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## NEWS DIGEST

### Retired Cop Killed In Car Collision

**SRINAGAR:** A retired Sub Inspector of police was killed on Tuesday and four others, including a minor girl injured in a head-on collision between a private car and an army vehicle in Naushera area of Rajouri district. Mohammad Mustaq Khan, a retired Sub Inspector was **| More on P10**

### Leopard, Bear Caught In Anantnag

**SRINAGAR:** The wildlife department officials caught a leopard and a bear in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, reports said Tuesday. The locals in Telwani spotted a leopard roaming in an orchard in the area, reports said. They informed the wildlife department authorities following which a **| More on P10**

### Winter Break In Jammu Schools From Dec 13

**SRINAGAR:** The government on Tuesday announced winter vacation up to 12th standard for all schools falling in winter zones Jammu division from December-13 to February-28-2022. Besides, the School Education Department also said that the vacations in the **| More on P10**

### Ladakh Reports 9 New Covid Cases

**LEH:** Ladakh has reported nine fresh cases of COVID-19, taking the infection tally to 21,723, officials said on Tuesday. All the nine fresh cases were reported in Leh, they said. The active cases in the union territory has gone down to 270 – 249 in Leh and 21 in Kargil district – with 34 people recovering from **| More on P10**

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## 'Behind Enemy Lines'

# Tri-Service Drill Held In Kashmir Upper Reaches

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In an apparent show of strength, Indian army, Air Force and the navy commandos on Tuesday conducted a helicopter borne training and validation exercise in the snow bound upper reaches of Kashmir Valley.

The tri-service drill conducted by Chinara Corps was planned to validate the joint capability to insert the task force tactically behind enemy lines in an intense air defence and electronic warfare operating environment, a defence spokesperson said Tuesday. He said that the successful



conduct of the mission validated the true spirit of jointness achieved in planning;

utilisation of resources and accomplishment of laid down mission objectives **| More on P10**

## LG Tours Border Villages

**J**ammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday visited a border outpost (BoP) and a hamlet along the International Border (IB) in Samba and was briefed about the security situation and area domination exercise by the BSF, officials said.



Sinha visited the BoP at Chamliyal and was received by BSF IG of Jammu frontier D K Boora and DIG Surjeet Singh, they said. The top BSF officials briefed him about the security scenario and the area domination exercise by the BSF. Sinha also witnessed a display **| More on P10**

## Panchayat Polls Sarpanch Booked For Using Fake Certificate

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir Police crime branch on Tuesday booked a sarpanch for producing a fake caste certificate for contesting the recent panchayat election from a reserve seat, officials said.

The case was registered against sarpanch Santosh Kumari, and some officials who allegedly helped her obtain the certificate by fraudulent means and use it as genuine during the panchayat election in Nowshera area of Rajouri district, they said.

A written complaint was lodged with the crime branch by Joginder Singh of Bhainowra panchayat whose wife lost to Kumari. He alleged that Kumari had procured a forged Schedule Caste certificate and contested from the reserved seat.

During preliminary verification of revenue records, it was found that the certificate prima facie was fraudulently obtained with the help of the accused government officials.

Subsequently, a case was registered at the crime branch, Jammu and **| More on P10**

# Eye On Polls, NC Ups The Ante Over Special Status

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** A demand for the restoration of full statehood of Jammu and Kashmir along with the provisions of Articles 370 and 35-A of the constitution were among the seven resolutions passed by the National Conference on Tuesday in a meeting here chaired by party president Farooq Abdullah.

Its other demands included restoration of the 'darbar move' practice, special package for the tourism industry, employment for youth, implementation of the Mandal Commission recommendations in Jammu and Kashmir, a legal guarantee of minimum support price for crops and slashing prices of essential commodities.

The resolutions were adopted at a day-long convention of the NC's central zone,



comprising the Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts, held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here.

The party alleged that Jammu and Kashmir has been "downgraded and downsized by bifurcating it into two Union Territories disrupting the social fabric, integrity and composite culture of the erstwhile state."

"The three regions of the

erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir were having different languages and cultures which were being shared and enjoyed by the people of all three regions equally and peacefully," the NC said.

It stressed the resolution calling for the restoration of full statehood along with Articles 370 and 35-A was in the "larger interest" of **| More on P10**

## Won't Contest Polls Till Art-370 Restored: Mehbooba

**S**tating that she will not fight election until Article 370 is restored, former Chief Minister of erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir Mehbooba Mufti said on Tuesday that Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) will fight elections in future. Speaking to reporters in New Delhi, PDP chief Mufti said, "Of course, we are going to fight elections, we will not cede any space to them, I won't be fighting elections till Article 370 is restored." Referring to the recent incidents when action was taken against those who cheered for Pakistan during the India-Pakistan cricket match, Mufti recalled that during former Prime Minister **| More on P10**

## Corona Claims 4 More Lives In J&K

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Four more people died of coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday while 132 fresh cases of infection were detected in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, four more people—two each from Kashmir and Jammu divisions succumbed to the deadly infection on Tuesday, taking the overall fatality count in J&K to 4487—2188 in Jammu and 2299 in the Valley.

About the new cases, officials said, 103 were reported from Kashmir division and the remaining 29 from different parts of the **| More on P10**

# Delimitation Exercise Will End Sooner: MHA



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The government of India said on Tuesday that the delimitation exercise of redrawing boundaries of Assembly and parliamentary constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir will be completed "as early as possible."

Responding to a question in the ongoing winter session of the Lok Sabha by BJP parliamentarian Satyadev Pachauri, Minister of State, MHA, Nityanand Rai however did not specify definite time-period for the

completion of the exercise by the Commission headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai

"The Government has constituted a Delimitation Commission headed by Justice (Retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai for the purpose of delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," Rai said in a written reply to question by Pachauri, former Minister from Uttar Pradesh who wanted to know whether any steps **| More on P10**

**I HAVE SAID THIS MANY TIMES.** Now they know that this will be the chronology so they want to create political dispute by demanding the opposite."

# Power Department Turns Heat On Violators

**14489 Heating Devices Seized, Rs 93L Fine Slapped On Consumers**  
Augib Javeed

**SRINAGAR:** In a major crackdown against violators, the Power Development Department (PDD) has seized nearly 15000 heating devices and imposed a penalty to the tune of Rs 93 lakhs on the consumers for resorting to power pilferage, an official said Tuesday. In the crackdown launched in November to check power theft, the PDD seized over 14489 "huge crude" heating devices from consumers after carrying out extensive inspections, the official told Kashmir Observer.

Besides, he said, a fine to the tune of Rs 93 was also slapped on the violators. The official said that the

violators were penalized with "heavy fine" after they were found using devices which stands banned by Govt.

"The penalty will be recovered through the electricity bills of these people by next month," he said.

"From time to time we have urged the consumers to use the electricity judiciously and desist from using such devices," he added.

The demand for power supply in winters increases manifold as the people use a number of electric gadgets.

Earlier, talking to Kashmir Observer, Chief Engineer, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Aijaz Ahmad Dar said that the department can provide uninterrupted power supply to the consumers if they use the electricity judiciously.

"Unfortunately, **| More on P10**

# Child Mortality Rate Higher For Boys Than Girls In J&K

Zaid Bin Shabir

**SRINAGAR:** The infant and child mortality rates are higher for boys than girls in Jammu and Kashmir, even as the overall mortality rate among infants in the erstwhile state has witnessed a sharp decline over the last five years, the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS) has revealed.

According to the NFHS-5, the infant mortality rate in Jammu & Kashmir is estimated at 16 deaths



before the age of one year per 1,000 live births, down from the NFHS-4 estimate of 32, the NFHS-5 estimate of 45 and the NFHS-2 estimate of 65. The under-five

mortality rates among children under age 5 years including neonatal, post neonatal and infant mortality rates is an important indicator that measures the overall well-being of country.

"In Jammu & Kashmir all infant and child mortality rates are higher for boys than girls. Having children too close together is also a risk. Children born less than four years after a previous birth are more likely to die in infancy as **| More on P10**



**ORANGES OF KASHMIR-** Oranges once considered a desert fruit and later cultivated in subtropical and tropical regions are now grown in Kashmir as well. KO lensman Abid Bhat captured an orange crop ready for harvest in Srinagar's downtown.



**OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL  
TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR  
NOTICE**

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Syed Hafizullah S/o: Syed Noor ud Din R/o: Alam Nag Poshkar Khag Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04G 1278 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J&K Bank B/U Poshkar .



Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .  
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.4107  
Dated 07-12-2021

Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

**CORRECTION IN MARKS CERTIFICATE**

In my Diploma in automobile engineering marks certificate Roll no 3905-20J6 -1489 session May - June 2020 , My name is recorded as Adil Amad Mir, whiles my actual name is Adil Ahmad Mir Now I wants correction my marks certificate. Regarding this if anyone is having any objection please contact to the Board of Technical education srinagar within seven (07) days. After that no objection will be Accepted.  
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از نیات ساکام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول ساکام  
درخواست منجانب: مظفر علی کاس ولد عبد الرشید کاس و عاصف علی، تاقب علی پیران مظفر احمد  
کاس ساکنہ چوگام شانار رنڈرٹھر حصول ST سرقلیت۔  
اشہار برادہ گاہی بر خاص وعام۔

معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرقلیت دفتر پنا میں  
پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زبردانی ہے۔ پنداری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن  
کانکدہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	مظفر احمد ولد رشید کاس	32 سال	مزدوری	6000/=
2	بی بی زابدہ زوجہ مظفر احمد کاس	30 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	عاصف علی ولد مظفر احمد کاس	12 سال	زیر تعلیم	
4	عاقب احمد ولد مظفر احمد کاس	10 سال	زیر تعلیم	
5	تاقب احمد ولد مظفر احمد کاس	08 سال	زیر تعلیم	
6	عاصف احمد ولد مظفر احمد کاس	06 سال	زیر تعلیم	
7	اسد ولد مظفر احمد کاس	01 سال	شیرخور	

اس طور پر ساکن کا کنکدہ 107 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرقلیت اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی  
اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر درودان دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔  
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S/o: Ghulam Ahmad Reshi  
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Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.4108  
Dated 07-12-2021

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My cast has been wrongly written in my Driving License bearing DL No: - JK0320100019841 as Raina. While my correct Cast Ganie which needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his /he objection in ARTO Office Anantnag. Within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Name:- Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie  
S/O :- Ab Rehman Ganie  
R/O:- Sursona Anantnag

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**Public Notice**

I have applied for fertilizer license. If anybody having any objection in this regard He/She May contact office of the Chief Agriculture officer Anantnag within the period of 7 days. After that no objection will be entertained.

NAME: Naseer Ahmad Parra  
S/o : Ghulam Nabi Parra  
R/o: Matipora Nanil

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**Public Notice**

This is inform general public that I have applied for pesticides license. IN this regard any person having any objection He/She may contact office of the PPO Lal Mandi Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after that.

Name: Naseer Ahmad Parra  
S/O: Ghulam Nabi Parra  
R/O: Matipora Nanil

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**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF  
MEDICAL OFFICER BUDGAM**

Subject: Seniority List of Junior Theatre Technicians of District Cadre Budgam.

**CIRCULAR**

Whereas .this office has issued Tentative seniority list of Junior Theatre Tech District cadre Budgam vide this office No:- CMOB/Est-11/12043-56 Dated:-21.09.2021. Whereas this office has received one representation from Imtiyaz Ahmad Rishl Junior Theatre Tech. of Block Beerwah for correction of his DOB. The representation has been found genuine and according the DOB of Imtiyaz Ahmad Rishi Junior Theatre Tech has been corrected.

Now therefore Final Seniority list of Junior Theatre Tech of District Cadre Budgam is hereby framed and circulated among the all concern Drawing and disbursing Officers

S. No.	Name of the Employee	Designation	Date of Birth	Date of 18T Appointment	Place of Posting
1	Shabeer Ahmad Paray	Jr Theatre Tech	20.11.1992	08.04.2016	DH Budgam
2	Irfan Ali Mir	Jr Theatre Tech	01.02.1988	29.02.2016	DH Budgam
3	Masrat Jan	Jr Theatre Tech	01.03.1984	01.03.2016	SDH Nagam
4	Niyaz Ahmad Ganie	Jr Theatre Tech	02.04.1992	07.04.2016	SDH Nagam
5	Imtiyaz Ahmad Rishi	Jr Theatre Tech	22.05.1991	29.02.2016	SDH Beerwah
6	Rishu Kumar	Jr Theatre Tech	19.08.1989	11.04.2016	DH Budgam

Note:-The seniority has been fixed as per the merit of SSRB.  
No.CMOB/Estt-II/14973-86  
Dated:-06-12-2021

**DIPK-14369/21**

(Dr.Tajamul Hussain Khan),  
Chief Medical Officer, Budgam.

از نیات ساکام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول ساکام  
درخواست منجانب: مظفر علی کاس ولد عبد الرشید کاس و عاصف علی، تاقب علی پیران مظفر احمد  
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02	فہیمہ بانو زوجہ ظہیر احمد میر	35 سال	گھریلو کام	
03	میر شریک ولد ظہیر احمد میر	14 سال	زیر تعلیم	
04	میر یاسین ولد ظہیر احمد میر	11 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس کے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کنکدہ میں موجود نہیں ہے۔ اور کنکدہ میں ایک سرکاری ملازم موجود ہے اور کنکدہ کی سالانہ  
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از نیات ساکام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول ساکام  
درخواست منجانب: یاسر عارف میر ولد عارف احمد میر ساکنہ مارے پورہ اچھیل انت ناگ  
بغرض حصول ناگم ڈپنڈنسی سرقلیت۔  
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معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں نسبت ساکن کے کنکدہ بغرض حصول ناگم ڈپنڈنسی سرقلیت دفتر پنا میں پیش کیا ہے جو

کہ زبردانی ہے۔ پنداری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن کا پ عارف احمد میر بر ملازم

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	رشتہ دار موقوفی	پیشہ	عمر
01	غلام حسن ولد محمد جمال میر	والد موقوفی	غمر رسیدہ	71 سال
02	مسماؤ جانو بیگم زوجہ غلام حسن میر	والدہ موقوفی	غمر رسیدہ	69 سال
03	محمد بانو زوجہ مرحوم عارف احمد میر	بیوہ موقوفی	گھریلو کام	44 سال
04	زینت عارف زوجہ عارف احمد میر	دفتر موقوفی	گھریلو کام	24 سال
05	یاسر عارف میر ولد عارف احمد میر	پرستونی	زیر تعلیم	21 سال
06	توفیق عارف ولد عارف احمد میر	پرستونی	زیر تعلیم	16 سال

ان کے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد موجود نہیں ہے۔ کنکدہ کے پاس تقریباً 4 کانال و قبضہ اہل 5 کانال  
موجود ہے۔ اس طرح کنکدہ کے سالانہ آمدنی تمام رقبے سے اس وقت 70,000 روپیہ تک ہے۔ جو کہ ماہوار  
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اندرون درودان دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ معاذاکرانے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔  
(تحریک اعدا ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول ساکام)

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My DOB has been wrongly written in my Driving License as 03-02-1972 While my correct DOB is 03-02-1977 which needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in ARTO Office Baramulla within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohd Yousuf Parray  
S/O Abul Jabbar Parray  
R/o Pahlipora Teh Bonyar  
District : Baramulla

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**PUBLIC  
NOTICE**

My son namely Shahzer Sajad Itoo S/o Sajad Ahmad Itoo R/o Brinty is reading in class 8TH Session 2020-2021 in Sabir Abdullah Public School Wanihama Anantnag. His Actual Date of Birth is 11-03-2009 but in school records it was wrongly mentioned 11-05-2009. Now it has to be rectified. If anybody have any objection he/she may claim within seven days no claim will be entertained.  
**Sajad Ahmad Itoo**  
**F/o Shahzer Sajad Itoo**  
**R/o Brinty** RNA

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Subject: Provisional selection list of eligible candidates for admission to Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Courses 2021 Up-gradation/allotment 2nd / (Mop-up) round of physical counselling thereof. References: i) Notification. No. 114-BOPEE of 2021 dated 22-10-2021.

ii) Notice No. 076-BOPEE of 2021 dated 30-10-2021. iii) Notification No. 134-BOPEE of 2021 dated 30-11-2021.

**Notification No.138-BOPEE of 2021  
Dated: 06-12-2021**

Pursuant to Notification No. 134-BOPEE of 2021 dated 30-11-2021, the Board conducted 2nd (Mop-up) round of up-gradation/allotment (physical) counselling of eligible candidates who have applied for Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Courses 2021 on 06-12-2021 at BOPEE office, Srinagar/Jammu simultaneously. The candidates who participated in the said counselling and have been upgraded/allotted seats as per their merit cum preferences are hereby provisionally selected for admission to Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Courses 2021 in various colleges of UT of J&K as per Annexure-"A" to this notification which is available on website of the Board www.jkbopee.gov.in only. The candidates are advised to report to their respective allotted colleges/institutions from. 07-12-2021 to 14-12-2021 upto 4:00 P.M positively along-with the following documents/ certificates:-

1. Marks card of 10+2 class.
  2. Marks Cards of GNM Course
  3. Registration Certificate issued by J&K Paramedical Council
  4. Date of Birth certificate of 10th class.
  5. Domicile certificate.
  6. Medical fitness certificate.
  7. Any other certificate/document as required by the college authorities.
- It shall be sole responsibility of the colleges/institutions to ensure proper check and verification of documents/eligibility as per Indian Nursing Council (INC) / Paramedical Council guidelines before the candidates are allowed for admission and in case of any discrepancy in the requisite documents the same shall be reported to the J&K BOPEE for further course of action under rules. In order to complete admission process within the prescribed cut-off date (14-12-2021) the Colleges/Institutions shall keep their admission counters open even on holidays/off days and designate Nodal Officers to facilitate the candidates to complete the admission process well in time. However, the candidates should in their own interest avoid waiting for the last date to complete the admission formalities since delay has the potential of causing hardships to the candidates only.

**Important Notes**

1. The admission of the candidates is purely provisional and shall be cancelled in case any information furnished by any candidate proves to be false/ fabricated, and action as warranted under law shall be initiated against such candidate(s).
  2. The concerned college/institutions shall ensure that, any person with disability, if selected in open merit or some other reserved category, constitute a Special Medical Board to assess such candidates and make recommendations based on which colleges shall take further necessary action. In case any such candidate does not fulfill the bench marks of eligibility, he/she shall not be admitted to the course/college and the matter shall be reported to the J&K BOPEE.
  3. For fee/documents required for admission in the College/Institute, the provisionally selected candidates are advised to contact concerned College/Institute before the last date of admission as fixed by the Board (14-12-2021).
  4. Pursuant to the circular No. JKPMC-21/131/7386-7456 dated 13-09-2021 issued by the President, J&K Para Medical Council, Jammu, the Heads of the Institutions are advised to release the documents/fee in favour of the upgraded candidates who are shifting from one Institution/College to other in the aforementioned Courses without any loss of time.
  5. The heads of Institutions are requested to download copy of Notification from website of the Board for reference and record (www.jkbopee.gov.in)
- The Heads of the Colleges / Institutions are requested to furnish the shortfall, if any, to the Board through e-mail at coejakbopee@gmail.com on 15-12-2021 upto 03:00pm. The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in notifications/notices issued by the Board from time to time in this regard..

E&OE  
No: BOPEE/Exam-16/2021

**DIPK-NB-5647/21**

(Dr. Sunil Gupta)  
Controller of Examinations BOPEE





## Table Top Exercise on Earthquake Communication Technology Needs To Be Strengthened, Upgraded: Div Com

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Tuesday chaired a meeting regarding Table Top Exercise on Earthquake with officers of NDRF, SDRF, Police, CRPF and HoD's of line departments.

The meeting was attended by DIG, CRPF; Commanding Officer, SDRF; Dy. Commanding Officer, 13th NDRF; Commissioner, SMC; SSP, Director Health Services, Kashmir; Director Disaster Management, Kashmir; ADC, Srinagar; Chief Engineers of Line Departments; officers of Tourism, Fire and Emergency, Lake Conservation and Management Authority and other departments.

The meeting held threadbare discussion on the Response, Rescue and Rehabilitation preparation plan and strategy to mitigate the damage and loss of lives and property during high intensity earthquakes and other disasters.

Underlining the importance of coordinated and glitch-less communication between departments during a major disaster like earthquake or flood, the Div Com said that communication is the first casualty of earthquake or flood and said that communication technology needs to be strengthened and upgraded.

He stressed that concerned departments need to maintain satellite phones and wireless communication devices to be used for quick response, search and rescue.

The officers held a brainstorming discussion on how to carry out damage assessment at the time of disaster so that resources can be allocated for disaster response and relief operation.

Plan to respond and evacuate people living in affected areas, communication tools to be used to inform common citizens, evacuation plan for stranded passengers, handling of distress calls, district disaster resources network, mitigation of threat of aftershocks, overwhelming capacity of health institutions and checking of rumors were also discussed.

Div Com further directed district administration, Srinagar to loop in imams whose services shall be used to inform and educate people regarding dos and don'ts during earthquake. Also, he said that pamphlets on do's and don'ts regarding every hazard should be distributed among the imams and heads of other worship places so they educate people on the right time with right information.

Besides, he stressed on identification of open spaces where people could be temporarily shifted at the times of disasters for safety.

## Canine Terror Looms Large In City As SMC Sits On Sterilisation

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: Amid rise in stray dog population and canine bite cases in the summer capital, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) is only able to carry out sterilisation of just 10 to 15 dogs per day.

The 10 to 15 dogs sterilisation per day is as per official figures which residents in Srinagar believe can be much lower otherwise.

A delegation from different areas of Srinagar city said that the dog population has increased tremendously in the areas including Habba kadal, Fathe kadal, Baba demb, khanyar, jamalatta and Rahbab Sahab areas.

The locals alleged that Srinagar Municipal Corporation instead of relieving them from dog menace have been releasing trapped dogs in vehicles during night hours.

"This is a major problem for all of us. Stray dogs bite



people, chase them when they go to prayers early in the morning, and scare away children," said a local.

Mohammad Iqbal, a local resident of Khanyar Gousia hospital, said that not only locals but also attendants are facing the problems from the last couple of months.

"Due to the presence of dustbins and garbage outside the hospital, there is always a risk of becoming the target of the dogs. The dog fear has be-

come a problem for everyone in the area," he said.

Another resident, Gousia Nabi from Habba kadal area said children are unable to go outside alone as they easily become prey of stray dogs.

She said due to absence of waste management has led to the growing population of dogs in the area. "Even sweepers do not clean the roads, lanes regularly and heaps of garbage have become a source of food for the dogs," Gousia added.

Earlier this year, the SMC officials have been saying that they will set up three new sterilisation centres for the canine population. As per the officials the infrastructure that is available for sterilisation is at minimum capacity.

"The SMC's lone centre at Shuhama is able to carry out sterilisation of around 15 dogs per day which is negligible as compared to the population of dogs in Srinagar," an official of SMC admitted.

As per a report by the department of Community Medicines, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, around 58,889 persons were bitten by the dogs in the last ten years in Kashmir.

In the last five years, 30,000 dog bite cases have been reported in Shri Maharaja Hari Singh Hospital (SMHS) alone. While topping the list in 2020 more than 2,800 cases of dog bites were reported in Srinagar only.xxxx

### DIAL-EMMA

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,245222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200



### AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311



### RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BUBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153



### HIGHWAY STATUS



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



HIJRI

CALENDAR

03 Jumada al-awwal  
1443

### PRAYERS

FAJR 5: 54

ZUHR 12:22

ASR 3:45

Magrib 5:25

ISHA 6: 50

## This Day In History

- 1710 - Battle of Brihuega in the War of the Spanish Succession: British General James Stanhope captured by French & Spanish forces.
- 1863 - 2,500 reported killed as result of fire at Jesuit Church of La Compana, Santiago, Chile.
- 1863 - Abraham Lincoln issues his Amnesty Proclamation and plan for Reconstruction of the South.
- 1869 - Timothy Eaton founds T. Eaton Co. Limited in Toronto, Canada.
- 1881 - Vienna's Ring Theater destroyed by fire, kills between 640-850.
- 1895 - Battle at Amba Alagi: Ethiopian Emperor Menelik II drives Italian General Baratieri out.
- 1921 - Eamon de Valera publicly repudiates Anglo-Irish Treaty.
- 1923 - German-US friendship treaty signed
- 1923 - Salary & price freeze in Germany.
- 1941 - London: Dutch government-in-exile declares war on Japan.
- 1941 - US & Britain declare war on Japan, US enters WW II.
- 1952 - Isaak Ben-Zvi elected president of Israel.
- 1953 - Dwight D. Eisenhower gives his "Atoms for Peace" speech at the UN in New York.
- 1962 - 114-day newspaper strike begins in NYC.
- 1963 - Pan Am Flight 214 crashes outside Elkton, Maryland with 81 killed. Only case of lighting causing air crash.
- 1965 - Nikolai Podgorny succeeds Mikojan as president of USSR.
- 1969 - Greek DC-6B crashes in storm at Athens, 93 killed.
- 1972 - United Airlines crashes at Chicago's Midway Airport killing 45
- 1974 - Soyuz 16 returns to Earth.
- 1982 - Colombian writer Gabriel García Márquez receives the Nobel Prize for Literature
- 1983 - 9th Space Shuttle Mission, Columbia 6, lands at Edwards AFB.
- 1984 - Europe & 64 developing countries sign Lome III treaty.
- 1987 - Occupied Palestinians start "intifadeh" (uprising) against Israel Agreement.
- 1987 - US President Reagan & Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev sign a treaty eliminating medium range nuclear missiles.
- 1989 - Great Britain performs nuclear test.
- 1991 - Russia, Belorussia & Ukraine form Commonwealth of Ind States.

From KO Archives

## 12 Bangladeshis killed near Jammu

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Twelve Bangladesh nationals were killed when Border Security Force (BSF) jawans opened fire at a group of people attempt- ing to sneak into Jammu region from across the border today, official reports here said.

The reports said BSF personnel noticed a group of persons attempting to sneak into Indian territory from Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (PcK) near Sangral village in R.S.Pura sector of Jammu in the wee hours today.

They mistook the intruders for militants and opened fire at them when they tried to flee back after being asked to surrender, the reports said, adding the deceased were totally unarmed.

In the past, a number of Bangladeshi nationals were either arrested or killed while making attempts to sneak into this side.

However, a Jammu datelined PTI report, weaving a cock-and-bull story, said; "On being confronted by the BSF jawans and asked to sur- render, the intruders started running back, they (official sources) said.

"Meanwhile, Pakistani troops resorted to firing from across the bor- der forcing BSF jawans to retaliate. In the exchange of fire, the intrud- ers were killed, the sources said.

"Senior BSF and police officers have rushed to the area and the bod- ies of the intruders are being handed over to police for further investi- gation," the sources said."

Elsewhere in Kashmir valley, militants shot dead a civilian, in- jured a surrendered militant and a BSF jawan and abducted a villager, while security forces repulsed a militant attack on a police station since last evening, an official spokes- man said.

Unidentified gunmen shot dead a farmer Abdul Aziz Dar inside his house at Putshahi-Lalpura in frontier district of Kupwara early today, he said.

Jammu and Kashmir police and CRPF jointly repulsed a militant at- tack on police station Lalpora in frontier district of Kupwara late last night, the spokesman said.

A group of militants opened heavy fire and hurled grenades on the police station. However, the police and CRPF contingent stationed there retaliated and repulsed the attack. No casualty on either side was reported, he added.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 08 DECEMBER, 2000)

## Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian



### NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Manzoor Ahamd Bhat S/O Ghulam Qadir Bhat R/O Sofipora Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle No. JK22 7761 (Commercial/ Non Commercial ) covering under R/P NO: -----

And Abid Rashid Sheikh S/O Ab Rashid Sheikh R/O

Zalangam Kokernag Anantnag (Parti No 2nd ) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Zainapora Shopian.

Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within seven (7) days from the datte of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned .

No any representation/ objection shall be enteretained after stipulated period.

No : ARTO/Spn/ ----2021

Dated

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S/D Asst Regional  
Transport Officer Shopian

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

## Office of the District Agriculture Officer Extension Anantnag

PUBLIC NOTICE-II

Whereas, this office issued a Public Notice in Daily Rising Kashmir on 26-11-2021 and invited applications on plain paper with identify proof from Group of Farmers (Min 08 Farmers) belonging to a single Revenue Village of District Anantnag for the establishment of below mentioned unit under "Sub Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)" a component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (NMAET)".

Whereas, during stipulated seven days time line i-e, upto 02-12-2021, only three interested Farmer groups of different Revenue village of District Anantnag has submitted their applications;

Whereas, in the interest of farming community and to serve the farming community at large the date for submission of applications is decided to be extended by seven days more.

Therefore, applications on plain paper with identify proof are again invited from interested Group of Farmers (Min 08 Farmers) belonging to a single Revenue Village of District Anantnag which should reach the office of the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication of this Notice-II in any Daily News Paper. The beneficiary group among the eligible Group of Farmers from a Single Revenue Village shall be selected trough draw of lots by a Committee of Officers to be constituted separately under the chairmanship of Chief Agriculture Officer Anantnag. The draw of lots will be held in the office of Chief Agriculture Officer Anantnag in presence of the applicants who wish to remain present on the next day of cut off date at 2:00 PM.

S.No.	Component	Unit (No.)	Eligibility	Pattern of Assistant	Jurisdiction
1.	Establishment of Farm Machinery Bank	01	Group of Farmers (Min 08 Farmers) from Single Revenue Village	80% of the cost limited to 8.00 Lacs/ unit	District Anantnag

Other Terms and conditions given in the 1st. Public Notice No. DAOE/Dev/2021-22/2352-56 dated 23-11-2021 shall remain same. However the applicants may feel free to contact following Nos. in case of any query or clarification.

- Chief Agriculture Officer Anantnag 7889566938
- District Agriculture Officer Extn. Anantnag 7889778393

Sd/-

District Agriculture Officer,  
Extension Anantnag

DIPK-14338/21

ISSUED THROUGH:  
INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS, DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE KASHMIR

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) LANDSCAPING DIVISION KMR. ENGINEERING COMPLEX, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR

### TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. e-55/2021-22/LSD/Srinagar

Dated:- 06.12.2021

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

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (Amt in Rs.)	Earnest Money/ Bid Security Declaration (Amt in Rs.)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1.	Restoration of Public Park at Ellahi Bagh near Masjid Sharief Balance Portion	Rs. 1.20 Lac	Rs. 200/-	BID Security Declaration	15Days	14.12.2021 at 11:00am	"DEE"	M&R
2.	providing and fixing of fine chiseled devri stones at Sheikh Hamza (RA) Park (Makhdoom Sahib RA).	Rs. 1.70 Lac	Rs. 200/-	BID Security Declaration	15Days	14.12.2021 at 11:00am	"DEE"	M&R
3.	Phase lifting and painting of four no. parks at Bemina and cutting of decayed willows.	Rs. 2.50 Lac	Rs. 200/-	BID Security Declaration	20Days	14.12.2021 at 11:00am	"DEE"	M&R

Position of Funds:- Available.

Administrative approval:- Accorded.

Note:- The above-mentioned work shall be mandatorily completed during the current financial year 2021-22.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of date given below:-

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	06.12.2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	06.12.2021 04.00 PM
3.	Bid submission Start Date	06.12.2021 from 04.00PM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	13.12.2021 up to 04.00 PM
5.	Deadline for receiving the Hard copy (Original e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt and EMD)	Hard copy to be submitted by the successful bidder (LI) only within seven days after Financial evaluation.
6.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	14.12.2021 at 11.00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt (Non-refundable) along with bid security declaration certificate as per format (Annexure A), failure to do so shall render the bidder as Non-Responsive.

1. First lowest bidder has to submit Performance security Deposit 3% of allotted cost in shape of CDR/ FDR/BG (BG validity should be 45days more than bid validity days.e 120+45=165Days) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).

2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority)

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

4. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-  
a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

5. 50% of the normal deposits (deducted at 10% from running bills) to be released after virtual completion of the work and balance 50% after completion of DLP.

6. Additional performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after virtual completion of the work.

7. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG shall be released after DLP is over successfully.

49.All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

50.The Employer can cancel the NIT/LOI/ALLOTMENT at any stage without any reason.

No:- LD/ 4833-41

Dated:- 06-12-2021.

DIPK-14308/21

Sd/-

Executive Engineer  
R&B Landscaping Division,  
Rajbagh, Srinagar



## RLD Formally Announces Alliance With SP For UP Polls



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Rashtriya Lok Dal president Jayant Chaudhary on Tuesday formally announced his party's alliance with the Samajwadi Party and said if they come to power in Uttar Pradesh next year, the first work will be to build a memorial for "martyrs" of the farmers' protest.

Slamming the BJP government in the state for the recent leak of a government competitive examination question paper and subsequent cancellation of the test, Chaudhary said because of such incidents youngsters are not getting appointments, and they have to migrate and work in other places.

The BJP will get a befitting reply from the people in the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls next year as they have understood its politics of hatred, the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief said while addressing a rally along with Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav in Meerut.

Talking about the alliance, Chaudhary said, "Akhilesh ji and I are together, and I am making an announcement in this regard. The first work our double-engine government will do is to construct a memorial for martyr farmers, who died during farmers' protest here in the land of Chowdhury Charan Singh."

The BJP talks of "hatred" and "our Babaji (Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath) starts with Aurangzeb and ends with the Kairana exodus", the RLD leader said.

The BJP during the last assembly elections had claimed that many Hindu families had migrated from Kairana town in fear of criminals. The claim of migration has been contested by some political parties.

"The paper (competitive exam) is leaked, youths are not getting appointments. Youths from here migrate due to lack of opportunities and work in other states. Now this time, people will not fall in the trap of 'nafrat ki baa-

**THE PAPER** (competitive exam) is leaked, youths are not getting appointments. Youths from here migrate due to lack of opportunities and work in other states. Now this time, people will not fall in the trap of 'nafrat ki baatein' (talks of hatred)," he said.

The RLD leader said, "Babaji becomes angry very fast. You have never seen him smiling. He smiles only when he is with 'bachche' (calves). I ask you people to free him so that he can play with his calves for 24 hours. He cannot handle government files."

Hailing the farmers' agitation, Chaudhary said, "I appreciate farmers for winning a big battle and forcing (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi, probably for the first time, to bow before them."

He was referring to the repeal of three central farm laws that had triggered a year of protests. "In Lakhimpur Kheri farmers were crushed. Over 700 of them died during the agitation (against the laws)," he said.

On October 3, during violence in Lakhimpur Kheri, eight people were killed, including four farmers and two BJP workers.

Chaudhary asked people to be there in Aligarh on December 23 on Kisan Diwas for another rally.

Addressing the gathering, Yadav remembered Chowdhury Charan Singh, Baba Saheb Ambedkar, Ram Manohar Lohia and farmers leader Mahendra Singh Tikait, and highlighted their contribution to making an egalitarian society.

"Now, the BJP will be wiped out from the state. This time there would be sunset of the BJP forever in West Uttar Pradesh," he said. "Kisanon ka inquilab hoga, 2022 me badlav hoga (There will be revolution by farmers and change in 2022)," Yadav said.



ROHINGYA REFUGEES sit on a makeshift boat as they are interrogated by the Border Guard Bangladesh after crossing the Bangladesh-Myanmar border, at Shah Porir Dwip near Cox's Bazar. Reuters file

## Rohingya Sue Facebook For USD 150 Billion, Alleging Role In Violence

LONDON: Rohingya refugees sued Facebook parent Meta Platforms for more than USD 150 billion over what they say was the company's failure to stop hateful posts that incited violence against the Muslim ethnic group by Myanmar's military rulers and their supporters.

Lawyers filed a class-action lawsuit Monday in California saying Facebook's arrival in Myanmar helped spread hate speech, misinformation and incitement to violence that "amounted to a substantial cause, and eventual perpetuation of, the Rohingya genocide."

Lawyers in the United Kingdom have issued notice of their intention to file a similar legal action. Facebook, which was recently renamed Meta, did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

It's the latest in a series of accusations that the social media giant fueled misinformation and political violence, outlined in redacted internal documents obtained by a consortium of news organizations, including The Associated Press.

The combined legal claims from Rohingya refugees are being

**THE RESULTING** Facebook-fueled anti-Rohingya sentiment motivated and enabled the military government of Myanmar to engage in a campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Rohingya,"

filed on behalf of anyone worldwide who survived the violence or had a relative who died from it.

The Rohingya are a Muslim ethnic group forced to flee persecution and violence in Myanmar starting in 2017, with an estimated 1 million living in refugee camps in neighboring Bangladesh. Some 10,000 have ended up in the United States.

In 2018, United Nations human rights experts investigating attacks against the Rohingya said Facebook had played a role in spreading hate speech.

More than 10,000 Rohingya have been killed and more than 150,000 were subject to physi-

cal violence, according to the law firms organizing the cases.

The lawsuits say Facebook's algorithms amplified hate speech against the Rohingya people and that it didn't spend enough money to hire moderators and fact checkers who spoke the local languages or understood the political situation.

They also say Facebook failed to shut accounts and pages or take down posts inciting violence or using hate speech directed at the ethnic group.

Facebook arrived in Myanmar in 2011, arranging for millions of residents to access the internet for the first time, according to the lawsuit filed in California Superior Court for San Mateo County. But the lawsuit says the company did little to warn people about the dangers of online misinformation and fake accounts — tactics employed by the military in its campaign against the Rohingya.

The lawsuit says Facebook knew that rewarding users for posting dangerous content and allowing fake accounts created by autocrats to flourish would radicalize users. **AP**

## Army Made No Attempt To Identify Civilians Before Shooting, Tried To 'Hide' Bodies: Report

KOHIMA: The Army made no attempt to ascertain the identity of the civilians returning from work on a pick-up truck before shooting them in Nagaland's Mon district on Saturday, a joint report by the state's Director General of Police (DGP) T John Longkumer and Commissioner Rovilatuo Mor has said.

Quoting eyewitnesses, the two top officials have said villagers found the Army's special forces trying to "hide" the bodies of six people by wrapping and loading them on a pick-up van with the intention of taking them to their base camp.

"On the evening of 4th December around 1610 hours, when eight villagers were returning home from coal mining work at Tiru in a pick-up truck, were ambushed and killed by Security Forces (reportedly, 21st Para Special Force based in Assam) at random, apparently without any



attempt for identification," the report, submitted to the state government on Sunday, said.

The officials said the victims were all unarmed civilians working in coal mines. Of them, six were killed on the spot and two critically injured.

On hearing the gunshots, the villagers went to the spot. "On reaching the spot, they found the pick-up truck and the special forces personnel trying to hide the dead

bodies of the six villagers by wrapping and loading them in another pick-up truck apparently with the intention of taking the dead bodies to their base camp," the officials have said in the report.

Violence broke out between the villagers and security forces when they discovered the bodies covered with tarpaulin sheets. Angry people then set on fire three vehicles of the security forces, the report said. **PTI**

## Mumbai's Omicron Watch: 100 Passengers Untraceable



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

THANE: Amid the Omicron scare, Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation chief Vijay Suryavanshi today said 109 out of 295 recent foreign returnees to the township in Thane district were untraceable currently.

He said the mobile phones of some of these people were switched off while many of the last given addresses were found to be locked.

Mr Suryavanshi said returnees to KDMC limits from all "at risk" nations have to undergo

7-day home quarantine, and a COVID-19 test will be conducted on the eighth day.

"Even if it is negative, they will have to undergo another 7-day home quarantine and it would be the duty of housing society members to ensure the norm is not violated. Marriages, gatherings etc are being watched to curb violations," he said.

"Some 72 per cent of the people in KDMC have taken the first dose of the vaccine and 52 per cent are fully vaccinated," he added.

One Omicron case was detected in a Dombivali resident recently.

## UAE Skips Friday As Weekly Off, Saturday-Sunday Now Weekend



Agence France-Presse

DUBAI: The United Arab Emirates is slashing its official working week to four-and-a-half days and moving its weekend to Saturday and Sunday in a major shift aimed at improving competitiveness, officials said on Tuesday.

The "national working week" is mandatory for government bodies from January 1 and bucks the regional norm of a full day off on Friday for Muslim prayers.

While becoming the only Gulf country not to have a Friday-Saturday weekend, the resource-rich and ambitious UAE now comes into line with the non-Arab world.

Under the new timetable, the public-sector weekend starts at noon on Fridays and ends on Sunday. Friday prayers at mosques will be held after 1:15 pm all year round.

The move is intended to "better align the UAE with global markets", said state news agency WAM, calling the new working week the shortest in the world.

"The UAE is the first nation in the world to introduce a national working week shorter than the global five-day week," WAM said.

The Western-style weekend, rumoured for years, was announced less than a week after the former British protectorate celebrated the 50th anniversary of its formation.

The UAE observed a Thursday-Friday weekend until 2006, when it moved to Fridays and

Saturdays with the private sector following suit.

"The extended weekend comes as part of the UAE government's efforts to boost work-life balance and enhance social wellbeing, while increasing performance to advance the UAE's economic competitiveness," the WAM report said.

"From an economic perspective, the new working week will better align the UAE with global markets, reflecting the country's strategic status on the global economic map," it added.

"It will ensure smooth financial, trade and economic transactions with countries that follow a Saturday/Sunday weekend, facilitating stronger international business links and opportunities for thousands of UAE-based and multinational companies."

The new arrangement is another bold step for the UAE, which last year bucked decades of Arab consensus by normalising relations with Israel, unlocking hundreds of millions of dollars in deals.

It was generally welcomed on social media, where the subject was trending and the official WAM tweets were widely retweeted.

"Although I've gotten used to the Friday-Saturday weekend after all these years, I'm happy to see this change," said one Twitter user.

"Great decision by UAE. It serves more than one goal. Weekend now matches rest of the world," tweeted another.

### NEWS MAKERS

## Guess What? Covid Has Made Billionaires Even Richer

Agencies

LONDON: The share of household wealth owned by billionaires has risen by a record amount during the pandemic, with millionaires also coming out of COVID-19 ahead, a study found on Tuesday.

The World Inequality Report produced by a network of social scientists estimated that billionaires this year collectively own 3.5% of global household wealth, up from slightly above 2% at the start of the pandemic in early 2020.

"The COVID crisis has exacerbated inequalities between the very wealthy and the rest of the population," lead author Lucas Chancel said, noting that rich economies used massive fiscal support to mitigate the sharp rises in poverty seen elsewhere.

The report drew on a variety of specialist research and public domain data, with a foreword written



by U.S.-based economists Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Dufo, two of the trio who won a 2019 Nobel for work on poverty.

"Since wealth is a major source of future economic gains, and increasingly, of power and influence, this presages further increases in inequality," they wrote of what they called an "extreme concentration of economic power in the hands of a very small minority of the super-rich".

The findings corroborate a range of existing studies, "rich lists" and

other evidence pointing to a rise in health, social, gender and racial inequalities during the pandemic.

Forbes' annual world's billionaires list this year included a record-breaking 2,755 billionaires with a combined worth of \$13.1 trillion, up from \$8 trillion last year.

The new report showed that a wider group of 520,000 adults who make up the top 0.01% richest together saw their share of global wealth hit 11% this year, up from 10% the year before.

Belonging to the top 0.01% category meant having household wealth of at least 16.7 million euros (\$19 million), adjusted for purchasing power parity across currencies, it said.

Analysts say some super-rich have benefited from the shift online of much of the world's economy during lockdowns, while others simply gained from rising asset prices as financial markets bet on the speed and shape of the global recovery.

## End Of An Era: Germany's Merkel Bows Out After 16 Years

Agencies

Angela Merkel was assured of a place in the history books as soon as she became Germany's first female chancellor on November 22, 2005.

Over the next 16 years, she was credited with raising Germany's profile and influence, working to hold a fractious European Union together, managing a string of crises and being a role model for women.

Now that near-record tenure is ending with her leaving office at age 67 to praise from abroad and enduring popularity at home. Her designated successor, Olaf Scholz, is expected to take office on Wednesday.

Merkel, a former scientist who grew up in communist East Germany, is bowing out about a week short of the record for longevity held by her one-time mentor, Helmut Kohl, who reunited Germany during his 1982-1998 tenure.



While Merkel perhaps lacks a spectacular signature achievement, the centre-right Christian Democrat came to be viewed as an indispensable crisis manager and defender of Western values in turbulent times.

She served alongside four US presidents, four French presidents, five British prime ministers and eight Italian premiers. Her chancellorship was marked by four major challenges: the global financial cri-

sis, Europe's debt crisis, the 2015-16 influx of refugees to Europe and the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's undeniable that she's given Germany a lot of soft power," said Sudha David-Wilp, the deputy director of the German Marshall Fund of the United States' Berlin office. "Undoubtedly she's elevated Germany's image in the world."

"When she first came onto the scene in 2005, a lot of people underestimated her, but she grew in

stature along with Germany's role in the world," David-Wilp added. Others in Europe and beyond "want more of an active Germany to play a role in the world — that may not have been the case before she was in office, necessarily".

In a video message at Merkel's final EU summit in October, former US president Barack Obama thanked her for "taking the high ground for so many years".

"Thanks to you, the centre has held through many storms," he said. Merkel was a driving force behind EU sanctions against Russia over its annexation of Crimea and backing of separatists in eastern Ukraine, and also spearheaded so-far unfinished efforts to bring about a diplomatic solution there. She was regarded as being "able to have a dialogue with [Russian President Vladimir] Putin on behalf of the West", David-Wilp said.



## IUST Organises Capacity Building Workshop For College Principals

Observer News Service

**AWANTIPORA:** Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organized a day-long capacity building workshop on "Innovation and Entrepreneurship" on Monday. The programme was attended by the Principals and faculty members from different Degree Colleges from across the Valley.

Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, in his address called on universities and colleges to implement the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) approved by the Union Cabinet of India on 29 July 2020, in letter and spirit as that outlines the vision of new education system of India which emphasised the capacity building and skill development significantly, and said, "it's our responsibility to implement NEP 2020 in collaboration with degree colleges".

He stressed on colleges to introduce a minimum 1 year or 6 months specific courses to train students in specific fields so that they would overcome the issue of unemployment as well as revenue generation. "We are always available to help such colleges in their pursuit of training the students", he said.

Director Colleges (Higher Edu-

cation Jammu and Kashmir) Prof Yasmeeen Ashai in her address congratulated the University for holding this meaningful workshop. "I look forward to a support from the IUST administration to handhold government Degree Colleges in the achieving success in the mission of entrepreneurship and innovation as the university has expertise in incubation and innovation centres which colleges can benefit from," she said.

She added that there were 14 colleges across J&K, including Degree College Bemina which is already into this process of entrepreneurship development.

Nuclear Physicist IIT Ropar and Life member Indian Physics Association Dr. Pushpendra P. Singh in his address through the virtual mode shed light on the scope of technological intervention in the domains of agriculture, food etc. which could create major avenues for entrepreneurship.

Dean Academic Affairs IUST, Prof. A. H. Moon laid emphasis on the role of IUST in various areas concerning entrepreneurship and research and said, "IUST under the leadership of Prof. Romshoo is focused on research, innovation, skill development and entrepreneurship- 'RISE' as these are our thrust areas to bring change in the education system."

## IUST Hosts Lecture On 'Decolonization And Sociology Of Islam'

Observer News Service

**AWANTIPORA:** Department of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), held an online lecture on "Decolonization, Autonomous Knowledge and Sociology of Islam" organised under its 'Monthly Online Lecture Series'. The lecture was presided over by Registrar, Prof. Naseer Iqbal, who in his presidential remarks welcomed the expert and expressed his appreciation over these regular intellectual exchanges at the University that is helping students and scholars to imbibe new learnings. He congratulated the department for conducting such insightful programmes. Professor of Sociology at National University of Singapore (NUS), Prof. Syed Farid Al-Atas, who was the invited speaker delivered a special lecture in which he deliberated upon the

theme by highlighting the concept of decolonization vis-à-vis 'euro centrism' and deliberated on the subject-object dichotomy characterizing the euro centrism as a prominent 'need for autonomous knowledge' and the relationship with the broader paradigm of the 'sociology of Islam'. Earlier, Head, Department of Islamic Studies, Dr. Afroz Ahmad Bisati, introduced the theme of his lecture and delivered the welcome address. The lecture was attended by research scholars, faculty members and students of the Department of Islamic Studies, with many participants from other universities within India and abroad, and was followed by a short question-answer session. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Riyaz Ahmad Sheikh and the session was moderated by Dr. Gowhar Quadir Wani, both faculty members at the Department of Islamic Studies.

## Muslims Perform Last Rites Of Hindu Woman In Kulgam

Agencies

**KULGAM:** Setting an example of communal harmony and brotherhood, Muslims in Begam village of south Kashmir's Kulgam Tuesday performed the last rites of their 75-year-old Hindu neighbour.

Lajwanti Devi, a resident of Begam village in Kulgam district was a Kashmiri Rajput Hindu and died at the age of 75 today morning after a brief illness. However, her last rites were performed by local Muslims.

According to Kashmir News Observer, the Muslim neighbours joined hands to carry out all the for-

malities for the deceased woman's last rites, in line with the cremation practices of Kashmiri Pandits.

"She was one of us. We never thought of her as a Hindu. We arranged everything needed for the cremation," Abdul Rashid Khanday, a local said.

"She has been living here among us for many years," he said.

Rajinder Singh, her son said Kashmiri Muslims and Pandits are equal and this bonding is eternal. "The brotherhood and communal harmony is everlasting and these gatherings are one such example of it," he said.

## If Borders Are Safe, Prosperity Will Follow: LG

J&K Has Started Development 'Utsav' In Bordering Villages; Our Aim Is To Provide Maximum Resources To The Bordering Villages: LG



Observer News Service

**SAMBA:** Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today visited the border areas of Samba district and reviewed the developmental scenario, besides interacting with the brave BSF Jawans at the Chamliyal BoP.

The LG also paid obeisance at the revered shrine of Baba Chamliyal near international border, where he prayed for the peace, prosperity and the well being of the people of J&K.

At the BSF Border outpost, the LG observed the International border and interacted with Jawans of BSF and lauded their commitment and devotion to the duty. He remarked that if borders are safe, prosperity will follow in all the areas.

Later, addressing the gathering of local people and PRI representatives, the LG observed that the J&K Administration is committed to ensure that the border villages have best infrastructure at par with developed towns.

"J&K has started development 'Utsav' in bordering villages. Our aim is to provide maximum resources to the bordering villages", he added.

The Lt Governor also launched

"Panchayat Darpan" App, first web portal in J&K UT designed and created by NIC samba, which provides information regarding Panchayats' profiles, department wise Schemes, Social Security schemes, panchayat wise data on development works, grievances, financial achievements, auditing, and other aspects of various line departments.

Interacting with PRI representatives and public of border area, LG took first hand appraisal of the impact of different government schemes and welfare measures.

In order to give impetus to establishing good governance and accentuating development in border areas of UT, a separate provision will be kept in the UT budget for Border Area Development, the Lt Governor announced.

While addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor said that under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the UT government is tirelessly working to ensure that benefits of social security and welfare schemes percolate to every citizen.

Recalling the directions issued during LG Mulaqat program last year, the Lt Governor informed

that the villages adjoining to the international border are given the benefit of the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act 2005, which they were not getting earlier.

He added that taking cognizance of the issue of inclusion of villages adjoining the international border for benefits under J&K Reservation Act 2005, we decided to implement 3% reservation in 174 of those villages, this year.

LG observed that specific thrust is being laid to extend all possible benefits to the border population, besides continuously upgrading the health, education, electricity, and water supply infrastructure in the border areas.

"It is our primary responsibility to provide good roads, electricity, water, school facilities, employment to youth, job opportunities to the border villages and we are committed to it," he added.

LG also informed that the pious land of Baba Dilip Singh Ji, Chamliyal, has recently been included in the Tourist Village Network by Mission Youth, placing it on the tourism map of the country. He observed that the step will bring comprehensive Development and new employment opportunities for the youth.

## PDD Fails To Recover Rs 5.50 Cr Electricity Fee From Lassipora Industrialist

**SRINAGAR:** In a sorry state of affairs, the Power Development Department (PDD) has turned a blind eye towards the recovery of a whopping Rs 5.50 crore electricity dues from an influential industrialist, who was running an electric arc furnace section in his factory in Lassipora industrial estate in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

According to reports, an industrial unit run by an influential businessman owes around Rs 5.50 crore rupees to the department on the account of electricity fee. However, the department has failed to recover it from the owner.

The Unit established after availing a bank loan to the tune of over Rs 100 crore, was reportedly raided by PDD in 2016 and an illegal electric Arc Furnace section in the factory was discovered.

Pertinently, whenever a new industry has to be set up in the Industrial estate of Lassipora, the PDD takes a written assurance on the affidavit from the owners that any machine which has been strictly declared as "banned or illegal" cannot be installed or used inside the factory.

"There are 14-15 such units that are currently operational in Jammu but in Kashmir, it's strictly banned," an industrialist, who wished anonymity, said

"For the same reason, the owner of the factory was strictly barred



from using this machine. But rather than confiscating that machine, it's still lying in the premises of the factory," he added.

Chief Engineer, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Ajaz Ahmad Dar said that his department was aware of the case and are planning to initiate a legal action against the owner to recover the fee.

"The department had found out about the factory owners using the illegal arc furnace in 2019 and since then after issuing the order, the arc furnace has remained dysfunctional in the factory," Dar said.

He said the owner has applied for "insolvency" (financial distress) but the department hasn't entertained that his unit is bankrupt. "We will not do that until there will be a declaration by the industries that it is a bankrupt

firm," Dar said.

He further said that the power supply of the unit has been disconnected presently because he used an arc furnace instead of a normal furnace.

"Our department has traced his car furnace that he was using illegally but it has been disconnected," Dar added.

However, an official from PDD department said that there's absolutely no way that the department can seize and lift that illegal arc furnace due to its size.

Notably, this has also created apprehensions among certain people that the department has been maintaining a bias between the influential and the average household owner.

"PDD continues to cease small electrical heaters from average consumers' homes then why not cease the arc furnace," Shabir Ahmad, a businessman said.

Meanwhile, as the Arc Furnace has been termed "illegal" for use by the PDD, no other industrialists can buy it even if it is put up for sale through auction.

"The department can't confiscate it neither will they allow it to be auctioned given the illegal title that has been given to the arc furnace, so there is only one possibility that the PDD guys are supporting the factory owners," said the industrialist. (GNS)

## Kashmiri Mother-Daughter Duo Deported From Doha Airport

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Facing the consequences of an irresponsible act on part of Indian Immigration Office and Indian Airlines, a 12-year-old girl from Srinagar was deported along with her mother from Doha Airport as the minor girl was not (Covid) vaccinated. The mother-daughter duo was detained at Doha Airport for two consecutive days while all efforts from the father of the little girl to meet the duo went futile as the authorities didn't allow Insha Khan (father) a meeting with the duo.

Insha Khan who lives in Rambagh area of Srinagar city is an engineer by forte and currently based in Qatar. Two days back, after clearance from the Indian authorities, his wife Sheeba and 12-year-old daughter Duha Khan boarded a plane and landed at Doha Airport. But to the shock of Insha Khan, he was not allowed to meet his wife and daughter as the airport authorities deported the mother-daughter duo citing the reason that Duha Khan is not vaccinated.

"My daughter Duha is only 12 and you know in India, people below 18 years are not vaccinated and that is why we didn't vaccinate Duha. But in Qatar, the airport authorities said that they don't allow entry of those who are above 11 and are not vaccinated. I tried everything to persuade them but all in vain," Khan told Kashmir News Trust.

"I approached the Indian Embassy twice but all in vain. The attitude of the Indian Immigration Office was callous. I was restless when I was denied a meeting with my daughter and wife. They were without food and water," he said.

He said it was painful to see his wife and daughter being deported to India.

Pertinently, the Visa and Immigration Consultant is responsible for helping individuals who are internationally relocating. Their main role is to ensure the client avoids any legal issues that may occur in relation to their relocation by assisting them to obtain visas and other related immigration documentation.

"Nobody helped me. Every country follows its own rules and laws but my question to Immigration Office and Airlines is how they gave clearance to my 12-year-old daughter when they knew the rules of Qatar with regard to vaccination. Is it simply to let people suffer and keep on grabbing money from them," Khan questioned and sought intervention from the Government of India.

"It's not the question of wastage of money only but it is a human issue that needs to be looked into so that others may not suffer in future. Why didn't Immigration Office and Indian Embassy inform Airport Authorities in Doha that people below 18 are not vaccinated," he said.

## Covid Forces Islamia College Shutdown Till Dec 11

**SRINAGAR:** Islamia College Of Science and Commerce here on Tuesday ordered closure of the institution till December 11 for all kinds of activities after some staff members tested positive for covid-19.

In view of "surge" in Covid-19 cases, the college had arranged testing of staff members and students starting from today in a phased manner, according to institution's Principal Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir.

"On the first day of testing, some staff members tested positive," he said as per an order. "To avoid any further surge in cases, it is hereby ordered that College will remain closed upto

Saturday the 11th of December, 2021 for all kind of activities," the order by him reads, adding "On re-opening of College on 13-12-2021 the students will attend the classes as per the timetable already notified."

Further, he said, during the closure of the College faculty members will conduct the classes in online mode through College LMS as per timetable in vogue.

"Furthermore, all staff members shall report on 10th of Dec, 2021 in the College for an RT-PCR test without fail," he said, adding, "Students will also visit nearest Health Centre and get their RTPCR test done on 10th of December." GNS

## Majlis-UN-Nisa Announces Nisa Awards For 2021

Observer News Service

**SOPORE:** The Majlis-un Nisa, a constituent of Adbi Markaz Kamraz, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year. It has announced maiden Nisa awards for the year 2021. The General Council headed by its Chairperson decided to confer awards to four prominent people for their contribution and achievements in respected fields. Dr.Farhat Jabeen has been selected for her contri-

bution in the field of medicine (Gynecology); Haneefa Qureshi in the field of Education, MS. Rafia Wali for Literature. Ashwaq Masoodi was selected for her achievement in the field of journalism.

Majlis-UN-Nisa congratulated all the awardees and wished them all prosperity and success. Awards will be presented in Sopore which will be a part of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Adabi Markaz Kamraz (AMK), the statement said.

### NEWS MAKERS

## E-Buses To Be Introduced In Transport Sector Soon

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today chaired a preliminary meeting with the Chairman and MD of Olectra Greentech Ltd. Sh KV Pradeep, and discussed the modalities for introducing electric buses for cleaner, better inter-city and intra-city transport facilities in the UT of J&K.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor observed that electric vehicles are the future of transport as they are eco-friendly, ideal for urban environment, and contributes in reducing pollution levels.

The Government aims to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, promote greener, sustainable mobility solutions, said the Lt Governor.

The Chairman Olectra Greentech Ltd, an electric vehicle manufacturing company, gave a powerpoint presentation and briefed the Lt Governor about the company which has, so far, deployed around 600 electric buses across In-

dia and has 2500 buses under manufacturing process.

The Lt Governor asked the Chairman to send two electric buses on a trial basis, one each for Srinagar and Jammu. Depending upon the trial outcome, the government will decide future course of action for inter-city and intra-city transport facilities.

The Lt Governor maintained that government is committed to explore all the possibilities to transform Jammu and Srinagar into modern, sustainable, and economically vibrant cities, and making Jammu and Srinagar, the superlative smart cities of the country.

Pertinently, the Government of India has launched the second phase of FAME-II scheme for promoting electric vehicles. The scheme provides incentives and subsidy for manufacturing as well as purchase of electric vehicles.

The addition of 150-200 more e-buses will facilitate safer, greener, and reliable transportation for the public.

## All Primary Schools To Have Kindergartens By March 31

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the School Education Department and progress achieved under various schemes during the ongoing financial year.

Administrative Secretaries of the departments of Finance, School Education, besides Directors School Education, Jammu/Kashmir, and Director, Samagra Shiksha participated in the meeting.

It was informed that during this academic year, the Government and Private schools in the Union territory registered a cumulative enrollment of 22,07,296 students with 80% of schools

functioning in the Government sector. As per the educational indicators on the revised population on the pattern of the UIDAI, the gross enrollment ratio in respect of Jammu and Kashmir at primary level, upper primary level, high school, and higher secondary level is 111.65%, 80.53%, 72.52%, and 60.53%, respectively.

It was further informed that the Department has implemented several key reforms in the school education sector including the roll-out of transparent and simplified transfer policy; implementation of KGBV guidelines; maintaining an affiliation and recognition portal; framing rules for fee fixation committee, and ensuring PFMS based cashless transactions.

## CBK Arrests Accused Evading Arrest For 3 Years

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Crime Branch Kashmir on Tuesday arrested an accused who was evading arrest for three years in connection with a case involving preparation of fake marks certificates in order to get admission in different colleges of the Valley, officials said.

The Crime Branch said that the accused Aejaaz Ahmad Malik son of Abdul Gani Malik of Vilgam Handwara in Kupwara Kupwara was arrested for being involved in case (FIR No: 34/2007) under section 420,468,471,120-

B RPC for preparing fake marks certificates of higher secondary part 2nd in order to get admission in different colleges of Valley.

"The investigation of the case was closed as proved against Aejaaz and 5 other accused persons and the charge-Sheet in the instant case was filed before the Court of Law on December 28, 2010," it said in a statement. However, it said, the accused Aejaaz Ahmad Malik was absconding and evading arrest since 2018. "The Warrant U/S 512 was issued by Court of City Judge Srinagar, and accordingly the warrant was executed by Crime Branch Kashmir and the accused stands arrested in the instant case."



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a) The Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Bank has issued a Possession Notice dated 14.10.2021 under Section 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 (The Act) read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the rules) to the respective Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantors in particular and public at large in general in respect of account titled **Mr. Firdous Ahmad Sheikh (Borrower)** for taking over the possession of the properties stated in the said possession notice and detailed herein below:

1. All that part and parcel of property consisting of Land measuring 06 Kanal and 03 Marlas under Khasra No. 543, Khata No. 444, Khawat No. 201 situated at MouzaBulgum, Sopore standing in the name of Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Sheikh S/o Mr. Abdul Samad Sheikh R/o Bulgum mortgaged in favour of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd BU Choor, Baramulla.

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K O V I E W

Putin’s Visit

Russian President Vladimir Putin's brief visit to India is seen as very significant considering the ongoing realignment in regional geopolitics. India and Russian relationship go back decades. The two have been cold war allies and even now maintain a reasonable relation, mostly in the field of defence. In 2018, India signed \$5.43 billion deal with Russia for the supply of S-400 missile. The deal later became a cause of strained relations with America, India's current strategic ally. Now, during Putin's visit, India has signed more defence agreements, the two sides signed contracts for the manufacture of nearly 6 lakh AK-203 rifles under a joint venture in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh. The deal is worth over Rs 5000 crore. The two countries also signed an agreement to extend military technology cooperation for the next decade, from 2021 to 2031.

Putin's visit also assumes significance considering India is the first the country he has come to after the pandemic. Earlier, he had only travelled to Geneva for the summit meeting with US President Joe Biden. His visit comes as part of their first-ever 2+2 ministerial dialogue on Monday morning. Till now India has had a 2+2 format of meetings with the US, Japan and Australia—all members of the Quad grouping.

Putin's meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also a huge geopolitical significance. A new great game has begun with America and China as the two big players. On the other hand, there is a growing congruence between China and Pakistan in their approach to the regional problems. The China Pakistan Economic Corridor has aligned the interests of the two countries. And this alliance is something that has made New Delhi uncomfortable. India has opposed the CPEC on the ground that it passes through the Pakistan Administered Kashmir which India says belongs to it by virtue of the accession treaty signed by Maharaja Hari Singh.

On the other hand, Washington's priorities with India are no longer regional in their nature but their scope is the larger geopolitics. In recent years, the US-India engagement has also been about the remaking of the global power equation with India not only being recognized as a global power in its own right but also as a countervailing force to China, the world's No 2 in waiting. It goes without saying that India's 1.3 billion population with a value addition of a burgeoning middle class has become an ultimate attraction for the west.

Russia is the new entrant to this game. Having substantially recovered from a drastic power meltdown following the collapse of USSR in 1989, Russia has again thrown its hat in the ring. And it isn't bound by its old equations and associations with the countries of the region, including India. Russia is now getting closer to Beijing and even Islamabad, a prospect that hasn't been to the liking of New Delhi.

The US exit from Afghanistan is at the heart of this changing geo-political map of the region. It is certain to make regional alignments more complicated. But the US new policy hardly takes on board this complexity. The only way that this destabilizing situation can be effectively tackled is for the regional powers including India and Pakistan to get together and find a comprehensive solution to the region's problems. But it has to be a solution that also addresses the core concerns of the neighbouring countries and takes care of their interests.

O T H E R   O P I N O N

News From Nagaland

More than a dozen people, including a jawan, all innocent, were killed in Mon district in Nagaland Saturday in what security forces say was a botched-up counter insurgency operation. The Assam Rifles, which undertook the operation, has officially expressed regret and has ordered an inquiry. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced that a special investigation team will probe. A free and fair investigation should be held to get to the bottom of the matter and identify where and how the operation went wrong. Understandably, there is sadness and anger across Nagaland — and elsewhere in the country — at this wanton act of killing. Reports of violence as a response are disturbing and all groups, political parties and community leaders, and the security forces, too, must get together to calm tempers. The government's immediate task is to reach out to the families of the bereaved and act fast to address the breach of trust between the local population and state agencies.

The Mon incident comes close on the heels of the killing of a commanding officer of Assam Rifles, along with six others, in Manipur last month. The tenuous peace in the region, where multiple insurgent groups have been operating for years, can snap at any time if the political leadership, security forces and the civil society cease to be vigilant. The 1997 ceasefire agreement between the NSCN-IM and security forces has held up despite ups and downs only because all actors have invested in peace. Talks with the NSCN-IM for a settlement to end the seven-decade-old Naga insurgency is at an advanced stage — a framework agreement was signed in 2015; this incident could derail the process. The unrest in neighbouring Myanmar has reportedly influenced the priorities of Naga and Manipur insurgent groups that have a base in that country. It may spill over to border districts of Nagaland and Manipur. All these demand extreme vigil and caution from security forces — the Assam Rifles has stated that Saturday's action was “based on credible intelligence of likely movement of insurgents” — which are entrusted with the task of defeating insurgency. They need to be extra cautious and sensitive to local communities while doing their job under extreme pressure.

The Indian Express

All Eyes On Snow

Is The J&K Administration Ready To Tackle The Upcoming And Anticipated Snowfall This Season? Why Can’t NREGA Funds Be Utilized For Snow Clearance?



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR, WE witness heavier snowfall than Himachal Pradesh or Uttarakhand. Still, we don’t have a single snow-clearance activity sanctioned under NREGA. As of now, in Kashmir, clearance of snow happens using JCBs and bulldozers—which are meant for soil excavation which often damage the roads

LAST YEAR’S MEMORIES OF murky mountains of snow on roads and sidewalks, reluctant to melt and irresponsibly left to bother are still fresh. Has the administration managed to take its due lessons now?

On the major roads of the district, the Roads and Buildings Department (R&B) hires contractors who use JCBs or agricultural tractors for snow clearance. They are in charge of clearing village roads and link roads that they have constructed. In addition, the roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojna are taken care of by contractors for five years. This is called the Defect Liability Period and slow clearance work is also to be undertaken by them. Contractors use JCBs to clear the snow and, sometimes, the Mechanical Department also pitches in on the more important roads of the district.

Why can't the authorities use the MGNREGA funds for snow clearance work? Many from remote parts of J&K have been demanding this. I too have campaigned and done advocacy around this issue .

Some years back, the then Rural Development Minister J&K Govt, Abdul Haq Khan met with Union Minister Rural Development and apprised him about this issue but no follow up was made by the department later on. Last year, when NREGA & snow clearance was a point of discussion on social media , Wajahat Habibullah a retired IAS officer and former chief information commissioner who has served as Secretary Panchayati Raj Govt of India , supported my claim that Govt of India must amend NREGA rules to allow snow clearance work under MG-NREGA.

Most of the work covered under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) often comes to a halt in hilly states such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand during the winter. This leaves most rural labourers unemployed for several months.

Keeping this in mind, the district administration of Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh some years back suggested to the state government that the task of clearing snow should be included under NREGA. The Department of Rural Development, Government of Himachal Pradesh accepted this

suggestion since road construction and clearing of debris can be categorised as essential activities, and can, therefore, be undertaken under the scheme.

The district administration of Kinnaur employed local villagers to clear snow from narrow roads in far off villages across the district. The payment to these villagers falls under NREGA.

On the other hand, in Jammu and Kashmir, we witness heavier snowfall than Himachal Pradesh or Uttarakhand. Still, we don't have a single snow-clearance activity sanctioned under NREGA. As of now, in Kashmir, clearance of snow happens using JCBs and bulldozers—which are meant for soil excavation which often damage the roads.

The Rural Development Department J&K claims that clearing snow from lanes, roads, and public spaces cannot come under NREGA as it does not lead to creation of physical assets. Though Kinnaur has set a precedent and made the case for snow clearance to be included in NREGA works, the Jammu and Kashmir government is yet to forward a formal proposal to the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Govt of India for this.

Timely snow clearance across all the villages especially remotely located places in higher reaches is not possible unless the Government does not involve the Department of Rural Development who can dovetail NREGA funds available with them. This will serve three purposes

- a) Snow clearance can be undertaken at an appropriate time in remote / hilly areas of J&K
- b) The activity will generate livelihood for rural youth especially at a time when these youth have no work during winter months.
- c) Blacktopped roads won't be damaged by bulldozers and JCB's

Additionally, under the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin, NREGA funds can be utilized for Solid and Liquid Waste Management by dovetailing the both. If this convergence is possible why cannot authorities utilize NREGA funds for snow clearance? During execution of Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) in rural areas, not much of the physical assets are created except when the implementing agency constructs waste processing sheds but construction of these sheds is only one of the activities under SLWM. Activities like segregation of biodegradable and nonbiodegradable waste, cleaning water-bodies , springs and village streams or Information Education and Communication (IEC) work hardly involve any physical asset creation. For all these works, NREGA funds are allowed to be used by Govt of India under SBM Gramin guidelines. When it comes to snow clearance, officials say funds cannot be utilized for this.

I believe that the J&K Government has not been able to give proper explanation or presentation to the Union Rural Development Ministry in this regard and that is why the case is still in limbo.

If the Government of Himachal Pradesh can allow snow clearance work in Kinnaur district, why can't this be done in J&K or Ladakh? Isn't this timely snow clearance an asset? Isn't creating livelihoods in harsh winter months a necessity?

I appeal to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha , Principal Secretary Rural Development Department Bipul Pathak to take up this issue with the Govt of India soon.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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Save The Karewas

This refers to the article Carving for Karewas by Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat (Kashmir Observer Dec 1st). I was delighted to go through this informative piece.

It is really unfortunate that Kashmir has so many Geologists but till date they haven't done any advocacy or written rigorously on this subject. I am sure this article might have shaken their conscience.

I would urge the authorities like Divisional Commissioner Kashmir , Deputy Commissioner of Pulwama , Budgam and National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) Project Director to make sure Karewas of Budgam

or Pulwama are not destroyed during construction of Srinagar Ring Road project.

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# Reading The News Backwards

Nothing We Do Is Impartial Or Faultless. We Make The Machines  
And We Make The News And We Make Mistakes

Mariah Stovall

Every morning, I try to read the news. The goal seems too self-explanatory to interrogate, but if I had to go beyond the basics (like the desire to be an informed and engaged member of society), I'd say I've always liked language. As a child, when I finished all the books I had, I'd reluctantly part with the off-kilter realties in Roald Dahl's short stories, or the Cheetah Girls' latest antics, then pick up my brother's magazines and read about things that didn't matter to me, like basketball. But when I finished the magazines, I rarely bothered with the next available thing: our father's newspapers. They seemed somber and stiff, with careful columns of text and hierarchical front pages. Even worse, the reporters all wrote in the same style. My preference was for fiction and all of its freedoms. Maybe I need the news now to repent for something my father never saw as sinful.

Every morning, my father, the managing editor of a newspaper, made the news fit to print. When my brother and I were in elementary and middle school, sometimes Dad had to take us to the newsroom on weekends. The desks were mostly bare but the news barreled in at its regular pace—swift, but still slower than today's. We kids were left to our own devices, sometimes literally. We had handheld games, reading material, money for the vending machines, halls to wander, spare computers to play on. And depending on our moods, each other.

When I wasn't reading about Narnia, I visited the mystical room downstairs, where the newspapers were printed on-site and you had to yell to be heard over the whirring of the behemoth machinery spitting ink. The smell of it was too-tart berries bursting with bitterness that warned of poison if you took a taste. The metal monsters spun enormous spools of what looked like the butcher paper in the back of my art classroom, blown out of proportion and repurposed for something more pressing than children's scribbles. In another corner of the room, perfect polygons came off the assembly line, warm to the touch and stacked in a huddle.

These were the safe shapes I might try to refold into their original tidy glory, on weekend mornings when my father got to stay home, with his coffee and crossword puzzle at the kitchen table and our cold cereal and cartoons and couch cushions in the next room. But in the printing room, the news seemed dangerous. If I got too close, if I fell into its automatic path, it could crush and stain me, maybe pause to scrape my remains, and then get back to it. Because unlike the novels I always had my nose in, the news never ended.

These days, the least I can do is keep up with the basics by way of daily newsletters and general-interest podcasts. But sometimes I don't have the time or mental space for the basics. Maybe I'm dealing with something in my personal life, or I've gone down a rabbit hole researching the history of self-trepanation. Then news glares at me, unread in my inbox, unlistened to in my queue. The anxiety and guilt are nauseating. It's the same feeling I have when I am late to arrive somewhere and leave someone else waiting. I should be more considerate. I should make time for the news no matter what. For other people. For the world. I can fix this. When this happens, I filter my inbox by unread, newest to oldest. I begin with today before wading backward in time.

Some people want the end first. They read poetry backward. Flip to the last line, or page, or chapter (!) of a novel. Fast-forward to the end of a Tarantino scene to brace for when the bullet will hit. Check if the dog is going to die. Seek out spoilers and are happier for it. Some stories cut right to it and spoil themselves. There are novels like *They Both Die at the End* and *Skippy Dies*. Not to mention that old play about the Italian teenagers. But such warnings are only possible in fiction.

In the essay "When a Story Is Best Told Backwards," Samantha Harvey argues that we desire to know what comes next because cause and effect is how we understand the world. It's "our very experience of living." Yet she chose to write her novel *The Western Wind* in reverse chronol-



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ogy. The backward narrative, she concedes, "isn't alive with possibility, as with most stories, but with impossibility. There is no future

is the most convenient choice. The tidy linearity we're used to leaves little room for revolution. The media, like any other thinking creature,

past. We can't be certain what will matter in the future, so we place as many bets as we can: "as though dropping an ice cream

*In an era which has made the Icarus's leap to Post-truth and is ironically under the tripidations of an increasing editorial intervention from the state, this piece resonates with every reader irrespective of their locus of identity. In the context of Kashmir, it is more relevant as one relates the struggles of Stovall's reading of the news and arrives at questions like - How linear is news? Is linear news true? How do we as readers read news? How does news make history? Who's story is news? Is News corrupted?*

available; there might be hope, but nowhere for that hope to land and take seed." Is inevitability, then, the enemy of imagination? Can "What next?" and "What if?" coexist, especially in nonfiction?

The printing room in my father's office building literally made the news in such a way that you'd be forgiven for thinking the news itself was rigid, mechanical. From there, it's an easy leap to believing the myths of objectivity in journalism or science or technology or anything human. Nothing we do is impartial or faultless. We make the machines and we make the news and we make mistakes.

In addition to reporting what has happened already, the news constantly guesses what will happen next: when the storm will hit and how hard, who will win the game and by how much, what the trial verdict will be and how long the sentence. The news is often, but not always, right. There's more at stake than being correct. There's research suggesting that election forecasting may lower voter turnout. Other events may be susceptible to similar unintended consequences of coverage.

This is where I get stuck. I can't account for how much of what happens happens because conforming to a narrative's familiar contours

is prone to following its own trains of thought to their destinations. If the stories we tell ourselves are too much like the stories we've already told ourselves, then new approaches to narrative have the radical potential to change everything. Today's news will be the next decade's history. So how should we shape it?

The lesson I learn each time I read the news from newest to slightly less new is that we don't know shit about shit. Reading the news backward like this is a master class in imagination. It makes space for the question Remember when the conclusions weren't forgone? It may not be much. But any modicum of rebellion feels worthy when we need a revolution, when we can no longer beg and hope for reform. Moving backward can be an indispensable tool for those who have forgotten to ask not why things are this way, but why we have conceded that they have to be. The moment when the new and now becomes history is impossible to pin down or predict. But every piece of news we record reminds us of its potential to persist across history. The narrator of Djaimilia Pereira de Almeida's autobiographically inspired novel *That Hair* looks through old photographs and finds scenes of historical monuments and personal minutiae from days

on the ground, pulling hair back into a ponytail for a passport photo, or taking apart a bike were now our Ksar el-Kebir, our own siege of Lisbon, our transatlantic crossing, our Tarrafal, even as sieges, crossings, concentration camps, and battles that we never saw coming make history."

History is full of surprises. But even if we could see the important parts coming, and know which pieces and versions of the past will stay with us until the end of humanity, would that make for a better world in the meantime? Today, we have more information and technology than ever, but if all of human history is one long story, I worry that for all our progress, we could still be better at telling it.

Many rules of old-school journalism still hold, as if we already know what's best. Use easy-to-understand language. Be objective—or acknowledge when you can't be. Lead with the most important, basic information and fill in the details as you go. But sometimes the people you're writing about and the people you're writing for use different vernacular. Sometimes your point of view is just as important as the facts. Sometimes it's more effective to be specific before you get general.

Part of me feels ridiculous questioning the tenets of journalism—a discipline I deeply admire. I'm almost

afraid to ask if the news is suited for creative writing exercises, when there's already so much at stake. But there's too much at stake to not try something new, in form, and content, and source, in subject and audience and author.

In Valeria Luiselli's *Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions*, the author recounts her time working as a translator for Spanish-speaking children trapped in the bureaucracy of New York City's federal immigration court. She's tasked with documenting the stories of other peoples' immigrations. After her work is done, more often than not, she cannot know the stories' endings, no matter how badly she craves closure. Yet her workdays come to their individual finales. She goes home and tells her daughters stories of immigration, including her own (from Mexico to the United States). Her children want for endings too, but she has no endings to give. At least not yet.

She writes, "There are things that can only be understood retrospectively, when many years have passed and the story has ended. In the meantime, while the story continues, the only thing to do is tell it over and over again as it develops, bifurcates, knots around itself. And it must be told, because before anything can be understood, it has to be narrated many times, in many different words and from many different angles, by many different minds."

It turns out that reading the news backward is not going to be enough to change the world and the stories we use to make sense of it. What of the things that never make the news at all? Things never known are necessarily forgotten—not always out of malice or apathy, and often out of necessity. Each time I ignore the news, or make it wait, I exert my privilege over each thing I can be ignorant of—a controversy in a school district where I'll never send the kids I don't have, the poison in water I'll never taste, a coup in a country I may never visit or meet someone from—each thing I feel comfortable overlooking because it's easier to believe, for the moment, that it is none of my concern.

Then there are things I don't even know I'm neglecting, the things newsmakers deliberately disappear. In these cases, we can only rely on ourselves to make sure news has other ways of getting around: grapevines that bind individual memories into communal memories and shared institutions, histories, and records. On the days that I skip the news, some news, if not the news, always finds me. Through conversations and push notifications and what I see firsthand when I go outside. I just have to wade through without sinking in the uncertainty of whether it will even matter in the long run.

In real life, there's no guarantee that something interesting or good or anything at all is going to happen next. Sometimes it feels like you're writing the story and sometimes you feel like a character at the mercy of another creator. But no matter your role, there's no escaping narrative. So take whatever chances you can to shift the narrative you're in, to build a different monument to history, to switch up the genre or turn a trope on its head, to shift the point of view to a different character. Change something in just the right way and it might become a whole new story.

My father doesn't work for a newspaper anymore. He retired as an executive editor, and earlier than expected, because the way people consumed the news was changing. Why should I feel guilty about missing a story or two hundred when the news couldn't keep its own promises? Just when I think I'm caught up, my inbox and my feed automatically refresh. There is always something new to read. Sometimes I let it wait. Sometimes I wander elsewhere. Next message. Previous message. Back to top. Refresh. Update. Minimize. New window. I still don't know when to walk away from a story, when to return to it, when to find a different way to tell it. I still don't know how much of this I'll learn too late.

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# Study finds extroverts may have better financial outcomes

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According to new research by the University of Georgia, your personality might have a big impact on financial decision making and risk-taking.

The findings of the research have been published in the 'Personality and Individual Differences Journal'.

In the new study, psychology PhD student Jim Exley investigated the "Big Five" personality traits: openness, conscientiousness, extroversion, agreeableness and neuroticism (OCEAN). He and a team of researchers identified three distinct combinations of traits with financial outcomes, specifying Resilient, Over Controlled and Under Controlled personality profiles that are associated with risk-taking and money management behaviours.

"Based on our results, the people with the best financial outcomes tend to be those who are well-adjusted, more extroverted and less neurotic," said Exley.

"They're also willing to take some risks, but they don't take too many," he added.

Exley was drawn to this research after working in the financial services industry for 25 years, where he encountered people's varied approaches to finances firsthand. No one money personality was quite the same.

"The industry requires us to measure this thing called risk, but I was talking to people and understood that there's more to somebody's financial life than just their risk tolerance," he said.

This epiphany led him to begin studying under W. Keith Campbell, professor of psychology in UGA's Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.

Campbell was the one who suggested personality might be at the root of the differences that Exley had noticed in his profession. Their research took off from there.

For Exley's study, the team surveyed 395 participants about personality, financial risk tolerance, net worth and happiness.

"Using advanced statistical modelling, we identified three overarching types of people based on combinations of their OCEAN scores," said co-author Patrick Doyle, a recent PhD graduate in psychology.

"We then explored how members of those three groups differed in financial perspectives and experiences," he added.

The largest profile was the Over Controlled group, which exhibited high agreeableness and conscientiousness, but low extroversion. These people didn't like risk, so they avoided activities that are risky but could grow their wealth, like investing in the stock market.

The other two profiles were more tolerant of risk. The next largest, the Resilient group, were generally well-adjusted and stable people; they were extroverted, open and agreeable, and not very neurotic. These profiles were associated with more successful financial outcomes because while they didn't avoid risks, they also didn't take too many.

Members of the Under Controlled group were less conscientious and more extroverted and neurotic. They tended to enjoy taking risks, but they sometimes took too many, negatively affecting their net worth.

(GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR)

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

Tender Notice No.200 of 2021-22/R&B Dated: 04.12.2021

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

S.No	Name of Work	Approx Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Class Of Contractor	Time of Completion	Cost of tender document
01	Repairs /Renovation of Electrification for change room with allied corridor and rooms in the Department of OMFS at Govt. Dental College Srinagar	25300.00	800/-	"A" Class Electrical	05 days	200
02.	Repairs /Renovation of Electrification for in the Department of Conservative denistry and oral surgery at Govt. dental college Srinagar	30400.00	1000/-	"A" Class Electrical	07 days	200
03.	Repairs /Renovation of Electrification for PF OMFS night room at Govt. Dental College Srinagar	27200.00	850/-	"A" Class Electrical	05 days	200

**Position of Funds:- committed**

- The tender should be addressed to the Executive Engineer (R&B) Electric Division Srinagar and should reach in the office by or before 11.12.2021 upto 4.00 PM. The tenders / bids will be opened on the same day or any other day convenient to tender opening authority in presence of the contractors who may like to be present. In case the last date of receipt of tenders happens to be a holiday /Hartal /curfew day the tenders will be received on next working day.
- The tender document shall be issued by this office from 04.12.2021 upto 11.12.2021 against receipt of treasury challan received from the eligible Electrical contractor and should enclose following documents Viz valid registration with latest renewal certificate, Pan Card, valid GST registration with latest GST clearance certificate, valid contact No/E-Mail ID in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Srinagar. (Tender inviting authority).
- The bidders shall be a liberty to send their bids either in person or through registered post but shall super scribe the following in front of the envelopes.
- i.) Name of work ii) cost of work iii) Full name of contractor with contact No .iv) Ref. to CDR No & Date v) Date of receipt of tenders vi) Ref. to NIT No.
- The bidder Should enclose CDR/FDR
- The bidder should sign each page of tender document enclosed with their bid.
- All other Terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD form 25.

NO:- ERB/4199-4206  
Dated:- 04.12.2021

DIPK-14358/21

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

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

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TENDER DOCUMENT (Abstract)

01	Contract	Repairs to the Engine assembly (V8 Mercedes Make) of Rolba 3000 of Mechanical Field Sub Division Pulwama.				
02	Reference of NIT	MDA/TS/E-Tender/133 of 2021-22 dated: 04-12-2021				
03	Time of Completion of Contract	07 days				
04	Position of funds	Available				
05	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	60800.00				
06	Cost of tender documents	200.00 In shape of E- Challan/GR to be uploaded in the online bid Bank: Jammu and Kashmir Bank Branch: T. P. Anantnag IFSC: JAKA0EMPIRE Account No: 0014010100006015				
07	Bid Security Declaration	To be submitted with BOQ				
08	Online tender download/ start date	04-12-2021 (5:00 PM)				
09	Online tender submission End Date	13-12-2021 (02:00 PM)				
10	Date and time of opening of Technical Bid online (Cover 1 <sup>st</sup> )	14-12-2021 (02:00 PM) in Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, (MED), Anantnag.				
11	Date and time of opening of Financial Bid online (Cover 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	After evaluation of cover 1 <sup>st</sup> in Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, (MED), Anantnag.				

Gist of E-TENDER

No: MDA/TS/E-Tender/133 of 2021-22 Dated: 04-12-2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division Anantnag, invites E-Tenders in two cover system on item wise basis from reputed and registered firms/Workshop holders or Mechanical contractors for the following work:

S.No	Name of work	Estt. cost (In Rs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs)	Bid Security Declaration	Time of Completion	Administrative Approval	Technical Sanction
1	Repairs to the Engine assembly( V8 Mercedes Make) of Rolba 3000 of Mechanical Field Sub Division Pulwama.	60800.00	200.00	To be submitted with BOQ	07 days	Accorded	Yes

The tender documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of quantities (BOQ), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from Government website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the schedule given in the "Abstract" appended to this notice:

**Instructions to Bidders:**

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format with digital signature on the official website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in two covers ; viz Techno-Commercial/ Financial cover
- Cover 1<sup>st</sup> shall contain:
  - Bid security Declaration duly signed by the contractor/ Firm has to be uploaded in lieu Of CDR, as annexure "C", without which tender cannot be entertained
  - Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST No.
  - Scanned copies of PAN Card/ GST Registration/ latest GST Clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.
  - Scanned copies of the Annexure "A", & "B" duly signed and accepted.
  - Scanned copy of E- Challan/GR/DD etc. for an amount of Rs.200/- duly signed with date.
- Cover 2<sup>nd</sup> shall contain:
  - Price bid, as per BOQ uploaded by this Department/Division.
  - The Department/ Division will not be responsible for delay in submission of bids due to any reason.
  - The cost of tender documents is Non- Refundable and Non- Transferable.

DIPK-14323/21  
No: MDA/TS-980/ 5130-34

Dated: 04-12-2021

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir(UT)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION PULWAMA.

TENDER NOTICE

E-NIT No :- Fresh-333/EEP/RNB/of 2021-22/11379-89

Dated: 04/12/2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT term e-tenders (In Single Cover system) are invited on Item Rate Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost in (Rs.Lacs.)	Cost of T/D (Rs.)	Time of Completion in working Days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Accounts	Administrative Accord Approval No:
1.	Construction of tile path from link road to H.o Ab Hamid sof new colony ward No.16 kadalabal at Mc Pampore.	0.75	200/-	8 Working Days	DEE	IDMT	MCP/21-22/22 of 2021 Dated: 25.08.2021
2	Construction of Tile path from H/O Ab. Rahim Dar to H/o Bashir Ahmad Ganchoo Drangbal Ward No. 11 at MC Pampore.	2.14	200/-	15Working Days	DEE	IDMT	MCP/21-22/22 of 2021 Dated: 25.08.2021
3	Construction Renovation of Drain by Providing PVC 8 pipes from H/o Bashir Ahmad Ganchoo to H/O Ab. Rahman Dar near Dar Masjid Drangbal. Ward No. 11 at MC Pampore.	0.98	200/-	15Working Days	DEE	IDMT	MCP/21-22/22 of 2021 Dated: 25.08.2021
4	Construction/ of covered Drain from H/O Bashir Ahmad Wani to National Highway Opp. Muncif Court Ward No 10 Drangbal at MC Pampore.	1.33	200/-	15Working Days	DEE	IDMT	MCP/21-22/22 of 2021 Dated: 25.08.2021
5	Repirement of stair steps by way of Tiles from H/O Gh. Mohammad Bhat to H/o Bashir Ahmad Bhat near Masjid Bilal Kadalabal Ward No 15 at MC Pampore.	1.10	200/-	15Working Days	DEE	IDMT	MCP/21-22/22 of 2021 Dated: 25.08.2021
6	Construction/rectification of drain with Iron Trash from H/O Mohd Shafi Mir to H/O Gh. Mohammad Bhat near stadium upto national highway at kadalabal ward no.13 MC Pampore.	1.40	200/-	15Working Days	DEE	IDMT	MCP/21-22/22 of 2021 Dated: 25.08.2021
7	Providing /fixing of iron trash Guard over the drain near H.o of Mukhtar Ahmad dar to H.o of farooq ahmad wagay to H.o Riyaz ahmad qadri new colony kadalabal at ward no.16 at MC Pampore.	0.56	200/-	15Working Days	DEE	IDMT	MCP/21-22/22 of 2021 Dated: 25.08.2021
8	Construction of Drain from H/O Peer M.Ashraf to H/o Mohd Amin Sheikh at Sir Syed colony Kadalabal Ward no 17 at MC Pampore.	1.98	200/-	15Working Days	DEE	IDMT	MCP/21-22/22 of 2021 Dated: 25.08.2021
9	Constructionof lane and drain from H.o Lt. Mohd Shaban Ganie to H.o It Gh Ahmad bhat (shahid) ward no.13 kadalabal at MC Pampore.	2.07	200/-	15Working Days	DEE	IDMT	MCP/21-22/22 of 2021 Dated: 25.08.2021

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of date given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04 /12/2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06/12/2021 10:00 A.M.
3.	Bid submission Start Date	06/12/2021 from 10.00 AM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	15/12/2021 upto 4.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	15/12/2021 at 4:30 PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama
6.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within 3 days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest bidder has to provide 3% of Contract Value Cost as Performance Security instead of EMD within 3 days after opening of Financial Bid)

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) and Bid securing declaration instead of EMD as per format Appendix-1 below on Letter Head of Contractor/Agency/Firm in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama showing clearly the name of work along with NIT No. & S.No. failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly

- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

All other terms and conditions shall be available in website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

Head Draftsman

Technical Officer

Executive Engineer, R&B Division Pulwama

DIPK-14324/21

Cluster University Srinagar

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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION No. 6 -----CUS of 2021

B.Tech Engineering Programme (Lateral Entry Scheme)

On-line applications are invited, on the prescribed format, from the eligible candidates for appearing in Entrance Test for Admission in Semester III of following B.Tech. Engineering Courses, under Lateral Entry Scheme, in Government College of Engineering and Technology, Safapora Ganderbal for the Academic Session- 2021:-

- Computer Engineering;
- Mechanical Engineering;
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering;
- Civil Engineering; &
- Bio-Medical Engineering.

(A) ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS (As per SRO 396 of 2016)

- The candidates desirous of seeking admission under Lateral Entry Scheme must have passed 3-Year Diploma Examination , were in he/she is seeking admission, from an AICTE approved institutions with at least 50% marks (40% in case of candidates belonging to reserved categories) in appropriate branch of Engineering/Technology.
- Passed B.Sc. final examination from any recognised university as defined by UGC with at least 50% marks (40% in case of candidates belonging to reserved categories) and passed XII examination with Mathematics as a subject;

Note: 1 "Provided that, students of B.Sc. stream, shall clear the subject of Engineering Graphics/Engineering Drawing and Engineering Mechanics of the first year Engineering programme along with the second year subjects"

Note: 2 "Provided further that, the students belonging to B.Sc. stream shall be considered only after filling the supernumerary seats in this category with students belonging to the Diploma steam"

(B) Selection Criteria:

- A Common Entrance Examination shall be conducted for selection against the available seats;
- The admission of the candidates shall be made on the basis of their eligibility, merit obtained in the Entrance Examination, and course applied for;
- Entrance Examination shall comprising of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's), to be conducted by Cluster University Srinagar. Syllabus of the Entrance Examination is available on the university website;
- There will be "Negative Marking" of 0.25 marks for every wrong answer;
- First preference will be given to Diploma Holders as per their merit obtained in Entrance Examination;
- Minimum marks required for qualifying prescribed Entrance Examination shall be 25% of total marks for open merit candidates and 20% of total marks for reserved category candidates;
- Number of candidates to be admitted under Lateral Entry Scheme shall be 10% of the sanctioned intake capacity of discipline;
- A candidate has to deposit online non-refundable Entrance Examination Fee of Rs 700/- (Seven Hundred Only);
- A candidate has to upload required qualification certificates as per above mentioned eligibility conditions, and self-attested photocopy of reserved category certificate (if any) by or before last date for submission of on-line application form;
- While making selections, reservation policy shall be in accordance with the rules and orders in vogue. However, category certificate shall not be entertained after the closing date for submission of application forms;
- The candidates have to deposit Entrance Fee On-Line during submission of Application Form.

(C) Important Dates:

- Submission of online Application Forms: 07-12-2021
- Last date for submission of Application Forms along with Entrance Test Fee: 16-12-2021

(D) Submission of On-Line Application Forms:

The candidates are advised to follow the bellow mentioned steps for filling-up their on- line application forms.

Step-1	Visit <a href="http://www.cusrinagar.edu.in">www.cusrinagar.edu.in</a> and click on link Admission. Read important instructions/eligibility criteria for Registration carefully before Submission of Form.
Step-2	Choose the programme applied for then Click on Proceed.
Step-3	Enter the required Details and upload your latest Passport size photograph (70 kb). Fill all the required field in the Application Form
Step-4	Deposit online non-refundable Entrance Examination Fee of Rs 700/- (Seven Hundred Only).
Step-5	Select the desired order of preferences of given disciplines, in which admission is sought.
Setp-6	The Preview of the Application Form can be viewed in new browser tab, if all details are correct, click on " Submission" Button. If there is still any correction in the Forms details, please return to previous browser tab and make corrections (if required) then click "Final Submit" Button.

Application Form No shall be mailed at candidate's registered e.mail address for further references/ login/ download of application form. However, no changes are allowed after form is successfully submitted.

DIPK-NB-5646/21

No: CUS/Adm/Eng.LE/2021/6500-05

Dated: 06-12-2021

Sd/-  
Assistant Registrar  
(Coordinator Admissions)



## 'J&K Holds Third Rank In Average Farmers Household Income'

Observer News Service

JAMMU- Managing Director, Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) Kisan, Sandeep Malhotra, Tuesday called on Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Navin K Choudhary.

The MD was here to discuss modalities for providing technological interventions to farmers and horticulturists of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, IFFCO Kisan is a subsidiary of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), the largest farmer cooperative in India.

The team from IFFCO Kisan gave a detailed presentation to the Principal Secretary explaining various technological interventions in their expertise. The team explained how technological methods, or 'agritech', like remote sensing, hyperspectral imagery, digital profiling, portable soil testing facilities could help give hyperlocal solutions most suited to a particular farmland and its respective crop. The IFFCO Kisan would also work in partnership with NABARD to give a fillip to agriculture and allied sectors in J&K, the team further informed.

Principal Secretary asked the IFFCO Kisan representatives to submit a detailed proposal and subsequently start implementing their technologies in specified spots on pilot basis.

It was informed that crops like almonds, walnuts, olives, turmeric and few others among medicinal plants would be tested initially.

Principal Secretary informed the IFFCO Kisan team that according to a recent NITI Aayog survey, Jammu & Kashmir has jumped to overall fifth rank, in agriculture and allied sectors within a year. He added that the UT now holds third rank in average farmers' household income.

Sharing his aim of boosting horticulture in previously untapped regions of the UT, Principal Secretary informed that the Horticulture department has planted 10 lakh plants in the last year and thrice the number is expected to be planted this year. The department aims to promote cultivation of Aloe vera and lemongrass in water deficient areas of the UT, he added. He said we are trying to give end-to-end solutions to the local farmers, so as to ensure that they are assisted from planting to marketing.

## Rs 500 Crore Hidden Income Found In Raids On Gujarat Group: Tax Dept



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Unaccounted transactions of over 500 crore have been detected after the Income Tax Department last month raided a Gujarat-based group engaged in the manufacture of stainless steel and metal pipes, the CBDT said on Tuesday.

The searches were launched on November 23 at thirty premises of the unidentified group in Ahmedabad and Mumbai.

"A large number of incriminating documents, loose sheets, digital evidence etc. have been found and seized. These evidences contain detailed records of the group's unaccounted income on which due taxes have not been paid," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement.

A preliminary analysis of evidence, the policy-making body for the tax

department said, indicates that the group is indulging in "unaccounted sales of goods and scrap in cash which is not recorded in the regular books of account".

Evidences related to "malpractices like unaccounted cash loans advanced and interest earned thereon, expenses incurred in cash, bogus expenses and purchases, unaccounted land investments etc. has also been unearthed," it said.

The deleted WhatsApp chat of a key person showed evidence of obtaining huge accommodation entries (bogus business entries in the accounts) by the group to "reduce" its taxable income, the CBDT said.

It added that 18 bank lockers were put under restraint.

"The search action has led to the detection of total unaccounted transactions exceeding 500 crore," it said.

## Income Tax, CGST Deptts Conduct Outreach Initiative

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Continuing the Outreach initiative of the Ministry of Finance, Govt of India, the Central Goods & Services Tax (CGST) Department, in collaboration with the Income Tax Department, has Tuesday conducted a programme at Dak Bungalow Baramulla.

The initiative is aimed at reaching out to representatives of small and medium industry, business professionals, local business bodies and associations, start-ups, women entrepreneurs etc. to collect feedback on budget expectations and other aspirations. The programme witnessed large and enthusiastic participation of the stakeholders.

The teams of CGST of

ficers who participated in these programmes were led by Neeraj Choubey, Additional Commissioner and included other officers Varun Soni, Deputy Commissioner, H. L. Koul, R. A. Wani, Ajay Sopori and Ashish Raina.

Superintendent Neeraj Choubey explained the salient features of GST Act. He motivated the potential taxpayers to come into the fold of GST compliance and briefed them about how inter-state and intra-state transactions conducted under the GST lead to positive outcomes for the states.

He illustrated the principle of Destination based consumption tax. He gave a message of integration with the supply chain to the traders to reap the benefits of better tax compliance.

## Rs 20,353 Cr Undisclosed Credits Detected In Panama, Paradise Paper Leaks: Govt

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- The government on Tuesday said undisclosed credits amounting to Rs 20,353 crore have been detected with respect to 930 India-linked entities in the Panama and Paradise Paper Leaks.

Replying to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary also informed that taxes collected so far amount to Rs 153.88 crore in the Panama and Paradise Paper Leaks.

"As on October 1, 2021, total undisclosed credits amounting to Rs 20,353 crore have been detected with respect to 930 India linked entities in the Panama and Paradise Paper Leaks," the minister said in a written reply.

He said tax department takes appropriate actions in case of persons, who are found to be involved in violation of the provisions of various Acts administered by the Income Tax Department like the Income Tax Act, 1961, and Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 etc.

"Such actions under direct tax law include searches and seizure, surveys, enquiries, assessment and reassessment of income, levy of



As on October 1, 2021, total undisclosed credits amounting to Rs 20,353 crore have been detected with respect to 930 India linked entities in the Panama and Paradise Paper Leaks

taxes along with interest, levy of penalties, filing of prosecution complaints in criminal courts, wherever applicable," he said.

In 52 cases of Panama and Paradise Paper Leaks, criminal prosecution complaints have been filed under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015.

Further, in 130 cases proceedings under Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of tax Act, 2015 have been initiated.

Some Indian names have been released in the media which are allegedly

linked to the Pandora Papers Leak.

Chaudhary further said the government has taken cognisance of the same and for the purpose of coordinated and speedy investigation brought the Pandora Papers Leak under the umbrella of Multi Agency group (MAG).

The MGA has been constituted under the convenorship of Chairman CBDT, with Directorate of Enforcement, Reserve Bank of India, Financial Intelligence Unit India and Foreign Tax and Tax Research division of CBDT as its members agencies.

Further, investigation is under progress, the minister added.

### GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT AND COUNSELLING CENTRE, SRINAGAR

(Mantoo House, Post Office Lane Rajbagh Srinagar-190008)  
Mail ID: deandccsgr@gmail.com

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Registration of Unemployed/ Skilled youth of district Srinagar.

Through the medium of this notice, the unemployed/ skilled youth hailing/residing in district Srinagar are hereby advised to get themselves registered with the online Google form link (Case Sensitive) as under.  
<https://bit.ly/3BMMK71>

The purpose of registration is to capture the details of the unemployed/ skilled workforce available in district Srinagar and also the demand/ need of imparting relevant Training regarding demand-driven skill development courses.

For Further Details Contact:-  
Deputy Director, District Employment & Counseling Centre, Rajbagh Srinagar  
Email : deandccsgr@gmail.com

Mohd Rouf Rahman (KAS)  
Deputy Director Employment,  
DE&CC, Srinagar

No: DE&CC/Sgr/EMP/2021-22/1723-26  
Dated: - 07.12.2021

DIPK-14441/21

### Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MUGHAL ROAD DIVISION SHOPIAN

NIT No: - 14/FRESH/MRP/SPN/e-TENDERING/2021-22

Dated: 06/12/2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K, e-tenders are invited on **Percentage Basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Cost of Tender (In lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (days)	Class of contract
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Providing and Fixing of Kilometer Stones from Km 0+000 to 40+500 at various spots incl Sign Boards on Mughal Road Shopian Side	1.90	200/-	15 days	"D"

Position of Funds: Available

Position of AA: Accorded

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	06-12-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06-12-2021 To 11-12-2021
3.	Bid submission Start Date	06-12-2021
4.	Bid Submission End Date	11-12-2021
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	11-12-2021 at 03.00 PM in the office of the Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian.

- Bidders must upload the requisite cost of Tender document in shape of **e-challan/Treasury Challan Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).** ( Name of Work, to be mentioned ). (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the Date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority)
- All the Bidders have to upload / submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A".
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to **3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR within 03 days before fixation of Contract.**
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).

DIPK-14385/21

Sd/- Executive Engineer  
Mughal Road Division Shopian

## India Is No.1 Food Supplier To Arab Nations After 15 Years

Agencies

Sao Paulo: India surpassed Brazil in food exports to the League of Arab States for the first time in 15 years as the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted trade flows in 2020, according to data provided by the Arab-Brazil Chamber of Commerce to Reuters on Tuesday.

The Arab world is among Brazil's most important trade partners, but its distance from those markets took its toll as the pandemic rattled global logistics.

Brazil accounted for 8.15% of the total agribusiness products imported by the 22 League members last year, whereas India captured 8.25% of that trade, ending Brazil's 15-year advantage, the data showed.

Despite remaining competitive "from the farm gate in," Brazil lost ground to India and other exporters such as Turkey, the United States, France and Argentina amid a disruption of traditional shipping routes.

Brazilian shipments to Saudi Arabia that once took 30 days could now take up to 60 days, according to the Chamber, whereas India's geographic advantages

allow it to ship fruits, vegetables, sugar, grains and meat in as little as week.

Brazil's agricultural exports to the



Arab League rose just 1.4% by value to \$8.17 billion last year. Between January and October this year, sales totaled \$6.78 billion, up 5.5%, as logistics problems subsided, Chamber data showed.

China's push to boost its own food inventories during the pandemic also diverted some of Brazil's trade with the Arabs, leading countries such as Saudi Arabia to step up promotion of domestic food production, while seeking alternative suppliers.

### Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MUGHAL ROAD PROJECT DIVISION SHOPIAN.

NIT No: - 15/MRP/SPN/e-TENDERING/2021-22

Dated: 07/12/2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K, e-tenders are invited on **Percentage Basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works: -

S. No	Name of work	Cost (In lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (days)	Class of contract
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Supply and spreading of common salt over frost prone areas at required spots on Mughal Road (Shopian Side) from Km 0+000 to Km 40+550.	2.31	300/-	Up to 31-03-2022	"D"

Position of Funds: Available

Position of AA: Accorded

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	07-12-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 07-12-2021 To 12-12-2021
3.	Bid submission Start Date	07-12-2021
4.	Bid Submission End Date	13-12-2021
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	13-12-2021 at 03.00 PM in the office of the Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian.

- Bidders must upload the requisite cost of Tender document in shape of **e-challan/Treasury Challan Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).** ( Name of Work, to be mentioned ). (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority)
- All the Bidders have to upload / submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A".
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DIPK-14434/21

Executive Engineer  
Mughal Road Division  
Shopian

### Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The District Agriculture Officer Extension Anantnag

#### PUBLIC NOTICE-II

Whereas, this office issued a Public Notice in Daily Rising Kashmir on 26-11-2021 and invited applications on plain paper with identify proof from Group of Farmers (Min 08 Farmers) belonging to a single Revenue Village of District Anantnag for the establishment of below mentioned unit under "Sub Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)" a component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (NMAET)".

Whereas, during stipulated seven days time line i-e, upto 02-12-2021, only three interested Farmer groups of different Revenue village of District Anantnag has submitted their applications;

Whereas, in the interest of farming community and to serve the farming community at large the date for submission of applications is decided to be extended by seven days more. Therefore, applications on plain paper with identify proof are again invited from interested Group of Farmers (Min 08 Farmers) belonging to a single Revenue Village of District Anantnag which should reach the office of the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication of this Notice-II in any Daily News Paper. The beneficiary group among the eligible Group of Farmers from a Single Revenue Village shall be selected through draw of lots by a Committee of Officers to be constituted separately under the chairmanship of Chief Agriculture Officer Anantnag. The draw of lots will be held in the office of Chief Agriculture Officer Anantnag in presence of the applicants who wish to remain present on the next day of cut off date at 2:00 PM.

S.No.	Component	Unit (No.)	Eligibility	Pattern of Assistant	Jurisdiction
1.	Establishment of Farm Machinery Bank	01	Group of Farmers (Min 08 Farmers) from Single Revenue Village	80% of the cost limited to 8.00 Lacs/unit	District Anantnag

Other Terms and conditions given in the 1st. Public Notice No. DAOE/Dev/2021-22/2352-56 dated 23-11-2021 shall remain same. However the applicants may feel free to contact following Nos. in case of any query or clarification.

- Chief Agriculture Officer Anantnag 7889566938
- District Agriculture Officer Extn. Anantnag 7889778393

Sd/-  
District Agriculture Officer,  
Extension Anantnag

ISSUED THROUGH:  
INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS, DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE KASHMIR  
DIPK-14338/21



## Mosque Painted 'Saffron' In Varanasi

**VARANASI:** A mosque on the road leading to the Kashi Vishwanath temple here has been painted "saffron" by the authorities ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's expected visit on December 13, according to a masjid committee panel member.

There was no immediate comment from the authorities over the claim but an official had earlier said all buildings on the road are being given an uniform colour, which is "light pink".

After an objection was raised by members of the Muslim community, the mosque located in the Bulanala area is being repainted white again.

Mohammad Ejaz Islahi of the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee said, "The mosque was first white in colour. It was painted saffron. The masjid committee was not consulted."

He alleged that it was done under a "conspiracy" and they submitted their objection to the Kashi Vishwanath temple office.

Efforts were also made to raise the objection before the district magistrate but he could not be met, Islahi said.

"Later, the administration understood this and the mosque is being painted white," he added.

## Armed Forces Flag Day Celebrated At Sainik Bhawan Srinagar

### OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** The Armed Forces Flag Day Programme was today held at Sainik Bhawan, Srinagar to honour the martyrs and men in uniform who voluntarily fought and continue to safeguard the country's honour.

The programme was attended by the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also President Sainik Board, Srinagar and GOC 31 Sub Area among other senior govt officials.

Speaking on the Occasion,

Div Com highlighted the role of Sainiks and called them guardians of the Nation who protect its citizens.

During the interaction with the veterans the Div Com and DC Srinagar assured all support from the civil administration towards welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their families. Meanwhile, Ex-Servicemen community thanked Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; HQ 15 Corps, HQ 31 Sub Area, JAK LI Regimental Centre (JAK LI RC) for their initiatives taken for the welfare of Ex-Servicemen Community.

# RLD Formally Announces Alliance With SP For UP Polls

## BJP's Politics Of Hatred Will Be Rejected, Says RLD State Chief Jayant Chaudhary

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Lucknow:** Rashtriya Lok Dal president Jayant Chaudhary on Tuesday formally announced his party's alliance with the Samajwadi Party and said if they come to power in Uttar Pradesh next year, the first work will be to build a memorial for "martyrs" of the farmers' protest.

Slamming the BJP government in the state for the recent leak of a government competitive examination question paper and subsequent cancellation of the test, Chaudhary said because of such incidents youngsters are not getting appointments, and they have to migrate and work in other places.

The BJP will get a befitting reply from the people in the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls next year as they have understood its politics of hatred, the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief said while addressing a rally along with Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav in Meerut.

Talking about the alliance, Chaudhary said, "Akhilesh ji and I are together, and I am making

an announcement in this regard. The first work our double-engine government will do is to construct a memorial for martyr farmers, who died during farmers' protest here in the land of Chowdhury Charan Singh."

The BJP talks of "hatred" and "our Babaji (Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath) starts with Aurangzeb and ends with the Kairana exodus", the RLD leader said.

The BJP during the last assembly elections had claimed that many Hindu families had migrated from Kairana town in fear of criminals. The claim of migration has been contested by some political parties.

"The paper (competitive exam) is leaked, youths are not getting appointments. Youths from here migrate due to lack of opportunities and work in other states. Now this time, people will not fall in the trap of 'nafrat ki baatein' (talks of hatred)," he said.

The RLD leader said, "Babaji becomes angry very fast. You have never seen him smiling. He smiles only when he is with 'bacchde' (calves). I ask you

people to free him so that he can play with his calves for 24 hours. He cannot handle government files."

Hailing the farmers' agitation, Chaudhary said, "I appreciate farmers for winning a big battle and forcing (Prime Minister Narendra) Modiji, probably for the first time, to bow before them."

He was referring to the repeal of three central farm laws that had triggered a year of protests.

"In Lakhimpur Kheri farmers were crushed. Over 700 of them died during the agitation (against the laws)," he said.

On October 3, during violence in Lakhimpur Kheri, eight people were killed, including four farmers and two BJP workers.

Chaudhary asked people to be there in Aligarh on December 23 on Kisan Diwas for another rally.

Addressing the gathering, Yadav remembered Chowdhury Charan Singh, Baba Saheb Ambedkar, Ram Manohar Lohia and farmers leader Mahendra Singh Tikait, and highlighted their contribution to making an egalitarian society.

## CDS Rawat Bats For Information Sharing Mechanism Among BIMSTEC Countries

**NEW DELHI:** Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat on Tuesday suggested setting up of information sharing mechanism among the BIMSTEC nations for better defence cooperation among their security agencies.

In his address at an event organised ahead of a BIMSTEC disaster relief exercise, he also pitched for a united approach by the member nations of the grouping in preparing for likely future challenges such as pandemics, natural disasters and biological warfare.

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) comprises India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan.

India has been making concerted efforts to make BIMSTEC a vibrant forum for regional cooperation as initiatives under the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) were not moving forward for a variety of reasons.

Referring to the new coronavirus variant Omicron, Gen Rawat wondered whether it will again mutate into something else and said the countries should act together to overcome pandemics.

"Is this also becoming the new kind of warfare and if this is the future warfare and that if biological warfare is somehow beginning to take shape, then once again I think the BIMSTEC nations need to act together and strengthen our efforts to make sure that our nations do not get affected by such kind of disease and virus," he said.

Gen Rawat highlighted the importance of drawing common legal frameworks and setting up information sharing mechanism to facilitate defence cooperation between security and judicial agencies of the member nations.

He was addressing the curtain raiser event for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise -- PANEX-21.

The exercise is planned to be conducted from December 20-22 in Pune and will witness participation from subject matter experts and delegates from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand, the defence ministry said.

In his address, Army Chief Gen M M Naravane said the emergence of the new variant and the resurgence of COVID-19 cases indicate that the fight is far from over.

"A range of aggravating factors such as climate change, unplanned urbanisation, underdevelopment, poverty as well as the threat of the pandemics will result in an increased frequency, complexity and severity of disasters in the future," Gen Naravane said.

"I would like to highlight that during the ongoing pandemic situation, the Indian armed forces were fully engaged in the whole-of-government efforts to provide the necessary support. Due to our wide footprint, we were quick to reach the remotest parts of our country," he said.

## CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

### Tri-Service Drill

as a true reflection of the tri-service ethos of the Indian Armed forces.

Giving more details of the tri-service drill, the defence spokesperson said that the heli dropped task force operated in snow clad region at heights over 9000 feet.

"The Heli Borne task force included troops from Infantry, the Special Forces and the MARCOS from Indian Navy. The heli drop exercise included full transportation and armed helicopters from Indian Army and Indian Air Force including the Apaches attack helicopters. Aspects related to electronic warfare were also validated," he said.

He further said that the exercise showcased the capability of the Chinara Corps and the Indian Army to carryout successful operations in high altitude areas incorporating all facets of contemporary and modern battle field in synergy with Indian Air Force & Indian Navy.

### LG Tours Border

of weaponry at the BoP.

He interacted with BSF troops and praised them for their extraordinary service and hard work, they said.

During his visit to Channi Fatwal village along with other civil dignitaries, the lieutenant governor interacted with the residents to know about their problems.

He offered a 'chadar' at the shrine of Baba Chamliyal.

People of all faiths pay obeisance at the shrine of Baba Dalip Singh Manhas, a saint popularly known as Baba Chamliyal. Till 1971, Pakistani nationals were allowed to come to the Indian side of the border to pay obeisance at the shrine.

Later, Sinha attended an Armed Forces Flag Day event here and paid rich tributes to the valiant personnel of armed forces by saluting their bravery and selfless service.

He said generous contribution by people to the Armed Forces Flag Day fund will be a befitting acknowledgement of their sacrifices.

"Our armed forces personnel continue to set the highest standards of valour. Their indomitable spirit inspires the whole nation to continue steadfastly towards achieving greatness, every single day," Sinha said.

To commemorate the day, Director of the Sainik Welfare Department Brigadier (retired) Gurmeet Singh Shan pinned the armed forces flag on the jacket of the lieutenant governor.

Sinha made contribution towards the fund and conveyed his best wishes to all serving and retired defence personnel and their families.

He urged the Sainik Welfare Department to continue its sustained efforts towards the welfare of ex-servicemen and their family members.

### Cold Wave

possibility of light rain or snow on Wednesday and Thursday at some places.

### Delimitation Exercise

have been taken for completion of the work of delimitation at the earliest in Jammu Kashmir by the centre as a result of the meeting held with the "representatives of various political parties of Kashmir recently."

"The Delimitation Commission has held extensive consultations with various stakeholders like State Election Commissioner of UT of J&K, Chief Secretary, Govt. of J&K, Registrar General of India, Surveyor General of India, District Election Officers of all 20 districts of J&K," he said as per the reply.

The Delimitation Commission visited various places in Jammu & Kashmir from 6th to 9th July this year to "receive inputs from the stakeholders".

"The endeavour of Commission is to complete the said exercise as early as possible," Rai

said responding to specific query by the parliamentarian about the time by which the work delimitation was likely to be completed.

Recently Home Minister of India Amit Shah said that first delimitation will take place, then elections will be held and then the process to restore statehood will begin.

"I have said this many times. Now they know that this will be the chronology so they want to create political dispute by demanding the opposite," Shah had said in response to question on the demand of J-K political parties that elections should take place after statehood is restored.

Under the constitutional scheme prior to 5 August 2019, the delimitation of assembly constituencies fell within powers of the erstwhile state of J&K and under the second proviso to Section 47 of the Constitution of J&K, the re-drawing boundaries of the assembly was to be undertaken once the figures of the first census after the year 2026 are published, meaning thereby census of 2031.

However, as the things stand, the freeze on delimitation exercise brought in by the erstwhile government headed by then Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah and upheld by the Supreme Court, has been lifted under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the wires of which are under challenge before the top court of the country.

Under Part-V of the 'Reorganisation Act, re-drawing of the assembly constituencies has to be carried through a process defined in Delimitation Act, 2002.

Jammu and Kashmir saw the last delimitation exercise in 1994-95, after 22 years, which resulted in an increase in the number of Assembly constituencies from 76 to 87. The Jammu region saw an increase of five seats (from 32 to 37 seats), the Kashmir Valley an increase of four seats (from 42 to 46) and Ladakh two seats (from two to four).

The erstwhile State as a whole had a total of 111 seats—24 reserved and vacant for Pakistan controlled Kashmir.

Post 5 August 2019 and the split of the State into two Union Territories—J&K and Ladakh—the complexion of the legislative Assembly changed. Four Ladakh seats were declared void, reducing the strength of the J&K assembly to 83 from 87. At the same time, the new Act provided for increasing the number of seats to 90.

Section 60 of the Reorganisation Act deals with exercise and provides among others reservation of the seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Legislative Assembly having regard to the "relevant provisions of the Constitution".

Also, the constituencies in which seats are reserved for the SC and the ST shall, as far as practicable, are to be located in areas where the proportion of their population to the total population is the largest, according to the Act.

This exercise has been started and is being carried out by a Delimitation Commission, whose orders have the force of law and cannot be questioned before any court. The objective is to redraw boundaries (based on the data of the 2011 Census) in a way so that the population of all seats, as far as practicable, be the same throughout the J&K.

On March 6, 2020, the government of India set up the Delimitation Commission whose five associate members include National Conference MPs—Farooq Abdullah, Mohammad Akbar Lone and Hasnain Masoodi—besides Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Dr Jitendra Singh, and Jugal Kishore Sharma of the BJP.

Although the Commission was tasked to finish delimitation in a year, on March 4th year, it was granted a year's extension. This was done on the request of the commission members since it couldn't make much progress due to the "Covid-19-induced shutdown across the country."

Moreover, J&K State Election Commissioner K K Sharma was appointed only on October 30 last year, following which he was busy with the District Development Council (DDC) polls in J&K that concluded last December and saw People's Alliance For Gupkar Declaration, an alliance of various mainstream parties for restoration of Article 370 and 35A, win big. (GNS)

### Sarpanch Booked

investigation taken up, the officials said.

### Eye On Polls

the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

It was aimed at unity, integrity, peace, progress and communal harmony for the people, the party said.

"It is also imperative to safeguard the jobs and land of the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the people of Jammu and Kashmir which is only possible with the restoration of the pre-August 5, 2019 situation," the resolution stated.

Another resolution called for the restoration of the 149-year-old tradition of 'darbar move', under which the government functioned from Srinagar and Jammu for six months each.

The practice was ended by the administration under the Lt Governor last year.

"Around 8,000-9,000 employees working in civil secretariats, with headquarters in Jammu and Srinagar, used to shift from one headquarters to another.

It was a unique practice which had strengthened the relations of the people in the two regions sharing their culture, secular fabric and socialism as well.

"The move used to boost economic activities as well in both the capitals. Ending this practice not only will shatter communal harmony, brotherhood and strong relations between Dogra, Kashmiri and Ladakhi culture but has also brought commercial activities to a standstill," the resolution read.

Another resolution demanding a special package for the tourism industry was passed by the NC.

The party promised that, if voted to power, it would redress the grievances of the tourism industry and will explore more tourism places in Jammu as well as Kashmir regions.

The resolution legal guarantee of MSP said, "As the farming community has been fighting for passage of legislation for MSP, the National Conference supports their just and genuine demand."

It also demanded compensation to the farmers for the damage to their crops due to hailstorms and torrential rains.

"The farmers are being harassed and tortured by snatching away their lands under cultivation forcing them to adopt the path of agitation. We stand with these farmers and appeal to the government to defer this campaign till a popular government is established in Jammu and Kashmir," the NC said.

Claiming the unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir was at an "all-time high" of 22.2 per cent and the highest among all the Union Territories and the states, the party demanded adequate employment opportunities for the youth.

"The government must review its employment policy and must absorb all those at the verge of becoming over-age," the resolution said.

### Won't Contest

Atal Bihari Vajpayee's time, citizens of the two countries were cheering for each other.

"I remember a cricket match between India and Pakistan during Vajpayee ji's era, where citizens of Pakistan were cheering for India and citizens of India were cheering for Pakistan. And former Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf also praised the then Indian captain MS Dhoni," said PDP chief.

"But some days ago in Agra, when some

youngsters cheered for the Pakistan cricket team during a match with India, not a single lawyer is ready to take their case, so it feels like Gandhi's India is turning into Godse's India," she added.

Mufti further said "Have never seen a greater Statesman than Vajpayee. He visited Pakistan twice. He knew dialogue is the way forward."

She also slammed the BJP for running Jammu and Kashmir like a colony. Mufti has been asking the Centre to restore Article 370 and Article 35A and said that Kashmir cannot be kept with the country by using muscle power.

"We decided to go with India of Gandhi Ji, which gave us Article 370, Article 35A and our own flag...If you want to keep Jammu and Kashmir with you, reinstate Article 370 and Article 35A and solve the Kashmir issue. You cannot keep Kashmir with you by using muscle power," Mufti said while addressing a public rally at Banihal in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir.

In August 2019, the Central government scrapped Article 370 which gave special rights to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated the region into two categories—Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

On Tuesday, Minister of State for Home Nitayanand Rai had said that the delimitation panel chief Justice (Retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai had meetings with all the stakeholders in UT of Jammu and Kashmir and the process of delimitation would be completed as soon as possible.

She also spoke on the recent demands of two chief ministers from northeast states — Meghalaya and Nagaland. Mufti said, "Revocation of Armed Force Special Power Act (AFSPA) was our part and parcel of the agenda with the BJP when the PDP-BJP alliance was in the government Jammu and Kashmir state. Removing AFSPA from the areas where the incidence of militant activities are less will be a good and positive step."

Recently, after the Nagaland civilian killing, Nagaland and Meghalaya CMs Neiphiu Rio and Conrad Sangma, respectively, had demanded the repealing of AFSPA from their respective states. (Agencies)

### Power Department

people use all electric, electronic gadgets in winters as a result, the demand for power supply grows," he said.

The Power chief said that unless people won't cooperate with the department and use the electricity judiciously, the issue will never get resolved.

According to the officials, the department in Kashmir division is supplying 1760 megawatt for the first time but the demand is ever increasing.

"Compared to last year's supply of 1500 MW, the current demand of power in Kashmir Valley has risen to 2500 MW. We're trying our best but people should also use the electric judiciously," he added.

### Child Mortality

children whose mothers waited for at least four years between births," the report says.

The report further reads that the children born to mothers age 30-39 are more likely to die during infancy than children born to mothers in the prime childbearing age (20-29 years). "Infant mortality rates are also higher for Muslims than Hindus and are highest for scheduled tribes than any other social group," says the report.

It further adds that the infant mortality rate is relatively higher in rural areas, among infants whose mothers have no schooling or less years schooling, and having higher birth order.

### Corona Claims

Jammu division, thus taking the number of

people infected by virus to 338047

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported highest 32 fresh cases of coronavirus, Budgam 25, Baramulla 19, Kupwara 8, Bandipora and Ganderbal 6 each, Pulwama 5 and one new case each in Anantnag and Kulgam districts. Shopian was the only district in Valley where no fresh cases were reported on Tuesday.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 14 new coronavirus cases; Doda 7, Kathua and Poonch 3 each and one new case each from Udhampur and Rajouri districts. No fresh cases were registered in the four districts of Samba, Kishtwar, Reasi and Ramban.

"Moreover, 188 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 26 from Jammu Division and 162 from Kashmir Division," the officials added.

### Retired Cop Killed

killed on the spot while four others were injured when a private car collided with an army vehicle in at Naushera area along the Jammu-Poonch highway on Tuesday morning, officials said.

The injured identified as six-year-old Maria, Attaulah (35), Saleema Bi (50) and Iqra Pathan (30) were shifted to Sub-District Hospital Naushera for treatment. However, two among them Attaulah and Iqra Pathan were referred by the doctors to the Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu in "critical condition."

All the injured are residents of Salwah Mendhar, in Poonch district.

A police officer said that a case has been registered and further investigations are underway.

### Leopard, Bear

rescue operation was launched by Control Room Acchabal.

After several hours of efforts, the wildlife department team was successful in rescuing the leopard.

Similarly a black bear was captured by the Department team in Hallan Verinag area of the district, reports said.

### Winter Break In

summer areas of the zone shall also observe from December-24 to January-02-2022.

According to an order issued by the School Education Department on Tuesday all government schools, including recognized private schools up to class 12th standard falling in Jammu Division, winter and summer zone areas shall observe vacations from December-13 to February-28-2022 and December-24 to January-02-2022 respectively.

"There will be online interaction of teaching faculty with students through Whatsapp group, Google-meet etcetera at least once in a week," reads the order.

It also states that the teachers shall remain available for any query or the doubt of any student on phone or Whatsapp.

"The teachers have to ensure completion of all ongoing exams of regular academic session 2020-21 for different classes and in case any default on part of Head of Schools (HoS) in observance of calendar shall attract strict action under rules," it reads.

### Ladakh Reports

the infection. Ladakh has registered 215 deaths due to the coronavirus -- 157 in Leh district and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic.

Thirty-four patients recovered from the infection and were discharged from hospital from Leh. The total number of recovered patients rose to 21,238, they said.

A total of 845 samples in Ladakh were found negative, they said.



## South Africa Announce Squad For India Series

Magala, Rickelton Get Maiden Call-Up

Press Trust of India

**JOHANNESBURG:** Pacer Sisanda Magala and wicketkeeper-batsman Ryan Rickelton were the new faces in South Africa's 21-member squad announced on Tuesday for the three-Test series against India beginning December 26.

Pacer Duanne Oliver, who last played a Test in 2019, is also back in the side to be led by Dean Elgar.

The seasoned pace duo of Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje too returned after being rested in the ODIs against the Netherlands.

Glenton Stuurman and Prenelan Subraye have also made their way back into the team.

The first Test has been pushed back a week to start on Boxing Day in the wake of a new COVID-19 variant detected in southern Africa. The development threatened the whole series but both BCCI and Cricket South Africa worked together

to ensure it goes ahead.

The three-match rubber is part of the World Test Championship and India will be aiming to secure their maiden series win in South Africa.

The first Test will be held in Centurion, second in Johannesburg from January 3 and third in Cape Town from January 11.

Three ODIs will be held after that and four T20s, which were part of the original schedule, will be held later.

The CSA had announced the revised series schedule on Monday.

Squad: Dean Elgar (captain), Temba Bavuma (vice-captain), Quinton de Kock (wicketkeeper), Kagiso Rabada, Sarel Erwee, Beuran Hendricks, George Linde, Keshav Maharaj, Lungi Ngidi, Aiden Markram, Wiaan Mulder, Anrich Nortje, Keegan Petersen, Rassie van der Dussen, Kyle Verreynne, Marco Jansen, Glenton Stuurman, Prenelan Subrayen, Sisanda Magala, Ryan Rickelton, Duanne Olivier.

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and is not carrying an injury. With five Tests in six weeks the plan was to get him ready for the second Test in Adelaide."



## JAMES ANDERSON To Miss Ashes Opener

Press Trust of India

**BRISBANE:** England have decided to rest senior pacer James Anderson for the first Ashes Test beginning here on Wednesday as part of their workload management.

By not playing the series opener, the team management feels Anderson can be better prepared for the subsequent pink-ball Test in Adelaide.

"Jimmy is fit to play, and is not carrying an injury. With five Tests in six weeks the plan was to get him ready for the second Test in Adelaide," the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said in a statement.

The decision also took into account England's "limited" preparations ahead of the first Test with the weather playing spoilsport.

"With the limited build-up we

have had so far on the tour, both him and the management didn't want to take the risk of him playing after what had happened in 2019 at Edgbaston, when he broke down on the first morning," the statement read.

"He bowled at full capacity yesterday for just short of an hour and was in a good place physically. He will do the same again today at practice. He will stay with the Test group this week and work with the coaches at the Gabba rather than playing for the Lions."

Anderson has to play a key role if England are to win the Ashes Down Under for the first time since 2010-11. He had taken 24 wickets at 26.04 when Andrew Strauss led England won the Ashes in Australia more than a decade ago.

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## Bandipora Sportsmen Raise Objection Over SK Stadium's Conversion Into Synthetic Track

Stadium Not Selected, No Need To Panic: Tehsildar

Agencies

**BANDIPORA:** Soon after an expert team visited the Sher-e-Kashmir Sports Stadium, Bandipora to check feasibility for the construction of synthetic athletic track at the stadium, people have raised objections saying that it should remain a cricket and football stadium.

Last year, the government had inaugurated an athletic track inside the sports stadium Bandipora following which the sportsmen raised objection against the move.

However, from the last few days, the controversy erupted again after an expert team had visited the stadium to check feasibility for the construction of synthetic athletic track at the stadium.

The sportsmen including cricketers and footballers have reacted by saying that they will not allow this sports stadium to deteriorate.

"We have no objection in building an athletic track but authorities should find

another place for it, not our sports stadium," they said.

Advocate Mudasir Wani a social activist said that the district has a lot of potential to develop an athletic track anywhere near the Banks of Wullar lake as uncountable playgrounds are there but not at the cost of SK Stadium.

He said that the Stadium represents the aspirations of almost the majority of Bandipora, especially cricket and football lovers and is one of the most beautiful stadiums in J&K which must be preserved and nourished for generations to come.

"Athletic track is needed for an hour too for other sports lovers and must be constructed in Bandipora somewhere else but not at the cost of SK Stadium," he said.

"Government's move to convert SK Stadium into synthetic athletic track is a grave injustice with thousands of local youth of Bandipora who play cricket and football on this stadium. Every day on an average hundreds of youth play at the ground. Where would the locals go," said another local.



NIFF YOUTH LEAGUE

## 2 Final Round Matches Played

R. Elahi

**SRINAGAR:** Two matches of NIFF Youth League final round fixtures were played on Tuesday at Synthetic Turf TRC, here.

In the first match J&K Bank Football Academy drew 2-2 with SCFA Bandipora. The high-voltage match saw all 4 goals scored in the first half. J&K Bank's academy forward Huzaif Ahmad gave his team the lead in 21st minute, however, SCFA Bandipora's Zaheer Mir scored the equaliser

in 28th minute. Bank's Huzaif then scored the second goal in the 33rd minute, before Bandipora's Zaheer made it 2-2 in the 40th minute. The scores remained the same in the second half of the match as well.

Zaheer Mir was awarded man of the match for his splendid goal-scoring display.

The second match of NIFF Youth League saw SCFA Srinagar defeat DP Dhar FA 2-0. Farhan Fayaz scored the first goal in the 15th minute of the match. The

SCFA boys then scored another in the 36th minute through striker Ubaid Riyaz.

SCFA Srinagar's Ubaid Riyaz was awarded man of the match. The next round of matches will be played on December 9 with J&K Bank FA taking on DP Dhar FA in the first fixture, while the two Sports Council Football academies from Srinagar and Bandipora will go head to head in the second match.

The NIFF Youth League will kick off from 12:30 PM onwards.

## District Level Sqay Championship Begins at Pampore

Zuhaib, Safran, Faizan Clinch Gold

Observer News Service

**PULWAMA:** Inter zonal District Level Sqay Martial Arts Championship was inaugurated on Tuesday at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School here. District Youth Services & Sports Officer Pulwama and other senior officers and officials of the Department of YSS and School Education

Department were present on the inauguration of the tourney.

In 62Kg U-19 age group category Zuhaib Ahmed, Mir Shakir and Numan Ahmed clinched Gold, Silver and Bronze, respectively, while as in 60 Kg U-17 Category Safran Aziz stood 1st, Furqan Ahmed 2nd, while Faizan Ahmed earned the third spot. Simultaneously in 49Kg U-14 age group, Faizan Ahmed, Mohsin Ahmed and Shakir Ahmed won Gold, Silver and Bronze, respectively.

The mega championship is organized in all age groups for both boys and girls. The position holders and winners of these competitions will be selected for Inter-District level competitions in the game.

Sqay is an indigenous Kashmiri martial arts form of sword-fighting and originated in Kashmir Valley. Armed sqay makes use of a curved single-edge sword paired with a shield, or one sword in each hand. Unarmed techniques incorporate kicks, punches, locks and chops.



diplomatic boycott amounted to a "half measure." American officials, including Biden, have criticized Beijing for human rights abuses against Uyghurs in northwest Xinjiang province, suppression of democratic protests in Hong Kong, military aggression against the self-ruled island of Taiwan and more. President Donald Trump's administration in its final

days declared the abuses in north-west China "genocide."

"The United States should fully boycott the Genocide Games in Beijing," Cotton said. "American businesses should not financially support the Chinese Communist Party and we must not expose Team USA to the dangers of a repugnant authoritarian regime that

disappears its own athletes."

Cotton appeared to be referring to former Grand Slam doubles champion Peng Shuai, who dropped from sight after publicly accusing a former top Communist Party official of sexual assault. Concerns over her safety prompted the Women's Tennis Association to suspend events in China and provided added fuel to opponents of China's hosting of the games.

Psaki would not comment whether Biden weighed pulling athletes from the games — many of whom have been training for years for the moment to compete on the global stage. In 1980, in the midst of the Cold War, Jimmy Carter kept U.S. athletes home from the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

"I don't think that we felt it was the right step to penalize athletes who have been training and preparing for this moment, and we felt that we could send a clear message

BAN VS PAK

## Sajid Khan Dismantles Tigers' Top Order

Agencies

**DHAKA:** Off-spinner Sajid Khan struck immediately after Pakistan declared their first innings on 300-4 in the rain-hit second Test against Bangladesh in Dhaka on Tuesday.

Sajid took the wickets of openers Mahmudul Hasan (0) and Shadman Islam (three) while skipper Mominul Haque was run out for one as Pakistan reduced Bangladesh to 22-3 by tea on the fourth day.

Earlier, Mohammad Rizwan and Fawad Alam each hit a fifty and shared 103 runs in an unbroken stand to put Pakistan in a strong position.

Rizwan was on 53 off 94 balls while Fawad was on 50 facing 96 when skipper Babar Azam called back the two batsmen an hour into the post-lunch session.

Only 63.2 overs of play were possible in the first three days because of rain and bad light, with Pakistan reaching 188-2 after electing to bat first.

Pakistan lost two quick wickets early in the day after yet another delayed start following day three's complete wash-out at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

Ebadot Hossain dismissed Azhar Ali for 56 runs in the second over of the day as wicketkeeper Liton Das took a simple catch after a top-edge.

Pace bowler Khaled Ahmed trapped Babar Azam leg-before for his maiden Test wicket three overs later as the Pakistan skipper was out for 76 runs, adding just five to his overnight 71.

Rizwan was given out twice, on zero and 12, off the bowling of Ebadot and Tajjul Islam respectively, but on both occasions he survived on review.

The hosts could have swung the momentum had Khaled Ahmed not put down a tough chance, offered by Babar on 39 off left-arm

spinner Shakib Al Hasan's bowling.

Pakistan lead the two-Test series 1-0 after winning the first Test in Chittagong by eight wickets.

The visitors fielded an unchanged squad from the first Test while Bangladesh handed Mahmudul Hasan a Test debut and brought in Shakib and Khaled Ahmed in three changes to the team. Saif Hassan, Yasir Ali and Abu Jayed were dropped from the opening Test.



## Warner, Southee, Abid Ali Nominated For ICC POTM

Press Trust of India

**DUBAI:** Explosive Australia opener David Warner, Pakistan batter Abid Ali and New Zealand fast bowler Tim Southee were on Tuesday shortlisted for the ICC men's player of the month award for November.

Left-arm spinners Anam Amin of Pakistan and Nahida Akter of Bangladesh are in the running to scoop the women's award, alongside West Indies all-rounder Haley Matthews, who is nominated for the second time.

The nominations for the month of November were announced based on performances across formats and including matches from the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

An independent ICC Voting Academy and fans around the world can vote to decide the winners, which will be announced next week. Fans are invited to cast their votes until Sunday.

Warner, who was Player of the Tournament at the T20 World Cup, had standout performances of 49 in the semifinal against Pakistan and 53 in the final against New Zealand.

In four T20Is during the period, he aggregated 209 runs at an average of 69.66 and a strike rate of

151.44, proving to be a crucial figure as his team secured their first ICC Men's T20 World Cup trophy.

Pakistan opener Abid Ali was named Player of the Match after fast bowler Tim Southee were on Tuesday shortlisted for the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) series against Bangladesh in Chittagong.

Southee took eight wickets in the drawn opening Test of the WTC series against India in Kanpur, soon after excelling in the shortest format.

He had taken seven wickets during his November matches at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, helping guide his team to the summit clash in Dubai. In between these two milestones, he took three more T20I wickets against India in Ranchi.

Among the nominees for the women's award, Bangladesh's Nahida grabbed 13 wickets in four ODIs during the period at an economy rate of 2.22.

Pakistan's Anam accounted for 13 ODI scalps in November at an economy rate of 3.00. She was the leading wicket-taker in the ODI series against the West Indies with nine wickets and followed that up with four wickets in two matches during the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2021.

## US Plans Diplomatic Boycott Of Beijing Winter Olympics

Agencies

**WASHINGTON:** The U.S. will stage a diplomatic boycott of the upcoming Winter Olympics in Beijing to protest Chinese human rights abuses, the White House confirmed Monday, a move that China has vowed to greet with "firm countermeasures."

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said U.S. athletes will continue to compete and will "have our full support," but added "we will not be contributing to the fanfare of the games."

"U.S. diplomatic or official representation would treat these games as business as usual in the face of the PRC's egregious human rights abuses and atrocities in Xinjiang, and we simply can't do that," Psaki told reporters during Monday's briefing.

"We have a fundamental commitment to promoting human rights. And we feel strongly in our position and we will continue to take actions to advance human rights in China

and beyond," Psaki added.

The announcement came as Biden prepares to host a White House Summit for Democracy, a virtual gathering of leaders and civil society experts from more than 100 countries that is set to take place Thursday and Friday. The administration has said Biden intends to use the meeting "to announce both individual and collective commitments, reforms, and initiatives to defend democracy and human rights at home and abroad."

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Robert Menendez, D-NJ, called such a diplomatic boycott "a necessary step to demonstrate our unwavering commitment to human rights in the face of the Chinese government's unconscionable abuses."

He called on "other allies and partners that share our values to join with the United States in this diplomatic boycott."

Sen. Tom Cotton, an Arkansas Republican, however, said the

grandstanding," Zhao told reporters at a daily briefing. "If the U.S. side is bent on going its own way, China will take firm countermeasures."

The International Olympic Committee in a statement called the decision to keep dignitaries away from the game a "political decision for each government" that it "fully respects."

"At the same time, this announcement also makes it clear that the Olympic Games and the participation of the athletes are beyond politics and we welcome this," the IOC statement said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who had been advocating for a diplomatic boycott for months, applauded Biden for taking the step. Still, she noted the IOC "allowing a country notorious for its appalling human rights record to host the Olympics makes a mockery of the Olympic Charter, which states that the Games should seek to foster 'respect for universal and fundamental ethical principles.'"



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