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P5 STATE

CHIEF SECRETARY CALLS FAKE NEWS A BIG CHALLENGE

Terming fake or misleading news as a big challenge, the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday asked the information department to institute a

THINK

IS KASHMIR LOSING MEMORIES TO COVID-CATALYZED DEMENTIA?

IN her late sixties, Nusrat Mir is reliving her "sweet sixteen". The grandmother keeps revising her girlhood by strolling in her hometown meadow as a happy-go-lucky person. But like her faint memory, the meadow she mentions has long



P11 SPORTS

GANGULY HOSPITALISED AFTER TESTING COVID POSITIVE

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has been admitted to a city hospital after testing positive for COVID-19 but the former India captain is "stable", the medical



WISDOM!

It's hard to beat a person who never gives up

Babe Ruth

NEWS DIGEST

Electric Shock Kills PDD Worker

SRINAGAR: A daily wagger in the Power Development Department (PDD) died on Tuesday after receiving an electric shock in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Mohammad Ramzan was repairing a transmission line in Rafiabab area of the district on Tuesday morning when he received an electric shock, reports said. A resident of **More on P10**

Leopard Mauls 11 Sheep

SRINAGAR: At least eleven sheep were killed by a leopard Tangmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, reports said Tuesday. A leopard barged into the cowshed of Ghulam Nabi Rather in Waripora village of Tangmarg on Monday night and killed 11 sheep and injured another before leaving the place, reports said. Meanwhile, locals said that the leopard was **More on P10**

Minor Killed In Hit And Run Accident

SRINAGAR: A minor boy was killed on Tuesday in a hit and run accident in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. 4-year-old Arafath Ahmad Ahanger was hit by a car (JK01M-9404) on Tuesday afternoon at Gultipora area of the district causing his on the spot death, a police official said. **More on P10**

Two Women Held With Heroin

JAMMU: Two women hailing from Punjab were arrested Tuesday on the charges of drug peddling after about 12 grams of heroin was seized from their possession in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. Karamjeet Kour of Gurdaspur and Neha of Jalandhar **More on P10**

...Hyderpora Killings

Police Gives Clean Chit To Its Men, Central Forces

Say Pak Militant Took Building Owner, Ramban Youth As 'Human Shield', Both Died In 'Cross-Fire'



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Jammu and Kashmir Police, probing the Hyderpora encounter, on Tuesday said while one civilian was killed by the foreign militant, the owner of the building and a local militant died in "crossfire" after being used as a human shield by

the hiding ultra.

A Pakistani militant and three other persons were killed in Hyderpora here on November 15 and police claimed that all the slain men had links to militancy. The families of the three had, however, claimed that they were innocent and had alleged foul play, prompting the police to order the inquiry. On Tuesday, the **More on P10**

Home Deptt Receives Probe Report

The Jammu and Kashmir Home department on Tuesday said that it has received the inquiry report regarding the Hyderpora encounter and the same has been sent to the concerned judicial magistrate. In a statement issued here, the Home department said that the district magistrate has been advised to send the report to the judicial magistrate under section 190 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, as mandated under law. The statement reads that an inquiry to ascertain the facts and circumstances and the cause of death regarding firing incident at Hyderpora, during the intervening November 15 and 16, 2021, was ordered to be conducted by the ADM Srinagar. "The inquiry report has been received by the **More on P10**

AT NO POINT OF TIME DID ANY OF THEM tell the security forces about the presence of the terrorist inside or seek any help"

Families Reject SIT Probe, Say Guilty Being 'Shielded'

Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR: The families of the slain men killed in controversial Hyderpora encounter last month, rejected the Special Investigation Team's (SIT) report on Tuesday alleging that a cooked up story was being made to shield the security personnel involved in "stage-managed gunfight"

On November 16, Police claimed to have killed a Pakistani militant Hyder Bhai, his associate Aamir Ahmad Magray of Ramban, 'OGW' Dr Mudassir Gul and building owner Altaf Ahmed Bhat in an encounter in Hyderpora area of the city outskirts. However, families of three of them— Dr Mudassir Gul, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, and Amir from

Ramban—contested police claims maintaining their kin were not even remotely connected with militancy. Following the protest by the families, the government had ordered magisterial inquiry by an additional district magistrate to be completed within 15 days. The police formed an SIT to probe the shootout. The SIT **More on P10**

91 New Cases, 1 Corona Death In 24 Hours

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Tuesday 91 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, 59 fresh cases of Covid-19 were reported from Kashmir Valley and the remaining 32 from Jammu division, taking the number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 340924.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 30 new cases of virus, Ganderbal 9, **More on P10**

J&K Has Embarked On New Journey Of Development: LG

Apollo To Set Up Multi-Specialty Hospital In Jammu, Pact Signed

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that his administration has embarked on a new journey of development & socio-economic growth, which will take the Union Territory to levels never seen before.

"With greater industry engagement & greater investment, J&K will grow from strength to strength in the years to come," Sinha said, as per an official spokesperson on Tuesday.

He made these comments after the J&K government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the



world renowned healthcare company Apollo Hospitals for the establishment of a multi-specialty hospital in Jammu.

The MoU was signed between Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary to J&K Government, Industries & Commerce

Department and Dr. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd, here at the Civil Secretariat.

"We have embarked on a new journey of development & socio-economic growth, which will take J&K UT to **More on P10**

BJP Welcomes Summit, Slam NC-PDP For 'Misleading' People

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Welcoming signing of 39 MoUs by the Jammu and Kashmir administration with the country's real estate investors, the BJP on Tuesday accused the National Conference and the PDP of issuing misleading and baseless statements linking the productive initiatives with attempts to alter the demography of the union territory.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday opened the union territory to the country's real estate investors by signing 39 MoUs worth nearly Rs 19,000 crore for the development of housing, hotel and commercial projects.

Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister

Kavinder Gupta welcomed the maiden J-K Real Estate Conference in Jammu.

There is a dire need to create an optimum congenial atmosphere in this terrorism-infested region for the bright future of our youth, he said.

Gupta said the most positive aspect is that investors from across the country and even abroad are evincing keen interest to invest in a variety of sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

It is after the abrogation of Article 370 that J-K is on the path of unprecedented development after decades of turmoil, he said, appealing to the people to come forward and support the development policies of the administration.

The J-K BJP leader **More on P10**

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J&K Bank Board Appoints Baldev Prakash MD & CEO

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Jammu & Kashmir Bank on Tuesday said its board of directors has appointed Baldev Prakash as the MD & CEO for three years.

The board of directors in the meeting held on December 28 has appointed Baldev Prakash as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the bank for a period of three years, J&K Bank said in a regulatory filing.

His appointment will be effective from the actual date of his taking charge, the bank said. The board also appointed R K Chhibber as an additional director on the board of the bank to be effective from the date Baldev Prakash takes charge as MD&CEO of the bank, it said further.



In October this year, the RBI had approved the appointment of Prakash as the next MD&CEO of J&K Bank. His appointment was slated from the date of taking charge or April 10, 2022, whichever earlier.

Prakash has over 30 years of experience in banking in various roles at small and large size branches at SBI. **More on P10**

Govt Likely To Quit School Buildings With Low Enrolment

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government has sought details of schools with low enrolment to 'vacate such premises in order to merge the schools' to streamline the Teacher Pupil Ratio (TPR).

According to reports, the government in a communication issued to Director of School Education of Kashmir and Jammu and Project Director, Samagra Shiksha has asked them to provide details of government-run-schools with low enrolment.

Deputy Director for Planning Development and Monitoring has said, "The decisions taken in Committee of Secretaries (COS) meeting headed by Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Arun

Kumar Mehta on December-1 regarding the schools with low enrolment and as desired by the higher authorities, I am directed to convey that the expected criteria for proposing the vacating of school buildings due to likely merger of schools with low enrolment may be taken."

Stating the criteria, the official has said that the details regarding low enrolment shall be submitted of all government primary schools with enrolment less than 10 students.

"All government and upper primary and middle schools with enrolment less than 30 students and all the government high schools with enrolment less than 70 enrolments," it reads.

The official however said that it shall be **More on P10**



The skiing resort of Gulmarg is witnessing a huge rush of tourists ahead of New Year this weekend. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Dry Weather To Continue Till Dec 31

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The mercury fell below the freezing point across Kashmir, except Srinagar city, as cold wave conditions returned to the valley on Tuesday after a brief spell of respite due to snowfall and rains over the past two days, officials said.

Gulmarg, the famous tourist destination in north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 9.4 degrees Celsius. It was a plunge of 3.4 degrees compared to the previous night, the officials said.

Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 7.9 degrees Celsius down from minus 4.1 degrees Celsius the previous night.

They said Srinagar, the only place to record minimum temperature above the freezing point, saw a low of 1.4 degrees Celsius on Monday night down from the previous night's minus 2.2 degrees Celsius.

They said Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley, recorded the minimum of minus 0.4 degrees Celsius.

The nearby south Kashmir town of Kokernag recorded a low of minus 2.5 degrees Celsius.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of 1.0 degrees Celsius.

The Kashmir valley is currently under the grip of the 40-day harshest winter period known as 'Chilla-i-Kalan' which began on Tuesday.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' is a 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 **More on P10**

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THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA, SRINAGAR. ATTENTION PLEASE.

The candidate whose photograph is above reports that he /she has lost his/ her qualification certificate/s having the following description:-

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Now the candidate has, applied for issuance of DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE/S. Before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained.

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Sd/= Assistant Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Name: Mudasir Hassan Bhat
S/O: Gh Hassan Bhat
R/O: Kandiwara

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, I Mr/Ms Shahid Ahmad Khan S/o Naseer Ahmad Khan R/o Bar Bar Shah Srinagar, Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s Kashmir Fly Tour And Travel" situated at Bar Bar Shah Srinagar, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I will submit Suite Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate. Pan Card. Experience Certificate (Minimum 15 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department). Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000). Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar. Printing Material (Letter/Visiting Card). Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency)

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12. before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority. The matter is hereby notified for Information of general Public/Financial Institutions / Bank/Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration, TRC Srinagar. Kashmir (e-mail id ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in lading local Newspaper/Newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 day shall be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules.

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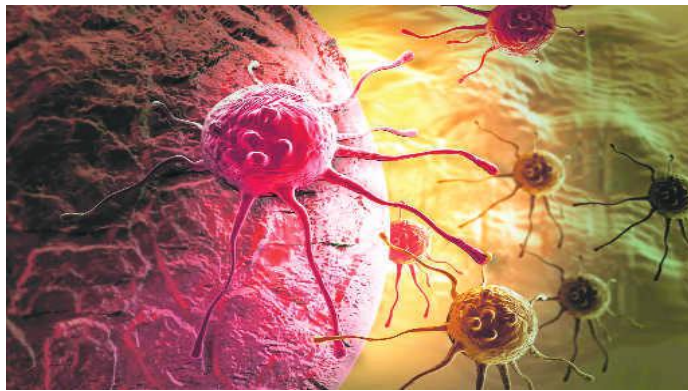
Chemotherapy, Radiation May Not Be Needed To Treat Cancer: New Research

Agenices

A team of 11 scientists from the Cleveland Clinic in the US and a researcher from Allahabad University (AU) have found a way in which chemo and radiation therapy will not be required to kill cancer cells. The work of the team led by Yang Li, Professor of Cancer Biology at the Cleveland Clinic, and assisted by Munish Pandey, Assistant Professor at the Department of Biochemistry, AU, has been published in the prestigious journal 'Oncogene by Nature'. The research bears significance as the work promises a treatment using which the cancer patients will be saved from the side effects of chemo and radiation therapy.

After its successful experiment on rats, efforts are now being intensified to apply it on the human body.

Pandey said: "The study may give relief to cancer patient who undergoes chemotherapy. Chemotherapy uses radiation and other drugs which has many side effects and evoke immune system that causes severe pain and allergic reaction. The team has earlier developed knockout mice for miR-21 and the same was published in 'Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences' of the US (PNAS) journal. MicroRNA-21 (small non-coding RNA) is one of the most abundant microRNAs in mammalian cells that regulates apoptosis (programme cell death) and oncogenic effects.



"I have worked along with the American scientists and invented an alternative to chemotherapy and drugs in the treatment of cancer, which damage normal

cells along with cancer cells during cancer treatment. This successful experiment was done by a team of 11 scientists in the Cleveland Clinic and Yang Li. Our team

while experimenting on mice injected its anti-sense into mice to make miR-21 ineffective." Following this, it was found that the tumour formed in the body of the rat gradually became smaller and some tumours disappeared completely.

This experiment went on for a year in America. However, it has not yet been used on the human body. Now the effort has been intensified to apply it on the human body, Pandey said.

He added that due to cancer, tumours are formed in the body which are eliminated through chemotherapy and drugs. In this process of treatment along with cancer cells, normal cells are also damaged and has a negative effect on the body.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Office Of The Executive Engineer PHE (JSD) Rural Water Supply Division, Ganderbal/Sgr.

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NOTICE INVITING e - TENDERS:

GIST of Fresh e - NIT No:- 41/PHE/JSD/RWSD/Civil of 2021-22.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir U.T. Short Term e - tenders are invited (in TWO -Cover System) on "item rate basis" from Registered/Approved/Valid Civil Contractors/Agencies for the following works:

Table (I)

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In)	Time for completion	Class of contractor	Major Head of account	Tender Call
1	Installation of pipes PHE Jal Shakti in various Halqas in DDC Constituency Ganderbal-A by way of providing/ laying/ fitting of 40/ 25/ 20 mm dia G.I. Pipes at various Halqas under DDC Grants for the year 2021-22	3.00	300	07 Days	DEE	DDC GRANTS	5 th
2	Improvement/ Extension of distribution system at Wakoor-B Wampora and Adjacent areas by way of providing/ laying/ fitting of 40/ 20 mm dia G.I. Pipes under DDC Grants for the year 2021-22	1.00	100	05 Days	DEE	-Do-	5 th
3	Providing water supply facilities to Dr. Farooq Abdullah Environmental Park at Manigam by way of providing/ laying/ fitting 20 mm dia G.I. Pipes (other deposit work)	0.76	100	05 Days	DEE	Other Deposit	5 th
4	Providing/ laying/ fitting of 20 mm dia G.I. Pipe line at Wani Mohalla Khal-mulla for WSS Takiya Khal-mulla under DDC Grants for the year 2021-22	0.50	100	05 Days	DEE	DDC GRANTS	5 th
5	Extension / improvements to drinking water supply facilities at Lar-A by way of Providing/ laying/ fitting of 20 mm dia G. I. Pipes at Panchayat Halqa Lar-A (Installation of water pipes at Ward No.01 at Lar-A) under PRI grants	0.50	100	05 Days	DEE	PRI GRANTS	5 th
6	Extension of pipe distribution line Kinder Mohalla Waheedpora by way of providing/ laying/ fitting of G.I. pipes for WSS Ganderbal Town under UPD/ Capex	0.38	100	05 Days	DEE	UPD/ Capax	5 th

Note:- The above mentioned works (Refer Table - I) were earlier advertised vide this office e - NIT No. 20 Dated: 11.09.2021, e-NIT 21 Dated: 15.09.2021, 24 of 2021-22, Dated: 05.10.2021, 27 of 2021-22, Dated: 28.10.2021 & 35 of 2021-22, Dated: 08.12.2021 respectively.

Position of Funds:- Available

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in> From 27.12.2021 (10:00 a.m) UPTO 03.01.2022 (04:00 p.m.)=

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: www.jktenders.gov.in As per schedule of dates given below TABLE (II)

01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	27.12.2021
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 27.12.2021 (10:00 a.m) To 03.01.2022 (upto 04:00 p.m).
03	Bid Submission Start Date	From 27.12.2021 (10:00 a.m).
04	Bid Submission End Date	To 03.01.2022 (up to 04:00 p.m).
05	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	05.01.2022 at 11:00 am in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE JSD RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr (H.Q. Cheki Duderhama Ganderbal)

Bids must be accompanied by Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer PHE JSD RWS Division Ganderbal (as specified in the table (I)).

Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE JSD RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr (H.Q. Cheki Duderhama Ganderbal) on 05.01.2022 at 11:00 am. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

Sd/= Executive Engineer PHE, JSD RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr. H.Q: Duderhama Ganderbal.

DIPK-15754/21

No:- PHE/JSD/RWSD/Corrs./ 8642-61.
Dated:- 24.12.2021

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FISHERIES DISTRICT KULGAM

FINAL NOTICE

Ummer Bashir,
Fisheries Guard.

- Whereas you had applied for Earned leave of 30 days, w.e.f 26-09-2021 to 26-10-2021.
- Whereas a leave of only 20 days vide this Office Order No. 26 of 2021-22, Dated:- 02/11/2021 was sanctioned, in view of the breeding season at Trout Hatchery Chancer and you were accordingly informed to avail only 20 days Earned leave w.e.f. 26-09-2021 to 15-10-2021.
- Whereas you were directed to join your duties after availing 20 days earned leave, but you remained absent for a period of 10 days w.e.f 16-10-2021 to 25-10-2021.
- Whereas this Office again received an application for extension of Earned Leave after remaining absent for a period of 10 days. In that application you had mentioned the reason that you are preparing for some examination.
- Whereas through this Office vide Letter No. DDF/Kul/21/1161-66. Dated:- 29-10-2021, you were informed that you are not entitled to avail an earned leave on the grounds mentioned by you in your application. The reasons of rejection were communicated in the aforesaid letter and were directed to join your duties without further delay.
- Whereas Farm Manager Chancer submitted your absentee report vide his letter No. FM/TSH/2021-22/31. Dated:- 06-11-2021, wherein he had reported about your absence from duty w.e.f. 16-10-2021 to 06-11-2021.
- Whereas a Notice was served to you by this Office vide No. DDF/Kul/2021-22/1385-93, Dated:- 12-11-2021, in which you were directed to resume back your duties despite being absent from 16-10-2021 to 06-11-2021, but you didn't responded again.
- Whereas you were deployed for a period of 03 months for attending Training Course at Trout Feed Mill Manasbal vide this Office Order No. 34 of 2021, Dated:- 25-11-2021 AN and was directed to report at the Office of Sr. Project Officer Trout Feed Mill Manasbal, primarily you were selected for the said course vide Joint Director Fisheries (South) Order No. 29 of 2021, Dated:- 12-07-2021, but you requested that time to defer it for a period of 03 months. However on both occasions you didn't attend your Training Course at the above Office.
- Whereas a Show Cause Notice was served to you Vide this Office Letter No. DDF/Kul/ 2021-22/1656-62, Dated:- 08-12-2021, wherein you were directed to report at Sr. Project Officer Trout Feed Mill Manasbal without further delay. It was also communicated to you in the Notice that this is the last opportunity given to you after which legal course of action shall follow which may end up with losing your job, but you neither joined the duty nor responded to any of the Show Cause Notices. In a total you have been continuously absent from duty w.e.f 16-10-2021 to till date.
- Whereas this Office has no Knowledge about your whereabouts. You have been all the through mute during your absentee period which is continuing till date.
- Now in the backdrop of the above mentioned situation you being continuously absent from duty w.e.f. 16-10-2021 to till date, you are hereby given the Final Notice to join back to your duty without further delay. Also same is communicated to your through the medium of Newspaper for compliance, failing which your case will be recommended for termination.
- No. DDF/Kul/2021-22/1781-84
Dated:- 27/12/2021.

DIPK-15723/21

Deputy Director Fisheries,
District Kulgam

Oldest Tourist In Space To Hottest Month In History: Record Highs Of 2021



Agence France-Presse

PARIS: From sizzling temperatures to Messi and Ronaldo and pensioners in space, here are some of the most significant records struck in 2021.

Hottest month

July 2021 was the hottest month globally ever recorded, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) says.

And wildfires in Siberia, North America and around the Mediterranean caused record levels of CO2 emissions in July and August, the EU's Earth monitoring service says.

Record gas prices

As economies reopen from their Covid-induced slumber firing heightened gas demand, prices in Asian, European and British gas hit record peaks. Europe's reference Dutch TTF gas price hit 187.78 euros per megawatt hour.

Biggest airlift

The United States carried out its biggest ever airlift in the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in August, bigger even than the evacuation of Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War.

It airlifted more than 123,000 people out of Kabul, including US citizens, Afghan interpreters and others who supported the US mission.

Around 55,000 people were evacuated from southern Vietnam in 1975.

Suez Canal blocked

The giant container ship Ever

Given blocked the Suez Canal in March, bringing a halt to shipping for six days in one of the world's busiest waterways.

The ship, almost as long as New York's Empire State Building, caused a record traffic jam of 422 ships loaded with 26 million tonnes of merchandise, worsening supply difficulties already disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chinese incursions

The most dramatic Chinese incursion into disputed Taiwanese airspace occurred at the start of October as China marked its annual national day when a record 149 flights crossed into Taiwan's southwestern air defence zone in four days.

Bitcoin soars

Cryptocurrency bitcoin soared to record levels in late 2021, being valued at \$68,513 on November 9. The digital currency increasingly won support from small and large investors, some of whom see it as a way of protecting themselves against inflation, which hit a 30-year high in the US in October.

Art goes wild

Art sales records in 2021 included works by Frida Kahlo, veteran French artist Pierre Soulages and Banksy reaching sky-high levels.

Revenues from sales of contemporary art have never been as high, totalling \$2.7 billion, boosted in particular by the explosion in sales of unique digital works and NFTs (non-fungible tokens).



Covid-19 surges have wreaked havoc around the world (File)

WHO Warns Of Omicron Overload As China, Europe Impose Fresh Curbs

Agence France-Presse

BERLIN: The WHO warned Tuesday that the Omicron coronavirus variant could lead to overwhelmed healthcare systems even though early studies suggest it leads to milder disease, as China and Germany brought back tough restrictions to stamp out new infection surges.

China put hundreds of thousands more people under lockdown, while infections hit new highs in multiple US states and European countries.

Covid-19 surges have wreaked havoc around the world, with many nations trying to strike a balance between economically punishing restrictions and controlling the spread of the virus.

The United States has halved the isolation period for asymptomatic cases to try and blunt the disruption, while France has ordered firms to have employees work from home at least three days a week.

Contact restrictions were in place in Germany for the second year in a row heading into the New Year, as Europe's biggest economy shuttered nightclubs and forced sports competitions

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behind closed doors.

Despite facing a much smaller outbreak compared with global virus hotspots, China has not relaxed its "zero Covid" strategy, imposing stay-at-home orders in many parts of the city of Yan'an.

The hundreds of thousands of affected residents there joined the 13 million people in the city of Xi'an, who entered a sixth day of home confinement as China battled its highest daily case numbers in 21 months.

"I'm about to be starved to death," wrote one Xi'an resident on the Twitter-like Weibo platform.

"There's no food, my housing compound won't let me out, and

I'm about to run out of instant noodles... please help!"

Many Xi'an residents have similarly complained on social media about the restrictions, which include a ban on driving and only one member of a household permitted to go outside for groceries every three days.

This lockdown is the most sweeping in China since the similarly-sized city Wuhan was cut off from the world in the early days of the pandemic.

- **'Widespread disruption'** - The surges in many countries have been propelled by the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

The WHO warned against complacency even though preliminary findings suggest that Omicron could lead to milder disease.

"A rapid growth of Omicron... even if combined with a slightly milder disease, will still result in large numbers of hospitalisations, particularly amongst unvaccinated groups, and cause widespread disruption to health systems and other critical services," warned WHO Europe's Covid Incident Manager Catherine Smallwood.

To hold back the tide, European nations brought back curbs with painful economic and social consequences.

NEET PG Counselling: Resident Doctors Intensify Stir; Police Personnel Deployed At Safdarjung

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Intensifying their stir over the delay in NEET-PG 2021 counselling, a large number of resident doctors on Tuesday protested on the premises of Centre-run Safdarjung Hospital, even as police personnel were deployed to ensure maintenance of law and order.

The protest, a day earlier had taken a dramatic turn, as medics and police personnel had faced off in streets, with both sides claiming several persons suffered an injury in the ensuing mele.

A senior police officer said security personnel have been deployed on the premises of Safdarjung Hospital to maintain law and order amid the ongoing strike by the doctors.

"Over 100 police personnel have been deployed. This is also



to ensure the law and order situation at the hospital. The situation is normal and under control as of now. The resident doctors are peacefully protesting here," a senior police official said.

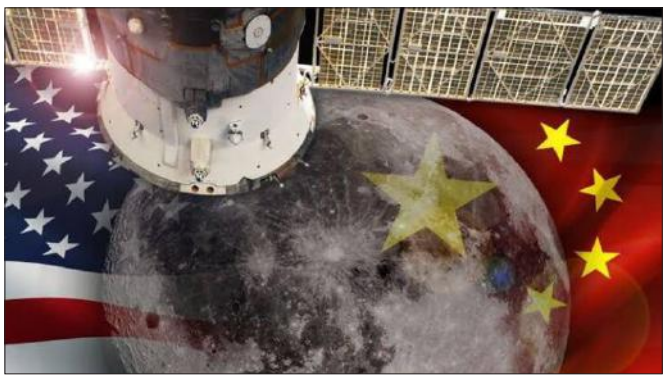
Doctors chanted slogans like 'We want justice' and sought to bolster

the morale of each other after the face-off with the police on Monday went all the way to midnight as dramatic scenes were witnessed at the Sarojini Nagar Police Station.

The Faculty Association of Safdarjung Hospital condemned the face-off, while the resident doctors' association of AIIMS urged the government to reveal its plans for expediting NEET PG counselling, failing which it threatened to proceed with a token strike on December 29, including a shutdown of all non-emergency services.

The stir, led by the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association, entered its 12th day on Tuesday, even as patient care remained affected at three Centre-run facilities-Safdarjung, RML and Lady Hardinge hospitals and some of the Delhi government-run hospitals.

China Slams US After "Close Encounters" In Space



Agence France-Presse

BEIJING: Beijing on Tuesday accused the United States of irresponsible and unsafe conduct in space over two "close encounters" between the Chinese space station and satellites operated by Elon Musk's SpaceX.

Tiangong, China's new space station, had to manoeuvre to avoid colliding with one Starlink satellite in July and with another in October, according to a note submitted by Beijing to the United Nations space agency this month.

The note said the incidents "constituted dangers to the life or health of astronauts aboard the China Space Station".

"The US... ignores its obligations under international treaties, posing a serious threat to the lives and safety of astronauts," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said at a routine briefing on Tuesday.

Starlink, a division of SpaceX, operates a constellation of close to 2,000 satellites that aims to provide internet access to most parts of Earth.

SpaceX is a private American company, independent of the US military and civilian space agency NASA.

But China said in its note to the UN that members of the Outer Space Treaty -- the foundation of international space law -- are also responsible for actions by their non-government entities.

SpaceX has not responded to a request for comment.

Evasive manoeuvres to reduce the risk of collisions in space

are becoming more frequent as more objects enter Earth's orbit, said Jonathan McDowell of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

"We've really noticed the increase in the number of close passes since Starlink started getting deployed," he told AFP.

Any collision would likely "completely demolish" the Chinese space station and kill everyone on board, McDowell added.

The core module of China's station Tiangong -- meaning "heavenly palace" -- entered orbit earlier this year, and it is expected to become fully operational next year.

- **'Prepare to boycott Tesla'** -

Beijing's complaint about Starlink prompted criticism on Chinese social media of SpaceX's billionaire founder Musk, who is widely admired in China.

One hashtag about the topic on the Twitter-like Weibo platform racked up 90 million views Tuesday.

"How ironic that Chinese people buy Tesla, contributing large sums of money so Musk can launch Starlink, and then he (nearly) crashes into China's space station," one user commented.

Musk's electric car maker Tesla sells tens of thousands of vehicles in China each month, though the firm's reputation has taken a hit this year following a spate of crashes, scandals and data security concerns.

"Prepare to boycott Tesla," said another Weibo user, echoing a common response in China to foreign brands perceived to be acting contrary to national interests.

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3 Teens Killed In Texas Shooting; Suspect Is A 14-Year-Old Boy, Arrested



HOUSTON, : Three teenagers were killed and another one was injured during a shooting incident at a gas station in the US state of Texas over the Christmas weekend, police said.

The suspect, a 14-year-old boy, was arrested on Monday afternoon, Xinhua news agency quoted Police Chief Jeff Bryan in the Dallas suburb of Garland as saying.

In a surveillance video of the shooting, which took place on Sunday night, the shooter got out of the passenger side of a pick-up truck, walked up to the

front door and opened fire into the gas station convenience store from the doorway.

Police said he fired more than 20 rounds from a .40 caliber pistol.

The shooter then got back into the pick-up and fled with a male driver, whom police said they are still searching for.

The victims were three boys aged 14, 16 and 17, police said.

The youngest, identified as Xavier Gonzales, was ordering tacos for his family when he was killed.

Bryan said it appears Gonzales was just at the "wrong place at the wrong time".

The injured person, a 15-year-old store employee who just started to work in the store last week, was hospitalised and in stable condition, said the police.

Investigators are still trying to determine a motive, according to local media reports. -IANS

NEWS MAKERS

Probe Into Video Of Sikh Saying He'll Assassinate Queen Over Jallianwala

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

LONDON: A video has surfaced on social media in which a fully masked man with a crossbow, identifying himself as an Indian Sikh, is seen declaring to "assassinate" Queen Elizabeth II to avenge the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre, prompting Scotland Yard to launch a probe, days after an intruder armed with a crossbow was arrested at the monarch's Windsor Castle.

The video, shared on Snapchat, is that of a fully masked man who identifies himself as Indian Sikh Jaswant Singh Chail and declares that he wants to "assassinate" the monarch in revenge for the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre, according to The Sun newspaper which obtained the video.

Meanwhile, the 19-year-old in-

truder, who has not yet been named by the Metropolitan Police, is now being held over mental health issues.

Scotland Yard officers were investigating the video reportedly linked to the intruder armed with a crossbow arrested at Windsor Castle on Christmas Day.

The Metropolitan Police said that the arrested suspect has been sectioned under the UK's Mental Health Act after a mental health assessment and remains "in the care of medical professionals".

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry for what I've done and what I will do. I will attempt to assassinate Elizabeth, Queen of the Royal Family," the masked man is seen saying in the video.

"This is revenge for those who have died in the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre. It is also revenge for those who have been killed, humili-



ated and discriminated on because of their race. I'm an Indian Sikh, a Sikh. My name was Jaswant Singh Chail, my name is Darrth Jones," he says.

The massacre took place at Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar during the Baisakhi festival in April 1919 when the British Indian Army under the command of Colonel Reginald Dyer opened fire at a crowd staging

a pro-independence demonstration.

In the video clip posted on The Sun website, the 'Star Wars' film-like masked figure holds a shiny black weapon and speaks in a distorted voice.

It was reportedly sent to followers of the man's Snapchat account 24 minutes before armed security officers arrested him near the 95-year-old Queen's private apartments.

In a message sent on Snapchat alongside the video, the teenager wrote: "I'm sorry to all of those who I have wronged or lied to. If you have received this then my death is near. Please share this with whoever and if possible, get it to the news if they're interested."

Police are also carrying out searches at a housing estate in Southampton, where the suspect reportedly lived with his family.

UAE Issues First Civil Marriage License For Non-Muslim Couple: Report



Agence France-Presse

ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: The UAE issued its first civil marriage license for a non-Muslim couple, state media reported Monday, as the Gulf country seeks to keep its edge over regional competitors.

The United Arab Emirates -- where foreigners make up 90 percent of the approximately 10-million population -- has been amending its laws to present itself as a modernising force in a largely conservative region.

The official WAM news agency said a Canadian couple were the

first to marry under a new law on the personal status of non-Muslims in the Emirati capital Abu Dhabi.

The move "contributes to the consolidation of Abu Dhabi's position as a world leading destination for skills and expertise from around the world," WAM said.

Civil marriage in the Middle East, the birthplace of Islam, Christianity and Judaism, is uncommon and usually conducted under a religious authority of one of the three monotheistic beliefs.

Civil marriages are allowed in Tunisia and Algeria.

While some countries in the region allow civil unions based on certain conditions, some only recognise civil marriages conducted abroad and others not at all.

Over 450 Kanal Govt Land Retrieved In Reasi



Observer News Service

REASI: The district administration here on Tuesday retrieved government land measuring 450 kanal and 2 marlas at Bhaga village in continuation to the anti-encroachment drive.

Following instructions of Deputy Commissioner Charandeep Singh, a team of revenue officials launched the eviction drive with the assistance of police and took over the possession of the land after a day-long operation,

an official spokesperson said. He said that as per the Revenue department, the operation was conducted in continuation to the massive drive initiated by district administration Reasi to vacate encroached state land.

“The authorities said that the exercise to remove all encroachments on the state land will continue. The Department has appealed to the public to restrain from making any encroachments on the parcels of public land,” he added.

Two Booked For Cyber Fraud In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The crime branch of the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday registered a case against two persons for allegedly duping a man on the pretext of selling him an 82-inch LED television through an online shopping website, an official said.

The case was registered against Chandra Kumar of Tripura and Rohminglui of Mizoram following a complaint by Sandeep Gupta, a resident of Udhampur, a spokesperson of the crime branch Jammu said.

Gupta, in his complaint, al-

leged that he was tricked by the online fraudsters and was duped of Rs 48,500 on the pretext of providing him the television through an online shopping website, he said.

On receipt of the complaint, the spokesman said a preliminary verification was conducted and the allegations have been substantiated.

The bank record of the transactions made by the complainant were obtained from the bank concerned and accordingly, a formal case was registered for in-depth investigation and further action, he said.

Raids Conducted On Illegal Mining At Shopian

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: Acting on complaints from the locals, the District Mineral Officer, Shopian and his team along with a team of Revenue and Police conducted nocturnal raids during the intervening night, an official spokesperson said Tuesday.

He said that the team conducted raids in Chitragam, Nallah Reban to check operations of illegal mining in the district and lodged FIR against one violator Adil Ganaie S/O Wahid Ganaie R/O Chitragam, bearing JCB Registration No. HAR 3DXSSCO 2815243.

“The concerned departments are on day and night vigil to curb the incidents of mining and reiterated the zero tolerance policy of the district,” he said.

He further added that the administration is taking various steps against illegal mining and asked the concerned to act tough against the violators.

Police Inducts 'Black Panther' Vehicles For Anti-Militancy Ops

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Black Panther’ vehicles, armed with the latest technology and surveillance setup, were inducted in the police force for anti-militancy operations in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Tuesday.

Director General of Police Dilbag Singh dedicated the upgraded version of Operations Command Vehicles (OCVs), named as Black Panther, to Jammu and Kashmir Police at a ceremony here, they said.

The vehicles are fully air-conditioned, equipped with CCTV cameras, PTZ camera, 360 degrees view camera, public address system, flashlights, advanced medical kit, power back-up and other surveillance and security systems, the officials said. The DGP said with the help of these vehicles, police would be able to effectively monitor a suspect location.

Citing the example of the Nagrota encounter, he said Operations Command Vehicles used during the gunfight proved extremely useful in neutralising the militants. To augment the efficiency and capabilities of our dedicated force, the vehicles have been provided to all ranges of the Kashmir Zone, Singh said.

Chief Secretary Calls Fake News A Big Challenge

Asks Info Dept To Rebut Fake News On Real Time Basis

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Terming fake or misleading news as a big challenge, the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday asked the information department to institute a mechanism to rebut fake news on real time basis.

Mehta passed these directions while reviewing the functioning of the Information Department in the meeting in which Principal Secretary, Information Department, Director, Information, Joint Director, Information, Jammu and other senior officers of the department were present, an official spokesperson said Tuesday.

Mehta, he said, emphasized the need to connect with the people in the UT through provision of useful information about the welfare programmes of the government. He said that the Chief Secretary also asked the department to focus on improving both the quality of the content and its delivery for effective dissemination of the various public welfare programmes.

“There is a need to create content in such language and form as facilitates quick and easy communication of the public welfare programmes to the people,” Mehta said.

Terming fake or misleading news as a big challenge, the Chief Secretary, as per the official spokesperson asked the department to institute a mechanism to rebut fake news on real time basis.

He said that the Principal Secretary, Rohit Kansal informed that the grievances redressal system has been put in place in the department to ensure that the departmental response to



the grievances in the media is carried out within the reasonable time

“He further informed that the recently launched Film Policy has been widely appreciated and has been a big hit with the film makers,” he added.

Earlier, the official spokesperson said that Director Information while making a short presentation on the functioning of the department said that the department is strengthening the human and capacity issues to deal with the challenges of the new age/ non-traditional media like FM channels, social media etc.

“He further informed that the department has run various features stories on several personalities from J&K, who excelled in different fields such as Guinness World Record Holder Cyclist, Aadil Teeli, Tokyo Olympic Silver Medalist, Mira Bhai Chantu's Coach Vijay Sharma, etc,” he said.

“He also highlighted the role of the department in successfully covering the programmes like ‘Back to Village’ & ‘My Town, My Pride Programmes’” he

added.

According to the official spokesperson, the Chief Secretary asked the department to urgently realign its focus and re-orient its organizational structure to better deal with the rapidly evolving media otherwise it may soon find itself behind the curve.

Mehta, he said, advised the department to ensure that at least ten content creators/resource personnel are available in the Secretariat and an appropriate number of them is placed in all the districts offices in the UT.

“The department needs to focus on the people, and the tools required to enable the people to benefit from the developmental agenda of the government,” Mehta said. The CS, he said, also lamented that despite several important initiatives, there has not been commensurate coverage in the media.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION GANDERBAL

EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/E-tendering FRESH SNOW NITNo. 303 of 2021-22 of

R&B Division Ganderbal issued under endorsement No.19644-53 Dated:27.12.2021

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	2	3	4	5	6
2	Snow Clearance of Roads/ Areas Falling within the jurisdiction of (R&B) Division Ganderbal.	2000/-	200/-	A , B , C & D	3054-Snow

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

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	27-12-2021
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 27-12-2021 at 3:30 PM to 01-01-2022 upto 4.00P.M
03.	Bid submission start date	27-12-2021 from (3:30 PM)
04.	Bid submission end date	01-01-2022 u p t o (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	01-01-2022 at (4.05 P.M) 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 soft copy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

- 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 Stage and Name of Contractor) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/ FDR pledged to of the in the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Ganderbal/ Bandipora (Tender receiving authority)
- Upload Valid Registration CARD / Renewal, PAN CARD , Latest clearance certificate Form GST-3B of Latest Quarter /Qualifying Month i.e, November
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- The bidders are advised to get the genuineness of their enlistment cards from the issuing authorities. This is mandatory and bids are liable to be rejected in absence of the genuineness of enlistment card
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids.
- The tenderers 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.
- 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.
- 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;
- 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;
- Currencies: All payments will be made in Indian Rupees;
- The bidder among other documents shall upload the following documents with bid which shall form a part of technical bid;
 - Scanned copy of Newly renewed copy of Enlistment Registration Card;
 - Scan copy of Treasury Challan.
 - Scanned copy of GST registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of Latest Quarter/Qualifying Month i.e, November
 - Scanned Copy of PAN Card.
 - Scanned copy of C.D.R
- 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.
- Any loss caused to the Department which is attributable to the contractor, shall be recovered from the contractor;
- 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.
- 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.
- Depending upon the depth of snow, the snow clearance period is fixed as under:-
 - AVERAGE SNOW FALL UPTO 12 INCH DEPTH OF SNOW = (ONE DAY)
 - AVERAGE SNOW FALL UPTO 24 INCH DEPTH OF SNOW = (TWO DAYS)
 - AVERAGE SNOW FALL UPTO 36 INCH AND ABOVE DEPTH OF SNOW = (THREE DAYS)
- The snow clearance of roads shall also include passing places to be provided as per norms;
- 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.
- Payment to the contractor against work done quantities shall be made as per the rates applicable under JK SSR 2020 for particular depth of snow with contractors quoted rate percentage;
- The payment against the work done quantities will be subject to release of funds by the Govt. under relevant head of account;
- 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-wide with landmarks;
- The subletting of the work wholly or partly shall not be permitted and will be treated as a breach of contract.
- 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.
- 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.
- Insurance cover to the labour/ machinery by the Contractor shall be mandatory;
- Arbitration: The Arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration procedure stated in J&K Conciliation & Arbitration Act No. XXXV of 1997 issued vide SRO No. K03 vide Notification Dt. 11-12-1997 & latest amendments/ modifications thereto;
- 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;
 - Contractor is declared Bankrupt.
 - Any evidence of involvement of Contractor in corrupt practices.
 - Contractor delays the completion of work beyond stipulated time of completion.
 - 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.
- Court jurisdiction: In case of any disputes / differences between Contractor and the Deptt. the jurisdiction shall be J&K High Court;
- No advance payment or mobilization advance shall be given to the Contractor by the Deptt.
- 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.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the “Downloads” option as well as from “Bidders Manual Kit” on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents along with the technical bid and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- Proper route, as defined in the road map, shall be followed for snow clearance as per the instructions of Engineer Incharge. The contractor shall not undertake snow clearance job haphazardly leading to chaos and undesirable situation delaying timely clearance of snow.
- Labour Regulations: The contractor shall abide by all existing labour enactments and rules, regulations, notifications and by-laws as applicable. The employment of child labour is prohibited in the contract. The contractor shall comply with the child labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.
- All other terms and conditions as applicable and are in vogue shall hold good for this work;
- In case of any damages caused to BT Surface the executing agency shall be solely responsible & the cost of damages shall be recovered for the work done payment of the concerned (Mechanical Deptt./Contractor)

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- Bidders are advised to use “My Documents” area in their user on (R&B) e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- All other terms & conditions shall be as per the SBD / Contract Agreement.

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No-19644-53
Dt: 27-12-2021

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Division Ganderbal.

ادفتر نائب تحصیلدار گاندربال

عنوان: بعنوان درخواست منجانب فاروق احمد نواز ولد عبدالجواد صاحب کارکش پورہ تحصیل کریری نسبت حصول RBA سرٹیفیکٹ بین پورہ عابد فاروق

اشیاء برآمدہ کا گائی بر خاص عوام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں درخواست سائل دفتر پورہ میں زیر کاروائی ہے اس نسبت پورہ حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوب بنفٹ الاٹ ریٹائرڈ طلب کے لئے جس سے یہاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل سائلہ پورہ تحصیل کریری میں رہائش پذیر ہے سائل کی کمزیر کی مہانت آمدنی 9000 روپے ہے کمزیر ذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

فاریق احمد نواز ولد عبدالجواد صاحب کارکش پورہ	تھکان	40 سال
جنید بیکم ذمہ فاروق احمد	گھر کام	38 سال
عابد فاروق بیکر	ذریعہ کام	20 سال
نیلفور فاروق دفتر	ذریعہ کام	18 سال
راہیہ فاروق دفتر	ذریعہ کام	15 سال
تائندہ فاروق دفتر	ذریعہ کام	11 سال
شاہینہ دفتر	ذریعہ کام	09 سال
موسیٰ بیکم ذمہ عبدالخالق	مدرسہ	70 سال

اسکے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کمیشن تھکان یا کیا ہے سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی نذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا نذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہم کے اندر پیش کریں۔ یہ عباد کو رنے کے بعد کوئی نذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

نائب تحصیلدار ر



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Subject: - Change of title of M/s Solar Tour & Travels to M/s Last Minute Travels with change in proprietorship from Mr. Mohammad Ayoub Bazaz to his son namely Mr. Aman Ayoub Bazaz R/o Solar House Rajbagh Srinagar.

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Whereas, **Mohammad Ayoub Bazaz** proprietor of the Travel agency namely **M/s Solar Tour & Travels** situated at **Rajbagh, Srinagar** has approached this office for change of title from **M/s Solar Tour & Travels to M/s Last Minute Travels** and change in proprietorship from **Mr. Mohammad Ayoub Bazaz** to his son namely **Mr. Aman Ayoub Bazaz** S/o Mohammad Ayoub Bazaz R/o Solar House Rajbagh Srinagar in the Registration certificate of his Travel unit under the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, the unit is registered with this Department under the Registration of Tourist Trade Act/Rules under Registration No. Reg/T/1536/329/DTK/57/L-11 dated 23.12.2015. The Registration Certificate is valid up to **31-03-2022**.

Whereas, the applicant along with his application has submitted the requisite documents as mention below:-

- Domicile Certificate.**
- Qualification (Bachelor Tourism).**
- Passport (verification Certificate) upto 2023.**
- Adhar card.**
- R/C of unit (Photostate).**
- Bank “NOC” depicting no loan has been availed.**

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 10 & 39 of Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before the request for change of title and change in proprietorship in favour of **M/s solar Tour & Travels**, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objections if any. The same should reach this office within a period of **7 days** from the publication of this notice in the local newspaper. No objections beyond period of **7 days** will be entertained and changes in the Registration records shall be made under rules.

No: Reg/T/1536/1283/DTK
Dated: 27.12.2021
DIPK-15710/21

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism,
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K O V I E W

Looming UP Election

Attending BJP's 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' rally in Kasganj on Sunday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah reiterated that the BJP would win more than 300 seats in Uttar Pradesh. He said that the BJP which stood for "sabka saath, sabka vikaas" had brought back law and order to the state. He termed Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party as casteist parties. As the poll dates draw nearer, the ruling BJP has constituted a committee to increase its outreach among the dominant Brahmin community of the state. On Monday, BJP chief JP Nadda held a meeting with members of the newly-constituted committee formed for Brahmin outreach in Uttar Pradesh. Brahmins are among the core bases of the saffron party in India's most populous state.

The UP election matters a lot for the BJP. A victory in the state will give the party a headstart in the 2024 national elections. So, the BJP is expected to leave no stone unturned to win the state with a bigger margin of victory. Already, prime minister Narendra Modi has been making frequent visits to the state to shore up the party's support base.

The PM has also seen to it that the withdrawal of the controversial farmers laws come ahead of the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, the bastions of farmers protests. So, the decision is seen as political in nature. The farmers constitute a significant vote bank in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab and with this vote bank alienated by the contentious laws, the BJP's chances of winning looked dimmer. There are elections in four other states. This is already charging up the political climate in the country. The home minister Amit Shah on November 12 kicked off his party's preparations for the elections in Uttar Pradesh from Lucknow by addressing organisational functionaries from across the state.

In 2017, the BJP and its allies had won 325 Assembly seats. Shah asked the state party unit to work towards an even bigger victory. He said that the SP, the BSP and the Congress together can't defeat the BJP. An ABP-CVoter poll has already shown that the BJP will return to power in the UP but not without the party losing over 100 seats it won in the last state elections. But till the time elections are held, the caste-based parties like the SP and the BSP are expected to mount a bigger challenge to the BJP. But by withdrawing the farm laws, the BJP seems to have changed the game. The decision could certainly impact the election outcome in the UP and Punjab. But for now we can only wait and watch. There is still a month and a half during which the support for the parties in the fray could be expected to fluctuate. As they say, a week is a long time in politics.

OTHER OPINON

Striking Fear

A conclave of Hindu religious leaders and political activists in saffron robes held recently in the holy city of Haridwar has brought great shame to the country and its constitutional and religious values. In a so-called Dharam Sansad, or a religious parliament, key personages with a track record of inflammatory and provocative speeches made unconscionable calls for genocide against Muslims and asked Hindus to arm themselves. There were other offensive themes running through the speeches, parts of which have come out in the public domain in the form of video footage, indicating an alarming zeal to spread hatred for minorities and render them vulnerable to armed violence. It requires no deep knowledge of recent national history to say that the genocidal tenor of the conference is the apotheosis of divisive and sectarian tendencies that have been displayed with great impunity by Hindutva organisations in recent decades, but more audaciously since 2014. The references to a Myanmar-like cleansing campaign, the threat of mutiny 'more horrible than 1857' against the state if the outcome of the conference was not adopted as official policy, and the astounding claim by one speaker that he would have turned into a 'Godse' and shot a former Prime Minister in Parliament if he had had the opportunity, are all indicative of an organised offensive against the rule of law and the Constitution. There is, however, no cause to be surprised at the tepid response of the Uttarakhand authorities in registering an FIR based on a solitary complaint, naming one person, that too, after much outrage and criticism.

A feigned and manufactured sense of fear about the future of Hindus and Hinduism in India has been the hallmark of right-wing politics. The conclave of religious leaders is providing an outlet for such rabid thoughts, and the confidence with which messages of hatred are being bandied about suggests an expectation of official patronage. Those occupying positions of power and high offices in government, especially the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister, must take a clear stand against this. The political leadership must explicitly denounce the event and affirm that it stands by the constitutional values of secularism, religious tolerance and the preservation of the rule of law. The police in Uttarakhand should act more resolutely and invoke all applicable provisions of law, and not be content with a solitary FIR under Section 153A of the IPC, which deals with promoting enmity between groups. In a country where 'sedition' and 'terrorism' charges are invoked in a heartbeat, the call to a revolt and mass cleansing has not evoked a similar response. It may be easy to dismiss the hate speeches in the 'Dharam Sansad' as representing only a fringe within the majority. However, given the vehemence and frequency of these articulations in the public domain, it is only a matter of time before the phenomenon spreads among more moderate sections. Hate propaganda must not win.

The Hindu

Courting Bangladesh

U.S. Pushes Bangladesh To Join Anti-China Military Pact



PEOPLE WAVE NATIONAL FLAGS as they gather for Victory Day, which marks the end of a bitter nine-month war of independence from Pakistan, in Savar, Bangladesh, on Dec. 16. MUNIR UZ ZAMAN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

B. Z. KHASRU

With its latest steps, America runs the risk of being branded as a nation genetically predisposed to harming the homeland of 165 million Bengalis, many of whom still vividly remember how President Richard Nixon aided their enemy, Pakistan, in pursuit of his secret ping pong diplomacy via Islamabad.

The United States has stepped up efforts to push Bangladesh to join its Indo-Pacific military pact to contain China, but it is using a false pretext that may rile up the Bengali nation that carries the bitter memory of America's opposition to its birth.

Washington recently sanctioned Bangladesh's elite police unit, the Rapid Action Battalion, citing "serious human rights abuses." Six of its current and former officers have been accused of abductions, murders and torture. Benazir Ahmed, former RAB head who is now chief of Bangladesh Police, has also been barred from entering America.

On Friday came a new revelation that America has given Bangladesh until the end of this week to explain how it has spent U.S. military aid, totaling about \$76 million since 2015. The hidden motive behind this mandate is to potentially impose further penalties if the U.S. funds have been improperly used.

This revelation deepens the suspicion that Washington is using the pretext of human rights abuses to push Bangladesh to become a member of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, an informal anti-China military pact comprising of the United States, Japan, Australia and India.

Bangladesh has faced U.S. pressure at least since October 2020 when Deputy Secretary of State Stephen E. Biegun visited Dhaka and formally invited the South Asian nation to join

the group. Dhaka has refused so far because of threats from China, a significant source of investment capital for Bangladesh.

Both China and America are courting Bangladesh because being next to the Bay of Bengal it can provide easy access to the Indian Ocean, which

Soviet Union after it invaded Kabul, they were billed as part of a mission to rescue Afghanistan, but they were actually intended to warn Moscow not to march into Iran.

Applying the same tactic, Americans are giving Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina two mes-

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Announcing the sanctions in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 10, Secretary of State Antony Blinken blamed the RAB for more than 600 abductions in the past 12 years and a similar number of murders. The force, founded in 2004 in response to public outcry to control rapidly rising crime, handles internal security as well as criminal and government-directed investigations. In recent years, the government allegedly used it to wipe out political opponents.

Nonetheless, Washington is guilty of double standards. When President Ziaur Rahman railroaded the trials of hundreds of rebel soldiers in 1977 and secretly hanged an undisclosed number of them, America did not publicly chastise him, let alone impose sanctions. Only Jane Coon, then deputy assistant secretary of state, blocked his visit to the White House, ignoring Ambassador Ed Masters' push.

Washington's sanctions strategies often carry hidden agendas. When America imposed sanctions on the

sages: (1) punish the named offenders, and (2) join the Quad. Hasina's failure to comply, especially with the second demand, is likely to subject Bangladesh to more sanctions.

The U.S. steps may embarrass Hasina on world stage, but sanctions in general rarely achieve their stated goals. Often they do just the opposite — make the recipients more rigid. Hasina will certainly not put her police chief on trial, because such a step will open up the Pandora's box, putting her administration and her political future in jeopardy. Even a dumb person knows that the RAB did not act arbitrarily without approval from the top.

To concede the U.S. demands will make Hasina look weak to her followers as well as adversaries. A weak leader is despised in Asia—and perhaps in other parts of the world, too— especially if one fails to stand up to big bullies.

This leaves the United States with the only hope that its secret strategy to coerce Hasina into the Quad will succeed. The prime minister is less than likely to bend over backwards to please Washington, simply because of her fear to look weak, if

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nothing else. Can she afford to be on the wrong side of both India — which is playing second fiddle to America— and the United States at the same time? Her records indicate she can.

Furthermore, the region has a history of resisting America's diktat. Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister, refused to join the U.S.-led military pacts in the 1950s. Pakistan's President Ayub Khan snubbed U.S. request to send soldiers to fight in Vietnam. Even Ziaur Rahman, who was America's poodle, barked when Washington pressed him to support sanctions on Iran in 1979.

With its latest steps, America runs the risk of being branded as a nation genetically predisposed to harming the homeland of 165 million Bengalis. Many of them still vividly remember how President Richard Nixon aided their enemy, Pakistan, to pursue his secret ping pong diplomacy via Islamabad. There is still a lingering suspicion that America really does not wish Bangladesh well. Hasina believes deep down that Washington's hidden agenda is to banish her into political oblivion.

Not known for making rash decisions, Hasina has been mum on the sanctions, and is unlikely to open her mouth any time soon, especially because her long-time chief patron, India, is now reported to be a co-conspirator in America's mischief. To bring Bangladesh in line, the United States needs India on its side.

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With its "friendship to all, malice toward none" foreign policy, Bangladesh is between a rock and a hard place. While the Biden administration is pulling Dhaka to its side, China has vowed fire and fury if Bangladesh embraces Uncle Sam.

Since the 1950s, Beijing has refrained from squeezing Delhi too hard lest India jump into the U.S. orbit. Both America and India may find the Chinese formula handy to deal with Bangladesh. Instead of bullying, honor Dhaka's neutrality and insist that China not be given advantage over America and India. Push her to the edge, Hasina will draw from her experience in successfully fending off U.S. pressures and rally the Bengalis around her, citing America's chronic hostility and mala fides toward the Bengali nation.

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Health First

Despite of Ayushman Bharat scheme, the poor are still suffering while visiting private hospitals for different ailments. No proper guidance and awareness is available to get the benefits

of Ayushman Bharat or Aarogyashri scheme for the poor people and middle income groups.

There is a need to issue Health Cards for all the low income and middle income groups. At least 10 lakh rupees should be given to each family under

the Health Card scheme and validity should be for one year. The Health Card system will help the people visit reputed hospitals for cure of the ailments. I request the government to take necessary steps to issue a Health Card to all eligible people. Ministry of

Health and family welfare can play an important role to provide basic facility like Health Card to all the poor people instead of Ayushman Bharat or Aarogyashri scheme.

Syed Nissar

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Is Kashmir Losing Memories To Covid-Catalyzed Dementia?

Jahanuma Tahir

IN her late sixties, Nusrat Mir is re-living her “sweet sixteen”. The grandmother keeps revisiting her girlhood by strolling in her hometown meadow as a happy-go-lucky person.

But like her faint memory, the meadow she mentions has long faded in the city of Srinagar.

“It’s all in her mind,” says Nusrat’s teacher son, Showkat Mir.

“While she even fails to recognize me, she abruptly drifts to that distant phase of her life and talks about the meadow and her friends. Barring that phase of her life, she doesn’t remember anything else now. This forgetfulness has completely changed her. It’s quite a slog to bring her to senses.”

Nusrat was on medication for dementia before Covid came as a tormentor. She was badly bitten by the bug devouring her last bits of memory.

Her case has already alarmed medicos at a time when Kashmir’s healthcare system is bracing for the new variant—Omicron.

The ripple effect of the previous strain is already leaving a debilitating impact on many Covid survivors—experiencing poor concentration, memory difficulties and other cognitive issues.

“These are the signs of dementia which deprive us from all those attributes that make us human,” says Dr. Parvaiz Shah, a renowned neurologist of the valley.

“Dementia is a general term for the impaired ability to remember, think or make decisions that hinder a person’s daily life. The disease is progressive due to irreversible decline in brain function which slowly interferes with a person’s ability to carry out activities of normal daily living.”

Dr. Shah informs that this neuropsychiatric disorder manifests primarily as disturbance in thought, memory and intelligence followed by adverse impact on conduct which can be of sufficient severity to interfere with social and occupational functioning.

“COVID-19 could aggravate this process and hasten cognitive decline, and then dementia,” an anecdotal research notes. “If someone is destined to show dementia symptoms in his early 70s, and he already has these abnormal proteins and some issues going on with it, COVID-19 may come in and really fan these flames.”

To understand the link between the Covid-catalyzed fading mindscape of the valley and the pandemic, Kashmir Observer got in touch with Dr. Parvaiz Shah.

Dr. Sahab, Kashmiri households are silently struggling with the cases like Nusrat Mir—the lady losing her memory and everything she once fought for. Is Covid really messing up with our memories now?

Well, yes, it’s true that some of the Covid survivors may get the dementia-related changes earlier than expected. This is quite a departure from what we once know about dementia. As a neurodegenerative disorder, dementia is commonly seen above the age of 65 years.

But having said that, prevalence of dementia is still more in western hemisphere than in Asian countries.

But then doctors say that Kashmiris are now following and adopting western lifestyle and therefore matching their disease profiles as well. Is it true with dementia as well?

See, what’s certain is that the prevalence of the disease has increased manifold in Kashmir with time.

Back in 2006, our epidemiological study in Hazratbal block of Srinagar found the disease in 100.57/100000 population. This figure was a notch higher than that of Dr. Sushil Razdan et al who reported dementia as an uncommon disease in early eighties.

But now, many lifestyle issues, like lack of exercise, excessive smoking, depression, poor educational status and alcohol intake



are believed to predispose to dementia.

So, it’s clear that lifestyle change is robbing us of our memories now.

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I mean, yes, dementia was once regarded as a rare disease in Kashmir. But now, it afflicts a sizable chunk of elderly population.

Even I come across on an average two to three such patients every week. This patient load can be attributed to the increased incidence of this disease as well as awareness about the disease both among the masses and healthcare professionals. Earlier, the patients with Alzheimer’s used to be overlooked and underdiagnosed due to lack of awareness about the disease as well as suboptimal medicare facilities.

But how’s dementia related to Alzheimer’s?

Well, only Alzheimer’s dementia accounts for 60-70 percent of all cases of dementia. In fact, Alzheimer’s is the most common form of dementia in western hemisphere with immense social impact.

Alzheimer’s is more common in females and sometimes it may be seen in more than one member of a family. The patient with this disease presents with memory disturbances. Forgetfulness especially for

balance, behavioral abnormalities followed by loss of control over urine and stool. How much traumatic—or tormenting—dementia can get?



Dr. Parvaiz Shah

recent events is the major symptom. The patients tend to forget small day to day happenings. Questions are repeated again and again. Speech also may be affected. And while the patient suffers immensely, his family undergoes more psychosocial trauma while attending to such a patient.

Talking about the suffering part of it, the case of Nusrat Mir and others tell us that their family members have to grapple with forgetfulness for recent events, progressive visual distur-

See, with the passage of time, the patient suffering from dementia loses comprehension about his/her family members and fails to recognize them. These patients need sustained and comprehensive medical care under one roof from a team of medical personnel, including a well-trained nurse.

But since it’s impossible for the family to provide them adequate care at their respective homes, the need of the hour is to explore possibilities of institutional care to such patients which could to a large extent

mitigate suffering of the family.

But can we somehow delay this disease?

Not definitely, however, the disease can be delayed if the people would get busy in intellectual pursuits like writing and mathematics. Dementia has been found to be less common in persons with such pursuits.

And what about Kashmir’s celebrated cultural composition and its resilience to fight this malaise? Can it come to the rescue of the patients?

Yes, since the disease is already showing an upward trend, our society needs to be sensitized to the fact that declining intellectual functioning with age is not always normal. At the moment medical curriculum has been regularly updated so as to make doctors and other healthcare professionals sensitive to dementia-related disorders. We also need to create skill base in manpower to help people age with dignity and honour and provide them with best possible health care.

Talking about the current scenario where Covid is only creating forgetfulness, how severe has this mind-fading become?

As you are aware, dementia has proved to be a socioeconomic burden with comorbid health issues. However, there’s no substantial scientific evidence in favor of Covid-19 infection predisposing to Alzheimer’s dementia though brain may get affected in Covid-19 infection.

Current estimate indicates that around 50 million people worldwide are living with dementia. This number will double by 2030 and triple by 2050.

In my experience, I have been coming across dementia patients very frequently as compared to two decades earlier.

So what’re some of the earlier signs of dementia?

Common presenting features of dementia include forgetfulness, decreased concentration, impaired judgement, misplacing of objects, hoarding, obsessive behavior, mood swings, confusion, language problems and occasionally hallucinations.

It’s common to come across sun downing behavior (due to disturbed internal body clock) in dementia patients. On the contrary symptoms of dementia may worsen by change of place. Dementia patients tend to be more comfortable at their familiar places.

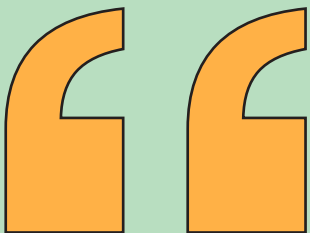
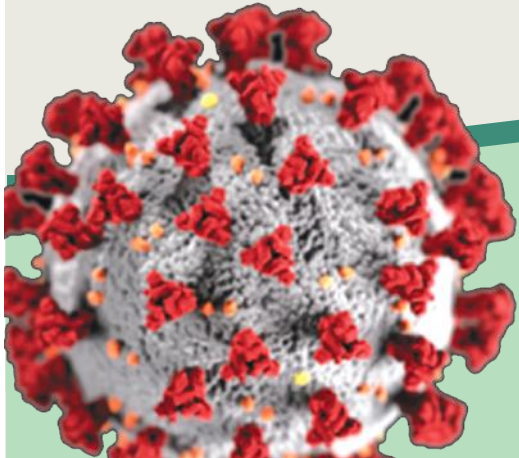
Late in the course of illness, the patients forget how to use common objects and tools. Vocabulary becomes restricted and conversation virtually incomprehensible. Patients may face difficulty in walking and ultimately lose the ability to stand or walk. Being forced to lie inert in bed, the patient may pass urine in the clothes. Depression with insomnia and anorexia also occurs apart from delusions and psychotic behavior.

Given this harrowing experience, do we have any hope to salvage memories?

See, as on date there’s not much treatment for dementia. The patients need comprehensive care which is virtually impossible at home. A sizable number of cases need institutional care especially in advanced stages of the disease. Therefore, it’s important to decrease the impact of disease by reducing the aggravating factors. Of course the patients are helped by early detection of the disease, exercise, good diet, vitamins and other neuroprotective drugs.

And while dementia doesn’t cause death, it shortens life expectancy. The average lifespan of a dementia patient is 4-8 years but may go up to two decades.

But no matter what your age or stage of life is, you’ve power to change many variables that influences your brain health.



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Study Finds Entrepreneurs Build, Withdraw, Repair Trust Sooner Than Others

Agencies

According to a study, entrepreneurs have different behavioural traits and operate with different levels of trust.

The research has been published in the 'Journal of Business Venturing'.

The researchers from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore found that entrepreneurs, whom they define as individuals who start new businesses, build trust more quickly with others in work-related situations.

Entrepreneurs were found to be more sensitive and quick to react to dishonesty during a simulated business transaction. For example, entrepreneurs would be quicker to withdraw from a deal upon sensing that a potential business partner is not reciprocating, said the researchers.

Previous research on the psychology of entrepreneurs hypothesised that they had different character traits from the rest of the population and aimed to discover how those qualities made some individuals more inclined to start new ventures, while others did not.

The NTU researchers said that the results from past studies were inconclusive, as they focused on finding individual traits rather than on thought processes or behaviours in dynamic situations where trust is built, violated, then rebuilt. This was what led to the design of a roleplay-



ing experiment, which aimed to expose participants to situations where they had to conduct business deals.

Along with Dr Bi QingQing from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, who was a former research fellow at NTU's Nanyang Business School when the study was done, the team carried out an experiment in Singapore with 416 participants, who were categorised as entrepreneurs, managers, and professionals based on their occupations.

The experiment placed participants through several rounds of business transactions, where participants had to decide how much money they would entrust for investments to an agent, who displayed different levels of trustworthiness.

Analysing the behaviour and results of the experiment, the researchers found that while entrepreneurs showed

comparable levels of initial trust with professionals and managers, entrepreneurs built trustworthy relationships faster by increasing their investments by around 50 per cent, which is significantly higher compared to managers and professionals (21 per cent and 35 per cent respectively), signalling that they were more trusting and willing to build a partnership.

However, the investments from entrepreneurs decreased sharply, by over half (53 per cent) compared to their investments during the initial trust-building stage, when their business partners displayed dishonesty, compared to managers and professionals, at 22 per cent and 38 per cent respectively. The researchers said this showed that entrepreneurs were quick to adapt to bad situations, especially those that would lead to losses or the detriment of their business.

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No. I&FCDB/ 5341-46 Dated: 22/12/2021.

Subject:	Show Cause Notice-III.
Ref:	1. This office show cause notice issued under No.I&FCD/2305-10 dated: 10/08/2021.
	2. This office show cause notice-II issued No.I&FCDB/3820-25 dated: 16/10/2021.

Whereas, this office issued 2 show cause notices under No's referred to above, wherein you were given twice chance to explain your position and were directed to resume your duties, but till date, neither you have explained your position nor you have resumed your duty despite lapse of more than 05-months.

Whereas, your where about are not known to this office from the date you were proceeded 120-days earned leave with effect from 01/01/2021 to 30/04/2021 which was expired on 30/04/2021.

Whereas you were already informed /communicated that your leave application for 18-Months leave without pay with effect from 01/05/2021 applied without any justified reason was not been entertained by this office and you remained unauthorizedly absent from duties.

Whereas, it has decided to give you, a 3rd & final opportunity to explain your position and resumption of duty.

Now, therefore 3rd and final show cause notice is issued to you to explain your position towards your duties within 10 days positively from the date of issuance of this notice and you are directed to resume your duties without further delay, failing which the case shall be recommended for termination of your service to the higher authorities which shall be noted.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Irrigation & FC Division
Baramulla
DIPK-15775/21

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. 90-JK (DMRRR) of 2021
Dated: 26.12.2021

- 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 24.12.2021;
- 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-
 - Total weekly new cases (per million).
 - Total positivity rate.
 - Bed Occupancy.
 - Case fatality rate.
 - Vaccination coverage of targeted population.
 - The extent of compliance to COVID Appropriate Behaviour.
- 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.
- 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 88-JK (DMRRR) dated 19-12-2021, shall continue to remain in force till further orders.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- The State Executive Committee reiterates that the following measures shall continue to remain in force -
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Swimming Pools are also allowed to function at 25% capacity subject to condition that management will ensure proper Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB)
 - There shall be no Weekend Curfew in any district.
 - As regards the education institutions, following directions shall be adhered to:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 parents and students and all measures as per Covid related protocols.
 - 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.
 - All other Coaching Centres, except those indicated above, shall continue to remain closed for onsite / in-person teaching.
 - 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.

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 10 pm to 6 am.

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.

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

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. 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.

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance within the zone by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.
- Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol.
- 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).
- Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/ home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines)..
- 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.
- The three - "T" protocol of testing, tracking and treating, besides vaccination, needs to be strengthened in all Blocks. The proportion of RT-PCR tests in the total mix should be scaled up on best effort basis.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- Immediate isolation and treatment of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities / hospitals / homes.
- District Magistrates shall take all necessary measures for enforcement of Testing protocols.
- District Magistrates shall establish and activate their respective Covid War Rooms to tackle Variants of Concern/ Variants of Interest (VoCA/ol) including B.1.1.529 (Omicron)
- All District Magistrates and Health Workers shall take all steps necessary to achieve the Overall objective of reducing Covid-19 incidence level.
- 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.
- 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.
- The following categories of asymptomatic 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:
 - If they are carrying a valid and verifiable Final Certificate Report of Covid-19 Vaccination.
 - If they are carrying a valid and verifiable RT-PCR Covid19 Negative report taken within 72 hours of arrival time.
- RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen Covid-19 Tests shall however be conducted on Symptomatic Incoming Passengers by Air/Rail/Road to J&K
- Inter State movement of passenger transport of SRTC/ Stage Contract Private Passenger Buses 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.
- 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.
- 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/Ariants of Interest (VoCA/ol) of Covid-19 including the newly discovered Variant B.1.1.529 (Omicron)

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

DIPK-15733/21

No: DMRRR/PS/Secy/551/2020 Dated: 26.12.2021

Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Mohammad Yousuf Dar S/o: Mohammad Jaffer Dar R/o: Suth-soo Kalan B.K Pora owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04D 5998 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S Mahindra & Mahindra Service Ltd. B/U Bemina Sgr.

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.5419
Dated 28-12-2021
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Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir



STATE ELECTION COMMISSION UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

NIRVACHAN BHAWAN, RAIL HEAD COMPLEX, JAMMU

Corrigendum to
Notificaton No: EA/Pyt/2020/14
Dated 23.11.2020.

In partial modification to Notification No. EA/Pyt/2020/14 dated 23.11.2020 read with corrigendum No: 54/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 04.03.2021, 54/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 26.03.2021, 54/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 28.04.2021, 54/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 29.06.2021, 54/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 26.08.2021 and 54/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 25.10.2021 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 36 of Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, read along-with Rule 108-G of the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, it is hereby ordered that the date appearing at clause (h) i.e "the date before which the election shall be completed", of the said Notification shall be deemed to have been further extended to 28th of February, 2022 in respect of District Development Council, Constituency Hajin-A, Bandipora appearing at S. No. 10 of the Annexure to the said Notification, in view of deferring of counting of votes in the DDC Constituency Hajin-A, Bandipora vide Election Authority Communication No. 54/SEC/Pyt/2020/1867 dated 22.12.2020 addressed to District Panchayat Election Officer, Bandipora and subsequent Order No. 06/SEC/DDC/2021 dated 05.03.2021 related to re-poll in the said Constituency.

Sd/-K.K. Sharma, IAS (Retd.)
State Election Commissioner
Election Authority
J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989
No: 54/SEC/Pyt/2020
Dated: 27 .12.2021
DIPK-NB-6170/21

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

NIRVACHAN BHAWAN, RAIL HEAD COMPLEX, JAMMU

Corrigendum to
Notificaton No: EA/Pvt/2020/09
Dated 13.11.2020.

In partial modification to Notification No. EA/Pyt/2020/09 dated 13.11.2020 read with corrigendum No: 53/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 04.03.2021, 53/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 26.03.2021, 53/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 28.04.2021, 53/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 29.06.2021, 53/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 26.08.2021 and 53/SEC/Pyt/2020 dated 25.10.2021 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 36 of Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, read alongwith Rule 108-G of the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, it is hereby ordered that the date appearing at clause (h) i.e "the date before which the election shall be completed", of the said Notification shall be deemed to have been further extended to 28th of February, 2022 in respect of District Development Council, Constituency Drugmulla, Kupwara appearing at S. No. 10 of the Annexure to the said Notification, in view of deferring of counting of votes in the DDC Constituency Drugmulla, Kupwara vide Election Authority communication No. 53/SEC/Pyt/2020/1868 dated 22.12.2020 addressed to District Panchayat Election Officer, Kupwara and subsequent Order No. 05/SEC/DDC/2021 dated 05.03.2021 related to re-poll in the said Constituency.

Sd/-K.K. Sharma, IAS (Retd.)
State Election Commissioner
Election Authority
J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989
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Dated: 27.12.2021



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2	شہزادہ مجید منظور احمد	56 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	طارق علی محمد ولد منظور احمد	28 سال		
4	محمد یونس محمد ولد منظور احمد	21 سال	مزدوری	
5	سید عہد جان منظور منظور احمد	18 سال		
6	کوثر محمد مجید طارق علی احمد	25 سال		
7	محمد طارق علی محمد طارق علی احمد	22 سال		

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60-Plus Population With Co-Morbidity Will Not Require Doctor Certificate For Precaution Dose: Centre

Agences

NEW DELHI: People aged 60 years and above with co-morbidity will not be required to produce or submit any certificate from doctor at the time of administration of precaution dose of Covid-19 vaccine, the Centre told states and Union Territories on Tuesday.

Such persons are expected to obtain the advice of their doctor before deciding to avail of the precaution dose or third dose.

In a letter to states and UTs, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said personnel to be deployed in election duty in the poll-bound states will be included in the

category of frontline workers.

Eligibility of such beneficiaries for the precaution dose will be based on the date of administration of 2nd dose as recorded in the Co-WIN system—completion of nine months i.e. 39 weeks from the date of administration of second dose—Bhushan said.

He informed that CoWIN will send reminder messages to all those eligible for precaution dose, which will be reflected in digital vaccination certificates.

Bhushan chaired a workshop through video conference on Tuesday with all states and UTs to review the roll-out of vaccination for the age group 15-18 and precautionary third dose

for vulnerable categories—healthcare workers (HCW), frontline workers (FLW) and those in the 60-plus age group with co-morbidity.

He said only Covaxin is to be administered in the age group 15-18 years and that additional doses of the vaccine will be sent to all states and UTs.

The Union Government will share the supply schedule of Covaxin with all the states and UTs in the next few days, he said.

Potential beneficiaries can either register themselves on Co-WIN from January 1 or avail of a walk-in registration when vaccination commences from January 3. Those with a birth year of 2007 or before will

be eligible for vaccination under this category, he said.

All established protocols regarding vaccination are to be followed for the 15-18 years age group, beneficiaries are to wait for half-an-hour when they will be monitored for AEFI and will be eligible for the 2nd dose only after 28 days, according to a Health Ministry statement.

States were informed that they have the option to designate some Covid Vaccination Centre for vaccination of the 15-18 age group exclusively which can also be reflected on Co-WIN. Dedicated CVCs would ensure that there is no confusion in administering the vaccines.

Reacting to the claims of SIT, a family member of Altaf Bhat told Kashmir Observer that the CCTV footage that SIT is talking about lay defunct for the last one and half year.

“We wonder what kind of footage they (police) got when the CCTV cameras aren't working,” the family member said.

They said the family provided all the documents that police sought during the investigation. However, many documents that police were demanding were in the lockers of the building, said the family member.

“However, the building was under their (police) possession and we weren't allowed to go there to collect documents,” the family member said, adding that “the police locked the building days after the fake encounter and handed it over to family today.”

The family says if the SIT is claiming that Altaf was killed in cross firing or by foreign militants then what stops them (police) to declare him innocent?

“We aren't satisfied with the SIT probe, we want an independent judicial probe,” the family member added.

Mohammad Nadeem Magray, elder brother of Aamir Magray while rebutting the claims of SIT said that his brother was an ordinary civilian not an OGW.

“My brother was innocent and so were the others. The police cooked up the story today to save their skin” he said. Adding that “We want a judicial enquiry into the killing”

He further added that police didn't summon them during the investigation and they are still waiting for the dead body of their kin.

Dry Weather

frequent and maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy to very heavy snowfall.

The ‘Chilla-i-Kalan’ will end on January 31, but the cold wave continues even after that in Kashmir with a 20-day-long ‘Chillai-Khurid’ (small cold) and a 10-day-long ‘Chillai-Bachha’ (baby cold).

91 New Cases,

Budgam and Bandipora 5 each, Kupwara 4 and Baramulla and Pulwama 3 each. The three districts of Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian registered no new cases of Covid-19.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 20 new cases of coronavirus, Doda 6, Rajouri and Poonch 2 each and one new case in Udhampur and Kathua. No cases were detected in Samba, Kishtwar, Ramban and Reasi.

“Moreover, 127 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 29 from Jammu Division and 98 from Kashmir,” officials said.

Also, they said that one more person died of Covid-19 related complications in Kashmir Valley, taking the death toll in pandemic to 4525 in J&K—2197 in Jammu and 2328 in Kashmir.

J&K Has Embarked

levels never seen before,” the LG added.

Terming the latest MoU as another major milestone, the LG as per the official spokesperson said that J&K is the only UT/State in the country with universal health insurance coverage for up to Rs. 5 lakh per

family. The government, he said, also has an extensive budget for the health sector.

“Besides, providing best healthcare facilities, the venture will bring huge direct and indirect employment opportunities for the locals,” Sinha said, adding “More healthcare projects and MoUs are in the pipeline to ensure best healthcare within the reach of every citizen of the UT,”

In the first phase, the official spokesperson said that Apollo Hospitals will set up a 250-bed hospital in the region. Well-known for clinical excellence, he said, Apollo has a robust presence across the healthcare ecosystem, providing high-quality, patient-focused medical care.

According to the official spokesperson, Dr. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited shared the vision of the Apollo hospitals to establish state-of-the-art health facilities in the UT.

“We understand that the health sector creates vast job opportunities and this project will also generate more than 1000 direct employment. That is the responsibility which all of us collectively have set forth to discharge. Apart from this, it will also become the training centre not only for doctors, but also for the nurses, paramedics, technicians, and allied healthcare workers,” Dr. Reddy said.

“Tomorrow when J&K will become a hub for healthcare tourism, people from rest of the world can also be treated here. In a way, this project will help us heal the world,” she added.

She further said that Apollo is committed to bring specialists in various healthcare sectors on board. She said trained health personnel are required to efficiently look after the people in need of medical attention.

“We are happy to bring good standard of training, learning and skilling in the health sector to J&K. This is a very progressive step. We are thankful to Lt Governor for giving us this opportunity. I believe that it's a giant leap of faith but it is a project which will put us on the global map,” Dr. Reddy added.

Pertinently, the MoU between the J&K administration and Apollo comes a day after the LG led dispensation signed 39 MoUs worth nearly Rs 19,000 crore for the development of housing, hotel and commercial projects in the Union Territory.

The agreements were signed at J&K's first Real Estate Summit in Jammu termed by LG as “historic” and a major step towards transformation of the UT. However, most of the mainstream parties slammed the move alleging that Jammu and Kashmir was being put on sale to “change its demography”.

BJP Welcomes

said while the administration is initiating productive measures inviting investors with the sole aim of development, creating multiple job avenues for the youth in various sectors including the real estate, the NC and the PDP have started misleading the people by issuing baseless statements terming these result oriented and productive initiatives as attempts to alter the demography of the UT.

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti on Monday hit out at the administration for opening the union territory to real estate investors, alleging that it is being done to change the demography of the region.

Reacting to the statements of the former chief ministers, Gupta claimed that these leaders have always misled the gullible masses for their petty vested interests.

He said, If NC government took initiatives in the past to settle down the Pakistan residents then why are they today objecting to the so-called settlement of people of the nation who are likely to come and invest in Jammu and Kashmir, he asked.

J&K Bank Board

He had joined SBI as a probationary officer in 1991 and he is currently the Chief General Manager (Digital and Transaction Banking Marketing Department) at SBI, Mumbai.

Presently, RK Chhibber is the Chairman and Managing Director of J&K Bank, who assumed the charge in June 2019. J&K Bank shares closed at Rs 35.80 apiece on BSE, up by 0.56 per cent from the previous close.

Govt Likely To Quit

ensured that the norms and the guidelines of Right to Education Act (RTE) may not be violated.

“The requisite information complete in all respect as per devised formats already provided shall reach to the Administrative Department by or before December-25 without any fail,” the official said.

Electric Shock

Rowach village, Ramzan was immediately taken to a medical facility in Dangiwa where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Meanwhile, locals of the area staged a demonstration and said that before sending the casual labourer to repair the transmission lines the concerned officials should have snapped the power supply.

Leopard Mauls 11

on prowl in the area and created panic for the last many days.

They also appealed to the administration to provide compensation to the owner as he belongs to a poor family and these were his only source of income.

Minor Killed In

He said that the accused driver managed to flee from the spot after mowing down the minor boy. (GNS)

Two Women

were noticed moving suspiciously near Chak Drab Khan area. During their search, about six grams each of heroin was found in their possession, a police official said.

He said the women were living as tenants in Kullian village of Kathua.

The official said they were booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Further investigation is on, he added. (PTI)

CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

Police Gives Clean

head of the SIT, DIG Sujith K, virtually gave a clean chit to the security forces but added the team was open to reviewing its findings if any other evidence comes to light.

“Our investigation so far has revealed that Dr Mudasir Gul was killed by the foreign terrorist hiding inside the building as his body was recovered from the attic. The security forces did not go to the attic at all during searches or subsequent operation,” head of the SIT, DIG Sujith K Singh, told reporters here.

Giving details of the investigations, Singh said the probe has revealed that Amir Magray, the employee of Dr Gul, was closely associated with the foreign militant ‘Bilal Bhat’, who was killed in the operation while trying to flee.

“Mohammad Altaf Bhat (building owner) and Amir were killed in the crossfire with security forces as they were used as a human shield by the foreign terrorist. It is substantiated by the fact the Altaf fell (after being hit by bullets) outside the door, while Amir had managed to run few more steps and the foreign terrorist's body was found 83 feet away,” he said.

The officer said besides examining the CCTV footage and call detail records, the SIT has also examined more than 20 witnesses so far. “Statements of six of these witnesses have been recorded before the magistrate as well,” he added.

Asked why the civilians were sent in for house searches if the security forces had information about the presence of militants inside, the officer said Bhat had volunteered to go inside as “he was very sure that there was no one hiding inside”.

“At no point of time did any of them tell the security forces about the presence of the terrorist inside or seek any help,” he added.

The SIT chief said the investigation was still going on and the team was open to reviewing its findings if any evidence, suggesting so, comes to light.

On Amir's involvement, Singh said the recoveries made in the building like codeine bottles and winter apparel pointed to the existence of a hideout.

“We have found out that Amir was frequently visiting Bandipora. Why would someone visit Bandipora so frequently when he (his family) had fled that place in 2008?” he asked.

Singh referred to statements of some protected witnesses in the case which lead to the conclusion that the building was used as a hideout by the militants.

“We found a dangle from the body of the foreign terrorist. The location of the device was at Jamalatta on 14th November where a firing incident took place,” he said.

Asked if the police disclosure about the investigations could preempt the magisterial probe ordered by the union territory government, Inspector General of Police Kashmir zone Vijay Kumar said the inquiry was already complete.

“That probe has been completed and the report has been submitted to the government four days ago. The government has directed the District Magistrate to place the report before the judicial magistrate concerned,” he added.

The families of Altaf, Dr Gul and Amir had claimed that they were innocent and held protests, demanding their bodies be returned. Several political parties in the state also extended support to the demand and the administration handed over the bodies of Altaf and Gul on November 18.

Home Deptt

Government and the District Magistrate has been advised to send the report to the Judicial Magistrate having jurisdiction under section 190 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, as mandated under law,” it reads.

Notably, four persons were killed in an alleged encounter in Hyderpora area of Srinagar on the intervening night of November 15 and 16 this year.

Demand For Statehood

rejected domicile certificates on the pattern of J-K, which makes it easy for outsiders to become residents of the union territory.

Nearly three months after reserving all subordinate services for the local residents, the Ladakh administration on September 4 issued an order to temporarily define residents of Union territory for the purpose of appointment to all non-gazetted posts borne on the establishment of any department or service.

The demand for constitutional safeguards under the Sixth Schedule, which was put forth by the people through a Leh-based political platform soon after getting the union territory status, echoed in Parliament when BJP MP from Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal raised the issue during Zero Hour on December 15.

The demand was raised amid two near-total strikes that brought life to a standstill across Ladakh in August and later in December on the joint call of the Apex Body of People's Movement for 6th Schedule and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) -- an amalgam of almost all political, religious, social, cultural and youth organisations of Leh and Kargil, respectively.

When you (Speaker Om Birla) visited Leh recently and went to the Leh Council's Secretariat as well, a demand was raised I urge the government to amend the Ladakh Hill Development Council Act, passed in 1997. It needs to be defined what will be the role and responsibility of the central government, the Union Territory administration and the Lieutenant-Governor Along with this, (it needs to define) how the roles of gram panchayats and town councils will be streamlined.

The LAHDC Act also needs to be amended to grant constitutional

anniversary of the union territory status.

The demands raised include full statehood along with constitutional safeguards, one more Lok Sabha seat and two Rajya Sabha seats besides a special recruitment drive for the local youth to fill up over 10,000 vacancies.

The BJP, which was part of the Apex Body, however, stopped attending its meetings. On the second founding anniversary of the UT status, Namgyal, who is also present of BJP's Ladakh unit, targeted the Apex Body for changing demands from time to time.

On August 28, During Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai's visit to Leh, the Apex Body and the KDA had given a call for bandh after the two bodies were not called for the meeting, prompting Union Home Minister Amit Shah to intervene. Rai had accordingly called the two bodies for talks and heard their issues.

After holding a series of meetings with the home ministry officials before August, the Apex Body and the KDA expressed their anger over non-seriousness on the part of the government towards the issues and concerns of the Ladakhis and sponsored a strike on December 13.

They also threatened a mass agitation in support of their demand in March 2022 coinciding with improved weather conditions.

Families Reject

was headed by DIG central Kashmir, Sujit Kumar Singh.

Over 40 days after the controversial encounter, police held a press conference here on Tuesday claiming that the building owner Ahmed Bhat was used as a human shield by foreign militant and was killed in cross firing, while Dr Mudasir Gul was shot dead by the foreign militant on the directions “possibly from across.”

The police also maintained that the third person, Aamir Ahmad Magray was an Over Ground Worker (OGW).



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Whereas I, the undersigned, being the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Securities Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the Rules) issued a demand notice dated 26/02/2021 calling upon (i) Mr. Abdul Salam Mir S/O Ali Mohammad Mir R/O Kanjikkula Yaripora Sole Proprietor of M/S Ali Mohd Mir & Sons at Kanjikkula Yaripora (borrower), (ii). Mr. Ali mohammad Mir S/O Habib Mir R/O Kanjikkula Yaripora (mortgagor), (iii) Mr. Javid Ahmad Mir S/O Ali Mohammad Mir R/O Kanjikkula Yaripora, (iv) Mr. Abdul Qayoom Dar S/O Ghulam Mohammad Dar R/O Frisal Yaripora and (v) Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad Baba S/O Ali Mohammad Baba R/O Matibugh Yaripora (guarantors), to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.18,81,937.71/- (Rupees Eighteen Lacs Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Seven And Paise Seventy One Only) (Outstanding as on 31/01/2021 together with further interest from 01/02/2021, cost & charges within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The above named borrowers, mortgagor and guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, Notice is hereby given to the said borrower, mortgagors & guarantors in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules on this 23rd day of 2021. The said borrower, mortgagor and guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property/assets and any dealings with the said property/assets will be subject to the charge of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Business Unit Yaripora for an amount of Rs. 20,46,479.71/- (Rupees Twenty Lac Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Nine & Seventy One Paise Only) (outstanding as on 30-11-2021) together with further interest thereon from 01-12-2021 alongwith costs, charges and expenses.

Your/ the borrower's, mortgagor's and guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the said Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of secured asset(s) by public auction by inviting quotations, tender from public or private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or private treaty as the case may be, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of property being land measuring Five (05) Kanals Six (06) Marlas falling under Khasra no. 122min (previous survey No.29 & 30) Khata no. 43 of Khewat 04 in Mouza Kanjikkula Tehsil Yaripora District Kulgam.

Bounded:

On the North by Land Of Bashir Ahmad
On the South by Link Road
On the East by Land Of Gull Mir
On the West By Land Of Ab.Gaffar

DATE: 23.12.2021
PLACE: Yaripora

DIPK-NB-6210/21

Authorized Officer



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Description of the Immovable Property

All that Part and parcel of property being land measuring 08kanals 15marlas falling under Khasra no. 49 min Khata no. 42 of Khewat 09 and land measuring 04 kanals falling under Khasra no.172 min, khata no.42 khewat no.09 (Total 12 kanal 15 marlas) in Mouza Mechewa Tehsil Yaripora District Kulgam.

Bounded by: Site A (8K-15M)
On the North by House of Gh Hassan Wani
On the South by Land of Ali Mohd Bhat
On the East by Land Of Mohd Akram Wani
On the West By Land Of Bashir Ahmad Bhat

Bounded: Site B (4K-00M)
On the North by Land of Ab Gaffar Bhat
On the South by Land of Gh Mohd Bhat
On the East by Land Of Ab Rashid
On the West By Land Of Ali Mohd Itoo

DATE: 23.12.2021
PLACE: Yaripora Kulgam

DIPK-NB-6213/21

Authorized Officer

India Pacers Leave South Africa Tottering At 109/5



Press Trust of India

CENTURION: Indian pacers lived up to their reputation by running through the South African top half, reducing the hosts to 109 for 5 at tea after Lungi Ngidi's six-wicket haul limited the visitors to 327 on day three of the first Test.

After a good batting day at the onset, the second day's heavy showers spiced up the pitch to such an extent that as many as 12 wickets were lost in the first two sessions.

If India lost seven of them for an addition of only 55 runs in the morning due to Ngidi's 6 for 71 and Kagiso Rabada's complementary 3 for 72, Mohammed Shami (2/16), Jasprit Bumrah (1/12), Mohammed Siraj (1/29) and Shardul Thakur (1/27) all got into the act on a spicy deck with a lot of underlying moisture.

Credit to India that despite losing Bumrah for a better part of second session due to sprained

ankle, they didn't let the intensity down even after Temba Bavuma (31 batting) and Quinton de Kock (34 batting) had added 72 runs for the fifth wicket.

De Kock's loose shot of a long hop from Thakur that saw him drag one back onto his stumps literally put the Proteas in the dumps.

This was after Bumrah bowled a beautiful length with a tiniest movement that had Dean Elgar edging one to Rishabh Pant.

Coming in as one change, Shami bowled an in-cutter that breached Keegan Peterson's defence and then bowled a late leg-cutter that beat Aiden Markram's outside edge.

Rassie van Der Dussen found Siraj's pace too hot to handle and the outside edge was comfortably snapped at gully by Ajinkya Rahane.

The morning belonged to Ngidi and Rabada as the Supersport Park track stayed true to its reputation of quickening up as time progressed.

Ganguly Hospitalised After Testing COVID Positive

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has been admitted to a city hospital after testing positive for COVID-19 but the former India captain is "stable", the medical institution, where he is undergoing treatment, said on Tuesday.

Ganguly, who is double vaccinated, was rushed to Woodlands Hospital on Monday evening as a precautionary measure after his RT-PCR test returned positive.

The 49-year-old Ganguly had undergone an emergency angioplasty earlier this year and given the history, a panel of the doctors is keeping a close watch on his health status.

"He received Monoclonal Antibody Cocktail therapy on the same night and is currently haemodynamically stable," Dr Rupali



Basu, MD & CEO of Woodlands Hospital, said in a statement.

"A medical board comprising Dr Saroj Mondal, Dr Saptarshi Basu and Dr Soutik Panda in consultation with Dr Devi Shetty and Dr Aftab Khan is keeping a close watch on his health status," Basu added.

Ganguly has been travelling extensively, taking part in all professional activities.

His elder brother Snehasish had also tested positive for COVID early this year.

J&K Pencak Silat Teams Win Overall National Championship



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Pencak Silat teams created history by winning the overall National Pencak Silat Championship with 2 Gold and 2 Silver medals.

The championship was held in Rohtak, Haryana from December 24-27, and witnessed the participation of over 1700 players from 29 states and regions.

Rutbah Shabir and Aqsa Gulzar won Gold for J&K, while Ay-

eera Chishti and Labeeb Feroz won the Silver Medals.

Ayeera Chishti missed out on the Gold due to a hamstring injury, and had to quit the final bout during 1st round of the finals.

Labeeb played well to win 3 bouts back to back, as he defeated Haryana A & B and last year national champion from Maharashtra, but lost the final bout against Assam with close margin of score.

Rutbah Shabir played out-

standingly and won 1st ever Gold medal in National Championship. Rutbah defeated 4 states: Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, and last year champion UP.

The J&K Pencak Silat Association congratulated the athletes for their winning performances, and their parents who supported them.

J&K team created history by achieving the overall championship title, and were followed by Haryana in 2nd and Maharashtra in 3rd.

Australia Retains Ashes With Win Over England

Agencies

MELBOURNE: It was quite a Test debut for Australia fast bowler Scott Boland.

Player-of-the-match Boland claimed the remarkable bowling figures of six wickets for seven runs as Australia beat England by an innings and 14 runs before lunch on the third day of the third Ashes test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Tuesday. The massive victory means Australia retains the Ashes, with a 3-0 lead in the five-match series.

Resuming on Tuesday on 31-4, England was bowled out for 68. Ben Stokes, on 11, was bowled by Mitchell Starc in the fifth over of the day.

The 32-year-old Boland removed Jonny Bairstow for 5 in his first over of the day, then world No. 2-ranked batter Joe Root for 28 in his second over, before dismissing Mark Wood and Ollie Robinson without scoring in his third over.

When James Anderson was bowled by Cameron Green for 2, England's resistance had lasted just 27.4 overs.

Boland, who claimed match



figures of 7-55 and is only the second Indigenous player to represent Australia's men's test-cricket side, was awarded the Johnny Mullagh Medal for player of the match. The award honors Australia's Indigenous team which toured England in 1868.

Australia captain Pat Cummins said his side had been relentless and would now aim for a 5-0 sweep of the series.

"Any Ashes series is when you try to make a mark on your test career, so a chance to start cementing our identity," Cummins said.

England captain Joe Root tried to remain positive.

"We have to stay strong and look at the next two games to take something from the tour," Root said at the post-match ceremony. Play resumed as sched-

uled on Tuesday after players from both teams were tested for COVID-19 overnight. "All results have come back negative," Cricket Australia said.

The start of Monday's second day of play was delayed by 30 minutes due to a COVID-19 scare involving two members of England's support staff.

Australia was bowled out for 267 on Monday as the home side grabbed a first-innings

advantage of 82 runs. England could not even reach that figure to make Australia bat a second time. (AP)

Ashwin Among 4 Nominees For ICC Test Cricketer Of The Year Award

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Seasoned India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin was on Tuesday shortlisted as one of the four nominees for the ICC Test Cricketer of the year award.

The 35-year-old from Chennai snapped 52 wickets from eight Tests at an average of 16.23 and also contributed 337 runs with the bat at 28.08 with one century in the last one year.

Besides Ashwin, England skipper Joe Root, New Zealand pacer Kyle Jamieson and Sri Lanka opener Dimuth Karunaratne were the others to be nominated for the prestigious award, which recognise the outstanding achievements and feats in test cricket over the past year.

The winner of the award will be announced on January 24.

"One of India's greatest match-winners in the longest format, R Ashwin again asserted his authority as one of the world's finest spinners in 2021. Apart from his wizardry with the ball, Ash-



win also made invaluable contributions with the bat," the ICC said in a release.

Ashwin started the year on a high, scoring a patient 128-ball 29 against Australia in the Sydney Test. His partnership with Hanuma Vihari helped India achieve a memorable draw that kept the series level at 1-1.

At home against England, Ashwin was adjudged the Player of the Series after he claimed 32 wickets from four matches at 14.72, while also contributing 189 runs with the bat.

India To Face Bangladesh In U-19 Asia Cup Semifinal



Press Trust of India

SHARJAH: India will lock horns with Bangladesh in the semifinals of the U-19 Asia Cup after the group-deciding match involving the latter team and Sri Lanka was called off due to the Covid-19 infection of two officials here on Tuesday. The semifinal will be played on Thursday.

As many as 32.4 overs were already bowled before the final Group B match of the tournament was cancelled following

Covid-19 positive results of two officials.

"Asian Cricket Council and Emirates Cricket Board can confirm that the final Group B match of ACC Under 19 Asia Cup scheduled for play today has been called off," Asian Cricket Council said in a statement.

"It is confirmed that two Officials have tested positive for COVID-19. The Officials are currently safe and being treated in accordance with tournament protocols.

Cavani Helps Man United To A 1-1 Draw At Newcastle



Agencies

NEWCASTLE: Edinson Cavani came off the bench to salvage a point for Manchester United from a sloppy display in a 1-1 draw at Newcastle in the Premier League on Monday.

Playing its first game in 16 days after coronavirus cases in the squad led to two games being postponed, United was outplayed in the first half and Allan Saint-Maximin gave Newcastle the lead in the seventh minute following a swift break after Raphael Varane was dispossessed.

Cavani entered as a half-time substitute, injected some urgency and pressing into United's attacking play, and scored an equalizer in the 71st minute by poking home a rebound after his initial shot was blocked.

Seventh-place United missed a chance to jump to fifth with a display that showed the team still has plenty of work to do under recently hired coach Ralf Rangnick.

His team was so off the pace in the first half _ perhaps due to the extended COVID-enforced break _ that Rangnick opted to make two substitutions at half time, with Fred and Mason Greenwood coming off. Any of the outfield players could easily have been replaced.

"I didn't like it all," Rangnick said of United's performance. "We are trying to get better at controlling the game. Today we didn't control the game."



Nehru YUVA Kendra Anantnag organized two days Block level sports meet of block Sagam/ Breng at HSS Devalgam w.e.f 21/12/2021 to 24-12-2021.. A large number of students from various sports Club and Mehla Mendals of the Block participated in the various events. Prizes were awarded to the Winners and Runners up teams and Third Places.



Nehru YUVA Kendra Anantnag organized two days Block level sports meet of block Verinaga w.e.f 20-12-2021 to 21-12-2021. At Verinaga. A large number of students from various sports Club and Mehla Mendals of the Block participated in the various events. Prizes were awarded to the Winners and Runners up teams and Third Places.



Nehru YUVA Kendra Anantnag organized two days Block level sports meet of block Khodipora/ Pahalgam at Mattan Tichbagh on w.e.f 23/12/2021 to 24-12-2021.. A large number of students from various sports Club and Mehla Mendals of the Block participated in the various events. Prizes were awarded to the Winners and Runners up teams and Third Places.



Nehru YUVA Kendra Anantnag organized two days Block level sports meet of block Shangus/ Chittergul on w.e.f 25/12/2021 to 26-12-2021. At Shangus. A large number of students from various sports Club and Mehla Mendals of the Block participated in the various events. Prizes were awarded to the Winners and Runners up teams and Third Places.



Nehru YUVA Kendra Anantnag organized two days Block level sports meet of block Bijbehara/ Dachnipora at Jablipora on w.e.f 26/12/2021 to 27-12-2021.. A large number of students from various sports Club and Mehla Mendals of the Block participated in the various events. Prizes were awarded to the Winners and Runners up teams and Third Places.



Nehru YUVA Kendra Anantnag organized two days Block level sports meet of block Hiller /Shahabad at HSS Hakura on w.e.f 27/12/2021 to 28-12-2021.. A large number of students from various sports Club and Mehla Mendals of the Block participated in the various events. Prizes were awarded to the Winners and Runners up teams and Third Places.

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Applications are to be submitted online on the University of Kashmir web portal <https://www.kashmiruniversity.net/recruitment> alongwith the detailed resume, latest photograph and a signed/self-attested undertaking in the requisite format on or before **31st January, 2022 by 05:00 PM**. The submission of online application shall commence from **3rd January, 2022**.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (E-NIT)

Tender Reference No: 86 of 2021

Dt: 27-12-2021

For and on behalf of Managing Director, JKHPMC Ltd., e-Tenders under "Single Cover System" are invited from Firms/Companies/Proprietary Agencies for the "Construction of Warehouse for the Proposed Food Cluster at JKHPMC's Land Bank in Doabgah, Sopore, Jammu & Kashmir on "Item Rate" Basis"

The Bidding Documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the JK Govt. website www.jk-tenders.gov.in from 27-12-2021 to 08-01-2022.

The Critical Details of the e-Tender under reference are as follows:

CRITICAL DETAILS

Advertised Cost of the Work	Rs. 231.5 Lakh
Cost of Tender Document	Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only) NON-REFUNDABLE Demand Draft drawn in favour of JKHPMC Ltd Rajbagh, Srinagar, J&K
Date of up-load of e-tender	27-12-2021
Last Date of Online Bid submission	08-01-2022
Date & time of opening of Bids	10-01-2022
Estimated Completion Time of the Project	120 Days (Four Months)
Bid Validity	120 Days (Four Months)

Sd/-

Managing Director
JKHPMC

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Yellow Alert Sounded In Delhi As Covid Cases Increase

Agenceis

New Delhi: Amid a rise in Covid-19 cases, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority ordered on Tuesday closure of schools, colleges, cinemas and gyms with immediate effect and put various restrictions on the functioning of shops and public transport as a yellow alert was sounded under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

The 'yellow' alert restrictions stipulate that shops and establishments of non-essential goods and services and malls will open based on odd-even formula from 10 am to 8 pm.

The timing of night curfew imposed from Monday night has also been extended by an hour and it will now begin at 10 pm. The night curfew from 10 pm to 5 am will remain in force till further orders, stated the order issued by the DDMA.

Marriages and funerals will be allowed attendance of 20 persons while all other types of gathering related to social, political, cultural, religious and festival events will be prohibited.

Also, the Delhi Metro will run at 50 per cent of its seating capacity while auto-rickshaws and cabs can ferry up to two passengers. Buses too will ply at 50 per cent of capacity with exempted category passengers, says the GRAP.

After a high-level meeting to review the pandemic situation in the national capital, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said earlier in the day that a decision has been taken to issue 'yellow' alert in view of fast rising cases of infections.

The DDMA order stated that all the restrictions as per 'yellow' alert will be enforced with immediate effect.

The GRAP approved by the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) prescribes sounding of 'yellow' alert if positivity rate remains above 0.5 per cent for two consecutive days.

Delhi on Monday recorded 331 fresh COVID-19 cases, the highest single-day rise since June 9, and one death while the positivity

rate mounted to 0.68 per cent, according to data shared by the city health department. Positivity rate was 0.55 per cent on Sunday.

The 'yellow' alert restrictions stipulate that only one weekly market per zone with 50 per cent vendors will be allowed to open.

Restaurants will be permitted with 50 per cent capacity from 8 am to 10 pm while bars can also operate with the same capacity, but from 12 noon to 10 pm.

Besides, cinema halls, banquet halls, spas, gyms, outdoor yoga activity, amusement parks, stadium, swimming pools, schools, colleges and educational institutions will not be allowed if 'yellow' alert is sounded.

Private offices can function with up to 50 per cent of the staff. In Delhi government offices also, barring certain category of officials, only half of the remaining staff will be allowed under the 'yellow' alert.

Further religious places will open but visitors will not be allowed. Parks and gardens can however open.

The colour coded GRAP is based on positivity rate (on two consecutive days), cumulative number of new cases (over a week) and average oxygenated occupancy (for a week) will designate four levels of alerts.

Further restrictions are imposed at advanced stages of 'Amber', 'Orange' and 'Red' alerts with higher numbers of new cases and hospitalisations.

Here's the complete list of curbs

—Night curfew from 10 pm till 5 am.

—Schools, colleges, educational institutions, and coaching institutes to close

—Private offices to function with 50 per cent capacity from 9 am to 5 pm

—Interstate buses and the Delhi Metro to run at 50 per cent of its seating capacity. Stands not allowed

—Restaurants to operate at 50 per cent capacity from 8 am to 10 pm; bars at 50 per cent capacity from 12 noon to 10 pm.

Insurer Can't Repudiate Claim By Citing Existing Medical Condition: SC

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NEW DELHI: An insurer cannot repudiate a claim by citing an existing medical condition that was disclosed by the insured in the proposal form, once the policy has been issued, the Supreme Court has said.

A bench of justices D Y Chandrachud and B V Nagarathna also said a proposer is under a duty to disclose to the insurer all material facts within his knowledge.

The proposer is presumed to know all the facts and circumstances concerning the proposed insurance, it added.

While the proposer can only disclose what is known to him, the proposer's duty of disclosure is not confined to his actual knowledge, it also extends to those material facts which, in the ordinary course of business, he ought to know, the court said.

"Once the policy has been issued after assessing the medical condition of the insured, the insurer cannot repudiate the claim by citing an existing medical condition, which was disclosed by the insured in the proposal form and which condition has led to a particular risk in respect



of which the claim has been made by the insured," the bench said in a recent judgment.

The top court was hearing an appeal filed by Mamohan Nanda against an order of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC), rejecting his plea seeking a claim for medical expenses incurred in the United States.

Nanda had bought an Overseas Mediclaim Business and Holiday Policy as he intended to travel to the US.

On reaching the San Francisco airport, he suffered a heart attack and was admitted to a hospital, where angioplasty was performed on him and three stents were inserted to remove the

blockage from the heart vessels.

Subsequently, the appellant claimed the treatment expenses from the insurer, which was repudiated by the latter stating that the appellant had a history of hyperlipidaemia and diabetes, which was not disclosed while buying the insurance policy.

The NCDRC had concluded that since the complainant had been under statin medication, which was not disclosed while buying the mediclaim policy, he failed to comply with his duty to make a complete disclosure of his health conditions.

The apex court said the repudiation of the policy by the United India Insurance company was illegal and not in accordance with law.

It said the object of buying a mediclaim policy is to seek indemnification in respect of a sudden illness or sickness that is not expected or imminent and that may occur overseas.

"If the insured suffers a sudden sickness or ailment, which is not expressly excluded under the policy, a duty is cast on the insurer to indemnify the appellant for the expenses incurred thereunder," the bench said.

"No Remorse", Says Hindu Seer Under Fire For Abusing Mahatma Gandhi

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RAIPUR: Hindu religious leader Kalicharan Maharaj, who is facing FIRs in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra for allegedly using derogatory words against Mahatma Gandhi, remained defiant and said he does not have any remorse for his utterances.

In a video message, the seer claimed his statements were correct and said he hates Mahatma Gandhi. Raipur Senior Superintendent of Police Prashant Agrawal said they

have received information that Kalicharan Maharaj has released a video.

The police are conducting a probe into the case and efforts are on to arrest him, the official said.

In the video, the seer said, "An FIR has been registered against me for making derogatory remarks on Gandhi, but I do not have any remorse for it." He also made several claims and allegations against Mahatma Gandhi and held him responsible for Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel not becoming the country's prime minister (after indepen-

dence) and for "encouraging the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty".

"Had Sardar Patel been the prime minister, the country would have been more powerful than America," he claimed, and said he does not consider Mahatma Gandhi as the Father of the Nation.

He also hailed Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse.

On Sunday, an FIR was registered against Kalicharan Maharaj in Raipur for allegedly using derogatory words against Mahatma Gandhi.

Cipla Gets Nod To Market Covid Pill Molnupiravir For Emergency Use

Agenceis

NEW DELHI: Drug major Cipla on Tuesday said it has received emergency use authorisation (EUA) permission from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) to launch antiviral drug Molnupiravir in the country to treat mild-to-moderate COVID-19.

The Mumbai-based firm said it plans to launch Molnupiravir under the brand name Cipmolnu. "This launch is yet another step in our endeavour to enable access to all treatments in COVID care. We continue to be guided by the power of science to address the unmet needs of patients across the globe and bring care closer to the patients," Cipla MD and Global CEO Umang Vohra said in a statement.

Earlier during the year, Cipla entered into a non-exclusive voluntary licensing agreement with Merck Sharpe Dohme (MSD) to manufacture and supply Molnupiravir in India and to over 100 low and middle-income countries (LMICs).

The regulatory approval comes on the back of a five-month col-



laborative trial conducted by a consortium of companies.

Molnupiravir is the first oral antiviral approved by the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 at high risk of developing severe disease.

Molnupiravir inhibits the replication of multiple RNA viruses including SARS-CoV-2. Cipla said it will soon make Cipmolnu 200mg capsules available at all leading pharmacies and COVID treatment centers across the country.

The company has adequate manufacturing capacities and a solid distribution mechanism in place to ensure speedy access to this effective treatment pan India, it added.

Play Indian Music In Flights, Airports: Aviation Ministry

Agenceis

The Ministry of Civil Aviation on Tuesday asked all airlines and airports to consider playing Indian music in their flights and terminal premises.

The Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) had on December 23 requested Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia to promote Indian music in flights operated by Indian carriers.

Therefore, the ministry wrote a letter to all airlines and airports on Monday stating that music played by most of the airlines across the globe was in quintessential of the country to which the airline belongs, for example, Jazz in an American airline or Mozart in an Austrian airline and Arab music in an airline from the

Middle East.

"But, Indian Airlines seldom play Indian music in the flight, whereas, our music has a rich heritage and culture and it has one of the many things every Indian has a reason for truly proud of it," the ministry noted. India has a rich diversity of traditional music, it noted.

"Owing to India's vastness and diversity, Indian music encompasses numerous genres in multiple varieties and forms, which include classical music, folk, light vocal, instrumental music, etc," it mentioned.

India has a history spanning several millennia and developed over several geo-locations spanning the sub-continent, it said. Music in India began as an integral part of the socio-religious life, it noted.

APPLICATIONS INVITED

OPEN YOUR OWN JAN AUSHADHI KENDRA (PMBJK)

Applications are invited from candidates for opening of Jan Aushadi Kendras within the premises of Government Health institutions



DIPK-NB-6209/21

Who can apply?

- Reputed NGOs/Societies/Trusts/ Partnerships and private Individuals.
- Medical Superintendent/Block Medical Officer concerned (as the case may be) of the hospital.
- A Pharmacist registered with the Pharmacy Council of J&K.
- Doctors and Registered Medical Practitioners are eligible to apply.

Terms and conditions

- The Operating Agency shall be responsible to obtain a Drug License in the name of "Pradhan Mantri Bartya Jan Aushadhi Kendra" and other permissions mandated to run such stores after fulfilling the requirements of PMBI.
- The Operating Agency of the store shall execute a memorandum of understanding with PMBI.
- The premises shall be used for the purpose for which it has been allotted. No activity beyond its scope shall be permitted. Further, the allottee shall not sublet the premises to any person directly or indirectly or in part.
- All the billings shall be done using software provided by PMBI. No medicine can be sold in PMBJAK without using the software provided by PMBI.
- The premises shall incur reasonable rent.

For prescribed application proforma and comprehensive terms & conditions please visit
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<https://dfcojk.org>

SHORT-LISTED LOCATIONS :

Kashmir

Srinagar : PHC Zadibal, PHC Khanmoh, SMHS, Hospital Srinagar, Govt Super Speciality Hospital Srinagar, Govt Lala Ded Hospital, Govt Bone & Joint Hospital Sgr, Govt Psychiatry Disease Hospital Sgr, Govt Kashmir Nursing Home Sgr.
Budgam : CHC Pakherpora, CHC Kremshore, PHC Khag, PHC Poshkar, PHC Suraysar, PHC Hardpanzoo
Pulwama : PHC Awantipora, PHC Kakapora, PHC Khrew, PHC Litter, PHC Aribal
Ganderbal : Lar: MMC Watlar, PHC Tullamulla, NTPHC Gutlibagh, PHC Wussan, NTPHC Ganiwan
Baramulla : PHC Booniyar, PHC Kunzer, PHC Dangiawacha, PHC Tarzoo, CHC Kreeri
Kupwara : CHC Sogam, CHC Kralpora, CHC Zachalldara, CHC Langate, CHC Kralgund, CHC Viligam, PHC Trehgam, PHC Kalarose, PHC Chogal
Bandipora : CHC Dawer, PHC Ashtingoo, PHC Chuntimullah, NTPHC Naidkhai
Anantnag : SDC Dooru, PHC Larnoo, NTPHC Pahalgam
Shopian : PHC Sedow, PHC DK Pora
Kulgam : PHC Qaimoh, PHC Qazigund, PHC Mohammad Pora, PHC Nihama

Jammu

Doda : SDH Gandoh, CHC Thathri
Jammu : SDH Jagti, CHC Khour, CHC Jaurian, CHC Kot Bhalwal, CHC RS Pura, CHC Bishnah, GMC Hospital (2 No), SMGS Hospital Jammu, Super Speciality Hospital Jammu, Psychiatry Disease Hospital, Chest Disease Hospital, MCH Gandhi Nagar, DRDO Hospital.
Kathua : Kathua (City)-3 No., CHC Hiranagar, CHC Bani, CHC Parole, CHC Basohli
Poonch : DH Poonch, CHC Mendhar, PHC Lassana, Accidental Hospital Gahgwal, PHC Buffiaz, PHC Loran, PHC Chandak, PHC Ajote, PHC Manjakote, PHC Dhargloon, PHC Bhatadurian
Rajouri : CHC Sunderbani, CHC Kalakote, CHC Nowshera, CHC Thanamandi, CHC Manjakote
Ramban : CHC Banihal, CHC Batote, CHC Gool
Reasi : DH Reasi, CHC Katra, PHC Pouni, PHC Darmri, PHC Arnas
Samba : DH Samba, Accidental Hospital Vijaypur, PHC Purmandal, Accidental Hospital Gahgwal, PHC Nud, PHC Sumb, PHC Nandpur, PHC Gurah Slathia, H&WC Sangwal, PHC Utterbehni, Bari Brahmana
Udhampur : CHC Chenana, PHC Pancheri

List of documents to be attached:

Self attested copies of:

- Aadhar card.
- Valid Registration as Pharmacist from the J&K Pharmacy Council under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 for Pharmacist applicants.
- Supportive documents in respect of NGOs/Trusts/Societies.

Applications should reach respective Directorate of Health Services by or before January 17, 2022

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 Jammu/ Kashmir