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معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں چھٹی آمدہ از منگڑ منڈرک پولیس ہیڈ کوارٹرس سرنگر سے دفتر بذ  
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شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں  
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میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کا روانی ہے۔ پوری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے  
کہ ساکنہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	محمد مقبول پسر عبدالغنی	48 سال	مزدوری	4000/=
2	منگڑ میز محمد مقبول	40 سال	گھر بیوگام	
3	شوقی جان دفتر محمد مقبول	20 سال	زیر تعلیم	
4	خلوہ راجہ پسر محمد مقبول	16 سال	زیر تعلیم	
05	فیضان احمد پسر محمد مقبول	14 سال	زیر تعلیم	
06	مبینی جان دفتر محمد مقبول	10 سال	زیر تعلیم	
07	خوبو جان دفتر محمد مقبول	5 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس طور پر ساکنہ کا کنو 07 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سر قلیط اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو  
کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض  
پیش کرے۔ معیار گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔  
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از نیابت ساکنہ با اجلاس انگریز کیونجیجسٹریٹ دیوال چھترگل  
درخواست منجانب:- بلال احمد خان کویر ولد عبدالقیوم خان کویر ساکنہ انکام تحصیل کوکرائنگ شعل  
انت نامک  
بغرض حصول ST سر قلیط  
اشتہار براد گاہی ہر خاص وعام۔  
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکنہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سر قلیط دفتر بذ  
میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کا روانی ہے۔ پوری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے  
کہ ساکنہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	عبدالقیوم خان کویر ولد غلام خان کویر	48 سال	مزدوری	6000
2	گلشن اختر زوی عبدالقیوم خان کویر	42 سال	گھر بیوگام	
3	بلال احمد خان کویر ولد	18 سال	زیر تعلیم	
4	تمیز احمد خان کویر	14 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس طور پر ساکنہ کا کنو 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سر قلیط اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی  
اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش  
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**از نیابت نائب تحصیلدار ماگام**  
مضمون کاغذات درخواست منجانب ریحانہ اختر دفتر محمد رستم ملک ساکنہ درنگلو  
شاہ نگری بمز اعطائی ڈیپنڈنٹ سر قلیط تحت SRO 294  
**اشتہار براد گاہی ہر خاص وعام**  
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست ساکنہ دفتر بذ میں زیر کا روانی ہے اس سلسلے میں پٹاری حلقہ  
سے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکنہ منجیل کوکرائنگ شعل  
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محمد رستم ملک ولد خالق  
ممتازہ بیگم زید محمد رستم  
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اس کے علاوہ کوئی افراد کنہ نہیں ہے۔ سر قلیط اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہوگا  
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My Daughter's DOB has been Wrongly mentioned in school record As 1/7/2013 instead of 4/4/2013 now I have applied for correction, if any body have any objection may contact to headmaster Govt boys middle school Prangroo" within seven days after that no objection will be accepted.  
**Applicant's name:- Ab Aziz Dar**  
**Father of Gosia Jan,**  
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YEAR & SESSION : Annual/Pvt 2010  
Regd No: A-9643599-1206  
NAME : Imtiyaz Ahmed Bhat  
FATHERS NAME : Gulzar Ahmed Bhat  
MOTHERS NAME : Hafiza Akhtar  
DATE OF BIRTH : 15-08-1982  
RESIDENCE : Samar Anantnag  
Now the candidate has, applied for issuance of DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE/S. Before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained.  
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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	ساجد بیگم زید غلام حسن خان	60 سال	عمر رسیدہ	
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4	شینیدہ بیو غلام حسن	۲۰ سال	گھر بیوگام	

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	روزی بانو بیوہ عبدالحمید	۳۰ سال	گھر بیوگام	1000/=
2	شاہد احمد پسر عبدالحمید	۱۰ سال	زیر تعلیم	
3	صحرا پسر احمد	۱۲ سال	زیر تعلیم	
4	بیسہ جان دفتر	۸ سال	زیر تعلیم	

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۳۔	آغا حسین ولد ساجد حسین	زیر تعلیم	
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5	عائشہ حسین کویر زید	17 سال	زیر تعلیم	
6	ایجاز احمد کویر زید	15 سال	زیر تعلیم	
7	اشفاق احمد کویر زید	11 سال	زیر تعلیم	
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## NEWS DIGEST

### Soldier Killed As Car Rolls Into Gorge

**JAMMU:** An army personnel was killed and a civilian injured on Monday after a private vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The accident took place on the Doda-Bhagwah road near Birma village when the driver. **More On P10**

### Fake SIM Card Racket Busted, 3 Held

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested three persons in Baramulla district, busting a racket involved in obtaining mobile SIM cards on fake documents, officials said Monday. A police spokesman said incriminating. **More On P10**

### Shooting Stone Kills Elderly Man

**SRINAGAR:** An elderly man died on Monday after being hit by a shooting stone in Zunareshi Chowk area in Kupwara, officials said. They said that one Muhammad Yaseen Mir, 60, had taken sheep to nearby pastures for grazing. **More On P10**

### Teen Biker Killed In Accident

**POONCH:** A 17-year-old motorcyclist was killed in an accident on Chajila road in Mankote area of Mendhar in this mountainous district on Monday, officials said. They said a teenager identified as. **More On P10**

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## 2 Militants, House Owner Killed In Hyderpora Shootout

### Second Gunfight In City In Less Than 24 Hours

Zaid Bin Shabir

**SRINAGAR:** Two unidentified militants were killed in an encounter with the government forces on Monday in the high security Hyderpora quarter of the city; less than 24 hours after a policeman was injured in a brief firefight in the old city.

Around 4:00 pm Monday, a joint operation was launched by police, army and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Hyderpora area which falls on the road connecting city centre with the Srinagar airport on the basis of specific intelligence inputs that two militants were hiding in a commercial building near Jamkash Vehicleleads, a police officer told Kashmir Observer.

When the search team started advancing towards the suspected militant hideout, the militants, according to the police opened fire in a bid to escape from their dragnet.

"The joint team returned the fire, setting off an encounter.



In the ensuing firefight, two unidentified militants were killed," he said.

He further said that the identity of the slain was being ascertained and the search operation was still going on in the area.

According to reports, the outbreak of the encounter in the area, triggered panic and forced the people to run for their lives.

The movement of transport on the Srinagar-Baramulla bypass was also hit. Huge traffic snarls were witnessed along

the bypass with drivers and commuters trying hard to reach their respective destinations through alternative routes.

The killing of two unknown militants comes less than 24 hours after a policeman was injured during a brief encounter with militants and government forces in the Nawa Kadal area of the Old City.

Constable Maqbool Ahmed was injured on Sunday evening when militants fired upon a search team that was. **More On P10**

## J&K Reports 3 More Covid Deaths

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Coronavirus claimed lives of three more people on Monday while 108 new cases of infection were registered in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, two more people Kashmir and one from Jammu succumbed to the deadly infection during the last 24 hours. With these three deaths, the fatality count has reached 4453—2179 in Jammu and 2274 in Kashmir.

About the fresh cases of virus, officials said, 89 were reported from the Valley and the remaining 19 from different parts of Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 334288.

In the Valley, **More On P10**

## J&K Govt Notifies Transfer Of 1756 Posts To Ladakh

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday notified 221 Gazetted and 1535 Non-Gazetted posts transferred to Union Territory of Ladakh.

As per an order issued here, vide S.O. 339 dated 30.10.2020, apportionment of Assets, Liabilities and Posts of the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir between the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh has been notified.

The SO provides for detailed listing of additional 325 Gazetted and 3000 Non-Gazetted posts from the overall strength of Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir to the Union territory of Ladakh, reads the order.

"The matter regarding listing of additional posts in the

manner was taken up with the Union territory of Ladakh who vide communication No. UTL/GAD/22/2020(I) dated 14.12.2020, provided the list of posts identified for their transfer to the Union territory of Ladakh in terms of S.O 339 dated 30.10.2020," the order said.

"Consequent upon the approval of the Competent Authority, vide Government Order No. 102-Edu of 2021 dated 22.04.2021, the School Education Department has transferred 1284 Non-Gazetted posts (Teacher Grade II & III) to the Union territory of Ladakh, against 1320 Non-Gazetted posts listed by the Union territory of Ladakh," the order reads further, adding, "in pursuance to the provisions contained in Annexure-I of the S.O 339 dated 30.10.2020, the listing in respect of. **More On P10**



Kashmir Observer lens man Abid Bhat captures a magnificent view of fiery Chinar leaves in the background of a lone Shikara anchored in the famous Dal Lake.

## J&K Transforming On Unprecedented Speed: LG

Observer News Service

**Jammu:** Claiming that Jammu and Kashmir was transforming on an unprecedented scale and speed, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that improving people's living standards, reforming rural & urban infrastructure and unlocking potential of women and youth from marginalized sections was top-most priority of his government.

Speaking in the first Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas to mark the celebration of Birs Munda's birth anniversary, at Kala Kendra here on Monday, the LG said that the sacrifices and contribution of the Tribal community in the independence



struggle are immense, incomparable and invaluable, an official spokesperson said.

He said that the LG further stated that under the guidance of PM, J&K is empowering those who were discriminated against since ages.

"Apart from. **More On P10**

## Sets Target Of 2 Lakh Cases Under SES

In a move that could help educated, unemployed youth to earn their livelihood, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday set the target of two lakh cases for the Union Territory administration for sanctioning and financing under the self employment schemes. Chairing a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the status of self employment schemes with secretaries and senior. **More On P10**

**HE ALSO URGED ALL THE THINKERS and artists of the society to come together with the Tribal Department to further enrich the tribal cultural heritage."**

## J&K Admin Staring At Bureaucratic Vacuum

36 JKAS Officers Set To Retire In 2022

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir is staring at a huge bureaucratic vacuum as 36 Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers are set to retire next year, adding more problems to the Union Territory administration facing shortage of officers.

According to official documents, 21 of the 36 JKAS officers will retire by the end of the months of January, March and April 2022, creating a huge vacuum in the administration.

Among the officers who will attain superannuation on January 31 include, Muzaffar Ahmad Peer, Additional District Development Commissioner, Ganderbal, Mohammad Yousuf Mir, Additional District Development Commissioner, Shopian,



Mohammad Yousuf Malik, Project Manager, Integrated water-shed management programme, Samba, Shabir-ul-Hassan, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Budgam, Sat Paul Bavouria, Additional Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, Mohammad Ashraf Dhobi, Joint Registrar Cooperative Societies (Special), Kashmir and Rafiq Ahmad Lone, Assistant Commissioner-Revenue, Baramulla.

By the February end next year,

three more officers —Farooq Ahmad Shah, Secretary Housing and Urban Development Department, Ashok Kumar Dogra, Additional Secretary, Cooperative Department and Shashi Bala, Deputy District Election Officer, Poonch.

In March 2022, Anu Radha Rani, Member J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu, Angrez Singh Rana, Managing Director, J&K Road Transport Corporation, Mohammad Yaqub Malik, Deputy Secretary, Home Department, Pritam Lal Atri, Member J&K Services Selection Board, Bashir Ahmad Lone, Vice-Chairman, Srinagar Development Authority, DC Bhatti, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Lakhampur-Sarthal and Mohammad Assadullah Rather, General Manager DIC, Baramulla will retire.

Seven more officers will retire in the following month. The officers include Mohammad Akbar Bhat, Deputy Director, Food civil Supplies and. **More On P10**

## Muslims Under Attack, Mosques Being 'Blown Up': Dr Farooq

Press Trust Of India

**JODHPUR:** Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah here on Monday urged the government to address the fears faced by Muslims, alleging that people from the community are being attacked and their mosques "blown up".

He, however, did not cite any specific instance.

In an interaction with the media, Abdullah said the government will have to act as Muslims who are standing with India are being "killed".

He also sought a dialogue between India and Pakistan, saying it is the only "way out" for the problems between the two countries.

"When we see in the country, there are attacks on Muslims, they are being beaten up and mosques are being



blown up," he said.

"The victim would be us, who are standing with India. We will be killed as we do not have any other place except India. We are equal but the situation building around is causing fear and they (government) will have to address it," he said.

Referring to India-Pakistan relations, he said the dialogue is the only "way out" for all problems between. **More On P10**

## Goel Made DIG, Kumar SSP CID 'To Be Deemed To Be Officers Of SIA'

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday ordered the posting of two IPS officers in the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

According to an order Atul Kumar Goel, IPS, DIG, Jammu-Kathua-Samba (JKS) range has been transferred and posted as DIG, CID, against an available vacancy.

Vivek Gupta, IPS, DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range, shall hold the additional charge of

the post of DIG JKS Range, in addition to his own duties, till further orders, according to the order.

Shiv Kumar Sharma, JKPS, SO to DIG, JKS Range has been transferred and posted as SSP, CID, CIJ against an available vacancy. Ashok Badwal, SO to ADGP, Jammu Zone, shall hold the additional charge of the post of SO to DIG, JKS Range, till further orders, according to the order.

It further. **More On P10**

## Anil Koul to Head EDI

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday ordered transfer of an IAS officer and three JKAS officer in the interest of administration with immediate effect. According to an order issued by the government, Shiv Anant Tayal, IAS (CG-2012), awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department. **More On P10**



## Saudi Arabia Introduces Citizenship Program For 'Talented' Foreigners



REUTERS

Saudi Arabia has granted citizenship to a group of expatriates including doctors, clerics and academics, becoming the second Gulf Arab state to introduce a formal naturalization program for foreigners with exceptional skills this year.

The announcement follows a royal decree issued last Thursday which grants citizenship to "experts and exceptional global talents" who will contribute to the growth of the kingdom under its ambitious reform plans, state news agency SPA reported last week.

Foreigners in Saudi Arabia usually have renewable visas valid for only a few years and tied to employment.

The naturalization program will seek out individuals in Islamic scholarship, medicine, science, culture, sports and technology with a view to creating an "attractive environment" to cultivate and retain

exceptional talent to help achieve Vision 2030 goals, SPA said.

Vision 2030 is a plan of reforms to create jobs and reduce the Saudi economy's dependence on oil.

According to local news reports on Monday, the group that was just naturalized includes Muslim clerics who supported some of King Salman's initiatives on religious tolerance, financial experts, medical doctors and academics who specialize in engineering, chemistry and communications.

The move comes as Saudi Arabia seeks to become a regional commercial hub and vie for foreign capital and talent. In January, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced a scheme that would grant citizenship to investors and other professionals including scientists, doctors and their families.

This followed a more flexible visa policy in recent years, offering longer residencies for certain types of investors, students and professionals.

## STUDY: Asteroid Orbiting Near Earth Probably Came From Moon



Agencies

In a major astronomical development, a pool of scientists has identified what appears to be a small chunk of the moon that is tracking the Earth's orbit around the Sun.

Despite being discovered in 2016, the asteroid called Kamo'oalewa is relatively little-known as yet.

However, new observations suggest it could be a fragment from the moon that was thrown into space by an ancient lunar collision, reports The Guardian.

Kamo'oalewa is one of Earth's quasi-satellites, a category of the asteroid that orbits the Sun, but remains relatively close to the planet – in this case about 9m miles away.

Despite being close in astronomical terms, the asteroid is about the size of a Ferris wheel and about 4m times fainter than the faintest star that can be seen with the naked eye. Consequently, the Earth's most powerful telescopes are needed to make observations.

The findings were recently published in the journal Communications Earth and Environment.

Using the Large Binocular Telescope on Mount Graham in southern Arizona, astronomers found the spectrum of reflected light from Kamo'oalewa closely matched lunar rocks from Nasa's Apollo missions, suggesting it originated from the moon. They had initially compared the light with that

reflected off other near-Earth asteroids, but drawn a blank.

"I looked through every near-Earth asteroid spectrum we had access to, and nothing matched," said Ben Sharkey, a PhD student at the University of Arizona and the paper's lead author. After missing the chance to observe Kamo'oalewa in April 2020 owing to a shutdown of the telescope during the coronavirus pandemic, the team found the final piece of the puzzle in 2021.

"This spring, we got much-needed follow-up observations and went, 'Wow it is real,'" Sharkey said. "It's easier to explain with the moon than other ideas."

The observations also showed Kamo'oalewa is in an unusual orbit, one that would be unlikely for objects that had drifted towards Earth from the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

The team is unsure how the piece of the moon came to be adrift in space, in part, because there are no other known asteroids with lunar origins. However, they narrowed down the timeframe for the violent event to have occurred between 100,000 and 500 years ago.

Prof Stephen Lovry, an astronomer at the University of Kent, said: "While not 100% conclusive, the team has made a strong case that Kamo'oalewa may indeed be a collisional fragment from such a violent event [as a lunar collision]."



WASHINGTON had indicated that the Russian S-400 systems may trigger CAATSA sanctions (Reuters file photo)

## Yet To Decide On Potential Waiver Of Sanctions Against India For S-400: US

ANI

The United States has not made a determination on a potential waiver of sanctions against India for its purchase of the S-400 missile defence system from Russia, a state department spokesperson said, noting that the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) does not have a blanket or country-specific waiver provision.

The Joe Biden administration also urges "all of our allies, partners" to forgo transactions with Russia that risk triggering sanctions under the CAATSA, the spokesperson said in response to reports that Russia has started delivering the S-400 to India.

India had signed a USD 5.43-billion deal with Russia for the purchase of five S-400 surface to air missile systems during the 19th India-Russia

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Annual Bilateral Summit in New Delhi in October 2019, for long-term security needs.

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CAATSA authorises the US administration to impose sanctions on countries that purchase major defence hardware from Russia in response to Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its alleged meddling in the 2016 US presidential elections.

Amid calls from US senators

to waive sanctions against India, the spokesperson clarified that the CAATSA does not have a blanket or country-specific waiver provision.

"We urge all of our allies and partners to forgo transactions with Russia that risk triggering sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA). We have not made a determination on a potential waiver with respect to Indian arms transactions with Russia. CAATSA does not have a blanket or country-specific waiver provision," the spokesperson said.

"The US-India defence partnership has expanded significantly in recent years, commensurate with India's status as a major defence partner. We expect this strong momentum in our defence partnership to continue. We value our strategic partnership with India," the spokesperson added.

## Turkey's Erdogan To Visit Iran To Sign Bilateral Cooperation Roadmap - Tehran

Agencies

**MOSCOW:** 15th November, 2021) Iran expects to sign a roadmap of bilateral cooperation with Turkey during the next visit of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to Tehran, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian said on Monday.

Earlier in the day, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu arrived in the Iranian capital for an official visit and had a meeting with his Iranian counterpart.

"We have had fruitful negotiations on various regional and international issues. During the next visit of the Turkish president to Iran, a road map on cooperation between the



two countries will be signed," Amirabdollahian said at a press conference with Cavusoglu.

The Iranian top diplomat added that both countries are determined to pay more attention to bilateral relations and fostering cooperation.

"Even in the pandemic period, we have managed to keep and even boost trade," Amirabdollahian said.

The Turkish foreign minister is also expected to meet with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi during the current visit.

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## US Military Hid Airstrikes That Killed Dozens Of Civilians In Syria



REUTERS

**ROME:** The US military covered up 2019 airstrikes in Syria that killed up to 64 women and children, a possible war crime, during the battle against Daesh, the New York Times reported on Saturday.

The two back-to-back airstrikes near the town of Baghuz were ordered by a classified American special operations unit tasked with ground operations in Syria, according to the report. The newspaper said that US Central Command, which oversaw US air operations in Syria, acknowledged the strikes for the first time this week and said they were justified.

In a statement on Saturday, Central Command reiterated the account it gave the newspaper that 80 people were killed in the strikes including 16 Daesh fighters and four civilians. The military said it was unclear if the other 60 people were civilians, partly because women and children could have been combatants.

In Saturday's statement, the military said the strikes were "legitimate self-defense," proportional and that "appropriate steps were taken to rule out the presence of civilians."

"We abhor the loss of innocent life and take all possible measures to prevent them. In this case, we self-reported and

investigated the strike according to our own evidence and take full responsibility for the unintended loss of life," Central Command said.

The number of civilians among the 60 fatalities could not be determined because "multiple armed women and at least one armed child were observed" in video of the events, it said, adding that the majority of the 60 were likely combatants. Central Command said the strikes took place while Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) were under heavy fire and in danger of being overrun and the SDF had reported the area clear of civilians.

The Defense Department's inspector general launched an inquiry into the March 18, 2019, incident, but its report was ultimately "stripped" of any mention of the bombing and a thorough, independent probe never took place, according to the Times.

The newspaper said its report was based on confidential documents and descriptions of classified reports, as well as interviews with personnel directly involved.

An Air Force lawyer present in the operations center at the time believed the strikes were possible war crimes and later alerted the Defense Department's inspector general and the Senate Armed Services Committee when no action was taken, the Times said.

## UK Offers Booster Jabs To Over-40s; Second Dose To 16, 17-Year-Olds

Agence France-Presse

**LONDON:** Britain's booster programme for Covid-19 vaccinations is to be expanded to younger people after scientists gave the green light on Monday.

The UK government's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) said all healthy adults aged 40-49 should be offered a booster, six months after their second dose.

Previously, the booster programme was limited to those aged 50 and over, and the clinically vulnerable. Some 12.6 million Britons have received a third jab.

The JCVI also said that 16 and 17-year-olds should now be offered a second dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech jab.

That age group had previously been offered only one dose in Britain, pending more data on the jab's safety in under-18s.

The expanded age groups covered by the new advice will "help extend our protection into 2022", professor Wei Shen Lim of the JCVI said in a statement.

The UK launched the Western world's first mass vaccination campaign against Covid-19 in December 2020, about a year after the disease emerged in China.

But Britain's government has been



repeatedly criticised for its response to the pandemic more generally.

So far, nearly 143,000 people have died in Britain within 28 days of a positive test for Covid, the second-worst toll in Europe behind Russia.

But senior Conservative politician Oliver Dowden said the public could be confident of a more normal Christmas than last year, when the inoculation drive was still in an early stage.

"There are no plans to stop Christmas happening. The huge difference this time is the vaccine," the co-chairman of Britain's ruling party told Sky News earlier Monday.

"It is in our hands. If you get the booster when the call comes, that is the biggest wall of defence that we have against Covid."

### NEWS MAKERS

## Son Of Former Libyan Dictator Muammar Gaddafi Runs For President

Agencies

Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, one of the sons of the former Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi, has confirmed that he is to run for the presidency of Libya in elections due to start on 24 December.

He registered his nomination in the southern city of Sebha, the High National Electoral Commission has confirmed.

Video showed him signing his papers, spectated with a white beard, and with traditional brown robe reminiscent of his father's clothes. It remains to be seen how much popular support he has in the country, or whether the interest in his candidacy is largely based in western media.

His aides in London have for some time been suggesting that he will stand and insist that anyone who



has read his remarks before his father's death would know that he has different politics from those of his father, who ruled the country until his death at the time of the overthrow of his brutal regime in 2011.

The precise date and format of the presidential and parliamentary elections remains in dispute despite

a meeting of world leaders in Paris on Thursday that called for the elections to go ahead on 24 December.

It is not known if he will be allowed to stand. The High National Electoral Commission has deleted information saying he was seeking the required 5,000 nominations.

His election would also be resisted

by Turkey, which has a large number of troops in the country and is refusing to withdraw them despite European pressure. The Gulf states will back Saif, with some claiming that it would take Saudi pressure on France to see him win European backing.

More than 4 million people have been registered for the elections. It is likely the presidential election would lead to a runoff between the two top-placed candidates.

Saif al-Islam Gaddafi has spent the past decade out of public sight since his capture in 2011 by fighters from the mountain region of Zintan. At the time of the 2011 uprising he was captured at the desert outpost of Ubari before being taken to the mountain town of Zintan, where he was held by his captors while facing trial by video link in Tripoli in 2015 for his role during the uprising. He was sentenced to death, but was released six years later.

## Deputy Commander Of Anti-Terror Karbala Operation Killed In Iraq

Agencies

Iraqi sources say the deputy commander of the anti-terror Karbala Operation has been killed in an ambush in Iraq.

Iraqi media outlets reported that Haider Hamoud al-Husseini was assassinated on Monday while he was heading from his workplace in the town of al-Nukhib in Anbar Province to his home in Dhi Qar Province.

Baghdad Today cited a security source as saying that he was killed by "unknown" gunmen.

Meanwhile, Shafaq News said al-Husseini "died in mysterious circumstances." No further details were immediately available.

The assassination was the second of its kind in the past few days.

On Thursday, Abdul-Zahra Nas-



sir al-Maleki, a member of the Iraqi intelligence apparatus, was killed by unknown gunmen.

The assailants, who were riding a motorcycle, opened fire on al-Maleki's car and fled to an unknown destination.

An Iraqi political alliance on Saturday warned of US plots to assassinate political and military figures in the country and pin the blame on resistance groups, after reports said the drones that recently targeted the Iraqi premier's house took off from the American embassy in Baghdad.

"They know all Iraqi military and political officials; therefore, all of them are in danger," Muhammad al-Baldawi, a member of the Fatah (Conquest) Alliance in the Iraqi parliament, said in an interview with al-Maloumah news agency, adding it is possible that the US military would target them and then accuse Iraqi groups, including the Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) or Hashd al-Sha'abi, of being involved as they did in the botched attempt against the life of Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi.



## 'Those involved in illegal construction in city must be booked'

Agencies

Srinagar:- Srinagar Municipal Corporation Deputy Mayor has raised questions on the SMC Commissioner for the rampant illegal constructions which are going on in the city.

Deputy Mayor Parvez Qadri told Srinagar based news agency, that if police have framed the list of illegal constructions in the city, it should take action and register FIR against all those citizens and officials who are found involved in violation of law.

“At my level, I have been stopping and demolishing illegal constructions in the city since I was elected as deputy mayor. But the new SMC commissioner barred me from taking any action or stopping illegal constructions in Srinagar,” Qadri said.

As per recent reports, Srinagar police have sent a list of 277 buildings to the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), which are being allegedly constructed illegally.

“SMC commissioner seems not interested in stopping the illegal constructions or taking action against the violators. We communicate to the commissioner time by time about the illegal constructions going on in the city, but he does not take action against them,” he added. (KDC)

## Anjuman, Mirwaiz pay tribute to Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA)

KO NEWS DESK

Srinagar: Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar on behalf of its head Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq Monday paid tributes to the renowned saint and scholar of Islam, Hazrat Peeraan-e-Peer Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA) on his urs.

Anjuman in a statement, termed the historic religious, da'wah, preaching and reformative services of Hazrat Mehboob-e-Subhaani (RA) towards Islam as an invaluable and unforgettable asset for the Muslims.

The Anjuman said the effects of the great spiritual revolution Hazrat Peeraan-e-Peer (RA) created through his character, deeds, and his sermons of goodness can still be seen and felt around the Islamic world.

The solution to the many problems face by the Muslims today lies solely in following the teachings of Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA) and our pious predecessors of Islam sincerely in accordance with the instructions of Qur'an and Sunnah, the Anjuman Auqaf said.



A Shikara stand anchored in Dal Lake as Aatish-e-Chinar hued autumn is gradually fading into winter in Kashmir.

# Fire engines deployed in five major hospitals in City

Agencies

Srinagar: The Fire and Emergency Services Department has deployed fire-fighters along with vehicles in Lal Ded, CD and other hospitals as a precautionary measure.

These hospitals have been provided facilities after shortcomings during fire audits in government hospitals endangering the lives of the people.

According to the news agency the Fire and Emergency Services Department has completed fire audits of five major hospitals in Srinagar city including Skims Soura, Super Specialty Hospital Sheerin Bagh, Saddam Hospital Srinagar, Kashmir Nursing Home and other hospitals.

As per the recommendations, Lal Ded Hospital was



directed to take some steps to prevent fire. But after 3 years, the installation of the fire safety system has not been completed. In such a situation, a fire truck and 6 staff members have been deployed at Lal

Deed Hospital. A similar vehicle will be stationed at CD Hospital. As a precaution, the staff will be stationed in hospitals

Similarly, after the Fire and Emergency Department conducted a fire audit at Jawa-

harlal Nehru Memorial Hospital, Rainawari 10 years ago, steps taken to prevent fire were not sufficient.

“No significant fire protection system has been set up at Rainawari Hospital for the last 10 years,” the audit said—(KNO)

“Lal Ded Hospital was directed to take some steps to prevent fire. But after 3 years, the installation of the fire safety system has not been completed. In such a situation, a fire truck and 6 staff members have been deployed at Lal Deed Hospital

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There will be congregational fateh khawani on Thursday morning at 10:30 am 18-11-2022..on their ancestral graveyard Hazratbal.

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# KTM Demands Macadamization Of Parimpora Fruit Mandi

Agencies

Srinagar: The Kashmir Traders and Manufactures (KTM) Monday held a joint protest at transport nagar Parimpora , demanding fulfilment of basic facilities for the business hub of Srinagar ,which has been neglected for years.

Talking to news agency, Chief spokesperson of KTM and President of traders federation Parimpora Hilal Ahmed Mandoo said that the fruit mandi which falls in this area is considered the largest mandi in Asia but on other hand is in dilapidated condition for the last 10 years.

“We have approached every concerned authority from DC to LG, but to no avail,” Mandoo said.

“The particular area that includes transport nagar ,vinar factories , general bus stand comprise almost 1000 shops of the trade community , but unfortunately this area is invisible to the government,” he said.

“We requested LG administration last time, even the Divisional Commissioner visited this area. It is also in the notice of Dc Srinagar Ajaz Asad. We have even contacted Municipal Commissioner Ather Amir , but unfortunately we are being ignored,” Mandoo said.

“We are not demanding stars from

the sky, we only demand basic facilities which are our right like roads, electricity and water. We have to use long shoes even in summer. Why are we being ignored, aren't we paying taxes. This road has become like a Dal lake,” he said.

“If administration is not going to take steps for our demands we have to choose other ways from our demands. We are traders, we don't believe in violence, we are citizens of India, we are tax paying citizens, why are being ignored. We request administration to fulfil our demand at earliest so that we can continue our business without hindrances,” he said—(KNO)

# Locals Protest Against ‘Mess’ At Health Centre Mehjoor Nagar

Agencies

Srinagar: Locals in Mehjoor Nagar area of Srinagar city Monday held a protest against the ‘mess’ and ‘mis-management’ at Urban Health Centre.

The lone staff member at the Centre was ironically transferred after his bosses came to know that he was too candid and informed the media about the mess prevailing at the Centre.

Local protesters told the news agency that Urban Primary Health Centre exists by name only in such a vast area like Mehjoor Nagar area of Srinagar city. They said even a paracetamol tablet is not available in the centre. They alleged that Zonal Medical Officer Batamaloo has

created a ‘mess’ in the Centre and has not been paying any attention towards it citing Covid-19 engagements as reason.

“We have to purchase everything from outside as nothing is available at the Dispensary. This Dispensary was set up to take care of emergency cases, but we have to visit SMHS Hospital for everything,” said a local.

At least six employees were posted at the Dispensary but after the outbreak of Covid-19 only one employee managed the said Dispensary.

The locals appealed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Commissioner Secretary Health to look into the matter and take action against the officials for not listening

to the people.

When asked about the non-availability of the medicine and staff in the Dispensary, the employee said that there is some problem in the System and a need to do something concrete to mitigate the sufferings of the people. The employee admitted that medicine is not available at the Dispensary.

Dr Sameena-ZMO Batamaloo said that medicines may be available at the Dispensary. She advised to talk to Chief Medical Officer Srinagar. When asked why the said employee was transferred shortly after he talked to the media about the non-availability of the medicine, she said she doesn't know anything about it.KNT

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## This Day In History

- 1922 - Turkish kalief/sultan Mehmed VI asks British army for help.
- 1943 - World War II: American bombers strike a hydro-electric power facility and heavy water factory in German-controlled Vemork, Norway.
- 1945 - Founding of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).
- 1950 - Egyptian King Faruk demands departure of all British troops.
- 1962 - Kuwait adopts constitution (1st, Islamic).
- 1965 - Venera 3 launched, 1st to land on another planet (crashes into Venus).
- 1973 - Skylab 4 launched into Earth orbit.
- 1982 - 5th space shuttle mission: Columbia lands at Edwards Air Force Base after 5 days in space.
- 1982 - Space Shuttle Columbia completes its 1st operational flight.
- 1984 - 14th Shuttle Mission (51A) -Discovery 2- lands at Kennedy Center.
- 1988 - Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto's PPP wins 1st free Pakistani elections in 11 years.
- 1989 - UNESCO adopts the Seville Statement on Violence at the twenty-fifth session of its General Conference.
- 1993 - Russian President Yeltsin shuts Lenin museum.
- 2000 - Bill Clinton becomes the first U.S. President to visit Vietnam since the end of the Vietnam War.
- 2002 - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein says that he had to accept UN Resolution 1441 because the United States and Israel had shown their "claws and teeth" and declared unilateral war on the Iraqi people.

*From KO Archives*

## Shahi Imaam coming on peace mission

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Shahi Imaam of Delhi's Jamia Masjid, Syed Ah-mad Bukhari,who is expected here next Monday, has talked to the Hizb supreme commander, Syed Salah-ud-Din over the telephone and apprised the latter of his intention to make an appeal to mili-tants, India and Pakistan to cease fire so that the month of Rama-dhan may pass in peace. The Shahi has said that bloodletting in Kashmir will never end. till governments of India and Pakistan sit with representatives of the Kashmiri people to work out a solution.

Hizb spokesman in Muzaffarabad, Saleem Hashmi, told KPS on telephone that the Shahi Imaam had called-up Salah-ud-Din a few days ago and informed him of the objectives of his forthcoming visit to Kashmir, and the intended cease-fire appeal.

"Salah-ud-Din reminded the Shahi Imaam that the Hizb had placed its credibility and reputation at stake by announcing a uni-lateral ceasefire on July 24 to facilitate a meaningful dialogue, but India, by its traditional obduracy and dilatory tactics had-squan-dered the opportunity".

It is India that will have to announce the cease-fire now and agree to trilateral talks, only then can militants consider this offer", Salah-ud-Din, according to the spokesman, told the Shahi Imaam.

"The Hizb's understanding of peace is that India should call back its forces from Kashmir,allow Kashmiris to decide their own fate", Salah-ud-Din told Syed Abdullah Bukhari and emphasised that Hizb would not allow a betrayal of tre-mendous sacrifices for a 'nominal peace'. Confirming that he had talked with Syed Salah-ud-Din over telephone, the Shahi Imaam told a local news agency NAFA of his concern at the security forces excesses on the civilian population. The Imaam disclosed that he had talked to Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani and was shocked to learn of the destruction in Wathura. He said that he would visit the stricken area during his visit to the Valley. He said that India and Pakistan should develop a conducive atmosphere for tripartite talks. In reply to a question he denied that his visit to Kashmir implied that he wanted to play a role in resolving the Kashmir issue.

During his stay here Imam Bukhari will meet cross section of people barring the National Conference leadership because he be-lieves the NC government is not a people's government.

In a recent radio interview Bukhari had said that the NC was in power on a mere 5 per cent vote ignoring the 95 per cent of the elec-torate which did not exercise its franchise. He had said he would start his tour on the 20th of this month with fateha khwani at the mazaar-e-shuhada in Eidgah. Shahi Imaam will confer with various political leaders on the Kashmir issue and will hold a press conference at the end of his visit. He does not plan to address rallies, but will interact with the public.

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Elections In UP

The Assembly elections due in five states early next year is charging up the political climate in the country. The home minister Amit Shah on November 12 kicked off his party's preparations for the crucial Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh from Lucknow by addressing organisational functionaries from across the state. Shah reportedly told the gathering that the results of the 2022 UP elections would be crucial for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections saying that the route to victory in Delhi passes through Uttar Pradesh. In 2017, the BJP and its allies had won 325 Assembly seats. Shah asked the state party unit to work towards an even bigger victory. He said that the SP, the BSP and the Congress together can't defeat the BJP.

Congress, on the other hand, has decided to go solo in Uttar Pradesh and contest all 403 Assembly constituencies. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Sunday ruled out any chances of a pre-poll alliance with political parties. This is a big decision considering that the Congress has been doing well in Uttar Pradesh for three decades now. The Congress has also announced that 40 percent of the party's tickets will be reserved for women this time. According to Priyanka, the "politics of hate" can be changed by more women joining politics. Whether this would make any difference only the election outcome will tell.

But for now it appears that it would be difficult to completely dislodge the BJP. An ABP-CVoter poll shows that the BJP will return to power in the UP but not without the party losing over 100 seats it won in the last state elections. In Punjab, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Congress (INC) are locked in a neck-and-neck fight, but without either hitting the majority mark. Goa, on the other hand, is set to go the BJP's way.

However, it would be the UP election that would be the centre of political attention. Its outcome, as the home minister said, largely decides who rules in New Delhi. BJP thus would leave no stone unturned that it gets back to power in the state even if it loses a small chunk of seats. For Congress, it would be equally important to put up some decent showing to stay in the reckoning for 2024 national polls. The UP polls would also be a litmus test for caste-based parties like the SP and the BSP. The rise of Hindutva has swallowed most of their vote-bank. It will be interesting to see how these parties fare this time around.

O T H E R O P I N O N

On India-Afghanistan Bilateral Relations

By holding the Third Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan, chaired by NSA Ajit Doval this week, New Delhi has sent out three strong messages: one, that it wishes to remain an important and engaged player in the future of Afghanistan; second, that with the exit of U.S.-NATO troops, the ideal solution to the situation is through consensus in Afghanistan's extended neighbourhood including Russia; and third, that the Afghan humanitarian crisis should be the region's immediate priority and political differences can be set aside to help. It is the last message that spurred New Delhi to invite the NSAs from China and Pakistan, despite the LAC standoff and deep differences with the Imran Khan government over Kashmir and cross-border terrorism. By declining the invitation, Beijing and Islamabad have made it clear that they do not intend to assist India in its Afghan engagement, further demonstrated by the Khan government's churlishness in refusing India road access to send wheat and medicines to Kabul. To that end, the Delhi Declaration issued by the eight participating nations, including Iran and Russia, is a milestone in keeping India inside the discussion on Afghanistan. The declaration goes farther than the previous such regional discussion of SCO countries in Dushanbe in September, in its strong language on terrorism, terror financing and radicalisation. It also expands on the need for an inclusive government in Kabul that will replace the Interim Taliban regime, and promotes a national reconciliation process.

While the consensus over the Delhi Declaration is a creditable feat, it does not paper over all the differences between India and the other countries over their far stronger engagement with Kabul. For instance, Turkmenistan sent a Ministerial delegation to discuss connectivity with the Taliban, while Uzbekistan accorded the visiting Taliban Deputy PM full protocol and discussed trade, transit and the construction of a railway line. Russia and Iran still maintain their embassies in Kabul, and a "Troika-plus" U.S.-China-Russia-Pakistan engagement is taking place with the Taliban Foreign Minister, in Islamabad this week. With the "normalisation" of ties with the Taliban regime growing, New Delhi must now consider how far it wishes to go in its engagement with Afghanistan. On the one hand, India has publicly held talks with Taliban officials twice and expressed solidarity with Afghans, but on the other has refused practically all visa seekers, made no monetary contribution to the humanitarian crisis there, and has made no bid to continue with plans for trade and connectivity with Afghanistan. India's desire to lead the discussion on Afghanistan's destiny, as demonstrated by the NSA dialogue, is a worthy goal for a regional leader, but can only be fulfilled once the Government defines more clearly what it wants its Afghan role to be, despite all its differences with the regime now in power.

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ON  
COP26

Watching Glasgow  
From Kashmir

UN Chief's Stark Message To World Community



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

“We are digging our own graves”, UN Chief António Guterres cautioned the world in Glasgow at the COP26 summit recently. He forewarned world leaders about humanity's continuous addiction to fossil fuels which threatens to push life and the planet to the brink through continuous global warming.

The UN Secretary General took to the podium with a very blunt opening remark: “The six years since the Paris climate agreement have been the six hottest years on record. Our addiction to fossil fuels is pushing humanity to the brink.”

Guterres reminded us that sea-level rise is double the rate it was 30 years ago, that oceans are hotter than ever, and parts of the Amazon rainforest now emit more carbon than they absorb.

The situation is disturbing in the Himalayan region as well because glaciers are receding and plastic waste continues to be dumped unscientifically in forests and water bodies. This was also viewed seriously at the COP26 summit. In-fact ,this has been going on for a while now, especially the unscientific waste management and deforestation happening in Kashmir under the garb of development.

ment agendas and poverty eradication. In the end, countries agreed to “phase down” rather than “phase out” coal, amid expressions of disappointment by some. COP26 President Alok Sharma said he was “deeply sorry” for

AT A TIME WHEN emphasis is put on conservation of forests and strengthening the land use policy, the decisions taken by amending or repealing Jammu & Kashmir's land laws violates the Indian's National Land Use Policy 2013. Transferring 24000 kanals (3000 acres) of forest or agricultural land for industrial growth violates sustainable development goals/SDGs (SDG-13)

how events had unfolded.

Who is Alok Sharma ?

Alok Sharma was hardly a household name in Britain, let alone the rest of the world, when appointed to lead the UN climate talks in Glasgow. Born in 1967 at Agra Uttar Pradesh , Alok Sharma is a British politician who served as President for COP 26. He moved to London with his father when he was only 5. Sharma is also the Minister of State in the British Cabinet office. He has been an MP from Conservative party representing the Reading West constituency since 2010. In PM Theresa's May's Govt Sharma was the Minister of State for Housing from 2017 to 2018 and then Minister of State for Employment from 2018 to 2019. In 2020 he was appointed to the Cabinet, by PM Boris Jhonson as Secretary of State for International Development. He was promoted to Secretary of State for Business , Energy , and Industrial Strategy in the 2020 cabinet reshuffle. Alok Sharma's father Prem Sharma was also into politics who was involved in Conservative politics in Reading and became chairman of the Berkshire area of Conservatives.

India and COP 26 summit

At the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow earlier this month, Prime Minister Modi said India will achieve net-zero emissions by 2070. This was one of the five major commitments or paanch amrit he made on behalf of India, to mitigate climate change. The rest commitments are as under:

- India will bring its non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW by 2030
- India will bring its economy's carbon intensity down to 45 per cent by 2030
- India will fulfil 50 per cent of its energy requirement through re-

- newable energy by 2030
- India will reduce 1 billion tonnes of carbon emissions from the total projected emissions by 2030

By not signing a treaty on stopping use of the coal, halting and reversing forest loss and land degradation by 2030 the climate activists and environmentalists in India have been disappointed a lot which put a question mark on the Modi Govt's climate change policies.

What Nations can do ?

United Nations has set several targets to counter climate change which includes strengthening resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters. Every country in the world needs to integrate measures into national policies, strategies and planning. They need to improve education and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning. The Himalayan nations like India , Pakistan, Bhutan or Nepal need to implement the commitments made under the UN convention on climate change (UNCC). The developed countries need to ensure mobilizing funds from all sources to address the needs of developing countries in

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT SUSTAINABLE production and consumption be ensured and to support small farmers Indigenous People and local communities, who depend on forests for their livelihoods and have a key role in their stewardship. This has in-fact already been recognized by Govt of India under the Forest Rights Act (FRA 2006 ) but unfortunately the FRA is still not being implemented in letter and spirit in India

the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation and fully operationalize the Green Climate Fund (GCF)through its capitalization as soon as possible. The developed or even the developing countries need to promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing states, including focusing on women, youth and marginalized communities.

Declaration on forests & land use

During the COP 26 summit an ambitious declaration was initiated by the United Kingdom to halt deforestation and land degradation by 2030. This is being referred to as the Glasgow Leaders Declaration on Forests and Land Use. India did not sign this, as it objected to trade being interlinked to climate change and forest issues in the agreement. The declaration recognises that to meet our land use, climate, bio-

diversity and sustainable development goals, both globally and nationally, will require transformative further action in the interconnected-areas. It was resolved that sustainable production and consumption be ensured and to support small farmers Indigenous People and local communities, who depend on forests for their livelihoods and have a key role in their stewardship.

This has in-fact already been recognized by Govt of India under the Forest Rights Act (FRA 2006 ) but unfortunately the FRA is still not being implemented in letter and spirit in India, as less than 10 % of tribals and other traditional forest dwellers have benefited from this legislation in the last 15 years across Indian states. The law was extended to J&K post article 370 abrogation and it seems to be an ardent task to see its implementation in this Himalayan region of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Glasgow declaration on forests and land use helps to achieve a balance between anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to climate change, and to maintain other ecosystem services. The declaration was signed by 141 nations including the UK, US, Russia and China. These nations have committed 12 billion US dollars in public funds from 2021-25.

Major Highlights of the Declaration:

Conservation: Conserve forests and other terrestrial ecosystems and accelerate their restoration.

Sustainable Development: Facilitate trade and development policies, internationally and domestically, that promote sustainable development and sustainable commodity production and consumption.

Building Resilience: Reduce vulnerability, build resilience and enhance rural livelihoods, including through empowering local communities.

Recognising Indigenous Rights: The development of profitable, sustainable agriculture, and recognition of the multiple values of forests, while recognising the rights of Indigenous. India, Argentina, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and South Africa are the only 5 20 nations that did not sign the declaration.

Conclusion

Finally, a new global climate deal has been signed at the COP26 climate summit. But at the conclusion of the summit, President of the conference

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## High Blood Pressure In Winters

Through this newspaper I wish to alert people that winters trigger high BP. The temperature drop affects blood pressure directly and leads to high

blood pressure. Kashmir has witnessed a spike in heart related accidents and diseases especially in the young. Therefore, it is important to stay alert. High BP is often silent and may not translate

into clear symptoms. Therefore, it is advisable for all to keep managing and monitoring their essentials. Winters are very unwelcoming and harsh in Kashmir. We must also ensure that we keep

warm and safe. Additionally, we must stay engaged in community efforts to make resources available to those who need them. Our doctors must also raise awareness about the issue of

high BP and tutor the general populace about how to monitor these. Local PHCs must also stay alert and raise awareness in respective areas.

Suhail Sami

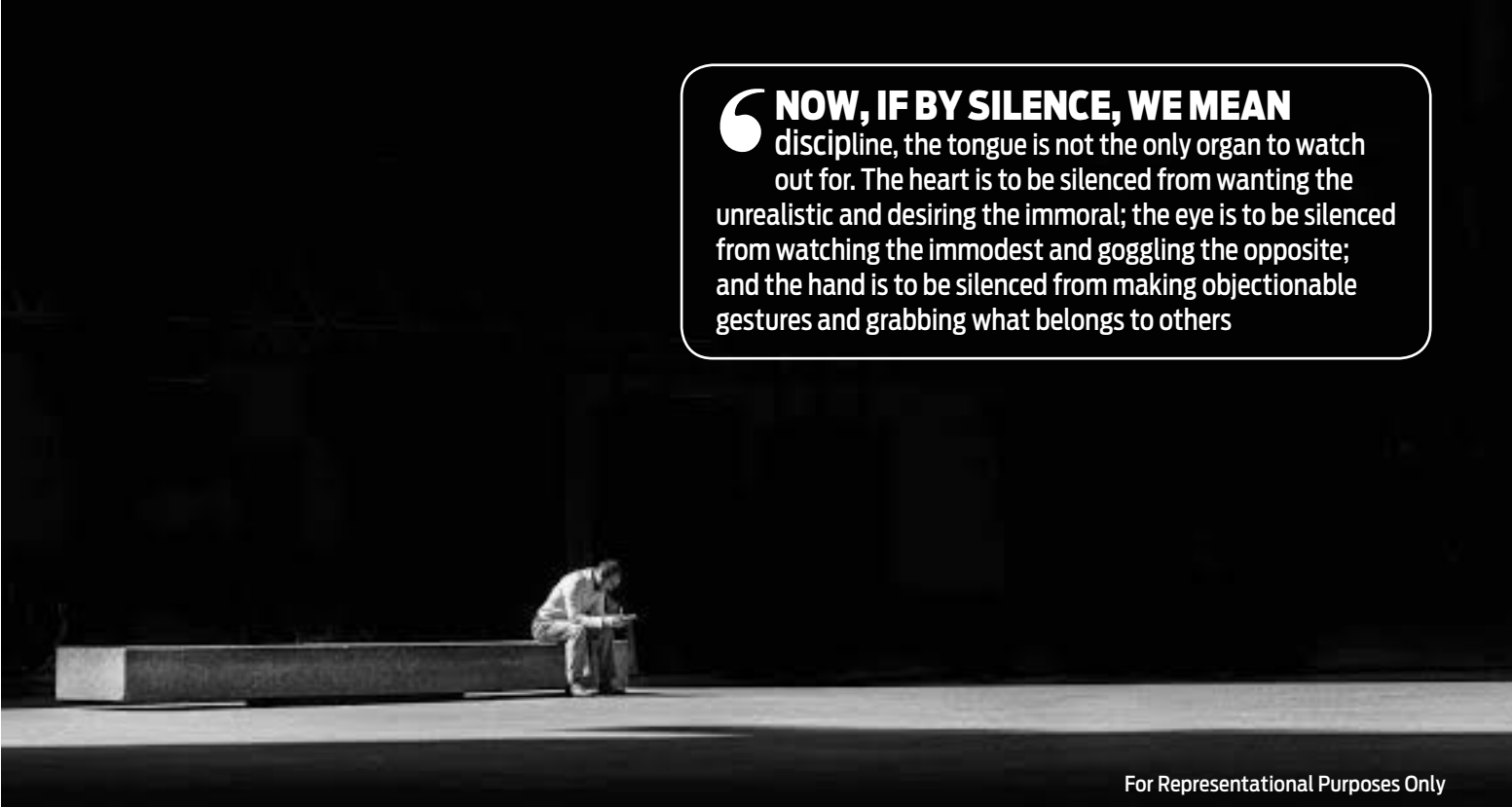


# In Praise Of Silence

Firdous Ahmad Mala and Rouf Ali

## HAVING PRAISED

silence, one should not and must not take it to mean that one must always be a mute spectator and not be well-versed with the judicious and artful use of the gift of gab. One may, on a jocular note argue that silence is sometimes a thing that is detested the most for a newborn's silence and the silence of a loved one can be signs of danger and that of frustration. The reader, however, needs to understand that silence is more often a virtue than a vice



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“NOW, IF BY SILENCE, WE MEAN discipline, the tongue is not the only organ to watch out for. The heart is to be silenced from wanting the unrealistic and desiring the immoral; the eye is to be silenced from watching the immodest and goggling the opposite; and the hand is to be silenced from making objectionable gestures and grabbing what belongs to others

Expressing oneself is both an art and a skill. Not all are versed and acquainted with it. Being good at rhetoric and eloquence can make success and popularity come to fruition. However, when nuances of words become nuisances, it is better to sing songs with no lyrics. And one must remember that silence is better than a misuse of the tongue. A lot of wise people have broken their silence in praise of silence. In the words of Will Rogers, “Never miss a good chance to shut up.” One must acknowledge the fact that though it seems counterintuitive, yet silence is sometimes louder and more powerful than speech. This is more suitably the stance to take when one knows not what words to substitute for silence. In the absence of a good and well-knit speech, silence could be a more befitting choice. In the words of Ansel Adams, “When words become unclear, I shall focus with photographs. When images become inadequate, I shall be content with silence.” Strangely enough, the tongues

seem to be outnumbering the ears. All tongues seem to be wagging like anything. Most ears appear to have been deafened. And all but a few ears seem to have been lent to the tongues. The art of listening ought to be mastered naturally and this skill must be harnessed before one masters the skill of speaking. Misunderstanding is often a result of hasty judgements, unverified reporting and irresponsible misuse of the tongue. Delaying judgements, scrutinizing reports and responsibly choosing one's words is the need of every hour. Silence is a panacea to a plethora of behavioral ailments. To Francis Bacon, “Silence is the sleep that nourishes wisdom.” To Thomas Carlyle, “Speech is silver, silence is golden.” And to Lau Tzu, “Silence is a source of great strength.” It seems difficult to overstate the importance of silence in a restless and maddening world. Now, if by silence, we mean discipline, the tongue is not the only organ to watch out for. The heart is to be silenced from wanting the unrealistic and desiring the immoral; the eye is to be silenced from watch-

ing the immodest and goggling the opposite; and the hand is to be silenced from making objectionable gestures and grabbing what belongs to others. It is pertinent to mention that the tongue is a reflection of the brain and the heart. A thought or an emotion can affect one's choice of words. An uneducated and corrupt heart can lead to a spoiled tongue and a selfish idea can lead to a sabotage of peace. A spoiled tongue spits more venom than saliva. It has the potential to wreak every kind of havoc. One must remember that a spark neglected could burn the house. Having praised silence, one should not and must not take it to mean that one must always be a mute spectator and not be well-versed with the judicious and artful use of the gift of gab. One may, on a jocular note argue that silence is sometimes a thing that is detested the most for a newborn's silence and the silence of a loved one can be signs of danger and that of frustration. The reader, however, needs to understand that silence is more often a virtue than a vice. Rumi is said to have said, “The qui-

eter you become the more you are able to hear.” As a middle path, silence and speech ought to be used complementary to each other. An intelligent role-play of silence and speech is precisely what the doctor prescribes. The Greek polymath, Pythagoras is reported to have said, “A fool is known by his speech; and a wise man by silence.” Let silence be the default, especially when your words are no likely to be better. Let words be the choice when they are likely to result in more good than harm. Regarding the need to exercise silence, Federico Fellini said, “If there were a little more silence, if we all kept quiet, maybe we could understand something.” In the words of Charles Colton, “When you have nothing to say, say nothing.” And as per Epictetus, “Keep silence for the most part, and speak only when you must, and then briefly.” The authors are Assistant Professor Govt. Degree College Sopore and Sr. Assistant professor Govt. Degree College Sopore respectively

## OBITUARY

### Remembering Bhaijaan — The Victim Of Delayed Diagnosis

Last Year, Amid Covid-19 Fret, Many People Lost Their Lives Due To Delayed Diagnosis. Among Them Was My Uncle.

By Raja Muzaffar Bhat

BHAIJAAN WAS SUFFERING FROM intestinal ailment which was not diagnosed well on time, as no tests could be done due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the health centres had become the Covid-designated facilities and due to the fear of coronavirus, doctors were reluctant to see patients for several months. In the face of this, the family was unaware of his disease

At a time when Kashmir is apparently bracing itself for the possible third viral wave, the scars of the first and second wave are yet to heal for those who lost their loved ones in pandemic. What terrified this feeling was the widespread fear of COVID-19 that disrupted the ideal way of mourning in Kashmir and thus made the curt farewells even more traumatic experiences in the valley. The pain of separation becomes further distressing when one realizes how the brutal bug ended up taking lives by denying them the timely treatment. One such Covid casualty was my beloved Bhaijaan, Manzoor Ahmad Wani. Bhaijaan was a hale and hearty person before he was rendered a pale and haggard bedridden patient awaiting his end. His wit was his weapon and he used it to the hilt to spread smiles and bring laughter in the lives of people around him. Even during pandemic when the indoor life became a disquieting routine, he was trying hard to boost the morale of his family and friends. But while making others laugh, he never knew that he would be soon craving for some light moments in his life. Bhaijaan was suffering from intestinal ailment which was not diagnosed well on time, as no tests could be done due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the health centres had become the Covid-designated facilities and due to the fear of coronavirus, doctors were reluctant to see patients for several months. In the face of this, the family was un-



aware of his disease. Finally, when the disease was diagnosed by October 2020, it had done a lot of damage already. After that the man forgot to spread smiles and withered like a flower in the fall of his life. On November 15, 2020, Bhaijaan, a resident of Shalimar Srinagar, left for the heavenly abode. He's survived

by his widow Aasima Manzoor, son Hamza, daughters Khatija and Kulsoom. He was 57. Bhaijaan was a businessman by profession and would always be remembered for his social works and easygoing nature. While one can measure time, but cannot measure loss, his family is marking his absence by upholding

his memory. And that remembrance is a powerful thing which makes the human connection with the fallen even stronger. Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat is an Acumen Fellow. He had done PG Diploma in Climate Action from Anant National University Ahmedabad



## PDP Demands Blacklisting Of Datar Security Services

Deduction Of Salaries By The Private Security Firm Led To Protest By Guards Deployed At JK Banks

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The PDP on Monday demanded the blacklisting of private security firm Datar Security Services, which has been contracted by the Jammu and Kashmir Bank, for unfair treatment of its employees.

PDP leader and Coordinator for Central Kashmir Shah Nawaz Mir said that he would go for hunger strike if security guards are not given salary as per the Minimum Wages Act. He also demanded blacklisting of the Datar Security Services company.

The security company manages security at various branches and ATM kiosks of the J&K Bank.

Earlier, Kashmir Observer explained in detail the nature of violation of the Minimum Wages Act by the private firm.

In violation of the law, the guards' salaries have been cut down to a paltry sum of Rupees 5,500 per month.

Classified as highly-skilled and skilled workers, armed and unarmed guards employed by the private firm were agast when the company's management informed them of salary cuts.

In protest, dozens of guards affiliated with the private company recently held a protest demonstration in Srinagar. Similar protests by bank guards was held in the Jammu city as well.

## 13 Percent Of Sanctioned Additional Classrooms In J&K Yet To Be Built: GoI

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The Government of India (GoI) has said that construction in more than thirteen percent of additional classrooms that were approved till March 3, 2021 was yet to be taken up by the School Education Department.

The official documents accessed by a local news agency reveals that at least 13.57 percent of additional classrooms were yet to be taken up by the department.

"In Jammu and Kashmir, approval for construction of at least 24,874 additional classrooms was given by the GoI till March-03-2021 wherein construction of 3377 was yet to be taken by the School Education Department; besides, construction of 1899 additional classrooms was also under-construction," it reads.

It further states that the construction for 19,598 additional constructions was completed.

Likewise, the documents

state that a total of 10,654 primary schools were sanctioned for Jammu and Kashmir till March-03-2021 out of which only 9411 were completed.

"Among the total primary schools sanctioned, construction was yet to start for 1087 schools while 156 were still under construction," it reads.

Earlier, the pending construction of hundreds of elementary level institutions that were approved in 2015 upto the 8th standard.

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL), GoI in an annual meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) with the Ministry of Education (MoE) had said that construction in more than ten percent of primary and upper primary schools was yet to be taken up by the Jammu and Kashmir government.

The GoI has asked the Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department to surrender all the school buildings which await execution over the past seven years.

## JK EDI Gets Full Time Director

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** After more than five months, the Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Monday finally got a full-fledged director.

As per the government order, two Jammu and Kashmir administrative officers (JKAS) were transferred on Monday with Anil Koul appointed as a new director of JKEDI.

"Anil Koul, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute, J&K, relieving Mehmood Ahmad Shah, JKAS, Director, Industries and Commerce, Kashmir of the additional charge of the post. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Executive Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute, J&K, till further orders," reads the order, a copy of which lies with the news agency—

Kashmir News Observer (KNO). "Mohammad Mumtaz Ali, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Director, Rural Development, Jammu, relieving Rakesh Kumar Srangal, JKAS, Director, Panchayati Raj, J&K of the additional charge of the post," the order said.

After the retirement of G M Dar as director EDI, Surat Singh was given additional charge of Executive Director, however, with no DDO powers the em-ployees besides the unemployed youth whose files were lying on the table of Director.

Later in October this year Mehmood Ahmad Shah was given the additional charge of director EDI after which salaries of the employees were released while a few files of the unemployed youth were also signed.

However, after around 165 days, EDI has got a full-fledged director.

## J&K Admin Confined In Offices, Inertia Compounding Farmers' Problems: Mehbooba

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**JAMMU:** PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday lambasted the "callous attitude" of the administration towards farmers who have suffered massive losses due to recent adverse weather conditions.

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"It seems that the administration, instead of assessing the damage on ground, has fixed the compensation sitting behind the four walls of their offices," Mufti told reporters.

She addressed a series of party interaction programmes in the border belt of R S Pura and Bishnah on the outskirts of the Jammu city.

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ment has assured peanuts to the farmers of R S Pura, Bishnah, Samba and other plains of Jammu as compensation, where farmers have suffered extensive damage to their standing crops, the PDP leader, who is currently on a five-day tour of Jammu," said Mufti.

She said "the sudden change in weather has damaged the crop of farmers and brought them to the verge of starvation, but government, I am told, has fixed Rs 600 compensation per kanal, which is disgraceful and disdainful for this hard working class of society."

Taking a dig at the BJP-led

central government, Mufti said, "The party ruling the country has adopted a hostile attitude towards the farmers across the country and it seems Jammu and Kashmir is no different."

"While they claim to provide free ration to 80 crore population of the country, they seem to miss the point that the one producing this food is the farmer of this country who has been at the receiving end of the anti-farmer policies of this government," she said, referring to the ongoing protest by the farmers against the contentious agriculture laws of the Centre.

Recalling how former chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed had deep affection for the people living in the border areas, she said they are the worst hit due to the hostility between India and Pakistan.

"While friendly relations between the two countries are paramount for sustainable peace and development of the whole subcontinent, our people living along the border areas deserve the incentives of such peace the most, Mufti added.

## Uninterrupted Electricity Supply If Used Judiciously: PDD Shifts Onus On Public

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** As the winter has set in, the demand for electricity has gone up in the Kashmir Valley and even as Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited (KPDC), formerly known as the PDD, said that they will work vigorously against power thefts in the Valley.

Chief Engineer, PDCL Aijaz Ahmad Dar told a local news agency that the major hurdle in smooth supply of electricity during the winter months is power theft and overloading by the consumers.

He said that this winter, the PDD will work vigorously against all those who are involved in power thefts. "At many places there have been complaints of unauthorized use of electricity by some people and whosoever will be found indulged will be dealt strictly as per the law," said Dar.

The chief engineer added that the demand for electricity is increasing with each passing day as harsh winters are approaching and apparently due to cold temperature there is an increase in the use of electronic gadgets particularly heating devices. "If the people will use electricity in a proper manner then definitely PDD can provide unrestricted power supply in winters also," he said.

Dar also said that the people should refrain from over-usage of electricity which leads to unscheduled power cuts in their areas. "The electricity schedule of every area could be managed properly during harsh winters if people will cooperate with the PDD. During inspection PDD have found many households carrying out power theft and bringing two to three

power connections from different transformers," he said.

He said that they would request people not to indulge in power thefts as this creates hurdle in the efficient working of PDD department.



Dar said that he wants to convey a message through this platform to all the consumers that in the first week of November 2200 MW electricity was supplied with no unscheduled cuts.

"If we talk about this week a total of 2500 MW electricity is being supplied. PDD has always appealed to the consumers to utilise electricity in a proper way. The loads should be in a limited manner so that in the month of November the electricity demand could remain sustained," he said.

He said the PDD had earlier issued a electricity programme and till today they have been successful in keeping that schedule intact.

"However, unscheduled power cuts are only being done to those areas where there is any complaint of overloading by consumers. In various areas more consumption of electricity has been recorded than the actual electricity capacity of power feeders," he added.

Dar said their enforcement against power thieves is a continuous drive and whenever a complaint regarding power theft will come to their notice they will definitely work along with administration and take action in this regard.

"Till now PDD on its own has been inspecting the overloading but if the people won't refrain from overloading, they would be working along with administration to take serious action against these issues," he said.

He also appealed to the consumers to use power supply judiciously and avoid usage of unnecessary electric gadgets.

Dar said that if somebody is indulged in overusage and power theft then people should report this matter to PDD Customer Care which is 24\*7 helpline number.

"People can also register their complaints to concerned executive engineers and if required people can directly report their complaints to me," he said.

## 67% Covid Deaths Were Unvaccinated

Fully Vaccinated Form Only 11% Of Death Toll In Three Months

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** Around 67 percent deaths reported in Kashmir valley in the last three months were those of unvaccinated persons while around 11 percent deaths reported were fully vaccinated with two shots.

A top health official told a local news agency that since last three months around 67 percent deaths reported were unvaccinated, around 22 percent partially vaccinated and around 11 percent fully vaccinated.

He said that since 27 August, among the deaths that were reported in Kashmir division 18 were unvaccinated, six were partially vaccinated and three were fully vaccinated.

He said that cases reported in the same period include 42 percent unvaccinated, 35 percent fully vaccinated and the rest partially vaccinated.

"Though 42 percent and 35 percent is a comparable figure, mortality has a huge difference as around 67 percent deaths were unvaccinated and just 11 were fully vaccinated," an official said.

On how fully vaccinated people are dying, officials said that fully vaccinated people remain complacent and don't report to the hospital on time after catching the virus.

"It is a mask and other Covid appropriate behaviours which can stop transmission of the virus and not the vaccination. Vaccination decreases severity but people shouldn't remain complacent and should report to the hospital once they have symptoms of Covid-19," he said.

He added that despite the surge in Covid-19 cases in the last few weeks, the hospitality rate hasn't increased so much as was witnessed in the initial stage of the second wave.

## 740 Lives Lost To Traffic Accidents In J&K Last Year

More Than 1200 Died Of Accidental Deaths: NCRB Data

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** During the year 2020, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed over 1,200 deaths due to accidents while the Ladakh Union Territory (UT) recorded more than a hundred such cases, reveals the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) record.

According to the official figures of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), in the year 2020 J&K and Ladakh has recorded 1203 accidental deaths with 1018 males and 185 females. In Ladakh among 102 accidental deaths, there are 89 males and 13 females.

As per data provided by states and UTs in the report, the National Average rate of accidental deaths is

27.7, where J&K stands at 09 and Ladakh at 34 as the rate of sad deaths.

"J&K has seen 48 and Ladakh 09 deaths caused due to the forces of nature during 2020 while due to some other reasons, J&K has recorded 1155 deaths followed by the Ladakh region with 93 deaths," reveals the data.

According to the figures of NCRB, due to different traffic accidents, J&K has recorded 740 deaths and 61 deaths due to poisonings, followed by 55 deaths due to falling whereas 53 deaths due to drowning in the year 2020. "J&K has also recorded 21 deaths due to electrocution and 34 sudden deaths, in which 33 have heart attack as major cause. Also, there have been 17 deaths due to fire accidents," reads the data.

## Admin Launches 10-Point Campaign To Effectively Implement Welfare Schemes

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday unveiled a ten point campaign aimed at ensuring effective implementation of flagship and other government schemes at the grassroots level, officials said.

The various district administrations of J&K will launch a public outreach campaign to raise awareness and highlight the schemes being implemented to empower the common man, officials added.

According to officials, the objective of the campaign is "to achieve quantifiable results within specific timelines, in an effort to touch the lives of ordinary citizens at grassroots level."

They added: "The overarching campaign shall include targeted delivery of health insurance among the rural population, quantifiable panchayat-wise self employment, installation of functional household tap water connection to eight lac houses, besides mass public programmes to facilitate Jan Bhagidhari (public participation) by making government processes more transparent, easily accessible."

The administration identified its focus points in ten separate campaign mottos:

"Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani" intended at ensuring landholders are able to access their land records; "Yogyata Se Rojgar Mahotsav" to celebrate merit and felicitate newly appointed Class-IV persons at the Panchayat level to motivate youths; "Janta Ki Scheme-Janta Ki Bhagidari" focused on improving access online details of all ongoing works in an area/village; "One Person One Golden Cards" aimed at distribution of 58 lakh "Golden cards" at Panchayat level within two months; "Har Ghar Nal Se Jal" with the goal of providing eight lakh houses with tap water supply within one month; "Berojgar Se Swa-Rojgar" campaign to identify and provide self employment to at least 5 persons in every panchayat and overall two lakh in the entire J&K; "Har Kam Ki Shuruat" campaign to ensure 100% tender allotment is done within a month with respect to identified works in District Plans; "Har Gaon Swachh Gaon" aimed at enhancing implementation of Village Action Plans for waste management as well as door to door waste collection across the region; "Har Gaon Hariyali" as a motto for a green J&K eyeing one crore plantation across all panchayats; and "Har Ghar Dastak" campaign ensure 100 percent vaccination.

## DSEJ Initiative Aims To Improve Mental Health In Teens

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** The Directorate of School Education Jammu, in collaboration with UNICEF and Nalanda Way Foundation is launching an innovative programme "Take It Easy" for addressing the mental health and well-being needs of adolescents, officials said.

The programme, said officials, aims to build the socio-emotional skills of adolescent boys and girls (aged 13-17 years). It uses an innovative storytelling methodology, where two characters discuss and resolve issues of adolescents in a fun and engaging story.

The "Take It Easy" project is designed as a 30-day project beginning on November 22, 2021, one story every day. Students of grades 8 and above can give a missed call to a number 9266617888. An automated call is placed back to their mobile phones and the story of the day is played. Each story is nearly 5 minutes long. The stories and art activities suggested at the end of every episode help students express their fears, emotions, motivates and support them in learning new positive habits. Students can send their feedback via WhatsApp to this same number or by recording their feedback on the call itself.

## In Remote Gurez, Unsafe Childbirth Cause Of Concern

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**GUREZ:** After listening to the gory tales of how many women lost their babies during childbirth in absence of gynaecologist, Suraya Begum is trying to ensure that her baby is delivered at the District Hospital in Bandipora, nearly 90 kilometers away on the other side of a mountain.

A resident of Bagtore in Gurez, a village near the Line of Control, Suraya said the lack of medical facilities and shortage of gynaecologists in Gurez, a region that is expected to be snowbound soon, has caused anxiety to mothers like her.

Gurez remains cut off from the district headquarters for

almost six months due to heavy snowfall in the area. Suraya's delivery is expected within a month.

As such, she is trying to reach out to the concerned authorities to ensure her baby is delivered in Bandipora instead. "I have advised my family that I will not stay in Gurez during my delivery," a local news agency quoted her as having said.

"When a pregnant woman goes to a sub-district hospital in Gurez, she finds out how poor the facilities there are for us. My heart was pounding as I heard the painful stories of women who delivered babies at the SDH Gurez," she said.

Suraya said there is no gynaecologist in the Sub-District



Hospital Gurez since the past many years. She added that pregnant women visiting the hospital for check-up, they are attended to by a general physician.

Afroza Begum, another pregnant woman, is equally anxious. "Every day a woman wonders what will happen if something suddenly

happens to her and we don't know to whom we should tell our woes," she said. "Due to non-availability of a gynaecologist, pregnancy care is hit badly and women of the area face severe hardships."

Similarly, Zubeeda (name changed), an expecting mother from the Purana-Tulail village of Gurez, is worried

at her home and wonders when she will be free from this pregnancy period.

"Last year, I saw in my village a neighbouring pregnant woman was dying of pain and the whole village was crying out for help. It was snowing and nobody knew what to do. Two days later she was then airlifted by the army to Bandipora hospital," she said.

An accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) worker from Gurez, requesting anonymity, said that she is a witness to the fact that many a times doctors at Gurez hospital refer patients to the District Hospital in Bandipora citing better facilities.

Block Medical Officer (BMO) Gurez, Tahira plead-

ing helplessness said that there has been a shortage of gynaecologist doctors in the hospital for almost nine years now — which she had brought to the notice of higher authorities but to no avail.

"Whoever we think will have a caesarean delivery we send her to Bandipora in advance and those who have normal delivery are being treated here," she said, adding that in the winter season, they face a lot of difficulties here.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Bandipora also admitted that the gynaecologist post has been lying vacant there for years. "There is nothing I can do. Governments should fulfil the same," he said.



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## Secy Tourism Reviews Arrangements For Winter Festivals, Events

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** Secretary, Tourism & Culture, Sarmad Hafeez Monday reviewed the arrangements for the festivals and events being organized by the Department during the coming winter months.

Chairing a high level meeting of officers here today in this regard, the Secretary Tourism impressed upon the officers to put in place plans and concepts for organizing events like World Mountain Day, Christmas, New Year and other snow activities like creation of Ice Parks and Skating Rinks in the coming months.

Sarmad Hafeez asked the Sonamarg Development Authority to identify spots for setting up a skating rink and Ice Park to be developed there. He said the Government this year has planned to keep the destination open during winter months to cater to the rush of tourists coming to visit the UT.

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The Tourism Secretary also asked the experts from Institute of Music & Fine Arts to develop a concept plan for developing an Ice Park at Gulmarg and Sonamarg so that the tourists visiting during winters have a different experience to feel.

Principal, Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering, Pahalgam, Mr. Thapa informed the meeting that his institute has planned around six skiing courses at Sonamarg for which preparations are currently on.

The meeting was attended by Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Dr. G N Itoo, Chief Executive Officers of Sonamarg & Gulmarg Development Authorities, Joint Director, Tourism Kashmir, Principal, Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering, Pahalgam, senior officers of Tourism Department, experts from Institute of Music & Fine Arts and other officers.

## PM Modi To Address 1st Audit Diwas Today

**New Delhi-** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address an event on Tuesday to mark the first Audit Diwas at the CAG office.

He will also unveil the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on the occasion, an official release said on Monday.

Audit Diwas is being celebrated to mark the historic origin of the institution of CAG and the contribution it has made to the governance, transparency and accountability over the past several years.

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India will also be present on the occasion. (PTI)

## WPI Inflation At 5-Month High Of 12.54% In October

Crude, Manufactured Items See Price Rise

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** The wholesale price-based inflation spiked to 5-month high of 12.54 per cent in October, mainly due to rise in prices of manufactured products and crude petroleum.

WPI inflation has remained in double digit for the seventh consecutive month beginning April. Inflation in September this year was at 10.66 per cent, while in October 2020 it was at 1.31 per cent.

The October WPI is the highest in five months since May, when it was at 13.11 per cent.

"The high rate of inflation in October 2021 is primarily due to rise in prices of mineral oils, basic metals, food products, crude petroleum & natural gas, chemicals and chemical products etc as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement.

Inflation in manufactured items was higher at 12.04 per cent in October, as against 11.41 per cent in the previous month. In the fuel and power basket, the rate of price rise was 37.18 per cent in October, as against 24.81 per cent in September.

Crude petroleum inflation was 80.57 per cent during the month under review, as against 71.86 per cent in September.

Inflation in food articles too witnessed some uptick on a month-on-month basis at (-) 1.69 per cent in October, against (-) 4.69 per cent in September. Vegetable prices were lower at (-) 18.49 per cent, while in onions it was (-) 25.01 per cent.

ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said the core index recorded a month-on-month jump of 1 per cent with a widespread uptick across the sub-groups reflecting the pervasive

commodity price pressures. "With demand reviving, we expect producers to start passing through higher input and freight costs, even as the tax cuts on fuels will offer them a breather. Led by the base effect, we expect WPI inflation to moderate in the months ahead, and print at 7.5-8.5 per cent in March 2021," Nayar added.

India Ratings and Research Principal Economist Sunil K Sinha said core and manufacturing inflation surged to a fresh high of 11.8 per cent and 12 per cent respectively in October 2021. This was the fourth successive month in which they have remained in excess of 11 per cent.

"As supply disruption has yet to normalize in many areas and manufacturers are becoming more confident about the demand recovery they are increasingly passing on the higher input costs to their output prices. Since fuel is a major input into transportation cost, higher fuel prices push up the distribution cost further," he said.

Sinha said with Brent crude breaching the USD 82/barrel mark in the international markets, fuel inflation is unlikely to provide any breather going forward.

"The recent outbreaks of CO-



commodity price pressures.

"The persistent rise in inflation points to a rise in demand. On the positive side, the rise in demand points to a recovery in growth as lockdown is eased across the country. The month-on-month rise may hasten RBI's decision to unwind the excess liquidity, tighten the policy rates earlier than expected," Reddy added.

Data released last week showed, retail inflation-based on Consumer Price Index rose to 4.48 per cent in October, from 4.35 per cent a month ago, as food prices inched up along with high input costs, fuel and commodity prices.

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## After Five Years Of Demonetisation, Cash In Circulation At Near Peak In 2021: Report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**MUMBAI:** Despite the overall increase in the formalisation of the economy in the past five-six years, the key component of an informal economy -- cash in circulation (CIC) as a percentage of GDP -- has continued to rise year after year, barring in the year of note ban in 2016 when it fell to 8.7 per cent, according to a report.

According to the report by SBI Research, almost 80 per cent of the economy has been formalised in the past five years with every aspect of the non-cash component of the economy including agri credit, gaining traction.

In a detailed report on Monday, SBI Research said that after dipping to 8.7 per cent of GDP in 2016 (after the note-ban), cash in circulation (CIC) as a percentage of GDP has climbed again to 13.1 per cent so far this fiscal.

It is only marginally down from the peak of 14.5 per cent in FY21, which could be because of the pandemic-driven sense of insecurity and uncertainties.

During FY08-FY10, when the economy was on a scorching growth rate, sniffing at almost double-digits growth, the CIC trended at 12.1, 12.5 and 12.4 per cent, respectively.

The same trend continued with minor variations in the next five years also peaking at 12.4 per cent in FY11 and falling to 11.4 per cent in FY15, according to the SBI report pencilled by Soumya Kanti Ghosh, its group chief economic adviser.

Ghosh attributes the high 14.5 per cent CIC in FY21 to the collapse of the economy due to the pandemic, wherein the GDP reported the worst contraction of 7.3 per cent.



If the circumstances were normal, nominal GDP growth in FY21 and FY22 would have been much higher and as a result, CIC would also have followed the trend as witnessed pre-note ban.

According to him, without the pandemic-induced GDP collapse, the CIC-GDP ratio would have been at 12.7 per cent as against 12.4 per cent in FY11 as because of the pandemic, people might have held as much as Rs 3.3 lakh crore in cash as a precaution.

Coming to digital transactions, 3.5 billion transactions worth Rs 6.3 lakh crore were recorded through UPI in October 2021, which is 100 per cent more than the same period last month and in terms of transaction value, it is 103 per cent more than October 2020.

Data also show that UPI transactions have jumped 69 times since 2017, while debit card transactions have stagnated indicating people preference and shift to UPI.

UPI transactions have jumped 69 times in the past four years -- from Rs 1,700 crore in 2017 to Rs 15,100 crore in 2018 to Rs 29,900 crore in 2019, to Rs 57,100 crore in 2020 to Rs 1,17,100 crore so far in 2021.

Similarly, credit card spends rose manifold between 2012, when it was only Rs 1,500 crore, and 2018 when it touched Rs 10,100 crore.

## Currently Investigating Use Of Platform For Sourcing Marijuana, Says Amazon

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** E-commerce major Amazon India on Monday said it is currently investigating an issue, wherein its platform was allegedly used to source marijuana (ganja).

On Saturday, an online marijuana sale racket was busted by Bhind police in Madhya Pradesh, leading to the arrest of two persons and seizure of 20 kilograms of the contraband, according to an official.

The accused were operating the racket through a leading e-commerce firm, which received two-thirds of the profits generated, as per the official.

Evidence is being collected to see if it could be prosecuted for providing a platform for such drug transactions, the official added.

"The issue was notified to us, and we are currently investigating it. We assure full co-operation and support required to be Investigating Authorities and Law Enforcement agencies with ongoing investigations to resolve the issue at the earliest," an Amazon spokesperson said.

Bhind Superintendent of Police Manoj Kumar Singh said on a tip-off, Kallu Pawaiya (30) and Dhaba owner Brijendra Tomar (35) were arrested from Bhind Gwalior Road on Saturday and recovered 20 kilograms of marijuana.

"Kallu used to source the mari-



juana from Vishakhapatnam through a reputed international e-commerce firm to Gwalior, Bhopal, Kota, Agra and other areas of the country. Brijendra helped him in the business," he had said.

Kallu has so far sold one tonne of the contraband and transacted business worth Rs 1.1 crore, the SP had said.

"Kallu ran his company under a fake name with PAN and GST number etc. The e-commerce firm got 66.66 per cent of profit from the illicit business. We are collecting evidence to prosecute the e-commerce company under section 29 (part of criminal conspiracy) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (NDPS) Act," Singh had stated.

Traders' body CAIT on Monday said the marijuana racket incident is a serious offence and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) should also take up the serious issue besides the Madhya Pradesh police.

### SHORT TAKES

#### 68th All India Cooperative Week Celebrations Held

**ANANTNAG:** As part of the Week long celebrations of 68th All India Cooperative Week that commenced from 14th November, a grand District Level function was Monday presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Piyush Singla at Dak Bungalow, here.

The function was organized by the Department of Cooperative District Anantnag.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stressed on the officers of Cooperative Department to work with dedication for achieving desired goals. He advised participant Cooperators to focus on the fields of Dairy, Fishery, Horticulture and other potential areas and hoped that the department will make every effort towards a viable and vibrant Cooperative Movement in the District.

#### Parl Panel Discusses Crypto Finance

**NEW DELHI:** A parliamentary panel, chaired by BJP leader Jayant Sinha, on Monday discussed the pros and cons of crypto finance with various stakeholders, and several members were in favour of regulating crypto currency exchanges rather than imposing an outright ban on crypto currencies, according to sources.

The meeting took place against the backdrop of rising concerns in various quarters about crypto currencies and the possible risks emanating from trading in them, especially since there is a growing interest in such assets worldwide. Currently, there are neither specific regulations nor an outright ban on use of crypto currencies in the country.

Representatives of crypto exchanges, Block chain and Crypto Assets Council (BACC), industry bodies as well as academicians and other stakeholders submitted their views before the panel, whose meeting also happened days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held discussions with senior officials from various ministries and RBI on the issue of crypto currencies.

#### Sensex, Nifty Advance On Gains In IT, FMCG Stocks

**MUMBAI:** Stock market barometers Sensex and Nifty ended marginally higher on Monday as rise in wholesale inflation capped early gains despite a positive trend in global markets.

The 30-share index settled 32.02 points or 0.05 per cent higher at 60,718.71 with half of its constituents ending in green. The broad based Nifty edged up 6.70 points or 0.04 per cent to close at 18,109.45.

PowerGrid was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rising over 3 per cent, followed by ITC, Asian Paints, Nestle India and Kotak Bank. TCS rose by 0.83 per cent while Infosys inched up 0.31 per cent. HUL, Dr Reddy's and Sun Pharma were also among the gainers.

On the other hand, Tata Steel fell the most by 3.24 per cent, followed by M&M which declined 1.19 per cent. Bajaj Auto, Reliance, SBI and Bharti Airtel declined. Indian markets opened on a positive note on Monday despite mixed cues from Asian market peers where Chinese shares traded lower post better than expected consumer spend data, said Narendra Solanki, Head- Equity Research (Fundamental), Anand Rathii. (PTI)

#### Gold Declines Rs 82; Silver Tumbles Rs 208

**NEW DELHI:** Gold in the national capital on Monday dipped by Rs 82 to Rs 48,246 per 10 gram in line with weak international precious metal prices and a stronger rupee, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had settled at Rs 48,328 per 10 gram. Silver also declined Rs 208 to Rs 65,594 per kilogram from Rs 65,802 per kilogram in the previous trade. The rupee surged 12 paise to 74.33 against the US dollar in opening trade on Monday.

In the international market, gold trading lower at USD 1,862 per ounce and silver flat at USD 25.18 per ounce. "Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading marginally down at USD 1,862 per ounce on Monday. Gold prices are trading off the recent five months high despite a weaker dollar as market players are looking for fresh triggers apart from inflation worries," according to HDFC Securities, Senior Analyst (Commodities), Tapan Patel. (PTI)

#### Exports Jump 43% To USD 35.65 Bn In Oct, Imports Soar 62%

**NEW DELHI:** India's exports rose by 43 per cent to USD 35.65 billion in October while trade deficit widened to USD 19.73 billion during the month, according to the official data released on Monday.

Imports soared by 62.51 per cent to USD 55.37 billion widening the trade deficit.

Export sectors which recorded positive growth during October include petroleum, coffee, engineering goods, cotton yarn/fabs./made-ups, gems and jewellery, chemicals plastic and linoleum and marine products, the data showed.

Cumulatively exports during April-October 2021 stood at USD 233.54 billion, which is an increase of 55.13 per cent compared to the same period last year. During the same period, imports rose by 78.16 per cent to USD 331.39 billion. (PTI)



# Abusing BJP Only Agenda Of 'Issueless' Oppn Parties In J&K: Raina

## Agenceis

**JAMMU:** The only agenda of opposition parties now is to abuse the BJP as they have been rendered issueless due to the speedy development of Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, J-K BJP president Ravinder Raina said on Monday.

Raina was addressing a meeting of the party's office-bearers at the BJP headquarters here. Union minister Jitendra Singh, BJP national general secretary and in-charge for J-K Tarun Chugh, party co-in-charge Ashish Sood and national secretary Narinder Singh were also in attendance.

Former deputy chief ministers Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, and BJP general secretary (organisation) Ashok Kaul attended the meeting, which assumes significance as it came a day ahead of the state working committee meet in Samba district.

"Opposition leaders are frustrated as abrogation of Article 370 speeded up the developmental activities across J&K over the past two years and strengthened the bonds of brotherhood. They have become



issueless and their only agenda is to abuse the BJP," Raina said.

Apparently referring to the demand of the PDP and the National Conference for initiation of dialogue with Pakistan, the BJP leader said, "They (opposition leaders) only speak about Pakistan and China as they have nothing other than that to say."

"We have recently witnessed targeted killings in the valley which was a conspiracy by Pakistan to disturb the prevailing peaceful atmosphere. We are thankful to our Army, paramilitary and police for

frustrating the evil designs of the enemy nation," he said.

Raina also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking effective measures to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

Referring to the upcoming assembly elections likely to take place after the completion of the delimitation exercise, he said a political resolution would be passed in the working committee meeting, pledging to work for 50-plus assembly seats to form the next government with absolute majority in J-K with a chief minister from the party.

# Jurisdiction Of Special Courts Trying Politicians Has To Be As Per Law: SC

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**New Delhi:** Jurisdiction of special criminal courts, trying cases against sitting and former MPs and MLAs has to conform to the statutes and there would be a very serious problem, if this court decides this aspect, the Supreme Court orally observed on Monday.

The observations were made while the top court agreed to examine the legal question as to whether the minor criminal offences, triable by a magisterial court, against the lawmakers, can be prosecuted before a special court presided over by a sessions judge, who is senior to a judicial magistrate and consequently allegedly leads deprivation of one judicial forum of right to appeal which is ordinarily available to all accused.

A bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana was told by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Abdullah Azam Khan, the politician son of Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan, that his client has been prosecuted by a special court, manned by a sessions judge, in cases which should have been tried by magistrates as they are of minor offences.

We have no problems with the matters being prosecuted at the level of Sessions court but it must be either provided by the statute or under Article 142 of

the Constitution, the senior advocate told the bench which also comprised justices D Y Chandrachud and Surya Kant.

The top court prima facie seemed in agreement with the submissions and said, Two distinct issues are here and so far as the jurisdiction of this (apex) court is concerned, it can direct that a particular judge or trial court will be the special court to try a certain type of cases under Article 142 (special power) of the Constitution and that cannot be questioned.

It said the other separate issue is as to what would be the nature of the jurisdiction of these special courts.

Such jurisdiction has to be in accordance with the statute. It would be either under the CrPC (Code of Criminal Procedure) or if there is a special Act such as the SC/ST Act of the Prevention of Corruption Act. It has to conform to the statutes. If the statutes say that the offence is triable by a court of magistrates then this court while exercising its power under Article 142 cannot say that the jurisdiction will be exercised by a court of sessions and because that will be a very serious problem, the bench said.

It also referred to Section 377 of the CrPC and said that it provides for an appeal before the sessions judge if the order has been passed by a magistrate

and before a high court if the order is passed by the sessions judge.

The constitution of the special court per se has no difficulty at all. So far as setting up a special court for trying the coal scam cases is concerned, there was no difficulty at all ... it is open to the Supreme Court, but you cannot disturb the statutory arrangements either under the special law or under the CrPC, it observed.

The bench, which was hearing the PIL filed in 2016 seeking a life ban on lawmakers convicted in heinous criminal cases and speedy disposal of cases against them, has now posted the case for hearing on November 24.

Earlier, it had permitted Bombay, Allahabad, and the Punjab Haryana High Courts to transfer some special judges, trying criminal cases against sitting and former MPs and MLAs, to other courts in their respective states on grounds including administrative exigencies and asked them to find suitable substitutes quickly to ensure that such trials are not delayed.

The top court, hearing a PIL filed by advocate and BJP leader Ashwini Upadhyay, has been passing a slew of directions time-to-time for ensuring speedy investigation by the CBI and other agencies and

conclusion of trials.

It had ordered the setting up of additional special courts by the high courts.

It had expressed its deep concern over tardy probe and prosecution in CBI cases against the lawmakers and had issued a slew of directions for ensuring speedy investigation by the agency and conclusion of trials, besides setting up additional special courts by the high courts.

It had asked high courts to set up special courts wherever such additional courts are required to be constituted for expeditious disposal of pending trials and apprise it of any non-cooperation by the Central or State Governments on the issue.

As per the CBI report, 121 cases were pending trial before different CBI Courts involving sitting and former MPs and 112 matters pending against serving and former MLAs.

Taking note of status reports, it had said the high courts should constitute special CBI Courts wherever they are needed to be set up for expeditious disposal of pending trials.

The special courts are needed to be set up in different parts of states where more than 100 cases are pending to ensure easy accessibility to the witnesses and decongestion of existing infrastructure, it had said.

## Avoiding bank frauds: HDFC Bank Launches 2nd Edition Of “Mooh Band Rakho” Campaign

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**MUMBAI:** HDFC Bank today announced the launch of the second edition in support of International Fraud Awareness Week 2021. Through this initiative the bank aims to increase awareness on all types of frauds and the importance of keeping your mouth shut to ensure their prevention.

The Bank will be conducting over 2,000 workshops in the next 4 months across the country to help customers understand how they can safeguard themselves against financial fraud. The campaign reminds customers that there are many situations in which it is better not to disclose information, especially when it comes to banking details.

Following simple steps such as not clicking on unknown links, sharing card details, CVV, Expiry Date, OTP NetBanking/ MobileBanking Login ID & Password over Phone, SMS, email and social media can help the general public keep their money safe.

At a virtual event organised today, the “Mooh Band Rakho” campaign was launched by

Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao (IAS), Special Secretary, NITI Aayog. The event was also graced by Retd. Lt General Dr Rajesh Pant, National Cyber Security Co-ordinator, Government of India and Mr. Sashidhar Jagdishan, MD and CEO, HDFC Bank.

Digital frauds are now being perpetrated during weekdays and working hours to trick customers into believing

that the calls and offers are legitimate. A fraud dispute time analysis by HDFC Bank revealed that in the first three months of this financial year, 65-70% of cyber frauds happened between 7.00 AM and 7.00 PM.

Also, fraudsters are not targeting senior citizens only. HDFC Bank's analysis further revealed that 80-85% of the affected customers were in

the age group 22-50, and supposedly belonged to the more tech savvy age bracket.

The bank has rolled out this campaign to commemorate International Fraud Awareness Week 2021, the global movement to minimize impact of fraud which is being held from November 15-21. This is the 3rd year HDFC Bank will be participating.

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### 2 Militants, House

laying a cordon in Jamalatta locality of Nawa Kadal. He had received a single bullet shot causing serious damage to his neck and spinal cord.

On November 11, police had claimed to have killed a suicide bomber in a gunfight in Bemina area of the city.

Amir Riyaz of Khrew, Pampore was a relative of one of the accused militants of Lethpora attack and preliminary investigation indicated that he was assigned to carry out a similar kind of Fidayeen attack, a police spokesperson had said Friday.

Three days earlier, suspected militants shot dead Mohammad Ibrahim Khan, a Muslim salesman of a Kashmiri Pandit trader in Bohri Kadal area of the Old City. A day earlier on November 7, militants shot dead a policeman outside his residence in Batamalloh here.

It is pertinent to mention here that last month, 20 militants, 12 soldiers and 13 civilians were killed in different militancy related incidents, including encounters and targeted killings. The killing of 13 civilians in a month, most of them non-locals, is the highest death toll in the last two years and the fourth-highest since 2012.

### J&K Reports

officials said, Srinagar reported highest 40 new cases, Baramulla 19, Ganderbal 11, Kupwara 6, four each in Budgam, Anantnag and Bandipora and one new case in Kulgam. The twin districts of Shopian and Pulwama in south Kashmir reported no new cases of coronavirus.

In the winter capital, officials said that Jammu reported a maximum of 7 cases, Reasi 6, Poonch 4 and Doda 2 new cases of virus. Six districts of Ramban, Udhampur, Rajouri, Kathua, Samba and Kishtwar registered no new cases.

"Moreover, 103 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 10 from Jammu Division and 93 from Kashmir," officials added.

### J&K Govt Notifies

221 Gazetted and 1535 Non-Gazetted posts transferred to Union Territory of Ladakh is hereby notified, which shall be in addition to the 1284 Non-Gazetted posts transferred by the School Education Department and shall also be subject to any modification, in consultation with the Union territory of Ladakh," it adds

Further, the order said, the Administrative Departments/ Organizations shall make necessary changes in the relevant recruitment rules on account of above transfer/listing. (GNS)

### J&K Transforming

implementation of forest rights act, we are making endeavours for socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes through special educational, infrastructure and livelihood schemes," Sinha said, as per official spokesperson.

The LG, he said, also observed that emphasis is being laid on empowering Tribal community so that they can live a life of self respect and dignity.

"J&K is transforming on an unprecedented scale and speed. Improving people's living standards, reforming rural & urban infrastructure and unlocking potential of women and

youth from marginalized sections is our top-most priority," the LG said.

Participating in the celebrations of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, the official spokesperson said that the LG gave his best wishes to all the tribal entrepreneurs and personalities associated with art, culture and literary world present on the occasion.

He said that the LG underscored the need to make the young generation aware about the sacrifices and struggle of tribal freedom fighters and said that along with Bhagwan Birs Munda, heroes such as Rani Gaidinliu, Alluri Sitharama Raju, Komaram Bheem, Shankar Shah, Raghunath Shah, Khajya Nayak, Sitaram Kanwar, Bhima Nayak and many other made supreme sacrifices for the tribal community and gave immense contribution for a new India.

Sinha, he said, also remembered Mali Begum of Poonch who had saved the border district from falling into the hands of enemies in the 1971 war, and 1965 war hero Mohammad Deen Jagir, who was awarded the Padma Shree by the Government of India.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG said that PM Modi has extended equal rights to a large population of tribal community in Jammu and Kashmir through his historic decision to implement Forests Rights Act 2006.

"The Lt Governor mentioned about transit accommodations being established at eight place at the cost of Rs 28 crores with facilities of medical camp, extra tents, animal sheds etc; Tribal Health Plan worth Rs 8 crores; 500 youth to be selected for advance training like pilot, robotics, management; arrangements for 1521 Seasonal School, etc," he said.

Sinha, he said, called on the new generation to take inspiration and follow the path of their tribal ancestors who made contributions, sacrifices and served the tribal society, imbuing the values of their culture and rich heritage with a true heart.

"He also urged all the thinkers and artists of the society to come together with the Tribal Department to further enrich the tribal cultural heritage," the official spokesperson said.

On this occasion, he said, the LG also inaugurated a Photo exhibition on "Tribal Communities of J&K", an exhibition displaying "Various Tribal Arts and Crafts".

### Sets Target Of 2 Lakh

bank officials, the LG issued directions for the skill development department to utilize cutting edge technology to fulfill the real time needs of the industry, an official spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, directed that SC, ST, OBC and women entrepreneurs should be given special focus in the self-employment schemes and asked the DCs to ensure the saturation of social security schemes and basic amenities, especially in far-flung and border areas.

"The Lt Governor has asked the Banks to lay out uniform criteria for ensuring that no deserving candidate is denied the financial inclusion benefits due to trivial reasons. He directed them to designate nodal officers who will ensure the timely disposal of loans to the beneficiaries of employment generation schemes," he

added.

Impressing upon the Secretaries of concerned departments and Deputy Commissioners to saturate the coverage of various schemes including KCC, Mudra, Fasal Bima Yojana and others, Sinha, as per the official spokesperson said that departmental coordination and involvement of all stakeholders including Banks, Cooperatives, Departments of Skill Development, and Labour and Employment is imperative for achieving the desired results of benefitting the common man of the UT.

The LG, he said, reiterated his directions of identifying minimum five youth from each panchayat for skill development and hand holding, with dedicated focus on the border and remote areas of the UT.

In the meeting, the official spokesperson said that the LG expressed dismay over the low CD ratio of banks and issued strict directions to the heads of respective banks to increase their CD to more than the minimum benchmark of 40%.

"He asked the Commissioner/Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department to regularly collect data from the banks and coordinate with them so as to ensure optimum available opportunities to the unemployed youth," he said.

"He further directed for developing a common dashboard for monitoring the process and ensuring that all the benefits of intended self employment schemes are extended to the grassroot level," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, Sinha also issued instructions for the marketing and forward linkages for finished handicraft and other local products.

### Kashmir Reels

The meteorological department has said the weather is most likely to remain dry till November 20.

### J&K Admin Staring

Consumer Affairs, Amreet Singh, Deputy Labour Commissioner (Central), Javid Ahmad Reshi, Deputy Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Tilak Raj Sharma, Additional District Development Commissioner, Samba,

Gazanfar Ali, Director, Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Abdul Majeed Lone, Joint Director Handicrafts, Kashmir and Zubair Hussain Shah, Joint Director Education, Poonch.

In May 2022, three more officers –Showkat Aijaz Bhat, Commissioner State Taxes, J&K, Babu Ram, Additional Secretary, Labour and Employment Department and Gul Hassan Kraipak, Deputy Director Information, Jammu will retire.

In July and August, three more officers, including Attar Chand, Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Udhampur, Mohammad Saleem, Managing Director, J&K SC, ST and OBC Development Corporation and Tsering Mutup, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kargil will attain superannuation.

Next to retire from the services in September are Subhash Chander, Deputy Secretary, Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department and Amar Jyoti Raina, Deputy Director Tourism Jammu. In October 2022,

Surender Lal Bhagat, Sub –Registrar, Jammu (South) will retire.

By the end of next year, the administration will bid adieu to three more officers, including Inam-ul-Haq Siddiqui, Joint Director Information, Kashmir, Rakesh Kumar Vaid, Assistant Commissioner, State Tax Department, Jammu and Johar Ali, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Kupwara. They all will retire on the afternoon of December 31, 2022.

Pertinently, last year, the shortage of officers in J&K had prompted the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to send an SOS to ministries to prepare a list of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Indian Police Service (IPS) and other all-India service officers who can be immediately sent on deputation to newly carved Union Territories to meet the acute shortage of officers.

In an office memorandum dated October 26, the MHA had asked Railway Board chairman, Controller General of Accounts, Comptroller Auditor General of India, secretaries of the ministries of defence, external affairs, corporate affairs and I&B, chairpersons of the Central Board of Direct Taxes and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, and the departments of commerce, telecommunications and posts to "provide the name(s) of suitable officer(s), eligible for deputation in terms of existing guidelines and willing to serve in the Governments of UT of J&K/UT of Ladakh, along with the cadre-controlling authority's consent/ no objection and vigilance clearance of the officers at the earliest".

### Muslims Under

the two nations.

He said relations of Hindus and Muslims are being affected due to the strained ties between the two countries.

"If we want to improve our relation, we will have to ease these differences and find some ways. And the only way for this is dialogue," he said, citing the visit of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Pakistan to have a dialogue with his counterpart Nawaz Sharif.

In a veiled attack on the Centre, he said they could talk with China even when it was already in India's territory and advancing every day.

"If we can talk with China, then why not with Pakistan. China is in our territory and advancing everyday," said Abdullah.

On the situation in J&K after the abrogation of its special status under Article 370, Abdullah said the "media is not free there".

"No one can write freely and if you do, you can go to jail," he said.

Referring to the youth there, he said a large number of them are unemployed.

Referring to China and Pakistan, he said, "We are stuck between them. We do not know if there is war someday. Only we will suffer. We will be killed."

### Goel Made DIG

states that Atul Kumar Goel and Shiv Kumar Sharma shall be deemed to be the officers of the State Investigation Agency (SIA) as well, and, as such, entitled to the facilities and allowances as are admissible to the other officers

of the SIA.

### Anil Koul to Head

has been posted as Managing Director, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited.

Anil Koul, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute, J&K, relieving Mehmood Ahmad Shah, JKAS, Director, Industries and Commerce, Kashmir of the additional charge of the post.

"He shall also hold the charge of the post of Executive Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute, J&K, till further orders," reads an order.

Mohammad Mumtaz Ali, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as Director, Rural Development, Jammu, relieving Rakesh Kumar Srangal, JKAS, Director, Panchayati Raj, J&K of the additional charge of the post.

As per a separate order, Pritam Lal, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gandoh, holding additional charge of Sub Registrar, Gandoh, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner (Central) with Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Further, as per the order, Mohammad Ashfaq, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Doda, has been asked to hold the charge of the posts of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gandoh and Sub-Registrar, Gandoh, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

### Soldier Killed As Car

of the car lost control of the vehicle while negotiating a blind curve, the officials said. They said a rescue operation was launched and two persons travelling in the vehicle were pulled out in critical condition, and rushed to a hospital.

One of them, who was later identified as army personnel Paramjeet Singh of village Dessu, was declared dead at a hospital, while Khurshid Ahmad is undergoing treatment, the officials said.

### Fake SIM Card Racket

material was recovered from the possession of the three arrested persons.

"Police have busted a fake SIM card racket in Baramulla town," he said

The spokesman said further investigation in the matter is underway.

### Shooting Stone

In the course of time, they said, a shooting stone hit the person, resulting in his instant death. The body was handed over to the family after conducting necessary medico-legal formalities, they added.

### Teen Biker Killed

Mohammad Tahir son of Mohammad Rashid of Chajila Mankote, was brought to Sub District Hospital Mendhār for treatment.

Later he was referred to GMC Rajouri for further treatment. However he succumbed at the facility. A police officer said that a case has been registered. (GNS)



## Frustrating, But You Win Some, Lose Some: Kane Williamson



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**DUBAI:** It's a "little bit frustrating", said New Zealand captain Kane Williamson after losing a third ICC trophy final but he also admitted that there was very little that his side could have done against an Australian team which didn't give an inch in the T20 World Cup summit clash here.

Having lost the 2015 and 2019 ODI World Cup finals to Australia and England, the World Test champions lost another white-ball final, this time to Aaron Finch's men in the global T20 meet.

"You sign up to play the game, and you win and you lose, and these are things that can happen on any day," Williamson said in a pragmatic tone after his team's eight-wicket defeat at the hands of Australia.

"Credit to the way Australia chased it, they didn't give us an inch. Wasn't to be today, but proud of how we've operated."

"You know, if you look at the campaign on a whole, which we do, and the type of cricket that we have been able to play, I can say that we are very proud of our efforts throughout this period of time. You get to a final and anything can happen," he explained.

Williamson tried to put things in perspective and, in a round-about manner, said that the 2019 World Cup final hurt even more.

"You mentioned perhaps that white ball in 2019, which might be a longer discussion if you have some time."

"And all these different fine lines and results, they happen, you know, and today, we turned

up and played some really good cricket. And it wasn't quite good enough. That's sort of just the way it goes, you know, and for us, it's still putting our energy into the right areas," he reasoned.

For a team that has now played four finals in the last six ICC events, Williamson spoke about the positives.

"There are a lot of positives in the statements that you made, and for us, it's still trying to build on that and grow as a team. You want to win these comps. You want the fruits, and so did say a lot of other teams."

"When you do turn up on the day, anything can happen, and we can see how competitive this competition has been right through the group stages, as well, and there were so many sides that were more than capable of winning this competition," he added.

"But like I say, really proud of the efforts that have gone in from our side across the board."

He agreed that on Sunday night, New Zealand couldn't create enough opportunities when Australia batted.

"The guys worked hard to get to what we thought was a competitive total. Unfortunately we weren't able to create many opportunities and get those breakthroughs. Yeah, it was a little bit frustrating."

He felt that the conditions became easier for batting as the day progressed.

"We sort of thought on that surface that we had a few opportunities to do that and build some pressure. Yeah, I think we've seen the conditions throughout be fairly consistent, and the ball did skid on a little bit."

## Kiwis Arrive In Jaipur Day After Final Loss

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**JAIPUR:** The New Zealand squad arrived here on a charter flight a day after losing the T20 World Cup final to Australia in Dubai.

Since it is a bubble to bubble transfer, the Black Caps will not have to quarantine before the first T20I against hosts India on Wednesday.

"They arrived in the evening and will be tested as per protocol before they have their practice session tomorrow," confirmed a Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) official.

New Zealand lost their maiden T20 World Cup final by eight wickets.

It is expected to be tough for the Kiwis to regroup quickly for the three games against India.

"It's the first time that I can remember that we're so quickly

into another series immediately at the back-end of the T20 World Cup. It's definitely tough and challenging but it is what is in front of us," head coach Gary Stead was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo on the hectic scheduling.

Nine members of the Test side, including Ross Taylor and Tom Latham, who were not part of the T20 squad, had arrived last week.

The Indian team, which failed to qualify for the World Cup semifinals, had its first training session on Monday under new head coach Rahul Dravid.

India are scheduled to play three T20 Internationals against New Zealand on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, respectively, after which the two teams will engage in a two-match Test series.

T20 WORLD CUP

## 'Team of Tournament': No Indians; Babar Named Captain

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**DUBAI:** No Indian cricketer figured in the ICC's T20 World Cup 'Team of the Tournament' which comprises players from six different countries, including Sri Lanka and South Africa, with Pakistan's Babar Azam being named 'captain' of the squad.

India were ousted at the group league stage after being thrashed by Pakistan and New Zealand before winning three inconsequential games against Afghanistan, Scotland and Namibia.

The jury members did not think any of the Indian players deserving to be picked while South Africa's Aiden Markram and Anirach Nortje and Sri Lanka's Charith Asalanka and Wanindu Hasaranga were the players whose teams didn't qualify for the semi-finals but fore the ICC team.

Star players from champions Australia, runners-up New Zealand, semi-finalists England and Pakistan also feature in the star-studded line up.

Opening batter and 'Player of the Tournament' David Warner, leg-spinner Adam Zampa and seamer Josh Hazlewood all made the cut for Australia after helping steer their side to their first ever T20 World Cup title.

There were also spots for England's Jos Buttler as wicketkeeper and New Zealand left-armers Trent Boult, besides



Pakistan's Babar as captain and Sri Lanka star Hasaranga — the tournament's leading wicket-taker — in the line-up.

One of the jury members, former West Indies pacer Ian Bishop, said: "As with any team selection there will be varying opinions, and robust discussion

on the final composition of the squad." The panel respects that, and we encourage the strong debate that will ensue. This team was incredibly difficult to select over such a highly competitive tournament. Selections were based predominantly on the Super 12 onward to the final."

## Adil Rashid Backs Rafiq's Racism Claim Against Vaughan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**LONDON:** England leg-spinner Adil Rashid has backed former Yorkshire team-mate Azeem Rafiq's accusation of racism against Michael Vaughan, saying he can "confirm" the former captain's comments were directed at a group of Asian players.

The 33-year-old Rashid, who was a key member of the England team that reached the semifinals of the just-concluded T20 World Cup, said he will be "happy to support" any further official investigations into Rafiq's claims.

Rafiq had made allegations of institutional racism against Yorkshire, whom Vaughan formerly captained and Rashid still plays for. He had claimed that Vaughan said to a group of the team's Asian players that there were "too many of you lot, we need to do something about it" before a match in 2009.

Vaughan has categorically denied Rafiq's allegations.

"I wanted to concentrate as much as possible on my cricket and to avoid distractions to the detriment of the team, but I can confirm Azeem Rafiq's recollection of Michael Vaughan's comments to a group of us Asian players," Rashid said, according to ESPNcricinfo.

"Racism is a cancer in all



walks of life and unfortunately in professional sports too, and is something which of course has to be stamped out," Rashid said.

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

"I completely and categorically deny that I ever said those words. I have nothing to hide. The 'you lot' comment never happened," the 2005 Ashes-winning captain had written in a newspaper column.

"Anyone trying to recollect words said 10 years ago will be fallible but I am adamant those words were not used. If Rafiq believes something was said at the time to upset him then that is what he believes." The raging controversy has already led to

the resignations of Yorkshire chairman Roger Hutton and chief executive Mark Arthur.

Rashid is the second of Rafiq's teammates to support his allegations, with former Pakistan bowler Rana Naved ul-Hasan having also said he heard Vaughan's comment.

"I'm encouraged by the fact that a parliamentary committee seems to be trying to improve the situation, whether that's holding people accountable or getting changes made at an institutional level," Rashid said.

"These can only be positive developments. I will of course be more than happy to support any official efforts when the time is right. For now, though, these matters are of an intensely personal nature and I will not be commenting on them further. I ask you to respect my privacy and allow me to focus on my cricket."

## Aaron Finch Hails Mitch Marsh After WC Final Show



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**DUBAI:** Mitchell Marsh had once declared that most of Australia "hates" him for failing to make good of the promise he held out early in his injury-plagued career.

On Sunday, after the all-rounder played a starring role in Australia's maiden T20 World Cup triumph with a brilliant unbeaten 50-ball 77, his skipper Aaron Finch said Marsh copped unnecessary criticism all though his career and still kept his chin up, a reflection of the amazing human being that he is.

"To be able to put up with the critics for so long, when his performance hasn't been bad by any stretch of the imagination and any format of the game, if you look at his ODI numbers they are very good," Finch said after Australia outplayed New Zealand by 8 wickets to claim the top prize.

"For him to keep coming back after people keep doubting him shows how much of a quality person he is," he added about the 31-year-old all-rounder, who has suffered a lot due to injuries.

The latest setback for Marsh was last year when he suffered an ankle injury.

Marsh, who has now spent a decade in the Australian set-up and never really got going save a couple of Ashes hundreds in 32 Tests and one three-figure mark in ODIs, finally hogged the

limelight as an unlikely No. 3 for Australia in the T20 World Cup.

A few years back, he had famously said, "Most of Australia hates me" and when Finch was asked a question with reference to that, the skipper had a lot of praise reserved for the big all-rounder.

"He is the nicest person you will ever meet in your life. He's obviously a special player," Finch said.

Promoting Marsh up the order turned out to be a master-stroke, something the Australians had put a lot of thought into during their tour of the West Indies.

"Mitch's move to No. 3 was a really important one in the West Indies. We felt as though he's someone who could play -- he obviously plays fast bowling very well."

"Growing up in the WACA (Perth), he's very, very dominant off the back foot. He's someone who loves the contest, loves the challenge," Finch explained the rationale behind the move.

"And we just backed him from the start. We committed to him batting at No. 3 for a long time. He knew that, and that's all you need sometimes. You need a little bit of backing and you need some confidence from everybody else," he added.

There are times when one shot or a good delivery is a prime indicator of getting back to form and Finch saw that in Marsh's case quite early heading into the World Cup.

## ICC Must Counter Toss Factor: Gavaskar

'Must ensure there is a level-playing field'



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** The advantage teams have had batting second in the just-concluded T20 World Cup is something the ICC can look into to ensure a level-playing field, Indian batting great Sunil Gavaskar said on Monday.

In the T20 showpiece that concluded in the UAE on Sunday with Australia's triumph over New Zealand in the title clash, teams batting second have won almost all their matches, including the semifinals and the final.

"The commentators were saying that the dew factor wasn't there today so I don't think it really came into play that much in this game but I think it has in the previous games and maybe

that is something that needs to be looked at," Gavaskar told Sports Today.

"But you may also say that if the group matches are played at the same time then why change for the knockouts."

"But again, I feel that it is something for the ICC Cricket Committee to get their heads around and make sure that there is a level playing field for both teams," said Gavaskar.

Ravi Shastri and Bharat Arun, who were India's head coach and bowling coach respectively in the tournament, spoke about the dew factor after the team's group stage exit.

As many as 29 out of 45 matches in the tournament were won by teams batting second.

## Ronaldo: Portugal Can Overcome After Qualifying Loss

AGENCIES

**QATAR:** Cristiano Ronaldo wants Portugal to rebound quickly after the stunning loss that kept the team from securing a spot at next year's World Cup.

Playing at home and needing only a draw to clinch a berth in the tournament in Qatar, Portugal conceded in the 90th minute in Sunday's 2-1 loss to Serbia and was relegated to a playoff that will be held next year with 11 other nations.

"Football has shown us time and time again that sometimes the most difficult paths are the ones that lead us to the most desired outcomes," Ronaldo said on Instagram on Monday.

The 36-year-old veteran could be facing his last World Cup after making four straight appearances in the tournament since 2006.

"Yesterday's result was tough, but not tough enough to get us down," he said. "The goal of being in the 2022 World Cup



is still very much alive and we know what we have to do to get there.

"No excuses," he said. "Portugal on its way to Qatar."

Portugal looked good at the start of the game against Serbia at the Stadium of Light in Lisbon, scoring after two minutes with Renato Sanches. But it struggled afterward, allowing the visitors to equalize through Dusan Tadic in the

33rd and seeing substitute Aleksandar Mitrovic score the winner in the end.

Ronaldo was upset after the late goal, complaining and yelling at his teammates from midfield as he waited for play to resume. After the final whistle, he sat on the field by himself, shaking his head and looking desolate. Some teammates and opponents came over to console him.

## Dutch Coach Injures Hip Ahead Of Crucial WC Qualifier

AGENCIES

**ZEIST:** The Netherlands has an unexpected injury to contend with ahead of the team's crucial World Cup qualifying match against Norway: Coach Louis van Gaal hurt his hip in a fall and had to be driven to training Monday in a golf cart.

The 70-year-old coach said he can still do his job despite falling and hurting himself on Sunday. During the training session, Van Gaal remained seated in the cart and gave instructions to one of his assistants, Danny Blind, who passed them on to the players.

"Physically, (I'm) not good, but the brain is still working," Van Gaal said, adding he was in "a lot of pain. That's why I am sitting in a wheelchair."

The Netherlands blew a two-goal lead against Montenegro on Saturday in a 2-2 draw when victory would have guaranteed qualification for the World Cup in Qatar. The Netherlands has a far superior goal difference over Turkey and Norway, which are two



points behind the Dutch. A draw on Tuesday in Rotterdam should be enough to ensure the team advances to next year's tournament. Central defender Stefan de Vrij left the Dutch training camp Sunday with an injury he picked up against Montenegro and will not be available for Tuesday's game.

The match will be played at an empty Kuip Stadium in Rotterdam because of lockdown measures that came into force over the weekend amid soaring COVID-19 infections in the Netherlands.

Van Gaal said staff at the stadium are looking into how to get him to the dugout for the match.

## Argentina, Brazil Meet With Eyes On Qatar

AGENCIES

**SAO PAULO:** Brazil is already the first South American team to secure a direct spot in next year's World Cup. Second-place Argentina is nearly there, too.

Anyone thinking Tuesday's qualifying match between the teams will not be decisive hasn't considered how much pride will be at stake in the region's superclasico.

Copa America champion Argentina is determined to upstage Brazil and show Lionel Messi he has a decent shot next year of winning the only trophy missing in his career. Victory in front of home crowd could also mean, pending other results, securing qualification for Qatar 2022.

Brazil is aiming to complete the best South American qualifying campaign in history, although coach Tite is still expected to continue experimenting with his lineup with an eye on the World Cup.

Only 25,000 fans in San Juan, in Argentina's northwest, will



be at the stadium to watch the teams play a full game for the first time in this edition of World Cup qualifying. The first encounter was stopped after seven minutes of play in September by Brazilian authorities enforcing protocols in place for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brazil leads qualifiers with 34 points, six ahead of Argentina. Both teams have completed 12 games, one fewer than the other eight teams in qualifying.



## Congress To Go Solo In UP Polls, Contest All 403 Seats: Priyanka Gandhi

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The Congress will not enter into an alliance with any political party and contest all the 403 seats in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh polls on its own, party leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra announced on Sunday.

A tweet from the Uttar Pradesh unit of the Congress said Priyanka Gandhi made the declaration on the plea of the party workers.

Ruling out an electoral tie-up in Uttar Pradesh, the Congress general secretary said the leaders of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (SP) were nowhere to be seen even when the 2017 Unnao rape case and the Hathras gangrape-and-murder case in 2020 rocked the country, adding that only the Congress was fighting for the people.

According to sources in the Congress, she said the party fought for the people's agenda over the last five years in the state and added that on the basis of its organisational strength, it would go to the polls and give an opportunity to the party cadre.

Addressing Congress



workers at the Pratigya Sammelan - Lakshya 2022 in Bulandshahr's Anoopshahr, Priyanka Gandhi stressed on the importance of the Uttar Pradesh polls for the party, calling it a "do-or-die" situation.

She held talks with around 7,400 party workers from 14 districts of the state in Bulandshahr.

Priyanka Gandhi's declaration of the Congress going solo in the Uttar Pradesh polls assumes significance as in recent days, the grand old party was seen favourably inclined towards the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) of Jayant Chaudhary.

Priyanka Gandhi and the RLD chief had together travelled to Delhi from Lucknow recently in a Chhattisgarh government plane, triggering the speculation.

## Govt Likely To Allow Post-Mortem After Sunset In Hospitals With Proper Infrastructure

Agenceis

The Centre is likely to allow conducting post-mortem after sunset in hospitals with proper infrastructure, except for cases of homicide, suicide, rape, decomposed bodies and suspected foul, sources said.

The aim is also to push for post-mortem for organ donation even after sundown if adequate infrastructure is available, they said.

The issue of conducting post-mortem after sunset was examined by a technical committee in the Directorate General of Health Services under the Union Ministry of Health recently, a source said.

During the meeting, it was discussed that some institutes were already performing night-time post-mortem.

In view of the rapid advancement and improvement in technology, especially availability of

required lighting and infrastructure required for post-mortem, performing night time post-mortem in hospitals is feasible, an official source said.

"The discussion was in favour of allowing conducting of post-mortem in hospitals with proper infrastructure. The fitness and adequacy of infrastructure, among others, shall be assessed by the hospital in-charge to ensure that there is no dilution of evidentiary value," the source stated.

However, cases under categories such as homicide, suicide, rape, decomposed bodies and suspected foul play should not be subjected for post-mortem during night time unless there is a law and order situation, the source said.

Also, video recording of post-mortem will be done for all night post-mortem to rule out any suspicion, and preserved for future reference for legal purposes.

DELHI POLLUTION

## SC Tells Centre To Hold Meeting, Implement Work From Home

Agenceis

"Hue and cry" over farmers' stubble burning is without any scientific and factual basis, the Supreme Court said on Monday while noting that it contributes only 10 per cent to air pollution in Delhi-NCR. The court directed the Centre to call an emergency meeting on Tuesday to tackle pollution.

Pointing to construction, industry, transport, power and vehicular traffic as the major culprits in causing pollution, the apex court asked the Centre to take measures like stopping non-essential activities and implementing work from home.

"Even though some decisions were taken by the Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, it has not indicated precisely what steps they are going to take to control factors that are causing air pollution," a three-justice bench headed by Chief Justice N.V. Ramana said.

"In view of that, we direct the government of India to call for an emergency meeting tomorrow and discuss the areas which we indicated and what orders they can pass to effectively control air pollution. So far, as stubble burning is concerned, broadly affidavits state that their contribution is not so much except for two months. However, at present, a good amount of stubble burning is taking place in Haryana and Punjab," the bench said.

It directed the Centre and



the NCR states to examine introducing work from home for employees.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, informed the bench about several measures contemplated in an emergency meeting held between the secretaries of the Union Government and Delhi, Punjab and Haryana.

"We have come to the conclusion that stubble burning is not the major cause of pollution and it contributes to only 10 per cent of the air pollution," Mehta said.

Reacting on his submission, the bench, also comprising Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Surya Kant, said, "Are you agreeing that stubble burning is not the main cause? That hue and cry has no scientific or factual basis?"

Referring to the affidavit filed by the Centre, the apex court said 75 per cent of the air pollution is due to three factors—industry, dust and transport.

"In the last hearing (on Saturday), we mentioned stubble burning is not a major issue, city-related issues are there. So if you take steps on them, the situation

will improve," the bench said.

"In fact now, the cat is out of the bag, the farmers' stubble burning contributes to only 4 per cent of the pollution as per the chart. So we are targeting something which is totally insignificant," the bench said.

The top court also expressed displeasure over the earlier emergency meeting and said, "This is not the way we expected an executive emergency meeting will be held. It is unfortunate that we have to set the agenda. The sum and substance is construction, power, transport, dust and stubble burning are the issues. Ask the committee created and decide how to implement the action plan by tomorrow evening."

At the outset, senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for the petitioners, submitted that he wanted to make some suggestions and submitted that construction should be regulated rather than being banned. He said the Centre was not willing to take strong measures in view of the upcoming assembly elections in Punjab.

The solicitor general opposed him saying, "My friend has a different agenda".

The apex court intervened and said, "You want to fight or you want to argue? We are not concerned with elections and politics. Last day also, we had clarified we are not concerned with politics, we only want pollution to come down... why bring up elections... We are in the middle of a crisis situation," the bench said.

## Women Scribes Arrested For 'Inflammatory Posts' On Tripura Communal Violence Get Bail

Agenceis

Agartala: Two women journalists, who were arrested over their social media posts on the recent communal incidents in Tripura, were Monday ordered to be released on bail by a magistrate's court.

Samridhhi Sakunia and Swarna Jha, journalists with HW News Network, were named in an FIR at Fatikroy Police Station in Tripura on Sunday on a complaint filed by a VHP supporter.

Judicial magistrate Shubhra Nath granted bail to them after they were

produced before the court.

The two journalists were detained in Assam's Karimganj on Sunday and were brought to Tripura on transit remand for production before the magistrate's court in Udaipur, around 50 km from state capital Agartala. --- PTI

## President Kovind To Visit Bangladesh To Attend Victory Celebrations

Agenceis

DHAKA: President Ram Nath Kovind will visit Dhaka on December 16 to attend the Victory Day celebrations, the media in Dhaka quoted the Bangladesh Foreign Minister as saying.

President Kovind is visiting the neighbouring country on December 16 and 17 on the invitation of his Bangladesh counterpart Abdul Hamid, the Daily Star newspaper reported on Sunday.

"This will be the first visit by the 14th President of India to Bangladesh," Foreign Minister A K Abdul Momen said.

Bangladesh and India are jointly organising a "Logo and Backdrop" designing competition, marking the Maitri Diwas on December 6, the report said.

According to a report in the Dhaka Tribune, Bangladesh and India are working together eyeing two mega events next month - Maitri Diwas and Victory Day of Bangladesh - on December 6 and December 16 respectively with exchange of high-level visits.

Apart from the Victory Day celebrations, the president will also take part in other key engagements, it said.

Bangladesh is commemorating Mujib Borsho, the birth centenary of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and 50 years of the country's war of liberation. The two countries are also celebrating 50 years of the establishment of diplomatic ties.

The Bangladesh Liberation War



in 1971 broke after the sudden crackdown at midnight on March 25, 1971 in the erstwhile East Pakistan by the Pakistani troops and ended on December 16.

Pakistan conceded defeat and unconditionally surrendered in Dhaka to the allied forces comprising the freedom fighters and the Indian soldiers.

Officially three million people were killed during the nine-month long war.

The two countries decided to commemorate December 6 as Maitri Diwas (Friendship Day), the day when India recognised Bangladesh in 1971, the report said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bangladesh in March and met with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina. The two leaders reviewed the full range of bilateral ties and discussed ways to deepen the economic and cultural linkages in the times to come.

During the visit, the two sides signed five MoUs covering areas such as connectivity, commerce, information technology and sports.

## Wasim Rizvi Wants To Be Cremated, Not Buried

Agenceis

Former Uttar Pradesh Shia Central Waqf Board chairman Wasim Rizvi has a penchant for controversies. He has now released a video-recorded message expressing his desire to be cremated according to Hindu rituals and not buried.

In the video released on Sunday, Rizvi mentioned that his body must be handed over to his Hindu friend, Mahant Narasimha Nanda Saraswati of the Dasna temple, and he should light his pyre.

Wasim Rizvi has earned the ire of his entire community after

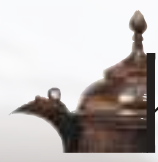


he challenged 26 'ayats' of the Quran and then claimed to have written a new Quran.

He has reportedly received death threats from Muslim groups for filing a PIL in the Supreme Court seeking the removal of verses from the Quran, which he alleges "teach violence".

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Traditional Blast Of Flavors In A Modern Setting Marks Its Entry In Srinagar



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## ADARSH SMART HOMES

NFC-KHIZRABAD, NEW DELHI

Luxury, ultra modern residential  
4, 3, 2 and 1 bedroom apartments

The 4 BHK flats are park facing, 3 BHK flats are river view & highway facing.

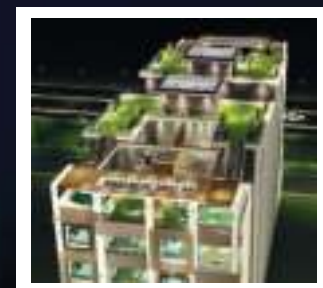
Multiple connectivity to New Friends Colony, Zakir Nagar & Kalindi Kunj National Highway

1 & 2 BHK flats are well furnished studio apartments

### SALIENT FEATURES

Digitally Designed With Inbuilt Features Like

- LIGHTING CONTROL
- CLIMATE CONTROL
- SECURITY CONTROL
- CURTAIN AND SHADING CONTROL
- ENERGY SAVING



DUPLEX FLATS WITH SWIMMING POOL TERRACE GARDEN



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