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## NEWS DIGEST

### Heart Attack Kills CRPF Man

**SRINAGAR:** A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) head constable died on Tuesday after suffering a cardiac arrest in this capital city. Head Constable Irfan Ali of CRPF132 battalion suffered a cardiac arrest in the Court road area **More on P10**

### 4 Militant Associates Held In Pampore

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested four militant associates of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) from Pampore town of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Zubair Gul, Adil Fayaz Ganie and Basit Ali, all residents of Sambaora and Shahid Nabi **More on P10**

### Interview Of Haj Trainers On Dec 23, 24

**SRINAGAR:** The Haj Committee on Tuesday announced to hold interviews of the aspirants who have applied as trainers for Haj-2022, on December 23 and 24. All the eligible applicants who have applied for selection as Haj Trainers for Haj-2022 are **More on P10**

### Motorcyclist Killed In Kulgam Accident

**SRINAGAR:** A motorcyclist was killed on Tuesday in a road accident in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. 42-year-old Sheeraz Ahmad Khanday was riding his motorbike when he lost control over it and hit a tree in Chadder area of the district on Tuesday evening, **More on P10**

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## LG Asks Top Security Brass To Stay Alert

### Agencies

**JAMMU:** In the wake of increased political activism after the proposal of delimitation commission, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired the Unified Command meeting and reviewed the overall security situation and framed a strategy to deal with possible challenges.

The LG chaired the meeting in Jammu in which top brass from the Army, Police, paramilitary forces and intelligence agencies briefed him on issues

related to security, public interest and law and order in J&K. Sources said that the Lieutenant Governor was briefed about the prevailing security situation across the Union Territory, the border areas and the overall law and order situation.

"The LG also reviewed the power restoration scenario in Jammu and Kashmir in the aftermath of the strike by the PDD employees that was called off on Monday midnight and the workers resumed their duties this morning," they said. Sources said that **More on P10**



### GOC 15 Corps Calls on LG Sinha

**T**he Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday asked army to heightened surveillance on vital installations while maintaining close synergy between the government forces and civil administration to effectively deal with any emergent situation. Sinha made these remarks during his interaction with General Officer Commanding (GOC) 15 Corps, **More on P10**

## Paramilitary Forces Reported 8 Fratricide Cases In 2021: GoI

### Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** A total of eight cases of fratricide were reported in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) in 2021 and 25 cases in the last three years, the Parliament was told on Tuesday.

Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai told the Lok Sabha, in a written reply, said that this year, two cases were reported in Assam Rifles, one in the Border Security Force, five in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) while there were three cases in the BSF, one in the Central Industrial Security Force, three cases in the CRPF and one case in the Sashastra Seema Bal, making a total of eight in 2020.

Nine cases were reported in 2019 - five cases in the BSF, three cases in the CRPF and one in the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, he added.

Rai also said **More on P10**

## Truce At Midnight

## PDD Employees Call Off Strike After Merger Put On Hold

### Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Protesting employees of the Power Development Department in Jammu and Kashmir have called off their strike after written assurance from the administration to put on hold the proposed merger of PDD with Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCI).

An official team led by Divisional commissioner Ragav Langar and ADGP Mukesh Singh held fresh talks on the intervening night of Monday-Tuesday with the PDD employee's association led by its general secretary S Tickoo and gave them a written assurance, sources said.

The government agreed to put on hold the merger of the Power Development Department (PDD) with PGCI and set up a committee to take a relook, they said.



File Photo Abid Bhat

An official said the strike has been called off by the protesting employees and they resumed duties on Tuesday. He said 80 percent of power supply restoration have been done. The strike had entered its third consecutive day on Monday. The withdrawal of the strike comes as a relief to the masses as the Valley faces

sub-zero temperatures and power outages only made matters worse for the residents, especially in the Jammu division.

The protesting employees have also received assurances on other issues, including salaries, from the administration. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday **More on P10**

## Delimitation Panel Recommendations

## PAGD To Protest 'Divisive, Unacceptable' Proposals On Jan 1



### Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The recommendations of the Delimitation Commission on Jammu and Kashmir are "divisive and unacceptable", the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) said on Tuesday and announced a peaceful protest in Srinagar on January 1.

The Delimitation Commission, set up to redraw the assembly seats of the union territory, is learnt to have proposed six additional seats for the Jammu region and one for the Kashmir Valley in its 'Paper 1' discussed with its five associate members three

parliamentarians of the National Conference (NC) and two of the BJP from Jammu and Kashmir - in New Delhi on Monday.

"We want peace and do not want any confrontation with any institution or government. However, we will raise our voice for the defence of legitimate rights of the people in a peaceful manner and have decided to hold a peaceful demonstration in Srinagar on January 1 against the proposal put forward by the Delimitation Commission as in our view, the draft is unacceptable to the **More on P10**

## PAGD Has Lost Public Support: BJP

**T**aking a strong exception to objections by opposition parties over the recommendations of the delimitation commission, Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Tuesday said the People's Alliance of Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) has lost public support due to their misrule over the years. He also said the BJP is connecting and not dividing the people, while opposition PAGD leaders are poisoning their minds for petty political gains. The Delimitation Commission on Jammu and Kashmir has proposed six additional assembly seats for Jammu region and one for Kashmir, while reserving 16 constituencies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, triggering strong protests from parties such as the National Conference which made it clear that it would not sign the report in its present form. **More on P10**

**IT WILL ALSO DEEPEN THE ALIENATION** of the people and will create a much bigger void which is also detrimental to the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh as well and will also damage the interests of the country as a whole."

## Reject Those Doing Politics Of Religion: Azad

### Press Trust Of India

**GANDOH:** Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad exhorted people on Tuesday to reject those doing politics on the basis of religion and said Jammu and Kashmir as well as the entire country are going backwards instead of moving ahead in the past seven years.

Targeting the BJP government, he said those treating people on the basis of religion or party affiliation and are unable to provide justice equally have no right to remain in power.

"India did not remain as it was seven years before and likewise, J&K did not remain the way it was some three or four



years ago. We are witnessing a lot of changes.... We are heading backwards," Azad said.

Addressing a large public meeting at Bhallesha village of Gandoh in Doda district, the Congress leader, without naming the BJP, said people across the country are **More on P10**

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## Army Raises Flag Over Cross-LoC Constructions

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Indian Army raised objections to the construction of certain structures coming up in Pakistan controlled Kashmir (PcK) near the Line of Control and across the Teetwal sector of Kupwara district, defence sources said on Tuesday. They said the Army has objected to it through the established mechanism of communication.

Sources said announcements were also made on the megaphone from Teetwal, on the banks of Kishenganga river, asking the workers across the LoC to stop the work immediately. The local Numberdar also made a request on the megaphone to

the workers in PcK to stop the work immediately.

It is not clear whether the upcoming structures were bunkers or something else.

The defence sources said the objections by the Indian Army were raised immediately as soon as the activity was noticed on Tuesday.

The LoC in J&K is calm nowadays. Guns have fallen silent along the LoC since February 25, 2021 as India and Pakistan decided to hold a ceasefire. The Armies of two nuclear neighbours in February this year had announced that they would cease firing across the LoC while recommitting themselves to the 2003 ceasefire agreement. (Agencies)

## 3 Omicron Cases Confirmed In Jammu

**SRINAGAR:** In a first since its detection, three cases of Omicron - new variant of Covid - have been confirmed from a locality in Jammu by National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC).

"Three Omicron cases confirmed by NCDC, Delhi from a cluster in Jammu. Sample taken on 30th November. RTPCR testing of entire

locality ordered", reads a tweet by Health & Medical Education Department.

"Please observe Covid Appropriate Behaviour", the tweet further reads.

Pertinent to mention here that India has at least 200 cases of the new Omicron variant till now, the health ministry said on Tuesday.

## J&K Logs 104 New Cases, 1 Death

**J**ammu and Kashmir reported on Tuesday 104 fresh cases of novel coronavirus while one more person succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, 78 new cases of coronavirus were reported from Kashmir Valley and the remaining 26 from Jammu division, taking the total number of people **More on P10**

## Snowfall Likely In Kashmir This Week

### Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** As the 40-day harshest winter period in Kashmir started on Tuesday, the minimum temperature settled well below the freezing point across the valley, officials said.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.8 degrees Celsius on Monday night, slightly up from minus 5.8 degrees recorded the previous night.

The city had recorded a low of minus 6 degrees Celsius for two consecutive nights on Saturday and Sunday, which was the lowest of the season so far. Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 5 degrees Celsius.

The officials said Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 3.7



File Photo

degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 3.8 degrees Celsius. Qazigund recorded minus 2.6 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag also recorded a

low of minus 3.3 degrees Celsius.

The weather office has forecast colder nights over the next couple of days as further fall in the minimum temperature is expected. There is also a possibility of light **More on P10**





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### Public Notice

It is for the information of general public that all the interested farmers who have applied/ intending to apply for installation of Solar Pumps, under PM-KUSUM scheme (Component-B) are requested to deposit the beneficiary share in the form of demand draft pledged to the Chief Executive Officer JAKEDA or e-transfer to the Official accounts of JAKEDA 0021040500000064, IFSC Code: JAKAOLUXURY, JK Bank Shalimar road, Jammu) & 0322040100116127, IFSC Code: JAKAONJAGAR, JK bank Jawahar-nagar, Srinagar). 1250 beneficiaries shall be covered out of 5000 sanctioned solar pumps under phase-I of the said Scheme on "First come first serve basis". The details of the capacity wise cost of solar water pumps along with the beneficiary/ farmer's share is given here under:-

Pump Capacity	Cost of Submersible (Water Filled) Pump (Rs)	Cost of Surface Pump (Rs)	Submersible (Water Filled) Pump (Rs)			Surface Pump (Rs)		
			50% MNRE Share	30% UT Share	20% Farmer's share	50% MNRE Share	30% UT Share	20% Farmer's share
1HP DC	119596	106908	59798	35878	23919	53454	32072	21381
2HP DC	146254	133662	73127	43876	29250	66831	40098	26732
5HP DC	273533	261060	136766	82059	54706	130530	78318	52212
7.5HP DC	404860	389152	202206	121682	80972	194576	116745	77830
10 HP DC	477504	471928	202206	179798	95500	194576	182967	94385
1HP AC	110913	105545	55456	33273	22182	52772.5	31663	21109
2HP AC	138941	132592	66470	41682	27788	66296	39777	26518
3HP AC	196407	180145	98203	58922	39281	90072.5	54043	36029
5HP AC	265884	258106	132942	79765	53176	129053	77431	51621
7.5HP AC	385587	374048	192793	115676	77117	187024	112214	74809
10 HP AC	471928	466238	192793	184750	94385	187024	185967	93247

For any queries regarding the installation of Solar Pumps, Contact the below mentioned Officers/Officials of JAKEDA as per the allocated Districts.

S.No.	Contact details of JAKEDA Officers/Officials in Kashmir Region	S.No.	Contact details of JAKEDA Officers/Officials in Jammu Region
1	District Anantnag (7006728321) / (9541235633)	11	District Jammu (9419190138)
2	District Ganderbal (9419015082)	12	District Samba (9419125608)
3	District Srinagar (9419015082)	13	District Kathua (7889599166)
4	District Shopian (7006061808)	14	District Udhampur (9419324244)
5	District Pulwama (9622626612)	15	District Ramban (9906158380)
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9	District Kupwara (9797863089)	19	District Doda (7006238418)
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2	Ethos Power Pvt. Ltd., Haryana (Kmr. Region-7889413012, Jammu Region- 7617282828)
3	Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Ltd. (REIL) 2, Kanakpura, (Jammu Region- 9796000144)
4	Sri Savitri Solar Pvt. Ltd., Telangana, (Jammu Region- 9797112351)
5	VRG Energy India Pvt. Ltd., Gujarat, (Kmr. Region-7006104445, Jammu Region- 7780860468)

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This notice is for the purpose of intimation to the concerned candidates only.

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Dated 21-12-2021

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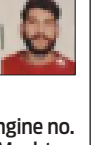
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Whereas an application for transfer of ownership has been received from one, Shri : Farooq Ahmad Dar S/o: Lt. Gh Nabi Dar R/o: Humhama Budgam (Transferee) of LMV Zen Lx. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04A - 0134. Chassis number 786589 Engine no. 29931 Model 2004. In favour of Shri. Sirtaj Ahmad S/o. Mushtaq Ahmad R/o Nazneen Pora Hall Shopian (Transferee) as well as HPA cancellation with M/S J & K Bank Ltd B/U Hyderpora.



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We inform you the sad demise of Dilshada Mir W/o Rafiq Ahmad Mir R/o H-3 Cooperative Colony Peer bagh , who died on 21-12-2021. Bereavement will - be only for 3 days, no congregational prayers will be held due to Covid

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Where a application for transfer of ownership has been received from one, Shri : Nazir Ahmad Khateeb S/o: Hassan Baba Khateeb R/o: Chhari Sharief Budgam (Transferee) of LMV Alto . Vehicle bearing registration number JK04A - 6904. Chasis number 54734 Engine no. 75923 Model 2007. In favour of Shri.. Mohd Yaseen Mir S/o. Mohd Jaffer Mir R/o Summer Bugh Lasjan Budgam (Transferee) .

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## Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian NOTICE

While as an application for Vanity Number (Bid Number) JK22C-5555 has been received from Mohd Younis Khan S/O Abdul Majid Khan R/O Doomwani Shirmal Shopian. Now. Therefore it is notified for general public that, if anybody have any objection regarding the same he/she may contact ARTO, Shopian within 07 days of publication of this notice. Assistant No: ARTO/SPN/1066 Dated 21/12/2021

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## ‘Pheran Day’ observed in city

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Srinagar: As the 40-day harshest winter period, commonly known as Chila-i-Kalan commenced on Tuesday, scores of members from civil society appeared at Srinagar's commercial Hub area, Lal Chowk to observe what they called as ‘Pheran Day’.

Notably, Pheran is a traditional dress of Kashmir, which people wear during winters to keep themselves warm in the bone-chilling cold.

The Jammu and Kashmir Economic Confederation (JKEC) members in a bid to welcome the harsh winter period and observe ‘Pheran Day’ assembled near Ganta Ghar (clock tower) here in Lal Chowk area of Srinagar.

The activists told media persons that there are certain reasons to celebrate the arrival of chila-i-kalan and one among the prime reasons is that the environment starts getting clean during this winter period.

“A white blanket of snow, which covers our Kashmir, attracts tourists from across the globe, thus giving a good business to Kashmir,” they said.

They added that during the harsh winter period, people in Kashmir use to wear traditional Pheran to keep themselves warm, which should not be banned anywhere across the Valley.

“We request Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and his administration to allow the government employees working in the offices to wear our 700-years-old traditional Pheran in offices,” they said.

## Plan For Rejuvenation Of 16 Water Springs In City Finalised: Govt

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: In order to accelerate the pace of the works being carried out for restoration of historical Water bodies in the District, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of restoration measures undertaken for Khushalsar, Gilsar, Vicharnag, Anchar and Nigeen lakes.

The DC stressed on concerned officers to speed up the measures undertaken to revive decades-old glory of the historic water bodies in Srinagar. He directed them to carry out the dredging and cleaning work in the other parts of the Khushalsar and Gilsar.

Asad asked the concerned Revenue authorities to launch a massive anti encroachment drive along the Khushalsar, Gilsar and other water bodies and demolish all illegal structures. He further directed to carry out upstream interventions to arrest silt load at source, thereby reducing siltation of water bodies.

The DC also asked the officers to conduct a survey regarding identification of lost water springs in the peripheries of the water bodies in the City. He also directed for taking immediate measures for the restoration and rejuvenation of 16 water springs of Srinagar District in a time bound manner.

He said all possible measures shall be taken for revival of de-



funct springs by the removal of sediments and garbage to restore freshwater supply through inlets for maintaining the health of around water bodies.

While stressing that community participation for long term preservation, maintenance and sustainability of all water Bodies, the DC asked to involve local population who are actual guardians and have a pivotal role in identification of encroachments and in conservation of these historical water bodies.

He also directed NBCC authorities present on the occasion to prepare an efficient and viable Detailed Project Report for comprehensive sewerage treatment plant along all the historical water bodies in Srinagar so that long term measures are taken for the restoration, conservation and maintenance of Khushal,

Gilsar, Vicharnag, Anchar, Nigeen and Nala-e Amir Khan.

With regard to development of a Chinar Park in Srinagar District, the DC asked the officers of Floriculture Department to submit a Project report for development of Chinar Park cum view site. He also stressed upon the Revenue authorities for identification of over 100 kanals of land for Chinar Bagh.

The DC said Chinar tree is the legacy of Kashmir and is a living heritage and has a deep Cultural value and the development of Chinar park at Shalteng will enhance the scenic beauty and environment in the area.

On the occasion, the DC was informed about the pace of ongoing work being carried out for removing encroachments, besides dredging and cleaning measures for restoration of all water bodies in the district.

## 3-day workshop held at GB Pant hospital in Sgr

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: A three-day workshop from December 18-20 was conducted on Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Department of Pediatrics, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Principal/ Dean GMC Srinagar, Prof. Samia Rashid. According to a statement, it is estimated that one in 160 children have ASD (WHO) and early diagnosis and intervention has been proven to be very effective in children with Autism spectrum.

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

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**Subject:** Provisional Select List of candidates recommended for Admission to B. Ed, Jammu Course-2021 in Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu; Fourth list & Waiting List thereof.  
**References:**

- 1) Notification No. 068-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 16-06-2021
- 2) Notice No. 057-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 12-07-2021
- 3) Notice No. 062-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 19-08-2021
- 4) Notification No. 086-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 09-09-2021
- 5) Notification No. 102-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 09-10-2021
- 6) Notification No. 122-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 10-11-2021
- 7) Notification No. 132-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 26-11-2021
- 8) Notification No. 139-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 08-12-2021

#### Notification No. 150-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 20-12-2021

Consequent upon receipt of shortfall from Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu after the last date of joining of selected candidates pursuant to Notification No. 139-BOPEE of 2021 dated 08-12-2021 and subject to having passed B.A./B.Sc./B.Com/BCA/BBA or its equivalent examination from a recognized University/Institution according to (10+2+3) pattern with not less than 50% of marks in aggregate in the qualifying examination in case of Open Merit candidates and 45% of marks in aggregate in case of Reserved Category Candidates on or before the date of declaration of result for B.Ed. Jammu-2021, the candidates figuring in the Annexure "A" to this Notification have been provisionally selected for admission to B.Ed. (Jammu) Course-2021 in Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu and candidates figuring in the Annexure "B" to this Notification have been kept in the waiting list which shall be operated by the Principal of the concerned College on 28th of December, 2021 purely on the basis of Ranks allotted to the candidates and not on the basis of first come first, provided there is any shortfall in one or more categories with respect to candidates as recommended in the Annexure "A" to this notification on that day.

The Principal of the College will get the following certificates in original verified from the Incharge admission and countersigned by him/her before allowing the candidates to complete their admission formalities.

- (i) Qualifying Marks Certificate (10+2+3);
- (ii) Domicile Certificate of UT of J&K / Ladakh (for candidates belonging to UT of Ladakh, ST certificate issued by Competent Authority of UT of Ladakh shall be treated as Domicile Certificate);
- (iii) Category Certificate, if any;
- (iv) Date of Birth (DOB) Certificate and
- (v) Any other certificate required by the College in accordance with the rules.

The selected candidates in Annexure "A" are directed to report to the College upto 27th of December, 2021 (and the waiting list candidates in Annexure "B" shall report to the college on 28th of December, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. for consideration) along with their relevant certificates in original. The Head of the Institution shall send the details of candidates, who do not complete their admission as SHORT FALL on 29th of December, 2021 after operating the Waiting list on 28th of December, 2021, to the BOPEE office, Jammu positively.

#### Note:

1. In view of non-availability of the three eligible reserved category candidates in Other Social Caste (OSC) category, Schedule Tribe (ST) and Pahari Speaking People (PSP), these seats have been converted into open merit under Section-9 (2) of J&K Reservation Act-2004 and have been filled up from Open Merit category.
2. The Head of the Institution is advised to ensure to admit only those candidates whose documents are complete in all respects. In case of any deficiency found during the verification of documents / certificates including Marks Card, such candidate (s) should not be allowed admission in any case. Any lapse in this regard will be the sole responsibility of the concerned Heads of the Institution.
3. The Head of the Institution is advised to operate the Waiting List only on the specific date (mentioned above) and strictly as per the merit (Rank) of the candidates in each category as against the shortfall reported on that day.
4. The candidates with rank 174, 176 (RBA), 177 (SC) and 175 (PSP) who were selected in their respective categories vide Notification No. 122-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 10-11-2021 are now/ hereby treated to have been selected in Open Merit.
5. The Annexures "A" & "B" shall be available on the BOPEE website www.jkbopee.gov.in only.

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Sd/-(Dr. Sunil Gupta)  
Controller of Examinations  
J&K BOPEE

DIPK-NB-6027/21

No: BOPEE/Exam-17/2021

Dated 20-12-2021

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**Extension Notice for NEET/ JEE Coaching Programme, 2022**

In Continuation to advertisement Notification No.F (NEET/JEE) coaching/ccpc/ku/2021 Dated:- 14.12.2021, it is notified for the information of all desirous candidates that the last date for submission of forms for **NEET/JEE coaching is hereby extended upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.** Application Forms for registration for the said coaching programme can be obtained from the office of the Centre or can be downloaded from our official webpage <http://ccpc.uok.edu.in>. Candidates are required to complete all the formalities by or before **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and submit two passport size photographs alongwith a demand draft of Rs. 25,000/- as tuition fee in favour of Director, Centre for Career Planning and Counselling (CCPC), University of Kashmir payable at Jammu & Kashmir Bank only.** Coaching classes shall be conducted at this Centre in offline Mode. However, if required, transition may need to be made to online mode in accordance with COVID containment guidelines/restrictions issued by the concerned authorities. The selection for the programme shall be made on First Come First Serve Basis.

**NOTE: - No forms will be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2021.**  
For further details or any queries, kindly visit our website <http://ccpc.uok.edu.in> or contact us at 0194-2272265 or 9796182264 during office hours only.

No.F (NEET/JEE) coaching/ccpc/ku/2021) Sd/- Prof. M.J. Geer  
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**Subject:** Result/Score Sheet of candidates in Computer Based Written Test (CBT) Examination conducted from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 02 of November 2021, for various posts of various Departments advertised vide Advertisement Notification Nos. 04, 05, 06 and 07 of 2020 and 01 of 2021.

1. Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JK SSB), conducted Computer Based Written Test (CBT) examination for various posts of various Departments advertised vide Advertisement Notification Nos. 04, 05, 06 and 07 of 2020 and 01 of 2021, in multi sessions/slots papers from 27.10.2021 to 02-11-2021 and;
2. Whereas, the Board vide Notice no SSB/COE/CBT-II/2021/7357-65 dated 27-10-2021, notified procedure for compilation of examination scores for multi session/slot papers (Normalization procedure based on PERCENTILE SCORE), and;
3. Whereas, based on the performance of the candidates in Computer Based Written Test (CBT) examination held from 27.10.2021 to 02.11.2021, the result/score sheets have been prepared on the basis of Percentile Score by using Normalization Procedure as referred to herein above.

Now, therefore: -

- (i) The result/ score sheets, based on the performance of candidates who are appeared in the Computer Based Written Test (CBT) examination for different posts w.e.f 27.10.2021 to 02.11.2021, is hereby notified as Annexure "A" to this notification in alphabetical order.
- (ii) Mere figuring in the result/ score sheet shall not entitle a candidate to be called for document verification or appear in the Select List and that he/she has to fulfil other eligibility conditions as laid down and decision of the Board in this regard shall be final.
- (iii) The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board will call candidates falling in the consideration zone, based on the merit obtained by them for document verification. The schedule for Document Verification shall be notified separately.

It is further notified that

- i. Any candidate desirous of making representation with regard to position assigned to him/her in the score sheet, may do so within five days through e-mail on official email address [ssbjkgrievance@gmail.com](mailto:ssbjkgrievance@gmail.com). Such representation shall be disposed of in accordance with the extant Rules.
- ii. In case, no representation is received, the score sheet as notified shall be treated as final. Further, the Board also reserves the right to make any corrections / changes in the records at any later date as may be found necessary Suo motto or on the request of the candidate(s) on the basis of documentary evidence, if any.
- iii. In addition, it is also notified for information of concerned candidates that the result for the posts for which CBT examination was held during the foresaid period and from 08.11.2021 to 12.11.2021 shall be published separately.

By Order.

(Ashok Kumar) JKAS  
Controller Of Examinations  
J&K Services Selection Board  
Jammu

DIPK-15408/21

No. SSB/COE/CBT/2021/8929-36

Dated: 20.12.2021

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## This Day In History

- 1790 - Supposedly impenetrable Turkish fortress of Izmail stormed and captured by Suvorov and his Russian armies during the Russo-Turkish War (1787–1792).
- 1807 - US Congress passes Embargo Act, prohibiting American ships from trading in all foreign ports, as a result of involvement in hostilities between France and Britain.
- 1810 - British frigate HMS Minotaur sinks killing 480
- 1814 - Samuel Marsden of the Church Missionary Society arrives in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand to establish the country's first mission station; Sheep, cattle, horses and poultry are introduced.
- 1849 - The execution of Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky is called off at the last second.
- 1851 - The first freight train is operated in Roorkee, India.
- 1882 - 1st string of Christmas tree lights created by Thomas Edison
- 1890 - Cornwallis Valley Railway begins operation between Kingsport and Kentville, Nova Scotia.
- 1915 - Organized baseball & Federal League sign a peace treaty at Cincinnati.
- 1917 - Flanders declares its independence, under Pieter Tack
- 1930 - Convention of Economic Rapprochement/Oslo Agreements signed between some European countries in response to the Great Depression.
- 1939 - 99 die in 2nd wreck at Friedrichshafen Germany
- 1940 - World War II: Himmler is captured by the Greek army.
- 1941 - Japans invasion leader lands on Luzon, Philippines
- 1941 - Tito establishes 1st Proletarian Brigade in Yugoslavia
- 1942 - World War II: Adolf Hitler signs the order to develop the V-2 rocket as a weapon.
- get permission to use synthetic rubber for baseball core.
- 1950 - 2 self-propelled trains of Long Island RR collide, killing 77.
- 1956 - Last British & French troops leave Egypt.
- 1963 - Official 30-day mourning period for President John F. Kennedy ends.
- 1963 - Cruise ship Lakonia burns 180 miles north of Madeira with the loss of 128 lives.
- 1964 - First flight of the SR-71 (Blackbird).
- 1971 - UN General Assembly ratifies former Austrian President Kurt Waldheim as Secretary- General.
- 1971 - USSR performs underground nuclear test.
- 1972 - 6.25 earthquake strikes Managua Nicaragua, 12,000+ killed
- 1974 - 2nd cease-fire between IRA & British; lasts until approx April 1975.
- 1974 - Referenda in Comoros-3 islands for independence, 1 stays French.

## From KO Archives

## Qaum Ka Gam Khateyhain, Dinner Key Saath

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Iftar parties being hosted by every Tom, Dick and Harry in this capital city these days have become a source of avoidable inconvenience to the general public. Amazingly the 'worthy' hosts are least bothered by what their lavish feasting by debit to the empty state exchequer meant to the city dwellers at a time when they hurry back to their homes after a day's work.

Residents of various downtown localities here had a taste of their rulers' indifference on Saturday when they found the -busy Maulana Azad Road blocked to vehicular traffic for most of its stretch. Lo and behold, it was the peak hour for all the commuters to rush back home to join their waiting, generally anxious, families over Iftar.

Location of what is known as the Banquet Hall in the premises of the erstwhile chief minister's official residence on the main Civil Lines artery was the reason why vehicular traffic was diverted towards Regal Chowk for onward journey through the equally crowded SP higher secondary school. Traffic police authorities may know better why its own 'one way' restriction was eased to choke the awfully narrow roads. Obviously, caught in a nasty traffic jam, hundreds of people on fast found them -selves helpless at the Iftar time. Mercifully, some citizens came out to serve some eatables to the stranded hundreds on the road.

"The ministers and bureaucrats hosting the Iftar parties at state expense should hang their heads in shame for subjecting innocent people to inconvenience during the holy month", an agitated downtown resident was heard saying.

(Kashmir Observer, 22 December, 2000)



## Expert Panel Deliberating On Vaccinating Children Against Covid: Centre



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) and the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) are deliberating and considering scientific evidences related to vaccination of children, Rajya Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

The central government has been regularly reviewing pace and coverage of COVID-19 vaccination and has issued multiple advisories to states and union territories to cover eligible beneficiaries with both doses of COVID-19 vaccine, Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar

said in a written reply.

The government has also undertaken 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign from November 3, where in missed beneficiaries for first dose and beneficiaries due for second dose are identified and vaccinated through house-to-house activity, she said.

On whether the government has any immediate proposals or policy to vaccinate persons under the age of 18 years, Ms Pawar said, "The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 and the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization are deliberating and considering scientific evidences related to vaccination of children below 18 years of age."

## Centre Blocks 20 Anti-India YouTube Channels, 2 Websites Being Run From Pak



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** The information and broadcasting ministry on Tuesday said in a "closely co-ordinated" effort with intelligence agencies, it has ordered blocking of 20 YouTube channels and two websites as they were spreading anti-India propaganda and fake news.

On Monday, the ministry issued two orders, one directing video sharing platform YouTube to block the 20 channels and the other, for blocking of the news websites.

"The channels and the websites belong to a coordinated disinformation network operating from Pakistan and spreading fake news about various sensitive subjects related to India," the information and broadcasting ministry said in a statement on Tuesday.

The channels were used to post "divisive content in a co-ordinated manner on topics like Kashmir, Indian army, minor-

ity communities in India, Ram Mandir, General Bipin Rawat etc", it said.

The modus operandi of the anti-India disinformation campaign involved the Naya Pakistan Group (NPG), operating from Pakistan, which has a network of YouTube channels, and some other standalone YouTube channels not related to NPG, the statement said.

"In a closely coordinated effort between intelligence agencies and the ministry of information and broadcasting, the ministry on Monday ordered blocking of 20 channels on YouTube and two websites spreading anti-India propaganda and fake news on the internet," it said.

Through two separate orders, "one for 20 YouTube channels directing YouTube, and the other for two news websites, requesting department of telecom to direct the internet service providers for blocking of the news channels/portals", the statement said.

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Many nations are on high alert just days ahead of Christmas and New Year celebrations. (File)

## Global Spread Of Omicron Prompts Renewed Lockdowns, Delayed Reopenings

Reuters

**SYDNEY:** New Zealand delayed the planned reopening of its international border because of the sweeping spread of Omicron around the world on Tuesday, as several other countries reimposed social distancing measures. Many nations are on high alert just days ahead of Christmas and New Year celebrations, as the latest health crisis also takes a toll on financial markets, which fear the impact on the global economic recovery.

Omicron infections are multiplying rapidly across Europe, the United States and Asia, including in Japan where a single cluster at a military base has grown to at least 180 cases.

New Zealand COVID-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins said his country, which imposed some of the world's toughest COVID-19 measures, was delaying the start of a planned staggered reopening of its border until the end of February.

The government had previously said quarantine-free travel would reopen by mid-January for New Zealand citizens and residents in Australia - a timetable that would have allowed travel during the peak summer vacation period - and by April for foreign tourists.

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to set these changes out clearly today so they can have time to consider those plans," Hipkins said at a press conference.

In India, New Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal urged citizens to wear masks and appealed to the federal government to allow booster vaccine doses as the country reported 200 cases of the variant across 12 states.

In Singapore, the health ministry was carrying out testing to determine whether Omicron was behind a suspected cluster of cases at a gym and warned more cases were likely.

In the United States, officials said the variant claimed the life on Monday of an unvaccinated man in Texas after becoming the dominant strain in the country. Lines for COVID-19 tests wrapped around the block in New York, Washington and other U.S. cities as people clamoured to find out if they were infected before celebrating the holidays with family.

South Korea, the Netherlands, Germany and Ireland were among

countries to reimpose partial or full lockdowns, or other social distancing measures, in recent days.

Israel added the United States to its "no-fly" list, citing concerns over the variant, while Kuwait said it would require incoming travellers to have received a booster shot if more than nine months had passed since their second vaccine dose.

**DIFFERING APPROACHES** British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday said the situation was "extremely difficult" as hospitalisations rose steeply in London. His government was not ruling out any steps, including potentially limiting tourism.

In Australia, where Omicron cases have surged but hospitalisations remain relatively low, Prime Minister Scott Morrison urged state and territory leaders to avoid further lockdowns.

"We're not going back to lockdowns. We're going forward to live with this virus with common sense and responsibility," he said.

The Omicron variant was first detected last month in southern Africa and Hong Kong and so far has been reported in at least 89 countries.

The severity of illness it causes remains unclear, but the World Health Organization (WHO) warned it is spreading faster than the Delta variant and is causing infections in people already vaccinated or who have recovered from the COVID-19 disease.

## Indian Army Getting New Family Of Anti-Tank And Anti-Personnel Mines

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** The Indian Army is set to receive a new family of indigenous land mines which are going to replace the vintage mines in its arsenal, Army chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane said on Tuesday.

In an exclusive interaction with ANI after inducting the first set of 14 of the 53 Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicles, General Naravane said the family of these mines developed by DRDO in partnership with a private sector firm would be inducted as and when they meet the requirements of the users.

"A new range of mines is under development right from anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. This has been necessitated as all our mines were of vintage and new protocols for mine warfare," he said.

On the induction of these



mines in service, the Army chief said: "Each type of mine will get inducted as and when it meets user requirements which will be soon."

Indian Army's Corps of Engineers under Engineer in Chief Lt Gen Harpal Singh is getting the new set of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines for acting as the first line of defence against enemy infantry and armoured columns or terrorist trying to infiltrate into own territory.

The anti-tank and anti-personnel mines are part of a display here where the Corps of Engineers is showcasing

the indigenous equipment that has been inducted into the Army by it for carrying out operations against the enemy and defending its own areas.

"Indian Army is going to induct 7 lakh indigenously developed 'Nipun' anti-personal mines which carry a potent mix of RDX," an Army officer said. He said the mine has been developed by an Indian firm in partnership with the DRDO.

For taking care of the enemy tank regiments, the corps of engineers is carrying out trials of the Vibhav and Vishal next generation made in India anti-tank mines. These highly effective mines have been developed for the Indian Army by DRDO, and are at an advanced stage of user trials.

The new anti-tank mines have greater stopping power against enemy tanks due to their advanced design and sensors, Army officials said.

## Need 5 Housekeepers, Couture: Dubai Ruler's Ex-Wife In \$733 Million Win



Reuters

**LONDON:** Dubai's ruler, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, has been ordered by the High Court in London to provide a British record of more than 554 million pounds (\$733 million) to settle a custody battle with his ex-wife over their two children.

The bulk of the massive award to Princess Haya bint al-Hussein, half-sister of Jordan's King Abdullah, and the couple's two children, is to ensure their lifetime security, not least to address the "grave risk" posed to them by the sheikh himself, the judge, Philip Moor, said.

The judge said: "She is not asking for an award for herself other than for security" and to compensate her for the possessions she lost as a result of the marital breakdown.

He directed Mohammed to make a one-off payment of 251.5 million pounds within three months to Haya for the upkeep of her British mansions, to cover the money she said she was owed for jewellery and racehorses, and for her future security costs.

The sheikh, vice president and prime minister of the United Arab Emirates, was also told to provide 3 million pounds towards the education of Jalila, 14, and Zayed, 9, and 9.6 million pounds in arrears. He was also

asked to pay 11.2 million pounds a year for the children's maintenance, and for their security when they become adults.

These payments will be guaranteed via a 290 million pound security held by HSBC bank. The final sum, despite being believed by some London lawyers to be the largest public award ever ordered by an English family court, is less than half of the 1.4 billion pounds that Haya had originally sought.

During almost seven hours of testimony, Haya, 47, said a large one-off payment would allow for a clean break and remove the sheikh's hold over her and their children.

"I really want to be free and I want them to be free," she told the court.

The huge financial settlement is the latest development in a legal saga that began when the princess fled to Britain in April 2019, fearing for her safety after she began an affair with one of her bodyguards, and a month after she had asked the sheikh for a divorce.

Later that year, the London court ruled Mohammed had carried out a campaign of threats and intimidation that made her fear for her life, and that he had also previously abducted and mistreated two of his daughters by another marriage.

## Iran's Envoy To Yemen Passes Away Days After Contracting Covid-19 After Delayed Evacuation



Agencies

Iran's ambassador to Yemen, Hassan Irloo, has passed away after COVID-19 complications after certain countries delayed his return home for medical treatment.

Irloo had earlier this week been repatriated from Yemen amid Saudi aerial blockade on the war-torn Arab country to receive treatment at a hospital in Tehran.

Saeed Khatibzadeh, spokesman for Iran's Foreign Ministry, said the envoy passed away from complications related to the coronavirus in the early hours of Tuesday.

He said Irloo was transferred to the country in a "bad state" and due to "late cooperation" of some countries, a reference to Saudi Arabia.

A war veteran, Irloo had sustained injuries from chemical warfare attacks on Iran during Iraq's 1980-88 imposed war, backed by the West.

He contracted the coronavirus at the place of his mission, and passed away early on Tuesday "despite undergoing all stages of treatment to improve his condition", Khatibzadeh said.

The envoy was transferred from Sana'a to Iran late on Saturday. His repatriation was reportedly delayed by the Saudi authorities.

The Wall Street Journal claimed on Friday that the envoy showed no signs of COVID-19, and quoted anonymous officials from the Mideast and Western officials as saying that the ambassador was recalled to Tehran over "strains with the Ansarullah movement."

Tehran rejected the claims, stressing that Tehran-Sana'a relations are stronger than before.

Ibrahim al-Dailami, Yemen's ambassador to Tehran, also dismissed the report in an interview with IRNA published on Sunday.

"We should not respond to such nonsense, which the American media publish from time to time in order to take advantage of the [dire situation] and poison the atmosphere," Dailami said, adding that relations between Tehran and Sana'a were "developing rapidly."

Irloo officially began his diplomatic mission to Yemen in November 2020, in defiance of the US opposition to close ties between Tehran and Sana'a.

In December 2020, he was sanctioned by the former US president Donald Trump for his links to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Quds Force.

Saudi Arabia, backed by the US and regional allies, launched the war on Yemen in March 2015, with the aim of reinstalling the unpopular regime of Yemen's former president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi and to crush the popular Ansarullah movement.

The Saudi war has left hundreds of thousands of Yemenis dead, and displaced millions more. It has also destroyed Yemen's infrastructure and spread famine and infectious diseases in the Arab country.

Despite Saudi Arabia's relentless bombardment of the impoverished country, Yemeni armed forces and the allied popular committees have grown in strength against the Saudi-led invaders.

## Indians Ordered 115 Biryanis Per Minute In 2021: Report

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The country's love for biryani only seems to be growing as online food delivery platform Swiggy said on Tuesday that Indians ordered 115 plates of biryani per minute in 2021.

The report mentioned that over 4.25 lakh new users made their Swiggy debut by ordering a chicken biryani, while the most binged snack of the year was samosa with about 5 million orders on Swiggy, equal to the population of New Zealand.

"Swiggy's sixth annual StatEATistics report reveals how Indians ordered 115 plates of biryani per minute, samosas equal to the population of New Zealand, and enough tomatoes to play the Spanish Tomatina festival for eleven years," the company said in a statement.

"In 2020, 90 biryanis were ordered per minute, which has gone up to 115 in 2021, which comes to 1.91 per second," the statement said.

While samosa was ordered six times more than Chicken



Wings, pav bhaji was India's second favourite snack with 2.1 million orders.

With a total of 2.1 million orders, gulab jamun was

the most ordered dessert on Swiggy followed by rasmalai with 1.27 million orders.

The search for healthy food on Swiggy doubled in 2021,

and health-focused restaurants on Swiggy HealthHub witnessed a 200 per cent increase in orders. Bengaluru emerged as the most health-conscious city, followed by Hyderabad and Mumbai.

Instamart delivered over 28 million packs of fruits and vegetables alone in 2021. Tomatoes, bananas, onions, potatoes, and green chilies were the top five fruits and veggies delivered in under 30 minutes.

The total bananas ordered on Instamart outweighed the Statue of Liberty by 2.6 times.



## Another Senior Leader Resigns In Blow To NC

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The National Conference (NC) has suffered yet another setback in Jammu as senior leader Anil Dhar resigned from the party, blaming its leadership for allegedly holding former governor Jagmohan responsible for the migration of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley in 1990.

Dhar also objected to the recent statements of NC leadership with "communal overtones and bias against Hindus".

Dhar, who was earlier NC's vice-provincial president of the Jammu region, announced the decision to quit the party on Monday night.

"I regret to point out that leadership of NC has lost interest in the cause of Kashmiri Pandits. This was recently highlighted when the leadership of NC recently said the then Governor Jagmohan was responsible for the exodus of Kashmiri

Hindus," he said.

"This is contrary to the fact that it was Pakistan and its proxies, which still continue to be responsible for exodus of KPs from the Valley", he said.

"Various statements and utterances do not instill confidence among Kashmiri Hindus, who have faced worst kind of genocide, persecution and mayhem during the past three decades, he said.

"In fact, the latest statements of (NC vice president) Omar Abdullah reflect communal overtones and give a feeling of bias against the Hindus", he said.

He said he has lost faith in the NC due to such remarks.

"In view of all of this, I have lost faith in the National Conference and as such I resign from basic membership of the party as well as all the posts held by me after serving party for the past 30 years", Dhar said in a letter to NC chief Farooq Abdullah.

## Youth From North Kashmir's Sopore Develops Health Prediction App

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR-** An engineering student from north Kashmir's Sopore says he has developed a health prediction application "Smart health prediction system".

Ishfaq Ahmad Wani son of Mohammad Ashraf Wani from Danglerpora area of Sopore, a software engineering student at Bhargawa college of engineering and technology Jammu says he has made health related application "Smart health prediction system".

Ishfaq says it is an intelligent health prediction system that can transform the way people take charge of their health while also connecting them to the nearest healthcare providers immediately.

"Many times patients are unable to access healthcare services due to some reason or the other. The smart health prediction system seeks to solve this problem by enabling patients to get instance healthcare advice and guidance



online from licensed medical practitioners," Ishfaq added.

"The smart health prediction application is an online consultation system for users. The system is fed with huge volumes of healthcare data (symptoms and the diseases or health issues associated with those symptoms)," said Ishfaq.

Ishfaq says that his grandfather Haji Mohammad Samandar Wani is his inspiration behind developing this application. "My grandfather always taught me to help other," he said.

## Two Minors Die After Falling Into Pit

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Two minors died after falling into a water-filled pit in Chakdar Mohalla Gagal in Lolab in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Tuesday afternoon.

Reports said that two children Mustafa Ahmad Bhadana, son of Mohammad Qasim and Sumaiya Akhter, daughter of Abdul Kareem – both aged 6 – fell into a deep pit dug by a local contractor – to store water.

The minor duo was evacuated and rushed to Sub-district Hospital Kupwara where both of them were reportedly declared as brought dead on arrival.

The families of victims however alleged the doctors at SDH Kupwara of negligence and raised slogans against district administration and medical authorities. The families claimed that both the children were 'alive when brought to the health facility'.

"Both of them were still breathing when we brought them to the hospital", the family members as per GNS said, adding there was a single doc-lab in north Kashmir's Kupwara who just kept on shrugging the children for half an hour. "That is all he did", they said.

The medical authorities however contested the claims, saying both the children were brought dead at the hospital.

A police official confirming the incident told GNS that investigations have been initiated into the matter.

Meanwhile when contacted Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Imam-ud-Din told GNS that an enquiry has been ordered into the matter. "SDM Lolab has been made enquiry officer to reveal the facts into the incident", he said adding once the probe is over it will be made public accordingly.



**A FISHERMAN** lifts his net from the waters of Dal Lake to check the catch. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

### DELIMITATION EXERCISE

## RSS Has 'Hatched Conspiracy To Change Demography': Soz

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Former Union Minister Prof Saifuddin Soz on Tuesday claimed that the entire process of delimitation is a "conspiracy hatched" by the RSS to change the demography of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The entire process of Delimitation in Jammu and Kashmir smacks of a conspiracy hatched by the RSS to change the demography of the State and ultimately install a Hindu Chief Minister in Jammu and Kashmir", Soz said in a statement.

He said, the RSS seems to have succeeded in making the J&K Delimitation Commission propose six additional Assembly seats for Jammu and only one seat for Kashmir and alleged that the recommendation of the Commission goes against the most crucial criteria for Delimitation that is population and the same attitude shows the Commission itself in extremely poor light.

The census of 2011 shows the population of Kashmir as 69,07,623, Jammu as 53,50,811 and Ladakh as 2,90,492 Soz claimed.

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## 5-Day Int'l Workshop On Arabic Translation Begins At IUST

Observer News Service

**AWANTIPORA:** Considering the significance of translation in literary traditions, Five Days International Workshop on 'Arabic Translation: Theories and Praxis' organised by the Department of Arabic Language and Literature, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) commenced here Monday, in which experts from different Universities including Jamia Milia Islamia New Delhi, Hail University of Saudi Arabia, University of Bejai Algeria, University of Malang Indonesia will be delivering lectures.

During the Inaugural Ceremony, Vice Chancellor, IUST Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, who was also the Chief Guest on the occasion, congratulated the department for organizing this highly relevant workshop that targets the contemporary scenario. Prof. Romshoo shed light on the importance of Arabic language from the Quranic perspective as well as global context. While appreciating the historical background of the language, he underlined the need to offer diploma and other certificate programmes in Arabic translation that

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could help create pool of professionals proficient in this language.

"Arabic is spoken by over 400 million people as a second or foreign language. It is thus one of the most widespread languages in the world. The Quran gave it a significance that lasted some 1400 years, and it is used far beyond the borders" Prof. Romshoo said. He also highlighted the salience of knowing multiple languages in present times which would open multiple career avenues for our youth.

Guest of Honour, Registrar IUST Prof. Naseer Iqbal also shared his remarks during the session and envisioned the importance of focusing more on learning the role of Arabic and other languages in different spheres of life and finding opportunities in sectors like tourism.

He highlighted the rich past of Kashmir in this regard and said, "Linguistic and literary tradition of Kashmir shaped the socioeconom-

ic setup of the people of Kashmir."

Prof. Habibullah Khan, Department of Arabic Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi who was the Keynote Speaker at the event highlighted the importance of Arabic language from the lens of job market. Prof. Khan while sharing his concern about misconceptions prevalent among people said, "some cultures consider Arabic as an old language belonging to specific religion, region, and theology etc which is not true".

While focusing on the job market Prof Khan who has been a translator during many international diplomatic and cultural events of India said, "Arabic speaking countries are very important for India in terms of trade, business and employment because we consider these countries as our extended neighbours, which makes focus on this language important and our role as centres of teaching and learning significant."

## LG Tells Newly Appointed VC 'Take SKUAST To Higher Echelons Of Success In Academics And Innovation'



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday asked newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-Kashmir) to take University to higher echelons of success in academics, innovation, and research activities.

According to an official spokesperson, the LG made these remarks during his interaction with Prof. Nazir Ah. Gana, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir, at the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, asked the Vice-Chancellor to endeavour for taking the University to higher echelons of success in academics, innovation, and research activities.

He impressed upon him to lay special focus on taking the

research activities from Labs to the field for providing best scientific methods to the farmers for increasing their production and income.

Meanwhile, a delegation led by Muhammad Aaqib Renzushah, Corporator ward-03, Brein, Srinagar also called on LG apprised him about the functioning of Srinagar Municipal Corporation, besides presenting the demand of best facilities of sports for the youth of his constituency. The members of the delegation also put forth the demand for deferral of the Prosecuting Officer (Mains) exam.

"The Lt Governor impressed upon the young Corporator to continue his efforts for raising the issues of public importance. He assured the members of the delegation that their demand would be looked into by concerned authorities for appropriate action on merit," the official spokesperson said.

### Communal Bonhomie

## Muslims Perform Last Rites Of Pandit Lady In Tral

**SRINAGAR:** In yet another instance of communal harmony, the local Muslims in south Kashmir's Pulwama district Tuesday helped perform the last rites of a 71-year-old Kashmiri Pandit lady who died on Monday evening.

Setting an example of communal harmony and brotherhood, the local Muslims in main town Tral in Pulwama district came together to help perform the last rites of their elderly lady Pandit neighbour.

Shishi Raina, wife of Pandit Nath Raina, resident of main town Tral Monday evening died after a brief illness on Monday evening.

As only few family members were around, Nath's local friends and neighbors from the Muslim community took it upon themselves to help perform his last rites.

The local Muslims organized

and performed his last rites and mourned her death as one of their own. They shouldered her coffin and arranged wood for the cremation in the town.

"She was one of us. We never thought of him as a Kashmiri Pandit. We arranged everything needed for the cremation," said Abdul Gani, a middle aged man from the locality.

"She has been living here among us for many years. We have lived alongside each other and done everything together," said another local.

Locals said that this family has never left Kashmir despite facing many problems and it was our duty to help them.

"Once we heard about her sad demise, locals rushed to the spot and arranged everything and took part in his last rites like they took part in last rites of Muslims," they said—(KNO)

### ...OMICRON SCARE

## 3 People With Foreign Travel History Discharged After Testing Negative



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Amid the threat of Omnicron variant, three persons who had foreign travel history and were tested positive for Covid-19 have been discharged from DRDO hospital Jammu after testing negative.

Top health officials from Jammu said that all the three persons from Jammu who had foreign travel history and were tested positive for Covid-19 on return and later shifted to DRDO hospital have been discharged as their recent RT-PCR tests have come negative.

They said that there is no positive patient in the hospital who has foreign travel history.

It is pertinent to mention here that in the second week of the ongoing month, three persons from Jammu with foreign travel history were tested positive for Covid-19 and their samples were sent for genome sequencing to check the presence of new variant Omicron.

Three persons with travel his-

tory of Ireland, Italy and France were found positive for Covid-19 through RT-PCR.

"Their samples were sent to Delhi for genome sequencing to check whether all three or any one of them is Omicron infected," officials said.

Medical Superintendent DRDO hospital Jammu Dr Narinder Bhatial said that all three patients with foreign travel history who had come voluntarily to the hospital after testing positive for Covid-19 have been discharged from DRDO Jammu after their recent RT-PCR came negative.

He said that the trio was asymptomatic from day one and after the discharge they were asked to remain in home isolation for seven days as per protocol despite testing negative now.

He added that the report of the genome sequencing of the person with Ireland has been found negative for the new variant, however, reports of other two are yet to be received—(KNO)

### NEWS MAKERS

## Militant Associate Held In Baramulla

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested a militant associate of Lashkar-i-Taiba in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

A senior police officer said that a militant associate of LeT was arrested during Naka checking at Kralhar railway station.

The officer identified militant associate as Faisal Ahmed Dar son of Mushtaq Ahmed Dar resident of Maldara Shopian.

From his possession 10 rounds of pistol were also recovered and a FIR No 271/2021, U/S 7/25 Arms Act has been registered in Police Station Baramulla in this regard, the officer added.(GNS)

## 2 Held With 300 Kgs In Udhampur

**JAMMU:** Two drug peddlers were arrested with over 300 kilograms of poppy in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Tuesday, officials said.

On specific information, a police party intercepted a vehicle for checking on highway at Chennai, they said.

During search of the vehicle, 300 kilograms & 350 grams of poppy was recovered from the truck which was kept in the body of the truck hidden along with apple boxes, they said.

The accused driver Mudat Kumar along with Sohan Singh were arrested on the spot, police said, adding their vehicle has also been seized.

## Mehta Stresses For Conservation, Management Of All 650 Wetlands



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the functioning of various wings of the Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.

Commissioner/Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department along with Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Director, Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, Chairman and Member Secretary, Pollution Control Board (PCB), and concerned

HoDs participated in the meeting.

It was informed that under Har Gaon Haryali, the Department has covered 1679 panchayats and distributed 20.68 lakh plants and 18.27 lakh seed balls/ patch sowing grass slips.

Towards promoting ecotourism in Jammu and Kashmir, the Department has developed various facilities including walking trails, camping sites, and directional/ informational signage at Bangus, Kiterdhagi, Reshwari, Badrakali, Venkura, and Rosi-Gali, among others.

Meanwhile, the Department has also opened up 49 forest huts for tourists and operationalized 20 eco-trails across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Department is also dedicatedly pursuing the development of the City Biodiversity Index, Local Biodiversity Strategy, and Action Plan for Jammu and Srinagar cities.

Under the Green India Mission, which is being implemented in the Union territory for the first time, the Department will work towards increasing forest cover and improving ecosystem services including biodiversity conservation, hydrological services, and carbon sequestration. Besides, forest-based livelihood income will also be boosted and alternate fuel energy will be provided to 10,000 households.



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K O V I E W

Contentious Proposal

In a move that has been unanimously slammed by the major political parties in Jammu and Kashmir, the draft paper of the Delimitation Commission has proposed seven additional Assembly seats for Jammu and Kashmir — six in Jammu division and one in Kashmir valley. The commission has also proposed reserving nine seats for Scheduled Tribes on the basis of population. Seven seats are proposed for the Scheduled Caste community. These additions have taken the total Assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir to 90. The number of seats in Jammu increased from 37 to 43, while the number of seats in Kashmir went from 46 to 47. The figures show a glaring difference in the seat sharing between two regions. And this has become a huge bone of contention in J&K with political parties like National Conference, the PDP, the People's Conference and even the Apni Party terming the new delimitation as “totally unacceptable.”

Also, the move has caused deep unease in Kashmir Valley, with people seeing in it a design to disempower the majority community in the state. People widely believe that the new seat-sharing does not reflect the new electoral ground reality but are designed to ‘correct’ the alleged imbalance in the electoral representation between Jammu and Kashmir. And this has been done now. In Kashmir, there was always an apprehension that the new delimitation of seats is geared to benefit Jammu. The leaders of the ruling party had made no bones about enhancing the number of seats in Jammu in a way that may pave way for a Hindu Chief Minister for the former state.

This premeditated approach to the exercise has undermined its credibility. From the looks of it, it seems geared to favour one community only with a full backing of the state. And that too without taking the state's political parties on board, let alone starting a public debate. Delimitation of constituencies is very contentious in nature and it is important to build a political and public consensus before the government seeks to go about the exercise. And this is something which only a democratically elected government is capable of achieving. But the union government has chosen to do it during the Lieutenant Governor's rule. It would be all good if the delimitation commission was seen to be acting transparently and fairly but this is not the case. So, it is incumbent on the government to review the proposals and address the grievances in Kashmir.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Persist With Probe  
On Inquiry Into Pegasus Surveillance

It is difficult to disagree with the argument that there cannot be a parallel probe by any inquiry commission into the allegations of unlawful surveillance using the Pegasus spyware after the Supreme Court ordered an independent inquiry. It is no surprise, then, that the top court has stayed the functioning of the Commission constituted by the West Bengal government and headed by retired judge, Justice Madan B. Lokur. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had taken note of the allegations of surveillance that possibly targeted personages in West Bengal, and was on good legal ground when she took the first legal step towards unearthing the truth. It was a step that was warranted by the circumstances then, given the Union government's refusal to acknowledge that it possessed such spyware or whether those identified by an international media investigation as targets were subject to any sort of surveillance in the country. Reports by an international consortium of journalists said that 300 out of 50,000 likely targets of Pegasus spyware were Indians. Subsequently, the Government also refused to cede any ground in the Supreme Court, and declined to give a simple ‘yes’ or ‘no’ reply to the Court's questions. Stonewalling attempts to raise it in Parliament and sticking to its guns in Court, the Government inevitably invited an order from the Court for an independent investigation. It is significant that the Bench, headed by the Chief Justice of India, N.V. Ramana, ruled that the bogey of national security was not an adequate reason not to have a credible inquiry into the allegations.

A fresh report suggesting that Pegasus was used to target jailed activist Rona Wilson's mobile phone underscores the urgent need to persist with the investigation into the illegal use of the spyware in India. U.S. forensic investigation company Arsenal Consulting has said Mr. Wilson's phone was attacked as many as 49 times and it was successfully infected by the time he was arrested in June 2018 for alleged involvement in the Bhima Koregaon case. Earlier, the firm had claimed that NetWire, a remote access Trojan, was used to plant letters on Mr. Wilson's computer. Advocate and co-accused Surendra Gadling was also targeted in the same manner. These developments raise suspicion about the genuineness of the evidence being relied upon to try him and others for an unsubstantiated Maoist plot. There is little doubt that the Court-ordered probe by experts supervised by a panel headed by the retired Supreme Court judge, Justice R.V. Raveendran, should be taken to its logical conclusion and the country be told whether Pegasus, or any other spyware, was used to infect mobile phones and other devices of lawyers, activists and journalists, among others. There is much riding on this judicially overseen inquiry, and it behoves the government of the day to extend its full co-operation and not pose any impediment to its independent functioning.

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Global Ramifications Of Controversial  
UK Nationality Bill

The Bill Would Enable The Government To Withdraw Citizenship  
To A Person Without Informing



PRITI PATEL ( Home Secretary of the United Kingdom) look-alike tears up a 'I Welcome Refugees' sign. | Amnesty International UK

Asad Mirza

The controversial Nationality and Borders Bill was introduced by the ruling Conservative Party in the House of Commons on 6 July 2021. The bill has now progressed to the House of Lords, and if passed it would impact the current UK immigration system as it relates to asylum seekers and refugees; and does this primarily by introducing a two-tier system for asylum-seekers arriving in the UK, based on method of arrival. In addition, as per other measures recommended if voted to a Law, the bill would put at risk the future of six million minorities living in Britain. Majority of British citizens who possess dual passports, fear that they would become more vulnerable and victims of discrimination in a legal manner. The government earlier had the power to withdraw nationality but after notifying the affected person. The Bill also includes clauses to allow the UK to be able to send asylum seekers, particularly the boat refugees from various Muslim countries to a “safe third country” and to submit claims at a “designated place” determined by the Secretary of State. The Indian-origin British Home Secretary Priti Patel said the Bill would tackle illegal immigration and the “underlying pull factors into the UK's asylum system”. The government in its defence asserts that the bill looks to alter the current system for asylum claims and appeals, as well as looking to stop the flow of people-smuggling and modern slavery.

Why the controversy?

The bill has been criticised by the opposition Labour Party and also some members of the Conservative party. Former Conservative minister David Davis described the plans to strip people of British citizenship as “uncivilised” and “legally disputable”.

HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATION AMNESTY International says, if passed, the Bill "will create significant obstacles and harms to people seeking asylum in the UK's asylum system" and that the legislation undermines the Refugee Convention and the UK's obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on Reduction of Statelessness

Under existing law, deprivation of citizenship can be executed for those people who are considered to pose a threat to the UK – based on terrorism or war crimes records – or if they obtained their citizenship fraudulently. However, as reported by different newspapers in November, home secretary Priti Patel surreptitiously introduced a provision that would allow the government to strip people of their British citizenship without notice. And this move has set the alarm bells ringing. The British Nationality Act 1981 requires the secretary of state to give a person written notice of a decision to deprive them of their British citizenship before a deprivation order can be made. But Clause 9 of the new bill exempts the government from giving notice if it is not “reasonably practicable” to do so, or in the interests of national security, diplomatic relations or is otherwise in the public interest.

Why the criticism?

Critics say this will give the government enormous power over British citizens who have another nationality or who may have been born elsewhere. Effectively, naturalised citizens can be made stateless without notice. The government, however, claims that it will not make anyone stateless and will not affect their right to appeal. Citizenship stripping can take place for public interest reasons, mostly connected to national security and counter-terrorism. These decisions come into effect even before appeals can be processed, so it is crucial for the affected person to be notified. The UK has had a recent, significant rise in citizenship deprivations. Most have taken place when the British citizen is already overseas, so they would be unlikely to know about cancellation orders and would find it difficult to appeal. Mr Davis also said his amendment to clause nine of the bill would have still enable the home secretary to deprive a person of British citizenship but it would remove the right to do it without notification. The British Law Society giving its take on the Bill says that “We believe this bill contains a number of measures which are, or are likely to be incompatible with international law, damage access to justice, and impact on the role of lawyers in immigration cases.” It further says that “We're concerned that allowing differential treatment of refugees depending on how they arrive in the UK would penalise those arriving via irregular means; this is incompatible with the UK's obligations under the Refugee Convention 1951.” In its recommendations to the government, the Society says that “We believe the government should remove provisions that are likely to be incompatible with international law; this includes provisions that relate to the differential treatment of refugees based on their mode of arrival, increase the standard of proof for establishing whether someone is a refu-

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gee, and re-define what is considered a particularly serious crime, remove provisions that would harm access to justice; including those that reduce safeguards in relation to appeals, and unfairly penalise late submission of evidence, remove the power for the Immigration Tribunal to impose additional fines on lawyers. Devyani Prabhat, Professor in Law at University of Bristol says that currently, no other country can make its own citizens stateless by depriving them of citizenship. In an article on Conversation.com, Prof. Prabhat further says that the UK's citizenship deprivation practice affects minorities and those of migrant heritage much more than it does white British nationals born in Britain. Taking away notification requirements will make appeals even harder. Even without this change, deprivation laws risk alienating minority communities, but with it, potential challenges in courts will be eliminated at source. Human rights organisation Amnesty International says, if passed, the Bill “will create significant obstacles and harms to people seeking asylum in the UK's asylum system” and that the legislation undermines the Refugee Convention and the UK's obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on Reduction of Statelessness. In October, a team of leading immigration lawyers also concluded that the controversial bill breaches international and domestic law in at least 10 different ways and accused the government of “riding roughshod” over its obligations. Leading the team, human rights QC Raza Husain said, if passed, the legislation would lead to challenges under international human rights and refugee treaties. It seems as if the Conservative government of Prime Minister Boris Johnson is keen to move away from the liberal policy that Britain had adopted since the 1940s, and particularly during the last 40 years or so, motivating the talented to join its workforce. This had slowly resulted in making the UK a multi-ethnic, multilingual and multi-religious society. Though racial prejudice still persisted, it was possible to protest in the name of British law and jurisprudence. But now it may not be possible in the future.

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Why Is There No State Eligibility Test For Hospitality  
And Tourism Management Degree Holders In J&K?

We, the undersigned, have completed our post-graduate degrees in Hospitality and Tourism Management from various universities across India. Currently, some of us are employed by various colleges across Jammu and Kashmir on a temporary basis. We want to bring to your notice that while Kashmir University conducts the State Eligibility

Test for all other streams, our stream is left out for unknown reasons. Due to this exclusion, we have been facing stumbling blocks as without having qualified for the State Eligibility Test, we are ineligible for temporary or permanent jobs. The test is also a stepping stone for the PhD degree, and in its absence, we can neither apply for jobs nor pursue our studies further. This discriminatory attitude of the education system of Jam-

mu and Kashmir towards a stream whose expertise it could use for enhancing the tourism and hospitality industry in UT is utterly disappointing. The tourism and hospitality industry is one of the major pillars of J&K's economy, yet we do not find a place in its education system despite desirable qualifications. The situation has forced many of us to fold our degrees forever and strive for other means of livelihood in a place that

does not hold much promise for the educated and deserving. We earnestly request you to direct the concerned authorities to make necessary arrangements for conducting State Eligibility Test for Hospitality and Tourism Management like other streams so that our careers are not jeopardised.

Eijaz Ajsi



National Mathematics Day

# On Ramanujan And His Mathematics

Firdous Ahmad Mala

**SOME AUTHORS** have likened his intimacy with numbers to that of Milton’s mastery over words. His famous response to Hardy about the latter’s remark on 1729 being a number with not very interesting properties is indicative of how closely and deeply he was in love with numbers and mathematics

The national mathematics day has been celebrated every year since its inception a decade ago in 2012. It is now in double figures. The day is celebrated to pay homage to one of the finest, yet, arguably, the most “unrefined” Indian mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan, the one who is now popularly known as the man who knew infinity owing to the movie with the same title that made its first appearance half a dozen years back in 2015.

Ramanujan was born in 1887 at Erode in Madras and had the strongest and the strangest liking, which could be termed as obsession, for numbers and mathematics. The saga of how he made it to being elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society is inspiring, on one hand, and enervating, on the other. He was unrefined, unpolished and far from being properly educated. Yet he was one of his kind, unbelievable and far from the prosaic stuff.

Ramanujan’s collaboration with G. H. Hardy left a lasting influence on both. When Ramanujan died at the age of thirty three, Hardy said something that appears indicative of Hardy’s dissatisfaction and displeasure at being departed from Ramanujan. He said, “No mathematician should ever allow him to forget that mathematics, more than any other art or science, is a young man’s game. Galois died at twenty-one, Abel at twenty-seven, Ramanujan at thirty-three, Riemann at forty. There have been men who have done great work later; [but] I do not know of a single instance of a major mathematical advance initiated by a man past fifty. A mathematician may still be competent enough at sixty, but it is useless to expect him to have original ideas.” It was nothing less than a vent to the frustration Hardy experienced at the untimely demise of Ramanujan.

Ramanujan’s early marriage, his lack of being well-versed with the formal education and his being butter-fingered when it came to proofs could have only added to his woes, however, none of these became a deterrent to his untiring pursuit for

mathematics, thanks to Hardy. His work on elliptic functions and partitions brought to light his acumen and the kind of intuition he possessed. If there was one thing that Ramanujan had in abundance when there was a paucity of the same in others, it was his intuition.

Ramanujan’s notebooks are another wonder. In his book, ‘The Discovery of Ramanujan’s Lost Notebook’, Georg Andrews wrote that he was already an advanced researcher in fields, such as mock theta functions and hypergeometric series. Ramanujan stood much ahead of his time.

Having mastered S. L. Loney’s famous book on trigonometry at the age of thirteen was a feat that speaks for itself. This book alongside the book titled, A Synopsis of Elementary Results in Pure and Applied Mathematics culminated and resulted in giving a meaningful and impactful impetus to Ramanujan’s life.

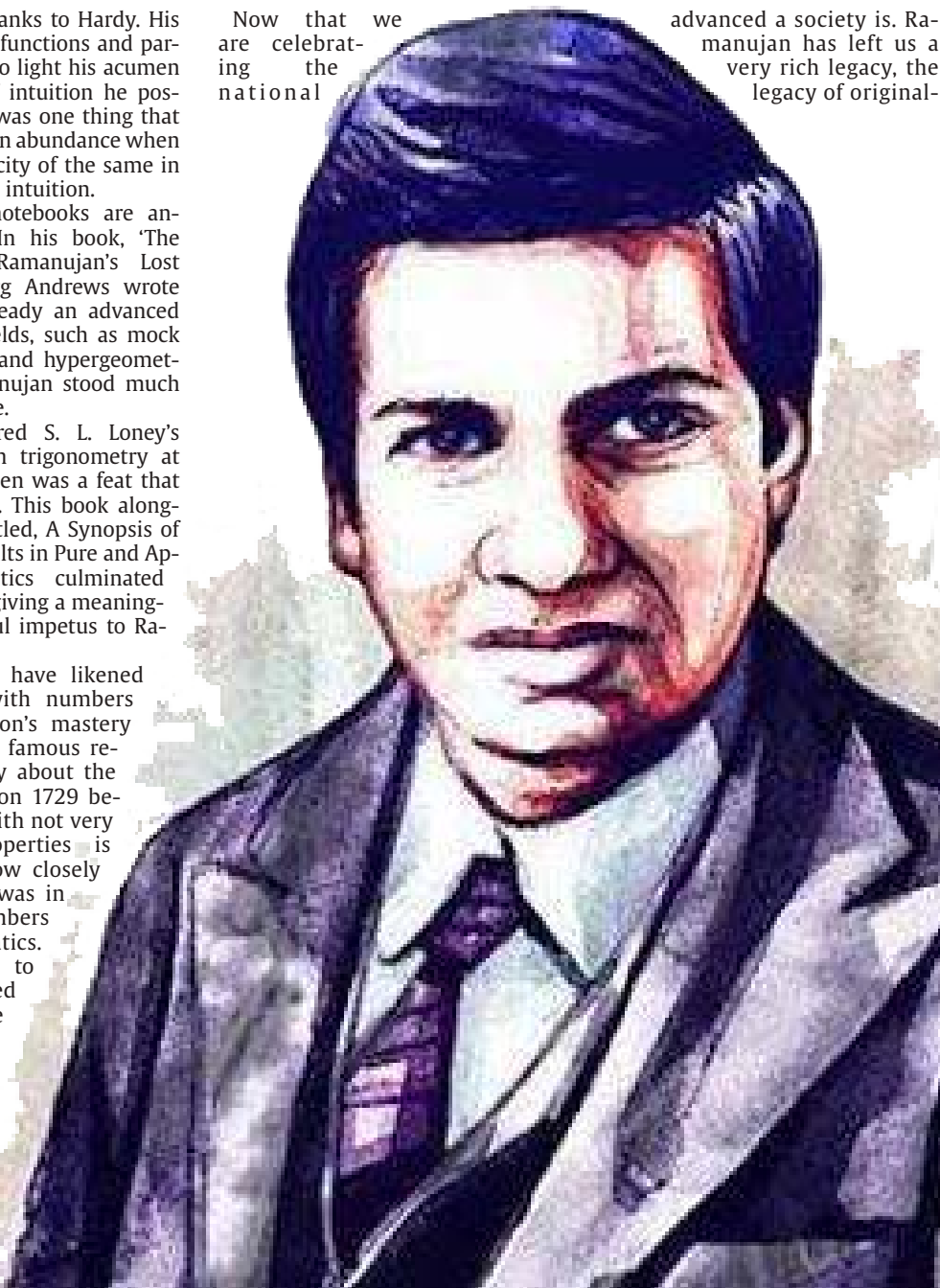
Some authors have likened his intimacy with numbers to that of Milton’s mastery over words. His famous response to Hardy about the latter’s remark on 1729 being a number with not very interesting properties is indicative of how closely and deeply he was in love with numbers and mathematics. He is reported to have remarked that 1729 is the smallest number capable of being written as the sum of two cubes in two different ways.

There is a lot more to know about this pure mathematician, Ramanujan. ‘The man who knew infinity, the book and the movie, besides Hardy’s masterpiece, ‘A mathematician’s apology’ are some of the sources to know more about Ramanujan.

The revolutionary, inspiring and somewhat mysterious life of Ramanujan came to a close when he was merely 33 in 1921.

Now that we are celebrating the national

advanced a society is. Ramanujan has left us a very rich legacy, the legacy of original-



mathematics day, we must not confine it to mere celebrations and commemoration. Schools, colleges and universities need to inculcate in the students the kind of love Ramanujan had for mathematics. It would be no exaggeration to declare that knowledge of mathematics is an indicator of how progressed and

ity and that of unconditional love for research and discoveries. The legacy is to be capitalized upon and continued. An evident and prominent lesson we can derive from Ramanujan’s story is that of singleness of purpose.

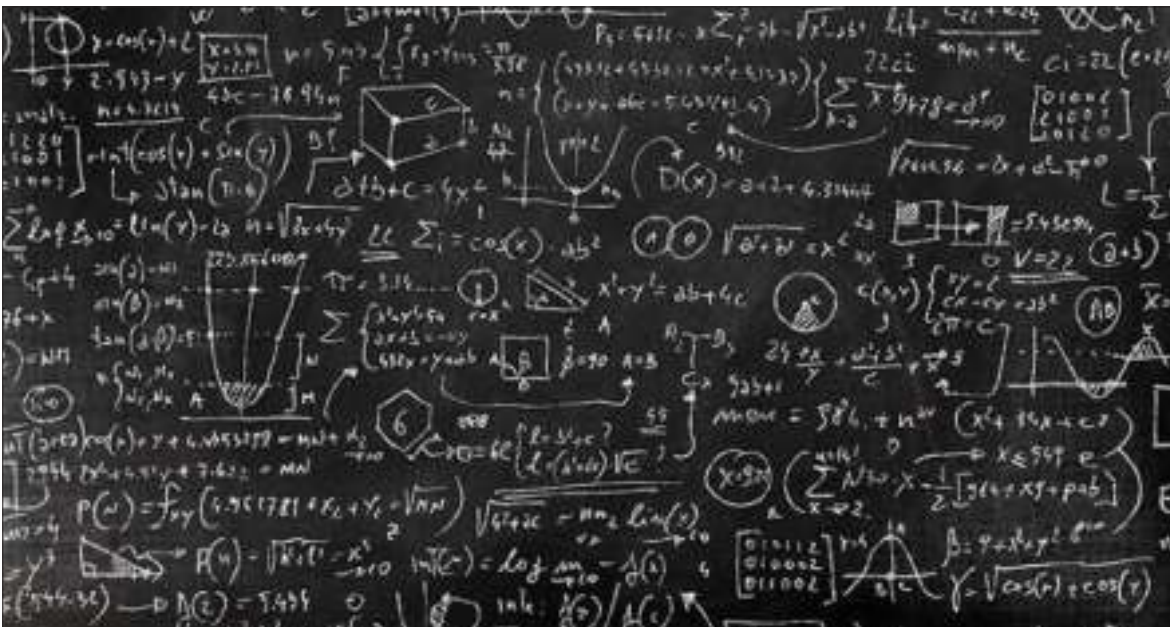
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## Maths And Poetry: Beauty Is The Link

For Both Mathematics And Poetry, The ‘Less Is More’ Principle Often Applies

Peter Lynch

**FOR BOTH** mathematics and poetry, a homeopathic principle that “less is more” often applies. Mathematicians and poets each strive for economy and precision, selecting exactly the ideas or the words that they need to convey their meaning. Both activities are expressions of creativity, emanations of the human spirit



Mathematicians are not renowned for their ability to reach the deepest recesses of the human soul. This talent is usually associated with great artists and musicians, and a good poet can move us profoundly with a few well-chosen words.

William Rowan Hamilton, whose work we celebrate during Maths Week, was an innovative mathematician and physicist of the highest order. One of his brilliant ideas was that the unfortunately-named imaginary numbers – in truth, no less real than any other numbers – could be regarded as the second elements of pairs of real numbers, with clearly defined arithmetic rules for manipulating them. With this in-

sight, he banished a mystery that had overshadowed mathematics for centuries.

Hamilton did not confine his thoughts to mathematics. In a lecture on astronomy in 1832, he spoke of the strong resemblance between poetry and science, of the enthusiasm that both can inspire, and of the power that both possess “to lift the mind above the dull stir of Earth”. His poetic output was impressive more for its volume than its quality. Perhaps it was fortunate that another William, his friend the aptly-named Wordsworth, firmly advised him to stick to mathematics, lest his rhyming seduced him from the path of science that he seemed destined to tread.

### The Link

What is the connection between poetry and maths? Mathematics – using numbers, shapes, etc – deals in abstractions, while poetry uses words and deals in emotions. Pulitzer Prize winner Edna St Vincent Millay, one of the most respected American poets, gave a clue in her sonnet, “Euclid alone has looked on Beauty bare”. While pattern and structure are important for both mathematics and poetry, the crucial link is beauty.

The English mathematician G H Hardy also observed that a mathematician, like a poet, is a maker of patterns. If his patterns are more permanent than those of the poet, it is because they are made with ideas. But the mathematician’s patterns,

like the poet’s must be beautiful if they are to have any lasting value. Beauty is the key.

Einstein remarked that pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas. More biting, David Hilbert, upon hearing that one of his students had dropped maths to study poetry, said “Good, he did not have enough imagination to become a mathematician.”

For both mathematics and poetry, a homeopathic principle that “less is more” often applies. Mathematicians and poets each strive for economy and precision, selecting exactly the ideas or the words that they need to convey their meaning. Both activities are expressions of creativity, emanations of the human spirit. American mathematician and educator David Eugene Smith observed that mathematics is the poetry of the mind while poetry is the mathematics of the heart.

Bertrand Russell wrote of pure mathematics having a beauty cold and austere, capable of a stern perfection like that of great art. Mathematics, with its abstractions, is usually less accessible than poetry, although some modern poetry is shrouded in obscurity, with arcane words and forms that compete for impenetrability with a mathematical argument.

The beauty, if it is there, is often well hidden and patience is needed to appreciate it. Maryam Mirzakhani, the first woman to win a Fields Medal – the Nobel Prize of maths – wrote that the beauty of mathematics only shows itself to more patient followers.

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# ‘Personality traits predict performance differently across different jobs’

Agencies

A study has found that whether your personality traits affect your job performance, depends on the job you have.

The research has been published in the 'Journal of Vocational Behaviour'.

"Although past studies made statements about the effects of personality traits on job performance in general, the specifics of these relationships really depend on the job," said Michael Wilmot, assistant professor of management in the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas.

More interesting findings exist when we take a deeper look at performance within the different jobs," he added.

Wilmot and Deniz Ones, professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota, combined multiple meta-analyses of the five big personality traits -- conscientiousness, extraversion, openness, agreeableness and neuroticism -- and examined their effect on job performance. Meta-analysis is a process used to systematically merge multiple

independent findings using statistical methods to calculate an overall effect.

The researchers indexed these personality trait relationships across nine major occupational groups -- clerical, customer service, healthcare, law enforcement, management, military, professional, sales, and skilled/semiskilled. They accounted for job complexity and what occupational experts rate as the relevance of these personality traits to job requirements.

Overall, Wilmot and Ones found that relationships between

personality traits and performance varied greatly across the nine major occupational groups. The main source of these differences pertained to occupational complexity.

Conscientiousness predicted performance in all jobs. However, its effect was stronger in jobs with low and medium levels of cognitive demands and weaker in highly cognitively demanding jobs. Extraversion was stronger in jobs with medium levels of cognitive complexity.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction

State Executive Committee Civil Secretariat, J&K.

Sub: Restrictions for COVID containment-regarding

Government Order No. 88-JK (DMRRR) of 2021

Dated: 19.12.2021

1. Whereas, a detailed review of the current Covid-19 situation in Jammu and Kashmir was held by the Chief Secretary, J&K, with the ACS (Finance), ACS (Health and Medical Education), Principal Secretary (Home), Principal Secretary (PWD-R&B), ADG/IGs, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and other officers of Jammu and Kashmir on 18.12.2021;

2. Whereas, the above review was conducted to assess overall situation pertaining to the spread of COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly focusing on the following parameters-

a. Total weekly new cases (per million).

b. Total positivity rate.

c. Bed Occupancy.

d. Case fatality rate.

e. Vaccination coverage of targeted population.

f. The extent of compliance to COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

3. Whereas, it was observed that there is a need to continue with the existing COVID containment measures in all Districts in view of the uneven trend observed in daily Covid cases as well as rising positivity rate.

4. Now therefore, the State Executive Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby orders that the guidelines / instructions on COVID containment in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, already notified vide Government Orders 35 and 36-JK (DMRRR) dated 29-05-2021 read with Government Orders 73-JK (DMRRR) dated 22-10-2021 and 82-JK (DMRRR) dated 28-11-2021 and 87-JK (DMRRR) dated 12.12.2021, shall continue to remain in force till further orders.

5. Enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) is critical in determining the need for additional restrictions. The District Magistrates of J&K shall strictly ensure that there is full compliance to Covid Appropriate Behaviour and defaulters are firmly dealt with under relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act and the Indian Penal Code. The DMs to intensify the campaigns for ensuring Covid Appropriate Behaviour. Dedicated IEC, including public announcements through mobile vehicles must also be undertaken.

6. The DMs shall constitute inspection teams of district officers to check whether the instructions contained herein for enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) are being implemented by the concerned with due responsibility. Further, the DMs shall constitute joint teams of Police and Executive Magistrates for intensifying enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour and ensure no violator is let off. The joint teams shall submit daily report regarding activities carried out by them and their assessment of compliance level.

7. The Home Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir shall monitor the enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour closely and shall submit a Report to the Chairperson of the State Executive Committee (Chief Secretary) on daily basis.

8. The Health and Medical Education Department, Jammu and Kashmir shall closely monitor all relevant statistics and Data in respect of Covid-19 for timely interventions wherever required

9. The State Executive Committee reiterates that the following measures shall continue to remain in force -

i. The maximum number of people permitted to attend any indoor/ outdoor gathering shall be strictly restricted to 25. However, in Banquet Halls in Districts with positivity rate below 0.2 and weekly case load below 250, gathering shall be permitted up to 25% of the authorised capacity, preferably in open spaces, for vaccinated persons/ persons with verifiable RT-PCR or RAT not older than 72 hours.

ii. Cinema halls and theatres, and multiplexes are also allowed to function with 25% capacity subject to condition that management will ensure strict compliance of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB). All District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police shall ensure compliance.

iii. Swimming Pools are also allowed to function at 25% capacity subject to condition that management will ensure proper Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB)

iv. There shall be no Weekend Curfew in any district.

v. Offline Board Examination for 12th and 10th classes shall be permitted to be held in staggered manner keeping in view all the Social Distancing Norms & Covid Appropriate Behaviour. The following directions shall be strictly adhered to by the concerned institutions conducting the offline board examinations:

a. All the students coming for offline board examination to the venue shall carry consent for each examination duly signed by their parents/legal guardians.

b. The sanitisation of the examination hall, furniture and toilets should be carried out daily before and after the exams.

c. The seating arrangement should be made in such a manner that every second desk is left vacant to maintain physical distancing.

d. Vaccinating the teachers, staff and officials involved in conducting the examination with the cooperation of the district administration shall be made mandatory.

e. There should be a thermal scanner, pulse oximeter, first aid boxes and hand sanitisers at the venue of the examination.

f. All the students appearing for examination must mandatorily be wearing masks & arrangement to this affect needs to be ensured by the concerned institution.

g. Separate facility should be provided to the students showing any symptoms like cough, common cold and flu.

h. It shall be the responsibility of Board authorities and Head of the schools to ensure that the Covid protocols are strictly adhered to

vi. As regards the education institutions, following directions shall be adhered to:

a. Classes for 12th standard shall be permitted with limited in-person teaching not exceeding 50% on a given day, for vaccinated students and staff. Consent shall be obtained from the parents of all students who are willing to attend the school. The school premises should be thoroughly sanitised. Proper screening regarding vaccination should be done on the school gate. If students or teachers or other school staff shows symptoms of cough, cold, or fever, they will not be allowed to enter the school. The Head of the school must ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are strictly followed.

b. Limited in-person teaching of students of 10th class, not exceeding 50% on any given day, and after ensuring compliance with Covid Appropriate Behaviour by the school authorities, can be permitted by concerned Deputy Commissioners after due screening through 100% Rapid Antigen Test or RT-PCR, subject to consent of parents and students. The schools will strictly follow Covid related protocols.

c. The schools, except for relaxations as provided above for students of 12th and 10th classes, shall continue to remain closed for on-site / in-person teaching.

d. Limited in-person teaching of vaccinated students, not exceeding 50% on any given day, shall be permitted in Polytechnics and ITIs subject to consent of par-

ents and students and all measures as per Covid related protocols.

e. Coaching Centres for Civil Services/Engineering/NEET shall be permitted with limited in-person teaching, for fully vaccinated staff and student, subject to condition that the Head of the centre shall ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are adhered to.

f. All other Coaching Centres, except those indicated above, shall continue to remain closed for onsite / in-person teaching.

g. Higher educational institutions shall be permitted to commence limited in-person teaching subject to 100% vaccination of staff and students and specific permission of concerned Deputy Commissioners. Such institutions can organise special vaccination camps in consultation with district administration. The Head of these institutions must ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are adhered to.

h. Educational institutions shall be permitted to direct attendance of vaccinated staff for administrative purposes only.

vii. Night Curfew shall continue to remain in force in all districts from 9 pm to 6 am but for those districts with positivity rate below 0.2 and weekly case load below 250 where it would be from 11 pm to 6 am.

viii. All Deputy Commissioners shall intensify testing and ensure full utilisation of available RT-PCR and RAT capacities. There shall be no drop in testing levels.

ix. Chief Medical Officers of all districts shall submit a daily report regarding the utilisation of available RT-PCR capacities to the District Magistrates concerned. Besides, District Magistrates shall also go for capacity expansion of the RT-PCR testing as per the requirement

x. The Deputy Commissioners shall also focus on the positivity rates of the Medical-Blocks under their jurisdictions. Intensified measures related to Covid management and restriction of activities shall be undertaken in these Blocks.

xi. There shall be renewed focus on Panchayat level/Medical Block mapping of cases and effective micro-containment zones shall be constituted wherever number of Covid-19 Positive cases reaches 3 or above.

xii. The DCs shall keep active track of the positivity rates in their respective jurisdictions. Strict perimeter control (Micro-Containment Zone) shall be implemented for localities where Covid-19 Positive Cases number reaches 3 and above. This shall be done to ensure no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. Following Standard Operating Procedure shall be followed for these defined Micro Containment Zones:

a. The Zone shall be confined to either 50 meters or a Single Building. A buffer zone of 150 meters to be put in place between Micro Containment Zone and rest of locality.

b. The District Magistrates shall create as many Micro Containment Zones as needed and as per situation demand on ground, keeping in view the spike of cases.

c. There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance within the zone by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.

d. Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol.

e. Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow up of contacts for 14 days (80 percent of contacts to be traced in 72 hours).

f. Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines).

g. Surveillance for ILI(Influenza Like Illness) / SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Illness) cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.

xiii. The three - "T" protocol of testing, tracking and treating, besides vaccination, needs to strengthened in all Blocks. The proportion of RT-PCR tests in the total mix should be scaled up on best effort basis.

xiv. All Districts of J&K shall intensify efforts to ensure timely administering of the Second Dose of the Covid-19 vaccination in accordance with the due date for the same.

xv. All Districts to ensure the completion of Overdue Second Dose of Covid Vaccinations within a week. Overdue figures should be brought down to minimal levels in All Districts.

xvi. Positive cases detected because of intensive testing need to be isolated / quarantined at the earliest and their contacts shall also be traced and similarly isolated / quarantined and tested if needed

xvii. Immediate isolation and treatment of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities / hospitals / homes.

xviii. District Magistrates shall take all necessary measures for enforcement of Testing protocols.

xix. All District Magistrates and Health Workers shall take all steps necessary to achieve the Overall objective of reducing Covid-19 incidence level.

xx. The D/o HME, GoJK, shall ensure adequate availability of COVID-19 dedicated health and logistics (including ambulatory) infrastructure, based on their assessment of the case trajectory.

xxi. MD, NHM in consultation with the DCs shall take up Panchayat level mapping and data capturing on the specified portal with respect to all tests for tracking the positivity rates in all Panchayats and other areas in a timely manner.

8. The following categories of Incoming passengers by Air/Rail/Road to the UT of J&K shall NOT be required to undergo RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen Covid-19 Test on arrival:

i. If they are carrying a valid and verifiable Final Certificate Report of Covid-19 Vaccination.

ii. If they are carrying a valid and verifiable RT-PCR Covid19 Negative report taken within 72 hours of arrival time.

9. Inter State movement of passenger transport of SRTC shall be permitted for fully vaccinated person or persons with verifiable RT-PCR not older than 72 hours or based on RAT on-spot with strict compliance with CAB.

10. Entry into Parks shall be permitted to vaccinated persons only with due verification. Surprise checks shall be conducted by inspection teams to assess the implementation and initiate corrective measures.

11. Through the medium of an effective IEC campaign, the Department of Health and Medical Education, Jammu and Kashmir and the District Disaster Management Authorities must ensure that the people are sensitised about the Variants of Concern/Variants of Interest (VoC/VoI) of Covid-19 including the newly discovered Variant B.1.1.529 (Omicron)

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Sd/-  
Chief Secretary  
(Chairperson, State Executive Committee)

No: DMRRR/PS/Secy/551/2020  
Dated: 19.12.2021

DIPK-15328/21

GOVT. OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER KUPWARA

CORRIGENDUM

Interview Notice for Hiring of Registered Pharmacists under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJAK)

In partial modification to this office Interview Notice vide No: CMOK/ NHM/2021/2010-2014 Date:18-12-2021. It is information for all those applicants who have applied as registered Pharmacists for various Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras at various Health facilities in District Kupwara in pursuance to advertisement published under DIPK-11737/21 dated: 03rd November 2021 that the interview has been scheduled to be held at Chief Medical Office Kupwara on 24th of December 2021 (Friday) at 10:00 am.

Note:-

1. Candidates are required to bring original testimonials, as mentioned in the advertisement notice under DIPK No: 11737/21 for hiring of Registered Pharmacists for various Jan Aushadhi Kendras in District Kupwara, at the time of interview failing of which they will not be allowed to appear in the interview.

2. Candidates are informed to report well in time.

3. No T.A/D.A is admissible/ payable for appearing in the interview.

No: CMOK/NHM/2021/2015-2019  
Date: 20-12-2021

Sd/=  
Chief Medical Officer  
Kupwara

DIPK-15320/21

Government of Jammu and Kashmir,

Office of the Deputy Director Law Enforcement, Kashmir

Message for Farmers

All the Orchardists/farming community of the valley are advised not to Purchase/ use the below mentioned batch No of pesticide product batch in their fields, which has been declared as MISBRANDED by the Central Insecticides Laboratory Faridabad.

The details of MISBRANDED Pesticide product batch is as under:-

S. No	Name of the Product	Active Ingredient	Batch No	Date of Manufacture	Date of expiry	Manufactured / Marketed By
1	Mitex	Propargite 57% EC	SSMX-110	19-04-2021	18-04-2023	Indofil Industries Ltd
2	Aaroosh	Propineb 70% WP	C20122917	29-12-2020	28-12-2022	Coromandel International Ltd

All the Enforcement Officers/ Inspectors are directed to seize the stocks of the above said pesticide product batch and proceed further as per the provisions of Insecticides Act-1968 and Rules made there under.

Sd/-  
DIPK-15360/21  
Deputy Director Law Enforcement  
Kashmir

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High Court Of Jammu & Kashmir And Ladakh AT SRINAGAR

AUCTION NOTICE

No : 339/RTS

Dated 20-12-2021

An open auction of some obsolete/unserviceable furniture items including matting/scrap and other items located in the premises of High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Srinagar wing will be held on 24rd December, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. sharp with following terms and conditions.

1. The interested parties can inspect the material in presence of the Auction Committee of High Court Wing Srinagar on 24.12.2021 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon and submit their bids for uplifting the said material by 2:30 p.m.

2. The each interested bidder (s) should deposit Rs 5000/-, before auctioning the items, as security deposit in the office of undersigned.

3. The items will be sold to the highest bidder, in case highest bidder failed to deposit the bid amount, then the items shall be sold to the next highest bidder.

4. The successful bidder (s) will have to deposit full bidding amount on the same day by 4.00 p.m.

5. The Successful bidding agency(ies) would be required to lift the items in one go and will be required to clear the site at their own cost within two days from the date of auction, failing which all deposited amount along the security amount will be forfeited.

6. The auctioned items will be permitted to be removed only after the ensuring payment of full bid amount by the bidder(s) and accordingly the Gate Pass will be issued to the successful bidder(s).

7. Unsuccessful bidder(s) will be returned back their deposited amount Rs.5000/- each on the very day after auction.

8. The Auction Committee of High Court Wing Srinagar reserves the right to accept^ or rejected any/all bids without assigning any reason/notice thereof.

(Shabir Ahmed Baqal)  
Accounts Officer  
High Court J&K And Ladakh  
Srinagar

DIPK-15377/21

No; 27921-25

Dated 20-12-2021



## Auto Component Industry Cautiously Optimistic For Growth In FY22

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The auto component industry remains 'cautiously optimistic' for the growth of the industry in the current fiscal year despite concerns of another wave of the pandemic, industry body ACMA said on Tuesday.

The turnover of the automotive component industry stood at Rs 1.96 lakh crore (USD 26.6 billion) in April-

markets and traction in the domestic aftermarket have contributed to the growth of the sector in the first-half of FY 2021-22," Kapur said.

Going forward, whilst the performance of the vehicle industry during the festive season has not been on expected lines, there are indications that the vehicle demand, in the coming months, will improve, he stated.

"This, together with the



September 2021, registering a growth of 65 per cent over the first half of the previous year.

"Despite resurgence of demand for vehicles, supply-side issues of availability of semi-conductors, increasing input costs, rising logistics costs and availability of containers, among others, continue to hamper recovery in the automotive sector," Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) President Sunjay Kapur noted.

The auto component industry, against this backdrop, displayed remarkable resilience, he added.

"Increased value-addition to meet regulatory compliance, fast recovery in external

increased focus by the auto industry on deep-localisation and the recent announcements of PLI schemes by the Government on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Batteries and Auto & Auto Components will facilitate the creation of a state-of-the-art automotive value chain and developing India into an attractive alternative source of high-end auto components," Kapur said.

He added that according to a recent survey of ACMA leadership, despite concerns of another wave of the pandemic, the industry is cautiously optimistic about the prospects of the Indian economy and the automotive sector for 2021-22.

## No Cabinet Decision On Privatisation Of Two PSBs: FM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- The Cabinet has not taken any decision on privatisation of two Public Sector Banks (PSBs), which the government had announced in Budget 2021-22, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

In the Union Budget for financial year 2021-22, the government had announced its intent to take up privatisation of two PSBs in the year and approval of a policy of strategic disinvestment of public sector enterprises, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

She was responding to a question on privatisation of two PSBs.

The objectives of the policy include enablement of growth



of public sector enterprises through infusion of private capital, technology and best practices, the minister said.

"Consideration of various issues related to disinvestment is entrusted to the Cabinet Committee designated for this purpose/ Cabinet. Deci-

sion by the Cabinet Committee/Cabinet has not been taken in this regard," Sitharaman said further.

The bill related to privatisation of PSBs has been listed for the ongoing winter session of Parliament which ends on December 23.

## 'Institutional Investment In Real Estate Likely To Fall 20% In 2021'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- Institutional investments in real estate may fall 20 per cent to USD 4 billion during this calendar year because of a higher inflow of funds in 2020, according to property consultant JLL India.

During the January-September period, the institutional investment rose to USD 2,977 million from USD 1,534 million in the year-ago period.

"Unless some large portfolio deals are not inked at the

end of the year, annual investments are expected to be in the USD 3.8-4 billion range in 2021," JLL said in a statement.

Institutional investments managed to cross the USD 5 billion mark in 2020 due to large portfolio deals worth USD 3.2 billion during the last quarter of the year.

"However, 2021 witnessed more broad-based recovery with 31 deals during the first nine months as against 19 deals during the same period of 2020," it noted.

On the outlook for the next year, JLL India expects investments to cross USD 5 billion mark, which was witnessed by the Indian real estate annually during the 2017-2020 period.

The institutional flow of funds includes investments by family offices, foreign corporate groups, foreign banks, proprietary books, pension funds, private equity, real estate fund-cum-developers, foreign-funded NBFs and sovereign wealth funds. It also includes anchor investors in REITs.

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

Whereas an application has been received from one. Shri : Shafee Jan D/O Mohammad Shafi Mir R/O Alamdar Basti Chararisharif Budgam Registration No: JK04E- 1933 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J&K Bank Ltd B/u Abhama Pulwama

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .  
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.4256  
Dated 21-12-2021

Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

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### Jio Got 17.6 Lakh Subscribers In October; Airtel And Vi Lost Over 14 Lakh Users

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi -India's largest telecom operator Reliance Jio gained 17.6 lakh mobile subscribers in October 2021, while market rivals Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea lost a cumulative 14.5 lakh users during the month, according to the latest data released by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Monday.

Bharti Airtel lost 4.89 lakh mobile users in October, while Vodafone Idea lost 9.64 lakh subscribers during the reported period.

Reliance Jio's mobile subscriber base surged to 42.65 crore in October, as the telco added 17.61 lakh mobile users in the month, according to data from TRAI.

Notably, the increase in subscription in October came after Jio had lost 1.90 crore users in September, the previous month's data showed.

TRAI's monthly subscription data released on Monday revealed that Bharti Airtel, the second-largest telecom operator, lost 4.89 lakh mobile customers during October, and its subscriber base declined to 35.39 crore. Airtel had added 2.74 lakh mobile users in September.

Vodafone Idea lost 9.64 lakh mobile subscribers in October and its user base dipped to 26.90 crore, as per the latest data.

### Gold Tanks Rs 172; Silver Jumps Rs 342

New Delhi- Gold in the national capital on Tuesday dipped by Rs 172 to Rs 47,246 per 10 gram amid rupee appreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at Rs 47,418 per 10 gram.

Silver in contrast jumped Rs 342 to Rs 60,508 per kg from Rs 60,166 per kg in the previous trade.

The rupee appreciated 17 paise to 75.73 against the US dollar in the opening session on Tuesday. It jumped 31 paise to close at 75.59 (provisional) against the US dollar. In the international market, gold was trading with gains at USD 1,797 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 22.53 per ounce.

PTI

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION Ganderbal**

**EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/E-tendering FRESH SNOW NIT No. 290 of 2021-22 of R&B Division Ganderbal issued under endorsement No.19049-58 Dated:21.12.2021**

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on percentage based (%age) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other state/Central Governments for the followings works:-

S. No	Name of Sub Division and State No.	Earnest Money amount in Rs.	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	Snow Clearance of Roads/Areas Falling within the jurisdiction of (R&B )Division Ganderbal. <b>Stage No. A as per (Annexure-A)</b>	2000/-	200/-	A, B, C & D	3054- Snow

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

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	21-12-2021
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 21-12-2021 at 3:30 PM. to 27-12-2021 upto 4.00P.M
03.	Bid submission start date	21-12-2021 from 3:30 PM
04.	Bid submission end date	27-12-2021 up to 04.00P.M.
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	Page -1 27-12-2021 at (4.05 PM) In the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Ganderbal/ Bandipora.

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

a. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape E-Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (E- Challan) must be purchased after tender date and Boldly written Name of Contractor ) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FOIR pledged to of the in the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Ganderbal/ Bandipora ( Tender receiving authority )

b. Upload Valid Registration CARD /Renewal, PAN Card, Latest clearance certificate Form GST-3B of Latest Quarter /Qualifying Month i.e. November.

c. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

d. The bidders are advised to get the genuineness of their enrollment cards from the issuing authorities. This is mandatory and bids are liable to be rejected in absence of the genuineness of enrollment card

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

2. The tenders are directed to submit their tender online; in case the last date of opening of tenders happens to be a holiday/hartal the same shall be opened on the next working day.

3. Only percentage template BOQ shall be followed for the instant work. The intending bidder shall quote rate percentage above/ below or at par corresponding to J&K SSR 2020. The actual work done quantities shall be accordingly paid for depending upon the depth of snow and corresponding to Schedule Rates provided in the SSR 2020.

4. The bids shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening. A bid valid for shorter period shall be rejected;

5. The rates and prices quoted by the bidder shall remain fixed during the currency of contract and shall not be subject to adjustment on any account;

6. Currencies: All payments will be made in Indian Rupees.

7. The bidder among other documents shall upload the following documents with bid which shall form a part of technical bid:

a. Scanned copy of duly renewed copy of Enrollment Registration Card;

b. Scan copy of Treasury Challan.

c. Scanned copy of GST registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of Latest Quarter/Qualifying Month i.e. November

d. Scanned Copy of PAN Card.

e. Scanned copy of C.D.R

8. Single cover system:- In the first instance technical evaluation of the bids as received shall be carried out to assess the technical responsiveness & non responsiveness of bidders who have participated in the bidding followed by comparison of financial part of bids of technically responsive bidders. The evaluation report, both technical & financial, shall be uploaded on the Departmental Website for the information of the bidders.

9. Any loss caused to the Department which is attributable to the contractor, shall be recovered from the contractor;

10. Snow clearance stage contractor is bound to do the snow clearance immediately as and when he is directed to do so. The contractor has to keep in close touch with the department / officers to be present in the stage/ allotted along with necessary tools, labour machinery etc. at the time of every snow fall so that there is no delay in clearance of snow. In case contractor fails to comply with these instructions, clearance work will be undertaken through other agency at the risk and cost of the Contractor without serving any notice.

11. In case contractor fails to carry out the snow clearance as per the scheduled period and to provide immediately motor paths, he shall bear the penalty of Rs. 3000/- ( Three Thousand) for each day of delay along with other penalties including debarment from participating in bidding in (R&B) Deptt. for a period of at least one year.

12. Depending upon the depth of snow, the snow clearance period is fixed as under:-

a. AVERAGE SNOW FALL UPTO 12 INCH DEPTH OF SNOW = (ONE DAY) b. AVERAGE SNOW FALL UPTO 24 INCH DEPTH OF SNOW = (TWO DAYS)

c. AVERAGE SNOW FALL UPTO 36 INCH AND ABOVE DEPTH OF SNOW = (THREE DAYS)

13. The snow clearance of roads shall also include passing places to be provided as per norms;

14. In the event if one particular bidder bags more than one stage contract, contractual obligation to deploy adequate men and machinery at each site concurrently shall have to be ensured failing which penalty shall be imposed upon for each day of delay.

15. Payment to the contractor against work done quantities shall be made as per the rates applicable under J&K SSR 2020 for particular depth of snow with contractors quoted rate percentage;

16. The payment against the work done quantities will be subject to release of funds by the Govt. under relevant head of account;

17. Pre-snow clearance and post snow clearance video Graphy/ photography shall be made for reference & record. Each work done claim shall be supported with the photographs indicating date of snow fall, date of clearance and depth of snow, area/ locality/lane/road RD-wise with landmarks;

18. The subcontracting of the work wholly or partly shall not be permitted and will be treated as a breach of contract.

19. In case the snow plough or any other machines arranged by the department for a speedy clearance of snow is deployed, the stage contractor will have to supply the labour for clearance of snow left by the machines for which he will be paid as per the quoted percentage rate above/ below or at par as per SSR 2020.

20. The taxes as admissible shall be deducted from the contractors each claim. The contractors rates shall be deemed to cover all such taxes including GST, CST and nothing extra on this account shall be paid by the Deptt.

21. Insurance cover to the labour/ machinery by the Contractor shall be mandatory;

22. Arbitration: The Arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration procedure stated in J&K Conciliation & Arbitration Act No. XXXIV of 1997 issued vide SRO No. KO3 vide Notification Dt. 11-12-1997 & latest amendments/ modifications thereto;

23. Termination of contract: The Employer may terminate the contract if the Contractor causes a fundamental breach of the Contract. Fundamental breach of contract will include:

a. Contractor is declared Bankrupt.

b. Any evidence of involvement of Contractor in corrupt practices.

c. Contractor delays the completion of work beyond stipulated time of completion.

d. Pursuant to the process of termination of defaulted contract, the Employer reserves the right to invite fresh tender for the balance work at the risk and cost of defaulter contractor.

24. Court jurisdiction: In case of any disputes / differences between Contractor and the Deptt., the jurisdiction shall be J&K High Court;

25. No advance payment or mobilization advance shall be given to the Contractor by the Deptt.

26. The terms and conditions as contained in the PWD Form 25 shall also be binding upon the Contractor and shall form part of the Contract Agreement.

All other terms & conditions shall be as per the SBO / Contract Agreement.

DIPK:19049-58

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer

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**ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE**

Online applications from the domicile of Union Territory of J&K are invited from the Dental Graduates who have completed their internship from the recognized Dental Institutions and have valid registration with the Dental Council for the tenure post of full-time House Surgeons for a period of "ONE YEAR" on consolidated stipend as per norms in the following disciplines against the likely vacancies due to completion of tenure by the existing batch (annual) as shown below or any vacancy that may arise within three months from the date of issuance of merit list as such:-

S.No	Name of the speciality	No. of Vacancies
1	Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics	06
2	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	06
3	Prosthodontics	01
4	Periodontics	02
5	Orthodontics	01

The application process shall be completed/ submitted in the ONLINE mode only. In this regard, applicants may visit the official website of this institution ([www.gdcsrinagar.org](http://www.gdcsrinagar.org)) for submission of their application forms. The applicants are advised to upload the following documents duly self-attested. The applicants are also advised to upload the fee receipt after depositing fee in any J&K Bank Branch.

The link for online application will be available from 23-12-2021 to 12-01-2022 upto 03:00 PM.

List of documents to be uploaded:

01	Date of Birth Certificate
02	Domicile Proof
03	BDS Degree/Provisional Certificate
04	Internship Completion Certificate
05	Attempt Certificate of BDS
06	1 <sup>st</sup> Year BDS Marks Certificate
07	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year BDS Marks Certificate
08	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year BDS Marks Certificate
09	4 <sup>th</sup> Year BDS Marks Certificate (if any)
10	Final Year BDS Marks Certificate
11	Valid Dental Council Registration Certificate
12	Upto date Renewal of Valid Dental Council Registration Certificate
13	Undertaking in the shape of Affidavit duly attested by the 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Magistrate that he/she has not done House Job in any institution (in any speciality) and shall not involve himself/herself in any strike.
14	Aadhaar Card
15	Merit Certificate (if any)
16	Certificate of Prizes, Medals, Honors, National Scholarship, Awards etc. (if any)
17	Certificate of Extra-curricular activities/Sports, if any issued by the competent authority (if any)

**NOTES:**

- ✦ The date for examination of House Job shall be notified separately and will also be available on official website of this institution ([www.gdcsrinagar.org](http://www.gdcsrinagar.org)).
- ✦ The requisite fee for House Job is Rs. 500/- for each speciality.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

The engagement of House Surgeons shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:-

01. The Selection of House Surgeons in Govt. Dental College, Srinagar shall be in order of preference as given hereunder:
  - a) Dental Graduates from Govt. Dental College, Srinagar.
  - b) Dental Graduates from Govt. Dental College, Srinagar who have not done House Job earlier (fresh batch) will be preferred first.
  - c) Fresh batch of Dental Graduates from Govt. Dental College, Srinagar will always be preferred first for branch allocations.
  - d) Dental Graduates other than Govt. Dental College, Srinagar but domicile/ residents of UT of Jammu & Kashmir.
02. The applicant who is interested to apply for more than one speciality shall have to apply for each speciality giving the orders of preference speciality-wise.
03. Application form deficit of any of the above certificates will not be entertained.
04. The House Surgeons will be whole timer and will be non-practicing.
05. Doctors who have already done House Job or left mid-way need not to apply.
06. No TA or DA shall be paid to the candidates appearing for the written Examination.
07. The applicants are required to submit hard copy (Original) of an uploaded affidavit duly attested by the 1<sup>st</sup> Class Magistrate in this institution at the time of examination.
08. The House Surgeons selected in various departments in addition will be put on Emergency duties in the Hospital on rotational basis as per the roster issued by Head of Department Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Srinagar.
09. No experience certificate shall be issued if the candidate does not complete his/her tenure.

Sd/-  
[Prof. (Dr.) Riyaz Farooq],  
Principal/Dean,  
Govt. Dental College & Hospital,  
Srinagar.

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Dated :20-12-2021



## UK PM Rules Out Tougher Lockdown, Daily Covid Cases Fall Slightly

**LONDON:** British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday ruled out imposing additional lockdown measures in England before Christmas but said the Omicron variant related data will be kept under review to see if stricter measures are needed next week.

The announcement came as the UK recorded 90,629 new COVID cases, slightly down on the all-time high on Monday of 91,743, largely driven by the high transmissibility of the Omicron variant.

In a video clip released by Downing Street, Johnson said: "In view of the continuing uncertainty about several things the severity of Omicron, uncertainty about the hospitalisation rate or the impact of the vaccine rollout or the boosters, we don't think today that there is enough evidence to justify any tougher measures before Christmas.

We continue to monitor Omicron very closely and if the situation deteriorates we will be ready to take action if needed."

Johnson, however, noted that Omicron was spreading at a speed never seen before.

The government will continue to monitor the data closely and will not hesitate to act after Christmas if necessary," he added.

He said people can go ahead with their Christmas plans but

should exercise caution, and repeated his appeal for everyone to get a booster jab.

Scotland, meanwhile, has opted for tougher measures with large events having limits on the number of people that can attend, and Edinburgh's annual Hogmanay new year celebrations have been cancelled. Wales had already planned tougher rules post-Christmas.

Meanwhile, the National Health Service (NHS) said more than two thirds of people aged 18 and over and who are eligible have now received their top up protection against COVID-19.

In total, 25,130,453 people who are three months on from their second dose have already been boosted in England, with the online service opening to eligible adults last Wednesday. The latest numbers follow a week of so-called booster records for vaccinations including a mammoth weekend with over 830,000 boosters on delivered on Saturday the highest number ever and more than 1.5 million boosters reported over Saturday and Sunday.

I have been absolutely blown away by the public response to our national mission for everyone to Get Boosted Now, with over two-thirds of eligible adults in England now having had their immunity topped up, said UK a Health Secretary Sajid Javid.

## Actors, Filmmakers Write To I&B Ministry Against Merger Of Films Division, NFAI with NFDC

### Agenceis

**MUMBAI:** Actor Naseeruddin Shah, filmmaker Vikramaditya Motwane and lyricist-writer Varun Grover were among 850 signatories to a letter on Tuesday opposing the merger of public institutions, including the Films Division (FD) and the National Film Archives of India (NFAI), with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).

The letter, sent to the ministry of information and broadcasting, has also been signed by academics, students, and members of the civil society among others.

It opposed the government's proposed move to "restructure/merge" the Children's Film Society of India (CFSI), Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF), FD and NFAI with NFDC, which was announced in December 2020.

The letter stated that the move, which was taken without consultation with the stakeholders, is a matter of concern due to the "lack of clarity and transparency in the process of this merger".

In December last year, the Union Cabinet had approved the merger of four government film media units with the NFDC with an aim of converging activities and resources and better coordination to ensure synergy and efficiency in achieving the mandate of the bodies.

"Since the MIB's announcement of re-assessment of these units in January 2019, we have followed several notices issued by the government. We hoped that an exercise as important as this will involve detailed discussions with the stakeholders including members of the film fraternity and the employees of the above mentioned institutions amongst others.

"Hence, it was a surprise to know that the High Powered Committee under Shri Bimal Julka submitted its report without engaging with the primary stakeholders. The fact that this report has not been made publicly available despite an RTI application raises further questions about the legitimacy of the whole process," the letter read.

It raised concerns over the inaccessibility of the report, especially in light of the recent announcement of the government to shut down "three of these units as early as January 2022".

According to the letter, drafted by filmmakers Prateek Vats and Shilpi Gulati, the decision of the government has led to speculation that it eventually aims to "privatise" film archives and government properties.

It called the ministry's decision to close the FD and NFAI as a "catastrophe in the name of Indian film heritage".

"As critical stakeholders in the

matter, we are concerned about the lack of clarity and transparency in the process of this merger. There is widespread speculation in the media that the entire exercise is a precursor for future privatisation of our film archives and government properties.

"Given the urgency of the matter, we request the MIB to clarify doubts to assuage the suspicions arising at this stage and take immediate action to safeguard the history of Indian cinema and the future of Indian filmmakers who have been closely associated with these institutions in varied capacities."

The signatories to the letter include filmmakers, actors, writers, editors from the country such as Nandita Das, Anand Patwardhan, Gitanjali Rao, Nimisha Nair, Nishtha Jain, Shama Zaidi among others.

The letter listed grievances including a request to release the report of the High Powered Committee headed by Bimal Julka "immediately".

"Public funded institutions like FD, NFAI and CFSI must not be merged with a corporation like NFDC. Consultations in a transparent and open manner should be undertaken with various stakeholders including filmmakers and employees vis a vis these institutions and how they see them with full autonomy, enhanced state funding and commitment to their original mandates.

## TickerPlant Launches CryptoWire: The Global Crypto Super App

### Agenceis

**SRINAGAR:** Keeping with the tradition of foresight in envisioning creation of world-class financial markets and ecosystem by 63 moons technologies limited (63 moons), its subsidiary TickerPlant has announced the launch of CryptoWire - a global crypto super app.

The CryptoWire seeks to empower participants in the crypto universe with a super app that will provide real-time market prices and insight, news, knowledge, research, training, information and data platform through Crypto University, CryptoTV and CryptoWire for crypto assets and blockchain. The Company which has always been a strong proponent and advocate of tech-centric, transparent and efficient solutions emphasizes that CryptoWire is Neither A Crypto Exchange Nor A Cryptocurrency but offers to empower its participants with comprehensive, unbiased information, going beyond exchanges. The CryptoWire users can access:

World's 1st Crypto University - a digital university that caters to all: from ABC to PhD and super specialized courses. World's 1st CryptoTV - a dedicated 24x7 crypto and blockchain YouTube channel and mobile IPTV. It provides in-depth analysis and awareness of global developments, trend reports, discussions, debates and guidance from international experts. World's 1st CryptoWire - a wire service with tools like arbitrage opportunities identification, watchlist creation, lending & borrowing rates.

"Following our PM's vision, we are creating the most credible Crypto & Blockchain universe based on knowledge, research, training, awareness, information and data from the world's best. CryptoWire will be the most credible port of call for entry into the Crypto Universe providing Credibility - backed by strong governance principles guided by the board, Stability - powered by robust technology and by giving information of most curated data," said Jigish Sonagara, Managing Director and CEO of TickerPlant.

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### LG Asks Top

a rise in political activities after the delimitation commission on Monday proposed six seats for Jammu and one for Kashmir, was also reportedly discussed in the meeting.

"The LG asked the security agencies to keep up the good work and to stay alert for meeting any possible challenges on the law and order and security front," they said.

Earlier, People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), an umbrella organisation of some Kashmir based political parties termed the proposal by Delimitation Commission as "divisive" for Jammu and Kashmir and decided to stage a protest against the draft on January 01, 2022. The Peoples Conference and Apni Party also reject the proposal.

Jammu Kashmir National Panthers Party and Shiv Sena unit of Jammu and Kashmir also termed the bill as anti-Jammu and demanded more than 50 seats.

### GOC 15 Corps

Lt General, D.P Pandey at Raj Bhavan here on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said. The army commander, he said, briefed the LG about the prevailing security scenario in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that discussions were also held on several internal security-related issues and their effective management.

"The Lt Governor lauded the Army's role in ensuring a safe and secure environment for the people of J&K and advised for heightened surveillance on vital installations while maintaining close synergy between the Security Forces and Civil Administration to effectively deal with any emergent situation," the official spokesperson added.

### Militants Attack

and the recent killing of two policemen in the north Kashmir district.

### PAGD To Protest

people and all communities," PAGD chief spokesperson and CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami told reporters here.

This was the second meeting of the PAGD in Jammu since the five-party amalgam was formed in 2019 to seek the restoration of special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir that was revoked by the Centre in August that year.

On the Delimitation Commission's recommendations, Tarigami said, "We are firmly of the opinion that it (proposal) is divisive and will further deepen the divide in Jammu and Kashmir."

"It will also deepen the alienation of the people and will create a much bigger void which is also detrimental to the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh as well and will also damage the interests of the country as a whole," he said after the over an hour-long meeting chaired by NC president and PAGD chairperson Farooq Abdullah.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti and Awami National Conference leader Muzaffar Ahmad Shah also attended the meeting at Abdullah's Bhatindi residence.

"We have decided to use every opportunity and every forum and will reach out to the people of the country, leaders of political parties, including those who do not agree with us, and make them understand the pain we are going through," Tarigami said.

"We regret that the constitutional framework for such an exercise, which is the population according to the census, was completely ignored," he said.

The Kashmir division currently has 46 assembly seats and the Jammu region 37. The population of Jammu region is 53.72 lakh and Kashmir division 68.83 lakh, according to the census of 2011 which has been the baseline for the commission.

Referring to the petitions filed by various political parties in the Supreme Court against the

Reorganisation Act and revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, Tarigami said, "we have all along demanded delimitation in accordance with the national exercise".

"What they have done (in 2019) was a unilateral and unconstitutional decision without taking the real stakeholders on board. We have already challenged it in the Supreme Court. The government should have waited for the decision of the court but they set up the Delimitation Commission. They are in haste which is neither in the interest of the nation nor the public," he said.

Claiming that the Constitution and the law are not operative in Jammu and Kashmir, the PAGD leader said the BJP is trying to mainstream Jammu and Kashmir on its own terms and is taking decisions that are "detrimental to national unity and will harm the peoples' aspirations".

"Was everything suspended in Jammu and Kashmir? This is our question to our nation, leaders and the civil society... we are fearful that such a decision (delimitation recommendation), if implemented, will further deepen the crisis in J&K.

Tarigami said the PAGD is not representing one region or one community but is a platform for "all communities, regions, sub-regions, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh".

A small group of Rashtriya Bajrang Dal activists led by their president Rakesh Bagrang staged a protest a few kilometers from the venue of the PAGD meeting.

Bagrang said they are protesting against the PAGD leadership for holding their meeting in Jammu as "they are a group of traitors".

"We were in favour of all the seven seats going to the Jammu region to end discrimination with the region," he said.

NC leader Masoodi told reporters after the PAGD meeting that the party will file its objections to the panel's recommendations with documentary evidence within the next 10 days.

"We have already informed the commission in the meeting itself that the whole exercise is not in accordance with the Constitution and offends its core values.

"There are petitions (with regard to the reorganisation of J&K) pending in Supreme Court... the chairperson of the commission presented the interim draft proposal, to which we strongly objected and made it clear that it is not acceptable. We asked the commission what is the baseline for the report and were told that (it is the) 2011 census," he said.

The NC leader said after "our strong objection, the commission gave us 10 days' time till the month-end to file our objections."

"We are working to file our objections within the time frame based on data and other documentary evidence," Masoodi said.

### PAGD Has Lost

Countering the objections raised by PAGD leaders over the recommendations, the BJP leader said whether it is delimitation commission or election commission, these are autonomous and independent institutions which have their own powers.

The delimitation commission came out with its recommendations after working for over two years, during which they met leaders of all political parties, social workers, district development and block development council members, heads of organisations of panchs and sarpanchs, and collected data from government machinery, including deputy commissioners, and worked on set parameters, he said.

Raina further said if an independent institution is saying something and that too headed by a retired Supreme Court judge whose credibility and transparency is well known, there is no place for objection.

He said the National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Congress have ruled Jammu and Kashmir over the last seven decades, but failed to give equal rights to different communities.

I do not see anything wrong in increasing six seats to Jammu region and one in Kupwara district of north Kashmir. They should talk of the whole Jammu and Kashmir as a unit rather than restricting their politics to mohalla (locality) level, the BJP leader said, adding that they are free to raise their concerns with the commission rather than making it an issue.

The BJP leader said the party is happy over the recommendation for reservation of nine seats to Scheduled Tribes and seven seats to Scheduled Caste communities.

The Scheduled Tribes were oppressed by NC, PDP and Congress over the years for their vested interests, while the BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi provided them justice and equal rights, he said.

Raina said the opposition parties are smelling their defeat before the elections as they have lost the faith and support of the public.

We are linking people and they are poisoning their minds by provocative statements, he alleged and asked the PAGD leadership to stop provoking the public and instead work for the welfare of the people.

He added that the BJP has set a target of 50 plus seats in the next assembly elections which would be held after the completion of the delimitation exercise. (PTI)

### Paramilitary Forces

that the improvement in working conditions of CAPFs and AR personnel is a constant endeavour and measures are being undertaken to promote the mental health and wellbeing of the jawans.

Transparent policies pertaining to transfer and leave of CAPFs and AR personnel have already been in place and the "choice posting" is considered to the extent possible after the personnel serve in "hard areas", he said.

The hospitalisation period due to injuries on duty is now treated as on duty, he added.

Other measures such as regular interactions of officers with enlisted personnel to find out and redress their grievances, ensuring adequate rest and relief by regulating the duty hours, improving living conditions, providing adequate recreational and entertainment, sports, communication facilities and creche facility is also provided at various establishments (where feasible) to facilitate the female employees.

The Ministry has also made a facility of retention of government accommodation at the place of last posting (for keeping the family) while posted in northeastern states, Jammu and Kashmir, and Left Wing-Extremism affected areas.

It has also directed the CAPFs to provide better medical facilities as well as organising talks with specialists to address their personal and psychological concerns and organising meditation and yoga routinely for better stress management whereas the security personnel adequately get compensated, if deployed in difficult areas.

The government has taken special care of promotions which are released regularly to eligible personnel as and when the vacancies arise. Financial benefits under Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) are given at 10, 20, and 30 years of service in case promotion does not take place for want of vacancies, Rai added.

The Minister also informed that other welfare measures like facility of Central Police Canteen, scholarship for their wards, and air courier service has also been provided to CAPF personnel deployed in NE states, J&K, and LWE affected areas as welfare measure and to reduce the stress level of CAPFs/ARs personnel.

### PDD Employees

said 60 per cent electricity in the Union Territory was restored and the administration will achieve 100 per cent restoration by Tuesday.

The UT has been facing a widespread power shutdown since Sunday owing to a deadlock

between PDD employees and the administration over the latter's bid to privatise electricity in the region.

The LG said talks were held with the striking employees and as of Monday no dues and salary were pending on part of the government.

"We restored 60 percent of electricity and by tomorrow we will achieve 100% restoration," Sinha said on the sidelines of a function here on Monday.

"I do not want to name them, but some people have criticised that the Army has been called to restore electricity. Personnel from REC, NTPC, NHPC, and officers from the army engineering corps have also come. This only shows our commitment," he said.

Jammu University has postponed offline and online examination for undergraduate and postgraduate students on Tuesday in view of the strike.

The PDD employees held anti-government protests in Srinagar and Jammu demanding in writing from the Lieutenant Governor an assurance that it has shelved the proposal of merger.

According to the sources, while the administration parleyed with the employees, it also visited several power distribution facilities in Jammu to speed up restoration of electricity supply.

### Reject Those

suffering due to joblessness, inflation and poverty.

"In our times, the change was development and prosperity oriented. We constructed roads, schools, hospitals and brought smiles on the faces of people, including those living in far-flung areas. We did not discriminate against people on the basis of religion and community and worked for everyone without considering their party affiliations," the former chief minister said.

He said, We want this country and J&K to be a paradise but there are some who want to turn this region into a hell. This is against humanity."

Azad said leaders are meant to provide justice to the people irrespective of their religion, party affiliation or region.

"All religions speak about serving humanity and this is our policy, but today it is not happening and people are being discriminated on the basis of religion and party affiliation, he said, adding such type of people are not worthy of running a government and they should leave politics and return to 'puja path' (worship).

Criticising the Jammu and Kashmir administration for taking away land from the people which was under their occupation for the past seven decades on the pretext of encroachment of state land, the Congress leader said this government is wearing black glasses and is pushing the people towards poverty.

"This government is deaf and blind but talking 24x7. They do not see poverty and unemployment, he said, adding we will not allow them to destroy J&K.

Reiterating his demand for restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and early conduct of assembly elections to end the bureaucratic rule to provide popular government to the people, he urged the gathering to bring down the walls of hatred and reject the politicians who are doing politics on the basis of religion.

He termed the abrogation of Article 370 providing special status to J&K and its bifurcation into two union territories a tragedy and said the people had never dreamt of such a development.

"Every citizen of Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of their religion and region, went into a gloom following the August 5, 2019 development, he said.

### J&K Logs 104

infected since the outbreak of pandemic in J&K to 340036.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported highest 40 new cases of Covid-19, Kupwara 15, Ganderbal 9, Bandipora and Baramulla 4 each, Anantnag 3, Pulwama 2 and one new

case in Kulgam. No new cases were reported in Budgam and Shopian districts.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 18 new cases of virus, Rajouri and Doda 3 and one new case each in Kathua and Kishtwar. The five districts of Udhampur, Samba, Poonch, Ramban and Reasi reported no fresh cases.

"Moreover, 139 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 29 from Jammu Division and 110 from Kashmir Division," the officials said.

Also, they said, one more person succumbed to coronavirus in the Jammu division, taking the death toll to 4514 in J&K—2195 in Jammu and 2319 in Kashmir.

### Snowfall Likely

to moderate snowfall from December 22-25.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' (big cold), which started today, is the 40-day harshest winter period when a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies including the famous Dal Lake here as well as the water supply lines in several parts of the valley.

The chances of snowfall are the most frequent and maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy snowfall.

'Chillai-Kalan' will end on January 31. The cold wave continues even after that in Kashmir with a 20-day-long 'Chillai-Khur'd' (small cold) and a 10-day-long 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold).

### Heart Attack

of the city on Tuesday evening, reports said. He was shifted to SMHS hospital in an unconscious state. However, the doctors declared him dead, they said.

### 4 Militant Associates

Pandith of Konibal, Pampore were arrested by a joint team of police, army's 50RR and the personnel of 110 battalion CRPF on the basis of a specific input from Pampore town, a police spokesperson said. He said incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including a pistol, hand grenade were recovered from their possession.

During the preliminary investigation, the police spokesperson said that it was revealed that the arrested militant associates were in touch with JeM commanders & were involved in transportation of arms & ammunition.

"Besides, they were providing shelter and other logistic support to the active terrorists operating in Sambaora & Pampore areas of Awantipora," he said.

Accordingly, he said, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Pampore and further investigation has been taken up.

### Interview Of Haj

hereby informed through this news item that their interview for the selection shall be held as per the schedule given underneath from 11.00AM, an official spokesperson said.

He said that for Haj Trainers from Srinagar, Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Budgam, the interview is scheduled for 23rd December.

"Similarly, for Trainers from Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian, Kupwara and Pulwama the interview is scheduled to be held on 24th December. However, the applicants from Jammu Division and Ladakh UT shall be interviewed through virtual mode," he added.

The official spokesperson further said that the list of eligible applicants will be available on the official website of Jammu and Kashmir Haj Committee. i.e., www.jkshc.org.

### Motorcyclist Killed

reports said.

"Due to his severe wounds, he died on the spot," an official said, adding that a case has been registered in this regard.



## India Among World's Top 3 Dope Violators In Latest WADA Report

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** An uptick in the number of offenders has taken India into the top-three of the world's biggest doping violators in a WADA report detailing the transgressions for the year 2019 with bodybuilding, weightlifting and athletics contributing majorly to the country's embarrassing record. In the latest report published by the World Anti-Doping Agency, 152 (17 per cent of the world total) Anti-doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) were reported in India in 2019, leaving it third in the list with the maximum dope offenders coming from bodybuilding (57).

Among Olympic sports, weightlifting leads the way with 25 ADRVs, followed by athletics (20) and wrestling (10). Boxing and judo reported four ADRVs each. Four cricketers were also found to have committed ADRVs in 2019.

A lightweight in global sport, India is only behind Russia (167) and Italy (157), while Brazil (78) is at fourth and Iran (70) fifth.

An ADRV is reported after a final decision has been rendered and a sanction (a reprimand or period of ineligibility) imposed against the athlete following the conclusion of disciplinary proceedings.

Russia was banned from fielding its national team in Tokyo Olympics for not complying with international anti-doping rules.

The country now tops the violators' list, reporting more cases than from the previous report of 2018. It had gone down to seventh in the 2017, with 57 ADRVs.

In the previous WADA report meant for anti-doping violations in 2018, India was placed fourth with 107 ADRVs, behind Russia (144), Italy (132) and France (114). Weightlifting (22) had produced the highest number of dope offenders in that report also, followed by athletics (16).

A total of 2,78,047 samples were collected by Anti-Doping Organisations worldwide in 2019, and subsequently, analysed by WADA-accredited laboratories. Of these samples, 2,701 (1 per cent) were reported as Adverse Analytical Findings.

Based on a compilation of the information received by WADA till January 31, 2021, 1,535 samples (57 per cent) were confirmed as ADRVs (sanctions), the world anti-doping watchdog said.

Among Olympic sports worldwide, athletics leads the number of dope offenders with 227 (18 per cent), followed by weightlifting with 160. Bodybuilding leads overall with 272.

## ACT Hockey: Japan Stun India 5-3 To Set Up Title Clash Against Korea

### To Face Pakistan In Bronze Medal Clash Today

Press Trust of India

**DHAKA:** Defending champions and Olympic bronze medallist India suffered a stunning 3-5 defeat against Japan in the second semifinal of the Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament here on Tuesday.

India were the overwhelming favourites before the start of the match after having thrashed the same opponents 6-0 in their last round-robin match and also on head-to-head record, but the Japanese had other plans.

The Japanese looked a completely different side on Tuesday as they toyed with the defence of the Manpreet Singh-led side from the beginning.

Japan scored through Shota

Yamada (1st minute, penalty), Raiki Fujishima (2nd minute), Yoshiaki Kirishita (14th), Kosei Kawabe (35th) and Ryoma Ooka (41st).

India's goals were scored by Dilpreet Singh (17th minute), vice-captain Harmanpreet Singh (43rd) and Hardik Singh (58th).

India and Japan had met 18 times before with the hosts winning 16 games, while Japan emerged victorious on one occasion and one ended in a draw.

Japan will now take on South Korea in the summit clash, while India will be once again up against Pakistan in the bronze medal clash on Wednesday.

The tournament ended in an anti-climax for India as after having topped the round robin stages with an unbeaten record.

In the other semifinal of the day, South Korea beat Pakistan 6-5 in a thrilling contest.

## Why Are You Captain?: Ponting Slams Root's Comments

Agencies

**MELBOURNE:** Former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting has questioned Joe Root's comments about England's bowlers during the Ashes and said that as captain of the touring side the onus is on him to make changes when needed.

After a nine-wicket thrashing in the Brisbane opener, England lost the second Test in Adelaide by 275 runs on Monday to trail the five-match series 2-0.

Root said after the pink ball Test that his bowlers needed to bowl fuller and "be a bit braver".

"I nearly fell off my seat when I heard that," Ponting told a Cricket Australia website. "Whose job is it then to make them change? Why are you captain then?"

"If you can't influence your bowlers on what length to bowl, what are you doing on the field?"

"Joe Root can come back and say whatever he likes but if you're captain, you've got to be able to sense when your bowlers aren't bowling where you want them to. That's what captaincy is all about."

Ponting also suggested that England's bowling attack was at its best when Root left the field due to a groin injury and the captaincy was briefly passed over to Ben Stokes.

"The interesting thing for me is the only time they bowled full in the game was when Joe Root wasn't on the ground," Ponting said.

"The start of day four when they had a meeting on the ground before play started, Stokes took over the captaincy, and that was the only time in the game they pitched the ball up."

The third Ashes Test will be played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground from Dec. 26-30.

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## I Felt Like I Was Being Thrown Under The Bus: Ashwin

### Spinner Recalls A Ravi Shastri Remark That 'Crushed' Him

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** India's premier off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has revealed that he felt like he was being "thrown under the bus" after a remark by former head coach Ravi Shastri left him "crushed" during a torrid phase in his career when he contemplated retirement multiple times.

In an interview with 'ESPNcricinfo', Ashwin was asked how he felt when then coach Shastri anointed Kuldeep Yadav as India's No. 1 spinner overseas after he had taken a five-for in the 2019 Sydney Test against Australia.

Ashwin said he was genuinely happy for Kuldeep as he knew how difficult it is to take five wickets as a spinner in Australia but Shastri's remark left him "absolutely crushed".

"I hold Ravi bhai in high esteem. We all do. And I understand we all can say things and then retract them. In that moment, though, I felt crushed. Absolutely crushed," Ashwin said.

"We all talk about how important it is to enjoy your team-mates' success. And I was happy for Kuldeep. I have not been able to get a five-for but he has a five-for in Australia. I know how big it is. Even when I have bowled well (at other times), I haven't ended up with a five-for. So I am genuinely happy for him. And it's an extremely happy occasion, to win in Australia.

"But if I have to come and partake in his happiness, and the success of the team, I must feel like I belong there. If I feel like I am being thrown under the bus, how am I supposed to get up and come for a party to enjoy the team's or team-mate's success?"

Ashwin, however, still made it to the celebration party that was

organised following the Indian's team's historic series triumph Down Under.

"I went back to my room and then I spoke to my wife. And my children were there. So we were able to, you know, shrug it off, and I still made it to the party, because, end of the day, we had won a massive series."

The 35-year-old said that recurring injuries meant that he was playing under "excruciating pain" when he took three wickets in each innings to lead India to victory in the first Test.

Shastri's remark was quite too much for Ashwin after he played a role in the team's win in the series opener.

"The first Test seemed like a distant memory by then. I had taken three of the first four wickets in the first innings after we were bowled out cheaply, and then when it got really flat in the final innings, I plugged away for 50-plus overs and took three wickets despite what turned out to be a grade three abdomen tear.

"In my mind, I had done something great for the team in excruciating pain, but

all I heard was, "Nathan Lyon took six, Ashwin took three."

"As it is, I was frustrated with my body for letting me down when I was in really good bowling form. The last thing I needed was these comparisons and insinuations. Between that reaction and Sydney, it didn't feel like I had played any part at all," Ashwin said.

Ashwin has been a great asset for India in both home and away conditions in the longer format of the game.

The spinner has so far taken 427 Test wickets, making him the third-highest wicket-taker from the country after Anil Kumble and Kapil Dev in the red-ball format.

But there was a phase between 2018 and 2020 when he almost quit playing.

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## Pakistan Opener Abid Ali Hospitalised After Pain In Chest

Agencies

**KARACHI:** Test cricketer Abid Ali was diagnosed with a case of "acute coronary syndrome" on Tuesday after complaining of chest pain during a Quaid-e-Azam Trophy match between Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Central Punjab at UBL Sports Complex in Karachi.

The 34-year-old batsman was batting for the Punjab side on the final day of the match when he felt the discomfort. He was taken to a hospital in the metropolitan city where he underwent an electrocardiogram (ECG).

In a statement issued later in the day, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said that Abid left the batting crease at 61 in Central Punjab's second innings after complaining of chest pain.

"He was taken immediately to a cardiac hospital where he was diagnosed with a case of acute coronary syndrome," the cricket board said.

"He is currently stable. It is requested to respect his and the family's privacy at this time," the PCB said.

Earlier, a PCB official told Dawn.com that Abid had felt pain in the "shoulder area" and experienced "uneasiness and heaviness".

The PCB official had said that Abid underwent precautionary medical tests and all his "initial reports were clear". He said that the cricketer was "feeling better" and not experiencing any pain anymore.

Abid, who is from Lahore, was in superb form recently during the two-match Test series in Bangladesh. He had top scored in both the innings of the opening Test against the Tigers. That coupled with his 39 in the only innings of the second Test had earned him player of the series honour.

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## FIR Against Pakistani Cricketer Yasir Shah For Helping Friend, Who Molested Girl

Press Trust of India

**KARACHI:** The police have registered an FIR against Pakistan Test leg-spinner Yasir Shah and his friend on the allegations of kidnapping, molesting and threatening a girl.

The FIR was registered at the Shalimar police station in Lahore after the girl complained. The Pakistan cricketer is yet to respond on the issue.

In the FIR, the girl has alleged that Yasir's friend, Farhan



nosed as a case of acute coronary syndrome. He is under the care of the consultant cardiologist who is liaising with the PCB medical team regarding further treatment," the cricket board said.

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## DYSS Organise YSS Cup In Bandipora



Observer News Service

**BANDIPORA:** Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Bandipora is organising tournaments in different games at Panchayat Level to keep youth active during the chilling winters.

The matches of the tournament at Panchayat Level in Volleyball, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho are being held at Higher Secondary School Nadihal.

ZZPEO Bandipora kickstarted the block level Panchayat tournament on Tuesday. Youth Services and Sports Officer Ghulam Qadir said that in the ongoing YSS Cup Rolling trophy, Block Bandipora, conducted matches in

volleyball and kabaddi.

He said in volleyball Panchayat Chetaybanday-B, Garoora-B and Gundpora-B qualified for the next round of the tournament while in Kabaddi Chetaybanday-A and Chetaybanday-B were winners and qualified for the next round of the competition.

YSS Officer said the aim of holding the tournaments during winter was to keep youngsters physically active as people normally stay away from doing much physical work which takes a toll on their health. He said such activities will help youth to stay fit and stay away from anti-social activities including drug.

## 'Rs 6,801.30 Crore Released For Sports Development In Last 5 Years

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Tuesday said his ministry has released a sum of Rs 6,801.30 crore under various sports development schemes in the last five years.

Thakur, who took over from Kiren Rijju as the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports earlier this year, said that Rs 7,072.28 was allocated to the ministry.

"During the last five years, a sum of Rs 7,072.28 crore was allocated and a sum of Rs 6,801.30 crore was released under the various sports development schemes of this Ministry," Thakur informed in a written reply in Lok Sabha.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports runs the following schemes for the development of sports in the country, including at the village level: (i) Khelo India Scheme; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special Awards



to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India. (SAI).

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## EPL Urge 16% Of Players Unvaccinated To Get Jabbed

Agencies

**LONDON:** Premier League clubs decided against pausing the season on Monday despite 10 fixtures being postponed in the previous week due to the most widespread coronavirus outbreaks to date across squads.

While more than 90% of players in the Italian and Spanish leagues have been fully vaccinated, the Premier League disclosed that only 77% of its players had received two doses. In its first update on vaccine take-up in two months,



the league also said 16% of players had not received even a single dose.

Coronavirus cases across players and staff hit another high in the last week, more than doubling from 42 to 90. It reflects a spike in infections across Britain — up some 60% in the last week — with more than 90,000 daily cases reported in three of the last four days.

Premier League clubs met virtually on Monday after six of the weekend's 10 games were called off.

"While recognizing a number of clubs are experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks

and challenges," the league said after the call, "it is the league's collective intention to continue the current fixture schedule where safely possible.

"The health and wellbeing of all concerned remains our priority and the league will continue to monitor and reflect public health guidance, always proceeding with caution."

Due to the looming fixture congestion to play postponed games, it was announced Monday that plans for replays in the third and fourth rounds of the FA Cup have been scrapped.

## Pankaj Advani Wins His 11th National Billiards Title

Press Trust of India



**BHOPAL:** Ace cueist Pankaj Advani defended his national billiards title — his 11th in the tournament — after he defeated his PSPB teammate Dhruv Sitwala 5-2 in a best of nine games final here.

Advani responded with breaks of 56 and 46 to restore parity at 1-1 after Sitwala's breaks of 64 and 42 late on Monday evening.

Sitwala, displaying excellent in-offs, pots and cannons, surged ahead by pocketing the third game with a sizeable break of 84.

He was on course to even wrest the fourth game after he compiled a wonderful effort of 101, but a costly lapse by him gave a window of opportunity to Advani. Composing himself, in a superb rally the maestro chalked up a classy break of 127 to snatch the game and draw level once again at 2-2.

Then Advani struck a purple patch, cajoling and nursing the balls at the top of the table to craft identical unfinished breaks of 150 in the fifth and sixth games to run up a crucial 4-2 games lead.

Not giving up, Sitwala put up a tremendous show of skill, patience and temperament to strike a break of 134, but sadly, when in prime position he could not hold the balls together to give another chance to Advani after a sequence of safety exchanges.

Advani never looked back after that, compiling an unfinished 148 break to take the game, match and title.



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