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NEWS DIGEST

2 JKAS Officers Transferred

SRINAGAR: The government on Thursday ordered transfer of two JKAS officers in the interest of administration. As per separate orders, Muddasir Latif Tasir, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as **More On P6**

Wall Collapse Kills Two In Jammu

JAMMU: A woman among two persons was killed and as many were injured after a wall collapsed in Subhash Nagar area here on Thursday. Police said that based on initial reports a wall collapsed this evening in Subhash Nagar area in which two persons have died. The deceased **More On P6**

3 Arrested For Cattle Smuggling

JAMMU: Three persons allegedly involved in cattle smuggling were arrested on Thursday in Kathua and Samba districts and 30/ bovines were seized from their possession, officials here said. Acting on a tip-off that bovines were being smuggled. **More On P6**

Ladakh Reports 15 New Covid Cases

LEH: Ladakh recorded 15 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the infection tally in the Union territory to 21,087, while the active cases went up to 129, officials said on Thursday. The region has registered 209 Covid-related deaths -- 151 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. **More On P6**

Random Frisking Returns To Srinagar



CRPF man using metal detector while frisking a youth in Lal Chowk area of this capital city. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The government forces on Thursday carried out random frisking in parts of this capital following a fresh spate of attacks that has left two people, including a policeman dead.

Early in the morning, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel and policemen conducted day-long search operations in parts of the city, including Lal Chowk and its adjoining areas to keep a check on the activities of militants, reports said.

At some places, the specially trained counter militancy Special Operations Group (SOG) personnel carried out surprise checks of people.

The first search operation of the day was launched in the

busy marketplace of Sarai Bala early Thursday morning, reports said. The traders, reports said, were asked to down their shutters before being subjected to thorough frisking.

Many pedestrians were also frisked and subjected to identification checks during the surprise operation that continued for nearly an hour. The stepped up security measures and random search operations come in the backdrop of renewed militant attacks after a brief lull.

2 people, including a policeman were shot dead by suspected militants in Bohri Kadal and Batamalo area of the city in the last five days. Two more people were injured on Wednesday in a grenade attack

aimed at a picket of paramilitary CRPF in Eidgah locality.

Pertinently in Srinagar, scores of checkpoints have popped up where people were lined up, frisked and subjected to identification checks by heavily armed cops and paramilitary men. The spike in militant attacks comes despite deployment of additional 500 paramilitary men in this capital city.

According to reports, random security checks were also conducted by forces in Rainawari, Rajbagh, Khanyar, Munawarabad, Maulana Azad link road, Budshah Bridge, SK Park and other parts of the city as well.

Meanwhile, reports of intense checking and frisking were also received from all entry and exit points in this capital city.

2 Militants Killed In Srinagar, Kulgam Encounters

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two unidentified militants on Thursday were killed in separate encounters with government forces in Bemina here and south Kashmir's Kulgam district, police said.

A joint team of police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel on Thursday evening laid a siege around the Bemina area of the city and launched a cordon and search operation, officials said. When the joint team started advances, the militants hiding in the area opened fire to escape from their dragnet.

The joint team, he said, returned the fire setting off an encounter. In the **More On P6**

177 More Test Corona Positive In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Coronavirus continues to show an upward trend in Jammu and Kashmir, as 177 more people tested positive for the deadly infection on Thursday while no fresh fatality was reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to the officials, Kashmir Valley reported on Thursday 141 new cases of coronavirus while the remaining 36 were detected from various parts of the Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected by the virus in J&K to 333667.

In the Valley, **More On P6**

3 Kashmiri Youth 'Beaten Up' In Jharkhand



Image for representation

Threatened To Leave City; Police Files FIR

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Three Kashmiri youth on Thursday were beaten up, forced to shout anti-Pakistan slogans and threatened of dire consequences if they don't leave

Ranchi, the capital of east India's Jharkhand state as soon as possible.

Bilal Ahmed, Shabir Ahmed and Waseem Ahmed, were beaten up by some locals led by an armed youth identified as Sonu in the Hathikhana area of the capital city, Aaj Tak reported Thursday.

The Kashmiri youths, reports said, were **More On P6**

Gujjar Leader Arrested After 'Provocative' Speech

Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR: A month after he demanded justice for a tribal youth killed by paramilitary troops, police in Kashmir have arrested prominent Gujjar activist Talib Hussain for allegedly "provoking public against the forces."

Hussain was arrested by the police in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Station House officer (SHO) Larnoo, Nisar Ahmad,

told Kashmir Observer that Hussain "gave a provocative speech after the death of a tribal youth allegedly in CRPF firing. He called it a fake encounter and provoked people against the government and security forces."

The SHO said that Hussain was under police remand. An FIR No. 65 of 2021 was registered over 20 days ago under the Indian Penal Code's Sections 505: **More On P6**

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OIC Team Tours LoC on Other Side

Press Trust Of India

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Wednesday visited the Line of Control where it was briefed by the Pakistani military officials on the latest security situation along the LoC.

The delegation comprising OIC Special Kashmir envoy Yousef Aldobeay, OIC Assistant Secretary General Tariq Ali Bakheet and senior diplomats belonging to Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Sudan and the Maldives. **More On P6**

China Built Large Village In Occupied Area: India

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday said it has neither accepted China's illegal occupation of its territory nor any unjustified Chinese claims, in the first official reaction to a Pentagon report that said Beijing built a large village in a disputed territory along the Line of Actual Control in the Arunachal Pradesh sector.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India keeps a constant watch on all

developments having a bearing on its security and takes all the necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

He was replying to a question on the US report at a media briefing.

Bagchi said India too stepped up infrastructure development including the construction of roads and bridges in areas along the border with China.

"We have taken note of the US Department of Defence's report to US Congress which inter-alia also **More On P6**

Cold Conditions Prevail In Kashmir

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Cold wave conditions prevailed in Kashmir Valley with mercury hovering around below normal temperature at most places on Thursday.

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

Qazigund recorded a minimum temperature of 0.6 degree Celsius against previous night's 0.2 degree Celsius, the official said. It was minus 1.3 degree Celsius below normal for the place, the official said. Pahalgam, the famous resort in south **More On P6**



KO lens man Abid Bhat captures a breathtaking view of snow decked peaks at Battal on Srinagar- Ladakh highway.

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عنوان: بھنمون درخواست ایسڈ و عاقل اولادان معراج الدین ہمدانی ساکنہ شہر اشانی سربنگر برادر عطا بگی EWS سرٹیفکیٹ تحت 518 SRO

اشتہار برادر آگاہی ہر خاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر سائل نے ایک درخواست دائر کی ہے کہ سائل کا والد کی اقتصادی طور پر کمزور طبقہ سے تعلق رکھتے ہیں اس نسبت سے پنڈاری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ نقولات ریکارڈ طلب کے لئے جس سے وہاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کے والد مکان آراشی رقم درود لہ 90 مبلغ فٹ زیر سر نہ 1130، 1131، 1135 کے موجود ہے کہ یہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل -

معراج الدین ہمدانی مزدوری 48 سال
سلیمہ زید معراج الدین ہمدانی گھریلو کام 42
ایسڈ دفتر معراج الدین ہمدانی زید تعلیم 20
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اسکے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کہہ نہیں بتایا گیا ہے سائل کے مہوارہ آمدنی 6000 روپے ہے سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی مذریعہ اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا مذریعہ اعتراض سائل کے بعد کوئی مذریعہ اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

PKO نایب تحصیلدار رامباغ

از نیابت قلم آباد یا اجلاس انگریز کمیٹی جمنسٹریٹ درجاول
عنوان: بھنمون درخواست عبدالحمید شیخ ولد غلام احمد شیخ ساکنہ شاہ گنڈ بالا برادر عطا بگی لیگل ہیر سرٹیفکیٹ تحت 294 SRO

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معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل دفتر بذائن زیر کاروائی ہے اس نسبت پنڈاری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ نقولات ریکارڈ طلب کے لئے جس سے وہاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل ساکنہ موضع شاہ گنڈ بالا ساکنہ دار ہے کہ یہ سائل سالانہ آمدنی مبلغ 6000 روپے تک کہ یہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل -

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اشفاق احمد ولد عبدالحمید زید تعلیم 22
عبیدہ ولد عبدالحمید زید تعلیم 10

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عنوان: بھنمون درخواست مناجیب: احسان سلیم ولد محمد سلیم بٹ ساکنہ کامڑ برادر عطا بگی RBA سرٹیفکیٹ

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض از نیابت و ندیکہ نام یا اجلاس منظور احمد خان نائب تحصیلدار حصول بیک و اڈار بر سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذائن پیش کیا ہے۔ اس بارے میں عملہ فیلڈ سے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا نسبہ حذائیں کرشتہ پندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پذیر ہے اور سائل کا نسبہ بذیل ہے۔

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03	احسان سلیم ولد محمد سلیم	18 سال	زید تعلیم	
04	خاقان سلیم ولد محمد سلیم	14 سال	زید تعلیم	

اسطو کہ 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ اور کہہ کہ یہ ماہانہ آمدنی 1,1600 روپے تک ہے۔ اب سرٹیفکیٹ مذکورہ کی اجرائی کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی مذریعہ اعتراض ہو تو وہ سائل کے اندر اندر اپنا اعتراض معہ وجوہات پیش کرے۔ میعاد گذارنے کے بعد کوئی مذریعہ اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

RNA نایب تحصیلدار

از نیابت اچھیل یا اجلاس انگریز کمیٹی جمنسٹریٹ درجاول
عنوان: بھنمون درخواست مناجیب: یاسر عرفات میر ولد عرفات احمد میر ساکنہ ماگرے پورہ اچھیل انت ناگ

بغرض حصول :۔ لیگل ہیر سرٹیفکیٹ

اشتہار برادر آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر کی نسبت سائل کے کاغذات بغرض حصول لیگل ہیر سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذائن پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پنڈری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کے باپ عرفات احمد میر بھلا بھلا بھلا مورخہ 24/10/2021 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے۔ اسطو متونی کے وارثان جاہز بذیل ہے۔

نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	رشتہ بہرہ	پیشہ	عمر
01	غلام حسن ولد محمد بھلا میر	والد متونی	عمر سیدہ	71 سال
02	مہساہ شاہبند زید محمد حسن میر	والدہ متونی	عمر سیدہ	69 سال
03	محمودہ بانو زیدہ مرحوم عرفات احمد میر	بیوہ متونی	گھریلو کام	44 سال
04	زینت عرفات دفتر عرفات احمد میر	دفتر متونی	گھریلو کام	24 سال
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اسکے علاوہ کہہ کینہ افراد موجود ہیں۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ مذکورہ کو حاصل کرنے میں اگر کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندر اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ میعاد گذارنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

RNA (تحرا الصدا انگریز کمیٹی جمنسٹریٹ درجاول)

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از نیابت زینیر پورہ یا اجلاس غلام نجی الدین بٹ صاحب
عنوان: بھنمون درخواست مناجیب: مندرکور بیوہ ہمت سنگھ ساکنہ چھٹی سنگپارہ تحصیل منٹن بغرض حصول :۔ لیگل ہیر سرٹیفکیٹ

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01	مندرکور بیوہ ہمت سنگھ	زید متونی	گھریلو کام	65 سال
02	امر جیت سنگھ ولد ہمت سنگھ	بیٹا متونی	زمینداری	39 سال
03	نرجیت زید ہمت سنگھ	بیٹی متونی (شادی شدہ)	گھریلو کام	48 سال
04	راجندر زید ہمت سنگھ	بیٹی متونی (شادی شدہ)	ملازمت	43 سال
05	سنیا زید ہمت سنگھ	بیٹی متونی (شادی شدہ)	گھریلو کام	35 سال

اسطو متونی کے صرف باج وارث جاہز موجود ہیں اور ان کے علاوہ اور کوئی وارث موجود نہیں ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ مذکورہ کو حاصل کرنے میں اگر کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اہل ہفتہ کے اندر اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ میعاد گذارنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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درخواست مناجیب:۔ مدثر امین پہلوان ولد محمد امین ساکنہ قصبہ باغات انت ناگ بغرض اجرائی تاریخ نوٹگی سرٹیفکیٹ بنام محمد امین پہلوان ولد غلام حسن پہلوان

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New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

Attention Please

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued und , as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 266224
Class: 10th
Year & Session Annual Regular 2013
Registration No: N1234140028
Name : Mudasar Ahamd Lone
Father's Name: Sona Ullah Lone
Mother's Name : Mugla
Date of Birth:- 05-03-1999
Residenc:- Magam Budgam

According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification Certificate , so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

(Besides the above referred "Qualification Certificate/ bearing Serial NO 13ARKAM -1008315 " be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/21
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Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD.

UK Court Blocks \$4.3 Billion Lawsuit Against Google Over iPhone Tracking

Agencies

London: The UK Supreme Court has blocked a planned 3.2 billion pound (\$4.3 billion) British class action against Google over allegations the internet giant unlawfully tracked the personal information of millions of iPhone users.

In a hotly-anticipated judgment, Britain's top judges on Wednesday granted Google an appeal against the country's first such data privacy case in a move that upsets a string of similar claims against technology giants such as Facebook and TikTok, already waiting in the wings.



Public Notice

I have lost my driving license bearing DL No: JK03-20100011979 Somewhere. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if any body 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 from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Naveed Ahamd Ahangar S/o Mohd Ashraf Ahangar R/o Dangerpora Anantnag

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Office Of The The Women's Crewel Industrial Cooperative Society Ltd

H.O Taj Building Opp.D.C. Office Lal Chowk Anantnag, 192101

Invitation Of Quotations

Sealed Quotations are invited affixed with 5 rupee stamp from the registered suppliers for the supply of 50 number of Embroidery tool-kit. The rates quoted should be both in words and figures without overwriting/Cutting. The rates quoted should be inclusive of GST. The specification/ description of each toolkit is mentioned below:-

S.No	Name of Toolkit	Quantity
1	Stitching Machine (ISI Approved Foot Operated Machine)	1pcs
2	Embroidery Rounds Frame Small, Medium& Large (8",10",12")	2pcs
3	Tracing Paper sheet	5pcs
4	Zari needles fir Qasab(1taar,2taar,3taar,8taar)	2pcs each
5	Pencils HB& B	1 pack each
6	Powder for tracing	250gm
7	Steel scale (1ft & 2ft)	1pc each
8	Measuring Tap (Tailor)	2pcs
9	Scissor	1pc
10	Thread Trimmer	2pcs
11	Seam ripper	4pcs
12	Zardozi needles 9 up to 12 No	1pack each
13	Pattern Cloth	2pc
14	Finger Thimble	5pcs

The tool kit items shall have to be of Standard Quality & as per the specifications provided of this office. The Quotation should reach office of the undersigned by or before 21/11/2021 up to 4:00 P.M. The quotation will be opened on 22/11/2021 at 12P.M. or any other convent date in presence of committee members. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason or cancel the process at any time.

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DATE SHEET

The **DATE SHEET** for Regular/Fresh Private candidates of **BG 6th Semester (Batch-2018) and Backlog candidates of BG 6th Semester (Batch-2016-17) CBCS (Choice Based Credit System) Session Nov-Dec, 2021** for Jammu & Kashmir, has been issued and is available on the Kashmir University website www.kashmiruniversity.net. The said examination for various streams will start from **22/11/2021** and the **timing is 11:30 am**. Concerned candidates in their own interest are advised to visit the University website to know their subject-wise date-sheet.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The detailed Centre Notice will be issued separately and will be available on the University Website www.kashmiruniversity.net, www.uok.edu.in
- Candidates can download their Roll Number Slips/Admit Cards from the University Website after the centre notice is issued.
- The candidates must carry valid Identity Cards and Admit Cards with them on each day of examination for verification by the examination staff.

No: F (Date Sheet-BG 6th Sem (B-16-18) Reg/FPI/Back KU21
Dated: 09/11/2021 **DIPK-NB-4953/21** Assistant Controller of Examinations



Family Contests Bail Of Murder Accused Woman Within Days, Stages Protest

Agencies

Srinagar: A family from Kralpora Chadura area of Central Kashmir's Budgam staged a protest questioning the bail of accused under section 302. Parents say justice is alluding to them and they want stringent punishment for their daughter-in-law who allegedly

murdered their son Sajad Ahmed Bha. Family members along with their relatives emerged in Press Enclave Srinagar alleging that woman who killed her husband Sajad Ahmed on the behest of her paramour is roaming free as she was bailed out notwithstanding being arrested on murder charges. "How she got the bail when arrest-

ed under section 302 within a short span of time," they said. They alleged foul play and questioned the role of police and judiciary. "We have proof of how the wife of our deceased son killed her and what were her motives. We want justice and a thorough investigation into the murder of Sajad Ahmed," parents said. (KNT)

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Admin goes tough against erring FBOs

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR NOVEMBER 11:- Acting tough against the erring Food Business Operators(FBOs) for not maintaining the standards laid under Food Safety and Standards Act, the teams of Food Safety Department conducted a special drive in various Markets of Srinagar City here and booked dozens of FBOs for violations under the Food Safety Act. The drive was conducted on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad by the team of food safety officers under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Srinagar,

Hilal Ahmad to check the Quality of Milk and Milk products, Fruits and Vegetables in the market. During the drive, Mobile Food Testing Van was utilized for on spot testing of milk and over 20 legal samples of the milk were lifted for analytical purpose and around 3 quintals of sub-standard milk was destroyed on spot, besides the utensils used to ferry milk were also checked and found unfit for use were also destroyed. In addition, huge quantities of rotten fruits and vegetables were also destroyed during the drive, while complaints against over 2 dozen Food Business Operators in-

cluding Milk, Fruit and Vegetable Venders who were found violating sanitary and hygienic requirements under Food Safety & Standards Act were prepared for presentation before a Competent Court. Meanwhile, DC Srinagar has asked all Food Business Operators in the District to adopt good hygienic practices within their premises otherwise action under law shall be initiated against them. He has directed the Enforcement Officers to keep strict watch on the quality of food items in all City markets and take stern action against erring traders.

Workshop on Kashmiri Script held at GCW M.A. Road

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar : A three-day workshop on Kashmiri Script organised by the Department of Kashmiri, Government College for Women, M A Road, Srinagar from 8th November, 2021 concluded here on Wednesday. Former Chairman, Markaz-i Noor, Centre for Shaikh-ul Aalam Studies, University of Kashmir, Prof. Basher Bashir was the resource person for the workshop. Besides equipping the participants with the skill of reading Kashmiri and writing in it, the resource person stressed on the need to study Kashmiri in newer contexts, create interdisciplinary linkages between Kashmiri and Philosophy, Linguistics and Social Sciences, undertake new research and translation projects. The resource person also reflected on the opportunities that New Education Policy 2020 throws open for Kashmiri both in

school education and higher education. Earlier, Principal of the college, Dr. Nasreen Aman congratulated the Department of Kashmiri for organizing the workshop and expressed gratitude to the resource person for agreeing to teach the participants Kashmiri script, and exposing them to the history, structure and exceptionality of the script. Dr. Nasreen encouraged Department of Kashmiri to undertake more such activities. In her inaugural address, Head, Department of Kashmiri, Dr Nusrat Jan, stressed on the centrality of mother tongue to effective learning, critical thinking and cultural identity while noting the importance and inevitability of multilingual education. She cited latest research to show how mastery over one's first language enables language users to pick up other languages more quickly and effectively.

25 illegal structures demolished at Khushalsar

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR NOVEMBER 11:- Continuing anti-encroachment drive in and along the banks of Historical Water Circuit of Khushal Sar, the District Administration Srinagar Thursday conducted a massive demolition drive for rejuvenation and restoration of historical Lake of Khushaal Sar. The anti-encroachment drive was launched on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad during which a special anti-encroachment team headed by Tehsildar Eidgah, Ishfaq Ahmad Khan demolished 25 illegal structures in-

cluding 4 under construction residential houses and one commercial building in Khushaal Sar and retrieved more than 25 kanals of water body in the Lake from illegal occupants. Pertinent to mention that it was the 4th major demolition drive in the last two months and 95 structures have been bulldozed for restoration of the historical Water Body in Srinagar District. Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner has stated that such anti encroachment demolition drives will continue with more vigour in the future so that pristine glory of the historical water channel is restored in the larger public interest.

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ASR	4:51
Magrib	5:31
ISHA	6: 53

This Day In History

- 1918 - Russia cancels Treaty of Brest-Litovsk
- 1921 - US, France, Japan & British Empire sign a Pacific Treaty
- 1956 - US Supreme Court rules race separation on buses in Alabama unconstitutional
- 1979 - Ronald Reagan in New York announces his candidacy for US President
- 1980 - US spacecraft Voyager 1 sends back 1st close-up pictures of Saturn
- 1982 - Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened in Washington D.C., featuring the names of over 58,000 US soldiers who were killed or missing in the Vietnam War
- 1986 - NASA launches space vehicle S-199
- 1986 - US President Reagan confesses weapon sales to Iran
- 1990 - Saudis ask US for rights to bid on SPR (Strategic Petroleum Reserve) crude
- 1993 - Pakistani minister of Foreign affairs Faruk Laghari elected president
- 1994 - Sweden agrees to join European Union
- 2001 - Doha Round: The World Trade Organization ends a four-day ministerial conference in Doha, Qatar.
- 2001 - War on Terrorism: In the first such act since World War II, US President George W. Bush signs an executive order allowing military tribunals against foreigners suspected of connections to terrorist acts or planned acts on the United States.
- 2001 - US President George W. Bush orders that the Strategic Petroleum Reserve be filled to capacity over the next few years
- 2002 - Iraq disarmament crisis: Iraq agrees to the terms of the UN Security Council Resolution 1441.
- 2007 - An explosion hits the south wing of the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Quezon City, killing four people, including Congressman Wahab Akbar, and wounding six.
- 2008 - Germany's economy, Europe's largest , contracted by 0.5% in the third quarter after GDP fell 0.4% in the second quarter, putting it in recession for the first time in five years
- 2008 - Equity research by Deutsche Bank states that Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines should not experience a recession, despite potential harm to economic growth from falling commodity prices and possible weaker exports
- 2009 - The Netherlands officially exits the recession after experiencing 0.4% growth in the third quarter, but recovery for the Netherlands still remains fragile as the country is highly dependent on exports to maintain the recovery
- 2009 - Germany's growth of 0.7% in the third quarter helps lead the Eurozone out of the recession after providing overall growth of 0.4% in the same period, with the whole European Union growing 0.2%, it is reported today
- 2012 - 3 Syrian tanks enter the demilitarized zone of Golan Heights
- 2014 - Rohit Sharma of India sets a new record of 264 runs against Sri Lanka in an ODI innings in cricket
- 2015 - Terror attacks in Paris at 3 locations leave at least 129 dead. Isis claim responsibility

From KO Archives

US hostage's wife wants write-ups back

Srinagar- The wife of an American hostage missing in Kashmir for more than five years has issued an emotional appeal for the return of draft articles he wrote for foreign journals.

"If I never see my husband again, at least to have something he wrote would be of comfort to me Jane Schelly said in a letter sent to media offices in the Kashmir summer capital.

Schelly is the wife of Donald Hutchings, who was abducted along with five other foreigners in Kashmir by Muslim militants in July 1995.

One of the hostages escaped, one was beheaded and the other four—including Hutchings remain missing, presumed dead.

Schelly said Hutchings used to write for some journals, and the rough articles were with Him when he was kidnapped. "Some of the pages of that written material might exist somewhere, left in some hut or home, passed to the side and forgotten, she said, appealing to anyone who might have found the papers to send them to her.

Hutchings would have been 48 on November 12, and Schelly said the return of his writings would comprise the perfect birthday gift.

"I have done my utmost to find out what has happened to him... There is no conclusive answer," she wrote. If I have no closure to this sad situation ...only the assumption that my husband and three westerners were most likely killed. (AFP)

(Kashmir Observer, November 12, 2000)

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

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Subject: Provisional Shortlist of candidates for admission to B. Pharmacy Course 2021 at Prabha Hajila College of Pharmacy & Periclinal Sciences Madine-e-Meharban Campus of Health Sciences Jammu; third list thereof.

Reference: (i) Notification No.082-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 01-09-2021.
(ii) Notification No.101-BOPEE of 2021 Dated: 08-10-2021.
(iii) Notification No.105-BOPEE of 2021 Dated:13-10-2021.
(iv) Notification No.107-BOPEE of 2021 Dated:15-10-2021.
(v) Notice No.073-BOPEE of 2021 Dated: 25-10-2021.
(vi) Notification No.115-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 04-11-2021.

**Notification No. 121-BOPEE of 2021
Dated 10-11-2021.**

Consequent upon receipt of shortfall from Prabha Hajila College of Pharmacy & Periclinal Sciences of Madine-e-Meharban Campus of Health Sciences Jammu, after the last date of joining of candidates pursuant to Notification No.115-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 04-11-2021, the candidates figuring in Annexure "A" to this Notification have been provisionally recommended for admission to B. Pharmacy Course-2021 at Prabha Hajila College of Pharmacy & Periclinal Sciences of Madine-e-Meharban Campus of Health Sciences Jammu. The provisionally selected candidates are advised to report to the College for admission along with following documents on 11-11-2021 to 19-11-2021 (upto 03:00 P.M.):-

- Domicile Certificate.
- Marked Card of 12th class examination with (FCB/PCM.)
- 10th Certificate.
- Any other documents as required by the concerned College.

The Principal of the concerned College shall get above mentioned original certificates of the concerned candidates verified by the in-charge College Admission Committee & countersigned by him / her before allowing the candidates to complete their admission formalities.

The College shall submit shortfall of candidates, if any, who will not complete their admission formalities, to BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar on 19-11-2021 (upto 03:00 P.M.).

Notes:

- As already notified in Notification No.082-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021, the seats under 1FW category shall be filled up during conduct of subsequent rounds of counselling or as may be decided by the Board.
- The candidates who fail to join against the allotted seat(s) shall not be eligible to participate in the 4th round of counselling under any circumstances.
- The other terms and conditions shall remain same as notified in various Notifications / Notices issued by the Board from time to time in this regard.
- For convenience of candidates regarding admission/fee, they are advised to contact in-charge college admission committee at 9036363545/ 9419225563.

The Annexure "A" shall be available on the BOPEE website www.jakbopee.org in only E.O.F.E.

(Dr. Sunil Gupta)
Controller of Examinations
J&K BOPEE

DIPK-NB-4958/21

No. BOPEE/Exam-19/2021 Dated:10-11-2021

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:

- Must possess Bachelor's degree in Law from a recognized institution,
- Should be a permanent employee of the Government of UT of J&K, serving in level B to 13A of Pay Matrix,
- The age of the applicant should not exceed 56-years on the closing date of receipt of the applications.

II. Terms of Deputations: 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. Ajeaz Ahmad, DOP (Cell No. 9419059848)
2. Sh. Prashant Mahajan, CPO (Cell No. 9419197009)

No:- DG-Prop/Appt/2021/2035 Dated:-09-11-2021
DIPK-12348/21

56/-
Deepak Kumar, JPS,
Director General of Prosecution, J&K
(Chairman Selection Board)

ANNEXURE

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. / Organisation	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/organisation.					
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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K O V I E W

Preparing For Winter

In a statement that would have reassured the people in J&K, Chief Secretary Dr Arun K Mehta said on Thursday that a vibrant, disruption-free winter remains the topmost priority of the government this year. According to Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation the power requirement in Kashmir has already touched a peak load of 1653 MW which is nearly 100 MW higher than the peak load of 1546 MW last year. Also, the power supply to the Kashmir valley this year is said to be of the order of 5719.6 million units which is an increase of 12 percent over the previous year. The chief secretary, on his part, directed all officers to undertake inspection of all transformers by November 30 to ensure good health of transformers, besides simultaneously inspecting all HT/LT fuses within 15 days. The objective of the inspection is to lower the transformer damage from 20 percent to 10 percent. The chief secretary also asked the officers to provide 24X7 power supply to Gulmarg and Pahalgam, besides ensuring that winter tourist spots including Sonamarg and Doodpathri receive adequate electric supply in the upcoming cold months.

Dr Mehta's assurances will be welcomed by the people in the union territory, especially in the Valley, who have already been reeling under newly announced scheduled and unscheduled power cuts. Being a state with long, extended winters, the administration in Kashmir is expected to have a pool of knowledge, experience and expertise to deal with the situation. In the event of a snowfall, power and water supply are the first to be disrupted and snow clearance operations are lax. One expects that unlike many times in the past Power department will be better prepared to deal with the situation. The utility has usually been the target of the public ire, both on the street and online for its inability to immediately restore electricity once the Valley is snowed in. There is a widespread belief that the department does not plan ahead for a snowstorm. But here is hoping that the administration pleasantly surprises us with more efficient handling of a bad turn in the weather. A good performance this time around will be a major boost for the UT government.

Response to a snowstorm is always a major test of the responsiveness of the administration. It will help erase the memory of the bitter experiences in the past. Considering Dr Mehta has already held the meeting on improving the electricity supply in the UT at a time when the plains in Kashmir Valley are yet to be lashed by snow, it shows the government is serious and preparing ahead for any turn for worse in the weather. Here's hoping that this time the words are translated into deed.

O T H E R O P I N O N

COP26: Finance Will Be Key

The Conference of the Parties (COP26) meet, currently underway in Glasgow, entered its second (final) week on Monday, with the issue of climate finance taking centre stage. On Monday, the Indian delegation warned that global action on the climate crisis is contingent on timely and adequate financing from developed countries. Instead of finalising a road map, India added, the rich world is trying to renegotiate who or which countries will provide resources for climate change mitigation, and how often nationally determined contributions will be updated, violating principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities. India has also flagged that "trust in multilateralism" is at stake due to the failure of the rich world to deliver the \$100 billion-a-year fund. Many developing countries seconded India's view.

India and the other developing countries have every reason to feel shortchanged. In 2009, rich nations promised to give developing countries \$100 billion a year by 2020 to help them adapt to the climate crisis. But now they are resisting demands for a new finance goal for the post-2025 period, financial compensation for loss and damage, and an independent review of the promised \$100 billion-a-year financing. Then is also the issue of whether more countries (such as China and Saudi Arabia, even India) should be added to the list of donors. Discussions are also underway on whether private capital can be included in the finance goal. India has said clearly (and correctly) that it doesn't consider commercial finance to be climate finance, which has to be concessional and grant-based.

In the run-up to COP26, there was pressure on the developing world, including India, to enhance their climate ambition, even though they are in no way responsible for the climate crisis and have their development goals to meet. Yet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a set of climate plans that most experts have called "substantive". As things stand now, the real problem seems to be that the developed world doesn't want to hold up its end of the bargain. The basic principle of climate justice and equity will be violated if they do not respond to the enhanced commitments with finance. The success of Glasgow will not be judged by how many countries sign up for net-zero targets, but how much money the rich world, the historical polluter, is willing to put up to enable this transition.

Hindustan Times

In Defence Of Kashmiri Students



Virat Kohli greeting Shaheen Afridi (Getty)

ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THESE role models had done enough to set the record straight. However, in today's India, sports is a means to show nationalism. Showing support to a particular team is a rite of passage that all must ace.

Nasir Khuehami

INFACCT, INDIAN CRICKET TEAM'S captain Virat Kohli, memorialised sportsmanship in the congratulatory hug that he extended to Pakistan's Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan following their victory

The recent India vs Pakistan match that had the two neighbors on their toes given their political history, turned out to be an unwelcome game for Kashmir. Following the Indian cricket team's loss in the T20 World Cup against Pakistan, many Kashmiris were harrassed in campuses in various parts of India.

In Agra, three Kashmiri students from Raja Balwant Singh (RBS) Engineering Technical Institute were booked for allegedly celebrating Pakistan's victory on 24th October. Despite college authorities making it clear that no anti-India slogans were raised inside the campus, they were arrested following a complaint by a local BJP leader.

When brought to the Agra court, right wing activists and local lawyers roughed them up inside court premises and no lawyer of the Bar Association agreed on pleading their case.

Agra wasn't the only threatening host to Kashmiri students. Around twelve students were also assaulted in Sanguru and Mohali in Punjab by students from Bihar and UP. NSUI activists also filed a complaint in Chikkaballapur Karnataka against Kashmiri students for posting a congratulatory message after the India Pakistan match.

This kind of scapegoating ahead of crucial elections in India isn't new to Kashmiris.

Some medical students in Kashmir have been booked under UAPA as well.

Booking Kashmiri students under the stringent sedition law over a mere WhatsApp status is arbitrary and unwarranted. A former SC judge Deepak Gupta echoed a similar opinion in a recent interview with The Wire. He said, "Cheering for any team or player is not sedition and it's ridiculous to think it is so. It may be offensive but it is not illegal in any way". He added that there is no place for sedition in a civilised democracy.

Infact, Indian Cricket team's

captain Virat Kohli, memorialised sportsmanship in the congratulatory hug that he extended to Pakistan's Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan following their victory. He went a step ahead when he called out the bigotry of people who blamed Muhammad Shami, a muslim Indian cricket player, for India's loss.

One would have thought that these role models had done enough

through media's negative reportage and representation of Kashmiris, is responsible for hostility towards Kashmiris.

True that some may be emotionally connected to the game but why target Kashmiris to cope up with the results of the game? It truly defeats the purpose of sports.

We hope that in the larger interest of the country, a sympathetic and collaborative hand should be ex-

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to set the record straight. However, in today's India, with right wing forces ruling the roost, sports is a means to show nationalism. Showing support to a particular team is a rite of passage that all must ace. This enforced nationalism's first casualty is always a Kashmiri.

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Those trying to spin politics and religion around every action of theirs are the actual threat to the fabric of India. These bigoted minds and the augmentation of their views

tended to students and they should be absolved of all charges. Many of these students belong to economically underprivileged backgrounds. The government should not alienate them further. The Government should give them a chance to restore their faith in the ethical standing and the fairness of the constitution of India. Coercion burns bridges.

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Let's Pledge To Wear Kashmiri Fashion This Winter

EVERYDAY newspapers are around with editorial and opinion pieces about the crashing economy of Kashmir. If data is to be trusted, we're in a deep mess. While the economic fallout is essentially a result of the political, social and health milieu; there are certainly some individual steps that we as a community can take to ensure that we shop in a manner that is not only ethical but also instrumental to safeguard the economic health of Kashmir.

To this end, we need to shop from local stores and endorse indigenous products. It is true that Kashmir has not been the only host for globalisation. Fashion, food, culture and consumption in general has been affected by the larger changes that the world has seen collectively.

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However, as Kashmiris, we've had the bitter privilege of knowing the significance of being mindful of culture and heritage. We're also painfully aware of the absence of any system that seeks our true benefits. In this schema, it becomes all the more important for us to

look for community efforts to ensure that we leave no stone unturned for our own benefits.

As far as fashion is concerned, we have to ensure that we promote trends that lead to an increase in the sales of designs that are made within Kashmir. This could begin with each of us taking a conscious step to include as many Kashmiri garments in our closet as we can. This does not necessarily mean that we've to compromise on our style statements. Infact, for each one of us, it will be an opportunity to redefine style for ourselves.

With the winter round the corner, one can easily pledge to include as many winter garments as possible. Sure, one has to be an ethical buyer and keep in mind the environmental fallout of shopping excessively; but this makes Kashmiri garments all the

more viable. Pherans are of different kinds. They are affordable and if one likes investing in quality pieces one can also spend a little extra.

The attempt to include Kashmiri clothes doesn't imply some puritan disdain for fashion from other places. However, ignoring our own designs and forgetting our artisan's livelihood is an absolutely careless and callous approach to our own people.

This winter, resolve to wear Kashmiri clothes and make an attempt to prefer local stores for non-Kashmiri garments as well. This small change can definitely bring some positive change. If nothing, atleast, we'd see some people walking confidently on the Residency Road in a beautiful pheran styled to stun!

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Mindful Fridays

A Case Against Toxic Positivity

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I am not a pessimistic person. In fact, I am a firm believer in the undeniable power of positivity and optimism. While there is something good about having a positive outlook on life, it is also possible to become addicted to the sickeningly sweet nectar of cliches like "Life is good!"

Toxic positivity is the negative fallout of positive emotions.

It is the excessive and ineffective generalisation of a pleasant, optimistic state to all situations. Toxic positivity leads to denial, minimization, and invalidation of genuine human emotional experience.

When positivity is used to cover up or hide the human experience, it becomes toxic, just like anything done in excess. We fall prey to a state of denial and repressed emotions when we deny the presence of certain feelings. The fact is that humans have flaws. We become envious, angry, resentful, and greedy. Sometimes life simply sucks. We undermine the legitimacy of a genuine human experience by claiming to be "happy all day."

- Signs of Toxic Positivity**
- To help you understand how toxic positivity manifests itself in everyday life, I have compiled a list of typical expressions and experiences.
- Hide/misrepresent your genuine feelings
 - Attempting to "simply get on with it" by stuffing/ignorantly disregarding a feeling (s)
 - Feeling guilty for feeling the way you do
 - Using "feel nice" quotations or comments to minimise other people's experiences
 - Attempting to provide someone with perspective (e.g., "it could be worse") rather than validating their emotional experience
 - Shaming others for showing frustration or anything other than positivity
- Now, how does Toxic Positivity have



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negative consequences on our health?

Shame

Forcing a positive view on pain encourages people to remain silent about their problems. Most of us don't want to be perceived as "bad," therefore when given the option of A) being brave and honest or B) pretending that everything is fine, we may be inclined to choose the latter.

In several of her books, lectures, and interviews, author and researcher Brené Brown explains that the fuel of shame is silence, concealment, and judgement. In other words, if there is concealment, secrecy, and denial, shame is usually controlling the person's life.

Shame is a devastating emotion for the human spirit and one of the most unpleasant feelings we may experience. Often, we are unaware that we are feeling shame.

If you feel you have something in your life that you think other people should not know whether it's a circumstance, a mood, or an event, there's a good chance you're ashamed of it.

Suppressed Emotions

Researches suggest that suppressing or rejecting emotions increases physical tension and/or makes it more difficult to escape upsetting thoughts and feelings. For example, in one study, participants were split into two groups and made to watch distressing medical procedure films while their stress reactions were assessed (e.g., heart rates, pupil dilation, sweat production). The first set of individuals was instructed to watch the videos while expressing their emotions, while the second group was instructed to watch the films while acting as if nothing was disturbing them, i.e., they were not allowed to express their emotions about the procedure.

Participants who concealed their feelings (behaved as if nothing was bothering them) had considerably higher physiological arousal levels. The emotional suppressors may have appeared calm and collected on the outside, but stress was building on the inside!

These studies suggest that expressing a wide range of emotions (including the "not-so-positive" ones), expressing our

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN AROUND A

person who tells you to "just think positive thoughts and be happy"? How comfortable are you with them in expressing your inner self about your deepest emotions? Even if the individual has the purest of intentions, they are subconsciously giving the message that "I allow only positive emotions to be expressed"

feelings in terms of words, and using facial expressions to emote (yes, including crying) can help us control our stress response.

We develop a phoney face or public image for the world because we don't want the world to know who we really are. We can occasionally appear cheerful, with a pleasing smile on our face. We disconnect from ourselves when we hide our negative emotions like that. The truth is that life can be painful at times. If you're upset, and you don't admit it, your anger will be buried deep within your body. As previously said, suppressed emotions might give rise to emotions such as anxiety, depression, or even physical illness in the future.

It's important to recognise and move our emotions out of our bodies in order to acknowledge their reality. This is what keeps us mentally sound, healthy, and free of stress that suppressing the truth causes. We embrace all of ourselves, the good, the bad, and the ugly, when we honour our emotions. Accepting ourselves exactly as we are is the key to having a healthy emotional life.

Isolation and Other Relationship Issues

We begin to live artificially with our-

selves and with the world when we reject who we are. We lose contact with ourselves, which makes it harder for others to relate to us. On the outside, we may appear invincible, but on the inside, we're just scared little teddy bears craving for a cuddle. Have you ever been around a person who tells you to "just think positive thoughts and be happy"? How comfortable are you with them in expressing your inner self about your deepest emotions?

Even if the individual has the purest of intentions, they are subconsciously giving the message that "I allow only positive emotions to be expressed". As a result, expressing anything other than "positive emotions" around them is really difficult. Thus, you find yourself following the unspoken restrictions that "I can only be a specific kind of person with you; I can't be myself."

Your relationship with yourself is frequently mirrored in your relationships with others. How can you ever be able to have space for someone else expressing real, authentic emotions in your presence if you can't be honest about your own feelings?

By encouraging a fake emotional world, we attract fake intimacy and fake connections.

Being a healthy human being entails being aware of oneself and how one presents oneself in the world. If you see yourself as someone who spreads toxic positivity, it's time to stop. By maintaining this monochrome worldview, you are harming yourself and others you care about the most. Rather than advocating for and practicing toxic positivity, try for balance and acceptance of both positive and negative emotions so that life becomes colorful and authentic.

If toxic positivity is influencing you, I recommend you to distance yourself in a healthy way from anyone who is judgmental about your real emotional experience. We only get one opportunity at this wonderful, difficult, imperfect life — embrace it wholeheartedly, accept all types of emotions and you'll reap the benefits of abundant liveliness.

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Identifying Emotional Abuse

JR Thorpe

Recognizing the signs of emotional abuse isn't necessarily the first clear step towards exiting an emotionally abusive situation. Even though I was pretty clear, through secret research, that my partner was a narcissist who was treating me appallingly, his control and the damage to my self-esteem were so extensive that the discovery was not sufficient to help me leave. (It was luck, in the end, that extricated me.)

THEY DON'T JUST MEAN BEING MADE

to feel small, though that's definitely part of it. Minimization, in psychological terms, is the downplaying of something, rendering it insignificant, and in an emotionally abusive relationship the minimized material will always be yours: your emotions, feelings, problems and views.

So don't email this list to a friend whose relationship strikes you as alarming and expect them to immediately storm out the door. It can help, but more support is necessary to help a friend leave an emotionally abusive situation than just providing the information. And if you detect these signals in your own relationship, reach out for help immediately, from understanding friends, family, a therapist, or a counseling network.

1. They React To Your Dreams With Contempt

A little bit of disagreement between partners about future life plans is acceptable; if you want to throw in your well-paying job and run off to become

a freelance comic book artist, it's reasonable that a partner might have some concerns. But the distinguishing factor of an emotionally abusive partner is the form in which a lack of support manifests itself. Psychotherapist Abby Rodman, writing for the Huffington Post, explains that "snorts and snide remarks" in response to your ideas about your career or future should be an immediate warning sign. If they react to your dreams with contempt rather than kind consideration, it's abuse. Opposition because the idea would place you outside

their realm of control (i.e. traveling a lot, not contactable) is also a notable red flag. It also may not be constant; some emotionally abusive partners will actively celebrate some of your decisions, for reasons to do with ego and the "pedestal" (which I'll discuss shortly).

2. They Withhold Affection Or Attention

While many of us associate emotional abuse with overt treatment, the lack of a response can be indicative of abuse too. Enforced silence — what the therapy organization Talkspace calls "withholding" — can be a seriously emotionally abusive tactic designed to punish you for trans-



gressions. If partners refuse to respond, won't talk to you for days, and won't give you affection or attention, even if you respond by frantic attempts to regain their love, they're prime candidates for abuse. This treatment may not even be in response to some kind of crime on your part; it may simply happen for no apparent reason, pushing you into overdrive to find out "what's wrong" and turn your life upside down searching for how to make them happy.

3. They Are Perpetual Victims

Dr. Steven Stosny, at Psychology Today, gives an interesting insight into the psychology of the emotional abuser, one that provides a more subtle sign of abuse. Abusers, he points out, are often deeply anxious individuals with deep feelings of inadequacy who view others as likely to confirm their fears, and so they're prone to making themselves the victims in situations. This will manifest

in a relationship in patterns of blame: whatever goes wrong, it'll likely be your fault, even if it wasn't.

4. They Openly Minimize Your Wants & Needs

The Counseling Directory explains that one of the more subtle techniques of emotional abuse is the practice of "minimization." They don't just mean being made to feel small, though that's definitely part of it. Minimization, in psychological terms, is the downplaying of something, rendering it insignificant, and in an emotionally abusive relationship the minimized material will always be yours: your emotions, feelings, problems and views. The emotional abuser makes their partner feel as if they're exaggerating their concerns, looking for attention, incapable of solving obvious problems, or just making stuff up. Even if the minimization looks benevolent ("don't worry your little head about such a small thing!"), "you're fussing over nothing, I'll do it all for you!"), it isn't.

7. You Arrange Your Decisions Around Not Upsetting Them

We can be superficially sure that our partners provide security and love, and yet unconsciously acting around the possibility of their abuse. This tends to be called "walking on eggshells," and generally refers to the tendency for "the victim of emotional abuse [to judge] everything according to how the abuser will react to it", according to Everyday Health. If you fear compromise or asserting your will, or prepare for it in the knowledge that it will be difficult and likely involve some hurt, it's not likely that the situation is a safe or supportive one.

Khurshid Sparks Controversy Over His Remark On Hindutva And ISIS; BJP, Azad Slam Cong Leader, Lawyer Files Police Complaint

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Senior Congress leader Salman Khurshid sparked controversy by comparing a "robust version" of Hindutva to the jihadist Islam of terror groups such as the ISIS and Boko Haram with the BJP and also his party colleague Ghulam Nabi Azad attacking the former union minister. While the BJP alleged that the Congress has not only hurt Hindus but also the soul of India and Azad dismissed the comparison made in Khurshid's new book as "factually wrong and an exaggeration", a Delhi-based lawyer Vivek Garg filed a complaint with the Delhi Police seeking registration of an FIR against Khurshid.

Khurshid on his part sought to defend his remarks that came ahead of the upcoming

Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh and four other states, saying he has not called the proponents of Hindutva terrorists.

"Hindutva, as portrayed by its proponents, is distorting religion," he told PTI when asked to comment on the controversy ignited by his remarks.

"I have not called these guys terrorists, I have just said they are similar in distorting religion. What Hindutva has done, it has pushed aside sanatan dharma and Hinduism and it has taken over a robust, aggressive position similar to Boko Haram and those other guys.

"I could not find anybody else that they could be similar to. I said they are similar to them, that's all, nothing to do with Hinduism," he said.

According to lawyer Garg, Khurshid, in his book 'Sunrise

Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times', wrote: "Sanatan Dharma and classical Hinduism known to sages and saints were being pushed aside by a robust version of Hindutva, by all standards a political version similar to the jihadist Islam of groups like ISIS and Boko Haram of recent years." The book was released on Wednesday.

Azad, a former leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and a member of the Group of 23 leaders that wrote to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi seeking organisational overhaul, tweeted, "In Mr. Salman Khurshid's new book, we may not agree with Hindutva as a political ideology distinct from composite culture of Hinduism, but comparing Hindutva with ISIS and Jihadist Islam is factually wrong and an exaggeration."

Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Prahlad Joshi said Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi should take action against Khurshid for "hurting the sentiments of Hindus".

"I want to ask them what action they are going to take against Khurshid who has insulted both Hindus and Hindutva."

"Hindutva is not a religion but a way of life," he told reporters in Dehradun.

Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narotam Mishra alleged that Congress leaders are "practitioners of appeasement politics".

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters here, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said Khurshid's book on Ayodhya hurts religious sentiments of people.

"In the book Khurshid has

compared Hindus to ISIS and Boko Haram. It is an attempt not just to hurt the feelings of the Hindus but to hurt India's soul," he said, adding, "the Congress party is like a poisonous spider which is weaving web against Hindus."

Condemning Khurshid's remarks, Bhatia alleged that the Congress party's "ideology and principle is to spread hatred against the Hindu community and to ill-treat the Hindus."

Alleging that this is happening at the behest of Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, Bhatia questioned her silence on the issue and said: "If you remain silent, then it will be clear that your ideology is also against Hindus."

Demanding Khurshid's removal from the Congress, the BJP spokesperson said, "Earlier,

the term 'Hindu terrorism' was invented when the Congress was in power."

BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya in a tweet highlighted a paragraph of the book and said, "Congress's Salman Khurshid in his new book writes that Hindutva is similar to the jihadist Islamist groups like ISIS and Boko Haram. What else can we expect from someone whose party coined the term Saffron terror just to draw equivalence with Islamic jihad, to get Muslim votes?"

Lawyer Garg said Khurshid made the remarks in a chapter called 'The Saffron Sky' (page-113).

Garg's complaint was addressed to the Delhi Police Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner of Police (North) and the SHO of Roop Nagar police station seeking registration

of an FIR in the matter under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

When contacted, a senior police officer said, "We have received a complaint on Thursday but are verifying the allegations made by the complainant. Accordingly, action will be taken as per law."

Minister Mishra said that whether it is Salman Khurshid or Digvijaya Singh they write controversial books to create controversy.

"Because all of them are practitioners of appeasement politics. The kind of alienation and feeling of separation they generate, no one else does it," Mishra told reporters in Indore.

"Whether it is Congress party's men or Gandhi family, they are the supporters of 'Tukde-Tukde' gang in the country," he added.

Space Ecosystem Rife For Private Players: ISRO Chief

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Noting that the space ecosystem was rife with opportunities for private players, ISRO Chairman K Sivan on Thursday said operational space activities of the organisation will be open for the private industry to take up and commercially benefit from it.

At the same time, for sustaining the existing capabilities of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the New Space India Limited will play an enhanced role in meeting user-driven demands, he said, addressing the Times Now Summit 2021.

"Through predictable policy, and legal framework, the operational space activities of ISRO will be open for private industry to take up and commercially benefit from it. Thus, the Indian space roadmap will be a mix of governmental, non-governmental space engines which complement each other, thereby boosting the economic growth of the country," Sivan said.

He said ISRO will continue

and enhance focus on the development of innovative space technology and applications to expand the footprints of the country in space.

"Thus, a comprehensive decadal plan is being formulated to boost the R&D capabilities of the country along with building the technology gap. The requirement of space is also committed to playing a greater role in these post-space sectors in promoting and building the private sectors to thrive in the country," Sivan said.

On the effects of COVID-19, the ISRO chief said the pandemic affected the space agency's plans and also delayed various activities but added that the coronavirus has also given it an opportunity to work in an easier and cost-effective way.

"If one looks at the opportunity in the future of space, the global space economy has emerged stronger and proven its resilience in the fluctuating global economy. Space is thereby well-positioned for growth in growing

investment, market development, and employment opportunities across multiple sectors," he said.

Calling these the turning points for setting up multiple fertile ecosystems for space industries across the world to create new job opportunities, encourage innovations and also contribute to the global space economy, Sivan said the government has recognised the need to start developing a local space-based economy considering India's strength in space, keeping in mind growing demand and opportunities in space-based applications.

"The revision of FDI policies will definitely open up huge avenues for powering space companies to invest in India. The policy enables foreign companies to tie up with Indian companies and help in creating a fertile ecosystem for the space industry and industries with new opportunities," he said.

He said that ISRO has a space-sighted mission, and with the revised mandate of the government, the private sector can complement it in space

exploration as well.

"It will be made possible as industries will have opportunities to develop enabling technologies for exploration and it being a new area, the industries can really work well here. System requirements and specifications will be listed by ISRO and they will realised by the industries," he said.

Sivan also spoke about how ISRO will offer its facilities for interface testing along with the space qualification by system run.

This framework will also be useful for the development of novel technologies including AI, machine learning, debris management, etc, he added.

On India's first manned-space mission, Gaganyaan, Sivan said it is one of the most fascinating areas of ISRO and it shall put India in the club of nations with acumen space freight ability.

In fact, this is also the flagship programme that has been announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the organisation is working hard in this regard, he added.

India Presses For Urgent Humanitarian Assistance To Afghanistan

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: A day after a regional dialogue hosted by it on the Afghan crisis pressed for providing unimpeded humanitarian aid to Afghanistan, India hoped that the joint call would spur some movement on the ground.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said there is a need for urgent humanitarian assistance for Afghan people but at the same time referred to difficulties being faced because of lack of unimpeded access to Afghanistan. At the regional dialogue, National Security Advisors (NSAs) of India, Russia, Iran and five Central Asian countries on Wednesday called for providing humanitarian aid to Afghanistan in an unimpeded, direct and assured manner.

"We have been looking at possibilities, but there have been difficulties due to lack of unimpeded access," Bagchi said at a media briefing when asked whether India is looking at sending aid to Afghanistan. Pakistan has not allowed

transit facilities to send aid to Afghanistan.

"With winter approaching, there are disturbing reports coming in of dire humanitarian situation (in Afghanistan) and I hope that the joint call by so many

NSAs would spur movement on the ground," Bagchi added.

Asked about China's participation at a dialogue on Afghanistan hosted by Pakistan while declining to attend the Delhi conference, Bagchi did not give a direct reply.

"We invited China. They said they could not come because of scheduling issues, he said, adding that he will not comment on where it goes.

Bagchi said Pakistan too was invited to the dialogue and its decision not to participate in such an important meeting reflects their attitude towards the issue of Afghanistan.

He said the Delhi Regional Security Dialogue held extensive discussions on the very serious humanitarian situation in Afghanistan and that concerns were expressed over it.

He said all regional countries were on the same page on the humanitarian situation and their determination to see that assistance is provided.

The central Asian countries that attended the dialogue are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. A declaration released at the end of dialogue said the NSAs pitched for providing assistance to the Afghan people in an unimpeded, direct and assured manner and that aid should be distributed in a "non-discriminatory" manner across all sections of the society. To a question, the spokesperson suggested that no deadline can be set to send humanitarian aid to Afghanistan at this point in time. He said India's support to the people of Afghanistan is very clear.

"India's support to the people of Afghanistan is very clear. It is a people-led interaction and involvement with that country. We have been extending support for many years for the people of Afghanistan," the spokesperson said.

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2 Militants Killed

exchange of gunfire, one unknown militant was killed, police said.

"#SrinagarEncounterUpdate: 01 unidentified #terrorist killed. 01 AK rifle alongwith ammunition recovered. Search going on. Further details shall follow," Kashmir Police posted on its official Twitter handle.

Earlier, another unknown militant was killed in a firefight with government forces in south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

Acting on specific inputs about the presence of militants in Chawalgam area of Kulgam in south Kashmir, government forces launched a cordon and search operation there, a police official said.

As the forces were conducting the searches in the area, the militants fired upon them, he said.

The forces retaliated leading to an encounter in which a militant was killed, the official said.

He said the identity and group affiliation of the slain militant was being ascertained.

The operation is going on and further details were awaited.

177 More Test

officials said, Srinagar registered the highest 63 new cases, Baramulla 34, Budgam 17, Bandipora 9, Kupwara 8, Ganderbal 5, Pulwama and Anantnag 2 each and one new case of virus in Kulgam district. Shopian was the only district in the Valley with no new case of Covid-19.

In the winter capital, officials said, Reasi reported a maximum of 16 new cases, Jammu 6, Poonch 4, Doda and Kathua 3 each, Ramban 2 and one new case each in Udhampur and Samba. The twin districts of Rajouri and Kishtwar reported no new cases of coronavirus.

"Moreover, 96 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 18 from Jammu Division and 78 from Kashmir," they said.

Also, officials said that the death toll due to Covid-19 in J&K remains 4448—2178 in Jammu and 2270 in Kashmir, as no fresh fatality was reported during the last 24 hours.

3 Kashmiri

also forced to chant anti-Pakistan slogans and threatened of serious consequences if they didn't leave the area at the earliest.

"Every winter, we come to the city to earn our livelihood by selling woollen clothes. However, from the last few days, the behaviour of locals towards us has abruptly changed. They have been continuously harassing us," Bilal Ahmad told the news channel.

Ahmad, who has been living in a rented house for over two decades, said that on Thursday a youth named Sonu and some locals thrashed him at gunpoint, made him chant anti-Pakistan slogans and warned him to leave the area.

Meanwhile, the Kashmiri youths have moved a written application with the police station Doranda following which an FIR has been registered and investigations taken up.

In-charge, police station, Doranda Ramesh Kumar Singh has been quoted in the report as saying that those involved in assaulting and threatening Kashmiri traders will be arrested soon.

However, an official from police station Doranda told Kashmir Observer over phone that a drug addict youth namely Kishori assaulted a Kashmiri youth following an argument. In the assault, he said, the Kashmiri youth sustained minor injuries.

"The accused has been arrested. We have also filed a case against him," the official said.

Gujjar Leader

spreading rumours or fake news, and 153: promoting enmity between different groups.

On October 7, troops of the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force's 80 Battalion opened fire at a civilian vehicle, killing the driver on the spot. The killed civilian was identified as 23-year-old tribal Parvez Ahmad Bokda, currently residing in the Kashwan village of South Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The police later admitted that Bokda was killed in CRPF firing but claimed that the troops deployed near the monghal Bridge in the Anantnag town had opened fire in "self defence".

In a second incident involving the central paramilitary force, on October 24, a civilian identified as Shahid Aijaz was killed near a CRPF camp in south Kashmir's Shopian. The police, this time, claimed that the civilian was killed during cross fire after a patrol party of the paramilitary retaliated to alleged militant firing. The administration has ignored Aijaz's family request for the release of the camp's CCTV footage to verify the claim.

Meanwhile, Hussain was arrested on November 7 night, a month after he — in a viral video — questioned the official account and demanded investigation into the killing. He questioned the need to open fire and the police later having forced Bokda's family to conduct his funeral in haste.

The SHO Larnoo said that several videos of Hussain were being used as evidence against him.

Hussain is a member of the People's Democratic Party. He has played a prominent role in seeking the implementation of the Forest Rights Act in J&K and later highlighting the Kathua case wherein members of the Hindu community raped and murdered an 8 year old tribal girl.

Tariq Ahmad Breng, Hussain's lawyer, told Kashmir Observer that they have moved a bail application in the court and the government has been asked for the objection tomorrow. "I

hope the bail will be provided in our favour" he said.

OIC Team Tours

was taken to Chirikot Sector of the LoC, the army said in a statement here.

The delegation was briefed by the military officials on the latest security situation along the LoC as well as the situation before and after Pak-India DGMOs understanding in February this year to cease fire, it added.

In February, Pakistan and India agreed to strictly observe all agreements, understandings and cease fire along the Line of Control and address each other's core issues and concerns which have propensity to disturb peace and lead to violence.

The OIC delegation, which arrived in Pakistan on Sunday on a week-long tour, also visited Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, and met political leaders.

India has in the past asked the OIC to refrain from allowing vested interests to exploit its platform for comments on internal affairs of the country.

"The OIC has no locus standi in matters relating to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral part of India. It is reiterated that the OIC General Secretariat should refrain from allowing vested interests to exploit its platform for comments on internal affairs of India," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said in August.

China Built Large

makes a reference to construction activities by Chinese side along the India-China border areas particularly in the Eastern sector," he said.

Bagchi said reports had also appeared in the media earlier this year on this issue.

"As we had stated then, China has undertaken construction activities in the past several years along the border areas including in the areas that it has illegally occupied over the decades," he said.

"India has neither accepted such illegal occupation of our territory nor has it accepted the unjustified Chinese claims," Bagchi said.

The spokesperson said India has always conveyed its strong protest to such activities through diplomatic means and will continue to do so in the future.

"Further, as conveyed earlier the government has also stepped up border infrastructure including the construction of roads, bridges etc, which has provided much-needed connectivity to the local population along the border," he said.

Bagchi said the government remained committed to the objective of creating infrastructure along the border areas for the improvement of the livelihood of its citizens including in Arunachal Pradesh.

"The government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all the necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity," he said.

In its recent report, the US Department of Defence said China built a large 100-home civilian village inside disputed territory between its Tibet Autonomous Region and India's Arunachal Pradesh in the eastern sector of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Sources in the security establishment on Tuesday said the village along the disputed border in the upper Subansiri district is in an area that was occupied by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) after overrunning an Assam Rifles post in 1959.

Following the eastern Ladakh standoff last year, India has bolstered its overall military preparedness along the LAC in the Arunachal Pradesh sector as well.

Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Manoj Pande said last month that China has increased the intensity of its military exercises and deployment of troops in its depth areas opposite the LAC in the Arunachal Pradesh sector.

He said that India has correspondingly readied contingency plans to deal with any eventualities.

Lt Gen Pande had said new villages have come up on the Chinese side of the border in certain areas and India has taken note of it in its operational strategy.

Cold Conditions

Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 2.8 degree Celsius against minus 3.0 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 1.7 degree Celsius against 2.1 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was minus 1.0 degree Celsius below normal there, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 0.2 degree Celsius against 0.1 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Gulmarg, the famous skiing resort in north Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 0.5 degree Celsius against minus 0.6 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Leh recorded a low of minus 6.7 degree Celsius against last night's minus 6.5 degree Celsius while mercury settled at 0.6 degree Celsius in Kargil, the official said.

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

2 JKAS Officers

Deputy Secretary to the Government, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, with immediate effect

Separately, Vikas Dhar Bagati, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department, has been hereby transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Thanamandi, against an available vacancy. "He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Thanamandi, in addition to his own duties, till further orders," reads the order.

Meanwhile Shakeel Hussain, Private Secretary of the J&K Secretariat (Gazetted) Service-II, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been transferred and posted in the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department to work with the Administrative Secretary.

Sunny Dogra, Senior Stenographer of the J&K Secretariat Subordinate Service, has been transferred from the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA and posted in the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department to work with the Administrative Secretary.

Wall Collapse Kills

were identified as Monika, 52, wife of Tek Ram, resident of Bihar, presently staying at Janipura and a local contractor namely Raman Gupta, 46, resident of Talab Tillo. (Agencies)

3 Arrested For

a police party intercepted a truck on Tapyal highway when it was on its way to Kashmir from Kathua, a police official said.

When it was checked, the vehicle was found to have been carrying 19 bovines concealed under a thick layer of potato sacks, they said.

The driver of the truck, Nisar Ahmad Khan, along with his associate Mohd Aslam Chachi, both belonging to Anantnag, were arrested on the spot, they said.

The cattle were shifted to a safe place and the truck was seized, they said.

A case was registered against the two at Ghagwal Police Station and a further probe is on in the matter.

Another truck on its way to Kashmir was intercepted in Kathua district on Thursday, the official said, from which police recovered 11 bovines.

The truck was seized and a case was lodged against the alleged smuggler arrested from the spot, he added.

Ladakh Reports

Eleven patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Leh. The total number of cured patients is 20,749, they said.

Of the total 15 fresh cases, all of these cases were reported in Leh, they said.

A total of 425 sample reports in Ladakh were found negative, they said.

There was no death reported due to Covid in Ladakh on Wednesday. The total number of active cases in Ladakh has gone up to 129, including 126 in Leh and 3 in Kargil district.

PMAY-U HOUSING SCHEME

Eighteen Thousand Beneficiaries In Kashmir To Be Removed, One Thousand In Jammu

CS Had Asked HUDD To 'Weed Out' Ineligible Beneficiaries

JAMMU: On the directions of the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta, the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) has proposed to reject more than eighteen thousand claims filed in the Kashmir region but less than two thousand in the Jammu region.

According to an official statement, the HUDD is undertaking verification of the already approved beneficiaries "to cross verify raised claims and weed out ineligible beneficiaries."

Accordingly, officials said the claims of 18,613 beneficiaries from the Kashmir Valley were proposed for rejection during the 9th meeting of the State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (SLSMC) of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U) Mission. By comparison, a mere 1,524 claims from the Jammu division are expected to be rejected.

The meeting was attended by senior bureaucrats of the J&K administration, including Administrative Secretaries of Finance, HUDD, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Planning, Development & Monitoring, Jal Shakti, and Revenue, besides Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Managing Director, Housing Board, Managing Director & Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Bank and concerned Heads of Departments participated in the meeting.

Mehta also reviewed the progress achieved under the four verticals of PMAY-U — Beneficiary Led Individual House Construction or Enhancement (BLC), Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), Credit Linked Subsidy

Scheme (CLSS), and In-Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR). According to officials, the HUDD has sanctioned 55,868 houses under these four verticals.

The SLSMC also approved the proposal of 20,457 housing units in Kashmir and 10,949 in the Jammu division, respectively, under the PMAY, while rejecting the proposed ineligible claims with the directions of submitting the written record proving such ineligibility. In the Udhampur Planning Area and Bhaderwah Planning Area, officials said claims of 32,001 beneficiaries were approved and that of 20,209, rejected.

Further, it was informed that with a view to saturate housing demand under the scheme in all cities and towns of Jammu and Kashmir, the HUDD undertook an extensive campaign and roped in the elected representatives in all Urban Local Bodies and approved 79 new DPRs comprising 12,700 beneficiaries under BLC category of PMAY-U, with a total financial implication of Rupees 662.54 crore.

Mehta impressed upon the Department to initiate the process of tendering for works for sanctioned houses to ensure adherence to project timelines.

Taking into consideration the difficulties faced by the beneficiaries from weaker sections in availing the upfront financial assistance comprising 25% of the total assistance, the Chief Secretary also allowed submission of post-dated withdrawal forms instead of cheques by the beneficiaries holding Jan Dhan Accounts.



Since 2019, Indian Constitution's Application Missing In J-K: Panthers Party

Urges President Kovind To Ensure JK Admin 'Doesn't Kill Civilians On Streets'

KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: The Jammu-based Panthers Party has criticised the Modi government's claim that August 2019 integrated Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country when in reality it had "crushed fundamental rights" of citizens in disregard of the country's Constitution.

The party president and Executive Chairperson of the State Legal Aid Committee, Professor Bhim Singh, in a statement issued on Thursday, "raised this question before Members of Parliament to see why Chapter-III of the Indian Constitution is missing in its application in the state of J&K."

Singh also "regretted that J&K is the only state which has been reduced/deprived of statehood by the Government of India".

Chapter III of the Indian Con-

stitution pertains to the fundamental rights of citizens in the Indian Union, guaranteeing — among other rights — equality before law, freedom of speech and dissent, and protection from exploitation. It also lays down the constitutional remedies in case of violation or denial of any of the guarantees enshrined in the chapter.

Singh, also a constitutional lawyer, urged the President of India Ramnath Kovind to "issue a clear direction to the government of J&K not to kill civilians on the streets or inside homes claiming that those killed were murderers/militants and criminals."

The Chapter-III of the Indian Constitution has guaranteed fundamental rights that no person shall be killed outside



the purview of the law, said Singh. Yet, "dozens of stories appear saying so many militants, as the state claims, are killed everyday."

Singh said that it was a fundamental right of every person to access the justice system of the country and take the accused to the court — but in J&K, the government continued to evade accountability. "The killers do not have their identity or address. Only those killed by the J&K state agencies [are identified]," he said.

The central government, he said, "should stop playing hide and seek with J&K in the [name of national] integrity and security of the country" and "restore" fundamental rights in the region.

SKUAST Kashmir's Directorate of Extension Starts Winter School



SRINAGAR: A Twenty one days winter school was inaugurated today on November 10, 2021 in virtual mode on "Geospatial Technology towards Sustainable Future and Development for (level-11)". Professor J P Sharma Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor was the chief guest and Professor Dil Mohammad Makhdoomi, Director Extension SKUAT-K was guest of honour was Associate Directors, Scientists of directorate and participants of the Winter School across nine different states attended the inaugural session. The session was started with a welcome address by Dr. Farah Naz Rasool Dy. Director (Trgs) Directorate of Extension

Prof J.P Sharma Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor conveyed his blessings for all the delegates on line and had declared the winter school open by unfurling the flyer of the programme.

Professor Dil Mohammad Makhdoomi Director Extension in his inaugural address explained the importance of remote sensing. He said that the remote sensing can be used in diverse positioning on the earth surface and

described remote sensing and GIS as widely used tools for natural resource management being a faster technology compared to conventional tools and therefore it helps in increasing productivity and efficiency and this results in saving both time and money. The over exploitation of available natural resources for fulfilling the increasing demand for food, fuel and fiber of the ceaselessly increasing population has resulted in severe environmental degradation. Director extension also cautioned the house that the ongoing over exploitation of natural resources and focus on sustainability of available natural resources.

Explaining the possible role of GPR and GIS, the director apprised how remote sensing and spatial programmes can help in conducting survey of different crops under cultivation, animal and crop disease forecasting and its possible role in IT driven public transport systems. The inaugural session was concluded by the vote of thanks Presented BY Dr. Purshotam Singh Assoc. Prof, Directorate of Extension

Tawi Artificial Lake Project Given Yet Another Deadline

Sanctioned in 2009, The Project Was Cancelled In 2015 Over Feasibility Issues and Missing Deadlines

KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Marred by "delays and cancellations" since its start in 2009, the Jammu and Kashmir government has set a fresh deadline of 2023 to complete the multi-crore artificial Tawi lake project in Jammu.

However, the deadline for completion of artificial pondage (lake) in the Tawi river has been set by April next year. Yet another deadline to a project that has been dragging on for more than a decade.

After missing the first target date in 2012, the contractor missed five other deadlines in 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, when the contractor, GVR Infra Ltd, stopped work prompting authorities to cancel its project and order a probe.

Stating that the project has the potential to give a major facelift to Jammu city, Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta directed the department to speed up the execution of the project so that the artificial pondage in the river is created by April next year.

This was revealed by the Chief Secretary at a meeting to review the progress of a project related to the Tawi riverfront development in Jammu, officials said.

Giving details of the project, officials said that under Phase-I of the project, the first 2.7 kilometre stretch from the Bhagwatnagar bridge to the Bikram Chowk bridge, including the central island and riverfronts on both sides of river Tawi, will be developed while the 4.3 kilometre stretch beyond the



Bikram Chowk bridge will be taken up under Phase-II later.

Laying down the timeline for completion of various activities under the project, the Chief Secretary directed the department to complete the process of allotment of contract by December and finish the construction of promenades, including the planned commercial and recreational assets on the riverfront within one to one-and-a-half years (November 2022 to April 2023).

The officials said a detailed project report (DPR) for the Phase-I project at a cost of Rs 194 crore has been finalised and the tender is expected to be floated within days. However, the entire project may take 1-1.5 years for completion, officials said.

Mehta asked the department to follow the "Build and Use" model wherein the facilities and amenities that are built should be thrown open for public use without waiting for the entire project to be completed.

"The department should open the amenities and facilities it builds for public use and should not wait for the whole project to finish before doing so," he said.

The state government has spent more than Rs 57 crore on the project in the past decade, after its foundation stone was laid by the then chief minister Omar Abdullah on December 5, 2009. In 2015, the then chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed shelved the project, instead promising to develop the river banks similar to the Sabarmati in Gujarat.

According to the initial project plan, an auto-mechanical barrage would be constructed on the river, one kilometre downstream of the main Tawi bridge. This will help create an artificial lake at Belicharana. The 1,500-metre-long and 600-metre-wide artificial lake, a first-of-its-kind here, will give a new dimension to tourism in Jammu city, officials said.

In Phase-II of the project, beautification and embankment works are to be taken up under the Tawi Riverfront Development Project for which an MoU has already been signed by Jammu Development Authority (JDA) with the Sabarmati River Front Development Corporation (SRFDC). A DPR has been prepared in this regard.

With PTI Inputs

More Than Three Thousand Gram Panchayats In J&K To Be Connected To Internet: CS

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JAMMU: Set to roll out e-governance at the grass root level in Jammu and Kashmir, the administration will provide internet connectivity to 3,195 additional gram panchayats under Bharat Broadband Scheme (BBS), according to officials.

Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday held a meeting to review the progress of projects related to the Tawi River front development and implementation of the Bharat net scheme in Jammu and Kashmir, a release said.

While reviewing the implementation of the Bharat broadband scheme in Jammu and Kashmir in rural areas, the chief secretary was informed that 408 gram panchayats and 14 block headquarters have been provided with internet connection through optical fiber cable while 658 gram panchayats have been VSAT enabled for internet

connectivity, officials said.

As many as 3,195 additional gram panchayats will be provided with internet connectivity in phase II of the project, they said.

Underscoring the importance of digital inclusion in rural areas, Mehta impressed upon the Rural Development Department (RDD) to ensure that net enabled gram panchayats function properly, so that they could be used as hubs to connect youth clubs, anganwadi centres and other important public sector installations for awareness campaigns and for promoting government schemes and programmes.

Mehta directed the planning development and monitoring department to verify the functionality and efficiency of the internet facilities already established in 1081 gram panchayats by holding interactions with the officers either through video conferences or google meet.

JKEDI And Jammu University Sign MoU To Promote Entrepreneurship and Skill Development

JAMMU: To promote entrepreneurship and innovation in the Union Territory, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Jammu.

The partnership will provide an impetus to the Union Territory's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The MOU was signed between Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, University of Jammu, and Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director JKEDI in presence of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice-Chancellor of the Jammu University.

On this occasion, the JU Vice-Chancellor reiterated the importance of Entrepreneurship as a career option. He stated that the expertise of JKEDI will help in building capacities among various stakeholders. He further said that initially we will start the programs for the students of the University and eventually all the affiliated colleges will also be brought under the ambit and will benefit the students across the Union territory.

Director, JKEDI, Mahmood Ahmad Shah said that this collaboration will bring in synergy between the two Institutions and will help in knowledge sharing and building an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem. Such initiatives will provide a platform for exploring new fields in the

sphere of entrepreneurship and will promote creative ideas. This step will provide a platform for budding entrepreneurs and will create end-to-end solutions.

Both the Institutions will closely work on the cooperation between academia and industry for the benefit of the student community to enhance their skills and Knowledge about Entrepreneurship.

Teaching and Training methodology will be facilitated to make the student fit into the entrepreneurial ecosystem meaningfully. Collaboration in the fields of Research and Development, Skill Development Programs, Faculty Development, and Management Development Programs will be undertaken as a part of this initiative.

Earlier, Prof. Alka Sharma, Convener, University Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Centre (UESDC) welcomed the members and highlighted the need and scope of MoU with JKEDI for enhancing skill among youth and boost entrepreneurship in the Union Territory of J&K. Among others, Dr Anil Gupta, Dr. Aubid Hussain Parrey and Dr. Garima Gupta, the core committee members of University Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Centre, University of Jammu and Dr. Majid Manzoor Khan, Irtif Mehraj, Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma, Vijender Jamwal and Shiwani Sharma from JKEDI were present on the occasion.



DECC B'la Organises Two Day Programme for DRPs

BARAMULLA: District Employment and Counselling Centre Baramulla in collaboration with District Administration today organised two days training cum awareness session for Master Trainers at Dak bungalow here. The training for the officials nominated by BDO will provide first hand information with regard to various government run employment generation schemes to the general public at gross root level.

The Programme was presided over by Joint Director Planning, M. Yousuf Rather.

While addressing the Master Trainers, JDP said that the aim of this training programme is to identify any impediments in implementation of welfare schemes so that effective solutions can be worked out. He observed that the aim of welfare schemes is not only dissemination of benefits but that such benefits

reach the genuine beneficiaries in a time bound manner. He also said that such programmes will also be conducted at block levels.

He stressed upon the Master Trainers to educate and aware people in general and youth in particular at their respective Blocks about various Self Employment Welfare schemes including REGP, PMEGP, MSME and DLRC meant for socio-economic development.

Moreover, JDP on the occasion Stressed for involving maximum youth at block level to avail the benefits and incentives of self-employment generation schemes.

In the meanwhile, among beneficiaries, 05 Youth have been nominated at Panchayat Levels for availing the benefits in various welfare schemes. Assistant Director, DE&CC Sachin Bali, Masters Trainers besides speakers from the line departments were present on the occasion.

SHORT STORIES

PDP Seeks Immediate Remedy To Power Outage In J&K

SRINAGAR: Peoples Democratic Party has expressed concern over power shortage in Kashmir and has demanded an immediate remedy to the "crisis".

In a statement by the party's state youth secretary Arif Laigroo, the party alleged "there are complaints from the city as well from rural areas about acute power shortage. The people, especially students, are appalled at the state of electricity supply. No power schedule is being followed by the power development department here."

"The administration is in slumber, while the current situation demands action. The power crisis should be dealt with on a priority basis to ensure that people don't suffer during the winter months," said Laigroo.

LG Sinha's Directions To Ensure Minimal Power Cuts: Farooq Khan

ANANTNAG: Advisor Farooq Khan while reviewing development works in the Anantnag district on Thursday said that Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has issued specific directions to the concerned departments to ensure minimal disruption in power supply.

"The department must ensure that necessary infrastructure in this regard is put in place", said Khan. He asked the officers to plan out a multi pronged strategy to avoid unscheduled power cuts ensuring adequate supply to consumers.

He also asked for conveying scheduled cuts to the public in advance. Pertinently, several parts of Kashmir are currently witnessing unscheduled power cuts beyond the hours stated by the Power Development Department.

G A Mir meets Sonia Gandhi

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee President Gulam Ahmad Mir on Thursday met Congress President Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi and briefed her on issues confronting people.

Gandhi received feedback on organizational affairs and activities and stressed the need to maintain discipline at all levels in the party. They also held discussions on the membership drive set to be launched in JK.

Gandhi also expressed serious concerns over the deteriorating security situation and bloodshed in Kashmir, where the administration has failed to curb the series of target killings, particularly within the fortified Srinagar city.

Reasi Admin Imposes Rs 2.27 Lakhs Fines On Illegal Sand Miners

Reasi: Tightening the noose around persons involved in illegal mining of minor minerals, District Administration Reasi today recovered Rs. 2,27,711 fine from 15 private vehicles caught transporting illegally extracted minor minerals.

Teams deputed at various nakas intercepted vehicles loaded with illegally excavated material from river beds and streams, and those found flouting official orders, including lacking requisite documents and overcharging against the notified rates.

The team led by the District Mineral Officer inspected scores of vehicles transporting Minor minerals in violation of MM (D&R) Act-1957 and SRO-15.

IND vs NZ

No Restriction On Crowd Attendance For Jaipur T20I

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NEW DELHI: The opening T20 International between India and New Zealand in Jaipur on November 17 could be played in front of a sizeable crowd with the host association putting no restrictions on entry of spectators with even single shot of COVID-19 vaccine.

Those who are not jabbed will have to carry a valid COVID negative test report which is not older than 48 hours from the start of the match.

The Sawai Mansingh Stadium which has a capacity of 25000 is hosting an international game after eight years.

Sharma said there will be no

entry into the stadium without masks. It will be the first international match in India with no restrictions in the COVID era.

Crowds were allowed during India's home series against England but the number was capped at 50 percent before a spike in cases during the white-ball leg forced the organisers to stage the games without fans.

Sharma said the tickets for the opening T20 will go on sale from Thursday night and will be available on paytm.com.

"The prices start from Rs 1000 and the most expensive ticket will cost Rs 15000," he said.

While New Zealand have the reached the T20 World Cup final, to be played on November 14, nine players from their Test squad arrived in Jaipur on Wednesday, added Sharma.

Indian players have already returned home following their early exit and will enter the bubble soon.

The three-match T20 series will be followed by two Tests as part of the World Test Championship.

Gerrard Joins Villa For 1st EPL Coaching Job

AGENCIES

LONDON: It won't be long before Liverpool great Steven Gerrard is back at Anfield as a Premier League manager.

Not in charge of his boyhood team, though.

Gerrard was hired as Aston Villa manager on Thursday, ending a 3½-year stint in Scottish soccer where he transformed the fortunes of Rangers and ended the long-time dominance of Glasgow rival Celtic.

It will be the 41-year-old Gerrard's first senior coaching role in England and many expect him to one day lead Liverpool, the team where he played 710 matches — many as captain — and is widely regarded as one of its greatest players.

How strange it will feel, then, when he returns to Anfield in charge of a different club. In a date he'll likely have circled on his calendar, Villa plays at Liverpool on Dec. 11 for the fourth match with his new team.

"It has been very clear in our discussions with him that Steven's coaching ambitions, philosophy and values entirely match those of Aston Villa," Villa chief executive Christian Purslow said. "We are excited he has agreed to lead us in the next phase of our ambitious plans."

Villa finished in 11th place in the Premier League last season but has regressed since selling captain Jack Grealish for a British-record fee of 100 million pounds (\$139 million) in the offseason.



From relying largely on one player, Villa has tried to implement a more expansive approach with a bunch of new players bought using the money earned from Grealish's transfer — including Danny Ings and Leon Bailey, who are currently injured — but it has left the team more open.

Villa has conceded the third-most goals this season and has lost its last five games to drop to 16th place in the 20-team league, prompting the decision to fire Dean Smith — a boyhood Villa fan — on Sunday.

Gerrard, who led Rangers to the Scottish league title last season in an undefeated campaign and ended Celtic's run of nine straight titles, will coach his first game for Villa against Brighton on Nov. 20. Gerrard is known for sending out his team to play in an entertaining, high-energy way, with Rangers' results in Europe — the team won its Europa League group last season — also bolstering his managerial reputation.



Australia Beat Pakistan By 5 Wickets

Enter final of ICC T20 World Cup

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DUBAI: Australia reached the Twenty20 World Cup final with a five-wicket victory over Pakistan in the second semi-final on Thursday.

Set 177 for victory, David Warner made 49 before Australia rode unbeaten cameos from Marcus Stoinis and Matthew Wade to clinch the win with one over to spare.

Earlier, Mohammad Rizwan and Fakhar Zaman smashed breezy half-centuries to help Pakistan post 176-4 at the Dubai International Stadium. Put in to bat, Pakistan got off to a strong

start with Rizwan (67) and skipper Babar Azam (39) forging a 71-run partnership for the opening wicket. Fakhar provided the late charge for the 2009 champions with an unbeaten 55 off 32 balls.

Australia reached 95/4 after 12 overs. Maxwell didn't last long as Shadab Khan bagged a fourth and Australia reached 127/5 in 16 overs.

All eyes were on their key man, Marcus Stoinis. And Stoinis, along with Wade, put on 81 runs for the 6th wicket in just 6.3 overs to take their side over the line. Stoinis smashed 40 not-out, while Wade hit 41* off 17 balls.

Earlier in the first innings,

Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan got Pakistan off to a dream start in Dubai. They smashed multiple boundaries, especially Azam, to take the side to 38/0 in 5 overs. Rizwan found his touch soon after as the duo took PAK past 50 inside 7 overs. Eventually, they put on 71 for the 1st wicket before Babar Azam was dismissed by Adam Zampa on the final ball of the 10th over. Mohammad Rizwan and Fakhar Zaman continued the onslaught as they rebuilt quickly to take Pakistan to 117/1 after 15 overs.

Aussies will now face New Zealand in the final on Sunday.

Couldn't Remember What Was Going On, Says Mitchell After Heroics

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ABU DHABI: New Zealand opener Daryl Mitchell said he "couldn't remember" what was happening in the field of play as he went about scripting his team's sensational win over England in the first semifinal of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

Player of the Match Mitchell blazed his way to an unbeaten 47-ball 72 to play a pivotal role in the five-wicket victory that seemed unlikely before a flurry of sixes from James Neesham and the opener himself brought the equation down to 20 in the last two overs.

Mitchell, though, finished the job with an over to spare with two sixes and a four in the penultimate over.

"It was a bit of a whirl at the end there. I couldn't remember what was going on, but I'm happy I got the job done," Mitchell said at the presentation ceremony.

"It was a challenging surface, with the new ball, and it was two-paced. The way (Devon) Conway set the platform and Neesh hit a few out of the ground was amazing. We knew one or two good overs would do it, and we got the momentum back thanks to Neesham's hitting.



"With what's going on around the world right now, it's amazing that my old man (his father) travelled half way around the world to watch me play, so this is a proud moment."

In the game, Conway made an invaluable 46, and alongside Mitchell, played a part in keeping the Kiwis in the game.

Winning captain Kane Williamson said keeping wickets in hand was the key to his team's stunning win.

Like Mitchell, Williamson too credited Neesham for changing the momentum of the game with his three sixes.

"We've played each other on a number of occasions, knew it would be a great game of cricket, and really chuffed with the heart that was shown throughout that

performance," Williamson said.

"Outstanding from Mitchell at the top, but cashing in on the match-ups (was crucial). His character stood out today, an incredible knock, not done it a lot at the top of the order.

"T20 cricket is a game of small margins, depending on the surface, short side...can all be match-defining. We had wickets in hand which was really important.

"Neesham came out and hit the ball hard, and changed the momentum of the game. Ultimately the deciding factor," the skipper added.

England skipper Eoin Morgan had no qualms in admitting that his team was outplayed by the Kiwis.

"Full credit to Kane and his team, they outplayed us today. I can't fault anything that we've done tonight, we've fought hard and represented ourselves well, but come up short tonight," Morgan said.

"Incredibly proud of the guys. Hard to identify the key moments, they built up until they had to push the button, then came good. He held them at bay up to that point. It was a sluggish pitch and we struggled to hit sixes, a good indication it was two-paced.

YORKSHIRE RACISM EPISODE

Fractured Our Game, Torn Lives Apart: Joe Root

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

LONDON: England's Test captain Joe Root on Thursday said the "intolerable" Yorkshire racism episode has "fractured our game and torn lives apart" and pledged his support in a bid to bring about a change at his childhood club.

The cricket club recently concluded that no employees would face any action over former player Azeem Rafiq's claims of institutional racism and bullying, leading to major sponsors this week abandoning deals over the handling of the case.

Root, who is currently in Australia for the Ashes series, called for "change and actions" from Yorkshire.

"There is no debate about racism. It is simply intolerable," Root said in a statement.

"These events have fractured our game and torn lives apart. We must now recover and come back together as fans, players, media, and those who work within cricket. We have an opportunity to make the sport I love better for everyone," he added.

The county has been widely criticised for its handling of the issue and, besides sponsors, it has also lost the right to host England international matches at its Headingley home.

As a senior Yorkshire player, who was also a former teammate of Rafiq, Root said he felt "compelled to address the current situation that has consumed the sport and YCCC".

"In my capacity as England captain and as a senior player

at Yorkshire, I feel compelled to address the current situation that has consumed the sport and YCCC.

"I just want the sport to be a place where everyone is enjoying it for the beautiful game it is and feels equal and safe. It hurts knowing this has happened at YCCC so close to home. It's my club that I care passionately about it. I've spent a lot of time reflecting."

The England skipper added, "I want to see change and actions that will see YCCC rise from this with a culture that harnesses a diverse environment with trust across all communities that support cricket in the county.

Root also vowed to support new Yorkshire chairman Lord Patel.

"We need to educate, unify and reset. I will reach out to YCCC new Chair, Lord Patel, to offer support however I'm able.

"We have to find a way to move forward and make sure this never happens again. In my opinion, this is a societal issue and needs addressing further afield than just cricket. That being said, we, as a sport, all have to do more," Root said.

Rafiq, a former England under-19 captain, said in interviews last year that as a Muslim he was made to feel like an "outsider" during his time at Yorkshire from 2008-18 and that he was close to taking his own life.

Rafiq made 43 allegations relating to his time at Yorkshire, of which seven were upheld by an independent panel, which added there was "no question" he was subjected to racial harassment and bullying.

Mirwais Ashraf Named Chairman Of Afghanistan Cricket Board



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KABUL: The Taliban on Wednesday appointed former all-rounder Mirwais Ashraf as acting chairman of the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB), said a Taliban statement.

Ashraf played 46 ODIs and 25 T20 Internationals, his last in 2016.

Afghanistan bowed out of the T20 World Cup Super 12 stage after winning only two of their five Group 2 matches, losing to Pakistan, India and New Zealand.

The country has faced political and cricketing upheavals since the Taliban took over following the withdrawal of US and NATO troops in late August this year.

Real Madrid's Vinicius Still Waiting In The Wings For Brazil

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SAO PAULO: Brazil fans have pleaded with coach Tite to bring striker Vinicius Jr. into the starting lineup since the beginning of the season. But if Wednesday's practice formations are any indication, that's unlikely to happen in the Selecao's World Cup qualifier against Colombia.

The 21-year-old Vinicius, with nine goals in 16 matches for Real Madrid, only traveled to Sao Paulo to join the national squad after Roberto Firmino picked up an injury. Coach Tite appears to believe the young striker is behind Raphinha and Antony, who have already delivered goals for the team.

Brazil leads South American qualifying with 31 points from 11 matches and could secure a spot at next year's World Cup in Qatar with a win Thursday against Colombia.

Brazil takes on second-place Argentina next Tuesday. Tite has been experimenting with his combinations, including on the wings where Vinicius performs best.

Tite told a news conference Wednesday he has spoken with Real Madrid's Carlo Ancelotti about tactics to bring out the best in Vinicius, who so far hasn't produced his best while wearing



the famous yellow shirt. He has played only seven matches for Brazil, mostly off the bench.

"We have to be patient and understand the youngster, the time he might need to have his affirmation in the national team," Tite said. "He had a very long time to adapt at Real Madrid, and that gave him that maturity so he could develop and arrive at the stage he is.

"It is no different in the national team."

Brazil's coach indicated that the afternoon training session would hint at who would start against Colombia. As expected, no Vinicius. Raphinha, who delivered goals and assists in three good performances in the latest

international window, appears to have beaten the competition again.

Tite said Real Madrid and Brazil have different systems, and Vinicius has so far thrived only with his club.

"Real has a tripod in the midfield, supporting its left wing. That leaves (Vinicius) in a position as the penultimate striker, sometimes he is the last man with Karim Benzema coming from the back," Tite explained. "We don't use that tripod here. So he will only be a forward, aggressive, with freedom. And he will also have to help defensively."

In an interview late last month, Vinicius admitted he was sad

at being initially overlooked for Brazil's squad for the matches against Colombia and Argentina, but insisted his time will come.

"I have to work more, play better matches. And even when I am doing well I have to know that Brazil is hard, there's a lot of players," the striker told TNT Sports. "I know that the right moment will come. I hope to play well this month because there will be another list in January."

Days later, Brazilian media reported the striker and his entourage didn't see Tite having much interest in his performances in Spain.

Vinicius was called in to replace Firmino as Brazil's coach faced criticism and despite the fact the two players operate in different positions.

César Sampaio, Tite's assistant and former Brazil midfielder, argued Vinicius needs time because he is the youngest member in the squad and is still "under construction."

"One day I had to go through this process, seeking my place in the national team," Sampaio said. "We can't change the Selecao, but we can adapt so everyone can show on the pitch that they deserve their place here.

"His numbers and his performance make us put a lot of responsibility on him."

Australia, Saudi Arabia In o-o Draw In World Cup Qualifying



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SYDNEY: Australia and Saudi Arabia played to an often ill-tempered, rainy 0-0 draw on Thursday in the Socceroos' first home match in more than two years.

After winning the opening three games of the current qualifying stage, and 11 World Cup qualifiers in a row, Australia has now dropped five points from the last two, including a loss to Japan in the previous match.

The result was better for Saudi Arabia, winning its first point on Australian soil, to stay atop the group with 13 points from five games. Aus-

tralia has 10 from five matches and Japan six from four games.

Australia plays China on Tuesday in the United Arab Emirates and Socceroos coach Graham Arnold said a win then would leave his team in a "fantastic position."

"Overall we played well, we created chances but they didn't go in," Arnold said. "Then a little bit of frustration set in with the time-wasting and tactics from the Saudis. We have to learn to be better with that because that's when they came up with their chances."

Australia had the better of the chances, although goalkeeper

Mat Ryan was forced to produce three good second-half saves. The Socceroos lost Stoke defender Harry Souttar to a knee injury with 12 minutes left in the game.

Neither team had a shot on target in the first half.

Before Thursday, Australia's last game at home was a 5-0 win over Nepal in October 2019, when Jamie Maclaren scored three goals and Souttar netted twice on debut.

The Socceroos have been forced to play all of their games abroad since then because of Australia's closed borders and COVID-19 restrictions.