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NEWS DIGEST

J&K Logs 181 New Covid Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir registered on Saturday 181 fresh cases of novel coronavirus even as no Covid-19 related fatality was reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, Kashmir Valley reported **More On P10**

3 Killed, 11 Injured In Ramban Accident

JAMMU: Three persons from Uttar Pradesh were killed and eleven others including four children were injured when a passenger cab they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a very deep gorge near Digidol along Jammu-Srinagar highway in Ramban district on Saturday. **More On P10**

3 JKRTC Employees Terminated

JAMMU: Three employees of the Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) were on Saturday terminated from service for alleged dereliction of their duties. Managing Director of JKRTC Angrez Singh Rana issued the orders for **More On P10**

11 Stone Pelters Held In Reasi

JAMMU: Eleven people were apprehended for alleged stone pelting during an anti-encroachment drive in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said. Groups of people indulged in stone pelting soon after revenue officials accompanied by police personnel **More On P10**

Competitive Exams Becoming Tall Order For Kashmiri Students, Why?

Al-Misda Masoom

A wannabe doctor from Srinagar, Tabiya Toufiq, 18, believes that competitive exam preparations in the valley differ in many aspects in comparison to that outside.

Kashmiri students, she says, lack avenues like career counselling, public libraries and economical coaching centres.

"Due to this, they lose time, money and even their mental balance," Tabiya said. "All these factors are an additional burden

when there's already a pressure to qualify the exam. It takes a heavy mental toll on students."

Competitive exams are the first step towards career-building for students. They go through various hurdles and prepare for months or even years to qualify for a single examination.

But in Kashmir, lack of educational infrastructure—like absence of a proper public library -- isn't bringing Kashmiri students at par with the students outside the valley. "Even if one finds a public library,



it lacks relevant books," said Sadaf Shah, preparing for a

Service Selection Board exam. The lack of career counselling

at the crucial stages of one's career is equally playing a spoiler and forcing students to make a compromise in the name of unpopular career choices. Most of the students feel compelled to do that in order to save their academic calendar year.

"I always knew that I wanted to be a doctor but due to the lack of career counselling I didn't know how to approach the path," said Sarmad Ali, who's preparing for NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) for two consecutive years. "It's

a top career choice in Kashmir and everyone is aware of it, but then career counselling is very much needed in it."

From the beginning itself, students don't know about the options or backups.

"Whatever little knowledge I've about the opportunities and competitive exams is from the experience and learning as I grew," said Shaheen Bhat, a NEET aspirant. "Moreover, we don't have many career options here."

Lack of career counselling has a direct **More On P10**

38 Pak Militants On Radar Of Security Agencies



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Agencies

NEW DELHI: The security forces have identified 38 Pakistani militants active in the Kashmir valley and a co-ordinated operation will be launched soon to neutralise them, the sources in the intelligence grid have said.

The sources said on Friday that out of 38 ultras, 27 belong

to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and 11 are from Jaish-e Mohammad (JeM) and they are on the radar of the security forces.

They also said that the locations of these ultras have been traced, which have been spread in Srinagar, Pulwama, Baramulla and Kulgam and other parts of the valley while some of them might be hiding in the forest areas too. **More On P10**

No Major Snow Forecast Till Month End

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The director of Meteorological Department Sonam Lotus Saturday said that there is no forecast of any major snowfall spell till the end of this month.

"No Forecast of Any Major Snow Spell till ending Nov. in both UTs.. J-K and LADAKH," said Sonam Lotus in a tweet.

Meteorological Centre Srinagar tweeted: "Weather most likely to remain dry till 20th. A feeble Western Disturbance is likely to affect the region during 21-23rd Nov. Which may cause light to moderate snow over higher reaches especially northern parts of Kashmir." Meanwhile, a thin layer of fog engulfed several areas in Kashmir on Saturday as most places in the valley experienced sub-zero night temperature, even as the Srinagar city recorded the coldest night of the season, officials said.

Srinagar recorded a low of 0.1 degrees Celsius last night, which was the **More On P10**

Ladakhi Leaders Up The Ante For Statehood

Announce Mass Agitation, Call For Strike On December 6

Press Trust Of India

KARGIL: Accusing the BJP-led central government of being non-serious towards the issues and concerns of the people of Ladakh, prominent leaders from the union territory on Saturday announced a mass agitation to press for their four main demands including full statehood and constitutional safeguards for the region.

The Leh-based Apex body of People's Movement for 6th Schedule and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) jointly called for a general strike on December 6 followed by public rallies and mass contact programmes in both Leh and Kargil districts in March coinciding with improved weather conditions.

Announcing the programme at a joint press conference after the third round of talks



File Photo

between the two powerful bodies of the region, chairman Apex body and former MP Thupstan Chhewang and co-chairman of KDA Asgar Ali Karbalai said they decided to step up agitation in support of their demands, which also include one more Lok Sabha seat and two Rajya Sabha seats besides a special recruitment drive for the local youth to fill up over 10,000 vacancies in Ladakh.

Both the Apex body and the KDA, which is a separate amalgam of socio-religious, political and youth organisations of Leh and Kargil districts, were formed after the August 5, 2019 development when the Centre abrogated the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated it into union territories of J-K and Ladakh. The BJP Ladakh was also part of the Apex body but later distanced **More On P10**

Nirmal Gets Relief, Tribunal Stays Demolition Order

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: In a major relief to former deputy chief minister Nirmal Singh, the Jammu and Kashmir Special Tribunal has kept in abeyance an order issued by the Jammu Development Authority for demolition of his house on the outskirts of the city within five days.

The tribunal, headed by judicial member Rajesh Sekri, ordered that the impugned order dated November 8 shall remain in abeyance and the parties were directed to maintain status quo till December 7.

The Jammu Development Authority (JDA) had served a

notice to the BJP leader, asking him to demolish his palatial bungalow near the Army's ammunition sub-depot in Ban village of Nagrota.

Singh and his family had moved into the building on July 23 last year, even though the high court had in May 2018 directed the authorities to ensure "strict implementation" of a 2015 notification barring general public from carrying out any construction within 1,000 yards of defence work.

The special tribunal granted relief to Singh on Friday after his wife Mamta Singh moved an application through **More On P10**



Children playing cricket on a sunny day in snow covered Drass Valley of Kargil on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat.

9000 Get Jobs On Fast Track

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Over 9,000 vacancies in different departments have been filled up under fast track recruitment in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday.

The selection for 5,000 more posts would be finalised by the end of this year, they said.

The government has initiated the "largest ever" recruitment drive in the union territory in a transparent manner, they said, adding an accelerated committee was constituted for identifying gazetted, non-gazetted and class 4 posts.

"Under the fast track recruitment, 20,323 **More On P10**

Underground Water Well Within Safe Limits In J&K: Govt Study

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir's underground water resources are safe with less than 70 per cent groundwater extraction, a central government-backed study said.

The study, however, recommended judicious use of underground water through suitable scientific interventions for optimal agricultural and domestic use, besides a review of subsidised electricity policy to farmers, suitable water pricing policy and crop rotation for judicious cultivation of water extensive and non-extensive crops.

In its report, 'National Compilation on Dynamic Ground Water Resources of



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India, 2020', the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti said the ground water resources of Jammu and Kashmir have been assessed for valley areas and outer plains in all 20 districts.

The total annual groundwater recharge has been estimated at 4.68 bcm (billion cubic metre) and the annual extractable groundwater resources is 4.22 bcm. The total **More On P10**

LG Moots Six-Fold Strategy To Tackle Pandemic

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday proposed six-fold strategy of testing, tracing, treatment, Covid-Appropriate Behaviour (CAB), vaccination, and micro containment, and termed it as the most effective way to tackle the pandemic.

Chairing the weekly meeting to review public health response to tackle coronavirus situation with the DCs and SPs, the LG on Saturday directed the officials for pre-emptive Covid management and said that all districts must take these steps to prevent any new surge in cases, an official spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, also directed the Deputy Commissioners and



Health officials to also intensify preventive measures to contain Dengue and work in close coordination and synergy with the civic bodies.

"Small changes like strict adherence to Covid-Appropriate Behaviour can make a bigger difference," Sinha said.

While chairing the meeting, the official spokesperson said

that the LG stressed the need to focus on Six-fold strategy of Testing, Tracing, Treatment, Covid-Appropriate Behaviour (CAB), Vaccination, and Micro Containment, as the most effective way to tackle the pandemic.

During the meeting, he said, the DCs apprised Sinha about the Covid protocol enforcement efforts, implementation of micro

containment zones, testing and contact tracing being undertaken in their respective districts.

"Emphasizing on ensuring strict implementation of Covid Containment measures, the Lt Governor asked the DCs, SPs to firmly implement Covid protocols. He further instructed them to increase Information Education Communication (IEC) activities, testing, and sampling to contain the Virus," the official spokesperson said.

He further said that the LG also directed the Deputy Commissioners and health officials to bridge the gap of number of due second doses as per the targets and prepare themselves with a robust strategy in order to prevent the possible third wave in the UT. **More On P10**



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اشتہار ہمراؤ گا ہی ہر خاص و عام ۔ معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سر قلیٹ دفتر ہذا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کا روئی ہے ۔ پیواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں ۔

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اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے ۔ لہذا سر قلیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے ۔ معیاڈ گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا ۔

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از نیابت انت ناگ نائب تحصیلدار انگریز کلچر جیسٹریٹ دہ جاول درخواست منجانب : روبرہ بدین دھنن دختر حسین آہنگر ساکنہ کھنڈیل ضلع انت ت ناگ بغرض حصول OSC سر قلیٹ ۔

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3	فاطمہ حسین دختر محمد حسین	23 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
4	روید حسین دختر محمد حسین	19 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
5	مصیب حسین لد محمد حسین آہنگر	14 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی

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اس طرح سائل کا کنبہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے اور کنبہ میں کوئی سرکاری ملازمت یا مزدور موجود نہیں ہے اور سائلان کے کنبہ کے پاس دھنڈا نہیں 4 کنال آرائسی موجود ہیں ۔ جنگی سالانہ آمدنی 140000/= ہزار روپیہ تک ہے ۔ اور سالانہ کے کنبہ کی سالانہ آمدنی تمام زری سے 20000/= ہزار روپیہ تک ہے ۔ سائل RBA سر قلیٹ اجراء کرنے کی خواہش رکھتا ہے اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے ۔ معیاڈ گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا ۔

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اشتہار ہمراؤ گا ہی ہر خاص و عام ۔ معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک واڈار یا سر قلیٹ دفتر ہذا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کا روئی ہے ۔ پیواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں ۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	پیشہ	عمر	آدنی
1	کھیل احمد ولد غلام نبی شاہ	پنشنر	62 سال	Bank statement
2	نیلوفر کھیل زوید کھیل احمد	پنشنر	60 سال	Bank statement
3	دانش کھیل پر تھیل احمد	تعلیم یافتہ بے روزگار	30 سال	آدنی
4	قاسم کھیل پر تھیل احمد	زرتعلیم	26 سال	آدنی
5	عاضدہ جان زوید دانش کھیل	گھریلو کام	28 سال	آدنی

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اشتہار ہمراؤ گا ہی ہر خاص و عام ۔ معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سر قلیٹ دفتر ہذا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کا روئی ہے ۔ پیواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں ۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آدنی
1	انظر احمد گوجر ڈوئی ولد محمد ایوب	38 سال	مزدوری	آدنی
2	ازرا جان زوید انظر احمد گوجر ڈوئی	36 سال	گھریلو کام	آدنی
3	مرکظ احمد گوجر ڈوئی ولد انظر احمد گوجر ڈوئی	08 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
4	عاضدہ جان دختر انظر احمد گوجر ڈوئی	06 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی

اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے ۔ لہذا سر قلیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے ۔ معیاڈ گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا ۔

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آدنی
1	منظور احمد آہنگر ولد غلام رسول آہنگر	60 سال	دوکانداری	آدنی
2	پروینہ اختر زوید منظور احمد آہنگر	54 سال	گھریلو کام	آدنی
3	شایف منظور ولد منظور احمد آہنگر	29 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
4	صدف منظور دختر منظور احمد آہنگر	27 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
5	باسم منظور ولد منظور احمد آہنگر	25 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی

اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے ۔ لہذا سر قلیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے ۔ معیاڈ گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا ۔

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آدنی
1	ادیس احمد گوجر کھانا و لدھم داوہ گوجر کھانا	31 سال	مزدوری	آدنی
2	شہید بانو زوید ادیس احمد گوجر کھانا	35 سال	گھریلو کام	آدنی
3	سمیدہ اختر دختر ادیس احمد گوجر کھانا	10 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
4	زادہ ادیس احمد گوجر کھانا و لد ادیس احمد گوجر کھانا	08 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی

اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے ۔ لہذا سر قلیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے ۔ معیاڈ گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا ۔

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آدنی
1	شوکت علی گوجر کھانا و لدھم داوہ گوجر کھانا	40 سال	مزدوری	آدنی
2	نسبہ بانو زوید شوکت علی	38 سال	گھریلو کام	آدنی
3	نہیم جان بغرض شوکت علی گوجر کھانا	18 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
4	نازید جان بغرض شوکت علی گوجر کھانا	16 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
5	محمد عرو لد شوکت علی گوجر کھانا	12 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
6	فیضان علی لد شوکت علی گوجر کھانا	10 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی

اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے ۔ لہذا سر قلیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے ۔ معیاڈ گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا ۔

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آدنی
1	محمد حسین آہنگر ولد غلام رسول آہنگر	60 سال	دوکانداری	آدنی
2	محمدہ اختر زوید محمد حسین	43 سال	گھریلو کام	آدنی
3	فاطمہ حسین دختر محمد حسین	23 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
4	روید حسین دختر محمد حسین	19 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی
5	مصیب حسین لد محمد حسین آہنگر	14 سال	زرتعلیم	آدنی

اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے ۔ لہذا سر قلیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے ۔ معیاڈ گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا ۔

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Indian Red Cross Society Jammu and Kashmir

CONDOLENCE



It is with profound grief and deep anguish, Red Cross J&K condoles the demise of Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Zargar, Honorary Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Kashmir Regional Branch, who passed away on November 12th, 2021 in condolence meetings held at Srinagar and Jammu which were presided over by Mr. G.A Qureshi, Honorary Treasurer and Mr. Kifayat Hussain Rizvi, IAS (Retd.) Honorary General Secretary respectively. The deceased was a gentle man, diligent and noble human being. His demise is a great loss to the entire Red Cross Family.

We pray for the solace of the departed soul. In this time of grief and bereavement, we express our heartfelt sympathies for the family of the deceased and pray for their patience during this difficult time to bear such an irreparable loss.

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING ANANTNAG

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

(Call III)

E-NIT No: 154 of 2021-22 Dated: 01-11-2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K , Expression of Interest (EOI) are invited on Percentage Rate Basis from approved and registered consultant firms for providing Architectural/ Structural Consultancy Services in respect of following work:-

S. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost of the Project (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of Tender Documents	Time for Completion	Type of Consultancy
1	Consultancy Services (Architectural/ Structural/ for Construction of DDC Office Complex Anantnag at District Anantnag	257.00	1000/=	30 days	Architectural/ Structural Consultancy

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, Drawings, Elevation, Sections, Set of Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in (Rural Development and Panchayati Raj) as per schedule of dates.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	01-11-2021
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	01-11-2021 from 06:00 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	15-11-2021 upto 06:00 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Bids	16-11-2021 at 11:00 AM or any convenient day in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Anantnag

1. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division Anantnag (tender receiving authority).

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

3. The Lowest Bidder is required to deposit a Performance Security @ 5% of bid value in the shape of CDR in favour of allotting authority (Executive Engineer REW Anantnag) at the time of finalization of allotment/ agreement with the Department.

9. Bidders are advised not to make any change in Bill of Quantities (BOQ).

10. In no case any attempt should be made to create similar BOQ by the bidder. Downloaded BOQ should only be used for filling of item rates inclusive of all taxes and it should be submitted with the same bidding document.

-Sd-
Executive Engineer
Rural Engineering Wing
Anantnag

No. REW-A/WS/NIT/2021-22/10084-90
Dated: 01/11/2021

DIPK-12594/21

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar); 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu)
Website: www.jkbopee.gov.in E-mail: coejakbopee@gmail.com / helpdesk.jakbopee@gmail.com

Subject: - Provisional Merit list of the candidates applied for admission to M.Sc. Technology courses-2021 at SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar and objections, if any, thereof.

Reference: - Notification No. 096-BOPEE of 2021 dated 25-09-2021

Notification No: 125 -BOPEE of 2021 Dated: 12-11-2021.

The Board vide Notification No. 096-BOPEE of 2021 dated 25-09-2021 invited off-line Application Forms from the eligible candidates for admission to M.Sc. Technology Courses-2021 at SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar. The Board has prepared a provisional merit list of the candidates who have applied for the said courses is annexed as Annexure "A" to this notification which is available on official website of the Board (www.jkbopee.gov.in only). The candidates if any, who intend to submit representation against his/her position can do so upto 17-11-2021 (4:00 P.M.) failing which no claim whatsoever shall be entertained under any circumstances. The interested candidates can deposit the same at BOPEE office Jammu/ Srinagar physically. Further, the candidates who have deficiency of any required document as shown in the list are also advised to clear the same by or before 17-11-2021 positively, otherwise their candidature shall be treated as cancelled on their own risk and responsibility

1. The representations/deficient documents, if any shall not be accepted through e-mail.

2. The merit list of the candidates has been prepared on the basis of aggregate marks obtained in the qualifying examination. In case of tie between candidates, same shall be resolved by taking into account the date of birth of candidate's i.e candidate older in age is preferred first as already mentioned in Notification No: 096-BOPEE of 2021 dated 25-09-2021.

3. The intending candidates shall keep ready their domicile certificate, Work Experience (wherever applicable) issued by the competent authority along with all other original documents as required by the concerned Principals at the time of admission to their respective colleges after allotment of seats to them.

4. The candidates must remain in touch with the official website of the Board so as to be abreast of the final schedule of the counseling which shall be held physically at BOPEE office Jammu/ Srinagar simultaneously and shall be notified separately after the deposition of objections/documents, if any, received from intending candidates mentioned in the Provisional Merit List to be uploaded on the official web site of the Board www.jkbopee.gov.in.

5. In case no objections are received within the cutoff date by the Board, the Provisional Merit List shall be deemed to be treated as final.

However, the candidate(s) who have not submitted their domicile certificates as of now are directed to produce the same at the time of counseling.

E&OE

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

No. BOPEE/Exam-21/2021
Date: 12-11-2021

DIPK-NB-4999/21

Kashmir Observer, November 14, 2000

Climate Change Making Amazon Birds Smaller



Agencies

Even the wildest parts of the Amazon untouched by humanity are being impacted by climate change, according to new research. Hotter, drier conditions over the past four decades are decreasing the body size of the rainforest's birds while increasing their wingspans, a study published in the journal Science Advances said Friday. The changes are thought to be a response to nutritional and physiological challenges, especially during the June to November dry season. "The biggest takeaway for me is that this is happening far from direct human disturbance, such as deforestation, in the heart of the world's biggest rainforest," Vitek Jirinec, an ecologist at the Integral Ecology Research Center and the paper's lead author told AFP. "That is something to ponder on the last day of COP26," he added. Jirinec and colleagues analyzed data collected on more than 15,000 birds that were caught, measured, weighed, and tagged over the course of 40 years of field work. They found that nearly all the birds had become lighter since the 1980s. Most species lost an average of two per cent of body weight every decade, meaning a bird species that would have weighed 30 grams in the 1980s would now average 27.6 grams. The data was not tied to a specific site but rather collected from a large range of the rainforest, meaning the

phenomenon is ubiquitous. **More efficient flight** In all, the scientists investigated 77 species whose habitats ranged from the cool, dark forest floor to the sunlit and warmer midstory—the forest's middle layer of vegetation. The birds at the highest sections of the midstory, which fly more and are exposed to heat for longer, had the most pronounced changes in body weight and wing size. The team hypothesized this was an adaptation to energy pressures—for example decreased availability of fruit and insect resources—and also to thermal stress. "There's good theoretical reasoning why a smaller size is beneficial under climate warming—you can cool yourself better—but the larger wings are more difficult to explain," said Jirinec. "That's why we proposed the 'wing loading' hypothesis," he added. Longer wings, and a reduced mass-to-wing ratio, produce more efficient flight—similar to how a glider plane with a slim body and long wings can soar with less energy. A higher mass-to-wing ratio requires birds to flap faster to stay aloft, using more energy and producing more metabolic heat. Jirinec added that the study was not designed to tell whether these differences were driven by natural selection resulting in genetic changes, or whether they were the result of different growth patterns based on available resources.

Muslims Angered By Islamophobic Content In US-Made Video Game



Agencies

US video game developer Activision-Blizzard has sparked anger in the Muslim world with an insulting depiction of the holy Qur'an in one of its latest games. In its newly released series, Call of Duty: Vanguard, the video game giant depicted pages from the Muslim holy book disrespectfully scattered on a floor, with some of them soaked in blood. The Islamophobic content stoked a furious response on social media earlier this week, with Twitter users creating the trend #NoCallOfDuty. The Muslim community began to boycott the game, with some saying they will not play until the detail is removed. Others simply deleted the game and vowed not to play. Activision issued an apology on Thursday, calling the content

"insensitive." "It should never have appeared as it did in [the] game; we deeply apologize," it said in a statement published in Arabic. It subsequently replaced the pages of the holy book with blank sheets. Activision is no stranger to controversy. A similar scandal emerged in 2012 with another game, Modern Warfare 2, which insulted verses from Hadith — Prophet Mohammad's quotes for Muslims. The publisher pulled the game from rotation at the time, before removing the offensive content and apologizing to Muslims. The company was also rocked by a scandal earlier this year when it became the subject of a lawsuit that said the company was fostering a culture of widespread gender-based discrimination and harassment. Muslims make up almost a quarter of the world's population.



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Covid Booster Distribution Is 'Scandal' As Poor Nations Continue To Wait: WHO

GENEVA: The unequal distribution of Covid-19 boosters in rich countries, as many poor countries struggle to get even their first shots is a "scandal" that must end, World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. At a media briefing on Friday, Ghebreyesus said that countries with high vaccination rates are continuing to stockpile booster doses, while poor countries continue to wait. "Every day, there are six times more boosters administered globally than primary doses in low-income countries," Ghebreyesus said. "This is a scandal that must stop now," he added. The WHO chief criticised the distribution of boosters to healthy adults saying that "it makes no sense to give boosters to healthy adults, or to vaccinate children, when

EVERY DAY, there are six times more boosters administered globally than primary doses in low-income countries," health workers, older people and other high-risk groups around the world are still waiting for their first dose." However, he said that there is an exception -- immunocompromised individuals. Inequitable vaccine distribution has hit Africa particularly hard, where just 6 per cent of the continent's population is fully vaccinated against Covid, the WHO's Regional Office for Africa reported as of October 28. "Vaccines alone will not end the pandemic, but we cannot end the pandemic unless we solve the global vaccine crisis," Ghebreyesus said. The WHO previously set

a goal of vaccinating 40 per cent of the population of every country by the end of the year, but more than 100 countries are currently short of the target, WHO Chief Scientist Dr. Soumya Swaminathan said at the briefing, CNBC reported. Swaminathan added that the WHO would likely miss that goal unless COVAX, the WHO's initiative for providing Covid shots for at least 20 per cent of countries' populations, received approximately 500 million more doses to distribute. Just five countries in Africa have vaccinated more than 35 per cent of their populations, including Morocco, Tunisia and Mauritius, according to Our World in Data, which compiles vaccination figures from official public reports. But those reports also indicate that the majority of African nations have fully vaccinated less than 10 per cent of their populations. **IAN S**

Pakistan To Allow India Wheat Transit For Afghanistan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday said that he would consider a plea from Afghanistan to allow transit of Indian wheat via Pakistan as he urged the international community to fulfil its collective responsibility to avert a grave humanitarian crisis confronting the people of strife-torn country. His remarks came amidst a visit of acting Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi who landed here on Wednesday, heading a 20-member high-level delegation, on his maiden foreign trip. "We will also be considering a plea from our Afghan brothers to allow transit of Indian wheat via Pakistan," Khan said. He said that Pakistan would favourably consider the request by Afghan brothers for transportation of wheat offered by India through Pakistan on an exceptional basis for humanitarian purposes and as per modalities to be worked out, ARY News said in a report. "The Prime Minister conveyed that in the current context Paki-



stan would favourably consider the request by Afghan brothers for transportation of wheat offered by India through Pakistan on exceptional basis for humanitarian purposes and as per modalities to be worked out," the Prime Minister's Office said on Twitter. India has contributed to the humanitarian requirements of the Afghan people. This included providing more than 1 million metric tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan over the past decade. Last year too India assisted Afghanistan with 75,000 metric tonnes of wheat, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said at the United Nations High-Level Meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan in September. However, there were reports that Pakistan has blocked India's efforts to provide wheat to the Afghan people, amidst the chill in relations between New Delhi and Islamabad over the Kashmir issue. Khan on Thursday also "urged the international community to fulfil its collective responsibility to avert a grave humanitarian crisis confronting people of Afghanistan." Pakistan has been trying to convince the world to diplomatically engage with the Taliban after they seized control of Kabul on August 15. However, the international community is still sceptical about the headline Islamists, especially on issues like terrorism emanating from the war-torn country and their promises to respect human rights. Afghanistan has been under Taliban rule since August 15 when the Afghan militant group ousted the elected government of President Ashraf Ghani and forced him to flee the country and take refuge in the UAE.

Turkey Stops Air Travel For Europe Bound Refugees



Agencies

WARSAW: Turkey on Friday halted airline ticket sales to Iraqi, Syrian and Yemeni citizens wanting to travel to Belarus, which in recent months has become a key launching point for migrants and refugees trying to enter the European Union illegally. The move, announced by Turkey's Civil Aviation Authority, follows EU pressure on airlines to stop bringing people from the Middle East to Minsk, the capital of Belarus. Starting from there, thousands of asylum-seekers have managed to slip into EU member nations Poland, Lithuania and Latvia since the summer, though many others have also been kept from entering or pushed back. The crisis involving a large number of migrants stuck at the EU's border threatens to become a humanitarian crisis as winter approaches. It is also creating another point of tension between the West and Belarus authoritarian regime. On Friday, Russia sent paratroopers to the Grodno region in Belarus, which borders Poland, in a show of support for its ally. That follows Russia's sending nuclear-capable strategic bombers to patrol over Belarus for two straight days this week. Among the migrants are Iraqi Kurds and Syrians fleeing conflict, persecution or poverty. Many aim to reach Germany or other western European countries, sometimes to reunite with relatives already settled there. In a brief statement posted on Twitter, Turkey's aviation authority said its decision to halt ticket sales

was valid until further notice. Citing the Turkish decision, Belarusian airline Belavia said it would not transport citizens of Iraq, Syria and Yemen on its Istanbul-Minsk flights starting Friday. Belavia said in a statement that it planned to reimburse the cost of already purchased tickets. The EU said it also received confirmation that Iraqi Airways, which halted flights to Minsk in the summer, will not resume them. EU and Polish officials have accused the longtime leader of Belarus, President Alexander Lukashenko, of facilitating illegal border crossings in retaliation for sanctions the EU imposed on his government for its brutal crackdown on dissent following Lukashenko's disputed reelection last year. German federal police reported this week that 1,246 unauthorized entries to Germany with a connection to Belarus had been recorded in the first nine days of November. In all, there have been 9,087 such entries so far this year, German police said. Polish authorities said a large number of people remain just across the border in neighboring Belarus, and that Polish border guards, police and soldiers continue to rebuff attempts to enter each day. Hundreds of people, including families with children, are in makeshift camps on the Belarusian side of the border. Attempts to cross have become increasingly dangerous as Poland fortifies its side of the border and pushes people back and as temperatures drop to below freezing at night.

UK Imposes Export Bar On Gold Ornament From Tipu Sultan Throne

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A gold jewelled tiger head, which once belonged to the gold-covered throne of Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan in 18th century India, was on Friday placed under a temporary export bar in an attempt to find a UK buyer for it. The finial, or a crowning ornament, is worth around GBP 1.5 million and the export bar placed by the British government is used to allow time for a UK gallery or institution to acquire the piece of historic value. The finial is one of eight gold tiger heads that adorned the throne of the ruler, famously known as the "Tiger of Mysore." "This fascinating finial illustrates the story of Tipu Sultan's reign and leads us to examine our imperial history," said UK Arts Minister Lord Stephen Parkinson. "I hope a UK-based buyer comes forward so that we can all continue to learn more about this important period in our shared history with India," he said. The finial, made of gold and set with rubies, diamonds and emeralds, is described as a rare example of fully documented 18th century South Indian goldsmiths' work and its existence was unknown until 2009. Its marble pedestal is unique among the five surviving finials known, and the meaning of its gold inscription is still a mystery.



The decision on the export licence application for the finial has been deferred until February 11, 2022, which may be extended until 11 June 2022 if a serious intention to raise funds to purchase it is made at the recommended price of GBP 1.5 million. The minister's decision follows the advice of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art and Objects of Cultural Interest (RCEWA), which agreed that it is an important symbolic object in Anglo-Indian history in the last years of the 18th century. "Tipu Sultan's golden and bejewelled throne (c.1787-93) was broken up by the British army's Prize Agents after Tipu's defeat and death in defence of his capital, Seringapatam, in 1799. This tiger's head is one of the original eight which were placed on the balustrade of the octagonal throne," said RCEWA Member Christopher Rowell.

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China's Wildlife Is A Pandemic 'Waiting To Happen,' Study Finds

BLOOMBERG

Wildlife species sold in wet markets in China were linked to the emergence of SARS and Covid-19. Now a comprehensive survey of viral pathogens has found they harbor a range of diseases threatening humans and other animals. A study of more than a dozen species of game animals traded, sold and commonly consumed as exotic food in China identified 71 mammalian viruses, including 18 deemed "potentially high-risk" to people and domestic animals. Civets, the cat-like carnivores implicated in the spread of severe acute respiratory virus in markets in southern China almost 20 years ago,



carried the most worrisome microbes, according to the research, released Friday. Although the authors in China, the U.S., Belgium and Australia didn't find anything resembling SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus responsible for the Covid-19 pandemic, they showed that strains carried by bats are transmitted across the species barrier to infect other animals in

of Sydney, in an email. "This paper also shows that humans regularly transmit their viruses to other animals. There's clearly two-way virus traffic." **Future Threats** The research, supported by the National Key Research and Development Program of China and others, shows the commitment to searching for future pandemic threats. The 40-page manuscript was released on bioRxiv, an open access preprint repository, ahead of peer-review and publication. The comprehensive investigation of the diversity and abundance of vertebrate-associated viruses in game animals in China is the first to assess which species have the greatest potential for carrying viruses that could set off an outbreak.

Wife Of Turk Politician Gets 2.5 Years' Jail For Typo

Tribune Web Desk

CHANDIGARH: The wife of a Kurdish politician has been jailed in Turkey over a typo in a medical report on miscarriage she suffered in 2015. Ba ak Demirta has been charged with fraud after a doctor's note for medical leave of five days from work that was issued during an appointment on December 11, 2015, was wrongly dated as December 14. A court in Diyarbakir handed down sentences of 30 months each for Ba ak Demirta, a teacher, and her doctor on Thursday for submitting a falsified medical report, a local Kurdish news agency reported. The charges in the case, which began in March 2018, relate to hospital admissions and



two surgeries for a miscarriage Demirta suffered in 2015. According to her legal team, the teacher was charged with fraud because a doctor's note for five days of medical leave from work was issued during an appointment on 11 December 2015, but erroneously dated as 14 December, four days later. Demirta then took unpaid leave for the second half of the

THE SENTENCE OF [DEMIRTA] to 2.5 years of prison for a mere clerical error concerning a medical record is appalling and seems beyond common sense. It just looks so political. It gives the measure of the worrying state of Turkish judiciary," 2015-16 school year to recover. "The sentence of [Demirta] to 2.5 years of prison for a mere clerical error concerning a medical record is appalling and seems beyond common sense. It just looks so political. It gives the measure of the worrying state of Turkish judiciary," Nacho Sánchez Amor, the European parliament's rapporteur on Turkey, said on Twitter. Her husband, Selahattin Demirta, the former leader of the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), is one of the most high-profile of thousands of politicians, academics, judges and civil servants who have been jailed in Turkey in recent years in Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's crackdown on opposition. He was imprisoned after his party won enough seats in 2015's general election to destroy Erdoğan's parliamentary majority and faces more than 100 charges, most of which are terrorism related. The politician denies all allegations against him.

Allow Panchayats To Function: JKPCC To Admin

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SRINAGAR: Stating that Panchayati Raj Institutions were not being allowed to function, the state Congress head on Saturday said there was a need to transform the government decisions into reality and implement them on the ground.

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Ghulam Ahmad Mir hit out at the administration "for failing panchayats in a systematic manner due to the lack of cooperation between the PRIs and administration."

Mir heard the Sarpanchs and Panchs affiliated with the party who apprised him that despite putting in requisite papers with regard to release of funds for execution of developmental works, the administration was adopting

dilly dallying tactics on account of release of allocated funds, which was detrimental to the functioning of PRIs and developmental process, at grass roots.

Mir said the administration not cooperating with the PRIs "amounts to undermining the Panchayat Bodies" and urged the government to take immediate measures to "restore confidence among the Panchayat representatives, enabling them to perform the duty for which they have been chosen, as that, the PRIs hold the key to development at grassroots, they need to be encouraged and facilitated to perform their duty."

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, said Mir, "must intervene and ensure that PRIs, which were mandated to play a key role in the developmental process, are further strengthened in the larger interest of people."

CUK Commemorates National Education Day



GANDERBAL: School of Education (SoE), Central University of Kashmir (CUK) organized a one-day seminal-cum-webinar on "Pandemic Pedagogy: Issues, Challenges & Opportunities," on the National Education Day, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of India.

In his address, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah, said, "Maulana Abul Kalam was a visionary and gave importance to the education of the common man, emphasizing that basic education needs to be a fundamental right of every child in India." Prof. Shah said, "It took our nation almost five decades to give legal binding to the vision of Maulana Azad in terms of making 'Right to Education a Fundamental Right for children from six to 14 years of age in 2009'. He remarked that, "Information Communication Technology was handy in terms of being responsive to the requirements of the unique scenario like Covid-19 Pandemic."

In her keynote address, Chairperson, National Institute of Open Schooling, New Delhi, Prof Saroj Sharma, said, "India was lucky to have Maulana Azad as first Education Minister as he was instrumental in establishing the first IIT at Kharagpur besides setting up other institutions at national level". She said, "Maulana Azad served the nation in many capacities and roles as freedom fighter, philosopher, writer, educationist, journalist, extension worker, education minister and so on". She remarked, "Deador's Commission,

University Education Commission, Secondary Education Commission were highly influenced by the ideological imports from Maulana Azad". She further said, "The existing NEP is basically reflecting many interests and aspirations of Maulana Azad".

Finance Officer, Prof. Fayaz Ahmad Nika, said, "Available online technology is not a panache for all the problems/diseases which affected the whole humanity as a result of Covid-19. Online teaching has been a great answer to many questions posed by Covid-19 scenario but it cannot possibly be a replacement for in person interaction between the teacher and the taught".

Sr. Prof, SoE, Prof. Nighat Basu, said, "Maulana Azad was a champion of secularism and Human values. He was an institution by himself who championed the cause of girl education, universal education, adult education and citizenship education." She said he (Maulana) was an extension worker who reached the un-reached and built a knowledge-based society.

Consultant Academics, Prof. Parveen Pandit, introduced the event theme and described the biography of Maulana Azad with special reference to his contributions in freedom struggle, education, journalism, morality, philosophy, gender education etc.

Dean, SoE, Prof. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, in his remarks, said, "Education does not mean only to read and write or to explore the literature but, to develop into a personality who is ready to get adjusted according to the demands of the situation at hand".

Pulwama Residents Protest Against Proposed Paramilitary Camp

Request LG Sinha To Revoke Order On 'Humanitarian Grounds'

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PULWAMA: The residents of Oukhoo village of Kakapora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Saturday protested the transfer of village land to the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force and demanded revocation of the order on "humanitarian grounds".

The locals assembled on the same land which has been allotted to CRPF recently and shout slogans demanding justice and revocation of the order.

Speaking with a local news agency, the protesters said they don't have any alternative land apart from which has been transferred to CRPF and the government must reconsider their decision on humanitarian ground.

"This land has been under our control for decades, even before we were born, if this land will be given to CRPF, where will we people go as our livelihood depends on it," an elderly man said.

He added that this is the most fertile land of the area as it grows two crops - mustard and paddy - every year but if given to CRPF, "they will die of starvation".

The residents of Oukhoo, according to a local news agency,



believe the administration has identified about 100 kanals of land in their area over which a large camp would be built.

The local panchayat committee has also demanded a review of the decision and demanded the government to reverse the decision. Ghulam Hassan Pandit, Rubina Akhtar and Ghulam Mohidin of the local panchayat committee also joined the protest and appealed to the administration and the central government to withdraw the decision.

Locals said the government must revoke the order immediately or they will come out on roads in protest.

The protest was called off after a few local leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

rushed to the spot and assured the locals that they will take up the issue with and press the government to revoke the decision.

The administrative council chaired by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had approved the transfer of 524 kanals or 65 acres in favour of the CRPF in eight places in the Anantnag, Pulwama and Shopian districts for establishing "battalion camping sites" for personnel and their families, triggering fears among the general public..

Besides Oukho, officials said the permanent camps would be set up in the villages of Brah, Jummo and Bhanpahari in Anantnag; Allowpora-Sheikhpora and Zawoor-Baderhama in Shopian; and Koil in Pulwama.

Communal Parties Like ISIS: Mehbooba Mufti

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: Amid a raging controversy over senior Congress leader Salman Khurshid's book, in which he compared Hindutva as propagated by some to radical jihadi groups such as the ISIS and the Boko Haram, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Saturday said there is nothing wrong in comparing political parties with groups killing people in the name of religion.

She accused the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of hijacking "Hindutva and Hinduism" and said Sanatan Dharma does not teach communalism. Khurshid, in his book, 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 communal parties which want to make Hindu and Muslims fight each other and indulge in lynching in the name of religion. You can compare such parties with ISIS or any other like-minded group because both kill people in the name of religion," Mufti told reporters outside the People's Democratic Party (PDP) headquarters here.

Responding to a question on Khurshid's book, she said "Sanatan Dharma does not teach us communalism".

"RSS, Jan Sangh and BJP want to make people in the country fight each other in the name of religion. They have hijacked Hindu-

tva and Hinduism," she said.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister referred to "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family) and said, "Sanatan Dharma teaches us that. What BJP and RSS are trying to teach us is neither Hindutva nor Hinduism."

Meanwhile, a group of Bajrang Dal activists, led by Rakesh Bajrang, staged a demonstration against Khurshid outside the Press Club here, demanding a ban on his book and registration of a case against the former Union minister.

"Comparing Hindutva with terror groups is a sin committed by Khurshid. His book should be banned and an FIR lodged against him," Bajrang said as his supporters burnt an effigy of the Congress leader.



Jammu Won't Play Second Fiddle: Rana

Wished For Return Of Dogra Rule, J&K As One Entity

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JAMMU: The BJP's newest face in the Jammu region, Devender Singh Rana on Saturday said the Jammu region was no longer willing to play second fiddle to the dominance of Kashmir and vowed for a return to the Dogra Rule.

In a statement issued by the party, former National Conference leader and legislator Rana is quoted as having reiterated "zero-tolerance against any attempt to jeopardize Jammu's interest."

He added, "the people of the province are committed in their resolve for their political empowerment by being equitable shareholder."

The statement was made during a party meeting wherein Rana said he was "confident that the era of injustice and discrimination against Jammu province will end" and there "would be course correction of the fault lines of the past." Rana didn't specify the nature or outcome of the course correction.



Jammu, said Rana, "no longer will accept the role of a second fiddler." He added that no amount of sacrifice towards this goal would be enough and "reiterated people's resolve to fight for the cause of Jammu and its people, irrespective of caste, creed and religion."

Rana also said the "Jammu Declaration" will be for an "inclusive" Jammu and Kashmir. He also said "the firm and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds promise for the people to live with honour and dignity with no one in the Union Territory nurturing the apprehension of being discriminated against, deprived and dominated politically."

The abrogation of J&K's special status, said Rana, "has changed the perception about Jammu and Kashmir in the country with compatriots feeling satisfied about total integration. He dwelt upon the history of Jammu and Kashmir going back to Dogra Rule and said this has to shine and prosper as a single entity."

Govt To Celebrate Tribal Pride Day On November 15

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Day on 15 November this year.

The week-long celebrations being organised by the department will include a number of activities to be organised in all districts as well as institutions. The celebrations will culminate with a two-day tribal festival planned to be organised at Jammu on 22-23 November which will be the first such festival being organised by the Tribal Research Institute and will cover art, culture, folk music, Theater art, literature, paper reading, storytelling and more.

The Union Cabinet had declared November 15 as Tribal Pride Day / National Tribal Day which will mark the celebration of rich cultural heritage of tribes and also remembering their role in the freedom struggle. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs will also undertake various initiatives during the Tribal Pride Week beginning on 15th November.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department Shahid Choudhary informed that the department in collaboration with other departments and organisations will celebrate the first Tribal Pride

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The Tribal Research institute in collaboration with Rural Development Department and National TRI New Delhi is also organising a two day capacity building workshop for tribal members of Gram Panchayats aimed at their capacity building for formulation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan and Integrated Village Development Plans. The workshop is focused on empowerment of gram panchayats in tribal areas.



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Ganderbal Kashmir (J&K)

NOTICE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ADMISSIONS IN INTEGRATED B.Sc. - M.Sc. BIOTECHNOLOGY & ZOOLOGY PROGRAMMES

All the candidates whose names appear in Annexures-I& II (details on website www.cukashmir.ac.in) are advised to report to the School of Life Sciences, Nunar Campus, Ganderbal on 16th November 2021 till 2:00 PM to explore the possibility of admissions against available seats in the Departments of Biotechnology and Zoology. The respective selection lists would be finalized and displayed on the same day by 4:00 PM. The selected candidates will have to complete their admission formalities once their selection is confirmed. **Note:** Selected candidates will have to pay their admission fee via online mode only.

Candidates are advised in their own interest to carry the hard copies (photocopy and originals) of the following documents. **I** Admission Form. **II** Fee Receipt. **III** Admit Card. **IV** CUKAT Score Card. **V** 10th Marks Card. **VI** 12th Marks Card. **VI** Character/Provisional Certificate. **VI** Category Certificate

All the admissions shall be provisional and subject to satisfying the minimum eligibility criteria, verification of certificates/marks sheets and other category certificates. If a candidate belonging to SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PWD finds his/her place on the basis of his or her own merit in the Unreserved selection list, such candidate shall be adjusted against the Unreserved seat, the unfilled seat shall be filled up with a candidate from the same reservation category only, in the order of merit. Candidates from OBC category should not belong to the Creamy Layer and must ensure that they have the OBC certificate in the prescribed GOI format before submitting the admission form and fee, failing which they shall forfeit their right of admission. In case of tie, marks of the qualifying examination (12th) were considered for selection in the provisional list. Errors and omissions excepted.

B.TECH CSE ADMISSION 2021

The 2nd Provisional selection list of B.Tech CSE have been uploaded on university website. Selected candidates are directed to complete the admission formalities online by or before 19th of November, 2021. Further instructions can be found in the 2nd provisional selection list available on University Website.

Dean School of Engineering & Technology

NOTIFICATION OF ORIENTATION CUM INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR BALLB AND LL.M

It is for information of all It is for the information of all the newly admitted students of B.A.LLB and LL.M first semester (Batch, 2021) that they are required to report to the Department of Law, for orientation cum induction programme on 15th of November, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Sd/-Prof. Farooq Ahmad Mir

NOTICE

This is for the information of all the students of M.Com first semester (upcoming batch 2021-2022) that the regular class work shall commence from 23rd of November 2021. As such, the students are directed to report to this department for their regular class work.

Sd/Head of the Department

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For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir / Central Govt. Organizations for the below mentioned work wherein no response was received during the earlier tender issued vide No. DFO/Kmj/Actt/2021-22/815-22 dt.30-10-2021.

S. NO.	NAME OF WORK	ADV. COST (Rs. In lacs)	CLASS OF CONTRACTOR	Cost of Tender Document. Rs)	TIME OF COMPLETION	Receiving/ Opening Committee
1	Construction of Guard -hut at Rajpur, Kandi.	18.41	"B & C"	Rs. 800/=	90 calendar days.	Tender Opening Committee

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Website: -www.jktenders.gov.in.

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- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security Deposit in shape of proforma enclosed at Annexure "A". The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in
- To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD duly renewed for the current financial year 2021-22, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt/Challan(cost of Tender Document)and Bid Security Deposit in shape of proforma enclosed at Annexure "A".
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The tender accepting Authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed document.

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Twitter Talks

“Dear parents since your kids are going into new classes please donate their old books of previous year 2020 to the needy . Many parents in various schools across the valley have found it difficult to purchase expensive book sets . Please look around”
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“People who pray for a son have no idea what a daughter will do”
@shaziashafi5

“ With drug abuse cases nearing a million, we will need rehabilitation facilities monitored by psychiatrists, psychologists on large scale. Note, a virus will kill people for sometime but drug addiction will render our generation useless and will have effect on generations to come”
@tariqtramboo

Wise Men Fear
The Fury Of God

Gearóid Ó Colmáin

The recent World Heavy Weight boxing contest between British Tyson Fury and American Deontay Wilder is symbolic for many reasons. In their pre-match encounter before their previous contest in 2018 Wilder appeared to suggest he was possessed by spirits in the ring. Fury replied:

“WE LIVE IN an evil world, the devil is very strong at the minute, very strong, and I believe the end is near. The Bible tells me the end is near. The world tells me the end is near. Just a short few years, I reckon, away from being finished.”

“I don't believe in that stuff at all. Because Jesus Christ is my savior. And I don't believe in other spirits and alter-egos. And even mentioning stuff like that on TV... you're getting it! Honestly, if God is with me, nobody can be against me. If you're entering spirits into your body, you can't win, you've already lost. I'm sitting here today as a sincere man who hides nothing behind no curtains.”

As Fury spoke, Wilder began to shout hysterically. He looked possessed. Then, the ultimate hubris: “It's gonna be your God against mine!”

The fight on 9 October was the third of a boxing trilogy. Both men were knocked to the ground several times during the contest but Fury, who had a strong lead on points, knocked out his opponent in the eleventh round. Most pundits, including former world champion Mike Tyson (after whom Fury was named), agreed it was one of the greatest boxing matches of all time. But there is something epic and

even spiritual about this contest. Fury's greatness as a boxer is not so much his capacity to throw knock-out punches but, rather, his capacity to stand up after being knocked down in spectacular fashion by Wilder in the second fight.

Wilder whacked Fury with a left-hook; Fury's head bounced off the canvas. Everyone thought the fight was over. Wilder began to gloat over his enemy. Then, to everyone's surprise, Fury got up on the 6th count. Wilder couldn't believe his eyes. He looked as if he had witnessed a miracle. Later in an interview, Wilder admitted that this moment may have been a sign from God:

“When I saw him rise up, in my mind I was like... I'm looking at his eyes rolling in the back of his head like the sun setting. You know, it's over. When I'm seeing him rise up like he did, you know, one of the things, while me opening my mouth being surprised, another thing went through my head like: If you don't believe in God, this is the reason you should.”

Fury went on to win the fight. Wilder seemed to get the divine message but it didn't convert his proud heart. Before their final showdown in Las Vegas on 9 October, the American sent Fury a message on Instagram quoting unspeakable obscenities about the Virgin Mary from a rap song written by Tupac Shakur. It proved that Fury's description of Wilder as a “bum” was remarkably apposite.

Tupac Shakur was a gangster rapper and convicted rapist bought and paid for by Jewish money. According to Ayo H. Kimathi, wealthy American Jews such as Jay Heller promoted gangster rap among the black community.

Gangster rap was a divide and conquer strategy of class rule. It helped turn the black man into a violent commodity, which could be hurled at the white working-class instead of towards wealthy Jewish elites. Tupac was eventually assassinated. It is widely suspected that the men who created him decided to ‘take him out of the ring’.

Al Mayadeen

Tackling Taliban-Run Afghanistan
Difficult Path Ahead

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At the third regional meeting of national security advisers or secretaries on Afghanistan, that was held in New Delhi earlier this week, the absence of both Pakistan and China underscored the lack of regional unanimity in dealing with the developments in that country in the aftermath of the capture of power by the Taliban around three months ago. Further differences between the eight participants became apparent when Russia issued a separate statement, despite it having signed onto the joint Delhi Declaration. Russia watered down some of the language on combating terrorism and safeguarding the “human rights” of children, women and the minorities.

While some of the Russian back-peddalling may have been due to their own concerns about international interference in Russia's internal affairs using human rights arguments, there appeared also a desire not to overly criticise the Taliban. Russia has been engaging the Taliban and is set to attend the Troika-plus meeting in Pakistan, a day after the Delhi meet, at which, unlike in Delhi, Taliban representatives will also be present. Thus, there are several regional initiatives on tackling the geo-strategic and humanitarian ramifications of Afghanistan under the Taliban.

Other than India, Iran and Russia, the meeting was attended by the five Central Asian nations. The eight nations issued a joint Delhi Declaration, with twelve sub paras stressing, recalling, condemning or emphasising the salient issues. The opening point reiterated support for a peaceful, secure and stable Afghanistan.

Furthermore, it seeks respect for the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Afghanistan. However, all eight may have disparate levels of concern on the different aspects. For instance, Tajikistan, which falls in the Persian

cultural footprint, unlike the Turkic legacy of some of the other Central Asian republics, has a greater convergence of interests with Iran. As a result, as during the 1990s, the leaders of the Tajik ethnic minority of Afghanistan have sought refuge there. That includes the son of the late Tajik strongman Ahmed Shah Massoud, who was assassinated

government to demonstrate more than token devotion to the principle of inclusivity. Also, the regime must act all across Afghanistan in conformity with established principles of human rights.

China and Pakistan want these criteria to be diluted and to use the humanitarian crisis to force the international community to start dealing with the Taliban

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days before 9/11. This special role of Tajikistan was apparent as on the very eve of the Delhi meeting the United States managed to extricate over a hundred Afghan pilots and technicians who had managed to fly in their planes to Tajikistan as Kabul fell. Similarly, Uzbekistan sheltered the Turkic minorities of Afghanistan, including soldiers of erstwhile Afghan National Army who fled across the Amu river rather than surrender to the Taliban.

The concerns that are shared and reflected in the Delhi Declaration are: drug trafficking; refuge to terrorist organisations and their leaders; the impending humanitarian crisis due to the onset of winter and the paucity of resources with the Taliban regime. Also related to this is the need for the Taliban's domestic conduct to become more acceptable to the international community. That would require for ethnic minorities to be included in the

straightaway, preferably even recognise the regime. To counter this, the Delhi Declaration desires that humanitarian assistance is allowed to be delivered in an “unimpeded, direct and assured manner”. The Taliban would want all assistance to be canalised through their offices, thus giving them legitimacy within Afghanistan and abroad.

On terrorism too, the position of the regional powers remains nuanced. Pakistan, China and it seems Russia as well do not want to hold the Taliban regime to public accountability on the question of them severing links with terrorist groups. China has concerns about Uyghurs but would rather handle the matter bilaterally or by using Pakistan's good offices.

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dia made a token gesture by attempting to send grains overland to Afghanistan via Pakistan, which was not allowed by Pakistan. But that was more to make a political point about Pakistan blocking even humanitarian aid. In the past, India has used the maritime-cum-land route via Iran to send similar assistance.

That brings up the question of Iran. India having merrily joined the new “Quad” with Iran, the UAE and the United States, Iran would resent an even closer shift by India into the American corner. That is perhaps one of the factors why Iran did not invite India for its regional meeting on Afghanistan recently. Iran is critical to any Indian strategy to bring pressure on the Pakistan-sponsored Taliban government. The Iranian and Indian interests converge on the need for an inclusive government. Iran has twin interests in Afghanistan — to ensure protection for Shia Hazaras and have the Tajiks accepted as partners in the governance structure, in keeping with their second largest minority status after the Pashtuns. At the moment, the first question is still not certain and the second clearly unavailable. But Iran's geo-strategic interests, unlike in the 1990s, are primarily focused on two other issues.

One is how to get the nuclear deal resurrected after former President Donald Trump withdrew the United States. Two, how to safeguard its predominant position amongst the Shias to its west. This is what distinguishes its priorities now as compared to those it had when the Taliban first rose in the 1990s. The proclivity of the Narendra Modi government to get drawn into US-sponsored alliances thus clouds the outlook for strategic India-Iran co-operation on Afghanistan.

What then was the gain from the New Delhi meeting? It showed that all neighbours, other than Pakistan and China, share in varying degrees India's concerns regarding the Pakistan-sponsored Taliban regime running Afghanistan. They are mindful of the humanitarian crisis brewing there but are not in a hurry to ignore their concerns about the Taliban and rush aid. But so far, the Taliban has not yet faced a political challenge domestically. The Tajik resistance was quickly overcome in the Panjshir valley with active Pakistani military support. Tajik leaders who fled to Tajikistan haven't yet got the kind of international support that Ahmad Shah Massoud had till he was assassinated in September 2001. The NSAs of eight nations resolved to keep in touch and meet again next year. The fact that Russia, in its separate statement, kept the next meeting date unspecified indicates the difficult path that lies ahead.

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It's A Fine Line
Individual Freedom Vs Expert Advice Amidst Covid-19

that said “By limiting the movements of millions of people in an attempt to protect public health, China is engaging in a balancing act with a long and complicated history fraught with social, political and ethical concerns.” It further quoted an expert who said, “the shutdown would almost certainly lead to human rights violations and would be patently unconstitutional in the United States.”

After the Covid positive cases and the number of resulting deaths surged in Italy in early March 2020, their government decided to lock down the country. Italian philosopher, Giorgio Agamben, best known for his work on the concepts of state of exception, vehemently attacked these stringent containment measures imposed by the government. In an opinion piece published in Quodlibet, Agamben wrote that the measures once again manifested the government's “tendency to use a state of exception as a normal paradigm.” He further wrote, “It is almost as if with terrorism exhausted as a cause for exceptional measures, the invention of an epidemic offered the ideal pretext for scaling them up beyond any limitation.”

There are many cases across the world where Agamben's words ring true. In India, the long-running Shaheen Bagh protest site was cleared on the pretext of curbing the spread of Coronavirus. Similarly, in Kashmir, the government used Covid restrictions to stop returning mili-

tants' bodies to their families. It all started in Sopore where a JeM militant's body was returned to his family on April 9, 2020. A few hundred people participated in the funeral, following which an FIR was lodged against unknown persons who participated in the funeral of the militant for violating the Covid-19 protocols. Since then no militants' bodies have been returned to their family.

It is true that such “states of exception” can be used by the governments to target their opponents and crush dissent but does that mean that the government must not have any right to impose any kind of restrictions, even if it is a matter of life or death. When the whole world was months into wearing masks, President of the United States Donald Trump refused to wear a mask and refused to introduce a nationwide mandate that would make wearing masks mandatory because he wanted people to have “a certain freedom.” Despite the world's top public health experts in the US repeatedly recommending wearing masks based on evidence, the issue deeply divided the country with the political debate going on for months. Many lives would have been saved if the government and the public had heeded the experts. Incidentally, today (on July 18, 2021) China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying tweeted a rhetorical question to the US, “How about the rights of 600,000+ Americans who died in the pandemic?”

Unfortunately, it is too late to ascertain the opinion of all those people who died in the US on whether they would have temporarily preferred the “bare life” while sacrificing the normal social, political and economic conditions or would they have preferred “a certain freedom” even if it led to their death.

Some governments like China, with their good intentions of saving people's lives, can be criticized and accused of human rights abuses for locking down the country without involving the public's opinion in decision-making while other countries like the US can get away by putting the same measures in place but after months of debate and huge loss of life. Further, it is a fact that there would always be some governments who would use illegitimate political power disguised as expertise to consolidate their power in order to prolong their survival. Keeping in view all these facts, is it really necessary to include public opinion in decision-making, on issues like a pandemic-which is a matter of life and death- or should the government just heed the experts? Since the pandemic is receding and the focus is now on vaccination, it becomes more interesting. Most of the countries have made vaccination mandatory for international travel and colleges and universities across the world are making vaccination mandatory for their students. But there is still a substantial proportion of the population that is vaccine-hesitant. Should the governments take their concerns into consideration or should they heed the experts?

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From Pinafores To Sheene-Pipin

On Kashmir's Children's Literature, In Conversation With Grace Paljor



A Sheene-Pipin installation at an art exhibition by Edraak

THERE IS AN ESSENCE IN contextualisation. For children, meaning making will only be possible if they can relate and contextualise what they're taught

literature had kept. Children's books available were not tailored to a Kashmiri child's sensibilities. The books presented to children, geographies and cultures which were far removed from the Kashmiri context.

Do you think it is difficult for children to understand things that they do not find around themselves?

Our children are taught about trees like the Peepal tree and the Banyan tree which don't exist in this part of our world. I think it is important for our children to learn about their environment and learn about trees like Chinar, willow and poplar.

This is basic pedagogy, to take a child from unfamiliar to familiar, but in our textbooks a poor Kashmiri child only learns the unfamiliar.

Why is it important for Children's books to be as localised as possible?

There is an essence in contextualisation. For children, meaning making will only be possible if they can relate and contextualise what they're taught.

Kashmir is very different from most parts of mainland India. The variation ranges from geography to culture as well as language. It makes little sense to teach children irrelevant information. For example, Kashmir has four distinct seasons but the many children's textbooks include the monsoon season which is irrelevant to us.

There is a need for children to learn what they are already surrounded with and they can learn other things eventually.

Tell us about the books you have written and compiled?

I have written the Sheene Pippen series which comprises three books with children specific content. It contains poems, folktales and a dictionary of various categories. For instance, the books have a dedicated glossary of Kashmiri terms for relevant flora, fauna, animals, insects and even places.

We've also integrated Kashmiri words within the English content to present to Children a texture that they find familiar.

Was it easy to find publishers for your books?

I am thankful to Kashmir Book Depot (Ali Mohd & Sons) who saw the potential in it and agreed to publish it.

Initially, it was difficult for them to understand the motive behind this project. This wasn't an unexpected response as this aspect is largely untapped in Kashmir. Children's literature is an unexplored area in Kashmir. Even academicians haven't ventured much into it or provided a decent impetus to inspire action in this direction.

Yes, J&K Board had tried to introduce some Kashmir tailored content but they'd merely scratched the surface.

What more needs to be done keeping in mind the lack of Kashmir specific content in Children's books?

A lot needs to be done in this regard. I have done my small bit. We need to upgrade our curriculum and make Kashmir specific children's literature a part of it. Academicians, writers, scholars and civil society need to mobilise people to generate Kashmiri children specific content. Schools should be at the forefront of such projects.

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Syed Burhan

MY PURPOSE of setting out to endeavour for these books was to fill the gaps that available Children's literature had kept. Children's books available were not tailored to a Kashmiri child's sensibilities. The books presented to children, geographies and cultures which were far removed from the Kashmiri context

How many of our kids can relate to a white girl in a frock-dress and a pinafore?

Does it ever strike us that a child's first encounter with representation can be alienating? Children's books which have been canonised over generations have often been either western or monolithic in their representation of reality. This leads to a disjuncture in a child's immediate surroundings and that which they see represented in books.

Even if books are tailored for a South Asian readership, it is still bound to be unrepresentative. All books come with their biases. This is especially true of Children's books which often show the representation as a norm or an aspiration. They regurgitate existing stereotypes present in society under the pretext of representing what is widely held to be "true". For instance, many children's books show a dark-skinned woman to represent what is considered to be "ugly". This reproduces existing biases in our society.

Why mustn't children's books cater to local sensibilities when they're taught to impart elementary education? A child must recognise words that are used around, a picture that is true to what they witness in everyday life. A vocabulary that they can immediately apply. This can be achieved through an awareness of how symbolism, metaphors and words need to align rather than alienate.

In Kashmir, Children's books that have been in wide circulation have participated in this mass culture trend of canonised children's literature. However, some locals are now stepping up to address this issue creatively.

Grace Paljor is a child educator, poet and creative artist, who is currently the Principal of Saint Paul's International Academy. She's authored a compilation of Children's books under the name "Sheene Pipin" published by KBD. Kashmir Observer got



Snippets from the book about Samovar and Kashmiri Birds _



in touch with her regarding the intricacies of having localised children's literature. Here are some takeaways from the conversation:

What inspired you to compile and write these Children's books?

One of my first encounters with Kashmiri language and culture was

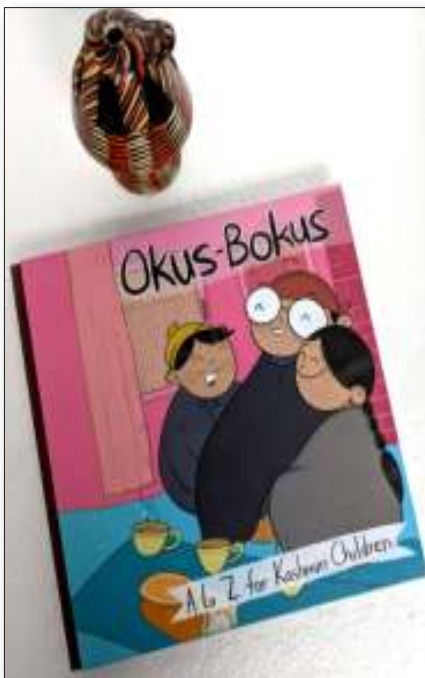
through my grandmother. As a child, Sheene Pipin had mesmerised me. However, recently, upon finding that many Kashmiri children do not recognise these words, I knew we'd failed somewhere.

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Kashmiri Rhymes From Yore

Hukus bukus teli wan cze kus
Onum batuk lodum deegi
Shwas khich khich waamano
Braman zaaran pooien chokum
Tykes tekkah bani kyoho
Hukus bukus teli wan cze kus
Mohobatur lodum deegi
Shwaas khich khich waangnou
Bhraman zaaran pyoone chokum
Tekis tyekkah bani kyekho

Bisht bisht braaryo khout kho wan
Toor kyoho woluth babri pan
Su kaman chokuth kootran
Kootar beethe maarkan
Zoon chei gindaan taarkan



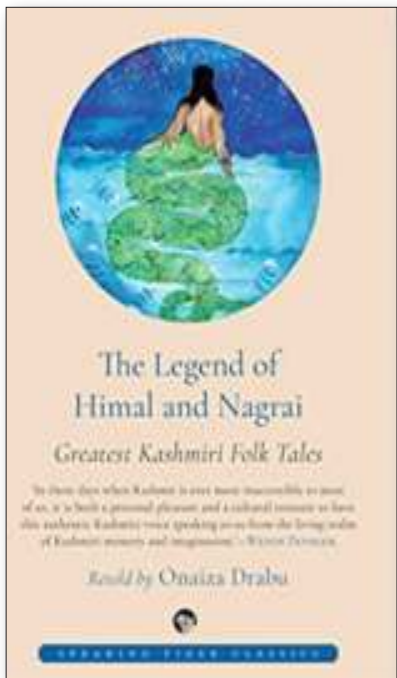
Books To Cop

Okus Bokus Book – A to Z for Kashmiri Children by Ghazal Qadri and Onaiza Drabu

This book is an attempt to present the A-Z of being quintessentially Kashmiri. It tries to bring in as many elements of Kashmir's culture, language, flora and fauna. It's a 101 of a Kashmiri child's foray into his own identity. Perfect for kids these days who are either based in Kashmir or elsewhere.

The Legend of Himel and Nagrai retold by Onaiza Drabu

Filled with serpent kings, long-lost lovers, magical birds and seductive witches, The Legend of Himel and Nagrai is an enchanting collection of folk tales from a land as beautiful as it is misunderstood—Kashmir.



Is your electric car as eco-friendly as you thought?

Agencies

Electric vehicles (EVs) are a powerful weapon in the world's battle to beat global warming, yet their impact varies hugely from nation-to-nation and in some places they pollute more than gasoline models, data analysis shows.

In Europe, where sales are rising the fastest in the world, EVs in Poland and Kosovo actually generate more carbon emissions because grids are so coal-reliant, according to the data compiled by research consultancy Radiant Energy Group (REG).

Elsewhere around Europe, however, the picture is better, though the relative carbon savings depend on what supplies grids and the time of day vehicles are charged.

Best performers are nuclear and hydroelectric-powered Switzerland at 100% carbon savings vis-a-vis gasoline vehicles, Norway 98%,

France 96%, Sweden 95% and Austria 93%, according to the study shared with Reuters.

Laggards are Cyprus at 4%, Serbia 15%, Estonia 35% and the Netherlands 37%. An EV driver in Europe's biggest car manufacturer Germany, which relies on a mix of renewables and coal, makes a 55% greenhouse gas saving, the data also showed.

In countries like Germany or Spain with big investment in solar and wind, lack of renewable energy storage means the amount of carbon saved by driving an EV depends heavily on the time of day you recharge.

Charging in the afternoon - when sun and wind are more prevalent - saves 16-18% more carbon than at night when grids are more likely to be fuelled by gas or coal.

The analysis, based on public data from Europe's transmission system operator transparency platform ENTSO-E and the European Environment Agency (EEA),



came ahead of Wednesday's discussions on transport at the COP26 summit.

It showed how the auto industry's ability to reduce emissions depends on finding better ways to decarbonise electricity grids and store renewable energy - challenges many European countries have not yet overcome.

Lithium-ion batteries are only able to store energy at full capacity for up to around four hours, meaning even countries sourcing significant amounts of solar and wind power during the day struggle to keep it on tap for nighttime charging.

Footprint disparities

Until consistent, low-carbon energy is available across the region, EV drivers keen to reduce their footprint and engineers designing charging infrastructure need to take these disparities into account, the German and U.S.-based REG researchers said.

"Electricity has the capability of decarbonising transportation in a way that internal-combustion engines never will," said researcher Sid Bagga.

"But the carbon impact of electrification varies dramatically depending on a country's energy mix ... Countries must adopt

credible and achievable electricity decarbonisation strategies if the EV transition is to be a success." The gulf in emissions between electric and gasoline-powered vehicles has fallen in recent years as automakers cognisant that they would need to meet EU carbon reduction targets while still selling majority internal combustion engine cars made their engines more fuel-efficient.

As a result, the carbon intensity of newly-registered gasoline-powered cars in Europe fell an average of 25% between 2006 and 2016, according to EEA data.

EV sales in Europe are propelled by government subsidies and regulations against new internal combustion engine (ICE) cars from 2035. One in five vehicles sold in Europe last quarter were electrified, and consultancy Ernst & Young expects sales of zero-emission models to outpace ICEs in absolute terms by 2028.

Scholarships This Week

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

Scholarship Name 1: Keep India Smiling Foundational Scholarship Programme 2021-22

Description: Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd. is giving young students an opportunity to pursue their academic/career aspirations by providing them with scholarships for education. This scholarship program provides financial aid to students pursuing studies at various post-matric and undergraduate levels to continue their education and proceed towards a career of their choice.

Eligibility: Students who have passed Class 10 with at least 75% marks or Class 12 with at least 60% marks in 2021 board exams are eligible to apply for the scholarship program for pursuing their higher secondary, 3-year graduation, 4-year engineering, and Diploma courses respectively. Annual Family income of all applicants must be less than INR 5 Lakhs per annum.

Prizes & Rewards: Selected scholars can avail scholarship award of up to INR 30,000 per year for up to 4 years of studies depending on their current level of education

Last Date to Apply: 30-11-2021
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/KISF1

Scholarship Name 2: Nikon Scholarship Program 2021-22

Description: Nikon India Private Limited invites scholarship applications from students (Class 12 passed onwards) pursuing photography courses. The scholarship program is meant to support students from underprivileged sections of the society.

Eligibility: Open for students (Class 12 passed onwards) pursuing photography courses with duration of 3 months or more. Annual family income should be less than INR 6 lakhs.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 1 lakh
Last Date to Apply: 30-11-2021
Application mode: Online applications only
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Executive Engineer Water Works Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K (U.T), invites tenders by e-tendering mode from approved & eligible 'Registered/ eligible Consultancy firms' of Union Territory of J&K.

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SCHOLARSHIP: 2021-22

Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) provides an opportunity to the students belonging to the Scheduled Tribe community in Jammu & Kashmir UT, for availing the Scholarships under two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. Pre-Matric Scholarship to ST students for Class 9th & 10th & Post-Matric Scholarship to ST students for the year 2021-22. "The Department/Directorate of Tribal Affairs UT of Jammu & Kashmir invites applications for above Scholarship Schemes, provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

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Timeline

Eligibility

DIPK-12607/21

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

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Subject: Conduct of third (mop-up) round of Physical Counselling for up-gradation / allotment of seats in B. E. /B. Tech. Engineering Courses, 2021 in Government/Private Engineering Colleges of UT of J&K/Ladakh.

References:
1) Notification No. 036-BOPEE of 2021 dated 10-03-2021
2) Notice No. 039-BOPEE of 2021 dated 06-04-2021
3) Notice No. 041-BOPEE of 2021 dated 16-04-2021
4) Notice No. 044-BOPEE of 2021 dated 29-04-2021
5) Notice No. 060-BOPEE of 2021 dated 09-08-2021
6) Notice No. 063-BOPEE of 2021 dated 19-08-2021
7) Letter No. SC/491-CET/271-74 dated 16-06-2021
8) Notification No. 081-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021
9) Notification No. 089-BOPEE of 2021 dated 14-09-2021
10) Notification No. 093-BOPEE of 2021 dated 24-09-2021
11) Notification No. 103-BOPEE of 2021 dated 12-10-2021
12) Notification No. 112-BOPEE of 2021 dated 20-10-2021
13) Notice No. 074-BOPEE of 2021 dated 25-10-2021

Notification No. 124-BOPEE of 2021
Dated: 12-11-2021

Consequent upon receipt of shortfall from Engineering Colleges and seats that remained un-filled during 2nd Round of Physical Counselling in various Disciplines of B. E. / B. Tech. (Engineering) Courses-2021 in Government / Private Engineering Colleges of UT of J&K, it is hereby notified for information of all the desirous / eligible candidates that the Board shall fill up the same by conducting Third (mop-up) Round of Physical Counselling for allotment / up-gradation of seats w. e. f. 20-11-2021 as per the schedule given below:

S.NO	DATE	RANK (FROM-TO)	REMARKS
1.	Saturday, 20-11-2021	0001-2177	Only Reserved Category Candidates (They are advised to attend the counselling after carefully going through the seat matrix available on the BOPEE official website https://www.jkbopee.gov.in)
2.	Monday, 22-11-2021	0001-2177	All Open Merit and Reserved category candidates, including TFW Category candidates. (Open merit seats and unfilled left over category seats shall be converted into open merit seats for allotment irrespective of their category strictly as per their merit and preferences of candidates)

Candidates Not Eligible to participate in the third (Mop up) round of physical counselling:

- The candidates who have not joined the discipline/institution allotted to them in the second round of physical counselling;
- Candidates who have been up-graded to a different discipline/institution in the second round of physical counselling and have joined the same;
- Candidates who have cancelled (withdrawn) their admission after joining the discipline/institution allotted to them in the first or second round of physical counselling.

Candidates Eligible to participate in the third (Mop up) round of physical counselling:

- Candidates who have been allotted a discipline/institution in first or second round of physical counselling and have joined the same and are now willing to get up-graded.
- Candidates who have been allotted C.N.A or S.N.A. status in the first or second round of physical counselling;
- Candidates who could not attend the first or second round of physical counselling or remained absent due to any valid reason;
- Candidates who have been allotted a discipline/institution only in the first round of physical counselling, but could not join the same.

Note: - Candidates who have failed to upload the TFW Certificate at the time of filling up of online Application form are also eligible for admission under TFW category subject to production of valid TFW certificate issued by the Competent Authority at the time of counselling.

Important Instructions:

- All the above mentioned eligible and desirous candidates are advised to report at the BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar for registration/attendance & fulfillment of requisite formalities, from 09:00 A.M. till 10:30 A.M. on their due day/date of counselling as given in the above counselling schedule;
- Candidates reporting for up-gradation are advised to bring (admission) fee deposit receipt of the concerned institution for verification purpose.
- Candidates reporting at BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar for counselling shall have to strictly adhere to COVID-19 Advisories issued by the UT Government of J&K from time to time.
- Candidates reporting for counselling for the first time shall have to bring along with them all their relevant/requisite certificates for verification, as and when demanded.
- Seat Matrix of Third (Mop up) Round of Physical Counselling shall be uploaded on the official website of BOPEE i.e. <https://www.jkbopee.gov.in> within due course of time before the counselling.
- The Board reserves the right to notify such changes as may become necessary in view of any technical difficulty or the reasons beyond its control.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified by the Board in the Information Brochure/Notifications/Notices issued in this regard from time to time.

E&OE
DIPK-NB-5002/21
No: BOPEE/Exam-04/2021
(Dr. Sunil Gupta)
Controller of Examinations
J&K BOPEE
Dated 12-11-2021

Parliamentary Panel Members Suggest Resuming International Flights

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Some members of a parliamentary panel have expressed concern over high cost of international air travel and suggested to the Civil Aviation Ministry to consider resuming scheduled international passenger flights as the entire world is opening up after the COVID-19-induced closure, sources said.

The members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture also questioned top officials of the ministry over rising prices of international flights, the sources said.

The pandemic-induced suspension of scheduled international passenger flights, which started in March 23, has been extended till November 30. However, special international flights have been operating under the Vande Bharat Mission since May 2020 and under bilateral "air bubble" arrangements with around 28 countries since July 2020.

Civil Aviation Secretary Rajiv Bansal, the Director General of



Civil Aviation and the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) deposed before the parliamentary panel on Friday.

Some panel members from different parties questioned them about high prices of international flights, and food and beverage not being served in domestic flights of a duration less than two hours, the sources said.

Several MPs specifically suggested them to resume international flights as the world is opening up after increasing vaccination against COVID-19. The officials responded that they will look into the matter, sources said.

The MPs also asked them on what basis the number of international flights to be allowed to one specific country is decided as the demand for international travel is on the rise, they said.

Aim To Make Indian Automobile Sector No. 1 In World: Gadkari

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Friday said his aim was to make the Indian automobile industry number one in the world, for export of electric vehicles, in five years time.

"India's future is very bright, presently our automobile industry's turnover is Rs 7.5 lakh crore. Within five years our it will be more than 15 lakh crore and this is the industry which is generating the highest number of jobs, exports and revenue to state and central governments," Gadkari said.

Speaking at the first edition of Ananthkumar memorial lecture virtually, he said his vision and commitment is to make the Indian automobile industry number one in the world for export of electric car, scooter, buses, auto-rickshaw and trucks, in five years.

"Our aim is to increase exports, reduce imports and at the same time we are cautious about ecology and environment. The three important pillars of Indian society are economy, ethics, and ecology and environment. Keeping this in mind we want to make India, number one economy in the world," he added.

The memorial lecture was organ-



ised on the occasion of the death anniversary of former Union Minister Ananthkumar, by the Ananthkumar Pratishthana.

Further, Gadkari dwelt on the government's plans to promote LNG, Green Hydrogen from waste-water, ethanol, electric vehicles and flex engines, while appreciating work done by startups, businesses and research establishments in Bengaluru in this regard.

He also appealed to people to buy vehicles with electric or flex engines (where one can use hundred percent petrol or ethanol), which will help in controlling the pollution.

On the transport sector, Gadkari said, "our first priority is to water ways, second is to railway, third for road and fourth aviation, but unfortunately now, 90 per cent of the passenger traffic is on road and 70 percent of goods traffic is on road."

He said, "When I took charge as the Minister, the national highway was 96,000 km and presently we have 1,47,000 km, at that time the speed of the national highway construction was 2 km per day and now it is 38 km per day. We are now the highest in the world as far as the road construction of national highways is concerned."

RBI Asks Banks Not To Standardise Bad Loans On Just Getting Interest Payments

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MUMBAI: In a significant move, the Reserve Bank has tightened the norms for recognition of dud assets and directed lenders not to standardise an NPA account after getting only interest payment as well as to mandatorily mention the due dates along with details of interest and principal amounts.

The monetary authority has from time to time been issuing new/revised norms on dud asset classification as system-wide NPAs began to balloon.

Issuing some clarifications to all the extant provisions and including the ones issued on October 1, 2021, on the prudential norms on income recognition, asset classification and provisioning pertaining to advances (IRACP), the RBI asked banks not to upgrade an NPA account after getting only interest dues paid.

It has been observed that some lending institutions upgrade accounts classified as NPAs to standard accounts on payment of only interest overdue, partial overdue, etc. To avoid any ambiguity in this regard, it is clarified that loan accounts classified as NPAs may be upgraded as a standard account only if the entire arrears of interest and principal are paid by the borrower, the apex bank said in the revised notification this evening.

Lenders have also been asked to specifically mention in the loan agreements the exact due date of a loan and the breakup of the principal and interest, among others, instead of giving a description of the due dates, which leaves scope for interpretation.

Henceforth, all lenders have to clearly mention the exact due dates for repayment, frequency of repayment, break up between the principal and interest, examples of SMA/NPA classification dates etc, it said.

All these should be clearly specified in the loan agreement and the borrower shall be apprised of the same at the time of loan sanction and also at the time of subsequent changes if any, and till full repayment of the loan is done, the RBI said, adding this will be applicable immediately for new loans or before December 31, 2021, and for the existing loan as and when changes occur.

In cases of a loan under moratorium, the exact date of commencement of repayment shall also be specified in the loan agreements, it added.

Sticking to its due by the end of the day/one-day default norms, which has given many large borrowers heartburns, RBI further clarified that an account shall be flagged as overdue as part of the lender's day-end processes for the due date, irrespective of the time of running such processes, re-



iterating that all extant IRACP norms specify that an amount must be treated as overdue if it's not paid on the due date fixed by the lender.

Similarly, classification of an account as SMA (special mention account) as well as NPA (non-performing assets) shall be done as part of the day-end process and the SMA/NPA classification date shall be the calendar date for which the day-end process is run. Stated differently, the date of SMA/NPA shall reflect the asset classification status of an account at the day-end of that calendar date, the regulator stressed.

The monetary authority further said these changes are being made to ensure that the IRACP norms are uniformly implemented across all lending institutions and are applicable mutatis mutandis (making necessary changes on a case to case basis but not affecting the main points) to all lending institutions.

On NPA classification, it said the lender must recognise incipient stress in a borrower account, immediately on default, by classifying it as SMA. Without any ambiguity, it clarified that the intervals are intended to be continuous and accordingly, loans other than revolving facilities like cash credit/ overdraft will become SMA if the principal or interest payment or any other amount wholly or partly become overdue or if the outstanding balance remains continuously in excess of the sanctioned limit or drawing power, whichever is lower, for 0-30 days as SMA, for 30-60 days as SMA-1 and over 60-90 days as SMA2/NPAs.

IIP Growth Slips To 3.1% In Sep On Waning Low Base Effect

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Industrial production growth slipped to 3.1 per cent in September, mainly due to the waning low base effect while mining and manufacturing sectors performed well.

The manufacturing sector, which constitutes 77.63 per cent of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), grew 2.7 per cent in September, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Friday.

The mining sector output rose 8.6 per cent in September, while power generation increased 0.9 per cent.

The factory output recorded double-digit growth in the four months prior to September this year.

In September 2021, the IIP stood

at 127.9 points compared to 124.1 points in the same month last year. The index stood at 122.9 points in September 2019, as per the NSO data.

Thus, the data showed waning of the low base effect. The IIP growth witnessed double-digit growth from May onwards this year, mainly due to the lower base effect.

The data showed that industrial production recovered in September 2020 and surpassed the pre-pandemic level of September 2019. The IIP had grown by one per cent in September 2020.

Industrial production plunged 18.7 per cent in March last year following the COVID outbreak and remained in the negative zone till August 2020.

First Tourist Village Zoogu-Khairan Inaugurated In Budgam



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza accompanied by all concerned officers Saturday inaugurated the launching of Village Zoogu-Khairan as Tourist village under Tourism Development Programme.

Earlier, the DC was received by the village Zoogu and its adjacent areas in a highly traditional manner, beating drums and singing local folk songs.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC said that today is a big occasion for Zoogu-Khairan Village and

its adjacent habitations as this day marks the new beginning of socio-economic upliftment of this area.

The Area has been brought on a Tourism Map, which shall go a long way in shaping the future of Zoogu-Khairan, the DC said.

He further said, faith and efforts together made this day possible and in near future the public of this area will see the difference. To materialize this, cooperation, sincerity, attitude, hospitality, honesty and strong commitment is very much required in changing the whole socio-economic dimension and diversity of this area, he added.

Tourism Dept In Collaboration With District Admin Kupwara Organizes Lolab Festival



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA: As part of promoting lesser known destinations across Kashmir, Tourism Department in collaboration with District Administration Kupwara Saturday organized first ever Lolab Festival at Chandigam which was attended by a galaxy of participants from different walks of life. The objective of the festival was to bring the virgin and hidden tourist places of Lolab valley to the limelight.

The festival was organised by the Department as part of instructions by the LG administration to promote the so far hidden and lesser

known destinations to the lime-light and tourist footfall.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Tourism Kashmir, Dr. G N Itoo said that the Tourism Department has identified 75 places across J&K UT which have not been exploited for tourism potential yet adding that Lolab valley is also in those places which have not been explored yet. He said that the department is organizing tourism festivals in all such places in coming days beginning with Lolab today. He said that the aim of organizing Lolab festival was to provide a platform for boosting local culture and agriculture varieties so that people across the globe could know what is offered here.

THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Subject: J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination-2021, Horizontal reservation for Physically Challenged Candidates reg;
Ref: GAD-SERVOKAS/477/2021-02-GAD Dated: 10.11.2021.

NOTICE

DATED: 10.11.2021

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

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

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

No: PSC/Exam/KAS(Pre)/2021

Dated: 10.11.2021

DIPK-12516/21

(Anil Sharma)

Controller of Examinations,
J&K Public Service Commission

India's Forex Reserves Decline USD 1.14 Bln To USD 640.8 Bln

NEW DELHI: India's forex reserves decreased by USD 1.145 billion to USD 640.874 billion for the week ended on November 5 on a fall in currency and gold assets, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

The overall reserves had increased by USD 1.919 billion to USD 642.019 billion for the previous reporting week.

Foreign currency assets, a major part of the overall reserves, decreased by USD 881 million to USD 577.581 billion for the reporting week, the RBI said in the weekly data.

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

Value of the gold reserves decreased by USD 234 million to USD 38.778 billion in the reporting week, the data showed.

The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) decreased by USD 17 million to USD 19.287 billion.

The country's reserve position with the IMF decreased by USD 14 million to USD 5.228 billion in the reporting week, the data showed. (PTI)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SRINAGAR

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Gist of e-MIT No. 31 OF 2021-22, Dated: 11-11-2021

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

S. No.	Particulars of the work	Cost of document / tender fee (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost of work "Rs" in Lacs	Exemption Allowed	Completion Period	Class/ Registration Type
1.	Installation of Stand by Pumping unit (available) at LIS Gadoora-A.	100.00	2.02	Yes	25 days	Mechanical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience.
2.	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Priming Pumping units at LIS Gadoora - A & LIS Lar Chanthan and Electrical works to be carried out for Installation of Stand by Pumping unit (available) at LIS Gadoora -A.	100.00	1.61	Yes	20 days	Electrical/ Mechanical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience.
3.	Manufacture, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 3 ton capacity overhead monorail travelling crane for handling of electromechanical equipment at Lift Irrigation Scheme Repora New.	100.00	1.65		25 days	Mechanical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience.
4.	Providing, Fabrication and Fitting of Trash Guard and Working Platform at LIS Sheikh Mohalla Anchor and Fabrication and fitting of Trash Guard at Lift Irrigation Scheme Rabitar	100.00	1.31	Yes	15 days	Mechanical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience.

The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' -Tender fee and Bid Security Declaration, fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender. Cover '2nd' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ. The critical dates are as tabulated below:-

i	Publish Date	11/11/2021 at 800hrs
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	12/11/2021 from 1000 hrs
iii	Clarification start date	N.A
iv	Bid submission start date	12/11/2021 from 1400 hrs
v	Clarification end date	N.A
vi	Bid submission/ Document Download/sale end date	01/12/2021 upto 1400 hrs
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	02/12/2021 at 1400 hrs

The bid uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on scheduled date /time or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Zaldagar Srinagar. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD Form No. 25 & 33.

Position of funds	Available Under MH-27D2 (M&E)
Position of AAA	Accorded under Order No. GI-MCD of 2D21-22, Dated:- 02-11-2021
Position of Technical sanction	Sanctioned vide No's 77 of 09/21 (Part-I) 73.31 and 73 of D3/21 (Part-2) 72 of 03/21 (Part-3) 73 and 74 of D3/21 (Part-4)

Sd/- No. MIDS/Ts/ 3712-17
Dated:- 11-11-2021
DIPK-12545/21

Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Irrigation Division,
Srinagar

STATE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH & TRAINING (SCERT) - J&K

Email Address: directorscertjk@gmail.com

No: PS/SCERT-J&K/2021/1677-1744 Dated:- 10/11/2021

Sub:- Date Sheet for class 8th T2 Examination Session 2021 in respect of Kashmir Division and Winter Zone areas of Jammu Division.

Date	Day	Subject
22/11/2021	Monday	Urdu/Hindi
23/11/2021	Tuesday	English
24/11/2021	Wednesday	Kashmiri/Punjabi
25/11/2021	Thursday	Science
27/11/2021	Saturday	Mathematics
29/11/2021	Monday	Social Science

NOTE:

- The candidates shall take their examination at their respective Schools
- The Principal DIETs will ensure that the conduct and evaluation is done simultaneously for timely declaration of results.
- The examination is MCQ type and having one hour duration.
- The School Heads shall ensure that all the SOPs of Covid-19 are strictly followed.

DIPK-12496/21 (Prof. Veena Pandita)
Director SCERT, J&K

No Physical Classes In Delhi Schools, Colleges For 1 Week As Pollution Hits Emergency Level

Agences

NEW DELHI: Schools, colleges and educational institutes in the national capital will be closed for physical classes for a week from Monday because of the deteriorating air quality, the Delhi government announced on Saturday after an angry Supreme Court termed the rise in pollution an "emergency situation".

Online teaching and learning will continue in schools and colleges.

Schools in Delhi had reopened for all classes from November 1, after nearly 19 months of closure due to COVID-19.

"All schools, colleges and educational institutes in Delhi to remain shut next week as pollution levels hit emergency level," Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said.

Welcoming the Delhi government's decision, Aparajita Gautam, the president of the Delhi Parents Association, said, "Students were already at risk due to COVID-19 and suddenly cases have begun rising too. To put students at further risk due to the pollution would have been dangerous".

Anshu Mittal, the principal of

MRG School in Rohini, said they were geared up to open from November 15 after prolonged closure due to the pandemic.

"The school was all geared up to open from November 15 for nursery to class eight. We were excited to welcome back our students and also aligned the arrangements as per the Covid norms. Activities enhancing student-teacher dynamic and some parent-students activities were also planned.

"However, we applaud the Delhi government's move in ensuring students and teachers' health and welfare. Poor air quality can have serious and long-term effects on the lung health of individuals.

"One of the major concerns that remain is preparation for upcoming board exams which was planned with mock-up classes and remedial sessions. This will be hampered due to delay in school opening and will have to be transformed completely online for the time being," she told PTI.

However, Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh's principal Alka Kapur had a different view about the suspension of physical classes.

"I agree that the health of children should be of primary concern. But we must realise that schools had just opened after a long period and it has affected studies. I believe some alternative steps should have been worked out like suspension of outdoor activities rather than completely closing schools," she said.

Kartik Singhal, Founder of O2 Cure and Director at Zeco Aircon Limited, said taking requisite measures against inhaling poisonous air resulting from various pollutants in outdoor as well as indoor environments has become the need of the hour.

"Such adverse changes in the air quality are resulting in significant health implications, leading to decrease in life expectancy. If such conditions persist, Delhi residents might start exploring options for employment in surrounding areas along with migration for better living as well," he said.

On Saturday, Delhi's air quality remained in the severe category for the third consecutive day with the 24-hour average air quality index being recorded at 437, a marginal improvement from the day before.

No Mosque Damaged, No Rape, Death In Tripura; Fake News Circulating On Social Media: MHA

NEW DELHI: The Union Home Ministry on Saturday said news circulating on social media about damage and vandalism of a mosque in Tripura is fake and complete misrepresentation of facts.

It also said that there is no report of simple or grievous injury or rape or death of any person in any such incidents in Tripura as alleged in some social media posts.

In a strongly worded statement, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said there is no reported case of damage of the structure of any mosque in Tripura in the recent past and

that people should maintain calm and should not be misguided by such fake reports.

"There have been news reports that have been circulating that a mosque in Kakraban area of Gomati district in Tripura has been damaged and vandalised. These news reports are fake and are a complete misrepresentation of facts," it said.

The home ministry said the mosque in Dargabazar area of Kakraban has not been damaged and the Tripura Police in Gomati district is working to maintain peace and tranquillity.

The home ministry said that in Maharashtra, there have

been reports of violence and unsavoury statements that are aimed at disturbing peace and harmony based on fake news regarding Tripura.

"This is very concerning and it is urged that peace is maintained at all costs," it said.

The home ministry made it clear that there is no reported case of damage of the structure of any mosque in Tripura in the recent past.

"There is no report of simple or grievous injury or rape or death of any person in these incidents as alleged in some social media posts," it said.

There have been violence in

some parts of Maharashtra following rallies taken out by Muslim organisations on Friday to protest against incidents in Tripura.

In Amravati, over 8,000 people had gathered outside the district collector's office on Friday to submit a memorandum demanding that atrocities against the minority community in Tripura be stopped.

Violence was reported in Amravati, Nanded, Malegaon, Washim and Yavatmal.

Police have so far arrested 20 people and detained four others by registering 20 FIRs under various charges, including rioting, in connection with Friday's incidents.

Restore Provision For Train Fare Concessions To Accredited Journalists: Press Association

New Delhi: The Press Association on Saturday welcomed the Centre's decision to restore passenger train services to pre-Covid levels and demanded that the provision for giving train fare concessions to the accredited media persons should also be stored.

The Railways on Friday issued an order to discontinue the 'special' tag for mail and express trains and revert to

pre-pandemic ticket prices with immediate effect. In a letter to the zonal railways, the Railway Board said trains will now be operated with their regular numbers and fares will revert to normal pre-Covid prices.

"The Press Association welcomes the decision of the government of India for restoring the operations of all mail and express trains to their earlier schedule and reverts to

pre-pandemic ticket prices with immediate effect," the journalists' body said in a statement.

"Press Association also reiterates its long-pending demand to restore concessions to the accredited media persons as existed during the pre-Covid-19 period," it added.

It said the Press Council of India, a quasi-judicial body set up under the Act of Parliament, has already written to the Ministry

of Railways for restoration of the train fare concessions granted to the accredited journalists.

"Concessions (in train fares), withdrawn during the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, were used to be given to the accredited media persons for travel required to perform their professional duty, barring once in a year for personal visit," the association added.

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Competitive Exams

implication on widening the generation gap between children and parents. One such instance is related to Sajid Mir's messy academic life.

Sajid was always interested in Physics and knew from the beginning that he could excel in the subject, but his parents didn't support him.

"I used to solve Advanced Physics papers in 12th standard but now I struggle with one numerical," Sajid said. "Had there been career counsellors available, my parents would've understood and let me choose my career path."

Moreover, there's also an issue with expensive coaching centres in Kashmir. Students coming from lower economic backgrounds don't get a chance to prepare as much as their competitors.

"There're brilliant students out there who cannot afford coaching and due to that a lot of potential gets wasted," said Haziq Misgar, a NEET aspirant. "I believe it needs to be changed. We don't lack in hard work and talent, we lack in resources."

The hiccups also stem from Kashmir's dis-organized education system lacking proper infrastructure. On top of that, frequent closure of educational institutions due to various situations adds to the disorganization.

"We've to grapple with frequent and sudden connectivity issues and other conflicting situations in Kashmir, creating hurdles in the preparations for these entrance exams," said Basit Nazir, a JEE aspirant.

"Due to fear of night raids, cordons and encounters, I've to turn off the lights at around 11pm and can't even burn the midnight oil for these exams."

38 Pak Militants

The 'Special Group', constituted after the spate of the civilian killings in the Jammu and Kashmir valley in October this year, have been trying to find the exact locations for pinpointed operations, the officials in the security grid said, adding that they have been provided help from the overground workers.

They also said that the identifications become possible because of the specialized group of central police agencies and which have now synergy with other stakeholders such as the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police's Special Operation Group (SOG).

The newly constituted Terror Monitor Group (TMG) has been very effective in neutralising militants in the valley with coordination with other central agencies, connecting all militant links together.

The TMG will be the main part of the operation against these militants in the valley. This group has successfully led decisive operations against militants within a few km of the Indian border due to accurate information about the cases of infiltration.

No Major Snow

lowest minimum temperature recorded in the city this season, the officials said.

Srinagar and Kokernag town in the south, which recorded a low of 0.4 degrees Celsius, were the only places in the valley where the mercury settled above the freezing point.

The officials said Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 3.5 degrees Celsius, the coldest place in Kashmir.

Kupwara in north Kashmir also recorded sub-zero temperature as the mercury settled at minus 1.1 degrees Celsius. Qazigund recorded minus 1.0 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir Baramulla district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 2.0 degrees Celsius.

On Friday night, the minimum temperature across the Kashmir valley was a few degrees below the normal for this time of the season, the officials said.

Kashmir Valley is slipping into wintry conditions much ahead of the beginning of extreme harsh weather conditions which usually start around the third week of December. 'Chillai Kalan', the 40-day period of harsh winter in Kashmir, begins on December 21 every year.

A thin layer of fog engulfed many areas of

the valley on Saturday morning, while the sun played hide and seek with the clouds.

A MeT Department official said the weather is most likely to remain dry till November 20. (With PTI inputs)

Ladakh Leaders Up

itself after it raised the demand for the full statehood.

While the people of Leh have welcomed the fulfilment of their long pending demand of the UT status and later formed the apex body in support of the demand for implementation of the sixth schedule of the Constitution to safeguard their culture and identity, the KDA was not in the favour of the UT status and raised the demand of full statehood to Ladakh.

However, on August 1, the ideologically different representatives of Kargil and Leh districts joined hands to seek full-fledged statehood along with constitutional safeguards for the region -- some eight months after their historic meeting last year.

The entire Ladakh region is united in support of our jointly chalked out four-point agenda the government of India has not shown seriousness to address the desire and demands of the people of Ladakh, prompting us to review our strategy and go for mass agitation, Karbalai said.

He said nearly three months have passed since the delegations of the two bodies met visiting union minister of state for home Nityanand Rai in Leh on August 28 and raised their demands but there was no headway, barring accepting the demand for issuance of Ladakh Resident Certificate at par with the previously held permanent resident certificate to facilitate recruitment in government jobs.

The visiting minister was not initially willing to meet the KDA and the Apex body but was forced to review his decision after people of Ladakh observed a strike on the call of the leaders of the two bodies, he said, adding attempts are continuously being made to break the alliance between the two districts.

We have decided to go for mass agitation and are calling for a complete strike on December 6. It will be followed by mass public rallies in the twin district headquarters of Leh and Kargil and public mobilisation from block to village level to reach out to every household, he said.

Karbalai said though full statehood to the region remains the top on the agenda of both the bodies, the meeting decided to oppose any move by the UT administration to fill up nearly 12,000 jobs in various government departments by promotion quota.

We will strongly oppose any such move or any attempt to outsource jobs to daily wagers. It will be a great injustice to the educated unemployed youth, he said, urging the UT administration to show seriousness and fill up the vacancies without any further delay.

The KDA leader asked people to remain cautious as attempts are being made by the BJP to break their alliance and create confusion among the minds of the public.

The BJP is the only party which is outside the KDA and the Apex body. We are hopeful that the local leadership will see reason and become part of the joint alliance in near future, he said.

Karbalai said the Kargil Buddhist Association has also joined the KDA and attempts would be made to address all the concerns and issues raised by the religious organisation.

Chewang said, we have no personal interests and our struggle is for the people of Ladakh and for our coming generations.

We will go from village to village and mobilise the public to defeat the designs of those working against the interests of the people, he said.

9000 Get Jobs

posts stand advertised by J&K Service Selection Board (SSB) since July last year and presently the selection process has been completed with respect to 9,205 posts. Around 5,000 more selections will be finalised up to December 31," an official spokesman said.

He said the selection process of remaining

posts has reached various stages like skill test, CBRT (Computer Based Written Test) and document verification.

A meeting was chaired by Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Manoj Kumar Dwivedi here to review the progress of different recruitment being done by J&K Public Service Commission (PSC) and SSB, the spokesman said.

In order to expedite the selection process on a fast track recruitment basis, he said government instructions were reiterated to refer all vacancies as on December 31, both Gazetted and Non-Gazetted, to the PSC and SSB by January 15, next year.

The recruiting agencies were also directed to finalise the calendar for conduct of various examinations well in advance so that the selection process could be completed within a period of one year, the spokesman said.

He said the meeting was informed that the largest ever written test examination has been conducted by SSB wherein 3.5 lakh candidates participated for class 4 posts this year.

Special consideration by way of additional weightage was given to candidates, including those who worked as casual workers for five or more years and widows, divorced women, judicially separated women, orphan girls and others whose family member has not been in government service.

Within a record time of seven days, more than 4,600 appointment orders of class 4 posts have been issued, the spokesman said.

He said 2,119 selections for gazetted posts have been made by JKPSC in various departments and 726 selections are in progress.

JKPSC has also recommended promotions of 287 officers in the year 2020 and 769 officers during the current year, the spokesman said.

Nirmal Gets Relief

her lawyers and submitted that she is the owner in possession of the residential plot measuring four Kanals, which was purchased on May 20, 2014 and the area where the land is situated, being outside the jurisdiction of any development authority.

The counsel said the appellant raised the construction of the house and the structure was completed in all respects in the beginning of the year 2017.

Some internal finishing work was subsequently completed and the appellant along with his family have since been living in the house peacefully. During the entire period of construction and thereafter, there was no complaint by any development authority regarding the construction of the house and rightly so as the same had already been constructed prior to the coming into force of Jammu Master Plan, 2032 notified on March 3, 2017, whereby as many as 103 villagers (including Ban) were included and the jurisdiction of JDA, he said, challenging the demolition notice.

In its order of demolition, the JDA had said the building was constructed without attaining the valid permission from the competent authority.

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

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

Raising security and safety concerns in view of the building's proximity to an ammunition depot, the Centre had filed two petitions before the high court.

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

The piece of 2,000 square metre land was bought in 2000 by Himgiri Infrastructure Development Private Limited, the shareholders of which included former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta

and BJP MP Jugal Kishore and Singh.

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

The construction work on the plot had started in 2017 prompting the Army to send a communication to Nirmal Singh, who was then deputy chief minister in the PDP-BJP coalition government, asking him to stop the activity as it was in violation of the Works of Defence Act (WoDA), 1903 which bars any construction activity up to 1,000 yards (914 metres approximately).

The construction activity falls nearly 581 yards from the boundary of the depot.

A contempt notice was also moved by the central government in 2018 against Mamta Singh for allegedly violating a 2015 order of the then deputy commissioner of Jammu in which the Army depot was notified by the then state government.

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

Underground Water

current annual groundwater extraction is 0.89 bcm and the stage of groundwater extraction is 21.03 per cent, the report stated.

It said all the assessment units have been categorized as 'safe'.

As compared to the 2017 assessment, the total annual groundwater recharge and extractable groundwater resources have increased from 2.78 bcm to 4.68 bcm and 2.50 bcm to 4.22 bcm, respectively.

The annual groundwater extraction also has increased from 0.74 bcm to 0.89 bcm. The stage of groundwater extraction has decreased from 30.80 per cent to 21.03 per cent. The increase in annual groundwater recharge is due to the additional recharge from canal seepage, return flow from irrigated fields, tanks and ponds, lakes and other surface water bodies, the report said.

Chairing a meeting here on Friday to discuss the findings of the report released in June this year, Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary A K Mehta entrusted the Jal Shakti department with the task of preventing depletion of identified groundwater resources in the Union territory.

The Jal Shakti department was also asked to undertake extensive information, education and communication (IEC) activities and promote water conservation efforts through enhanced public participation in Jal Jeevan Mission, which aims at providing functional tap water connection to every household, an official spokesman said.

Regarding the quality of the underground water across Jammu and Kashmir, he said the meeting was informed that groundwater aquifers are safe for use.

Mehta directed testing of water from these resources on 16 defined parameters along with checking the presence of heavy metals as per defined protocol, the spokesman added.

LG Moots Six-Fold

According to the official spokesperson, Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department gave a PowerPoint presentation with the latest district-wise analysis of Covid-19 situation, present status of positivity rate, testing, and vaccination across the UT.

"He informed me that three districts viz. Budgam, Pulwama, and Bandipora have achieved the completion of due second doses," he added.

J&K Logs 181

155 new cases of virus on Saturday while the remaining 26 were detected from various parts of the winter capital, taking the overall number of people infected by virus in J&K so far to 334006.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported highest 44 cases, Baramulla 43, Budgam 23, Kupwara 17, Ganderbal 11, Anantnag and Bandipora six each, Kulgam 3 and Pulwama two new cases of virus. Shopian was the only

district in Valley with no new cases of virus.

In the winter capital, Jammu reported a maximum of 16 new cases, Udhampur and Doda three each, Reasi 2 and one new case each from Samba and Poonch districts. No fresh cases were reported from Rajouri, Kathua, Kishtwar and Ramban districts.

"Moreover, 95 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 15 from Jammu Division and 80 from Kashmir," they said.

Also, the official said that the death toll due to pandemic in J&K remained

4448—2178 in Jammu and 2270 in Kashmir, as no fresh fatality was reported on Saturday.

3 Killed, 11 Injured

Official sources said that the sumo vehicle (JK03A-6391) was overloaded with 14 passengers including on board when it met with the accident.

Soon after the accident, locals and paramilitary CRPF besides Quick Response Teams and police rushed to the spot and shifted all persons, some of them in critical condition, to local Sub District Hospital. One person died before being admitted to hospital while two others succumbed to wounds at SDH Ramban and GMC Jammu. Five of the critically injured persons were referred to GMC Jammu for advanced treatment.

Those killed in the accident were identified as Gulzar (19) son of Irfan, Sameer (24) son of Tahir and Ashu (35), all residents of Uttar Pradesh.

The injured have been identified as Khaleeda begum (35) wife of Fayaz Ahmad, her two daughters Jameela (7) and Ara Banu (4) of Neel, Nasir Khan (19) son of Arshad Khan of UP, Aikra (2.5 year of age), Akyra (8), Soib Khan (18), Sohail Khan of UP, Manzoor Ahmed (28) of Neel, Arif (22) of UP and Usman (19) of UP. (GNS)

3 JKRTC Employees

termination of conductors Abdul Majid Dar and Sham-us-Din besides helper Rouf Ahmad Shah, an official spokesman said.

Earlier, on October 30 Rana had terminated the services of 15 employees for their alleged involvement in misappropriation of the revenue.

The Managing Director warned all the employees to refrain from causing losses to the corporation either by misappropriating the funds or due to incompetence while performing their duties, the spokesman said.

11 Stone Pelters

started the anti-encroachment drive in Gram Morh village, the officials said.

They said the encroached prime land belonged to the Jammu and Kashmir housing board which has sold 39 plots to different parties.

However, some residents claimed that the 30.75 acres of land belonged to their families from generations.

We have all the revenue records to prove that the land belongs to us. The devastan (temple) of our elders is also located on the land, a protestor claimed.

However, the officials rejected the claim and said the revenue department has already demarcated the land on the orders of the court.

The housing board has all the required revenue documents to claim the ownership of the land. Out of total 116 kanals (14.5 acres), the board has transferred over 8 acres to Industries Department, while the rest of the land was sold to different parties, they said, adding the allottees were unable to take possession of their plots on several occasions in the past due to hooliganism of the vested interests who want to grab the prime land.

The officials said 11 persons who indulged in stone pelting were apprehended and would be charged under relevant sections of the law including attempt to murder, sabotage and hampering government business.

There are no revenue records with the families to prove that the land belonged to them, they said, adding the retrieved land was handed over to 39 allottees on the spot. (PTI)

5 Bandipora Youth Selected For Hockey National Trials



AGENCIES

BANDIPORA: Five youngsters from north Kashmir's Bandipora district have been selected for the national hockey trial camp.

Beginning their battle against the odds about years ago, the youngsters from 'Mohammadan Sporting Hockey Club Bandipora' have now been selected for the national hockey trial camp.

The national trial camp where five youth including Shahid Shafi, Mudasir Ahmad Akhoun (Junior Nationals), Talib-ul-Islam, Shahzan Shahid and Sajid Ali Buhroo from Bandipora will participate, will be held from today at Green field stadium Gandhi Magar Jammu.

"This is for the first time, these boys have been selected for the national trial that too from Bandipora where sports like cricket

and football were always being promoted," said Irfan ul Haq Malik, who is president of the club.

He said that they have been running the academy in Bandipora for the last ten years but today they feel that it has now brought new colours and they want to keep the youth on this platform.

"We used to train the boys at SK Sports Stadium Bandipora and they were always encouraged that they would one day succeed. We hope that they will succeed in the trials too," he added.

Malik also appealed to the youth to pay more attention to sports activities that will keep them mentally fit and healthy as well.

Notably, this is the first time five youth from Bandipora have been selected for Hockey National trials. (KNS)

Open Carrom Championship From November 28

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The J&K Carrom Association on Saturday announced that it's going to organise a 2-Day Open Carrom Championship from November 27 and 28 at Institute of Hotel Management, Raj Bagh here.

The Association in a press release said that the event competitions for Junior and Senior Category in boys and girls, men and women sections would be held at the championship.

"All the desired players, interested schools, institutions, clubs and district units of J&K Carrom association have been asked to register their players on email



jkcarrrom@gmail.com for the said championship on or before November 25, 2021," the statement said.

"For any information contact Secretary Arif Sultan Khan on 9906767529 or General Secretary Adil Shah on 9070000093," it added. "All players and officials are requested to follow Covid-19 protocols."

189 Students Flagged-Off For Trekking Expedition



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN: The District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Shopian, Gurmukh Singh Dutta on Saturday flagged off the second group of 189 students of different educational institutions of the district for a trekking expedition to Pahalgam in presence of Chief Education Officer Shopian at mini secretariat Arhamah, here.

The camp consists of 189 trekkers of different schools of four education zones of the district including Shopian, Keegam, Imam Sahib and Vehil. The week-long trekking camp has been organised by Youth Services and Sports office, Shopian.

On the occasion DYSSO interacted with the enthusiastic trekkers and advised them to enjoy their trekking expedition in Pahalgam valley by scaling

the mighty mountains and exploring their own district.

He said the aim of organizing such trekking expeditions is to imbibe in the youngsters the enthusiasm for adventures besides promoting adventure tourism in Kashmir. He advised the students while trekking to try to keep the environment neat and clean by not throwing polythene and other things which pollute nature.

20 officials from the department of DYSS Shopian are accompanying the group for the trekking expedition.

Meanwhile from zone Vehil, the students were flagged off by ZEO and from zone Imam Sahib by DSP. Among others, Activity Incharge, Reyaz Ahmad Wachkoo and officials of DYSS department were present on the occasion.

India Honours Sporting Best At National Awards Ceremony

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Olympic champion javelin

thrower Neeraj Chopra, veteran woman cricketer Mithali Raj and history-making Paralympic stars shared the spotlight as an unprecedented 12 sportspersons were presented with India's highest sporting honour -- the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna -- by President Ram Nath Kovind here on Saturday.

In a glittering function organised at the Durbat Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhawan here, the President recognised the country's unparalleled Olympic and Paralympic performances.

The event became an in-person affair this time after going online the previous year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The star attraction of the evening was Chopra, who received his Khel Ratna award amid thunderous applause from the select dignitaries present on the specially organised function.



NZ vs AUS, T20 WC FINAL

Trans-Tasman Rivals Set To Lock Horns Today

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: The fiestiness of Australia will clash with the tactical shrewdness of a perennially understated New Zealand when the Trans-Tasman rivals battle for their maiden T20 World Cup trophy here on Sunday.

Considering how both Australia and New Zealand won their respective semifinals against fancied opponents, one can expect another dramatic finish at the "Ring of Fire".

Australia, who have won a record five World Cup titles in 50-over cricket, have surprisingly not got their hands on the T20 showpiece.

New Zealand, on the other hand, have always been consistent in ICC events but now seem to have the self-belief of going all way under Kane Williamson's astute leadership.

It will be their first T20 World Cup final and if they do end up winning it, it will be a remarkable achievement for a country of five million which keeps churning out world-class players.

Australia hold the upper-hand over the reigning World Test champions in overall T20 meetings but the Black Caps won their only meeting in the World Cup back in the 2016 edition in India.

Their last meeting in a World Cup final, in the 50-over format in 2015, was bossed by the Aussies, who have not won an ICC event since then.



Fans of both the teams will have to work against their body clock to watch the game from their TV sets with the final starting well past midnight in both the countries.

New Zealand, who have been the best bowling side of the group stage, showed their batting class in the semifinals against pre-tournament favourites.

Martin Guptill enjoys a good record against Australia in T20s and his opening partner Daryl Mitchell goes into the final having played the innings of his life.

Skipper Kane Williamson is due for a big score and expect him to rise to the occasion on Sunday.

Jimmy Neesham proved his value in the middle-order against England but New Zealand will miss the services of Devon Conway who punched his bat in frustration after getting dismissed in the semifinal and ended up breaking his right hand. Tim Seifert is set to replace him.

The seasoned pace duo of Tim Southee and Trent Boult will be expected to keep Australian openers Aaron Finch and David Warner quiet in the powerplay.

Adam Milne has also done a decent job as the third pacer and leg-spinner Ish Sodhi has been impressive in the middle overs.

Marcus Stoinis and Matthew Wade pulling off a remarkable chase against Pakistan makes the Australians better prepared for another close finish.

Leg-spinner Adam Zampa, who was taken 12 wickets at 10.91 average in the tournament, will be expected to deliver in the middle overs once again while Maxwell can also chip in with his off spin.

The envious pace trio of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood will be playing their first T20 against New Zealand. Hazlewood had an off night against Pakistan and will be itching to bounce back. Match starts 7.30 PM.

Indian Doctor Hails Rizwan's 'Miraculous' Recovery

AGENCIES

DUBAI: Pakistan opener Mohammad Rizwan's recovery from a lung infection to make a valiant innings in the Twenty20 World Cup semifinal was termed "miraculous" on Saturday by the Indian doctor who treated him.

Rizwan, 29, came out of the intensive care unit of a Dubai hospital to top-score with 67 in Pakistan's 176-4 on Thursday, but his efforts were in vain as Australia overhauled that total to set up a title clash with New Zealand.

Rizwan's courage was lauded by Pakistan's batting coach Matthew Hayden and by fans, while pictures of the batsman lying in a hospital bed went viral on social media.

Saheer Sainalabdeen, a pulmonologist who hails from the south Indian state of Kerala, told AFP it was Rizwan's "faith in God" and desire to play for Pakistan that got the batsman through a severe chest infection.

Rizwan was so grateful that he sent the doctor an auto-

graphed Pakistan shirt. "I must admit that we did not expect his recovery to be so fast as it takes around five to seven days for improvement with the kind of condition that he came



in with," Sainalabdeen told AFP. "But because of his fit lifestyle, of course he is a sportsman, he improved in two to three days and it was miraculous. Main thing I thought was his faith in God and his strong belief to play in the World Cup for his country."

Sainalabdeen said Rizwan was admitted to the hospital on November 9 with severe chest pain and doctors suspected heart issues but later it turned out to be spasm of the lungs and food pipe.

"It all started with cough and cold but on November 9, he had severe chest pain and

we had a doubt of him having heart issues," he said. "But then the evaluation found out that he had severe throat infection which led to spasm of the lungs and food pipe. Because of which he had severe pain and breathing difficulty."

Once Rizwan was passed fit, he tore into the Australian bowling in Thursday's semi-final, taking nine balls to get going with skipper Babar Azam as he hit Josh Hazlewood for six.

The batsman smashed three fours and four sixes in a 52-ball blitz before his dismissal in the 18th over.

He jumped to second in the tournament's batting chart with 281 runs in six matches, behind only Babar's 303 runs.

DDC Kulgam Inaugurates Playfield At Ashmuji

2nd playfield inaugurated in last 10 days in the district



OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Saturday inaugurated a playfield at Panchayat Halqa Ashmuji 'A', Mirpora.

This is a maiden playfield in the village and has been constructed and developed by the Rural Development Department with an estimated cost of Rs. 20 lakh.

The demand for playfield was registered by people during the weekly

Block Diwas held at Kulgam.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC said that playfields and Sports infrastructure is being developed in every panchayat and out of 178 panchayats, playfields have been developed in 138 panchayats already.

He added that in last week a playfield was also inaugurated at Liroo village.

ACR, ACD, BDO Qaimoh and other officers besides scores of people and players were present at the inaugural function.

Jayawardena, Pollock To Be Inducted Into ICC Hall Of Fame

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DUBAI: Sri Lankan great Mahela Jayawardena, former South Africa all-rounder Shaun Pollock and ex England batter Janette Brittin will be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame before the T20 World Cup final gets underway here on Sunday.

The three cricketers will be formally inducted by fellow ICC Hall of Famer, Sir Clive Lloyd, before the much-anticipated final between New Zealand and Australia starts at the Dubai International Stadium.

The ICC Hall of Fame recognises the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history. 106 players have been inducted since its launch in 2009, with Brittin, Jayawardena and Pollock as the latest inductees.

Brittin, who died in 2017, was a mainstay of the England Test team for 19 years and paved the way for women's cricket between 1979 and 1998.

Jayawardena retired as one of Sri Lanka's greatest ever players, a key member of the team that won the T20 World Cup in 2014 and reached four other major ICC finals.

Pollock was one of the finest bowling all-rounders the game has ever seen and was the first player to achieve the 3,000 run and 300 wicket double in both Test and ODI cricket.

Reacting to the news of Brittin's induction, her friend An-



gela Bainbridge, said: "I would like to extend my thanks to the ICC for the incredible honour they have bestowed on Jan by inaugurating her into the Hall of Fame."

Jayawardena follows Kumar Sangakkara and Muttiah Muralitharan into the Hall of Fame.

"It's a very special honour to follow in the footsteps of legends Sanga and Murali from Sri Lanka and so many other great cricketers of the past."

"I am very grateful for the recognition and would like to enjoy and share the moment with all those that have helped me on my journey, including my family, friends, coaches, team-mates and, most importantly, Sri Lanka cricket fans who passionately supported and inspired me during my career," he said.

Pollock added: "It's an amazing honour to be included in the Hall of Fame alongside the very illustrious company that has already been inducted."

"It's a real cherry on the top or maybe even a book end of what has been a thoroughly enjoyable cricketing experience and I'd like to thank my teammates who played such a massive part along the journey."

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For and on behalf of Managing Director, JKHPMC Ltd., e-Tenders under "Two Cover System" are invited from Firms/Companies/Proprietary Agencies for the "Design, Construction, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Equipment including Civil Works for 2000 MT Cold Store with 06 Months free trial run on Turkey Basis at JKHPMC's Premises in Narwal, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir". The Bidding Documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the JK Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 10-11-2021 to 30-11-2021. The Critical Details of the e-Tender under reference are as follows:

CRITICAL DETAILS

Cost of Tender Document Fees	Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) NON-REFUNDABLE Demand Draft drawn in favour of JKHPMC Ltd Rajbagh, Srinagar, J&K
Date of up-load of e-tender	10-11-2021 16-11-2021
Pre-bid Meeting at Meeting Room/ Through VC	(Venue/Mode to be communicated to the intending Bidders)
Last Date of Online Bid submission	30-11-2021
Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	01-12-2021
Estimated Completion Time of the Project	300 Days

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Curfew in Maharashtra's Amravati As Fresh Violence Erupts

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A curfew was imposed in Maharashtra's Amravati city on Saturday after a mob hurled stones on shops during a bandh allegedly organised by BJP in protest against rallies taken out by members of a minority community the day before against the purported communal violence in Tripura, police said.

Police resorted to lathicharge to control the situation, an Amravati Police official said.

On Saturday morning, hundreds of people, many of them holding saffron flags in their hands and raising slogans, came out on streets in Rajkamal Chowk area of this east Maharashtra city, located around 670 km from the state capital.

Some members of the mob hurled stones at the shops and damaged them in the Rajkamal Chowk and some other places, the official said, adding that the police lathicharged the protesters to bring the situation under control.

Against the backdrop of back to back incidents of stone-pelting on Friday and Saturday, officiating police commissioner Sandip Patil issued orders imposing a curfew in the city limits of Amravati under sections 144(1), (2), (3) of the CrPc to avoid any untoward incidents.

Except for medical emergencies, people are not allowed to come out of their houses. Similarly, a gathering of more than five people is not allowed, as per the order.

The curfew will remain in force till further notice.

On Friday, various cities in Maharashtra had witnessed stone-pelting during rallies taken out by some Muslim organisations protesting against the purported communal violence in Tripura.

These incidents were reported from Amravati, Nanded, Malegaon, Washim and Yavatmal districts.

Police have so far arrested 20 people and detained four others by registering 20 FIRs under various charges, including rioting, in connection with Friday's incidents.

In Amravati, over 8,000 people had gathered outside the district collector's office on Friday to submit a memorandum demanding that atrocities against the minority community be stopped.

When people were leaving after submitting the memorandum, stone-pelting took place at three places between Chitra Chowk and

Cotton Market under the limits of the Kotwali police station.

Meanwhile, launching a veiled attack on opposition BJP, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Saturday said the violence in Amravati and other places is aimed at destabilising the MVA government.

Speaking to reporters in Aurangabad, Raut said the state government is firm in the saddle and that the real faces of the perpetrators of violence will be exposed soon.

"The violence that is taking place in Maharashtra is aimed at destabilising the MVA government. Raising the bogey of violence, they (Opposition) will meet the state governor and write letters to the Union home ministry claiming that the (law and order) situation in Maharashtra is deteriorating. This will happen in future too. But the state government is firm in the saddle," Raut said.

He said the "real faces" behind this violence will be exposed in the inquiry of the state Home ministry.

The Shiv Sena, NCP, and Congress are the constituents of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government.

A day after the bandh was observed by Muslim organisations, Amravati district guardian minister Yashomati Thakur said some anti-social elements are trying to vitiate the atmosphere by throwing stones on shops.

"The state government will take necessary action. However, some people are using this for political gains," she said and appealed to people to not believe in rumours.

AIMIM MP Imtiaz Jaleel has also condemned the violence in Amravati.

"I want to question those leaders in the state who came to power by taking the votes of Muslims and why they didn't condemn the violence in Tripura. If this violence in Maharashtra is a 'tit for tat' by any political party then this is the example of irresponsibility," he said.

Opposition leader Devendra Fadnis said it was wrong to organise rallies in the state for an incident that "never occurred" in Tripura and appealed to people to exercise restraint.

The Tripura government and local police have clarified that no religious place of a minority community was burned down. They have issued pictures of the same as well. I appeal to both the communities to observe restraint, the former chief minister told reporters in Mumbai.

Army Col Killed With Wife, Son in Manipur Ambush

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Colonel Viplav Tripathi, the Commanding Officer of Khuga Battalion of Assam Rifles, his wife and son, besides four personnel of the paramilitary force were killed in an ambush in Manipur on Saturday morning, in fresh eruption of militant violence in the border state, officials said.

Tripathi's convoy was targeted at Sehkan village in Churachandpur district by suspected militants of the People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), a militant group in Manipur demanding a separate homeland.

Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) burst, shattering tenuous peace in Manipur hills, before the Assam Rifles personnel engaged the militants in a firefight.

"In the firefight which followed with the Militants (Suspected PREPAK/ PLA cadres) the Commanding officer and three QRT (quick response team) personnel lost their lives on the spot. The family of the Commanding officer (wife and 6 yr old son) also lost their lives. The other injured personnel were admitted at Behiang health care center," Assam Rifles said in a press statement.

However, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who promised "justice" to the affected families, indicated one more personnel of the force had died. "The cowardly attack on an Assam Rifles convoy in Churachandpur, Manipur is extremely painful & condemnable. The nation has lost 5 brave soldiers including CO 46 AR and



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two family members. My condolences to the bereaved families. The perpetrators will be brought to justice soon," he tweeted.

Though the defence minister's tweet indicated one more personnel was killed, there was no immediate confirmation from Assam Rifles, the oldest paramilitary force in the country raised in 1835 under the British rule.

It is under the administrative jurisdiction of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) but operational control of the Indian Army.

Assam Rifles eulogised the slain officer who had previously served in Mizoram until his transfer to Manipur in July 2021.

"During his tenure at Mizoram, under his able and energetic leadership, the Battalion has been at the forefront in Border management thwarting illegal smuggling in the IMB and hinterland. Battalion has

also recovered several weapons & War like stores which could have landed in the hands of Anti National elements thus avoiding major casualties.

"Col Viplav though his remarkable endeavors has bonded closely with the locals of Mizoram. The Anti Drug campaign conducted by his battalion in January 2021 received several laurels and praise & the awareness was rightfully created by him in the entire state including the remote villages to ensure the youth are guided in the right direction," the statement said, adding his "goodwill for the society will last an eternity".

The Assam Rifles statement said it suspected that the insurgent group responsible for this massacre "must be from PREPAK cadre as the PREPAK remembrance day is celebrated on 12/13 November 2021".

Pollution Board Warns of Delhi Air Emergency

Authorities Advise People To Limit Outdoor Activities

India's pollution control body warned of a looming health emergency in New Delhi as deteriorating air quality in the capital turned the sky a murky grey.

The city is ranked one of the world's most polluted, with a hazardous mélange of factory emissions, car exhaust fumes and smoke from agricultural fires settling in the skies over its 20 million people each winter.

On Saturday, levels of harmful

PM 2.5 particles topped 300 on the air quality index. That number is more than 10 times the safe daily limit set by the World Health Organization.

A reading over 300 for 48 hours would initiate emergency measures in the capital, including the closure of primary schools and severe traffic restrictions.

The Central Pollution Control Board on Friday told New Delhi residents to "limit outdoor activities and minimise their exposure" and advised government authorities to prepare "for implementation of measures

under 'emergency' category".

It added the poor air quality would likely run until 18 November due to "low winds with calm conditions during the night".

On Saturday, the Supreme Court suggested imposing a pollution lockdown on Delhi to help with the air quality crisis. "How will we live otherwise?" Chief Justice N.V. Ramana said.

The burning of agricultural waste in Delhi's neighbouring states -- largely behind the megacity's pollution levels every winter -- has continued despite a Supreme Court ban.

'Ban Salman Khurshid's Book On Ayodhya': Hindu Sena Chief Writes To Shah, Kejriwal

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Right-wing group Hindu Sena, on Friday, demanded a ban on Congress leader Salman Khurshid's book 'Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times', alleging that his statement comparing Hindutva to the jihadist Islam of terror groups harms social integrity and hurts the religious sentiments of Hindus.

In a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajaj and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Hindu Sena president Vishnu Gupta said the comparison made in the book is an attempt to demonise the Hindu religion.

Two advocates have already filed complaints with the police against Khurshid's comments, while several BJP leaders have sought action against him.

In his letter, Gupta said, "This book comparing Hindutva/Hinduism to terror outfit ISIS and Boko Haram is an attempt to demonise the Hindu religion. These kinds of statements in a book can give publicity to the book but this harms the social integrity and hurts the sentiments of millions of Hindus residing in the country and all over the world."

"Therefore, I request you to

kindly look into the matter and put a stay on publication/circulation and sale of the book and also ban the book or take appropriate action as per Indian laws applicable," he wrote in the letter.

In a chapter titled 'The Saffron Sky', Khurshid writes: "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."

According to Gupta, the excerpts from the book, besides being "instigating and provoking", hurt the religious sentiments of a large number of people who follow the Hindu religion.

"Our Constitution provides every citizen of India with the freedom of speech and expression but not for misuse of the right when it threatens and shakes the harmony of the country," he claimed.

He also said the Supreme Court, in a 1995 judgement, laid down the proposition that "Hindutva is not a religion it is a way of life and state of mind".

The 354-page book, which claims to analyse the juridical history and consequences of the long-standing Ayodhya dispute, was released on Wednesday.

'Bheek' Remarks: Strip Kangana Of All National Awards, Demands Shiv Sena

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The Shiv Sena on Saturday demanded that actor Kangana Ranaut be stripped of all her national awards over her comments that what India achieved in 1947 was "bheek" (alms) and the real freedom was attained only in 2014 when Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, which it said amounted to "treason".

The editorial in Sena's mouthpiece 'Saamana' said the country will never tolerate such insult to Independence which was attained through blood, sweat, tears and the sacrifice made by countless Indians.

"The Modi government should strip Kangana of all her national awards," the Sena said. Taking potshots at BJP, Sena said Ranaut's comments have exposed its "fake nationalism".

"Nobody had insulted India's freedom fighters in such a manner before Kangana. Recently she was honoured with the Padma Shri award which had earlier been conferred to freedom fighters. It is unfortunate that Kangana was honoured with the same award," the editorial said.

Referring to Ranaut's comments, the Sena said the actress' "present political ancestors" were nowhere in the scene during the process of the country's freedom struggle.

"Our freedom was achieved through blood, sweat, tears and the sacrifice made by countless people of India. Calling it 'bheek' is a case of treason," the Sena said, adding that the "statue of Sardar Patel (the first home minister of India) must be crying after hearing these comments".

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