Tender Document (in Rupees)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1.	Zone III	1. Maloora-26 2. Qamarwari-23 3. Palpora-19 4. Pantha Chowk-34	2000	AAY & BEE	Devolution Grants/Internal Resources
2.	Zone IV	1. Umar Heir-15 2. Soura-16 3. Nowshera-17 4. Lal Bazar-11	2000	AAY & BEE	
3.	Zone V	1. Hawal-09 2. Madeen Sahib-10 3. Hazratbal-12 4. Dal-03	2000	AAY & BEE	
4.	Zone VI	1. Batapora-13 2. Zakura-14 3. Brein-01	2000	AAY & BEE	
5.	Zone VII	1. Lal Chowk-02 2. Nai Sadak-05 3. Magarmal Bagh-29 4. Jawahar Nagar-30	2000	AAY & BEE	
6.	Zone VIII	1. Karan Nagar-22 2. Safa Kadal-18 3. Jamalatta-20 4. Zaina Kadal-06	2000	AAY & BEE	
7.	Zone IX	1. Islamiyabal-21 2. Khanyar-07 3. Rainawari-04 4. Makhdoom Sahib-08	2000	AAY & BEE	

The tender document containing qualifying information/eligibility criteria, terms and conditions, BoQ etc. can be downloaded by the prospective bidder from Website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the time table given below: -

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08.11.2021 2:00 PM
2	Download Start Date/End Date	From 08.11.2021 2:00 PM to 13.11.2021 upto 4:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start Date	08.11.2021 from 02:00 PM
4	Bid Submission End Date	13.11.2021 upto 4:00 PM
5	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids (Online)	15.11.2021 at 11:00 AM in the Office of the Joint Commissioner (Works), Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Karan Nagar, Srinagar.
6	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be intimated later on.

## INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS: -

- 1) A Bidder may be a private entity (Firm) as Partnership, Proprietary or a Company incorporated under Indian Companies Act 1956, which is eligible as per the eligibility criteria specified in the Bid Data Sheet. (Refer Annexure "A").
- 2) Bids must be accompanied with Cost of Tender Document in shape of e-Challan/Treasury Challan/Receipt/Demand Draft (Non-Refundable) pledged to F.A./Chief Accounts Officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar with A/C No.0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Balgarden.
- 3) The Technical Bids received upto due date and time shall be opened online on the scheduled date in the Office of Joint Commissioner (Works), SMC. In the event the date of opening is declared as a holiday the e-tenders shall be opened on next working date.
- 4) Item Rate BOQ Template shall be followed for the instant work. The intending bidder shall quote unit rate in the Financial Bid Document i.e; BOQ. The actual work done Quantities shall be accordingly paid for depending upon the depth of snow and surface area of the road corresponding to schedule rates provided in the SSR 2020.
- 5) The bids shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening. A bid value of shorter period shall be rejected; The rates and prices quoted by the bidder shall remain fixed during the currency of contract and shall not be subject to adjustment on any account;

No.SMC/JCW/SE/5091-5099,  
Dated: - 08.11.2021.  
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Joint Commissioner (Works)/  
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**ADMISSION NOTICE**

Applications on prescribed format are invited from desirous candidates for admission to One Year Diploma in Diabetes Educator conducted by Directorate of Lifelong Learning, University of Kashmir in collaboration with Department of Clinical Research SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar. The details of the courses are as under:-

Name of Course	Eligibility	Study Centre	Duration	Intake
Diabetes Educator	<b>Graduates in Pharmacy, Dietetics and Nutrition, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Clinical Biochemistry, Biotechnology and other allied subjects</b> <i>Note: Candidates should not be engaged in any full-time job elsewhere</i>	Main Campus, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal	One Year	25

The application forms can be had from the office of the Director, Directorate of Lifelong Learning, University of Kashmir during office hours OR can be downloaded from [website.dll.uok.edu.in](http://website.dll.uok.edu.in) from 10th November, 2021. The application forms complete in all respects should reach to the office of the **Director, Directorate of Lifelong Learning, University of Kashmir**, by or before **25 November, 2021**.

For any further information please contact on 0194-2272355 during office hours.

The detailed notification is available on website [website.dll.uok.edu.in](http://website.dll.uok.edu.in)

*List of documents (Self-attested) to be attached with the application:-*

- Degree Certificate from the recognized University/ institution
- Graduation Marks Sheets (All Years)
- Experience Certificate in the relevant field, if any
- Any other Relevant certificate
- 4 Passport Size Photographs

No: DLL / KU2021/DE/02 Dated: 09.11.2021

Sd/- Director

DIPK-NB-4929/21



## FB User Data Requests From Indian Govt Increased In 2021: Meta

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India with 45,275 requests was once again second to the US in terms of asking Meta (formerly Facebook) to provide user data in the first half of 2021, and social network restricted access in India to 442 items in response to directions from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

The restricted access was due to violating Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, including content against security of the state and public order.

"We also restricted access to 22 items in response to reports received from the Elections Commission of India. Additionally, we restricted access to 65 items in response to other valid court orders and to six items in response to private reports of defamation," Meta said in a statement late on Tuesday.

From January-June 2021, Facebook received a total of 45,275 requests (legal/emergency) from the Indian government. In the earlier July-December 2020 period, the total requests from the Indian government were 40,300.

The Indian government also requested Facebook to provide data of 68,485 users, of which 51 per cent requests were met with, informed Meta.

The company, however, did not reveal the nature of the requests from the Indian government.

In the July-December 2020 period, the social network had restricted access in India to 878 items in response to directions from MeitY.

Meta announced earlier this month that the social network removed over 30 million pieces of content in September on Facebook and Instagram in India.

The social network acted upon 26.9 million pieces of content across 10 policies for Facebook and over 3.2 million pieces of content across 9 policies for Instagram in compliance with the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, the company said in its monthly compliance report.

Globally, during the first six months of 2021, government requests for user data increased 10.5 per cent from 1,91,013 to 2,11,055.

Of the total volume, the US continues to submit the largest number of requests, followed by India, Germany, France, Brazil and the UK.

"In the US, we received 63,657 requests, which was 4 per cent more than the total we received in the second half of 2020," the company said.

# India Records 11,466 Covid-19 Cases, 460 Deaths

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**NEW DELHI:** India recorded a single-day rise of 11,466 Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, taking the country's tally of infections to 3,43,88,579, while the count of active cases has declined to 1,39,683, the lowest in 264 days, Union Health Ministry data showed.

The death toll due to the disease climbed to 4,61,849, with 460 daily fatalities being recorded, according to the data updated at 8 am.

The daily rise in new coronavirus infections has been below 20,000 for 33 straight days. Less than 50,000 daily new cases have been reported for 136 consecutive days now.

The tally of active cases has declined to 1,39,683 which comprises 0.41 per cent of the total infections, the lowest since March 2020, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.25 per cent, the highest since March 2020, the ministry said.

A decrease of 955 cases was



recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours, the data showed.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 0.90 per cent. This has been less than two per cent for 37 days. The weekly positivity rate was recorded at 1.20 per cent. This figure has been below two per cent for 47 days, according to the ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease has surged to 3,37,87,047, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.34 per cent.

The cumulative number of

doses administered in the country so far under the nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive has exceeded 109.63 crore.

India's Covid-19 infection tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5, 50 lakh on September 16, 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and the one-crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestones of two crore cases on May 4 and three crore on June 23. PTI

## India Wouldn't Have Seen Partition Had Jinnah Been Made First PM: Rajbhar

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Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party chief Om Prakash Rajbhar on Wednesday said there would have been no partition had Mohammad Ali Jinnah been made the first prime minister, adding to the row on a remark by Samajwadi Party supremo Akhilesh Yadav.

Rajbhar made the assertion, in the wake of his poll ally Yadav talking of Jinnah in the same breath as Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru as freedom fighters, triggering criticism from BJP leaders, including UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

"Had Jinnah been made the first prime minister, the partition of the country would not have happened," Rajbhar told reporters in Varanasi.

On BJP leaders' criticism of Yadav's remark on Jinnah, Rajbhar asserted, "Read Advani Ji's views, read Atal Ji's views, read the views of country's other well-wishers on the prospect of Jinnah having been made the PM. Why did they praise him?"

Rajbhar was apparently referring to purported statements of

former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and former Deputy PM L.K. Advani on Jinnah in the past.

Yadav had made the remark apparently equating Pakistan fonder Jinnah with Gandhi and Nehru while lavishing praise on Patel on his 146th birth anniversary on October 31, raising many eyebrows.

Addressing a public meeting in Hardoi, the SP leader had said, "Sardar Patel understood the ground and he made decisions accordingly. Hence, he is also known as Iron Man."

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

Yadav had also referred to the ban imposed on the RSS by Patel, the then home minister, following the assassination of Gandhi in 1948, saying only he could do it.

Reacting to Yadav's statement on Jinnah, BJP spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi had said Jinnah was considered a villain in the country and those who are trying to use his name will not get any benefit.

## "Bedtime Fail": New Zealand PM As Daughter Interrupts Livestream

**WELLINGTON:** New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was busy telling the nation about important revisions to Covid-19 restrictions when an unexpected voice cut in: "mummy?"

In a situation familiar to parents worldwide, the leader's three-year-old daughter Neve had decided everything, even the affairs of state, could wait.

"You're meant to be in bed, darling," the 41-year-old Kiwi leader says, turning away from the Monday's Facebook livestream to offer an also-familiar observation-cum-plea.

"No," Neve responds undeterred, launching what ended up being protracted, and for Ardern, fruitless, negotiations.

"It's bedtime, darling, pop back to bed. I'll come and see you in a second. I'll come and see you in a minute. Okay, -- sorry, everybody," Ardern says

with a wry smile.

"Well, that was a bedtime fail, wasn't it? I thought here's a moment I'll do a Facebook Live, it will be nice and safe. Does anyone else have kids escape like three, four times after bedtime? Thankfully, my mum's here so she can help out."

"Okay, where were we?" Ardern tried to continue. The little voice returns: "What's taking so long?"

"I'm sorry, darling, it is taking so long. Okay. I'm sorry, everyone. I'm going to just go and put Neve back to bed. Because this is well past her bedtime. Thanks for joining me."

While not as dramatic as the moment the children of Korea analyst Robert Kelly interrupting his 2017 BBC interview, it is not the first time Neve has stolen the limelight.

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## Another Name Change In UP: Yogi Suggests Vedamau For Badaun

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has clearly indicated that yet another district in the state may have a change of name.

Addressing a function in Badaun district on Tuesday, the chief minister said, "Badaun was earlier known as Vedamau. It was a centre for Vedic studies and it is the most fertile land in the world."

Though there was no earlier demand for change of name, the chief minister's indication on Tuesday has spurred the local BJP unit into action.

Rajit Sabharwal, a local BJP leader, said, "We will now put up

a formal demand for change of name of Badaun. We have already started making preparations and are delving into history to put up the facts. We hope that the process gets completed before elections."

According to mythological stories, Badaun was named after Ahir prince Budhh. It has been noted by Prof. Goti John that this city was named 'Bedamooth' in an ancient inscription and this region was called Panchal.

According to the lines on stone writeup, there was a village 'Bhadaunlak' near the city. A Muslim historian, Roz Khan Lodhi, said that here the Ashoka - The Great built a Buddha Vihar and a fort and named it as BuddhMau.

## Afghan Territory Must Not Be Used For Terrorism: Delhi Dialogue On Afghanistan Crisis

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Top security czars of India, Russia, Iran and five central Asian countries on Wednesday pledged to work for ensuring that Afghanistan does not become a safe haven for global terrorism and called for the formation of an open and truly inclusive government in Kabul.

At the end of an India-hosted security dialogue on Afghanistan, the security officials came out with a declaration reaffirming that Afghan territory should not be used for sheltering, training, planning or financing terrorist activities.

The Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan voiced concern over the deteriorating socio-economic and humanitarian situation in that country and

underlined the need to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people.

The security officials also said that humanitarian assistance should be provided in an unimpeded, direct and assured manner to Afghanistan and that the assistance is distributed within the country in a non-discriminatory manner across all sections of Afghan society.

The central Asian countries that attended the dialogue are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

In his opening remarks, NSA Ajit Doval said the recent developments in that country have important implications not only for Afghan people but also for the region.

The declaration said the officials reiterated strong support

for a peaceful, secure and stable Afghanistan while emphasising the respect for sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity and non-interference in its internal affairs.

It said they also expressed deep concern over the suffering of the Afghan people arising from the security situation in Afghanistan and condemned the terrorist attacks in Kunduz, Kandahar and Kabul.

They specifically emphasised that Afghan territory should not be used for sheltering, training, planning or financing any terrorist acts.

The declaration said the officials condemned in the strongest terms all terrorist activities and reaffirmed their firm commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms including its financing.

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