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NEWS DIGEST

Militant Associate Held In Kulgam: Police

SRINAGAR: Police on Sunday claimed to have arrested a militant associate from Kulgam district of south Kashmir. Feroz Ahmad Zargar alias Kamran of Gratbal Quimoh in Kulgam was arrested by a joint team of police and army's 1RR. **More on P6**

CRPF Constable Shoots Self Dead

SRINAGAR: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) constable on Sunday committed suicide by shooting himself dead with his service rifle in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. 41-year-old Deonath Yadav ended his life by shooting himself dead with his service rifle in the **More on P6**

Rope Swing Chokes Minor To Death

SRINAGAR: A minor boy died in a freak accident while playing on a rope swing at his native village, Shalpora Hardushiva Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Sunday. 12-year-old Hakim Ul Zaman (Aftab) son of Mohammad Majnoon Rather—got choked to death **More on P6**

27 Fresh Covid Cases In Ladakh

LEH: Ladakh's tally of COVID-19 cases increased to 21,930 on Sunday with 27 fresh infections, officials said. While 15 new cases were detected in Leh, the rest 12 cases surfaced in Kargil district, they said. The officials said the Covid-related death toll remained at **More on P6**

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PDD Strike Leaves People Shivering In Cold

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Power outages during the ongoing sub zero temperatures has sparked a wave of anger with sporadic protests reported from many areas across Kashmir and Jammu even as the strike by power development department employees against privatisation and other issues entered second day with no resolution in sight.

Over 20,000 power sector employees had boycotted work around midnight on Friday in support of their various demands, including shelving of a proposed joint venture between the Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited and the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.

The employees, from all unions and associations, from linemen to senior engineers, decided to go on indefinite strike after failure of talks with the government, and staged demonstrations in the twin capital cities besides

in district headquarters for the second day on Sunday, a spokesperson of the coordination committee of power supply employees said.

Officials said many parts of the Union Territory witnessed total blackout due to the ongoing strike, as a result of which people are facing tremendous hardships due to non-availability of electricity and water supply, leading to protests by angry residents in Jammu city and other districts who are reeling under severe cold wave conditions.

The spokesperson said they had presented a four-point formula to the government, but it failed to accept their demands, including a white paper on non-fulfillment of the recommendations of the unbundling report and the failure to create positions as mandated by the committee at gazetted and non-gazetted levels, regularisation of daily wagers and all power development department engineers. **More on P6**



Army Takes Over Power Stations In Jammu

Army was deployed at various power stations in Jammu division on Sunday after authorities failed to reach an amicable agreement with thousands of striking employees of the Power Development Department (PDD).

Divisional Commissioner Jammu had earlier in the day requisitioned the assistance of the army to man electric installations/supplies in Jammu division.

For the last 24 hours, almost the entire Jammu city and the rural areas have remained plunged into darkness as the striking employees of the PDD refuse to man duties until the government reverses its decision to privatise the power sector in the UT.

After the daylong discussions with the representatives of the striking employees failed to persuade them to return to their duties, the administration on Sunday



PHOTO: SOCIAL MEDIA

evening requisitioned the army to man electric power supply in the Jammu division.

In a letter to the Defence Ministry, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Raghav Langer wrote: "It is to bring to your kind notice that due to strike by electric department personnel in the UT of J&K, essential services have been severely affected in the Jammu region.

"We would like to hereby requisition the Indian army to assist in the restoration of the said essential services by provisioning manpower to man critical electricity stations and water supply sources."

Many areas across Kashmir and Jammu witnessed power outages and during the night-hours, there was a blackout in nearly 50 per cent of areas across J&K. **More on P6**

We Had Fruitful Talks in Kashmir: Div Com Pole

Aujib Javeed

The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Sunday claimed that the talks with the representatives of the J&K Power Employees and Engineers Coordination Committee (JKPECC) have remained fruitful and there is "no point of disagreement" now. But he hastened to add that since

there is no "patch-up" in Jammu, the Coordination Committee has decided to carry on the strike in Kashmir as well. "We had a meeting with them for two consecutive days and there is no point between the two parties where there is any kind of disagreement. The leaders have also informed us that there is no point of disagreement," Pole told Kashmir Observer. The Div com appealed to the Coordination Committee that

taking the public hostage is not the right way to press their demands. "Even there are many rulings on this from the different Courts that the public servants can't take the people hostage to press their demands," he added. When asked if the Coordination Committee has refused to call off the strike, what's the arrangement the administration is going to take in Kashmir, Pole said. "We will appraise you. I'm sure the issue will get **More on P6**

Situation In J&K Worsened After 2019: Mehbooba

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday claimed the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has worsened after the abrogation of Article 370 and called on the people of the union territory to stand up for their "snatched" rights.

Addressing a party convention in Poonch district, Mehbooba termed the Centre's decision to revoke Article 370 "wrong, unconstitutional and undemocratic" and alleged it played with the dignity and honour of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

She also cast doubts on the Centre's intention to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Centre revoked the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir



and split it into two union territories on August 5, 2019.

"In view of the prevailing situation, the biggest responsibility lies with the youth. The situation has worsened after the abrogation of Article 370 and they (Centre) are not only taking away our land and jobs but have also played with our honour and dignity. They will not stop till they finish our existence," Mehbooba said.

If people want to keep Jammu and **More on P6**

Pak Militant Killed In Harwan Gunfight: Police

Saifulla Killed BJP Leader Bari, His Father & Brother; 2 Cops In Bandipora



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A Pakistani militant involved in many attacks on government forces, including the killing of a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, his brother and father in Bandipora and the

recent killing of two policemen in the north Kashmir district, was killed in an overnight encounter in Harwan area of this capital city, police said Sunday.

Police, army and CRPF launched a cordon and search operation (CASO) **More on P6**

Policeman Injured In Militant Attack

A policeman was shot at and injured by militants in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Sunday. Mushtaq Ahmad Wagay was shot at and injured by militants around 7:00pm Sunday near his house in his native village Bandzoo, a police spokesperson said. Wagay sustained bullet injuries in his legs and was shifted to District Hospital Pulwama where his condition is stated to be "stable". A police spokesperson said that soon after the attack, a cordon and search operation was launched in the area to nab the attackers. "Police have **More on P6**

Cold Wave Sweeps Kashmir

Pahalgam Shivers At Minus 8.7 Degree Celsius

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Cold wave conditions continued in Kashmir as most places experienced the coldest night of the season so far, with the weatherman forecasting further dip in mercury over the next few days, officials said on Sunday.

The temperature on Sunday night was several degrees below the freezing point, they said.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 6 degrees Celsius on Sunday night, same as the previous night, which is the lowest minimum temperature of the season so far in the city.

The minimum was 4.5 degrees below the normal for this part of the season.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 7.5 degrees Celsius. The officials said

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 8.7 degrees Celsius. The resort was the coldest recorded place in the valley.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 6.1 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded minus 6.5 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag recorded a low of minus 6 degrees Celsius.

The cold wave conditions led to freezing of water supply lines in many areas of the valley as well as the fringes of several water bodies, the officials said. **More on P6**

NIA Raids Srinagar Bizman's House

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A team of National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday raided a residential house of a businessman in this capital city, official sources said.

They said that the residential house of a Kashmir Art Businessman identified as Altaf Ahmad Reshi son of Ghulam Qadir Reshi, a resident of Malik Sahab Safakadal was searched by a team of the probing agency.

Official sources said that searches were carried out in connection with a case already registered at the police station of NIA and some business related documents were seized during the raid.

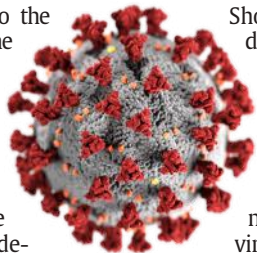
Further details will be shared later; they told a local news agency KDC. **More on P6**

J&K Reports 136 New Covid Cases, 1 Death

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As many 136 more people tested positive for coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday while one more person succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, Kashmir reported 114 new cases of Covid-19 on Sunday while the remaining 22 were detected in various districts of Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 339827. In the Valley, officials said,



Govt Creating System That Serves Equal Opportunities To All: LG

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Sunday that his administration is moving ahead to bring about meaningful and lasting change by connecting every citizen with the mainstream of development, providing equal opportunities to all.

Sinha made these remarks during this month's episode of the 'Awaam Ki Awaaz'



programme dedicated to the fallen soldiers of 1971 War.

During the radio programme, the official spokesperson said that the LG voiced valuable insights received from the various corners for drafting development policies as per the needs of the people and passed directions to the concerned departments in this regard, thus making the governance process more inclusive, participatory and people-centric.

Addressing the people, he said, Sinha also **More on P6**

Addresses BHU's Alumni Awards Of Excellence

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, addressed IIT-BHU's "Alumni Awards of Excellence 2021-22" at an event organized in New Delhi, an official spokesperson said Sunday. On the occasion, the LG, he said, paid tributes and remembered Mahatma Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya Ji and extended his best wishes to those who received the Alumni Award of Excellence. He said that the **More on P6**

Army Porter Among Two Held For Spying

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Two persons were arrested on charges of spying for Pakistan in a village in the border district of Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Sunday.

A man working as a porter with the Army and his relative, both residents of Nowshera, were picked up by a joint team of the Army and police on specific information late on Saturday, they said.

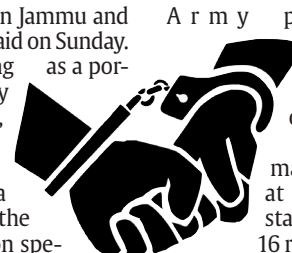
The arrested Nazir Hussain and Mohammed Mukhtar are accused of taking videos of vital and sensitive security

installations and sharing them with their handlers outside the country in lieu of money.

According to the officials, the two had shot a video clip in the Army premises (erst-

while tactical headquarters of Rashtriya Rifles) on a mobile phone.

A piece of information was received at the Rajouri police station on December 16 regarding an espionage racket operating in the area. On this complaint, both the accused have been arrested and further investigation is underway, a police spokesperson said. **More on P6**





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Can Oily Fish, Cherries Or Milk Help You Sleep? Here's What The Evidence Shows

Press Trust Of India

Almost one-in-five British people report they don't get enough sleep each night. The problem is so bad that in total the UK public are losing around a night's worth of shut-eye each week.

There are a lot of popular beliefs about foods and drinks helping people get a good night's rest, but many of them are not based on scientific evidence. Here's what we know.

Chemistry of food and sleep

Our diet has an influence upon sleep patterns by affecting the sleep hormone melatonin. For example, foods rich in the essential amino acid tryptophan are commonly cited as helping sleep, as tryptophan helps produce melatonin. Additionally, some vita-

mins and minerals may help sleep, such as vitamin D, magnesium and zinc.

Oily fish: Evidence suggests the more oily fish, such as salmon or herring, you eat the better you sleep. Oily fish contain healthy fats such as omega-3 oils which have been shown to improve sleep in children and are involved in serotonin release. Serotonin, a brain chemical linked to mood, also regulates the sleep-wake cycle which may also explain how eating oily fish can help.

Tart cherries: A number of studies have looked at consumption of tart cherries, usually in the form of a drink, and sleep. Evidence suggests that tart cherries improves sleep in older adults, probably due to their ability to increase melatonin levels. And tart cherries are also rich in nutrients, including magnesium, which also may improve your sleep.

Kiwi fruit: The evidence for kiwi fruit helping you sleep is mixed. One study suggested four weeks of kiwi fruit consumption improved multiple sleep measures, while another, admittedly in sufferers of insomnia, found no effect. Based on these findings it is not clear yet that eating kiwi fruit will benefit sleep for most people.

Oysters: In 1888 W F Nelsom wrote "He who sups on oysters is wont on that night to sleep placidly..."

There is some evidence to back up this statement, with zinc-rich foods, including oysters, being reported to benefit sleep. However, on balance eating oysters before bedtime is unlikely to be beneficial to your night's sleep.

Alcohol and other drinks

Alcohol causes brain activity to slow down



and has sedative effects that can induce feelings of relaxation and sleepiness. But consuming alcohol is actually linked to poor sleep quality and duration. Although drinking alcohol may cause more rapid sleep onset, this can affect the different stages of sleep, decreasing overall sleep quality.

Warm milk: Research conducted in the 1970s suggested that a glass of warm milk before bed could improve sleep quality. This research was performed in a very small group, however, and little research has been done since. Drinking milk does increase melatonin levels which could help. But there isn't enough evidence to support the claim that a glass of warm milk definitely makes you nod off.

Vitamin D Supplements May Reduce The Duration Of The Common Cold

Agencies

After a couple of years of mask-wearing, social distancing and hand sanitising, the common cold is back. And – according to some people – back with a vengeance.

Some are calling it a "super cold" – others, "the worst cold ever". Fortunately, there may be a way to reduce the duration of a cold: vitamin D supplements.

We may suffer more common colds during the winter because we spend more time close to each other indoors. But vitamin D levels might also influence the risk of getting a cold. There are more colds during winter when vitamin D levels are lowest, and fewer colds during summer when vitamin D levels are highest.

We get most of our vitamin D from the sun's rays (80-100 per cent) and only a small amount from our diet. For people living at latitudes above 30 degrees, such as in the UK, there is a higher risk of having low vitamin D levels (vitamin D insufficiency) in the winter.

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People who spend most of their time indoors, or with their skin covered, are also at a higher risk of vitamin D insufficiency. More than half of the UK population is considered to have insufficient vitamin D levels in winter.

In the UK, the sun's rays are too weak to provide enough vitamin D between October and March. This means that from October until March, people's vitamin D levels are likely to fall.

Research shows that vitamin D influences the risk of catching common colds and other respiratory infections. People with lower vitamin D levels are more likely to have a common cold, and people supplemented with vitamin D are less likely to get a common cold.

As well as reducing the chance of getting a common cold, our recent research shows that vitamin D supplementation reduces the severity and duration of common colds. First, we found that vitamin D-sufficient military recruits were less

likely to have a common cold than vitamin D-insufficient recruits during 12 weeks of basic military training.

Then we examined the effect of vitamin D supplementation during winter on common colds. We supplemented recruits with either simulated sunlight (UV radiation by a whole-body irradiation cabinet) or oral vitamin D3 tablets (1,000 IU per day for four weeks to restore vitamin D to normal levels and then 400 IU per day for eight weeks to maintain healthy vitamin D levels). Both supplements similarly achieved vitamin D sufficiency in almost all recruits.

We found that vitamin D supplementation did not reduce the likelihood of getting a common cold, but it did reduce the number of days a participant had a common cold by 36%. It also reduced the peak severity of common cold symptoms by 15%.

How to get your vitamin D topped up
Our findings support the UK gov-

ernment's recommendation to maintain vitamin D sufficiency all year round, and they show a potentially beneficial role of wintertime vitamin D supplementation.

It is not possible to get enough sunlight in the UK between October and March, so it's advisable to take a 10 microgram vitamin D supplement daily during this period (this value is sometimes shown as 400 IU on the label).

If you can't get any sunlight at all, or you have not supplemented with vitamin D from October onwards, you may need to take 25 micrograms (1,000 IU) of vitamin D for four weeks to restore your vitamin D to a healthy level.

To ensure that you get enough vitamin D during the summer, make sure you get short periods of regular sunlight exposure. Safe sunlight exposure for people living at latitudes between 30 and 60 degrees north involves being in the sun for 15 minutes between 10am and 3pm while wearing a T-shirt and shorts. (The Conversation)

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3rd Fresh NIT No. 88/e-tendering /CD-I/2021-22/12351-66 Dt.18-12-2021

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/UT/Central Government Departments for the following works:-

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Position of Funds:- Available.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18-12-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 19.12.2021 10:00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	19.12.2021 from 10:30 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	24.12.2021 upto 4.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	24.12.2021 at 4:30 P.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. Ist Srinagar. (to be notified after bid evaluation is completed).

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.Q.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:-

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a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with .The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids.

b).The Cost of tender document should be collected by introducing E-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan (Receipt).

1. All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money deposit (EMD) as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure 'A' below).

2. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @ 3% of contract value in the shape of CDR/FDR within 02 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP.

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 Division, Construction Division No. Ist 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. Special conditions;

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5.3. The participant should be registered with the central / UT registering authority.

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> The students shall be required to fill up the registration forms online upto 02 nd January 2022 and submit the same with prescribed fee receipt in the concerned Polytechnic by or before 05th of January, 2022.

> The students can pay registration fee of Rs. 200/- through online payment methods (Internet Banking/Credit/Debit Card).

> The Principals are requested to provide the assistance wherever required to the students for filling online registration forms.

> Principals are requested to strictly submit the registration form in accordance with sanctioned intake in the merit and Management quota. No registration form shall be entertained beyond sanctioned intake.

> The hard copy of registration form should be supported with the following Photostat copies of documents with self-attestation by student and counter attested by the concerned Principal and will be submitted by the Polytechnics to this Board office by or before 15th of January 2022.

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Court Rejects Bail Of Man
Accused Of Selling Land
Belonging To Others

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A court here has rejected anticipatory bail application of a man accused in a case involving selling off a piece of land that did not belong to him or a co-accused person.

The accused, Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Dar, in league with another accused Kanwal Khrishan Dhar allegedly played fraud with one Azhar Hussain Bhat of Chanpora.

As per prosecution, Bhat was given an offer by the accused Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Dar of Jalwalapora Budgam to purchase a patch of land measuring two Kanal three Marlas at Rajbagh Srinagar on the agreed sale consideration amount of Rs. 4.50 Crores from the owner of the land who introduced himself as Kapil Dhar of Rajbagh Srinagar.

As per Bhat, he along with other witnesses and accused Ghulma Mohi-ud-Din Dar went to Jammu where the accused introduced him to "Kapil Dhar " who showed a revenue extract of the land under Khasra No. 120 Khe-wat No. 830. The deal was finalized with the accused persons for an amount of Rs. 4.5 Crores.

Bhat also alleged that he paid Rs. 44 lacs into the account of "Kapil Dhar" through online transactions as well as vide cheques and

also Rs. 35 lacs were paid in cash through accused Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Dar.

Bhat further alleged that thereafter he asked accused Ghulam Mohiud-Din Dar to execute a formal sale deed pertaining to the land, however the same was delayed. He further submitted that the co-accused had impersonated himself as Kapil Dhar in league with accused Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Dar when in fact his real name is Kanwal Khrishan Dhar of Rajbagh Srinagar at present Nanak Nagar Jammu.

Bhat said that he has been cheated by the accused persons by committing fraud and impersonation. Bhat filed a case with Crime Branch Kashmir. During enquiry the statement the bank statements of Bhat and accused Kanwal Krishan Dhar and Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Dar were obtained from the concerned bank branches and also the documentary proof which Kanwal Khrishan Dhar had produced before the bank authority at the time of opening of account in Canara Bank Branch Unit Shalimar Road Jammu.

"Keeping in view all the facts and circumstances of the case, the application at hand for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest is refused and the application is rejected accordingly," the court added. (GNS)

DC Chairs Meeting
To Finalize Route
Planning For E-Buses

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz chaired a meeting of the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Srinagar for Route Planning for the proposed Electric Bus service in Srinagar City.

The Deputy Commissioner who is the also chairman of RTA Srinagar directed the concerned Officers to prepare a comprehensive plan regarding finalizing routes and Stations for Electric Buses. He also asked for mapping of Charging stations for the electric buses.

The DC also asked the officers of line Departments to place all necessary preparations for Trial Run of Electric Buses.

He further directed the officers to roll out an effective action plan for successful operation of electric buses.

The DC directed the Regional Transport Officer to conduct an exercise with consultation with SRTC, Traffic Police and other concerned for finalizing an efficient and effective route plan in wake of the observation raised in the meeting so that better traffic management system is implemented to overcome the traffic issues in the City.

Senior Superintendent of Traffic Javed Koul, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar, Athar Amir Khan, Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir, Sajid Yahya Naqash, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Khurshid Ahmad Shah, SDM East, Owais Mushtaq, General Manager JKRTC and other concerned were present in the meeting.

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It has come to the notice of this office that some miscreants have developed a fake order with the subject "Provisional selection list of candidates for different posts (Kashmir Division) against notification No.SHS.NHM/J&K/HR/10259 dated 10/05/2021" which is being circulated through different social network platforms and is creating a huge confusion among the general public. In this regard it is to inform that this office has not issued any such selection list. As such this notification may be considered as null and void.

Further State Health Society, NHM J&K has requested the Law enforcement agencies to initiate investigation against the miscreants.

Sd/ Mission Director,
DIPK-NB-5991/21 NHM. J&K

'Delimitation Commission
Meeting An Indication Of
Holding Election In J&K Soon'

Agencies

HANDWARA: Jammu and Kashmir BJP unit general secretary, Ashok Kaul on Sunday said that the meeting of delimitation commission is an indication that election in Jammu and Kashmir will be held soon.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the party meet at Langate, Kaul as per their knowledge NC MP's and two MP's of BJP will also attend the meeting.

"The meeting is a sign that the delimitation commission will give its report soon, which will be followed by an election," he said.

Recently the members of BJP had visited Karnah and Uri to talk to the people of the constituency. Today we interacted with the party workers and the people of Langate constituency to discuss the issues."

He said that the process will continue further and BJP will visit all the 46 constituencies of Kashmir to put forward their motives before the people.

"We will try to lessen the gap between the people and the government. Our motive is to make people support the vision and schemes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi." (KNS)



Farooq Once Said Meeting
Delimitation Panel Will Strengthen
August 5 Move: Lone

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: People's Conference chairman, Sajad Lone on Sunday said that if the National Conference meets the Delimitation Commission then it will further strengthen the 'unconstitutional' decisions of August 5, 2019.

Talking to reporters, Lone said that on May 21st Farooq Abdullah gave a statement that NC will not meet the Delimitation Commission as meeting the commission will strengthen the decisions of August 05, 2019.

"So, Farooq Abdullah has to answer the people about what has changed in the last six months in Jammu and Kashmir. Wouldn't this be a support of the decisions of August 05 if NC will meets the delimitation commission?," he questioned.

Lone further said that if NC will not meet the Delimitation Commission then surely they are in support of restoration of the special status of J&K.

Lone said that he would like to tell the PM and the authorities of J&K that they should not create a pressure cooker like situation in J&K.

"There is so much oppression in J&K that the people are experiencing like being in a pressure cooker. The government should try to lessen the

pressure here otherwise in a pressure cooker like situation, the lava will come out," he added.

He said that the authorities of J&K who are heading the UT will go back to their native places someday but the people, especially the youth of J&K have to live here.

"I want to appeal to the government to not create a venom which will impact the future generations of J&K."

Replying to a question about restoration of Article 370, he said that PC's stand is clear about Article 370 and statehood and they will fight for whatever has been taken from the people of J&K unconstitutionally.

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NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Selection List of candidates under SRO-202 for the post of "Junior Anesthesia Assistant" (Health & Medical Education Department) District Cadre Budgam, Pulwama, Kupwara, Ganderbal and Baramulla under Item Nos.671, 693, 685, 674 and 668 respectively pursuant to notification No. (07 of 2015) in respect of indent No. HD/NG/232/2015 dated 23-09-2015 -reg.

It is notified to all the concerned that the Selection List (s) notified / uploaded on official website of J&K Services Selection Board vide Notification No. SSB/Sel/Secy/2021/8749-54 dated 14.12.2021 is hereby withdrawn ab-initio.

By Order.

No: -SSB/Sel/Secy/2021/8822-27 Sd/- (Sachin Jamwal) JKAS,
Dated:- 17.12.2021 Secretary,
DIPK-15215/21 J&K, Services Selection Board Jammu.

DETENTION OF MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO

No One Above Law; Strict Action Against
Guilty Regardless Of Age, Gender: DGP

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Sunday said his department will take strict action against the guilty, irrespective of their age or gender.

Though he did not take any name, the Union Territory's police chief was apparently referring to the criticism over the arrest of a woman and her daughter for allegedly raising anti-national slogans after the killing of two terrorists in an encounter in Srinagar recently.

The DGP also said launch pads and terror camps are active in Pakistan and are being used to infiltrate more terrorists with the support of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence and its army but the Indian forces are on high alert to thwart any such attempts.

Speaking to the media after declaring open the 10th edition of police martyrs memorial cricket tournament in Kathua district, Singh said the police, along with other security forces, would take all stringent actions to bring an end to the proxy war initiated by Pakistan.

The fight against the proxy war of Pakistan and its terror groups will be dealt with more stringent response. Operation against the terrorists is carried out day and night and the war against all those elements inimical to peace and development is being accelerated. We will not let them succeed at any cost, he said.

Our aim is to uproot terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, he said, referring to the recent killings of several Pakistani terrorists in different encounters, including the one in Harwan area of Srinagar on Sunday.

Without mentioning the arrest of a woman and her daughter in Ragreth area of Srinagar following the killing of two terrorists last week, the DGP said, No one is above the law and strict action will be taken if found guilty, irrespective of age and gender.

MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM MIR IS NO MORE

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of Muhammad Ibrahim Mir son of Ghulam Hussain Mir of Zari Mohalla Lalbazar Srinagar who passed away on Sunday 19th December 2021. Keeping in view the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic there shall be no congregational Fateha Khwani.

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EDITORIAL

Looming Omicron Threat

EVER since the advent of Omicron, the virus strain has triggered a worldwide alarm. First to be spooked were the global markets which went into a tailspin - albeit, they have since recovered after the reassuring news that the impact of the new variant is still under control. But the preliminary findings about the virus have revealed that it is highly transmissible and could cause havoc if no Standard Operating Procedures are followed. England is the first country that has acknowledged the enormity of the challenge. In a televised statement, the British prime minister Boris Johnson has warned that his country could be staring at 75,000 deaths by April with 'tidal wave' of Omicron. Britain has launched an ambitious Covid booster shot program to stop the virus' spread. Britain is also the first country to officially announce death from the virus mutation. According to the British Prime Minister, Omicron has accounted for about 40 percent of the cases in London, and hospital admissions were rising

On the other hand, according to World Health Organization the Omicron coronavirus variant is more transmissible than the Delta strain and reduces vaccine efficacy. It, however, is said to cause less severe symptoms according to early data. The WHO has said that Omicron is now present in 63 countries and can become dominant in Europe soon. However, all is still not known about the virus. The understanding about it is still evolving. On a positive note, hospitalizations have so far been less.

India has witnessed so far a lesser number of Omicron cases but there is every possibility that the number can dramatically jump. On Sunday India reported five new Omicron cases, taking the tally of the cases of the new variant in the country to 38. Meanwhile, India logged 7,774 new Covid-19 cases and 306 deaths in the last 24 hours which shows a continuing downward trend.

Acknowledging the gravity of the situation, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a recent meeting directed officials to review plans for easing of international travel restrictions. The PM said travelers must be tested on arrival as per guidelines and called for a particular focus on countries identified "at risk". He laid emphasis on increasing coverage of the second dose of the vaccine so that adequate immunity is achieved against fresh infections. The PM also urged people to adopt masking and social distancing to prevent the infection from spreading.

Similarly, in a welcome decision, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has decided to make RT-PCR testing mandatory for all foreign travellers to the Union territory at airports to tackle the Omicron threat. The travelers will be allowed to enter J&K only if they test negative. If the report is negative, the travelers will be sent to home quarantine for seven days and re-tested on the eighth day. And those who test positive will be sent to institutional isolation centres for 15 days and their samples sent for genome sequencing at ICMR-approved laboratories. These are good measures and should be helpful in containing the spread of the new variant in the country as well as in J&K.

OTHER OPINION

By not standing up to a virtual summons from government, Election Commission undermines itself

A constitutional democracy is held up as much by its individual and separate institutions as by the terms of their relationship with each other. The respect and dignity they give to, and demand from one another, may sometimes be intangible, but is nevertheless crucial. In India, the Election Commission discharges its constitutional mandate of conducting free and fair elections but it does more than just that. It also forms the core of a sprawling electoral system in which, except the odd aberration, even those who lose an election by a hair's breadth seldom question the results, or the credibility of the poll monitor. The EC's reputation for independence and fairness is not just its individual attribute, but also forms an inalienable part of the system's legitimacy, the people's trust in supervisory institutions, as winners and losers come and go. The EC, therefore, must especially be accorded its due dignity and respect — much depends on it. That is why there is reason to pause on the wording of a letter from an official of the law ministry to the poll panel last month. As this newspaper has revealed, it effectively summoned the CEC to a meeting chaired by an official in the PMO. There is reason, also, to ask why, after the CEC had made known his "displeasure" at the tone of the letter, and stayed away from the meeting, all three election commissioners bent immediately thereafter, joining an "informal

interaction" with the PMO official. Questions must be asked — of the PMO, law ministry and the EC — not because any meeting between them is controversial, but because the lack of form and propriety in the entire exchange matters. It speaks of larger and disquieting things.

The strength of institutions, or the balance between them, is a changeable thing, varying and wavering over time. The EC was not always the formidable body that it is today. Much of the ground for its current standing was laid by the leadership of TN Seshan, whose tenure in the 1990s was widely seen to rouse a sleepy institution. CEC Seshan gave new force to the EC's role of upholding the rules of the game, including the Model Code of Conduct. Similarly, the equilibrium between institutions has not remained the same. In fact, ever since a single party won a majority at the Centre after over two decades in 2014, there has been mounting pressure on unelected institutions to bend and bow to the elected and their "mandate". The EC has not always stepped up to the watchdog's rising challenge. Several decisions, from the delay in announcing the election schedule in Gujarat, 2017, to the prevarication in banning campaign activity amid the second Covid surge in West Bengal this year, were seen to favour the Centre's ruling establishment.

Indian Express



Malik Javid

OUR SOCIETY NEEDS TO CURE the menace of begging through actively arranging destitute management. Institutions that cater to the needy here must also come up with ways to be self sustaining and not rely on donations entirely

LOCKDOWN may have put a break on common man's movement, but there seems to be no break on the movement of beggars looking for alms in our localities. What I have concluded after acutely observing class of population, who have turned this begging into a livelihood profession from past few years is that, there is no check on the credibility of these people at any level — government or community

If a person is healthy and hale what is prompting them to choose this ostracized profession needs to be questioned. We can't go on ignoring this elephant in the room. In fact, our silence has led to legitimization of this begging as a profession. Even today amid these tough times, these people seem to be breaching every barricade set by authorities to invade the privacy of our homes only to put their own and others' lives at

From past decade, our valley has seen an exponential rise in the menace of begging. I wouldn't be exaggerating in calling Kashmir a "beggar's paradise". One might not be certain here about earning livelihood by working as a daily wage in unorganised sector but one is sure to get pocket full of money at the end of day, courtesy of begging in markets, mosques, hospitals, highways and offices. Such is the sad state of our

Political uncertainty and conflict ruling the valley from last three decades has not decreased the inflow of panhandlers across the tunnel irrespective of gender and age from hinterlands of other parts of country to our valley. Unfortunately, there seems to be no check on the movement of these mendicants even in the times of a

Two years back, J&K government had banned begging at public and religious places in Srinagar but that order has remained confined to just paper and with authorities have lowered their guard against beggars with time. Therefore, things have remained unchanged on

Now what this huge inflow of beggars has done is that our own population has succumbed to this alternate route of earning livelihood too now. They seem to have taken cue from these outsiders which has inturn given birth to a new breed of home-grown beggars, who are healthy and hale. Yet they are opting for this much disliked way of

According to our religion, begging was prescribed for those people who had lost their organs of working by birth or accidentally, thus rendering themselves helpless at the mercy of others to earn their living. With time, begging has been turned into a money minting profession with people who could have easily earned their living by using their own hands instead of preferring begging over it. As the time passes, these people get addicted to it to a level of no return. What prompts them to take this profession to earn their bread and butter is the assured hefty amount at end of the day without any

A few days back, I was preparing to take my routine sleep on our veranda after midday prayers when I saw a gentle voice of a young boy wearing a blue skull cap and matching shalwar kameez approach me. With the first glance itself, I could conclude from his face that he would have been close to twelve years. He was holding a bundle of few old notes in the close fist of his right hand and a few laminated documents of some orphanage institution under his left armpit. His pockets on either side of shalwar

kameez had visibly bulged out due to weigh of coins. Before I could to check his credentials, he started his memorised sermon when I intercepted him in the middle to check his credibility. When I enquired from him as to who gave him the authority to collect money in the name of the orphanage, he became silent. I could see the lines of discomfort growing on his face with his colour fading to pale. When I asked him for the contact number of the head of institution he was claiming to represent, he sensed trouble and pulled away his documents from my hand and ran away — but not without passing a comment at me, Agar hass deon chi thaa dee, Eoutha chena police enquiry asee Karan (if you want to give me something then give, the amount of enquiry you are doing even the police doesn't do it with

As he left, I began to ponder over his

Our society needs to cure the menace of begging through actively arranging destitute management. Institutions that cater to the needy here must also come up with ways to be self sustaining and not rely on donations entirely. For instance, revered and respected Islamic scholar Maulana Tariq Jameel who recently started his clothing MTJ brand to run his Islamic institution. In an interview he was quoted as saying, "I don't want spread hands before people to run my institutions, I want them to be self-sustaining by running them on money earned through this clothing MTJ brand"

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WINTER in Kashmir is mainly associated with the closure of schools, late timings for public office, frequent electricity cuts, freezing of water pipelines and closure or blockage of main roads. This mere change in a season brings life almost to the halt in Kashmir and it has become now normal.

While it is true that winter in Kashmir is harsh, but it is also true that infrastructure in Kashmir has been left untouched to suit the winter conditions. Every time snow falls, electricity goes off for days because the power transmission lines fall everywhere. Roads get closed for days before the government scrambles its mechanical department to clear the roads. Waterlogging is also now an emerging concern in urban areas. This is not normal that people take it as. It is just a failure to adapt the infrastructure to the local conditions. It is beyond the understanding of a common person that if these incidents occur every year during winter, why the government has not taken concrete steps to

make all these things winter-proof. Why should common people suffer every year just because of change in a season?

Don't Romanticise Harsh Winters

The Darbar move itself resembles that government escapes and becomes blind to all these problems that Kashmir faces during the winter. The government should take concrete steps to make infrastructure in Kashmir winter-proof so that no one has to suffer. Winter itself is not the problem. The failure of the government to adapt to the conditions of the winter is the actual problem.

While the local population has itself developed ways to keep themselves going in the freezing cold, the government has done nothing to keep itself going during winter. It is high time that the government upgrades the electricity transmission system, water distribution system and install the heating system in its offices and schools so that normal life can go on in winter. Winter and Chilai Kalan should be just like any other change in seasons and there should be no romanticizing of this change. People should confront the bitter truths of failure that winter brings with it.

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In all his 90 years, Mohammad Nengroo, also known as Mum Nengroo, had never imagined that he would one day be denied the right to bury members of his family in his own village.

But that was exactly what happened to him this year when the land around his hamlet of Nengroo Basti was fenced by the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department, forcing him to bury his brother Ghulam Ahmad Nengroo and another relative, Mala Begum, on the premises of the village mosque instead.

The Nengroo family are forest-dwellers. In Jammu and Kashmir, many communities such as Gujjars, Bakerwals and others are traditional forest-dwelling tribes. Their way of life had remained reasonably undisturbed for centuries. But since October 31, 2019, when the Union government extended to J&K the Forest Rights Act (FRA) of 2006, a progressive piece of legislation that ensures the land tenure, food security and livelihoods of traditional forest dwellers, the majority of communities like that of the Nengroos have actually been treated more harshly than they ever had been before.

“The forest officials have fenced off our entire habitation,” said Mum Nengroo, distraught by this attack on his community’s way of life. “We are not even allowed to bury our loved ones here. The 15 families who live in Nengroo Basti did not encroach on this land but had been shifted here by the state government 14 years ago after landslides destroyed our own village. Why have they not provided us with land for a graveyard? People like me have grown up in these forests and today we are called encroachers and jailed. This is unacceptable.”

Anticipation and apprehension

Mum Nengroo and his ailing wife worry that when they pass away, they will not be given the kind of burial the forest-dwelling communities of J&K consider proper.

But in January 2021, when a public outcry to implement the FRA in J&K ensured that the legislation was finally put into effect, the residents of Nengroo Basti, located in the Charar Sharief tehsil of central Kashmir’s Budgam district, had rejoiced, just like many other communities of forest-dwelling people.

“We were told on radio and TV programmes by government officers that the FRA would entitle us to several rights, including the right to have a graveyard in our village and the right to acquire land for a school and health centre. But this seems to be a distant dream for the people living in this remote place,” said Akram Nengroo, a resident of Nengroo Basti.

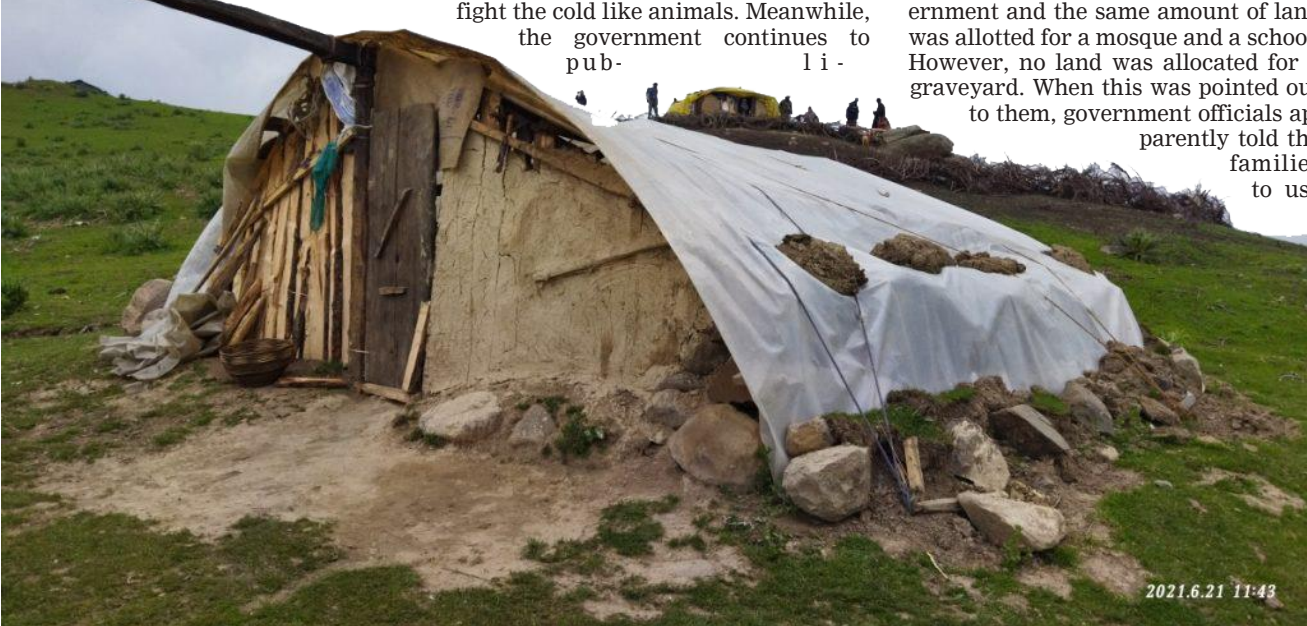
Not only has the rollout of the FRA not provided the nomadic communities with the Act’s promised benefits, but its extension to J&K has actually made life more difficult for them because the staff of the union territory’s Forest Department appear to feel that the legislation challenges their authority.

For the last couple of years, the forest department has rigorously fenced many forest areas in the union territory. People living in villages near forest areas allege that state-owned land and even grazing land (khahcharai) is being fenced by the forest department. Last year in Kanidajan village, six km from Nengroo Basti, forest officials axed 8,000 apple trees which they claimed had been grown on forest land. This was reported on several national and international media platforms, including the BBC.

“The forest department was not so harsh with forest dwellers before the rollout of the FRA,” said Rouf Malik, director of the Srinagar-based NGO Koshish, which works for the education of tribal children. In the last year, the NGO has also focused on building awareness about the FRA.

“They [the forest officials] are under the misconception that the FRA will let people take control of forest land. Thus the forest officers are directing their staff on the ground to ensure that there is no encroachment of land,” Malik explained.

He added, whatever the intentions of the of-



Azee's Tarpaulin shelter. Photo: Raja Muzaffar Bhat



Kashmiri shepherds near a kotha (hut). Photo: Raja Muzaffar Bhat

Has the J&K Administration Completely Misunderstood the Forest Rights Act?

Raja Muzaffar Bhat

“Since the FRA was extended to the UT, the J&K Forest Department’s actions have been so contrary to the intentions of the legislation that it is almost a joke. While the FRA recognises the rights of the forest-dwelling tribal communities and other traditional forest dwellers to forest resources, J&K’s Forest Department deprives them of these rights

cise the FRA. We Chopans (Kashmiri shepherds) are denied even Scheduled Tribe (ST) classification by the government,” he said.

Although the J&K legislative assembly had passed a resolution recommending ST status for Chopans nearly 20 years ago, that file has been gathering dust in the offices of the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs ever since.

Meanwhile, in Nengroo Basti, residents worry about the graveyard that the FRA ought to have given them but which the Forest Department has taken away.

The families who reside in Nengroo Basti actually hail from Sani Darwan village, two km away. After massive landslides hit Sani Darwan in 2007, completely destroying the homes and land of 15 families, the government settled these families on a patch of land between Sani Darwan and Chalyan villages. This place later came to be known as Nengroo Basti because most of the families have Nengroo as their surnames. The land in Nengroo Basti falls under the territorial jurisdiction of Darwan village, which itself is divided into two habitations, Sani Darwan and Wagen Darwan.

Each family in Nengroo Basti was allotted about seven marlas of land (roughly 1,905 square feet) by the government and the same amount of land was allotted for a mosque and a school. However, no land was allocated for a graveyard. When this was pointed out to them, government officials apparently told the families to use

a patch of forest land as a graveyard, but there was no official order permitting the families to do so.

While the families did select and use a patch of forest land as a graveyard, burying several children there who had died in the village five to six years ago, the Forest Department came down on them harshly when the FRA was rolled out in J&K and has disallowed the use of that piece of land since then. Some people allege that the Forest Department, especially the J&K Social Forestry Department, has even fenced off the village common land.

Rights under the FRA

Under the FRA – officially the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 – the STs and other traditional forest dwellers (OTFDs) have three important sets of rights: Individual Forest Rights, Community Forest Rights and Community Forest Resource Rights.

The FRA recognises the rights of the forest-dwelling tribal communities and OTFDs to forest resources on which these communities are dependent for a variety of needs, including livelihood, habitation, and other socio-cultural needs. This includes the right to land for graveyards, religious places, schools, community centres, panchayat (village self-governing bodies) buildings, health centres and so on.

Individual rights provided by the Act include the rights of self-cultivation, habitation, grazing, fishing, and access to water bodies in the forests. Community rights include the right

“Not only has the rollout of the FRA not provided the nomadic communities with the Act’s promised benefits, but its extension to J&K has actually made life more difficult for them because the staff of the union territory’s Forest Department appear to feel that the legislation challenges their authority.

to intellectual property, traditional knowledge and so on.

Thus the FRA empowers the forest dwellers to access and use forest resources in the manner that they have traditionally been accustomed to and also to protect, conserve and manage forests and protect themselves from unlawful evictions. The Act also provides for basic development facilities for communities of forest dwellers, such as education, health, nutrition, infrastructure facilities and so on.

The FRA in Odisha

While forest officials in J&K seem to be struggling to understand the FRA, the story is completely different for Odisha’s forest dwellers.

Just last month, two dozen villages in Ranpur block of Odisha’s Nayagarh district received about 14 community forest right titles from the government. None of the residents of these villages are classified as scheduled tribes. Instead, they are classified by the FRA as OTFD.

While implementing the FRA, most states have focused on providing the benefits of the Act to their scheduled tribes, leaving the OTFDs side-lined. So when Odisha provided these 24 villages with community forest rights, it was a historic occasion, marked with a ceremony on November 22.

I had been invited by the organisers of the ceremony to Ranpur, along with Nazir Ahmad Khan, the chairman of District Development Council (DDC), Budgam, J&K, to witness the presenta-

tion of their rights to the villagers.

The event, held in a remote forest village called Surkabadi in Ranpur block of Nayagarh district, located about 100 km from Odisha’s capital city of Bhubaneswar, had played out like a festival. Hundreds of women, men and children in their traditional colourful clothes had assembled in a field as early as 9 am on November 22, hours before the ceremony was to begin in the afternoon. So enthusiastic were the people that they were happy to wait for hours in the scorching sunshine for their MLA and other officers of the administration to arrive.

When the event finally began, Satyanarayan Pradhan, the MLA of Ranpur, and Nazir Ahmad Khan jointly presented the Community Forest Rights titles to the villagers in the presence of officers from the forest, revenue and tribal affairs departments.

The community rights conferred on the 24 villages included a joint title for a group of villages to collect and use firewood and household implements within and outside the traditional boundaries of the local forests. The villagers now have the right to collect, process, use and sell minor forest produce such as bamboo, kendu leaves, tubers and so on. They are also allowed to add value to this produce and store and transport it. The 24 villages have also, finally, been given rights to the water bodies in the forests, along with fishing and grazing rights. In the past, many residents of these villages had been jailed under the Indian Forest Act of 1927 for encroaching on forest land.

None of the residents of the 24 villages have any desire to take advantage of the rights granted to them so recently. For the past 24 years, the people who live around the Ranpur forest area in Nayagrah district have been working for the conservation and protection of their forests and forest resources, including wildlife, under the banner of Maa Maninag Jangal Suraksha Parishad (MMJSP), which is a confederation of 132 community-based forest protection groups from 132 villages in the area.

Now 73 years old, Arkito Sahu, secretary of the MMJSP, had not needed legislation to know that the forests of India need protection. Instead, he had prodded the residents of 132 villages in Nayagrah district to work together to conserve the forests they depend on.

To give them institutional support, V. Giri Rao, the director of the Bhubaneswar-based NGO Vasundhara, ensured that the great work done by the MMJSP was documented and that women were included in the forest committees. Since the enactment of the FRA in 2006, Vasundhara and the MMJSP have been working more rigorously to ensure that all the benefits of this legislation reach the forest dwellers of the Ranpur block.

Wrong agency in charge?

How does Odisha manage to use the FRA so effectively while the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir does what seems to be the very opposite?

The answer may lie in the agency that oversees the implementation of the legislation in J&K.

At the national level, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs oversees the implementation of the Act. Various states have made their Tribal Affairs Departments the nodal agencies for the implementation of the FRA. But in J&K, the administration helmed by the Union

government has made the forest department the nodal agency to implement this law.

“How can a divisional forest officer or range officer tell forest dwellers that they have certain rights to forests and forest produce?” asked Giri Rao. “The law is clear. The Tribal Affairs Department has to be made the nodal agency for FRA implementation. The J&K administration has committed a huge blunder by assigning this task to the Forest Department. This needs to be rectified.”

Since the FRA was extended to the UT, the J&K Forest Department’s actions have been so contrary to the intentions of the legislation that it is almost a joke. While the FRA recognises the rights of the forest-dwelling tribal communities and other traditional forest dwellers to forest resources, J&K’s Forest Department deprives them of these rights.

When J&K’s Lt Governor Manoj Sinha gave a speech for a programme titled ‘Agenda’ organised by the India Today media group, he said that the FRA had given the people of J&K new hope.

But the situation on the ground at this time tells a story of no hope.

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IUST Bags 20 DST Innovative Research Projects

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AWANTIPORA: Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST) Awantipora is scaling new heights in the field of Research & Development and has recently bagged 20 innovative research projects from the J&K Science, Technology & Innovation Council (JKSTIC), highest for any institution in JKUT.

The projects would boost innovation and entrepreneurship in areas of scientific and societal importance as the research funding has been made to the IUST keeping in view the specific objectives and requirements of the Government for overall socio-economic development of the UT. The awarded research projects are in the fields of engineering, technology, computer science, food technology, mathematical sciences and other allied disciplines.

While complimenting the faculty members, Vice Chancellor IUST Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, noted the significance of these projects for IUST in improving the innovation, incubation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in the University in addition to other initiatives. "We have recently rolled out a strategy that envisions achieving a high standard of quality research, innovation, entrepreneurship and start-ups in the IUST. The University has established the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (CIED) with six verticals to promote the use of Science and Technology for providing innovative solutions to various societal problems in the UT," VC IUST said.

He also added, "In response to the call for Expression of Interest, CIED has recently received about 100 innovative proposals and ideas related to the development of various products, processes and services from the students and individuals of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and also beyond for the development of potential start-ups. The University intends to financially support 30 of these innovative ideas with a seed grant of about Rs. 5.00 lakhs per idea/proposal and incubate them at the University so that these can reach up to the start-up level viably."

Afghanistan Will Become 'Biggest Man-Made Crisis' If World Fails To Act, Pak PM Imran Warns At OIC Summit

Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday warned that Afghanistan could potentially become the "biggest man-made crisis" if the world failed to act in a timely manner as representatives of the Muslim-majority nations agreed to establish a humanitarian trust fund and to launch a food security program to help the people of the war-torn nation.

Addressing the 17th extraordinary session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) here, Khan highlighted the collapsing hospitals, education sector, and the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Afghanistan and called for the world to take immediate action as the Taliban-ruled nation was heading towards chaos.

"If the world doesn't act, this will be the biggest man-made crisis which is unfolding in front of us, Khan said.

The chaos in Afghanistan mean the end of the government which would strengthen the ISIS, enabling it carry out acts of global terrorism, Khan told the gathering, which included the Taliban regime's Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi, representatives from 57 Muslim nations and delegates from the US, China, Russia, the European Union and the UN.

Khan urged the US to delink its policy towards the Taliban from the 40 million people of Afghanistan.

He also said that the Taliban would also have to understand that formation of an inclusive government, respect for human rights, particularly women, and disallowing the use of



Afghan soil for terrorism in other countries would pave the way for international aid to Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's economy is facing a major crisis after the Taliban seized power in Kabul in mid-August, amid a chaotic US and NATO troops withdrawal from the war-torn country.

Following headline Islamists assuming power in Afghanistan, the international community froze billions of dollars' worth of assets abroad and stopped all funding to the country.

According to UN figures from early November, almost 24 million people in Afghanistan, around 60 per cent of the population, suffer from acute hunger. That includes 8.7 million living in near-famine. Increasing numbers of malnourished children have filled hospital wards.

Khan also raked up the Kashmir issue in his speech.

Later, the OIC representative

passed a unanimous resolution stressing that the menace of terrorism remains a grave threat to Afghanistan, regional countries and the international community and asserted that the Afghan territory must not be used as a base or safe haven for any terrorist group.

The resolution emphasised the importance of establishing inclusive governmental structures to adopt moderate and sound domestic and foreign policies, with a friendly approach towards neighbors of Afghanistan, aimed at realising the shared goals of durable peace, security, safety and long-term prosperity of Afghanistan and the region.

It emphasised the importance of meaningful participation of women in all spheres, and upholding human rights, including for women, children and minorities.

It also urged the international

community to remain cautious against the possibility of incitement and the role of spoilers, both inside and outside the country, to derail efforts aimed at peace and stability in Afghanistan.

The resolution underscored the need for concerted efforts to rebuild the necessary capacity of the relevant state institutions of Afghanistan to address challenges posed by terrorism, narcotics, smuggling, money laundering, organised crime, and irregular migration.

Briefing reporters along with OIC Secretary General Houssein Ibrahim Taha, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi later said that the conference agreed to establish a humanitarian trust fund and it also agreed to launch a food security program.

The participants also agreed to "unlock financial and banking channels, he said.

To a question about pledges,

Qureshi said that some countries wanted to donate but they needed an account and some mechanism for it. "So we have decided that the Islamic Development Bank will open an account to facilitate the donations and then pledges will be made," he said.

He also mentioned that there was a positive statement by US special representative Tom West who said that he has a mandate to engage with the Taliban and he also met with the Taliban leaders present in Afghanistan.

"West also said that humanitarian assistance would not be made conditional, Qureshi said, adding that West also indicated that USD 1.2 billion unutilized funds available with international institutions could be

utilized.

Qureshi also said the meeting discussed how the aid should be provided. It was also agreed that the OIC secretariat should engage with the WHO to get COVID-19 vaccines and medicines for Afghans.

He said that it was a view as well as a call by the participants for the international community that sanctions on Afghanistan should not impede the provision of humanitarian aid and economic resources should be made available without letting the sanctions come in the way of aid being given to Afghanistan.

To a question about recognition of the Taliban government, Qureshi said that "there is no appetite for recognition. That stage will come (later on)."

Qureshi also shared that in his interaction with Afghan foreign minister, he urged him to create a conducive environment so that the world should recognise their government.

Martin Griffiths, head of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) speaking on the behalf of the UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, painted a very alarming scenario of the Afghan problem.

"The Afghan economy is in free fall, needing urgent steps. About 23 million people are facing hunger, he said, adding that the world should come forward to help the people of Afghanistan.

He also called for international engagements with the de-facto authorities in Kabul.

Qureshi said that Pakistan has decided to provide USD 30 million to Afghanistan in help in addition to essential goods.

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PDD Strike Leave

They are also demanding delinking their salary from grant-in-aid and releasing a regular budget for all PDD employees on deputation to different corporations and a white paper of service condition of PDD employees on deputation to the Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited (CVPPL) and similarly situated employees deputed from the NHPC.

An official spokesman said the government of J&K, taking a sympathetic view of the issues raised, has engaged in several rounds of talks with the coordination committee of the power employees.

During each round of talks, the government representatives have appealed to the power employees to call off their strike as people in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions are suffering. In the wake of COVID-19 contagion and nail-biting cold in both the divisions, the coordination committee of the power employees is requested to end its strike, the spokesman said.

Reacting to the situation, Union minister Jitendra Singh expressed hope of a peaceful resolution to the issue at the earliest.

The administration is on the job the time cannot be stopped as we have to keep pace with development in the rest of the country. The employees are part of the society and if they feel insecure, it is the responsibility of the rulers to address their concerns and move forward along with them, he told reporters here.

National Conference vice president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah asked the government to leave privatisation decisions to an elected government.

The J&K administration may be able to claim the constitutional authority to privatise the assets of J&K, but it completely lacks the political authority. Decisions of this nature with far reaching consequences should be left to an elected government, he wrote on Twitter.

The striking employees have made it clear that the repairs and restoration work would not be undertaken at all unless the feeder is supplied to any hospital.

Senior BJP leader and former legislator Devender Singh Rana also expressed concern over many parts of the Jammu city as also peripheries plunging into darkness and urged the administration to take earnest measures in resolving the issues with the striking employees, especially during these chilly days.

He hoped that all concerned will act responsibly as the stakes are very high, not only in terms of restoring electricity in the affected areas, but also to ensure that students do not suffer as they are solely dependent on online classes and examinations.

Failure in power supply is impacting the internet services, he added.

Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari also expressed serious concerns over the indefinite strike in opposition to a government decision that intends to privatise grid stations.

Over 20,000 electrical employees are currently on a strike due to which numerous areas across J&K are facing prolonged power blackouts and lingering of essential repair works. All of this is happening in the harsh cold winter season which is exponentially adding to the existing woes of the general public, he observed.

Bukhari demanded that the government review its decision at an earliest to resolve this deadlock with the concerned employee's association in order to avoid further inconvenience to the people.

Army Takes Over

As a result people are facing tremendous hardships due to non-availability of electricity and water supply, leading to protests by angry

residents who are reeling under severe cold wave conditions.

We Had Fruitful

resolved as the talks are going well," he said. Pole appealed to JKPECC not to take people 'hostage' amid the bone chilling cold to press for their demands. Pole said that the situation in Kashmir is more difficult than Jammu because of the severe cold.

"This is not an appropriate time to go for a strike. The supply of electricity during winters in Kashmir is similar to food," Pole said.

His appeal came after thousands of employees of the Power Development Department went on an indefinite strike across J&K against the proposed privatisation of PDD.

Nearly 20,000 employees of PDD under the banner of JKPECC have boycotted work since Friday, resulting in a major power breakdown amid extreme cold wave in the Valley.

The protesting employees are demanding scrapping the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021 and standard bidding document for privatisation of electricity.

Cold Wave

The weatherman has forecast colder nights over the next couple of days as a further fall in the minimum temperature is expected.

There is also a possibility of light to moderate snowfall from December 22-25, the officials said.

Situation In J&K

Kashmir alive, the only option before them is to stand up for their "snatched" rights with determination and unity, "otherwise they (Centre) will loot everything from us", she said.

"Our struggle did not end on August 5 (2019), instead it was the day when it actually started. We need your support to take this struggle to its logical conclusion in a peaceful manner, without picking up guns and stones," she added.

The PDP leader alleged the youth of Jammu and Kashmir are driven to frustration so that they can ruin their lives by taking to drugs or picking up guns to get killed.

On the Centre's announcement to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir after the completion of the delimitation exercise, Mehbooba said, "I do not know whether polls will be held because they will not conduct the elections till they are 100 per cent sure of dividing the majority vote."

"They have already separated the Hindus and are browbeating Dalits. Now they want to divide Muslim votes on the lines of various names, parties and sects. They have already created many parties and their only intention is to gain a majority in the assembly so that they can justify the August 5, 2019 decision," she said.

"They want to weaken our case against the August 5 development in the Supreme Court," she said.

Mehbooba also defended her father Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's decision to join hands with the BJP to form the government in Jammu and Kashmir, saying his only desire was to end the bloodshed and resolve the Kashmir issue.

"We have not lost hope and will continue to strive for the resolution of the Kashmir issue to usher in peace and development in J&K," she said, adding "we acceded to Gandhi's India and not his assassin Godse's India".

Referring to the anti-encroachment drive, Mehbooba said people are being "deprived" of land they have had for generations "on the pretext that it is state's land".

This land is being used for constructing buildings for the security forces in the Valley and outsiders in the Jammu region, she

claimed.

Pak Militant

in Theed locality of Harwan on Saturday night on the specific input about the presence of a militant, a police spokesperson said.

During the search operation, he said, as the presence of the trapped militant was ascertained, he was given ample opportunities to surrender.

"However, he denied the surrender opportunities and fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter," he said.

In the ensuing encounter, the police spokesperson said that the trapped militant was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of the encounter. He identified the killed militant as Saifulla alias Abu Khalid, alias Shawaz resident of Karachi Pakistan.

As per police records, he said, Saifulla was a categorized Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant and had infiltrated in year 2016 via Bandipora Sector and later on sneaked into district Srinagar on the directions of Pak based Commanders of LeT for intensifying militant related activities in Pulwama, Srinagar, Ganderbal and Budgam districts.

"It is pertinent to mention that the killed terrorist Saifulla was working as Group Commander of proscribed terror outfit LeT in District Srinagar as he was operating earlier in District Srinagar & was familiar with the topography of District Srinagar/Pulwama and its outskirts. He has also been involved in receiving new groups of FTs after infiltration," he added.

The police spokesperson further said that the killed militant was wanted by law for his complicity in "terror crime" cases which include attacks on Police/SFs and civilian killings.

Giving more details, the police spokesperson said that Saifulla and his associates were involved in an attack on an army convoy along Bemina bye-pass near JVC Hospital on April 1, 2017 in which 3 soldiers were injured. Besides, he said, the killed LeT militant was also the mastermind behind the attack carried out by his associates at Lawaypora Srinagar in which 2 security personnel were killed and one AK-47 rifle was also snatched.

"He was involved in an attack on a police party of PS Bandipora at Gulshan Chowk Bandipora in which 2 police personnel were martyred. Besides, attacks on Police/SF he was also involved in civilian killings which include killing of BJP President Waseem Bari, his brother and father on 08/07/2020," he said.

Moreover, the police spokesperson said that Saifulla was also mastermind behind the revival of militancy by luring the gullible youth and a number of fresh recruitment of local youth into "terrorist ranks". The killed militant, he said, was also instrumental in reactivation of hard core militant associates of LeT outfit in the areas of district Srinagar and District Pulwama besides police district Awantipora.

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including 01 AK-47 rifle, 03 Magazines and 01 grenade were recovered from his possession. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," he said.

The police spokesperson also quoted IGP Kashmir as congratulating the joint team for conducting successful operation without any collateral damage.

The IGP said that with the killing of Saifulla, 3 Pakistani militants have been killed so far in Srinagar City within almost a month who were involved in several cases including attacks on government forces and civilian killings which clearly shows that Pakistan is "hell-bent" to disturb the peace in Kashmir valley especially in Srinagar City.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case under relevant sections of law in this regard, the spokesperson said.

He also urged people to cooperate with Police till the area at the encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any.

Policemen Injured

registered a case in this regard under relevant sections of law. Investigation is in progress and officers continue to work to establish the circumstances which lead to this terror crime," he said.

J&K Reports

"Moreover, 142 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 42 from Jammu Division and 100 from Kashmir," officials said.

Also, they said that one more person died of coronavirus related complications in Kashmir Valley on Sunday, taking the death toll to 4512 in J&K—2194 in Jammu and 4511 in Kashmir.

Govt Creating System

shared a slew of measures recently taken by the UT Government for the growth and prosperity of J&K. He said that the LG also called upon the people to discharge their social & moral responsibilities and complement government's efforts in taking J&K to new heights of development.

"Following the ideals of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji, we are moving ahead to bring about meaningful and lasting change in the life of the people by connecting every citizen with the mainstream of development," the LG said.

Sinha further said that in the last two years, under the guidance of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, we have tried to create a system that serves everyone with equal opportunities.

"It is our endeavour to mobilize all the resources to improve the standard of living in the areas which have been deprived of progress for decades," he added.

He also cited examples of innovations, saying that like the walnut cracking Machine, thrasher for maize extraction and gas cylinder lifting machine under his belt, people like Mushtaq Ahmad Dar of Dooru Anantnag are emerging as shining examples of innate ingenuity, dedication and doggedness.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG mentioned about the young innovator Harmanjot Singh of Jammu and the first female hockey coach of the valley, Reebu Hassan who defied odds and emerged victorious.

"Tangmarg-based skier Arif Khan will represent the country in the Beijing Winter Olympics to be held in February. The whole nation is proud of him," Sinha said.

The LG also responded to the wide range of suggestions from the people hailing from various parts of the Union Territory and highlighted various measures being undertaken by the government for improving the standard of living of common citizens in Jammu city.

"As many as 39 important projects have been completed under Smart City at a cost of Rs. 673 crore and work on 45 other projects are going on at a fast pace," Sinha said.

On this occasion, the official spokesperson said that the LG also extended his heartfelt tributes to the Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat, his wife, and all the officers and jawans who lost their lives in a tragic Chopper crash.

Sinha, he said, also paid homage to the policemen who were killed in a militant attack on their bus in Zewan area of the city outskirts.

"I want to assure the fellow countrymen that the sacrifice of our brave police personnel will not go in vain," he added.

Addresses BHU's

LG stated that the credit for the country's first industrial policy goes to Mahamana who had laid the foundation of technical education in India.

"After tireless efforts, Mahamana established the Banaras Engineering College (BENCO) in 1919. Today, that small engineering campus of BHU has grown into a prominent institution in the field of technical education from where thousands of famous personalities have completed their higher education and played an important role in the economic and educational progress of our country," Sinha said.

Speaking on the role of alumni of higher education institutions in the era of globalization, the LG, as per the official spokesperson said alumni are critical to the success of higher education institutions.

"They build and develop the institute's brand, besides guiding new students, providing internships, and creating a host of career opportunities for our youths," the LG said.

He further said alumni, whether from the field of engineering or science, have a great responsibility to eliminate digital divide to bring villages and cities closer to each other.

"Alumni can contribute significantly in ending the inequality prevailing in the society," Sinha added.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG underlined that the relationship between universities and students is a lifelong commitment and in this mutual relationship alumni are a resource that plays a more meaningful role with changing times.

"The Lt Governor said proper development of knowledge and skills along with resources is imperative for building a civilized society. The wealth of knowledge of former and present students can find solutions to all kinds of physical, cultural needs for establishing the welfare nation as envisioned by Mahamana," he said.

Militant Associate

a police spokesperson said. He said that a Chinese Pistol along with a magazine and other ammunition was recovered from his possession.

He further said that police have registered a case under relevant sections of law and investigations have been initiated.

CRPF Constable

Gund area of the district on Sunday, reports said. A resident of Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh, Yadav died on the spot.

He was associated with 118 Battalion of the CRPF.

A police official said that it was not immediately known as to what made the constable take the extreme step of ending life.

He further said that proceedings have been launched into the incident. It was not

Rope Swing Chokes

when the swing rope got entangled around his neck while he was playing with fellow children this afternoon.

The boy was immediately shifted to hospital but doctors declared him dead, they said.

27 Fresh Covid

217 and of these, 159 deaths have been reported from Leh and 58 from Kargil.

The number of active cases in the Union Territory has gone up to 181 -- 160 in Leh and 21 in Kargil -- from 173 the previous day, according to the officials.

The officials said that 14 patients were discharged from hospitals in Leh and five in Kargil, taking the total number of recoveries in Ladakh to 21,532.

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INTERVIEW NOTICE

It is for information of the eligible candidates who have applied for vacant/ likely vacant tenure post of Registrars and Tutor Demonstrators (Senior Residents) vide Advertisement Notification No: SKIMS-MC (04) Acad of 2021 dated 21.11.2021, that their interview will be conducted on the dates shown against each in the office chamber of the Principal SKIMS Medical College, Bemina.

S.No	Specialties	Date of Interview	Time
1	ENT, Gen. Medicine/Chest Medicine , Ophthalmology & Pediatrics.	22.12.2021	1:00 PM
2	Gen. Surgery, Gynecology & Obstetrics, Dermatology & Psychiatry	23.12.2021	1:00 PM
3	Biochemistry, Community Medicine, Forensic Medicine, Pathology, Pharmacology & Physiology.	24. 12. 2021	1:00 PM

The eligible candidates are required to report for interview along with all documents/ Testimonials including Registration Certificate from State Medical Council. Inservice candidates shall be allowed to appear in interview on production of no objection certificate from their parent department. The list of eligible candidates are available in the office of Registrar Academics SKIMS Medical College/College Website.

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**SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RIGHT RIVER WORKS DIVISION**

**SHORT TERM
NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER No. 15 of 2021-22
Dated:14-12-2021**

NOTE: - 1. The Bidders who have not started the works allotted in their favour in Right River Works Division need not to apply for bidding. As per the directions they are debarred from participating in bidding. Their Bid if they apply shall be deemed invalid.
2. Bidders should participate keeping in consideration their financial and physical capacity to execute the works as per the time schedule and in case of being successful for multiple works they will have to start/complete all allotted works simultaneously and failure at one place(work) shall be treated as failure at all other allotted places (Works).
3. The lowest quoted items to be executed in full. In case any deviations, the deductions as per the rates in vogue shall be implemented on the final comparative work done.
For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Commissioner, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis (as per the J&K PWD Engineering Manual 2020) from approved registered eligible Civil Contractors/ Self Help Groups for the below mentioned works.

S.No.	Name of the Work	Adv. cost in lacs	Approval No./ Whether Technical sanction recorded	Class of Contractor	Cost of tender document	Time of Completion
	Construction of Operation Threatre and 02 Structures for Dog Kennels at Shuhama under ABC-ARV program (for structure)	183.82	667-SMC of 2021 dated: 04.05.2021, order No. CE(R&B) K/TS/793 of 2021-22 dated: 12.11.2021	AAY	Rs. 10000/- (To be deposited in Municipal Account no. 0216010200000007 Jk Bank Branch Dood Ganga Bargarh Srinagar)	3-4 months

The NIT consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract, Bid Security Declaration format in Annexure "A" and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule given below. (Bidders are requested to write their contact number on B.O.Q and Bid Security Declaration format as per Annexure "A")

S.No.	Particulars	Date from to
1	Date of Issuance/ Publication of NIT	14.12.2021 at 04:00 PM
2	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said NIT	15.12.2021 from 02:00 PM
3	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission starts	15.12.2021 from 04:00 AM
4	Date of uploading of bid document/ bid submission Ends	27.12.2021 at 04:00 PM
5	Date of Bid opening	28.12.2021 at 11:00 AM
6	Date of Submission of Uploaded documents (Hard Copies) by Successful Bidder including Bid Security Declaration duly filled up with all relevant information and all other relevant documents (GST clearance, Bank Receipt/ Registration duly renewed, performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR latest drawn after the issuance of said NIT by the successful bidder (LI) equivalent to 3% of the advertised cost pledged to the Executive Engineer Right River Works Division SMC. As per latest Finance Department order the non-submission of Performance Security Declaration by the successful bidders shall be considered as non-responsive bid and action as per the Finance Department directions shall be taken which includes debarring the bidder for participation in future bidding besides other action.	30-12-2021 up to 04:00 PM

Note: - Fresh Date means the Documents Drawn after the issuance of said NIT

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The bidders are requested to upload the scanned (copy of the Bank receipt challan/online payment fee (fresh date) with NIT No. and serial No., the same should be authenticated by the concern branch head of the bank with proper seal and signature along with bank code as tender fee) paid in the Municipal Account No.0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch DoodGanga Bargarh, Srinagar (with proper NIT No. and Serial No. of the work mentioned) for a particular work along with the other scanned copy of other hard copies viz. Bid security declaration format duly filled up, registration duly renewed, GST clearance to date etc. the bid upload without uploading of bank receipt/ challan (astender fee with NIT No. Sr. No.) and copies of other documents like Bid security declaration registration duly renewed, GST clearance to date etc. shall not be entertained and shall be treated as invalid bid and non-responsive and shall be rejected.
2. The intending bidders can upload the bid security Declaration as per the Annexure "A" duly filled up in place of EMD. Further the successful bidders (LI) shall have to submit the performance security equivalent to 3% of the advertised cost pledged to the Executive Engineer right River Works Division SMC within stipulated time period as reflected above. In case of any failure, strict action shall be taken against the defaulter.

3. Tender Fee Receipt and other relevant documents including Bid security declaration format duly filled up, if found, with any ambiguity or un-attested correction/over writing for any work such tender / bid shall be considered as invalid bid and shall be outrightly rejected and action under rules shall be initiated.
4. Bids shall be opened as per prescribed date in the office of the Informatics Officer, Karan Nagar S.M.C or the office of the Executive Engineer, Right River Works Division (SMC) in presence of the bidders who wish to be present. In case of holidays/ offices happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, or there is any Net problem the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

5. The complete bidding process will be online.

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Dated: 14.12.2021

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Sd/- Executive Engineer
Right River Works Division
Srinagar Municipal Corporation

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Subject: Filling up of the posts of Medical Officer (backlog) and (fresh) in the Health & Medical Education Department J&K.**Ref: Health & Medical Education Department's letter No. HD-Gaz/G en/2021 dated 18.11.2021.****Notification No : 14- PSC (DR-P) OF 2021 Dated: 18-12-2021**

Applications through online mode are invited from the applicants who are domiciled in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir possessing the prescribed Academic /Professional qualification and age for the post of Medical Officer in terms of the "Jammu & Kashmir Health & Medical Education Department (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 2013, notified vide SRO 325 dated 12.07.2013, read with amendment made vide SRO-388 dated 10.09.2018 and "Jammu & Kashmir Probationer (Conduct of Service, Pay & Allowance) and Fixation of Tenure Rules, 2020" notified vide S.O. 192 of 2020 dated: 17.06.2020 and Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (Business and Procedure) Rules, 2021.

MOST IMPORTANT

Candidates are advised to update their One Time Registration before filling the application Form. The Application Form together with instructions for filling up the Application Forms will be available at the website of the Commission from 20.12.2021. Candidates are advised to go through the instructions and all the eligibility conditions prescribed for the post before filling the online Application Form. Last date for filling of online Application complete in all respects along with the requisite fee (online mode only) is 19.01.2022.

The last date for receipt of online applications provided in the notification shall be the cut-off date for determining the eligibility including acquisition of requisite educational and professional qualifications. The minimum and maximum age will however be reckoned with reference to 1st January, 2021. Candidates can edit some of the fields in their online application form w.e.f.22.01.2022 to 24.01.2022 (up to 11.59 PM). Instructions in this regard will be separately made available on the website. Candidates are required to upload all the mandatory prescribed/requisite documents along with the online application form.

In case the mandatory prescribed/requisite documents are not uploaded with the online application form, the application form/candidate of the applicant is liable to be rejected without any further notice. Candidates are not required to submit hard copy of the online application form or any other documents to the Commission at the time of filling up online application form.

The candidate will however be required to present/produce a down loaded copy of the online application form alongwith the original certificates at the time of documentary verification. Candidates are advised in their own interest to submit online applications much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection/inability to pay fee or failure to login to the online application portal on account of heavy load on the website during the closing days. The tentative date of Written Examination is 6th March 2022.

Name of post/scale of pay/Prescribed qualification

Post	Pay Scale	Qualification
Medical Officer	Level-9 52700- 166700	MBBS or Possession of recognized Graduate Medical qualification included in the first or second schedule or part-II of the 3rd Scheduled (other than licentiate qualifications) to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956. Holders of education qualifications included in part-II of the 3 rd Scheduled should fulfil the conditions stipulated in sub-section (3) of section (13) of the Indian Medical Council Act 1956.

Category wise details of posts (i) Fresh vacancies

Item No.	Name of the Post	OM	RBA	SC	ST	ALC/IB	SC	Social Caste	PSP	EWS	Total
38	Medical Officer	225	45	36	45	18		18	18	45	450

(ii) Back Log vacancies (1st Special Drive)

Item No.	Name of the Post	SC	ST	ALC/IB	SLC	PSP	EWS	Total
39	Medical Officer	37	59	23	26	31	82	258

NOTE:- The posts/vacancies earmarked for Reserved Category candidates under 1st Special Drive will be filled up first.

Age as on 1st January 2021

The requirement of age for candidates belonging to Open Merit (OM) & various Reserved Categories is as follows:-

S.NO	Category	Age limit	Not born after	Not born before
1	OM	40	01.01.2003	01.01.1981
2	PHC	42	01.01.2003	01.01.1979
3	RBA/SC/ST/ALC-1B/OSC/EWS/PSP	43	01.01.2003	01.01.1978
4	In service candidate/Government	40	01.01.2003	01.01.1981

Reservation

- A candidate seeking his/her consideration under Reserved Categories must ensure that he/she possesses a valid Category certificate on the cut-off date.
- The candidature of the candidates will be provisional till the genuineness of the reserved category certificate is verified by the Appointing Authority.
- Candidates may note that in case a claim for reservation is made on the basis of false/fake/fraudulent certificate, he/she shall be debarred from the examination(s) conducted by the J&K Public Service Commission, in addition to any other penal action as may be deemed appropriate.

Horizontal Reservation

Horizontal Reservation to the differently abled persons will be notified separately.

Domicile

The candidate should be a Domicile of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The candidate must possess a valid Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority in the prescribed format as on the last date prescribed for submission of online application form,

Centre of Examination

- The examination will be held at Srinagar & Jammu centres. All the candidates shall indicate the option for examination centre as indicated above.
- The allotment of centres shall be at sole discretion of the Commission and once a centre is allotted to a candidate, request for a change of centre will not be entertained.
- Information about the Examination indicating the time table and Centre of Examination for the candidates will be uploaded on the websites of the Commission about two weeks before the date of examination.

If any candidate does not find his/her Roll Number on the website of the Commission, one week before the date of examination, he/she must immediately contact the Commission's Office at Srinagar/Jammu, with proof of having submitted his/her application. Failure to do so will deprive him/her of any claim for consideration.

- Candidate must submit his/her online application form, Email ID and Mobile Number along with his/her Name, Date of Birth and Name of the Examination, while addressing any communication to the Commission. Communication from the candidates not furnishing these particulars shall not be entertained.
- Admit Cards will be available for downloading about two weeks before the date of examination on the official website of the Commission i.e. jkpsc.nic.in. Candidate must bring printout of the Admit Card/Roll Number Slip to the Examination Hall.
- For securing entry into the centre of examination, in addition to the Admit Card/roll Number Slip, it is mandatory to carry at least two passport size recent color photographs (not taken earlier than 01.01.2021) and any of the original valid Photo-ID proof such as:
 - Aadhar Card/ E-Aadhar,
 - Voter's ID Card,
 - Driving License,
 - PAN Card,
 - Passport,
 - School /College/University I- Card
 - Employer ID Card.

REQUISITE FEE

After successful submission of the online application form, candidate will be required to deposit requisite fee through online mode. The amount of fee to be paid is given below:

General Category	=	Rs. 1000.00
Reserved Categories	=	Rs.500.00
PHC Candidates	=	Nil.

Note:

- The application Form submitted without deposition of the fee, which gets substantiated through reflection of the same on the application form, shall be treated as incomplete and candidature shall be deemed to have been rejected without any notice. No representation against such rejection shall be entertained.
- Submission of multiple applications by way of prefixing Mr/Ms or through generation of multiple User ID's or any other mode, followed by either non-payment of fee particulars or fee particulars (TID) of one application (RID) being mentioned against another application with a different RID would lead to rejection of the online application. The applicants who are submitting multiple applications should note that only the applications with higher Registration ID (RID) number shall be entertained by the Commission and fee paid against one RID shall not be adjusted against any other RID number. Besides a strict disciplinary action shall be taken including the cancellation of candidature and debarment for future examinations of J&K PSC will be taken against such applicants.

Scheme of selection

- In pursuance of SRO No. 325 dated 12.07.2013 read with amendment made vide SRO No. 388 dated 10.09.2018, the candidate(s) will be selected on the basis of a written test comprising of Multiple Choice Question (MCQ).
- As far as possible the Multiple Choice Question(s) will be of the standards as have been prescribed for the National Entrance Eligible Test (NEET) for admission to PG courses.
- The written examination (MCQ type) will be of two hours duration (120 minutes) having 100 questions.
- There will be negative marking for incorrect answers (as detailed below) for all questions.
 - There are four alternative for the answers to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one fourth (0.25) of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
 - If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answer happen to be correct and there will be same penalty as above for that question.
 - If a question is left blank i.e no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.
- The candidate(s) who crosses the bench mark as has been laid down in Rule-50 of J&K PSC (Business & Procedure Rules) 2021 shall be recommended for appointment.

Provision of Compensatory Time and Assistance of Scribe

- On request of a visually impaired (Blind) or any other candidate with Locomotor Disability and Cerebral Palsy where dominant (writing) extremity is affected to the extent of slowing the performance or function (minimum of 40% impairment), the candidate shall be provided assistance of an amanuensis (Scribe) on production of a Disability Certificate issued by the Standing Medical Board or Medical Board constituted by the Government. The scribe should have at least one qualification below than the requirement for the post applied for by the candidate(s) and further should be from an academic stream different form that stipulated for the post. The scribe shall be paid remuneration charges by the Commission equivalent to the honorarium paid to the Invigilator.

Provided the concerned Supervisor shall ensure that the scribe provided to the candidate on the day of examination shall not extend any type of help to the candidate in solving the questions.

- Compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour shall be permitted for the visually impaired (Blind) candidates and candidates with Locomotor Disability and Cerebral Palsy where dominant (writing) extremity is affected to the extent of slowing the performance or function (minimum of 40% impairment) as certified by a Standing Medical Board.

Documents to be mandatorily uploaded

While filling the online application form, the applicant(s) are required to mandatorily upload the following documents alongwith the online application form:-

- Date of Birth Certificate (Secondary School/Matric certificate)-1 leaf
- Domicile Certificate-1 leaf
- Category certificate (If claiming benefit under that category)-1 leaf
- MBBS Degree certificate alongwith the consolidated Marks Cards-upto 5 leaves.
- Internship certificate-01 leaf
- Registration Certificate-01 leaf.

NOTE

It may be noted that the Requisite Documents uploaded by the candidates must be issued before the prescribed cut of date of Advertisement Notification and that no further opportunity shall be provided to upload any document and action under rules including rejection of application form/candidature etc. will be

taken without any further notice.

Important instructions regarding filling up of online applications-are given herein below:

- Candidates are required to apply online through the website of the Commission i.e <http://www.jkpsc.nic.in>. No other means/ mode of application shall be accepted.
- Candidates are first required to go to the JKPS website www.jkpsc.nic.in and click on the link "One Time Registration" or click on Login menu if you have already created your profile with the JK PSC.
- After logging into your account, candidates are required to fill all the requisite fields of One Time Registration (OTR) i.e. personal information, contact information & educational qualification, service details etc.
- The candidate shall also be required to upload the image of date stamped recent passport size color photograph and signature. The photograph should not be taken earlier than 01.01.2021.
- Size of the photograph (passport size) and signature must be between 10 KB to 20 KB in *.jpeg or *.jpg only.
- After successful submission of all the details in your OTR account, check the eligibility conditions as mentioned in the advertisement notification before applying for the post.
- Click on the "show examination" as shown against the respective post/examination you want to apply.
- On Clicking on the "show examination" a window will appear on your computer screen. Select the month of the advertisement notification for which you want to apply, a link(s) for the post(s) will appear on the computer screen.
- An "APPLY" button is shown against the respective post and the candidates will click on the APPLY button against the post he/she is eligible.
- On clicking "APPLY" button, an instruction window will appear. Candidates should read instructions carefully before clicking on "APPLY" button at the bottom of the webpage.
- On clicking "APPLY" button, the system will display all facts/particulars that a candidate may have mentioned while filling up the necessary fields of his/her OTR account. Candidate shall fill up the remaining required fields in the application form and accept the declaration thereof.
- Once the candidate is satisfied about the correctness of the filled in details, then, he or she may click on "SUBMIT" button to finally push the data into server with successful submission report.
- On successful submission of the basic details, the candidates will be required to pay the online fee and uploading of the documents, for final submission of the online application form.
- Candidates can pay the requisite fee through online mode in the "SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS" menu in your account.
- After successful payment of the fee, the fee status will get reflected on the Online Application form. Candidates can check the fee status by clicking on the Print Application Button in the submitted Applications menu in your JKPS account. In case the payment status shows either "not submitted or under processing or status has not been reflected on your submitted application form", candidate(s) are advised to contact the JKPS office at Solina Srinagar/Resham Ghar Colony Jammu immediately for clarification. Further where the online fee is paid through other service providers the candidate must ensure that not only the amount of fee is debited from his/service provider's Account but also credited into the official account of JKPS.
- The candidate would be able get the printout of his/her submitted application only after the payment of the requisite fee and uploading of requisite documents viz Date of Birth Certificate, Degree Certificate, Category Certificate and Domicile Certificate.
- The JKPS will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written examination and therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. The candidates are advised to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age, etc. and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post(s). Copies of supporting documents will be sought at the time of document verification. When scrutiny is under taken, if any claim if made in the application is not found/substantiated by proof, the candidature will be cancelled and the Commission's decision shall be final and binding.
- Please note that the above procedure is the only valid procedure for applying. No other mode of application or incomplete steps would be accepted and such applications would be rejected.

Editing of the online application form

Candidates who have successfully submitted the online application form along with requisite fee will be allowed to edit some of the fields in their submitted online application form within three days after the cut-off date i.e from 22.01.2022 to 24.01.2022 (upto 11:59 pm). Detailed instruction in this regard will be made available on the website.

Action against candidates found guilty of misconduct

Candidates are advised that they should not furnish any particulars that are false or suppress any material information,

A candidate who is, or has been, declared by the Commission, to be guilty of:

- obtaining by wrongful support of his/her candidature by any means, or
- impersonating, or
- procuring impersonation by any person, or
- submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tampered with or
- making statements which are incorrect, or false or suppressing material information, or
- resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his/her candidature for the selection, or
- using unfair means during the test, or
- writing irrelevant matter including obscene language or pornographic matter, in the script(s), or
- Misbehaving in any other manner in the examination hall, or
- harassing or doing bodily harm to the staff employed by the Commission for the conduct of their test, or
- Attempting to commit or, as the case may be, abetting the Commission of all or any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses may, in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution, shall be liable:
 - to be disqualified by the Commission from selection for which he/she is a candidate, and/or
 - to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period:-
 - By the Commission from any examination or selection held by them,
 - By the Union Territory Government from any employment under them, and
- if he/she is already in service under Government, disciplinary action can be taken against him/her under the appropriate rules.

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No: PSC/DR-II/2021/17

Additional Secretary
J&K Public Service Commission
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India Squad For U-19 World Cup Announced



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Delhi batter Yash Dhull will lead a 17-member Indian squad in the Under-19 World Cup, which is scheduled to be held in the West Indies from January 14 to February 5, the BCCI announced on Sunday.

Four-time winners India are clubbed with South Africa, Ireland and Uganda in Group B.

Dhull's appointment was on expected lines as he was also named captain for the upcoming Asia Cup, to be held in the UAE from December 23.

Dhull will have Andhra's SK Rasheed as his deputy for the premier tournament in the Caribbean.

"The All-India Junior Selection Committee has picked India's squad for the upcoming ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup to be played in the West Indies from 14th January to 5th February, 2022 across four host countries," the BCCI said in a press release.

The 14th edition of the tournament will see 16 teams competing for the trophy across 48 matches.

India are the most successful team having won the title four times — 2000, 2008, 2012 and 2018.

India have also been runners-up in 2016 and in the previous edition of the tournament held in 2020 in New Zealand.

Dhull, a right-handed mid-

dle-order batter, was a leading run-getter in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy earlier this year. He averaged 75.50 for his 302 runs for the Delhi Districts & Cricket Association (DDCA) in the five matches that the team played during the tournament.

Delhi player Dhull thus joins the great Virat Kohli in captaining the junior side in the mar-quee tournament. He has previously led the Delhi U-16, U-19 and India 'A' U-19 sides.

Rasheed was also impressive in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy, including scoring a match-winning century.

The format will see the top two teams from each of the four groups advance to the Super League while the remaining teams feature in the Plate across 23 days of competition.

India will begin their campaign against South Africa at the Providence Stadium in Guyana on January 15.

India squad: Yash Dhull (captain), Harnoor Singh, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, SK Rasheed (vice-captain), Nishant Sindhu, Siddarth Yadav, Aneeshwar Gautam, Dinesh Bana (wk), Aaradhya Yadav (wk), Raj Angad Bawa, Manav Parakh, Kaushal Tambe, RS Hangargekar, Vasu Vats, Vicky Ostwal, Ravikumar, Garv Sangwan.

Standby players: Rishit Reddy, Uday Saharan, Ansh Gosai, Amrit Raj Upadhyay, PM Singh Rathore.

SA vs IND Test Series

Pujara Backs Pacers To Bag 20 Wickets Against South Africa

Press Trust of India

JOHANNESBURG: Senior India batter Cheteshwar Pujara is confident that his team's fast bowling unit will keep up the good work and get 20 wickets in every Test match in the upcoming series against South Africa, starting December 26.

The Indian team has already started its skills training with all the premier batters having a quality net session on Saturday.

"Our fast bowlers are our strength and I hope that they will be able to utilise these conditions and give us 20 wickets in every Test match. They have been the difference between the two sides whenever we have played abroad," Pujara told local media.

"If you look at the Australia series, even if you look at the England series, we have done exceptionally well as a bowling unit and I am sure that will be the case even in South Africa," said the veteran of 92 Tests and 6589 runs.

The pacers have played a key role in India's success in abroad series in recent past.

There aren't any practice games due to the cramped schedule and the scare of new COVID-19 variant Omicron has already led to



the tour being shortened and the four T20 matches being postponed for a later date.

"The good thing is we played a couple of Test matches in India," Pujara said.

"So most of the guys are in touch, and when it comes to preparation, the support staff has been excellent. They have been supporting us well and we have five or six days more before we head into the first Test," he added, referring to head coach Rahul Dravid and his team.

India arrived in the Rainbow Nation on December 16 and Pujara believes that 10 days is good enough time to get ready for the Boxing Day Test at the Centurion.



VALLEY BOY AND BENGALURU FC forward Danish Farooq scored his maiden Indian Super League goal on December 16 with a perfect header against ATK Mohun Bagan. Jumping highest, Downtown-born Danish was able to land an exquisite header to give Bengaluru a 2-1 lead against the Mariners. The match ended 3-3, but a day to remember for 25-year-old Danish.

Bengaluru FC

Australia Nears Win, England At 82-4 In 2nd Ashes Test

Agencies

ADELAIDE: Mitchel Starc removed England captain Joe Root in the last over as Australia pushed for victory in the second Ashes test after setting a record target of 468 runs on Sunday.

Root, who was struck hard in the groin by Starc in his penultimate over on the fourth day, edged the leftarm paceman after scoring 24 in the last over that left England stuttering at 82-4.

England need to create history to win. The highest successful fourth-innings test run chase is the West Indies' 418-7 against Australia in 2003. The highest successful fourth-innings chase in Adelaide is Australia's 315-6 to beat England in 1901-02.

Struggling England opener Haseeb Hameed yet again flopped when Jhye Richardson found the glove of the opener in his first over and sent him packing without scoring.

Rory Burns (34) and Dawid Malan (20) shared 44 runs before Australia struck three times in the last session. Malan, who was dropped by captain Steve Smith in the lone slip off Nathan Lyon, didn't last much longer and was out lbw to fast bowler Michael Neser in the next over.

Earlier, Australia declared its second innings at 230-9 during the middle session. First-innings centurion Marnus Labuschagne and Travis Head top-scored, making 51 apiece, with Cameron Green adding an unbeaten 33 as Australia sought quick runs in the evening session.



England's bowlers took three early wickets to stall Australia's push for victory, despite an injury in the warm-up for Root that prevented the England captain from taking the field for the start of play.

Resuming Sunday at 45-1, Australia lost opener Marcus Harris, Smith and nightwatchman Neser early, before a rally by Labuschagne and Head guided Australia to 134-4 at the break, with a lead of 371 runs.

Before play, Root was hit in the lower abdomen while batting in the nets and was taken to hospital for further assessment. He was cleared of any serious injury and returned to the field later in the session.

Allrounder Stokes stood in as captain for Root as the tourists found their line and length early to make inroads into Australia's batting line up.

In the space of three balls, Neser was bowled by James Anderson for three, before Harris was caught spectacularly by Jos

Buttler diving to his left off Stuart Broad for 23.

Buttler, who has had mixed fortunes with the gloves in Adelaide, then dropped Smith from Broad's next ball. Broad thought he had trapped Australia's star batsman lbw with his next delivery, but the third umpire review upheld a close on-field decision of not out.

Smith's reprieve was short-lived, with Ollie Robinson having the stand-in captain caught down the leg side by Buttler for six reducing the hosts to 55-4. After tea, Head and Labuschagne fell playing big shots immediately after scoring their half-centuries, while Root (2-27) returned with his off spinners to dismiss Alex Carey (6) and Mitchell Starc (19).

Richardson (8) was caught by Buttler trying to heave Malan (2-33) into the stands prompting Smith to make his second declaration of the match.

Australia lead the five-match series 1-0.

Adelaide Broadcast Crew Member Tests COVID-19 Positive

Agencies

ADELAIDE: A member of a broadcast crew at the ongoing second Ashes Test in Adelaide has tested positive for COVID-19, the organisers said on day four of the pink-ball contest on Sunday." SA Health are aware and we have begun

to trace and notify this person's close contacts," they said in a statement.

"We are undertaking a deep clean of the relevant areas and are facilitating alternative facilities for relevant officials as required."

According to local reports, former Australia test player Glenn McGrath and former England

World Cup winner Isa Guha have been pulled off media duties following the positive case.

Australia's regular test skipper Pat Cummins missed the match for being a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case after dining in the same restaurant as the person who contracted the virus.

YSS Cup 2021 Kishtwar

Various Competitions Held Across 4 Zones



Observer News Service

KISHTWAR: Inter Panchayat level competitions in cricket, kabaddi, volleyball and kho kho were held across 4 zones of Marwah, Drabshalla, Kishtwar and Nagseni on Saturday under the ongoing YSS Cup 2021.

The tournament is being held under the guidance of Director Youth Services and Sports J&K, Gazanfer Ali.

The matches were played under incharge ZPEOs Om Parkash, Suresh Parihar, Kailash Kumar, Ravi Kumar and block incharges Vijay Kumar, Zorawar Singh, Arshad Amin.

The venues for the matches have been set in 4 zones as per the direction of DYSSO Kishtwar Kharati Lal Sharma by providing all necessary equipments.

At block Palmar under Zone Nagseni the function was inaugurated by DDC councillor Upper Palmar, Tahir Masood along with Shazada Begum, Sarpanch and Naib Sarpanch, Touseef Ahmed.

At Block Bunjwah under Zone Drabshalla, youth welcomed the

chief guest Sumiya Zarger, Sarpanch Panchayat Path Binooon and matches were started soon after the chief guest tossed the coin up for inaugural match of Kho Kho.

Zone Marwah, one of the most far flung area of District Kishtwar, witnessed volleyball and cricket matches, which were inaugurated by the Chief Guest BDC Chairman, Block Dachhan Satish Kumar.

At block Trigam under Zone Kishtwar, the chief guest, DDC member Om Parkash along with Sarpanch Baldev Singh and Sudesh Rana inaugurated the event.

The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of the sports department for the initiative and said that this platform will provide youth an opportunity to showcase their talent and winners would be selected for higher competitions.

BDC chairman of block Marwah thanked DYSSO Kishtwar for his full support, efforts & engaging proficient sports teachers by which holding of sports events in far flung areas became possible.

India Thrash Japan 6-0 In Asian Champions Trophy



Press Trust of India

DHAKA: Defending champions India crushed Japan 6-0 to remain unbeaten in the round-robin stage of the Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament here on Sunday.

Harmanpreet Singh (10th and 53rd minute) scored a brace, while Dilpreet Singh (23rd), Jarampreet Singh (34th), Sumit (46th) and Shamsher Singh (54th) also registered their names on the scoresheet for India at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium.

India, who have already sealed a semifinal berth, thus end the round-robin stage of the five-na-

tion tournament at the top of the standings with 10 points ahead of Korea (6), Japan (5), Pakistan (2) and hosts Bangladesh (0).

This was India's third win on the trot. Held to a draw by Korea in their lung-opener, the Manpreet Singh-led side turned things around defeating Bangladesh 9-0, while also getting the better of arch-rivals Pakistan before easily overcoming the Japanese challenge.

The dominant victory will be a huge boost for India as they head into the business end of the tournament with lots of confidence. They completely outperformed Japan, the Asian Games gold medallists, in all departments.

Lewa Goes Past Mueller's Dad

Agencies

MUNICH: Bayern Munich's Thomas Mueller celebrated his 400th Bundesliga appearance with a goal and an assist as the champions crushed VfL Wolfsburg 4-0 on Friday to go into the winter break with a nine-point lead at the top of the standings.

Top scorer Robert Lewandowski also broke the record for most league goals in a calendar year three minutes from time, volleying in his 43rd for 2021

to better Gerd Mueller's 42-goal run from 1972.

"I am very satisfied with the way we played," said Bayern coach Julian Nagelsmann. "Our second half was impressive with the way we were pressing extremely high. The result was deserved," he added.

With 56 league goals at the halfway mark Bayern are also on track to break the record for most league goals in a Bundesliga season (101) set by Bayern in the 1971-72 campaign.

English Premier League: Arsenal Reports Allegation Of Racism

Agencies

LEEDS: Arsenal reported an allegation of racial abuse toward one of its players during the English Premier League game against Leeds, manager Mikel Arteta said.

The alleged incident took place in the 33rd minute of the game at Elland Road. It was reported and the stadium manager will have to deal with that with the authorities, Arteta said after Arsenal's 4-1 win.

Arteta said it was a single person who aimed the alleged abuse apparently toward one of Arsenal's substitutes. Very disappointed because we have done so much in football to try to avoid it, he said, but it is a single person. I don't think that merits that a full



stadium pays the price.

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and now the authorities will have to work with the clubs to understand what happened.

Tiger Better, But 'Far' From Tournament Level

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ORLANDO: Tiger Woods says he's still "a long way off" playing on the PGA Tour despite making his return to competitive golf at the PNC Championship this weekend. Ten months after Woods shattered his right leg in a car accident, crashing it down a hill in suburban Los Angeles, he was back to golf with 12-year-old son Charlie.

They are the featured attraction at the 36-hole event that pairs parents and children, just like last year, with one big difference. A year ago, there was enormous appeal getting a look at the young son of the 15-time Major champion. Now it's all about the father.

After his opening drive, he stooped over with all his weight on his damaged right leg to remove the tee. At times he walked with a purposeful stride,



and at times, his gait was slower and more measured.

Woods walked from the back tee to the forward tees his son is using, and then he got into a cart that he can use for a 20-team tournament that includes 86-year-old Gary Player and the 11-year-old son of former British Open champion Henrik Stenson.

"It was an awesome day," Woods said. "It was just awesome to be back out here playing and being out there with my son, and we just had an absolute blast."

He admitted his swing lacks its vintage power and speed, but added he's confident they will steadily improve with time. "I'm just starting to get back into try-

ing to play again," said Woods, who turns 46 on December 30. "I don't quite have the endurance that I would like to have. But just to be able to hit some shots, I've still got the hands, I've still the feel."

Woods said there have been "no days off" in his rehab following three months in bed after surgery to repair multiple fractures in his leg.

However, his competitive golf future remains very much in doubt. "This is different. I can hit around here, drop a ball here, hit a few wedges do, that. But to go out there and have 220 yards and know that you have to hit a 3- or 4-iron and miss the ball in the correct spot, and then hit certain shots and one stroke determines whether you win or lose, that's a totally different mindset than what we have out here this week," he said. "I'm not there yet."