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NEWS DIGEST

Unclaimed Bag Triggers Bomb Scare

RAMBAN: An unclaimed bag found lying on the strategic Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Wednesday afternoon sparked a security scare and prompted authorities to suspend **More on P10**

Electric Shock Injures PDD Worker

SRINAGAR: A Power Development Department (PDD) daily worker was electrocuted in Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday evening. 55-year-old Mohammad Amin was repairing a transformer at his native village Kalgi in Uri and in the course of time **More on P10**

Ladakh Reports 10 New Covid Cases

LEH: Ladakh has reported 10 fresh COVID-19 cases, which took the tally to 21,849 in the Union Territory, officials said on Wednesday. Since the outbreak of the pandemic last year, the union territory has recorded 216 Covid-related deaths -- 158 in Leh and 58 in **More on P10**

2 Men Held With Heroin In Udhampur

JAMMU: Police on Wednesday arrested two men on charges of carrying a banned narcotic substance in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Wednesday, officials said. During an inspection on the highway, the police team stopped an SUV and recovered 12 grams **More on P10**

SPECIAL STATUS REVOCATION

7 Plots Purchased In Jammu, None In Kashmir: GoI

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government of India said on Wednesday that seven plots of land have been bought by non-locals in Jammu and Kashmir after new laws were introduced following the abrogation of the erstwhile state's semi autonomous status in August 2019.

Replying to a question in the Rajya Sabha by CPI (Marxist) leader Jharna Das about the purchase of lands in the Union territory, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said that according to the information provided by the Jammu and Kashmir administration, a total of seven plots have been bought by people from outside the Union territory.

"All the seven plots are located in the Jammu division," the minister said.

Responding to another



File Photo

question by MDMK member Vaiko who asked reasons for the continued unrest in the valley, the Minister said there has been a decline in militant attacks in the Union territory from 2018 to 2021.

He said the number of militant incidents in 2018 was 417 which fell down to 255 in 2019 and 244 last year.

Rai said there has been a decline in "terrorist incidents" and the security situation has improved since August, 2019. The special status of the erstwhile state was revoked on August 5, 2019 and it was bifurcated into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The figure till November 20 this year stood at **More on P10**

'Statehood At An Appropriate Time'

The government on Wednesday said holding polls in Jammu and Kashmir was the prerogative of the Election Commission and stressed that statehood would be granted to the Union territory at an "appropriate time". Replying to written questions in the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said the decision to schedule elections in the Union territory was the prerogative of the Election Commission of India. The erstwhile state was converted into a union territory on August 5, 2019 and bifurcated into Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. In reply to another part of the question about any timeline for granting statehood to **More on P10**

Missing SPO, Aide Arrested With 2 Rifles: IGP

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: A Personal Security Officer (PSO) with a BJP activist and his 'associate', who had fled a couple of days ago with two weapons in Kupwara district of north Kashmir, were arrested on Wednesday.

Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar confirmed the arrest of PSO and his 'associate', reported news agency GNS.

During the intervening night of December 12 and 13, Saqib Ahmad Tantry (SPO) son of Sanaullah Tantry of Bohipora, deployed as PSO with BJP activist Abdul Rashid Zargar had fled with two weapons. Saqib's "associate" Arif Ahmad son **More on P10**

346 Arrested Under UAPA In J&K Last Year: MoS Home

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Jammu and Kashmir government arrested 346 people under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act last year in comparison to 227 persons in 2019, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Wednesday.

In response to a question, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai presented the data stating that 1,948 people were arrested under the Act in 2019, while in 2020, the number dropped to 1,321.

The top three states and UTs with the highest number of arrests under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act

(UAPA) last year remained Uttar Pradesh with 361 arrests, followed by 346 in Jammu and Kashmir and 225 arrests in Manipur, the data showed.

In Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi, the number of people arrested under UAPA has shown an increase from 2019 to 2020. Delhi had reported nine arrests in 2019 which has gone up to 12 in 2020, while Jammu and Kashmir had reported 227 arrests under UAPA in 2019 which has shot up to 346 in 2020, it showed.

Among the states, Bihar, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Punjab and West Bengal reported an increase in the number of arrests made under the UAPA **More on P10**



DEEP FREEZE: An elderly man tries to break an icicle formed around a tree in Tangmarg town due to falling mercury. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Hizb Militant Killed In Pulwama Firefight: Police

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A Hizbul Mujahideen involved in attacks on government forces and a minority guard in Shopian district, was killed in an overnight encounter in Pulwama district of south Kashmir, police said Wednesday.

Feroz Ahmad Dar of Heff-Shrimal an 'A+' categorised militant of Hizb was killed in Uzrampathri village of Pulwama after a search operation launched by police, army's 44 RR and the personnel of CRPF 182 battalion during the intervening night turned into a gunfight, a police spokesperson said.

Dar, he said, turned down repeated opportunities **More on P10**

Srinagar Shivers At Minus 3.9 Degree Celsius

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Most places in Kashmir, including Srinagar city, recorded the coldest night of this winter as the cold wave conditions in the valley intensified, officials said on Wednesday.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 3.9 degrees Celsius on Tuesday night, down by 1.3 degrees from the previous night's minus 2.6 degrees Celsius.

It was the coldest recorded temperature in **More on P10**

Mother, Daughter Arrested For Raising 'Anti-National' Slogans



File Photo Abid Bhat

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Police have arrested a woman and her daughter on charges of raising 'anti-national' slogans in the aftermath of an encounter in which two militants were killed, officials said on Wednesday.

Afroza, wife of Mushtaq

Ahmad Sofi and their daughter Aisha were charged under Sections 147 and 148 (rioting), 149 (unlawful assembly) and 326 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means) of the Indian Penal Code and lodged at Women's police station Rambagh here, they said. **More on P10**

Arresting Women Marks A 'New Low': Mehbooba

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President, Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday slammed the arrest of a woman and her daughter for allegedly chanting 'anti-national' slogans in the aftermath of an encounter in Rengneth area of the city. Talking to Twitter, the former Chief Minister termed the arrest of the mother-daughter **More on P10**

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#Aiding & #abetting of #terror is as grave as the actual act of terror. It is #punishable under UAPA."

SRINAGAR RING ROAD PROJECT

HC Gives Last Chance To J&K Govt To File Objections

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Tuesday extended the stay order on construction of Srinagar Ring Road till March 10, 2022 and granted a last opportunity to the government, in particular the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam to file objections in six weeks.

The High Court division bench of Justice Ali Mohammed Magrey and Justice Javid Iqbal has also directed the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam to appear personally in the court in case he fails to submit the

response till the next date of hearing.

"Last and final opportunity of six weeks is granted to the respondents for filing the objections in all these clubbed petition, of course, except where objections stand already filed failing which the respondent-Deputy Commissioner Budgam shall appear in person before the court on the next date of hearing [list on 10th of March, 2022] along with the relevant records," reads the High court order, a copy which lies with Kashmir Observer.

The court has also **More on P10**

Govt Junks Survey Showing Unemployment Rate Highest In J&K

CMIE Data Shows Huge Fluctuations, Govt Numbers Record Usual Trend: Minister

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The CMIE unemployment rate monthly time series for Jammu and Kashmir from 2016 to October 2021 shows huge fluctuations, but government data records usual status of unemployment there between 5.1 per cent and 6.7 per cent, Rajya Sabha was informed Wednesday.

In a reply to a question, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) is a business information company which compiles information with regard to unemployment data on its own devised parameters



and procedures.

"The Unemployment rate monthly time series projected

by the CMIE, in respect of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir from the year January 2016 to October

2021 shows huge fluctuations. "However, from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during July 2017- June 20, the estimates of Unemployment rate in usual status in Jammu and Kashmir fluctuates between 5.1 per cent and 6.7 per cent," he said.

The Minister said the number of vacant posts in the government has gone down considerably and is well below 80,000 as many steps have been taken to address the issue of unemployment and filling vacancy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rai said the UT **More on P10**

3 More Corona Deaths In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Three more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday while 147 fresh cases of the deadly infection were reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, two more people from the Valley and one from Jammu died of coronavirus related complications on Wednesday, taking the death toll in the pandemic to 4503 in J&K—2191 in Jammu and 2312 in Kashmir.

About the new cases, officials said, 107 were detected in the Valley and the remaining 40 from various districts of Jammu division.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 47 cases of novel coronavirus, Baramulla 15, **More on P10**



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MFS

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Naseer Ahmad Lone S/o: M. Shams ul Din Lone R/o: Sheikhpora Syed Abad Colony Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04E-3001 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J&K Bank B/U Jahangir Chowk Srinagar.



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 officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.4169
Dated 14-12-2021

Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Where as a joint application has been recieved from owner. Shri : Mohammad Yaqoob Khan S/o: Mohammad Yousuf Khan R/o: Panzan Chadoora Budgam as Transferee) & Shri. Mohammad Ayoub S/o Abdul Ahad Dar R/o Near Masjid Sharief Kanji Gund Ananatnag. as Transferee) for transfer of Tavera Maxi Cab Carriage route permit No.1303/CC/ Budgam vehicle No. JK04C -5554. As well as HPA cancellation with J&K Bank Ltd B/u Panzan is also required.



Now it is therefore notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit/ vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM. 4165
Dated 14-12-2021

Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri : Shahnaz Shah S/o: Ghulam Nabi Shah R/o: Housing Colony Ompora Budgam (Transferor) of KUV 100 LMV. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04E - 1991. Chasis number 87178 Engine no. 73947 Model 2018. In favour of Shri.. Farooz Ahmad Lone S/o. Mohd Altaf Lone R/o Khrew Pulwama.



Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.4156
Dated 14-12-2021

Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir

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Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri : Mudassir Nabi Paray S/o: Ghulam Nabi Paray R/o: Bon Zanigam Beerwah Budgam (Transferor) of Scorpio LMV. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04E - 7171. Chasis number 28349 Engine no. 23225 Model 2019. In favour of Shri.. Mohd Irfan S/o. Ab. Rashid Rather R/o Sakh Saaz Mohalla Kadipora Anantnag. As well as HPA cancellation with J&K bank Ltd.B/U Arizal is also required.



Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

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اشتہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذرا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

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(تحریر الصدا ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول)

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| 04 | شافیہ جان دختر منظور احمد خان | طالب علم | 22 سال | |
| 05 | آفتاب احمد پیر منظور احمد خان | سرکاری ملازم | 25 سال | LPC |

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(تحریر الصدا ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول)

Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mohd Maqbool Sheikh S/o Mohd Musaver Sheikh R/o Chiterwach Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle Bearing Regd. No. JK22 4122 (Commercial/ Non Commercial) covering under R/P NO: -----

And Mr./ Mrs Showkat Ahamd Gors S/O Mohd Shafi Gors R/o Zowora Baderhama Shopian (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 Imam Sahib 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 date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned

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

No: /ARTO/SPN/1015-2021
Dated 02-12-2021

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S/D Asst Regional
Transport Officer Shopian

از نیابت وند یوگام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول ساگام درخواست منجانب: شوکت احمد خان افغان تبری ولد عبدالرشید خان ساکنہ دیوگام بغرض حصول بیک وارڈا ریا RBA سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشتہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈا ریا سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذرا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | پیشہ | آمدنی |
|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1 | زر فیضہ زوجہ عبدالرشید خان | گھریلو کام | |
| 2 | شوکت احمد ولد عبدالرشید خان | سرکاری ملازم | LPC |
| 3 | یاسمینہ زوجہ شوکت احمد خان | گھریلو کام | |
| 4 | شہناز خان دختر شوکت احمد خان | زیر تعلیم | |
| 5 | مون خان ولد شوکت احمد خان | زیر تعلیم | |

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

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نائب تحصیلدار۔

از نیابت ساگام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول ساگام درخواست منجانب: فاروق احمد کھٹانہ، اشفاق احمد و جعفر احمد ساکنان ساگام بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشتہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائلان نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذرا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائلان کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | عمر | پیشہ | آمدنی |
|-----------|--|--------|------------|-------|
| 1 | فاروق احمد کھٹانہ ولد بشیر احمد کھٹانہ | 45 سال | مزدوری | |
| 2 | خاتون بی بی زوجہ فاروق احمد کھٹانہ | 43 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| 3 | اشفاق احمد ولد فاروق احمد کھٹانہ | 14 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 4 | جعفر احمد ولد فاروق احمد کھٹانہ | 13 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 5 | رشت جان دختر فاروق احمد کھٹانہ | 09 سال | زیر تعلیم | |

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

RNA

نائب تحصیلدار۔

از نیابت مٹن با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول مضمون درخواست منجانب: شوکت احمد ولد عبدالعزیز بیٹ ساکنہ ترکسو تحصیل مٹن ضلع اہت ناگ

بغرض حصول RBA سرٹیفکیٹ

اشتہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈا ریا سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذرا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | پیشہ | عمر | آمدنی |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 01 | تیو عبدالعزیز بیٹ | بٹاشٹر | 75 سال | |
| 02 | محمد حسین پیر عبدالعزیز بیٹ | مزدوری | 40 سال | 6000/= |
| 03 | انجرام احمد پیر عبدالعزیز بیٹ | مزدوری | 35 سال | 6000/= |
| 04 | شوکت احمد پیر عبدالعزیز بیٹ | سرکاری ملازم | 30 سال | LPC |

انکے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کنبہ میں موجود نہیں ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ مذکورہ کو حاصل کرنے میں اگر کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتہ کے دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ معیار گذرے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

RNA

(تحریر الصدا ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول)

از نیابت مٹن با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول مضمون درخواست منجانب: آفتاب احمد ولد منظور احمد خان پٹان ساکنہ ترکسو تحصیل مٹن ضلع اہت ناگ

بغرض حصول RBA سرٹیفکیٹ

اشتہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

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| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | پیشہ | عمر | آمدنی |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| 01 | منظور احمد ولد منظور احمد خان | مزدوری | 50 سال | 6000/= |
| 02 | شہزادہ زوجہ منظور احمد خان | گھریلو کام | 48 سال | |
| 03 | غلام حیدر خان دختر منظور احمد خان | تعلیم یافتہ بے روزگار | 28 سال | |
| 04 | شافیہ جان دختر منظور احمد خان | طالب علم | 22 سال | |
| 05 | آفتاب احمد پیر منظور احمد خان | سرکاری ملازم | 25 سال | LPC |

انکے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کنبہ میں موجود نہیں ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ مذکورہ کو حاصل کرنے میں اگر کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتہ کے دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ معیار گذرے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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(تحریر الصدا ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول)

از نیابت مٹن با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول مضمون درخواست منجانب: آفتاب احمد ولد منظور احمد خان پٹان ساکنہ ترکسو تحصیل مٹن ضلع اہت ناگ

بغرض حصول RBA سرٹیفکیٹ

اشتہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈا ریا سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذرا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | پیشہ | عمر | آمدنی |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| 01 | منظور احمد ولد منظور احمد خان | مزدوری | 50 سال | 6000/= |
| 02 | شہزادہ زوجہ منظور احمد خان | گھریلو کام | 48 سال | |
| 03 | غلام حیدر خان دختر منظور احمد خان | تعلیم یافتہ بے روزگار | 28 سال | |
| 04 | شافیہ جان دختر منظور احمد خان | طالب علم | 22 سال | |
| 05 | آفتاب احمد پیر منظور احمد خان | سرکاری ملازم | 25 سال | LPC |

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بغرض حصول RBA سرٹیفکیٹ

اشتہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

از نیابت لارنو با اجلاس منظور احمد پورہ نائب تحصیلدار ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول لارنو درخواست منجانب: رضوان اختر ہمسہاد دختران سجاد احمد شاہ ساکنہ دندکی پورہ بغرض حصول بیک وارڈا ریا RBA سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشتہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

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| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | عمر | پیشہ | آمدنی |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|------------|-------|
| 1 | سجاد احمد ولد نظام دین شاہ | 35 سال | مزدوری | |
| 2 | زرینہ بانو زوجہ سجاد احمد شاہ | 30 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| 3 | رضوان اختر دختر سجاد احمد شاہ | 21 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 4 | تیم سجاد دختر سجاد احمد شاہ | 18 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 5 | نبیر احمد ولد سجاد احمد شاہ | 13 سال | زیر تعلیم | |
| 6 | سادہ جان دختر سجاد احمد شاہ | 05 سال | زیر تعلیم | |

سائلان کا کنبہ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار گذرے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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نائب تحصیلدار۔

از نیابت ساگام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول ساگام درخواست منجانب: ریاض احمد کھٹانہ ولد بشیر احمد کھٹانہ ساکنہ ساگام بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشتہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذرا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

| نمبر شمار | نام و ولدیت | عمر | پیشہ | آمدنی |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------|------------|-------|
| 1 | ریاض احمد کھٹانہ ولد بشیر احمد کھٹانہ | 30 سال | مزدوری | |
| 2 | رضیہہ زوجہ ریاض احمد کھٹانہ | 30 سال | گھریلو کام | |
| 3 | فیضان احمد ولد ریاض احمد کھٹانہ | 03 سال | شیر خور | |
| 4 | طالب حسین ولد ریاض احمد کھٹانہ | 02 سال | شیر خور | |
| 5 | بشیر احمد ولد صری کھٹانہ | 65 سال | عمر رسیدہ | |

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

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نائب تحصیلدار۔

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR DISTRICT COOPERATIVE CONSUMER STORE/SUPER BAZAR BUDGAM

Subject:- Auction of dismantled material of District Cooperative Consumer Store/Super Bazar Budgam.

AUCTION NOTICE

It has been decided to dispose the dismantled material of District Cooperative Consumer Store/Super Bazar Budgam at Budgam lying on roadside opposite to the office of Chief Medical Officer Budgam through Spot Auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" at 2:30 PM on 18.12.2021 in presence of Auction Committee Constituted for the said purpose.

Interested bidders can inspect the material at the above mentioned site before auction from 17.12.2021 between 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM and may contact Mr. Ab. Majeed Bhat (Ex-Officio Manager DCS Budgam) at mobile No: 8825052625, if needed for details.

- The terms and conditions of the auction are as under:
- The auction is on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".
 - The Bidder shall have to deposit the earnest money of Rs 5,000-00 in the office of the undersigned.
 - The Minimum bid shall start from Rs 43,000-00.
 - The successful bidder shall have to deposit amount of the auction value on the spot.
 - If the successful bidder fails to pay the auction value on Spot, the bid shall be transferred to the next higher bidder.
 - Transportation and loading/handing etc. shall be borne by the successful bidder.
 - The successful bidder shall have to take out the dismantled material from the site within 3 days from the date of acceptance of bid after making payment of full bid amount.
 - If the successful bidder does not remove the dismantled material from the site within given time, the bidder has to pay Rs 2000/- per day as penalty. No material shall be allowed to take out unless the penalty is paid by the bidder.
 - The security of the dismantled material shall be the entire responsibility of the successful bidder of the bid/ auction and it will be his/her duty/responsibility for any damage done by way of pilferage, fire or any other unforeseen calamity and no claim on this account shall be entertained.
 - The Administrator is authorized to cancel the Auction at any time without any reason.

Administrator
District Cooperative Consumer
Store/Super Bazar Budgam



Take Immediate Measures To Overcome Traffic Jams In City: DC To Officials

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar:- Taking cognizance of the complaints received from the general public with regard to nuisance of wrong parking, road-side encroachments on City roads, the District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Wednesday undertook a surprise inspection of various City roads and assesses the traffic scenario.

The Deputy Commissioner visited Jhangir Chowk, Magarmal Bagh, New Secretariat road, Batamaloo, Karan Nagar and other adjoining areas and took stock of the traffic movement. The DC also inspected the designated parking sites near Khalisa School, Magarmal Bagh and at Batamaloo.

During the visit, the DC directed the authorities to take strict action against the traffic violators particularly against wrong parking and roadside encroachments. He also directed for taking immediate measures to overcome traffic jams to ensure better regulation of traffic movement within Srinagar Municipal limits particularly on heavily occupied roads.

The DC directed the Traffic Police, RTO Kashmir, Police, Revenue and SMC authorities to work in close coordination and act tough against traffic rules violators, who cause a lot of inconvenience to common people. He directed the officers to devise an effective mechanism for better traffic regulation, particularly hassle-free movement of Ambulances and other vehicles required to reach destination in a time bound manner.



Directs for launching intensified drive against roadside encroachments, wrong parking, traffic violators

The Deputy Commissioner directed the authorities to conduct a massive and intensified enforcement drive on daily basis against wrong parking and roadside encroachments in Srinagar City for visible improvement in traffic system.

He also asked to relocate street vendors from heavy traffic junction points which hinder smooth traffic ply. He stressed on the concerned officers to take all required measures to decongest the City roads to ensure smooth flow of traffic, particularly the moment of Ambulances. He also directed to keep the provision of adequate parking spaces in crowded places and relocation of the roadside vendors to facilitate hassle-free movement of pedestrians.

The DC also stressed that civic sense and driving sense is imperative in better

traffic management and appealed to all stakeholders to put in collective efforts to overcome traffic jams and decongest Srinagar City for smooth traffic regulation.

He also inspected the proposed site for relocation of all the street vendors in the highly congested Batamaloo area. He directed the concerned authorities to expedite the process for the same to ensure hassle-free traffic movement.

Meanwhile, during the inspection traffic violators were fined on the spot, while drivers were advised to follow traffic rules in letter and spirit to ensure smooth ply of traffic. The DC also asked roadside street vendors to restrict their business to only designated spaces and not indulge in any violation/encroachment which causes inconvenience to the general public and movement of traffic.

Street vendors violating law will face action: SMC

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: Srinagar Municipal Corporation Commissioner Athar Aamir on Wednesday said that strict action will be taken against street vendors who violate the law and fines will also be imposed on them.

Talking to reporters during an inspection drive of street vendors, Athar said that unauthorised space will not be provided to the street vendors in the city.

He said that the department is doing clearance of roads in a phased manner and they will check all the areas of Srinagar where street vendors are using roads illegally for their business.

"All ward officers and encroachment officers have been given clear directions in this regard. Fine will also be imposed on those who violate the orders," he said, adding that those who do not comply with the law have to face heavy penalties.

"We have given them time to vacate the spaces occupied illegally and if they still do not follow the orders then they won't be spared," he added.

Fake Bank Jobs: CBK Files Chargesheet Against Accused

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: Five years after registering a case, the Crime Branch Kashmir produced a charge sheet before a Court here against the "fraudsters" for luring and deceiving youth on the pretext of providing them a job in State Bank of India.

"The Crime Branch Kashmir had received a communication from CID Headquarter J&K whereunder it was mentioned that a communication has been received from Chairman State Bank of India regarding providing of character verification/non-involvement in subversive activities in respect of three persons Shahnawaz Shareef Bhat of Gazergund Budgam,

Shabir Hussain Mir of Hamdaniya Colony Sector D Bemina Srinagar and Tayeeb Yaseen Ahangar of Syed Abad Bemina Srinagar," the CBK said in a statement to GNS.

However verification rolls regarding these persons were not found appended with the communication, the CBK said. "The matter was accordingly taken up with the concerned bank authorities and in response to the communication it was informed that the letter purported to have been sent by the chairman SBI is forged/fabricated and has not been issued by the (bank)," it said, adding, "The communication has dishonestly and fraudulently been prepared after resorting to forgery to deceive the candidates."

REQUIREMENT

I Want A Female Home Tutor For li Class Student Of Burnhall School At Gulposh Colony Chanapora Bypass.eligible And Interested Person May Contact Me On The Below Mentioned Number.

CONTACT NUMBER:-9797920322

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar.

Gist of Notice Inviting e-Tender

e-NIT Nos. MICD/115 and MICD/116 of 2021-22 both dated: 13-12-2021.

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited in two cover from the reputed, registered and experienced Electrical/Mechanical SSI unit holders/contractors/fabricators/firms for the following items / works respectively. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' – Tender fee and Earnest Money details, Deposit, fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender. Cover '2nd' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

| e NIT No. | Name/Particulars of the work | Name of Division | Quantity. | Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.) | Earnest money (In Rs.) | Validity of Rates |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| MICD/115 of 2021-22 Dated: 13/12/21 | Repairs/Replacements of Parts to 30 Cusec VT Pumping (Spare Unit) to be kept as Standby at Koil Stage 2 nd | Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar | As per requirement | Rs 200/= | Notarized Bid Declaration Form | 90 days |
| MICD/116 of 2021-22 Dated: 13/12/21 | Repairs to 4.8M (B) X 2.18M (H) winter gate, servicing/ repairing to winter gate operating mechanism and repairs to trash guard at intake channel of L.I.S. Rafiabad High Lift | | | | | |

Position of funds: Available
AAA Accorded vide Superintending Engineer Mechanical Circle I & F.C Department Srinagar's Order No: -58-MCO of 2021-22 dated: -02.11.2021

Key/critical Dates:

| Date of Hosting In Website/ Publish date | 13/12/2021 (1600Hrs) |
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| Document download/sale start date | 13/12/2021 (1600Hrs) |
| Bid submission start date | 13/12/2021 (1600Hrs) |
| Bid submission end date | 27/12/2021 (1300 Hrs) |
| Bid opening date | 28/12/2021 (1600 Hrs) |

Each tender should be accompanied with Bid declaration Form/Cost of tender document in the form of as detailed above, pledged to the Executive Engineer MICD Srinagar In absence of Bid declaration form, the Tenders shall be rejected outright.

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

Any information regarding the tenders can be had from this office on all working days.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mech. Irri. Const. Division,
Srinagar.

DIPK-14819/21

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

For and on behalf of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Govt. of J&K/ other union territories and 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 in shape of E-Challan (in Rs.) | Time of completion | Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender. | Date & Time of Opening of Bid | Class of Contractor |
|------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Construction of Ramp for Garbage Site at Naseem Bagh Campus. | Rs. 2.93Lacs | Rs.200/- | 45-Days | 14-12-2021 to 27-12-2021 (6.00 PM) | 28-12-2021 (11.30 AM) | "DEE" |

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in.

NIT No: - F (UCD)/(Garbage Ramp)/KU/73/21 DATED:14/12/21.

Executive Engineer
DIPK-NB-5868/21

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-62/2021-22/LSD/Srinagar

Dated: -14.12.2021

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 (Amt in Rs.) | Time of completion | Time & Date of Opening of tender | Class of Contractor | Head of Account |
|------|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Supply of garden tools, sprayers, brush cutters lawn mowers for various sites (Part-C) | Rs. 4.395 Lac | Rs. 200/- | BID Security Declaration | 10Days | 21.12.2021 at 11:00am | "REGISTERD SUPPLIER" | M&R 2059 |

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: -

| | | |
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| 1. | Date of issue of Tender Notice | 14.12.2021 |
| 2. | Period of downloading of bidding documents | 14.12.2021 to 04.00 PM |
| 3. | Bid submission Start Date | 14.12.2021 from 04.00PM |
| 4. | Bid Submission End Date | 20.12.2021 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 (L1) only within seven days after Financial evaluation. |
| 6. | Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) | 21.12.2021 at 11.00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar |

1. 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.
2. 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,i.e 120+45=165Days) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).
3. 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)
4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Additional performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after virtual completion of the work.
8. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG shall be released after DLP is over successfully.
9. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
 - a.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders-Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
 - a.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
 - a.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - a.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
 - a.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, Original/Photocopies of documents related to bid be submitted physically / by registered post / through courier before date specified in Para -1. No: -LD/ 5053-60 DATED: -14-12-2021.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Landscaping Division,
Rajbagh, Srinagar

DIPK-14957/21

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- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
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HIGHWAY STATUS

Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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Srinagar- Leh- (Open)

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| ASR | 3:46 |
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| ISHA | 6: 52 |

This Day In History

- 1631 - Mount Vesuvius, Italy erupts, destroys 6 villages & kills 4,000.
- 1761 - Seven Years' War: After four-month siege, Russian army under Pyotr Rumyantsev takes Prussian fortress of Kolobrzeg (German: Kolberg).
- 1864 - Battle of Nashville ends after 4400 casualties.
- 1903 - The Taj Mahal Palace & Tower hotel opens its doors to guests for the first time.
- 1907 - As a gesture of the US's new presence as a world power, President Theodore Roosevelt sends the US Battle Fleet on a round-the-world cruise, visiting ports internationally.
- 1912 - Austria-Hungary engage in conflict with Serbia.
- 1912 - First Balkan War: The Ottoman Navy is defeated by the Royal Hellenic Navy at the Battle of Elli.
- 1914 - World War I: German battleships under Franz Von Hipper bombard the English ports of Hartlepool and Scarborough.
- 1918 - German troops evacuate Finland, give over Kiev in the Ukraine to revolutionary forces and pull back from Estonia as Bolshevik forces move in.
- 1920 - 8.5 earthquake rocks the Gansu province in China, killing an estimated 200,000.
- 1921 - The Anglo-Irish Treaty, agreed to by the British Parliament and Sinn Fein, is ratified.
- 1938 - Adolf Hitler institutes the state decoration and civil order of merit, Cross of Honour of the German Mother.
- 1942 - Hitler orders combat against partisans in Russia & Balkan.
- 1946 - Thailand joins the United Nations.
- 1950 - US President Harry Truman proclaims state of emergency against "Communist imperialism".
- 1962 - Nepal gets constitution/becomes Constitutional Hindu Monarchy
- 1965 - Gemini 6 returns to Earth
- 1965 - Pioneer 6 launched into solar orbit
- 1970 - 1st successful landing on Venus (USSR).
- 1971 - Bangladesh (East Pakistan) declares independence from Pakistan.
- 1971 - India's army occupies Dacca, West Pakistani troops surrenders.
- 1972 - Bangladesh Constitution goes into effect.
- 1978 - Ronald Reagan denounces President Jimmy Carter's recognition of China PR.
- 1979 - Libya raises crude oil prices, joining four other OPEC nations, which has a dramatic effect on the United States.
- 1986 - Revolt in Kazakhstan against Communist party, known as Zheltoksan, which becomes the first sign of ethnic strife during Gorbachev's tenure.
- 1987 - Roh Tae Woo elected president of South Korea.
- 1991 - UN reverses ruling that Zionism is racism by 111-25 (13 abstain) vote.
- 1991 - Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- 1995 - The official adoption of the name "Euro".
- 1998 - Iraq disarmament crisis: Operation Desert Fox - the United States and United Kingdom bomb targets in Iraq.
- 2012 - A gang rape of a woman on a bus in India that resulted in her death leads to national and international outrage.
- 2014 - An Army Public School in Pakistan is attacked by Tehrik-i- Taliban Pakistan militants who kill 145 people.

From KO Archives

Abduction spree in Sumbal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A series of ransom by pro-government gunmen in the Sumbal region of north Kashmir sparked off vehement protests to-day in the area. Thousands of residents demanding action against the gunmen staged a demonstration on the Sumbal Bridge, blocking traffic on the Srinagar-Bandipora highway this morning.

In the latest incident of the kind, gunmen had abducted a student, Ri-yaz Ahmad Rathar of Waskoora, Ganderbal yesterday and sent word to his father, a fruit vendor to pay Rs 2 lakh for his son's release.

Similarly, gunmen are gearing up to extract a hefty amount from the owners of the Showhole floor mill for setting free their employee, Ghulam Muhammad Gojri, kidnapped recently. Sumbal residents said that pro-government gunmen had abducted nearly a dozen traders who frequent the town to reclaim loans. (KASHMIR OBSERVER, 16 DECEMBER, 2000)

EXPLAINER: The Security Flaw That's Freaked Out The Internet



Associated Press

BOSTON: Security pros say it's one of the worst computer vulnerabilities they've ever seen. They say state-backed Chinese and Iranian hackers and rogue cryptocurrency miners have already seized on it.

The Department of Homeland Security is sounding a dire alarm, ordering federal agencies to urgently eliminate the bug because it's so easily exploitable — and telling those with public-facing networks to put up firewalls if they can't be sure. The affected software is small and often undocumented.

Detected in an extensively used utility called Log4j, the flaw lets internet-based attackers easily seize control of everything from industrial control systems to web servers and consumer electronics. Simply identifying which systems use the utility is a prodigious challenge; it is often hidden under layers of other software.

The top U.S. cybersecurity defense official, Jen Easterly, deemed the flaw "one of the most serious I've seen in my entire career, if not the most serious" in a call Monday with state and local officials and partners in the private sector. Publicly disclosed last Thursday, it's catnip for cybercriminals and digital spies because it allows easy, password-free entry.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, or CISA, which Easterly runs, stood up a resource page Tuesday to help erase a flaw it says is present in hundreds of millions of devices. Other heavily computerized countries were taking it just as seriously, with Germany activating its national IT crisis center.

A wide swath of critical indus-

tries, including electric power, water, food and beverage, manufacturing and transportation, were exposed, said Dragos, a leading industrial control cybersecurity firm. "I think we won't see a single major software vendor in the world -- at least on the industrial side -- not have a problem with this," said Sergio Caltagirone, the company's vice president of threat intelligence.

Eric Goldstein, who heads CISA's cybersecurity division, said Washington was leading a global response. He said no federal agencies were known to have been compromised. But these are early days.

"What we have here is a extremely widespread, easy to exploit and potentially highly damaging vulnerability that certainly could be utilized by adversaries to cause real harm," he said.

A SMALL PIECE OF CODE, A WORLD OF TROUBLE

The affected software, written in the Java programming language, logs user activity on computers. Developed and maintained by a handful of volunteers under the auspices of the open-source Apache Software Foundation, it is extremely popular with commercial software developers. It runs across many platforms — Windows, Linux, Apple's macOS — powering everything from web cams to car navigation systems and medical devices, according to the security firm Bitdefender.

Goldstein told reporters in a conference call Tuesday evening that CISA would be updating an inventory of patched software as fixes become available. Log4j is often embedded in third-party programs that need to be updated by their owners. "We expect remediation will take some time," he said.

Former Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai 'Invited' Taliban To Stop Chaos

Associated Press

KABUL: The Taliban didn't take the Afghan capital — they were invited, says the man who issued the invitation.

In an Associated Press interview, former Afghan President Hamid Karzai offered some of the first insights into the secret and sudden departure of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani — and how he came to invite the Taliban into the city "to protect the population so that the country, the city doesn't fall into chaos and the unwanted elements who would probably loot the country, loot shops."

When Ghani left, his security officials also left. Defense minister Bismillah Khan even asked Karzai if he wanted to leave Kabul when Karzai contacted him to know what remnants of the government still remained. It turned out there were none. Not even the Kabul police chief had remained.

Karzai, who was the country's president for 13 years after the Taliban were first ousted in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, refused to leave.

In a wide-ranging interview at his tree-lined compound in the center of the city where he lives with his wife and young children, Karzai was adamant that Ghani's flight scuttled a last-minute push by himself, the government's chief negotiator Abdullah Abdullah and the Taliban leadership in Doha that would have seen the Taliban enter the capital as part of a negotiated agreement.

The countdown to a possible deal began Aug. 14, the day before the Taliban came to power.

Karzai and Abdullah met Ghani, and they agreed that they would leave for Doha the next day with a list of 15 others to negotiate a power-sharing agreement. The Taliban were already on the outskirts of Kabul, but Karzai said the leadership in Qatar promised the insurgent force would remain outside the city



until the deal was struck.

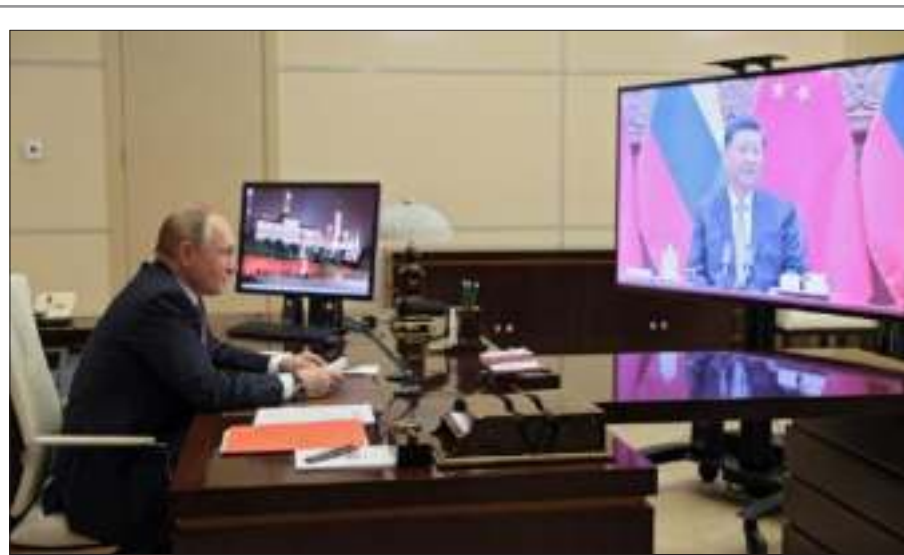
Early on the morning of Aug. 15, Karzai said, he waited to draw up the list. The capital was fidgety, on edge. Rumors were swirling about a Taliban takeover. Karzai called Doha. He was told the Taliban would not enter the city.

At noon, the Taliban called to say that "the government should stay in its positions and should not move that they have no intention to (go) into the city," Karzai said. "I and others spoke to various officials and assurances were given to us that, yes, that was the case, that the Americans and the government forces were holding firm to the places (and) that Kabul would not fall."

By about 2:45 p.m., though, it became apparent Ghani had fled the city. Karzai called the defense minister, called the interior minister, searched for the Kabul police chief. Everyone was gone. "There was no official present at all in the capital, no police chief, no corps commander, no other units. They had all left."

Ghani's own protection unit's deputy chief called Karzai to come to the palace and take over the presidency. He declined, saying legally he had no right to the job. Instead the former president decided to make a public, televised message, with his children at his side "so that the Afghan people know that we are all here."

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RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin holds a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping via a video link at the Novo-Ogaryovo state residence outside Moscow on December 15, 2021. (Photo by AFP)

Putin, Xi Hail Russia-China Relations As 'Better Than Alliance'

Agencies

Presidents of Russia and China have hailed the relationship between their countries as better than "alliance," at a time of high tensions with the West.

Russia's Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, talked through a video call on Wednesday, during which they promised to defend the security interests of both nations.

The Chinese president "said that although they are not allied, their effectiveness even exceeds this level," said Russian foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov on Wednesday.

"Such a figurative expression very accurately reflects the essence of what is happening now in relations between our two countries," Ushakov said Xi had offered support

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to Putin for his push to obtain binding security guarantees for Russia from the West.

According to the Russian official, the pair also expressed their "negative view" of the creation of new military alliances known as the AUKUS between Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States. They also criticized the Indo-Pacific "Quad" of Australia, India, Japan and the United States. The partnerships, according to the pair, undermine the foundations of nuclear

non-proliferation in the region, Ushakov said.

Calling Putin an "old friend," Xi said the Russian leader had "firmly supported China in defending its core interests and opposed attempts to divide China and Russia," according to Chinese official broadcaster CCTV. Xi also said he was willing to roll out new plans for cooperation in various areas with Moscow.

"China and Russia should increase their joint efforts to more effectively safeguard the security interests of both parties," Xi said.

The high-level dialog was held a week after Putin spoke to US President Joe Biden, during which Biden warned Russia against invading Ukraine, an allegation Moscow has repeatedly denied. Putin also set out his demand for security pledges during the talks with Biden.

Afghans Facing Avalanche Of Hunger, Destitution: WFP

Agencies

The UN's food agency has warned that a failing economy could plunge Afghanistan into catastrophe next year.

A spokesperson for the World Food Programme (WFP) said during a briefing in the Swiss city of Geneva on Tuesday that Afghanistan's fragile economy was on the brink of collapse.

"The spiraling economic crisis, the conflict, and drought has meant the average family can now barely cope," Tomson Phiri said. "We have a huge amount to do to stop this crisis from becoming a catastrophe."

Phiri further said that the WFP was rapidly ramping up humanitarian operations in Afghanistan to assist the over 23 million people who will face severe hunger in the country in 2022. It has provided food assistance to 15 million Afghans so far in 2021, he said.

"We cannot waste any moment," Phiri said. "Our country director describes the situation as quite dire. She says it's 'an avalanche of hunger and destitution.'"

According to recent surveys by the WFP, an estimated 98% of Afghans are not eat-



ing enough, with seven in 10 families resorting to borrowing food, which pushes them deeper into poverty.

Separately, Nada al-Nashif, the UN's deputy high commissioner for human rights, said Afghan families faced "severe poverty and hunger," with many pushed into desperate measures, including child labor, early marriage, and "even the sale of children."

Afghanistan has been teetering on the brink of a major humanitarian catastrophe. In recent weeks, UN agencies have sounded the alarm bells, warning that millions of Afghans could run out of food before the onset of winter and around one million children

are at risk of starvation.

The unfolding crisis has also affected the already fragile banking system in the country, especially with billions of dollars in Afghan assets frozen by the US since the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban in August.

The Taliban, who had previously ruled Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001, took power again on August 15 as the US was in the middle of a chaotic troop withdrawal. The group announced the formation of a caretaker government on September 7. No country has yet recognized their rule. Since then, the Taliban have been struggling to contain a deepening economic crisis.

Saudi Arabia Ready To Normalise Ties With Israel Based On Arab Initiative



Agencies

Saudi Arabia has said it is ready to normalise relations with Israel based on the 2002 Arab initiative proposal for peace.

In an interview with the Riyadh-based Arab News daily, Abdallah Al-Mouallimi, the kingdom's permanent representative to the UN, said Riyadh is committed to the Arab Initiative for peace, which calls for the end of the Israeli occupation of all Arab territories occupied in 1967 and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital in return of normalising ties with Israel.

"The official and latest Saudi position is that we are prepared to normalise relations with Israel as soon as Israel implements the elements of the Saudi peace initiative that was presented in 2002," Al-Mouallimi said.

He added that once implementing the initiative, Israel will have recognition "not only from Saudi Arabia but the entire

Muslim world, all 57 countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation".

"Time does not change right or wrong. The Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories is wrong no matter how long it lasts," the diplomat said.

Last month, Israeli media reported that a delegation of some 20 American Jewish leaders had visited Saudi Arabia and met with senior officials there, including at least six government ministers and senior representatives of the Saudi royal house, in an effort to review possibilities of establishing ties between Riyadh and Tel Aviv.

Saudi Arabia has repeatedly reiterated its commitment to the Arab parameters for peace with Israel expressed in the 2002 Saudi-proposed Arab Initiative.

Israel occupied East Jerusalem during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and annexed the entire city in 1980 in a move that has never been recognised by the international community.

Australia Reopens To Students, Migrants After Nearly Two-Year Ban



REUTERS

Australia has reopened borders to vaccinated skilled migrants and foreign students after a nearly two-year ban on their entry, in a bid to boost an economy hit by stop-start COVID-19 lockdowns and restart international travel.

The emergence of the new Omicron variant of the coronavirus forced officials to delay the reopening by two weeks after health officials sought a temporary pause to get more information about the strain, which so far appears to show milder symptoms than other COVID-19 variants.

"We're going to live with this virus, and we're not going to let it drag us back to where we've been," Prime Minister Scott Morrison told radio station 4BC on Wednesday, the day of the reopening. "We've got one of the highest vaccination rates, which means we can fight this thing. We don't have to surrender to it."

Australia has inoculated nearly 90 percent of its population above 16 with two doses

and shortened the wait time for booster shots after the emergence of the Omicron cases.

Morrison, who had been deemed a casual contact after attending an event last week along with a COVID-infected person, said he has been cleared to fly interstate to Queensland after negative test results.

"That's what living with the virus is," he said. Australia closed its borders in March 2020 in a bid to contain the spread of the new coronavirus and had limited the number of citizens and permanent residents allowed entry. The relaxation of border rules is expected to ease labour shortages, which threaten to hamper an economic rebound.

The return of foreign students, who are worth about 35 billion Australian dollars (\$25bn) a year to the Australian economy, will help businesses to fill many casual jobs. More than 235,000 foreigners, including about 160,000 students, held visas for Australia at the end of October, official data showed.

The easing in travel rules comes as the state of New South Wales, home to Sydney, lifted most restrictions from Wednesday for the unvaccinated, despite a steady rise in Omicron infections after a staggered reopening.

The state logged 1,360 new cases, the biggest daily rise in more than three months and since a nearly four-month lockdown ended in early October. Australia has recorded about 235,500 cases and 2,117 deaths since the pandemic began.

NEWS MAKERS

Google Says Unvaccinated Employees Will Eventually Be Fired: Report

REUTERS

Alphabet Inc's Google told its employees they would lose pay and eventually be fired if they do not follow its COVID-19 vaccination rules, CNBC reported on Tuesday, citing internal documents.

A memo circulated by Google's leadership said employees had until Dec. 3 to declare their vaccination status and upload documentation showing proof, or to apply for a medical or religious exemption, according to the report.

After that date, Google said it would start contacting employees who had not uploaded their status or were unvaccinated and those whose exemption requests were not approved, CNBC reported.

Employees who have not complied with the vaccination rules by Jan. 18



will be placed on "paid administrative leave" for 30 days, CNBC reported, followed by "unpaid personal leave" for up to six months and termination.

When contacted by Reuters, Google did not directly comment on the CNBC report, but said, "we're committed to doing everything possible to help our

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Earlier this month, Google delayed its return-to-office plan indefinitely amid Omicron variant fears and some resistance from its employees to company-mandated vaccinations. It earlier expected staff to return to office for about three days a week from Jan. 10.

Govt Approves Transfer Of State Land For Public Purposes

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Administrative Council headed by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday approved a proposal of the Revenue Department to transfer various parcels of state land for public purposes, an official spokesman said.

The Administrative Council, which met under the chairmanship of Sinha here, approved the transfer of land measuring 15 kanal at Majeen village here to Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) on lease for 40 years, he said.

The spokesman said the board would be constructing a 'Yatri Niwas' and a disaster management centre for better management of the annual yatra to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas, aimed at boosting religious tourism in the Union Territory.

The construction of these facilities will enhance the number of pilgrims visiting the holy cave and subsequently generate substantial indirect employment. It will also ensure compliance to the orders of the Supreme Court of India and the National Green Tribunal, he said.

He said approval was given to the transfer of state land measuring 38 kanal and 19 marla at Chak Jawala village in Vijaypur Tehsil in Samba district to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for establishing the Composite Regional Centre (CRC) for skill development, rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities.

Once functional, the centre would provide multitude of services to the persons with disabilities in the field of education, employment, vocational

training, research and manpower development, rehabilitation of divyangs, and distribution of assistive aids through a team of experts, besides working on the principle of trans-disciplinary approach, the spokesman said.

He said the Administrative Council approved the transfer of land measuring 10 kanal 11 marla in favour of Health and Medical Education Department for establishing a 50-bedded integrated AYUSH hospital in Budgam district.

Establishment of the AYUSH Hospital would promote the Indian System of Medicine (ISM) in the region, provide health care facilities and strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in the area, the spokesman said.

Another parcel of land measuring 28 kanal at Donipawa village in Anantnag district was transferred to the School Education Department for establishing a Kendriya Vidyalaya.

Opening of the school would provide education avenues to the children and will enhance the standard of education in the area, the spokesman said.

He said a parcel of land measuring eight kanal in Ichgam village in Budgam district was transferred to the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj for constructing the Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) to provide skill development trainings to the youth and boost employment generation.

The Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department was also given six kanal land for constructing office accommodation for the district Development Council, Baramulla, the spokesman said.

The Administrative Council also sanctioned transfer of one kanal of land at Langate in Kupwara to the Finance Department for construction of a treasury building, he said.



A TRUCK PASSES through snow-covered Drass Valley along the strategic Srinagar-Leh highway on Wednesday.

Pic: Abid Bhat/KO

37-40 Civilian Killings In J&K Every Year Between 2017 & Nov 2021: GoI

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The numbers of civilian killings in Jammu and Kashmir have remained in the range of 37-40 every year between 2017 and 2021 (till November 30), the Rajya Sabha was informed on Wednesday.

Responding to a question, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said notwithstanding attempts by the militants to target some civilians, a large number of migrant work-

ers continued to stay on in the Kashmir Valley and left as usual upon onset of harsh winter.

"Also, a large number of tourists have visited Jammu and Kashmir during the last few months," Rai said.

"The numbers of civilian killings have remained in the range of 37-40 every year during the last five years - 2017 to 2021 (till November 30, 2021)," he said.

Nevertheless, the government has taken several steps to ensure safety and security of

civilians, including those from outside of Jammu and Kashmir, the minister added.

"A robust security and intelligence grid is in place. Day & night area domination, patrolling and proactive operations against terrorists are being carried out. Besides, round the clock checking at nakas and road opening parties have been adequately augmented at strategic points to thwart any terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

J&K To Rollout Land Passbooks In Urdu, Hindi And English

Chief Secretary Directs Revenue Deptt To Ensure Ease Of Access To The Public

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday directed the Revenue Department to roll out trilingual land passbooks as a measure to fill the information vacuum and promote people's ease of access to the revenue record. The first-of-its-kind land passbook will be issued to the legal owners

of land in Jammu and Kashmir in Urdu, English, and Hindi languages.

Under the Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme (DILRMP), the Revenue Department has scanned voluminous revenue records and placed them in the public domain under the 'Apni Zameen Apni Nigrani' for people's scrutiny. Over three lakh and twenty-five thousand visitors have already visited the site in the last 6 weeks.

As a reform to further boost transparency in the public dealings of the Revenue Department, the Chief Secretary has

directed the Department to evolve a mechanism of issuing revenue passbooks to the people, containing information on all their legal land possessions within one month for formal issuance by 26th January 2022. The process will be completed in the districts of Jammu and Srinagar by 31st March 2022 and in all other districts by 15th August 2022.

As a further measure to improve service delivery, all processes will be digitized, including applications made by the public which will enhance transparency and accountability.

Div Com Asks PDD To Avoid Unscheduled Power Cuts

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Wednesday chaired a meeting of Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited (KPDC) to review power scenario in valley and district wise power curtailment schedule of the department.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; MD, KPDC; Chief Engineer, Power Distribution and Chief Engineer Transmission and other officers of the PDD.

During the meeting, Div Com reviewed steps taken by PDD in advance for winter preparedness including dumping of advance material like poles and conductors, buffer stock of dis-

tribution transformers, working of divisional workshops in double shifts, preventive maintenance of receiving stations and swift restoration teams for prompt clearance of faults.

On the occasion, Div Com directed concerned officers to adhere to the issued curtailment schedule and avoid unscheduled power cuts so general public doesn't face inconvenience during the winter. Besides, Div Com directed officers to conduct reparation work during the curtailment hours so consumers will not have to suffer due to absence of electricity for long hours.

He also directed concerned officers to communicate to public through media in advance about any maintenance

work to be carried in any area so there would be no crisis. Further, he also reviewed the district wise metered and non-metered curtailment schedule in the valley.

Meanwhile, MD KPDC gave presentation on the preparedness and distribution plan of the department. He also presented way forward and measures being taken by the department like strict vigilance and enforcement to check the power theft, revision of load agreements of consumers and setting up of loss free feeders.

He informed that UT is all set to avail the benefits of recently launched Revamped Distribution Strengthening System (RDSS).

PAGD Pledges To Take Art-370 Restoration Battle To New Delhi

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration on Wednesday urged the central government to introspect, review and roll back the decision of abrogation of Article 370 like the three controversial farm laws were rolled back recently and stated that they reach out to everyone in New Delhi for the same.

Senior member of the PAGD, Muzaffar Ahmad Shah said that they have to meet opposition parties, civil society members and central government to ask them to review the decisions of August 05, 2019, which were taken unconstitutionally and without taking the people of Jammu and Kashmir onboard.

He said that like the government revoked the three farms laws, which were passed by the parliament last year, abrogation of Article 370 should be reviewed and rolled back.

Shah said that they are plan-

ning to meet the civil society members, opposition parties and other political leaders in New Delhi to apprise them about the importance of rolling back of abrogation of article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also said that PAGD spokesperson MY Tarigami has already filed a writ petition against the abrogation of article 370 in the Supreme Court and they will continue to follow it the court and fight the legal battle for its revocation.

"Like the government revoked three farms laws, it should also do the same in case of Article 370 so as to restore confidence of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in New Delhi. The decisions made on August 05, 2019 were made unconstitutionally and without taking the people of Jammu and Kashmir into confidence, so it is important for New Delhi to review, introspect and roll back the decision of abrogation of article 370," he said.

Abrogation Of Articles 370, 35A Not Forgotten: JKAP

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) on Wednesday said it has not forgotten the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution and will continue the struggle for their restoration.

Addressing a public meeting at Krishan Chander Park in border district of Poonch, JKAP president Altaf Bukhari said assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir should not be delayed further to address issues of underdevelopment, unemployment and poor health infrastructure.

The Centre revoked Article 370 of the Constitution, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, on August 5, 2019, and bifurcated the erstwhile state into two union territories.

Article 35A, which stemmed out of Article 370, gave powers to the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly to define permanent residents of the state, their special rights and privileges.

"We have not forgotten about Article 370 and Article 35A. We have continued our struggle for their restoration. As the matter is before the apex court of the country, we will fight it there and also raise

our voice before the concerned quarters so that our demand is accepted," Bukhari said.

He also said assembly elections should be held in Jammu and Kashmir without further delay after restoring its statehood.

"These elections should not be delayed further. The people have suffered the most and the bureaucracy is unmoved by their issues," he said.

Accountability can be fixed when there is an elected government. Therefore, the government must announce assembly elections but it should restore Jammu and Kashmir's statehood first, he added.

Without naming any party, the JKAP leader said the regional political parties know that they have lost ground and people do not trust them anymore.

"There was hopelessness among people after August 5, 2019. Thereafter, we have emerged as hope among the masses that has been accepted by the people of J&K," he said.

JKAP vice president Ghulam Hassan Mir, who was also present at the public meeting, demanded the upgradation of infrastructure at the Poonch district hospital. (pm)

AICC Accepts Resignation Of 4 JKPC Leaders

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The All India Congress Committee (AICC) has accepted the resignation of four party leaders including two Vice Presidents of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), keeping the gates open for 18 other leaders, who had tendered their resignation along with the ousted leaders.

The 22 leaders from JKPCC had tendered joint resignation in November, 2021, to AICC president Sonia Gandhi. A statement issued by the party reads that the AICC has accepted the resignation of JKPC Vice Presidents and Budgam Incharge District president.

Taking cognizance of the resignation tendered by JKPC Vice Presidents G.M.Saroori, Gulam Nabi Monga, Muhammad Anwar

Bhat, the Congress high command decided to accept their resignation, with immediate effect, the statement said, adding that the party high command also accepted the resignation of Incharge DCC President Budgam Zahid Hussain Jan.

Nonetheless, the AICC has remained tight-lipped over the resignation tendered by other JKPC leaders as there has been no mention of the other leaders including Waqr Rasool, Choudhary Akram, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Dr Manohar Lal Sharma, Naresht Gupta, Muhammad Amin Bhat, Subhash Gupta and others.

Considered as the close aide of former J&K chief minister and AICC leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, the 22 leaders from JKPC had tendered resignation amid reports that Azad is going to float his new party. -(KNO)

Fraudsters Booked For Offering Fake Helicopter Tickets To Vaishno Devi Pilgrims

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has lodged separate complaints with crime and cyber branches of Jammu and Kashmir Police against fraudulent elements illegally offering helicopter tickets to the intending pilgrims to the famous shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district, an official said on Wednesday.

The SMVDSB advised all the pilgrims to use only its official website for booking services such as helicopter tickets and not to fall prey to the fraudulent advertisements issued by unauthorised websites offering confirmed helicopter tickets and the sale of 'prasad'.

The official said Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Ramesh Kumar on Wednesday reviewed the helicopter operations for the pilgrimage and during the deliberations, it came to the fore that some unscrupulous elements are selling fraudulent or fake tickets to the pilgrims.

These unscrupulous elements are illegally offering helicopter tickets from Katra-Sanjichhat-Katra through their websites/travel portals/travel agencies, the official said.

Taking a serious note of the false, frivolous and unlawful heli bookings, the Chief Executive

Officer informed that the matter regarding fleeing of pilgrims by these fraudulent elements



has already been taken up with crime branch and cyber branch of J-K Police, he said.

Kumar has appealed to the pilgrims that the sale of helicopter tickets for pilgrims traveling from Katra to Sanjichhat and back is the sole prerogative of the SMVDSB and it has not authorised any agent, agency or person to use the Board's name to sell or undertake online bookings for any services.

All the online services offered by Shrine Board are offered through the Official Website of Shrine Board: HYPERLINK "http://www.maavaishnodevi.org" www.maavaishnodevi.org and MATA VAISHNO DEVI APP, only, the official said, adding Kumar stressed that any misrepresentation of the Board by any person or agency whatsoever shall be dealt with strictly.

'Eat Right' Camp held At SKUAST Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Food Safety department in association with Department of Food Sciences and Technology SKAUST, Kashmir organized a day long awareness program in which faculty members from Food Science and technology, Hostel Wardens, Mess Workers, and students participated.

Dr Syed Zameer Head Division of food science & technology while welcoming the participants impressed upon the importance of ensuring sale of fortified staple food especially through PDS and MDM schemes to eradicate the nu-



tritional disorders. He further impressed on the need to ensure target oriented supply of nutritive food to the consumers keeping in view their nutritional deficiencies.

Hilal Ahmad Mir, Assistant Commissioner Food Safety while highlighting the role of the department in ensuring safe and wholesome food to consumers, requested the authorities of the university to cooperate in declaring the campus as 'Eat Right Campus'. He further requested them for their collaboration in testing of some food articles

for detection of pesticidal and insecticidal residues.

Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai Director Planning and Monitoring highlighted importance of determination of insecticidal residue, residues which are potentially health hazardous and assured full support from SKUAST in declaring the campus as an eat right campus.

Mr. Mufti Omar Imtiaz Food Analyst Kashmir highlighted the importance of conducting research on specific food items and ensuring nutritious and sustainable food which would be beneficial for consumers as well as the planet.

Nadiya Rashid Malik Food Safety Officer in her power point presentation highlighted the process which is required to declare a campus as Eat Right Campus.

This was followed by presentations by Dr. Abida Jaheen Associate Professor, Dr Poonam Sharma Associate Professor and Dr. Tawheed Amin, Assistant Professor . A joint team on the directions of Commissioner FDA Shakeel ur Rehman was constituted on spot for ensuring declaration of SKUAST as an eat Right campus within the shortest possible time.

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1. A Telecom Digital Pension Adalat is scheduled to be held through video calling at **11:00 AM on 23/12/2021** for settlement of pending pension related grievances for more than 6 months (**excluding legal and policy matters strictly**) of all pensioners of Telecom Department/BSNL Jammu & Kashmir Circle. All the pensioners/family pensioners are requested to kindly intimate their pending pension grievances if any along with necessary details on email **ccajk@nic.in / Landline number 0191-2479283** before **20.12.2021**.

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3. Link of meeting will be intimated by this office **through e-mail**, one day before the Telecom Digital Pension Adalat.

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Distressing Situation

The fresh killings of the three policemen and the two militants on Monday have once again brought into sharp relief the extraordinary situation that Kashmir has been facing over the last two months. And as the continuous violence underlines, there seems no end to it. The situation has been no different since the rollback of Article 370 in August 2019. An estimated 366 militants, 96 civilians, 81 security personnel have died in the period. And many more local youth have joined militancy since then. In addition, there has also been some new infiltration to supplement the local recruitment.

In Jammu's Rajouri and Poonch, the militants recently killed around fourteen security personnel and escaped untraced. But New Delhi remains indifferent to the state of affairs, so do the large sections of national media which, as always, plies a distorted picture of the ongoing situation. It is apparent from the terms used to describe the killings in the state. More so, on the television channels. They give such a simplified and stereotyped representation of the situation. This only complicates rather than aids the understanding of what is happening in Kashmir.

As for condemnations, it has become a ritual now. And by Kashmir standards, if we start condemning all deaths, it will become a full-time job for any organization. For then we have to do it everyday, twice a day with all the killings happening around us. The condemnations will also be selective, depending on which side of the ideological divide you are on. The issue, however, is not the condemnation, the issue is what do we do about the situation that leads to everyday killings. But nobody will talk about that.

Such a muddled situation makes opinions and positions in Kashmir an inherently fraught affair. The union government is not helping the matters by refusing to engage Kashmiris politically. The last several years have witnessed an exclusive security-centric approach towards Kashmir. The objective has been to eliminate insurgency by attempting to kill all the militants within a specific timeframe. Viewed from that perspective, the security agencies have been exceptionally successful over the last two years. It is expected that the killings of the militants at this rate could drastically reduce their number. This, in turn, is expected to alter the political dynamics in Valley and usher in peace.

But the deeper factors underpinning the current state of affairs will linger on and can be expected to create conditions for yet another phase of violence and unrest. This has been the case over the past three decades. The militancy has gone through its crests and troughs but has never been wiped out. And same has been the case with the public unrest. The future looks uncertain in Kashmir. And things are unlikely to look up unless New Delhi fundamentally changes its approach to the situation and moves away from a security-centric approach to empathy and engagement.

OTHER OPINION

A Jagged Recovery

Price pressures appear to be building up in the economy. On Monday, data released by the National Statistical Office showed that retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index (CPI), rose to a three-month high of 4.9 per cent in November, up from 4.48 per cent in October. That inflation has risen despite the recent cuts in fuel taxes – rising crude oil prices had prompted the Centre to cut excise duties on petrol and diesel, which was followed by several states cutting back on fuel taxes as well – suggests that price pressures are getting more generalised in the broader economy. Worryingly, inflation is expected to edge further upwards with the base-effect turning unfavourable over the next few months. Even as concerns persist over the durability of the economic recovery, elevated inflation is likely to complicate the policy choices before the central bank, limiting its space for manoeuvre.

The disaggregated data shows that while non-food inflation has risen over the past few months, food inflation is also now beginning to rise. The consumer food price index rose to 1.87 per cent in November, up from 0.85 per cent in October, driven by essential commodities such as cereals, meat, fish and eggs, milk and fruits. Core inflation has also remained elevated – price pressures appeared to be more broad-based with spurts observed in clothing and footwear, household goods and services, recreation and amusement. This suggests perhaps the likely pass-through of higher costs – data released by the government on Tuesday showed that the wholesale price index (WPI) rose to an all-time high of 14.23 per cent in November. There are upside risks as well. Telecom companies have begun to raise their tariffs. And several companies are looking to hike prices. Moreover, as demand picks up, services inflation will strengthen. Household inflation expectations have already begun to witness an uptick. According to the latest survey of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), median expectations for the current period have risen by 20 basis points, while the three months and one year ahead expectations have risen by 150 and 170 basis points.

In its last meeting, the monetary policy committee (MPC) chose to maintain the status quo on both rates and stance. Some have argued that the RBI Governor's choice of words – "managing a durable, strong and inclusive recovery" – indicates worries about the uneven nature of the process. With continuing uncertainty on the economic front, it is possible that the committee may continue to take a more benign view of inflation, prioritising growth. But if inflation continues to remain elevated, remaining near or breaching the upper threshold of the inflation targeting framework, the dissenting voices on the committee might grow, forcing it to bring forward its timelines for normalising policy. It could only be a matter of time before normalisation by stealth is replaced by a more formal shift of stance.

Indian Express

Saudi Ban On Tablighi Jamaat

A Fact Check



THE TABLIGHI JAMAAT is a Sunni Islamic missionary movement. Photo by Anadolu Agency

Asad Mirza

RECENTLY, most of the Indian newspapers and news channels in English, Hindi and Urdu carried a news story stating that Saudi Arab had banned the Indian organisation Tablighi Jamaat from functioning in Saudi and carrying out its Tabligh activities in the Kingdom.

The manner in which the story was reported, mostly based on a series of Tweets from the official Twitter handle of the Saudi Minister of Islamic Affairs, Dawah, and Guidance Sheikh Abdul Latif bin Abdulaziz Al Ash-Shaikh, made it look like that the Indian Tablighi Jamaat has been banned by the Saudi government from carrying out its Tabligh and Dawah activities.

A Quick Fact Check

Before reaching any conclusion, we

NONE OF THE TWEETS CLEARLY MENTIONS /labels the words "Tablighi Jamaat", "Deobandi Tablighi Jamaat", "Indian Tablighi Jamaat" or "Pakistani Tablighi Jamaat"

need to verify some facts related to the Tweets by the Minister.

Firstly, though in most of the countries it has become a normal trend to announce the official policies or stand through the social media, in Saudia an edict or a rule becomes a law only when issued through a Royal Decree. Though the targeted audience may act on the guidance given on social media, yet it is not a law in the larger sense.

Secondly, none of the tweets clearly mentions/labels the words "Tablighi Jamaat", "Deobandi Tablighi Jamaat", "Indian Tablighi Jamaat" or "Pakistani Tablighi Jamaat". Also, the point to be noted is that Friday Khutbah in Saudi mosques are based on the Khutbas supplied by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and no Imam is supposed to change that, so how could they change it based on a Tweet?

Thirdly, the tweets ask the Imams to follow four points while denouncing the Tabligh and Dawah activities by any group, referred to as Al Ahbab in the tweets.

In reality, Al Ahbab is a Nigerian terrorist group and Al Ahbab in Arabic means a group of friends, persons known to each other or your near and dear ones. And the words 'gates of terrorism' might have been attrib-

uted to the Nigerian group. Infact, in Saudi Arabia, no political or religious organisation is allowed to func-



NONE OF THE TWEETS CLEARLY MENTIONS /labels the words "Tablighi Jamaat", "Deobandi Tablighi Jamaat", "Indian Tablighi Jamaat" or "Pakistani Tablighi Jamaat"

tion without the state patronage or recognition or registration. So one wonders how an organisation, which is not even present in the country, could be banned.

Additionally, the Tweets have been translated using Google Translation, which sometimes leaves scope for non-clarity or ambiguity while translating.

One needs to understand that the Tabligh activities are focussed towards Muslim audience and the Dawah activities are focussed on non-Muslims. In other words, they are like missionary activities, which are controlled by the Saudi government through the Dawah Centres called Markaz-e Dawah Wal Irshad and are managed by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, usually engaged in publishing and disseminating literature, not through any public engagement. And the Tablighi Jamaat is never engaged in any Dawah or missionary activity. Also, in a Muslim country there is no need of Dawah work, so the word in the tweet has been used superfluously.

The Saudi Politics

Moreover, we also need to understand the phase through which Saudi Arabia is currently undergoing . The Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman

(MBS) handles a majority of state functions, but important portfolios are still handled by the Saudi King Shah Salman.

In addition, MBS is being credited with ushering a reform phase in the Saudi society and politics and giving up age old religious and societal customs and laws. Under his stewardship, theatres have been opened up in various Saudi cities, women have been allowed to drive cars, women can visit the market or shopping malls without any male chaperon, they have been allowed not to wear Hijab or Abaya in places or to cover their faces, they can even perform Umrah and Hajj, the two most significant Islamic practises without any male accompanying them.

These reforms initiated by MBS have alienated a large percentage of the Saudi population, which still wants to carry forward with the ages old Islamic and societal traditions. But



even the MBS is against the fanatical groups operating in the country. So these tweets might have been an endeavour by the minister to make him seen as one more nearer to the King and MBS, both.

In addition, the words 'opens the gates of terrorism' have been used to make the recommendation carry weight and also address the issue which the Saudi government faces in provinces nearer to other countries and which mostly comprise Shia, Houthis and Lebanese groups.

So one can surmise that the Indian Tablighi Jamaat has not been mentioned in the tweets and the Indian media should have acted more re-

sponsibly by fact checking the contents of the tweets, which it started reporting on after five days on 11 December.

Ban on Books

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Last week only, some Urdu newspapers also carried out a story that the Saudi government has recently banned some books by Hassan al Banna, Yusuf Qardawi and Maulana Maudoodi. This story is completely false and the fact is that the Saudi government had banned these books in 1990. Even countries like the UAE had banned books by these and other authors in 2011, when the Morsi-led Muslim Brotherhood had taken over power in Egypt.

The fact is that most of the Islamic states are afraid of the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas and the tweet while not mentioning the Muslim Brotherhood might have been targeted towards it as its propaganda is also conveyed through groups of Ahbab. Most of my journalist friends working in the Saudi or other middle eastern countries, and I too fully concur with it, that it might be the case and the Indian Tablighi Jamaat has been maligned for none of its fault.

In addition, very few of the newspapers and outlets gave prominence to the story on 6 December, in which the Delhi High Court found many flaws in the case filed against the Tablighi Jamaat, last year.

Thus, it would be better if the Indian media takes a more responsible approach towards sensitive issues, which might create unwanted controversies and an atmosphere of hate in the country.

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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Kashmir Still Lacks Proper Destitution Management

To tackle this conflict-created load, many orphanages have cropped up over the years. They help these children in many socio-economic ways. Some of these orphanages run a program called Wedding Assistance in which they provide a wedding kit comprising of ladies suits, footwear and cosmetics products worth Rs. 15,000 to orphans.

Another strife-hit group is of the women whose spouses have disappeared and are referred to as half-widows. They don't know whether their husbands are alive or not. Under Indian law, a person is considered to be dead if they have disappeared for more than seven years. Before that period, no assistance is provided to these women,

leaving them financially vulnerable.

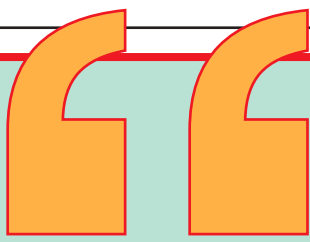
A 2005 study by Médecins Sans Frontières revealed that the Kashmiri women are one of the most repressed groups around the world, with almost 11.6 per cent of the respondents claiming that they faced situational abuse. There has been a 57 per cent increase in crimes against women between 2013-18.

So far as the government efforts have

not been up to the mark to tackle this situational destitution in the valley, the policies need to be drastically improved.

An umbrella needs to be created where all the independent organisation can work in tandem for the orphans and widows of Kashmir.

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IN TERMS OF PERSONALITY TRAITS, RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT problematic binge-watching appears to be associated with low conscientiousness (characterised by being impulsive, careless and disorganised) and high neuroticism (characterised by being anxious and prone to negative emotions). We see these types of associations in addictive behaviours more generally

DANGERS OF BINGE-WATCHING



Mark Griffiths

The term “binge-watch” was a contender for the Oxford English Dictionary’s 2013 word of the year. Although it didn’t win (“selfie” ultimately took the crown), this pointed to the rise of what was becoming a popular activity of watching multiple episodes of a TV show in a single sitting.

Today, millions of us – including me – regularly consume our favourite series in this way. The proliferation of streaming services over recent years has made it very easy to do. Unsurprisingly, during COVID lockdowns, research shows many of us spent more time binge-watching than usual.

But can binge-watching become problematic or addictive? And if you can’t tear yourself away, what can you do?

Problematic binge-watching isn’t defined by the number of episodes watched (although most researchers agree it’s at least two in a row), or a specific number of hours spent in front of the TV or computer screen. As with other addictive behaviours, more important is whether binge-watching is having a negative impact on other aspects of the person’s life.

Over many years studying addiction, I’ve argued that all addictive behaviours comprise six core components. In relation to binge-watching, this would mean:

Binge-watching is the most important

thing in the person’s life (salience)

The person engages in binge-watching as a way of reliably changing their mood: to feel better in the short-term or to temporarily escape from something negative in their life (mood modification)

Binge-watching compromises key aspects of the person’s life like relationships and education or work (conflict)

The number of hours the person spends binge-watching each day has increased significantly over time (tolerance)

The person experiences psychological and/or physiological withdrawal symptoms if they’re unable to binge-watch (withdrawal)

If the person manages to temporarily stop binge-watching, when they engage in the activity again, they go straight back into the cycle they were in previously (relapse).

In my view, any person who fulfils these six components would be genuinely addicted to binge-watching. A person who only fulfils some of these may be exhibiting problematic binge-watching, but wouldn’t be classed as addicted by my criteria.

Like many other behavioural addictions, such as sex addiction, work addiction and exercise addiction, binge-watching addiction is not officially recognised in any psychiatric manuals. We also don’t have accurate estimates of the prevalence of problematic binge-watching. But research into this phenomenon is growing.

A look at the evidence

In the latest study on this topic, a research team in Poland surveyed 645 young adults, all of whom reported that they had watched at least two episodes



of one show in a single sitting. The researchers wanted to understand some of the factors underlying problematic binge-watching.

The authors (who based their definition of problematic binge-watching partly on my components model of addiction) used a questionnaire they developed in an earlier study to assess problematic binge-watching among participants. Questions included: “How often do you neglect your duties in favour of watching series?” “How often do you feel sad or irritated when you can’t watch the TV series?” and “How often do you neglect your sleep to binge-watch series?”

Participants had to give answers on a six-point scale from one (never) to six (always). A score above a certain threshold was deemed indicative of problematic binge-watching.

Using a range of other scales, the researchers found that impulse control difficulties, lack of premeditation (difficulties

in planning and evaluating the consequences of a given behaviour), watching to escape and forget about problems, and watching to avoid feeling lonely were among the most significant predictors of problematic binge-watching.

Using the same data, the researchers reported in an earlier study that problematic binge-watching had a significant association with anxiety-depressive syndrome. The greater the symptoms of anxiety and depression, the more problematic a person’s binge-watching was.

Other studies have reported similar findings. A study of Taiwanese adults, for example, found problematic binge-watching was associated with depression, anxiety around social interaction and loneliness.

An American study found the behaviour was associated with depression and attachment anxiety. Most related studies – like this one from Portugal – have also shown escapism to be a key motivation of

problematic binge-watching.

In terms of personality traits, research has shown that problematic binge-watching appears to be associated with low conscientiousness (characterised by being impulsive, careless and disorganised) and high neuroticism (characterised by being anxious and prone to negative emotions). We see these types of associations in addictive behaviours more generally.

Breaking the habit

If you want to cut down on the number of episodes you watch in one sitting, my golden rule is to stop watching mid-way through an episode. It’s really hard to stop watching at the end of an episode as so often the show ends with a cliff-hanger.

I also suggest setting realistic daily limits. For me, it’s 2.5 hours if I have work the next day, or up to five hours if I don’t. And only start watching as a reward to yourself after you’ve done everything you need to in terms of work and social obligations.

Remember, the difference between a healthy enthusiasm and an addiction is that the former adds to your life, whereas the latter detracts from it. If you feel binge-watching is taking over your life, you should seek a referral from your GP to see a clinical psychologist. Most addictions are symptomatic of other underlying problems.

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Unequal And Immoral

Rafia Zakaria

JUST a bit over a week ago, the World Inequality Report 2022 was released. Among its notable but not surprising findings were the fact that half of the world is indescribably poor, with about two per cent of the world’s wealth to divide among itself. By contrast, the richest 10pc of the world control a whopping 76pc of the world’s wealth. This isn’t surprising; of late, the decadence of privately financed space flights by the likes of Amazon chief Jeff Bezos, among others, have revealed just how much the world’s wealthiest people possess and how flagrantly they are willing to spend it. The reality is that in the image of the world that is produced by such theatrical displays of plenty, those who do not have at least tens of millions of dollars to spend are really not living at all.

The predictability of the data produced by such compilations year after year, empirical evidence of the poor getting ever poorer and the rich getting ever richer, makes one wonder of its utility. Even given the availability of large databanks that make such tabulations possible, must we tell the poor that they are poor and will keep getting poorer? It is a worthy question; if we consider inequality to be a sign of the general immorality of a population or country, then the report is not just a ranking of relative inequality but also a rough indicator of the place where

the people are most moral and the place where they are least so.

Considered this way, the breakdown of the most and least unequal countries is perhaps also a ranking of where people believe it is important to ensure that the poor have at least a livable and subsistence-level existence and that the rich are required to give away the majority of their wealth in taxes to make this possible.

According to the 2022 report, the world’s least unequal place is Western Europe and the world’s most unequal region is the Middle East. Rich countries are not automatically unequal; the United States, which is one of the rich-

est countries in the world, has, relatively speaking, astronomical levels of inequality. Brazil and India are middle- to low-income countries and have tremendously high levels of inequality. At the other end,

China has very low levels of inequality.

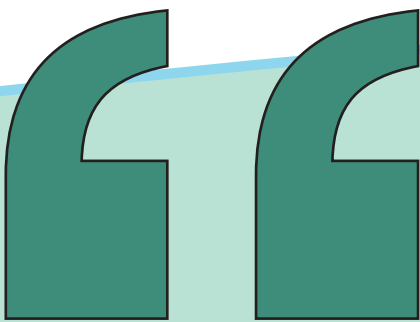
Another key statistic tells us that the level of inequality in the world is roughly equal to what it was in the 19th and 20th centuries, when Western imperialism was at its zenith. It has been noted that individuals from the richest 10pc of countries make 40 times as much as those from the bottom half of countries. Even more depressing is the fact that the poorest half of the world has about 50pc of what it used to have during the colonial era to divide up among itself. In fact, the report’s authors assert that this reveals that the framework of inequalities that were created in the colonial era, where raw materials from poor countries were processed then

shipped to the factories of rich colonising countries, more or less endures today.

The colonial rulers of yesteryear have simply created new organisational mechanisms, such as the World Trade Organisation and a plethora of other similar entities, to ensure that they have the upper hand in the global market. Poor countries grant access to their markets to corporations that are headquartered in the white and Western world, but do not get access to wealthy consumer markets themselves. As a consequence, the poor half of the world continues to remain dependent on wealthy countries to throw some scraps their way. Self-sufficiency remains an unrealised dream for them.

At the same time, it would be incorrect to say that individual countries do not have control over inequality at all. The example of China is very instructive in this regard. By prioritising economic equality, the Chinese have managed to lift millions out of poverty despite the existence of a West-centric world trade regime and everything else associated with it. At the same time, Muslim countries like Pakistan and others in the Middle-East pay lip service to the Islamic values of equality and freedom from corruption, while unabashedly looting the coffers of their own countries and hoarding their spoils for generations upon generations of their children.

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Omicron Problem For Doctors

How To Know What To Prescribe

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The omicron variant presents a new problem for doctors: Some drugs may work better than others, but knowing what to prescribe will hinge on quickly figuring out what variant of Covid-19 a person has in the first place.

Right now, doctors don't treat Covid patients based on which mutation of the virus has infected them. Even when the information is available, doctors are rarely told which form of Covid a person has. That may need to change as new drugs emerge and as the virus evolves into versions that can render existing drugs less effective.

Early data suggest some drugs may be better suited to attack omicron than others. On Tuesday, Pfizer Inc. announced its promising antiviral pill worked against the new variant in lab tests. The opposite was true for biotech Adagio Therapeutics Inc., which said its experimental antibody therapy didn't work as well against omicron, sending its shares plunging.

It's early days in the fight against omicron. Delta is estimated to make up 97% of cases that are sequenced in the U.S. But omicron has the potential to soon comprise a bigger share given how fast it's spreading in other countries. And if there is clear-cut evidence that certain drugs work better than others, that could make rapid variant identification key to battling the pandemic.

"If we end up in a place where there's a serious mix of delta and omicron in various parts of the country then it might require a rapid genome test" to figure out which variant each patient has and which drugs to use, outgoing National Institutes of Health



Director Francis Collins said in an interview. "We need to develop ways to do that without having to have a high-tech laboratory in every clinical facility."

That's far from being a reality now. Even after U.S. President Joe Biden pledged some \$1.7 billion toward sequencing efforts, the country still lags nations such as the U.K. in identifying new varieties of the coronavirus. Going from a Covid-19 swab to a reported mutation in the U.S. can take anywhere from 10 days to three weeks, according to Molly Polen, spokeswoman for the laboratory group the American Association for Clinical Chemistry. That's too long to guide a patient's treatment, particularly for Pfizer and Merck's new pills which are designed to be given within days of a diagnosis.

In addition, most sequencing labs don't have regulatory clearance to tell patients or doctors what mutation a given person has. Data from these facilities is normally used for public-health purposes, such as disease surveillance, rather than patient care.

Testing for Variants
To help inform medical deci-

sions faster, the NIH has turned to its Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics initiative, a Shark Tank-like incubator, to develop a cheap variant detection test that could work within hours.

Through the RADx initiative, the NIH's bioengineering institute is working on a few tests that hone in on the distinct characteristics of different mutations. Such tests would save time for doctors, who wouldn't have to send out samples to specialty labs and wait for full genome sequencing that often takes a week or longer.

New approaches could be cheaper too, said Bruce Tromberg, director of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering. RADx is working with academic partners such as Emory University and the University of Washington, as well as companies like Helix Opco LLC and Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.

Tromberg hopes the tests will be authorized in time to distinguish between omicron and delta, if that becomes necessary. They could cost as little as \$20, lower than the price of traditional sequencing operations.

Timing Is Everything

Speed is of the essence when it comes to treating Covid. Almost all of the drugs on the market and in development are most effective at preventing serious disease in high-risk patients if given within days of symptoms starting.

That makes some experts wary of adding more diagnostic steps. With the limited treatment options currently available for Covid patients, being prompt is more important than being precise, said Anu Osinusi, Gilead's vice president of clinical research for hepatitis, respiratory and emerging viruses.

"That's going to make the biggest impact versus trying to tailor against different variants," she said.

Drugmakers are scrambling to figure out how their drugs work against omicron. The most promising antiviral so far is Pfizer's pill Paxlovid. It prevented hospitalization or death in almost 90% of high-risk Covid patients in a study that didn't focus on what mutation a person had. The drugmaker confirmed Tuesday that the therapy remains effective against omicron in lab tests.

Merck & Co.'s experimental antiviral and Gilead Sciences Inc.'s remdesivir appear likely to retain their power against omicron because of the way that the drugs stop the virus from replicating. But preliminary lab data suggests monoclonal antibodies from Eli Lilly & Co. and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. may be less effective at treating the mutation.

Lilly expects to report more data on how well its treatment works against omicron late this week or early next week, according to Nicole Kallewaard, a virologist and research adviser to the company.

AMU Scientists Invent Novel Technology To Treat Diabetic Foot Ulcers

Agencies

Diabetic people with foot sores, fearing limb amputation can heave a sigh of relief as a team of scientists from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) led by Professor Asad Ullah Khan of the Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit has developed a novel 'nano-composite based photo-dynamic therapeutic approach to treat chronic diabetic foot ulcers'.

Their patented study, data and work accepted for publication in the peer reviewed 'Scientific Report' of the Nature Publishing Group has been successful on animal models. The technology successfully treated foot ulcers in diabetic rats.

"Anatomical and physiological similarities prompted us to investigate a large range of mechanisms for assessing this new treatment therapy on animal models with no toxicity before applying it to humans. We are content to have successfully treated foot ulcers in diabetic rats which were not treated by any available antibiotics due to the multi-drug resistant strain mediated infection", said Prof Asad.

According to him the animal models were cured in a span of 14 days through the newly developed technology.

"Our team has been involved in proving the efficacy of the treatment for the last two years. The study is on its way for human trials", he added.

He also pointed out that "Independent studies reveal that across the world, a limb is amputated every few minutes and this actuality becomes even more unsparing when you learn that most of these amputations are the result of diabetic foot ulcers. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to come up with a pertinent treatment for saving limbs



and lives".

"It is hoped that this novel technology will become the final finding for the pursuit of the much awaited treatment for diabetic foot ulcers. We are longing for the world to find out that there is more to the prevention of this infection than just offloading wounds, removing dead skin and tissues, applying dressings and checking blood glucose and other health issues", said Asad.

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درخواست منجانب: چوڈری قرمان الطاف کھانہ فرمان الطاف پیران الطاف حسین کھانہ ساکاتان
بعض حصول ST سر قلمیت۔
اشترا برآد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔
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1 الطاف حسین ولد محمد شفیع کھانہ 38 سال سرکاری ملازم
2 سید زید الطاف حسین کھانہ 32 سال گھریلو کام
3 قرمان الطاف ولد الطاف حسین کھانہ 06 سال زر تعلیم
4 قرمان الطاف ولد الطاف حسین کھانہ 04 سال شیعہ خور
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1 لیاقت علی ولد محمد شفیع کھانہ 34 سال مزدوری 5000/=
2 شعیبہ زید الطاف علی کھانہ 32 سال گھریلو کام
3 سید اختر دفتر لیاقت علی کھانہ 14 سال زر تعلیم
4 شعیبہ جان دفتر لیاقت علی کھانہ 12 سال زر تعلیم
5 سر فرزان لیاقت ولد لیاقت علی کھانہ 10 سال زر تعلیم
6 مرنیرہ جان دفتر لیاقت علی کھانہ 05 سال شیعہ خور
اس طور پر ساکاتان کا کاتبہ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سر قلمیت اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر کی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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بعض حصول ST سر قلمیت۔
اشترا برآد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکاتان نے ایک درخواست بعض حصول ST سر قلمیت دفتر پڑا میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کا روائی ہے۔ پواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکاتان کا کاتبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔
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1 محمد شفیع ولد حاجی محمد کھانہ 78 سال عمر رسیدہ
2 میہ جان زید محمد شفیع کھانہ 60 سال عمر رسیدہ
3 اختر علی ولد محمد شفیع کھانہ 30 سال مزدوری 5000/=
4 پروین اختر زید اختر علی کھانہ 28 سال گھریلو کام
5 عنایت ولد اختر علی کھانہ 04 سال شیعہ خور
اس طور پر ساکاتان کا کاتبہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سر قلمیت اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر کی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENIGNEER ESTATES
DIVISION, SRINAGAR.
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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
E-TENDER NIT NO. 170/XEN/EDS/2021-22 OF 12/2021
Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K invites tenders by E-tendering on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Registered Civil Contractors with Union Territory J&K / CPWD/Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.
S.No./Name of Work Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) Cost of T/Doc. (Amt In Rs) Time of Completion Class of Contractor Major Head of Account
1 2 3 4 5 6 7
1. Urgent Repairs of Roofing to Govt. Quarter No. J-44 at Jawahli Nagar Srinagar 1.32 lacs 200/- 20 Days DEE 2216 Non-Plan
2. Wooden Panelling, Painting and tiling including other allied works to Set No. X-2 at New Natipora Srinagar. 1.35 lacs 200/- 20 Days DEE
3. Repairs / Renovation of Kitchen and Bathroom to Set No 40-B at Budshah Flats Srinagar. (U-Shaped Block) 0.73 lacs 200/- 15 Days DEE
4. Repairs/Renovation by way of Tiling, Construction of Wardrobes and other allied works at Set No. 144-R, 45-D and 191-O at Government Quarters Bemina Srinagar. 2.21 lacs 200/- 25 Days DEE
5. Up-gradation of Staff Room by way of Wooden Panel-line and other allied works of G-1 at Gupkar Srinagar. 1.32 lacs 200/- 20 Days DEE
Position of AA: Available
Position of funds: Available
1. 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 dates given below:-
1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice 11-12-2021
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents 13.12.2021 from 10.00 AM.
3. Bid submission Start Date 13.12.2021 from 10.00 AM.
4. Bid Submission End Date 22.12.2021 upto 3.00 PM.
5. Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) 22.12.2021 at 3.05 PM.
In the office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar.
2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under Major Head-0216/Revenue (others) in favour of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).
3. All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of advertised cost as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work/DLP is over.
5. 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 Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).
6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
7.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
7.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
a. On contractor's representation based on the grounds as detailed above the time for completion of the work may be extended by a period considered reasonable by the Department.
b. Extension of time shall be also admissible in the event of temporary suspension of work.
8. The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.
9. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form) and detailed NIT issued by this office time to time.
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Executive Engineer,
Estates Division, Sgr.
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Dated:- 11-12-2021

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Social Forestry Division Baramulla.
e- NIT NO: 12 fresh OF 2021-22DATED:13 /12 /2021
For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir / Central Govt. Organizations for the following works: -
S. NO NAME OF WORK ADV. COST (Rs. In Lacs) CLASS OF CONTRACTOR Cost of Tender Documentation. (Rs) TIME OF COMPLETION Receiving /Opening Committee.
1 Fixing of 4 strands Barbed Wire Fencing with sawn Wooden Fence Posts at Co. 23/Kandi (District Baramulla) Social Forestry Division Baramulla. SF Range Sopore(Scheme- CAPEX Addl Fencing= 6300Rfts Area = 21 Hac.) Sawn Fence posts available at source 3.362 "C&D" 300/= 30 Calendar days. Tender Opening Committee
2 Providing/Fixing of 4 strands Barbed Wire Fencing with sawn Wooden Fence Posts at VWL Kamalkote Ext IIInd (District Baramulla Addl.) Social Forestry Division Baramulla. Range Baramulla (Scheme- CAPEX Addl. Fencing= 1600 Rfts Area = 5.00 Hac.) Sawn Fence posts available at source 0.853 "C&D" Rs 200/- 30 Calendar days. Tender Opening Committee
3 Providing /Fixing of 4 strands Barbed Wire Fencing with Wooden Fence Posts at Co. 81-82/khBadibath (District Bandipora Addl.) Social Forestry Division Baramulla. SF Range Bandipora(Scheme- CAPEX Addl. Fencing= 5400Rfts Area = 18 Hac.) Fence posts available at source 2.904 "D" Rs. 300/= 30 Calendar days. Tender Opening Committee
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Position of T/S: Received.
Position of Funds: Demanded
01. Publishing Date:- 13/12/2021 from 10 :00AM
02. Download Start Date : 13/12/2021 from 6:00 PM
03. Bid submission Start Date: 14/12/2021 from 10:00 AM
04. Bid submission End Date: 18/12/2021 upto 4:00PM
05. Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online: 19-12- 2021at 11:00 AM in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Baramulla
06. Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online: 19-12-2021 at 01:30 PM in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Baramulla
01. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: - https://jktenders.gov.in
02. The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above.
03. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security Deposit in shape of proforma enclosed at Annexure "A".The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of bids.
04. As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
05. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in
06. To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.
07. The bidders have to submit their Technical & financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.
08. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
09. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD duly renewed for the current financial year 2021-22, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt/Challan (cost of Tender Document) and Bid Security Deposit in shape of proforma enclosed at Annexure "A".
10. The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
11. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
12. The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
13. The tender accepting Authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
14. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed document.
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PSU Bank Employees To Go On Two-Day Strike From Today; Services Likely To Be Hit



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Close to nine lakh employees of various state-run banks will go on a two-day nation-wide strike beginning Thursday to protest against the government's move to privatise two public sector lenders, union leaders said.

Most of the banks, including State Bank of India (SBI), have already cautioned their customers about the strike's possible impact on banking operations like cheque clearance and fund transfer.

A conciliation meeting before the Additional Chief Labour Commissioner on Wednesday failed, so unions are going ahead with their planned strike. All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC) General Secretary Soumya Datta said.

The government went in Budget 2021-22 announced its intent to take up privatisation of two public sector banks (PSBs) during the year.

The two-day strike on December 16 and 17 was called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU). UFBU is an umbrella body of nine unions, including AIBOC, All India Bank Employees Association (AIBE) and National Organisation of Bank Workers (NOBW).

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Venkatachalam said representatives of unions, Indian Banks' Association and finance ministry participated in the conciliation meeting.

"We reiterated our stand that if the government would assure that the Bank Privatisation Bill (Banking Laws Amendment Bill, 2021) would not be tabled during this session of the Parliament, we would be inclined to reconsider the strike but the government could not give any such assurance to us," Venkatachalam said.

Unions tried their best to avert the strike to avoid inconvenience to public but the government was not forthcoming, he said, adding that the strike has been called to defend and preserve PSBs.

UFBU's Convenor (Maharashtra) Devidas Tuljapurkar said around nine lakh bank employees and officers from various public sector banks, old generation private sector banks and regional rural banks will participate in the strike.

Public sector banks have always been at the forefront in implementation of various government schemes, including demonetisation, Jan-Dhan Yojana, social sector insurance schemes and Mudra schemes, he told reporters on Wednesday.

Ola Electric Commences Deliveries Of S1 Scooter

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NEW DELHI: Ola Electric on Wednesday said it has commenced deliveries of its S1 scooter.

The company said it organised special events in Bangalore and Chennai on Wednesday to deliver both S1 and S1 Pro trims to the first 100 customers.

"Today is a landmark day for those who have joined the revolution with us as we begin our deliveries of Ola S1. We are working hard to ramp up the production at the Ola Future factory to get the scooters in the hands of our customers as per their delivery windows," Ola Electric Chief Marketing Officer Varun Dubey said in a statement.

This is just the beginning of the revolution, and from here the company looks forward to



offering customers a seamless, convenient, and timely doorstep delivery and ownership experience, he added.

The company said it had last month rolled out the largest-ever direct-to-consumer experience initiative in the history of automotive retail, offering customer test rides across India.

To fulfill the overwhelming reservation and purchase response received across the country, priority deliveries are based on an automated scientific approach that decides the delivery handover as per their purchase date, variant, location, colour, and other factors, it added.

Toyota Kirloskar To Hike Vehicle Prices From January

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NEW DELHI: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) on Wednesday said it will increase prices across its entire product portfolio from January, in order to offset the impact of rise in input costs.

The company sells a range of models including Glanza, Urban Cruiser, Innova Crysta and Fortuner in the domestic market.

"The price realignment is necessitated on the back of sustained increase in input costs

including raw materials.

All efforts have been made to ensure that the impact of the cost increase has a minimum effect on our esteemed customers," TKM said in a statement.

Already, various companies including Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors and Honda Cars have indicated that they would be increasing prices from next month.

Cost of various essential commodities like steel, copper, aluminium and precious metals have gone up over the last one year.

Cabinet Clears Rs 1,300-Cr Incentive Scheme To Promote Digital Payments

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a Rs 1,300-crore incentive scheme to promote digital transactions using UPI and Rupy debit cards, Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

The minister said that the government will reimburse transaction charges levied on digital payments made by persons to the merchant as part of the merchant discount rate (MDR).

"In the coming one year...the government will invest around Rs 1,300 crore so that more and more people move towards digital payments," Vaishnaw said.

He also said that 423 crore digital transactions valued at Rs 7.56 lakh crore took place in November.

The approved scheme will cover reimbursement on digital transactions of up to Rs 2,000, using Rupy debit cards and BHIM-UPI.

"Under the scheme, the ac-



quiring banks will be incentivised by the Government, by way of paying a percentage of the value of transactions (P2M) done through Rupy Debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI modes of payments, at an estimated financial outlay of Rs 1,300 crore for a period of one-year w.e.f. April 01, 2021," an official statement said.

This scheme will facilitate acquiring banks in building a ro-

bust digital payment ecosystem and promoting Rupy debit card and BHIM-UPI digital transactions across all sectors and segments of the population and further deepening digital payments in the country, it added.

The scheme was formulated in compliance with the Budget announcements (FY2021-22) by the government to give a further boost to digital transactions in the country.

Cabinet Approves Rs 76,000 Cr Policy Push For Semiconductor, Display Mfg

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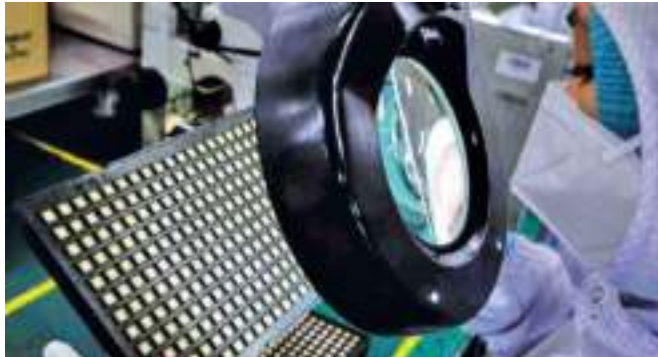
NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a Rs 76,000 crore policy boost for semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem in the country in an bid to position India as a global hub for hi-tech production.

Announcing the decision of the Cabinet, IT and Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw observed that electronics plays an important role in everyday life, and semiconductor chips forms a crucial part of electronics.

Outlining the details of the scheme, he said the Rs 76,000 crore programme has been approved for the development of semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem.

The scheme is expected to usher in a new era in electronics manufacturing by providing a globally competitive incentive package to companies in semiconductors and display manufacturing as well as design. It will strengthen India's technological prowess in these areas of strategic importance and economic self-reliance.

The programme will give an impetus to semiconductor and display manufacturing by facilitating capital support and technological collaborations.



The government has lined up an attractive incentive support for companies engaged in silicon semiconductor fabs, display fabs, compound semiconductors, silicon photonics, sensors fabs, semiconductor packaging and semiconductor design.

The scheme for setting up of semiconductor fabs and display fabs in India will extend fiscal support of up to 50 per cent of project cost to eligible applicants.

The Centre will work closely with the state governments on high-tech clusters with requisite infrastructure in terms of land, semiconductor grade water, power, logistics and research ecosystem, to approve applications for setting up at least two greenfield semiconductor fabs and two display fabs in the country.

The Ministry of Electronics and IT will take requisite steps for modernisation and commercialisation of semiconductor laboratory (SCL). The IT Ministry will explore the possibility for the Joint Venture of SCL with a commercial fab partner to modernise the brown-field fab facility.

"The Scheme for setting up of compound semiconductors / silicon photonics / sensors fabs and Semiconductor ATMP / OSAT facilities in India shall extend fiscal support of 30 per cent of capital expenditure, to approved units," an official release said.

At least 15 such units of compound semiconductors and semiconductor packaging are expected to be established with government support under this scheme.

Markets Extend Losses For Fourth Day As Fed Decision Looms

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MUMBAI: The Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure for the fourth session on the trot on Wednesday as risk-off sentiment prevailed ahead of the US Federal Reserve's policy decision.

A sharp drop in the rupee -- which slumped to a 20-month low against the US dollar -- and unabated foreign fund outflows also weighed on the bourses, experts said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex slumped 329.06 points or 0.57 per cent to end at 57,788.03. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty fell 103.50 points or 0.60 per cent to 17,221.40.

Bajaj Finance was the top loser in the Sensex pack, dropping 3.10 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finserv, ITC, TCS, Titan, HCL Tech and HDFC.

On the other hand, Sun Pharma, Kotak Bank, M&M, Maruti, L&T and NTPC were among the gainers, spurring as much as 2.59 per cent. The market breadth was negative, with 21 out of the 30 Sensex constituents finishing in the red.

"Anxiety over more anticipated hawkish policy statement by Fed pressurised the domestic indices to fall. Overall, Fed is expected to announce a faster end to its bond buying campaign and may signal a rate hike in

2022 amid rising inflationary pressure," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking, said all eyes will be on the US Fed meeting later on Wednesday.

"While the majority expects that the committee would hold rates citing the possible challenges due to the new COVID variant, commentary on tapering, inflation and growth would be critical," he noted.

Sector-wise, BSE realty, tech, IT, metal, utilities, oil and gas, telecom and finance shed up to 1.78 per cent, while auto, capital goods, bankex and consumer durables ended with gains.

Govt Unlikely To Bring Bill On Cryptocurrency In Winter Session

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NEW DELHI: The government is unlikely to bring a bill on cryptocurrency in the ongoing winter session of Parliament, top sources said on Wednesday.

They also suggested that whenever a bill will be brought, it will be referred to the parliamentary standing committee for wider deliberations with stakeholders.

The bill, which was listed in the government's legislative business of the winter session, seeks to "create a facilitative framework for the creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India".

It also seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India. However, it "allows for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses", according to the bill listed for introduction on the Lok Sabha website.

The sources said it is unlikely the bill will be brought in the ongoing winter session.

Currently, there is no regulation or any ban on the use of cryptocurrencies in the country.

Against this backdrop, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, last



month, held a meeting on cryptocurrencies with senior officials, and indications are that strong regulatory steps could be taken to deal with the issue.

There have been a rising number of advertisements, featuring even film stars, promising easy and high returns on investments in cryptocurrencies in recent times, amid concerns over such currencies being allegedly used for luring investors with misleading claims.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, chaired by BJP member Jayant Sinha, had also met the representatives of crypto exchanges, blockchain and Crypto Assets Council (BACC), among others, and arrived at a conclusion that cryptocurrencies should not be banned but should be regulated.

Rupee Dives 44 Paise To Close At 20-Month Low Against Dollar On Forex Outflows

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MUMBAI: The rupee plunged by 44 paise to close at a 20-month low on Wednesday as consistent foreign fund outflows and risk-averse sentiments weighed on the local unit.

Growing concerns over the Omicron variant of coronavirus after the WHO warned of high transmissibility risks of the new strain hit the appeal of riskier assets.

The rupee has been under pressure for the past five weeks due to consistent forex outflows on expectations of faster rate of tapering by the US Federal Reserve to rein in rising inflation. The local unit has declined in nine out of 11 trading sessions this month, tanking a total 119 paise or 1.58 per cent against the dollar.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee breached the 76 level in opening session to trade lower at 76.05 a dollar on foreign fund outflows. The rupee plunged further to settle at 76.32, a level not seen since April 24, 2020, showing a loss of 44 paise over the previous close. Also, the rupee recorded its sharpest single-day decline in nearly eight months.

Traders said the decline in the rupee has also been driven by the fear of the rapid spread of the Omicron variant.

"Rupee depreciated further and

fell below 76 level today following dollar demand and risk-averse sentiments. So far this month, nine out of 11 trading sessions, rupee depreciated following policy divergence between RBI and US Fed, along with foreign fund outflows from domestic equities," Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities, said.

The rupee weakened due to higher trade deficit number and surge in wholesale price index based inflation, Parmar said.

There is some modest weakness in the dollar index ahead of FOMC decision later tonight. However, dollar bulls remain largely in control of proceedings over the long run with dollar index holding above psychological level of 96, he added.

The US dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against the basket of six currencies, fell 0.12 per cent to 96.45.

Sugandha Sachdeva, Vice President - Commodity and Currency Research, Religare Broking Ltd said that the rupee breached the 76 mark amid a hawkish tilt from the US Fed and expectations of a faster wind-down of asset purchases while the Omicron coronavirus virus scare has also hurt the risk appetite in the market.

The Fed seems to be concerned about reining in high inflation over the impact of the Omicron variant now, which is boosting the appeal of the safe-haven dollar.

Gold Tanks Rs 297, Silver Slumps Rs 556


NEW DELHI: Gold in the national capital on Wednesday dipped Rs 297 to Rs 47,019 per 10 gram reflecting decline in international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at Rs 47,316 per 10 gram. Silver also declined Rs 556 to Rs 59,569 per kg from Rs 60,125 per kg in the previous trade.


In the international market,

gold was trading lower at USD 1,769 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 21.92 per ounce.

"Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading marginally down at USD 1,769 per ounce on Wednesday. Gold prices traded under pressure ahead of the US FOMC meeting outcome," according to HDFC Securities, Senior Analyst (Commodities), Tapan Patel.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of General Public that Child Welfare Committee, Srinagar vide their order 886/CWC/ Srinagar of 2021 dated: 17/11/2021 has reported that an abandoned new born baby was found in NICU ward of L.D Hospital on 10th of November, 2021. The neonate was rescued however, despite efforts it could not be ascertained as to who had kept the neonate there. The neonate is presently being taken care of at the Cradle Baby Reception Centre, Srinagar

Anybody having any information regarding the neonate may report to the office of the undersigned or before the Child Welfare Committee, Srinagar within a period of 7 days after which further action as per law shall be taken.

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Subject: Date Extension Corrigendum-3 w.r.t Notice81 of 2021, dated 16-11-2021.

In view of several requests received from the prospective bidders in respect of the "Tender" for "Design, Construction, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Equipment including Civil Works for 120 MT Integrated Pack House with Pre-Cooling and Cold Room for Potatoes and Onions with One (01) Month's free trial run on Turnkey Basis at JKHPMC's Premises in Narwal, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir", Last Date of Online Bid Submission is extended by a spell of Four (04) days' time and as such the Last Date of Online Bid Submission would be up to 17-12-2021. Subsequently the Bid Opening Date would be 18-12-2021. Other Terms and Conditions will remain the same unless notified otherwise.

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'Congratulations India': UNESCO Accords Durga Puja Heritage Status



KOLKATA: The UNESCO on Wednesday accorded heritage status to Kolkata's Durga puja festival, bringing glory to the country, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee lauding the move.

"Durga puja in Kolkata has just been inscribed on the intangible heritage list. Congratulations India," the organisation said in a tweet attaching a photo of the goddess with hashtag 'living heritage'.

Modi has hailed UNESCO's decision as a "matter of great pride and joy for every Indian".

"Durga Puja highlights the best of our traditions and ethos. And, Kolkata's Durga Puja is an experience everyone must have," he said.

The chief minister underlined that Durga puja was not just a festival, but an emotion.

"Proud moment for Bengal! To every #Bengali across the world, Durga Puja is much more than a festival, it is an emotion that unites everyone. And now, #DurgaPuja has been added to the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. We are all beaming with joy!" she tweeted. The Ministry of Culture, too, took to the microblogging platform to extend its wishes to the residents of the city on this achievement.

"Overjoyed that 'Durga Puja in Kolkata' joins the @UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Many congratulations! It is a confluence of the rich heritage and culture of the county's art, crafts, rituals and practices. Jai Maa Durga!" the ministry wrote.

The department of state information and cultural affairs in Bengal issued a statement to congratulate the people of the state as well as the country.

"The 16th Committee of UNESCO for safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

has inscribed Durga puja in Kolkata on the representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity," it said.

The department also noted that this was the "first festival in Asia" to get such recognition.

"It is a red letter day for us. In real sense Bengal is now Biswa Bangla. Our congratulations to all the people of Bengal, country and the world. We convey our thanks and gratitude to UNESCO for the recognition bestowed on this great festival as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity," the statement maintained.

Suvaprasanna, the chairman of West Bengal Heritage Commission, said the annual Red Road carnival, which displays the craftsmanship that goes into the making of Durga Puja pandals, have made more people across the world aware of the grandeur that is synonymous with the festival.

"It was Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who started the Red Road Carnival to showcase the art work, culture and traditions associated with the festival. Durga puja is being celebrated for decades, but the festival got a new dimension with the carnival," he stated.

Welcoming the development, indologist and academician Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri said Durga puja is a "universal festival" binding millions of people.

He, however, claimed that the festival should have been accorded the status much earlier.

The annual Red Road carnival, organised ahead of the immersion ceremony, was last held in 2019. The event was cancelled this year as well as in 2020 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Soumen Dutta, one of the officials of Forum for Durgotsab -- an apex body of community Durga puja committees in the city -- said organisers of the ten-day gala have finally got their due credit.

SIA Raids Seminary, 15 Other Sites In First Major Operation

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Over a month after it was formed to probe serious militancy cases in Jammu and Kashmir, the State Intelligence Agency (SIA) on Wednesday carried out searches at 16 different locations, including a seminary across the Kashmir Valley.

According to a police spokesperson, on the basis of intelligence inputs and refined through a preliminary enquiry by the counter intelligence wing of CID wing of police, the SIA on Wednesday carried out house searches of several members of the managing body of "Jamaiat-us-Saulihat" in Marhama. He said that main premises of the seminary was also searched.

In the first operation by the agency, the searches, as per the police spokesperson were conducted under the authority of warrants issued by the court of law based on prima facie allegations that under a criminal conspiracy with the officials of the revenue department some Jamaat-e-Islami members using the direct and in direct influence they have because of their "deep connections with these separatist and terrorist" outfits especially Hizbul Mujahideen, managed to deviously manipulate and forge revenue records where under a patch of common community.

He further said that grazing land (Kahchariae) measuring 35 kanals under Survey No.4683- Min, situated at Marhama, Tehsil Bijbehara was illegally and fraudulently transferred to "Jamaiat-us-Saulihat" in Marhama with the dishonest intention of bestowing proprietary rights to the institution in complete violation of the law on the subject which expressly prohibits transfer ownership of any community land to a private entity.

"The legal action was taken subsequent to registration and investigation of case FIR No.14/2021U/S468,467, 120-B IPC, 13, 38 UA (P) Act of P/S Counter Intelligence Kashmir Srinagar," he said.

The police spokesperson further said that the officers of SIA conducted searches at 16 different locations in Anantnag and Pulwama in south Kashmir, and Bagh-e-Mehtab here in this capital city.

He said that the houses of the suspects/other locations were searched in compliance to the search warrant obtained from Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, Designated under NIA, Act Srinagar.

"16 special teams had been constituted for conducting search simultaneously at these locations. The search at every place was started at the first

light of the day and could be completed only in the late afternoon," he said.

The police spokesperson further claimed recovery of incriminating material such as documents, records, electronic gadgets having specific evidentiary value and bearing on the instant case, in the presence of the Executive Magistrates and other independent witnesses.

"Police Station Counter Intelligence Kashmir, Srinagar has registered the case on receipt of information through reliable sources that the suspected persons have made illegal and fraudulent entries in the revenue records for transferring Kahcharie land to Jamaiat-us-Saulihat Marhama illegally and fraudulently," he said.

Besides, the police spokesperson said, that the accused have also aided and abetted the "terrorists of various outfits to carry out terrorist and unlawful activities" and cause large scale violence and unrest" in J&K particularly, the Marhama area, which has seen a rise in "terrorist and others secessionist activities".

"The investigation is also looking into the allegations that funds have been raised by the said institute by different ways for furtherance of terrorist activities," he added.

Delhi Riots: HC Refuses To Grant Bail To Man Arrested In Murder Cases

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has refused to grant bail to a man arrested in three murder cases after he was allegedly seen carrying a sword while participating in last year's rioting in the city's northeast area.

Justice Subramonium Prasad stated that the sole eyewitness resided in the same locality as the petitioner-accused and therefore, the possibility of him being threatened could not be discounted.

The judge observed that bail jurisprudence attempted

to "bridge the gap" between an accused's personal liberty and social security, and it was the duty of the court to see if granting bail could adversely impact public order.

Considering that the statement of the eyewitness is set to be examined on January 20, the court opined that the present cases were not "fit for grant of bail at this juncture" and requested the trial court conclude the examination within one month, preferably on a day-to-day basis.

"It is the intricate balance between securing the personal

liberty of an individual and ensuring that this liberty does not lead to an eventual disturbance of public order. Therefore, a duty resides in this court to be conscious of whether granting of bail can lead to a possible impediment in the conducting of investigation that can cause inevitable rupture in public order," the court said in its order dated December 10.

"It has been submitted by the learned SPP (special public prosecutor) for the state that examination of the sole public witness remains and is fixed for 20.01.2022. Taking into account

SC Directs Grant Of Permanent Commission In Army To Woman Officer

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed that a woman officer be granted permanent commission in the Army after noting that there were no discipline or vigilance issues outstanding against her.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna allowed the application filed by Lt Col Sony Sharma.

Senior advocate R Balasubramanian, appearing on behalf of the Union of India and the Army authorities, stated that though initially, Sharma was placed in a temporary low medical category, she has since then been consistently rated in Shape-I after October 2001.

Senior advocate V Mohana, appearing on behalf of Sharma, stated that the temporary aberration in her Shape-I status was occasioned due to medical issues.

"In the considered view of this Court, and having regard to the previous orders which have been passed in the case of other officers, it would be fair if Permanent Commission is granted to Lt Col Sony Sharma who has consistently maintained a Shape-I status since October 2001 until date as intimated to the Court.

"Moreover, it is admitted that there are no discipline or vigilance issues outstanding against the officer. Lt Col Sony Sharma should, therefore, be granted Permanent Commission and necessary orders be communicated within a period of one week. All

consequential orders shall issue on that basis and it is clarified, there shall be no break in her service and she will be entitled to continuity in all respects and the benefit of the service which has already been rendered," the bench said.

With regard to Lt Col Pant, the apex court said her case for the grant of permanent commission (PC) may be considered and necessary orders may be issued within a period of two weeks from today.

Dealing with the plea of Lt Col Akanksha Srivastava, the bench noted that her case is under consideration and that an order has been passed on December 10, 2021. Balasubramanian submitted that the issue has not been closed so far as the officer is concerned.

The further consideration of the application of Lt Col Akanksha Srivastava is deferred until the first week of February 2022, the bench said.

The Centre and the Army authorities had earlier told the top court that after its last year's verdict, 487 Women Short Service Commission Officers (WSSCOs) have been granted PC out of the 615 who were considered for it.

On November 12, the top court had threatened the Army with contempt action against it and its Chief Manoj Mukund Naravane over non-compliance with its earlier orders after which the defence force had agreed to grant permanent commission to all of its eligible women officers.

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203, he added.

The minister said that infiltration and aiding and abetting of militant activities from across the border have affected the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

The government has taken various measures, which include proactive operations against militants, identification and arrest of overground workers and action against members or supporters of banned organisations.

He said that night patrolling has been intensified and checking at Nakas, security arrangements through appropriate deployment, coordination meetings among security agencies, high level of alertness maintained by security forces and legal action in cases of militant funding were being done.

In reply to another question, the minister denied that any protests were reported during the visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the union territory in October this year.

'Statehood At

the Union territory, the minister said, "Statehood would be granted to Jammu and Kashmir at an appropriate time." (PTI)

Hizb Militant

to surrender and fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter.

In the ensuing firefight, he said, the Hizb militant was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of the encounter.

As per police records, the spokesperson said that Dar was active since 2017 and was part of groups involved in several "terror crime cases" including attacks on security forces and civilian "atrocities".

Giving more details, he said, the killed Hizb militant was involved in the attack on a minority guard in December 2018 at Zainapora in which four policemen were killed and their rifles were looted.

Besides it, Dar, the police spokesperson said, was also involved in killing a girl Ishrat Muneer of Dangerpora Pulwama in February 2019.

"He was involved in killing of a non local labour namely Charnajeet son of

Hans Raj resident of Fazila Punjab and injuring other in October 2019 when they were loading Apple boxes in a vehicle in Zainapora area of Shopian. Besides he was also instrumental in luring the gullible youth to join terrorist ranks," he added.

According to the police spokesperson, incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including one AK rifle along with three magazines were also recovered from his possession. He said all the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation.

"Police have registered a case under relevant sections of law and investigation has been initiated. People are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at the encounter site is completely sanitised and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," he added.

Pertinently, the overnight encounter in Pulwama broke out a day after militants carried out an audacious attack on a police bus in Zewan area of Srinagar outskirts, killing three cops and injuring twelve others.

On Friday last, militants attacked a police team in Bandipora town on Friday last leaving two policemen dead. One among the killed policemen was the lone bread earner of his family, including his four small kids.

According to police, a Pakistani militant killed the two cops escorting an officer before fleeing from the generally bustling Gulshan Chowk in the main town Bandipora.

Srinagar Shivers

the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir this winter. The city had last week recorded minus 3.6 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 8.6 degrees Celsius, down from minus 5.6 degrees Celsius the previous night.

The resort was the coldest recorded place in the valley.

The officials said Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 6.4 degrees Celsius. The south Kashmir resort had recorded minus 2.8 degrees Celsius the previous night.

Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 3.8 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded minus 4.2 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag recorded a low of minus 3.9 degrees Celsius.

The weather office has forecast colder nights towards the weekend with possibility of strong Western Disturbance affecting the region around Christmas.

Mother, Daughter

Police had shot dead two militants at a marketplace in the high security Rangreth area of Srinagar on Monday.

Some residents, mostly women, staged a protest soon afterwards raising slogans against the government forces amidst claims that the gun battle was "staged".

Several social media users have also questioned the authenticity of the encounter.

Police, late on Monday, issued an advisory on Twitter and warned the social media users against "aiding and abetting terrorism".

"Beware Social Media users. #Aiding & #abetting of #terror is as grave as the actual act of terror. It is #punishable under UAPA," the Kashmir Zonal police tweeted.

Arresting Women

duo as a new low in Kashmir.

"Arresting women in Kashmir marks a new low for the administration that persecutes civilians only to please their masters in Delhi. The situation is getting worse & instead of reaching out to the people, GOI is pushing them to the wall," Mehbooba Tweeted.

Earlier in the day, police arrested Afroza and her daughter Aisha for allegedly chanting anti-national slogans in Rangreth area on Monday where government forces killed two Jaish militants in a 'chance' encounter.

Missing SPO,

of Bashir Ahmad Mir, also a resident of Bohipora Kupwara, had also gone missing at the same time, they said.

Originally a resident of Lolab, Abdul Rashid Zargar is presently being kept along with other protected persons in a PWD building at Salkoot and it is here where the duo had gone missing, the sources added.

Sources said that police had also announced a reward of Rs 5 lakh for

providing information leading to the arrest of the duo.

346 Arrested

in 2020 as compared to 2019, it showed.

"Cases under UAPA are investigated by state police and the National Investigation Agency (NIA). As far as NIA is concerned, so far 49 special courts have been designated across the country for the speedy trial of NIA cases," the minister said.

Govt Junks Survey

government has informed that economic parameters do not indicate sluggishness of economy leading to loss of jobs.

"During the financial year 2020-21, the indicators like State Goods and Services Tax (SGST), Motor and Spirit Tax (MST), Stamp Collection have witnessed growth of 14.50 per cent, 64.63 per cent and 104.10 per cent respectively, as compared to the last year," he said.

Rai said the net increase in Goods and Services Tax collection has been 25.43 per cent in the current year and the excise collection has been Rs. 770 crore, which is higher as compared to previous year for the corresponding period.

3 More Corona

Budgam 14, Kupwara 13, Ganderbal 6, Kulgam 5, Pulwama 4, Anantnag and Bandipora 2 each and one new case in Shopian.

In the winter capital, Jammu reported a maximum of 20 new cases of virus, Doda 7, Poonch 4, Rajouri and Kathua 2 each and one fresh case from Udhampur. The four districts of Samba, Kishtwar, Ramban and Reasi reported no new cases.

"Moreover, 125 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 17 from Jammu Division and 108 from Kashmir," officials added.

Unclaimed Bag

vehicular traffic for over an hour, officials said.

They said the bag was found lying near Cafeteria Morh on the 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the

country.

The bomb disposal squad and sniffer dogs were pressed into service. It was found that the bag contained clothes and had apparently fallen out of a vehicle on the highway, the officials said.

The highway was reopened for traffic after over an hour. Efforts are on to identify the owner of the bag so that it can be returned, they said. (PTI)

Electric Shock

received an electric shock, reports said. The lineman suffered burn injuries and was shifted to sub-district hospital Uri for treatment.

An official at the sub-district hospital Uri said that the injured PDD worker has been referred to GMC Baramulla for preferential treatment.

Ladakh Reports

Kargil, they said. Fourteen patients have been discharged from hospitals and the number of people who have recovered now stands at 20,459, the officials said.

There are 174 active cases in the union territory -- 160 in Leh district and 14 in Kargil district, they said. (PTI)

2 Men Held With

of heroin from Gulcharan Singh Jasrotia and Ashwani Sharma, both residents of Udhampur, and arrested them, the officials said. According to the police, Jasrotia is a habitual offender and has been named in several cases. A case has been registered at Udhampur police station and further investigation is underway, they said.

HC Gives Last

mentioned that, "Interim direction(s)[Status quo], if any subsisting as on date, shall continue to remain in operation till the next date along with the relevant records".

It is pertinent to mention here, that earlier this year several aggrieved persons from several villages of Budgam had approached the Jammu & Kashmir High Court, contending that their land was notified to be acquired under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act in the year 2017, and that these proceedings have "lapsed" due to the efflux of time as per section 11B of the erstwhile state's, "J&K Land Acquisition Act 1934 samvat 1990".

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Lone Survivor of Chopper Crash that Killed CDS Rawat Dies



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NEW DELHI: Decorated air warrior Group Captain Varun Singh died at a military hospital in Bengaluru on Wednesday, a week after he was seriously injured in the chopper crash near Coonoor that killed CDS Gen Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 armed forces personnel.

The Indian Air Force said the 'braveheart' Group Captain succumbed to his injuries in the morning.

"IAF is deeply saddened to inform the passing away

of braveheart Group Captain Varun Singh, who succumbed this morning to the injuries sustained in the helicopter accident on 08 Dec 21. IAF offers sincere condolences and stands firmly with the bereaved family," it said on Twitter.

The Group Captain was admitted to a hospital in Wellington in Tamil Nadu with severe burns on Wednesday last following the Mi-17V5 helicopter crash.

Last Thursday, Group Captain Singh was shifted to the Command Hospital in Bengaluru from Wellington.

Poonawallas Pledge \$66m to Oxford University

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Vaccine maker Serum Institute of India (SII) has pledged 50 million British pounds (\$66.2m) to the University of Oxford for setting up a research campus that would also house the institute behind the AstraZeneca-Oxford COVID-19 shot.

The investment was made through the Indian company's Serum Life Sciences unit, the Oxford University said on Wednesday.

The new Poonawalla Vaccines Research Building would be named after SII's billionaire owners. The new facility will house more than 300 research scientists and will help scale up the university's key vaccine

development programmes, a press statement said.

The donation will be the university's largest-ever gift for vaccines research, the statement added.

The pledge builds on the collaboration between Oxford University, AstraZeneca and SII, the world's largest maker of vaccines and the producer of a version of the British duo's COVID-19 shot for low- and middle-income countries.

SII has also agreed with the Jenner Institute, which was behind the Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, to produce and develop Jenner's R21/Matrix-M malaria shot on a large scale. The shot is currently in late-stage trials.

Investigative Journalism Vanishing In Indian Media, Says CJI NV Ramana

Press Trust of India

HYDERABAD: The concept of investigative journalism is vanishing in the Indian media landscape, Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said on Wednesday.

In a virtual book launch function, he said newspapers earlier used to expose scandals creating ripples in society and there are hardly any such explosive stories nowadays.

"I am taking the liberty to share a few thoughts of the present-day media. The concept of investigative journalism is, unfortunately, vanishing from the media canvas. It is true at least in the Indian context," Justice Ramana said.

"When we were growing up, we eagerly (used to) look forward to newspapers exposing big scandals. The newspapers never disappointed us in those days. In the past, we had witnessed newspaper reports on big



scandals and misconduct creating waves leading to serious consequences. Barring one or two, I do not recall any story of such magnitude," he further said.

The collective failures of individuals and institutions need to be highlighted by the media, he said.

Media needs to make the

people aware of the deficiencies in the system, Justice Ramana added.

Speaking about the book "Blood Sanders" written by city-based journalist U Sudhakar Reddy, he said Red Sanders trees which mostly grow in Seshachalam forest area of Andhra Pradesh need to be protected. — PTI

Uninterrupted Medical Oxygen Supply Critical To Tackle Covid, Says Centre

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NEW DELHI: Uninterrupted supply of medical oxygen in sufficient quantity is of critical importance to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centre said on Wednesday, urging states and union territories to conduct mock drills to ensure full functionality of all oxygen equipment.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan addressed a meeting with states and union territories to review their status and preparedness regarding medical oxygen devices and systems (PSA plants, LMO plants, oxygen concentrators, medical gas pipeline system) through a video conference, a Health Ministry statement said.

The states and UTs were informed that the Union government has assisted them through avail-

at their bedside. These drills are to be completed by the end of December, the statement said.

While equipment and systems have been sanctioned and delivered, in many states these have not been sent to the district healthcare facilities and when delivered, some have still not been made functional, the secretary pointed out.

State nodal officers were requested to streamline coordination with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), HLL Infra Tech Services Limited (HITES) and Central Medical Services Society (CMSS) etc for resolution of electricity-related and site-related issues for ensuring quick operationalisation of the entire medical oxygen supply infrastructure supplied to them, the statement said.

As on date, a total of 3,236 PSA



ability of equipment, technical and financial support for PSA plants, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, oxygen cylinders, liquid medical oxygen (LMO) plants and medical gas pipeline systems (MGPS), and they were urged to review and monitor the status of these on a daily basis to ensure that the gap between equipment and systems delivered to the districts and installed at healthcare facilities is reduced to zero.

They were also strongly urged to schedule and conduct mock drills of all installed and commissioned PSA plants to ensure that they are in fully operational status, so that the oxygen with the required quantity, pressure and purity reaches the intended patients

plants have been installed in the country from various sources with a total commissioned oxygen capacity of 3,783 MT. Moreover, 1,14,000 oxygen concentrators are being provided to states under PM-CARES (1 lakh) and ECRP-II (14,000), it said.

It was also pointed out to the states that ECRP-II funds have been sanctioned to them for installation of 958 LMO storage tanks and medical gas pipeline systems in 1,374 hospitals.

The states were advised to utilise this opportunity to enhance domestic oxygen production capacity and ensure the completion, installation and commissioning of medical gas pipelines in government hospitals expeditiously, the statement said.

Will "Actively Raise" Human Rights: Joe Biden's Pick For Envoy To India

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Washington: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on Tuesday was questioned by lawmakers weighing his nomination to become the ambassador to India.

Garcetti during his testimony gave a statement followed by questions from lawmakers of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "Few nations are more vital to the future of American security and prosperity than India," Garcetti told the committee.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee chaired by Sen. Robert Menendez, a Democrat lawmaker from New Jersey, along with only a handful of Democrats and two Republicans, stressed how Washington sees India as a key partner in its effort to push back

against China's expanding power and influence.

"If confirmed, I will endeavour to advance our ambitious bilateral partnership united by a free and open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region," Garcetti said in his remarks.

"If confirmed, I intend to double-down on our efforts to strengthen India's capacity to secure its borders, defend its sovereignty, and deter aggression - through information sharing, counterterrorism coordination."

Garcetti told the committee about his travels to India including his first visit with his parents as a teenager, then again in 1990 as a guest of Ambassador William Clark Jr, whose son was Garcetti's college roommate. He said his trip in the 90s inspired him to study Hindi and

Urdu in college, as well as Indian and Cultural Religious History.

"Even with a pandemic, our bilateral trade this year is expected to break a record, and if confirmed, I intend to champion an ambitious economic partnership with India to reduce market barriers, bolster free trade and generate good, middle-class American jobs," Garcetti added.

Known to be President Joe Biden's close aide, Garcetti is a political appointee who in the past has served as a co-chair of Biden's presidential campaign. Announcing his nomination, the White House emphasized Garcetti's role in co-founding the bipartisan "Climate Mayors" network and in leading more than 400 US mayors to adopt the Paris Climate Agreement.



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