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KASHMIR GETS 3 RTPCR LABS AS CORONAVIRUS CASES SURGE

In a major development, Additional Chief Secretary Health & Medical Education Department, Vivek Bharadvaj on Friday e-inaugurated three real-time reverse transcription-

P6 ERRATIC OUTAGE

ON THE ELECTRICITY CRISIS IN KASHMIR

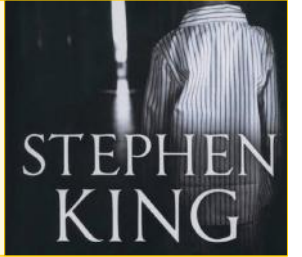
The state of J&K is one of the richest states in India in terms of its estimated hydel power capacity. The recent surveys have placed the hydel potential of the state around 20,000 MW, which should be enough to cater to the



P7 PANO

HORROR FICTION TO READ IN WINTERS

Winter's isolating nature pushes us into a solitude that's often craving for more. Sometimes its dreariness also makes us yearn for some adventure and the outside world only compliments tales of a



STEPHEN KING

Quote!
Time is what we want most and what we use worst
William Penn

NEWS DIGEST

BSF Finds Abandoned Pak Boat In Sulej

FEROZEPUR (PUNJAB): The Border Security Force Friday recovered an abandoned Pakistani boat in Sulej river near a Border Out Post along the India-Pakistan border, sources said. They said the wooden boat was found by a BSF patrol. However, nothing suspicious was recovered from the boat, the sources said. (PTI)

2 Militant Associates Held In Doda

SRINAGAR: Joint Forces in two separate incidents in Doda district of Jammu arrested two militant associates, officials informed on Friday. They said that based on intelligence inputs, Army and Police nabbed one suspicious individual from Doda who was 'involved' in planning the **More on P6**

Police Seize Drone Like Object In Jammu

JAMMU: Locals spotted a suspected drone from a plot in Pouni Chak area of Jammu city, officials said Friday. The suspected drone was spotted on late Thursday night by locals and accordingly the plot owner informed the police that a drone-like object is lying in the plot. Police rushed to the spot and took **More on P6**

Govt Transfers JKAS Officer

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday transferred a JKAS officer and assigned charge of additional post to another in the interest of administration. According to an order, Ms. Shabnam Rashid, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Kulgam, has been transferred and posted **More on P6**

Weather Dept Sounds Red Alert In Kashmir

Heavy Snowfall Likely To Trigger Avalanches, Hit Surface & Air Traffic



A street vendor clicks a selfie during snowfall in Srinagar on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The weather department on Friday issued a red alert for heavy to very heavy snowfall in Jammu and

Kashmir that could trigger avalanches and landslides at vulnerable places, besides disrupt surface and air traffic in the Union Territory. "IMD issues Red Colour (be

vigilant) weather warning for J&K for January 7," an official of the Met said.

Currently, it is snowing at most places of Kashmir and hilly areas of **More on P6**

KU Postpones All Exams Scheduled Today

The University of Kashmir has postponed all examinations that were scheduled on Saturday due to inclement weather conditions, said an official on Friday. "It is notified for the information of all the concerned that due to inclement weather conditions, all UG/PG/

Professional exams of Kashmir University scheduled on 8-01-2022 stand postponed," Prof Irshad Ahmad Nawchoo, Controller of Examinations said in a statement. He further said that fresh dates for postponed papers will be issued separately.

3 Militants Killed, Army Officer Injured In Budgam Gunfight

11 militants, Including Six Foreigners Killed In Last 7 Days: IGP

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Three Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) militants, including a local responsible for shooting dead a police officer last summer, was killed in



an encounter with government forces in Budgam district of central Kashmir, police said Friday.

Waseem Mir of Nowgam here and two of his associates believed to be foreign militants were killed in a gunfight with a joint team of a police, army's 50 RR and the paramilitary CRPF in Zolwa village of Chadoora on Friday morning, a police spokesperson said.

Mir a categorized militant, he said, was active since December 2020 and was part of group involved in attacks on government forces and civilian "atrocities". Besides, he said, several cases were registered against him.

According to the police spokesperson, Mir was involved in killing of Inspector Parvaiz Ahmad on June 22, 2021, besides a grenade attack on CRPF Bunker near Aali Masjid Chowk at Eidgah here in which 1 civilian and a policeman were injured.

The killed local militant, he said, was also involved in brainwashing and motivating the youth of **More on P6**

J&K Received USD 2.5 Billion In Investments: LG Says UT No Longer Sleeping Business Destination



Press Trust Of India

DUBAI: Jammu and Kashmir has moved from a "sleeping business destination" to a "land of opportunities" and received USD 2.5 billion in investments last year, Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha told business leaders here, assuring them that his government will provide an investment-friendly environment to the global investors. Jammu & Kashmir has inked six agreements with global investors at Dubai Expo 2020 to bring **More on P6**

RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UAE are long-standing and deep-rooted. People-to-people contact and trade have seen momentum in the recent years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

Covid Cases Shoot Up, 542 Test Positive In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In an alarming spurt in daily coronavirus cases, Jammu and Kashmir reported on Friday 542 fresh cases of Covid-19, while one more person succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, Kashmir Valley detected 254 fresh cases of novel coronavirus while the remaining 288 were detected in the various districts of Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic in J&K to 343310.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported massive spike of 137 new cases of coronavirus, Baramulla 48, Budgam

20, Kulgam 18, Kupwara 17, Anantnag 5, Ganderbal 4, Bandipora 3, and Pulwama 2. Shopian was the only district in the Valley where no fresh case was reported on Friday.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu registered a maximum of 176 new cases of virus, Reasi 27, Kathua 23, Udhampur 16, Doda 15, Rajouri 14, Samba 7, Poonch 6 and Kishtwar 4. No fresh cases were reported from Ramban district of Jammu division.

"Moreover, 98 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 31 from Jammu Division and 67 from Kashmir Division," the officials said.

Also, they said that one more person died of coronavirus related complications in **More on P6**

7-Day Home Stay Must For All Int'l Arrivals

India on Friday made it mandatory for all travellers coming from abroad to undergo seven-day home quarantine followed by an RT-PCR test on the eighth day, widening curbs for international passengers in the wake of the fast-spreading Omicron variant of COVID-19. The guidelines released on Friday come into force from January 11 and will remain effective till further government orders. As per the existing rules, which have been retained in the revised guidelines, travellers **More on P6**

Lady Doctor Thrashed At CD Hospital After Patient's Death

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Police have filed a case into an alleged assault on a lady doctor by the relatives of a terminally ill man, who died at the Chest Diseases hospital here on Wednesday.

In her complaint, the female doctor (name withheld), has alleged that she was beaten up mercilessly on head and face by attendants of the 'terminally -ill' patient from Boniyar in Baramulla district. The doctor said she suffered contusions due to the assault.

"It happened at around 10 PM on Wednesday, I was in my room when attendants seemingly enraged by the death of his patient barged inside and started beating and dragging me by my hair, leaving me with swollen head and face and also fracturing one of my fingers", the doctor said, adding, **More on P6**

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INTERVIEW | This Kashmiri Pilot Defied Poor Visibility To Land Plane In Srinagar

Auqib Javeed

Poor visibility recently grounded close to 100 flights at Srinagar's Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport, but five passenger planes still managed to land and fly back to their destinations.

Those flights arrived on January 5 when stranded passengers created ruckus—mostly online—over the "fair-weather" nature facilities at the international airport.

Among those who flew passenger planes amid inclement weather was Kashmiri pilot, Kapil Raina.

He managed to land his 825-826 Air India flight in Srinagar and flew back to New Delhi.

"Flying during bad weather needs willingness and experience," said the veteran pilot with

35 years of flying experience.

"I love to take challenges because I know the pain that people go through when flights get cancelled."

Trained to tackle tough situations, Raina was one of the first pilots who flew plane to Leh and volunteered for trainings.

"If you have a passion for flying and experience," he said, "you can do it."

In a candid chat with Kashmir Observer, the Kashmiri pilot talks about the need for the technicalities for making all flights possible at Srinagar "international airport".

Why is grounded flight becoming every winter story in Kashmir now?

Well, one has to blame poor



visibility created by western disturbances for it. This weather

phenomenon creates low pressure areas and causes mist,

snow, sand storms, etc.

In many airports of the world, especially those in Europe having similar weather patterns, they've such facilities where landing becomes possible during poor visibility.

But unfortunately, we still don't have such facilities at Srinagar airport.

But despite this "poor visibility", five flights still managed to land and take off from Srinagar. How was that possible?

See, there was a terminal area forecast. That means visibility when no one else was volunteering for it. The cold desert doesn't make it a cakewalk for pilots. But I used to take challenges head-on and fly even if

but reschedule it.

How did you manage to land your flight on January 5 when others couldn't?

If you've a passion for flying and experience, you can do it. It's about willingness as well.

I love to take challenges because I know the pain that people go through when flights get cancelled.

For last 35 years, I've been mostly flying through the challenging aerial routes: Leh-Srinagar/ Jammu - Srinagar route.

Back in the day, I went to Leh when no one else was volunteering for it. The cold desert doesn't make it a cakewalk for pilots. But I used to take challenges head-on and fly even if

the weather wouldn't permit us.

How much visibility a pilot needs for landing?

It varies from airport to airport. Minimum is 800 metres depending on the approach. It also depends on particular airfield.

In Delhi, for instance, I need 550 metres. In Srinagar, I need 1000 metres.

Earlier, it was 1500 metres. Then we modified it through some test flights and all.

Will the much-talked about CAT-II instrument landing system (ILS) help in visibility?

Yes, it will surely help in landing and somehow ease out this grounded flight situation.



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از نیابت مٹن با اجلاس انکریٹو مجسٹریٹ دیوال
مضمون درخواست پنجاب: فیصل احمد مظفر احمد شاہ ساکر کرکٹ تحصیل منٹن شعلہ انت ناگ
بفرض حصول :- RBA برقیٹ

اشعار مراد گاہی ہر شام وعام۔
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بفرض حصول بیک وارڈ اریا برقیٹ دفتر بنڈا میں
پیش کیا ہے جو کہ یکروائی ہے۔ پنداری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کتبہ
بڑل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	پیشہ	عمر	آمدنی
01	مظفر احمد شاہ ولد علام قادر شاہ	سرکاری ملازم	45 سال	LPC
02	تنویر اختر زو مظفر احمد شاہ	کھریلو کام	42 سال	
03	فیصل احمد پرمظفر احمد شاہ	زیر تعلیم	17 سال	
04	آرزو مظفر اختر مظفر احمد شاہ	زیر تعلیم	14 سال	

انکے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کوئڈ میں موجود نہیں ہے۔ لہذا برقیٹ مذکورہ حاصل کرنے میں اگر کسی کوئی
اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتہ کے دوران مٹری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ معیاد گزرنے کے بعد
کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
(تحریر الصدا ریگریٹو مجسٹریٹ دیوال)

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از نیابت مٹن با اجلاس انکریٹو مجسٹریٹ دیوال
مضمون درخواست پنجاب: عمر افضل پرمظفر افضل میر ساکر کرکٹ تحصیل منٹن شعلہ انت ناگ
بفرض حصول :- RBA برقیٹ

اشعار مراد گاہی ہر شام وعام۔
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بفرض حصول بیک وارڈ اریا برقیٹ دفتر بنڈا میں
پیش کیا ہے جو کہ یکروائی ہے۔ پنداری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کتبہ
بڑل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	پیشہ	عمر	آمدنی
01	عمر افضل ولد محمد شعیبان میر	سرکاری ملازم	50 سال	LPC
02	آرزو ذہین محمد افضل میر	کھریلو کام	45 سال	
03	عمر افضل پرمظفر افضل میر	زیر تعلیم	19 سال	
04	شاہد افضل پرمظفر افضل میر	زیر تعلیم	17 سال	
05	سائل افضل پرمظفر افضل میر	زیر تعلیم	22 سال	

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دارالافتویٰ مرکزی شری بورڈ اسلام آباد جموں و کشمیر
معاملہ نمبر بالا ۲۶ ذہیر پیش ہوا ہے۔ با اجلاس مولانا مفتی طارق احمد ربانی صاحب
فریق اول..... رشتہ دار دختر حبیب شاہ ساکر آڈرڈ و شعیب اسلام آباد جموں و کشمیر
بخلاف
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**OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL
TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR
NOTICE**

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Ishfaq Ahmad Mir S/o: Abdul Samad Mir R/o: Banderpora Kremshore Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04B 6373 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J&K Bank B/U Kremshore .

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.5483-84
Dated 07-01-2022 Assistant Regional Transport officer
MCB Budgam Kashmir

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

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr./Mrs. Meema Jan W/O Ab Majeed Khoker R/O Deegam Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferee, (seller) owner of the vehicle Regd. No. JK22A-8278 (Commercial/ Non Commercial) covering under R/P NO: -----

And Mr./ Mrs. Imran Ahmad Khoker S/o Mohd Shafi Khoker R/o Deegam Shopian (Parti No 2nd) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from Party No. 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Batpora Shopian.

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

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

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The candidate whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost hi/ her Original Marks Card of Secondary School Examination (Class 10th)/Higher Secondary Examination Part-I (Class 11th)/ Higher Secondary Examination Part-II (Class 12th) issued by the Board of School Education with following particulars.

Name Zubair Mohi-ud-Din
Parentage: Gh Mohi-ud-Din Najar
Class: 10th Roll No: 749211 Session A/R Year 2012

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undsigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary
Sub Office Pulwama

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Of Isolation And Innovation: How World Coped With Covid-19 For 2 Years

Agencies

Two years ago, a previously unknown virus plunged humanity into an unprecedented global crisis that has transformed our daily lives -- and significantly expanded scientific knowledge.

In the air

In the early months of the pandemic, the prevailing scientific advice was that frequent handwashing would help stop the spread of Covid-19.

Health authorities urged people not to touch their faces with soiled hands

and shared techniques on how to apply soap, while in many countries hand sanitisers became ubiquitous.

But as the pandemic wore on and scientists were able to study real world examples of how the virus spread -- at a choir practice, in a bus or across a restaurant -- a consensus emerged that this disease was largely transmitted through the air.

The virus travels in clouds of particles that we emit when we breathe and especially when we speak, shout or sing.

In a closed and poorly ven-

tilated room, these aerosols can float and drift in the air for a long time, greatly increasing the risk of infection.

But the importance of good ventilation to disperse these contaminated clouds -- like clearing cigarette smoke -- is not always well understood by the general public.

"There was a communication error: we scientists were not clear enough about ventilation," said Arnaud Fontanet, of France's Scientific Council, a body that guides government policy.

"When scientists talk about protective measures, we have to make it clear to people that ventilation is a part of it," he told AFP.

Flip-flop on face coverings

As a direct result of the awareness of aerosol transmission, the discourse on masks has radically changed in two years.

Initially, the World Health Organization (WHO) and many governments insisted that masks should only be used by caregivers, patients and their close relatives and not by the general public.

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9	6 TH	RS.700.00
10	7 TH	RS.750.00
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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL HANFIA ISLAMIA SEC.SCHOOL MANZNOO ANANTNAG

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List of members	Residence	Occupation	Qualification	Designation
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Sartaj Ahmad Bhat	Dirhama	Principal	PG .B.Ed.	Principal
Ejaz Ahmad Bhat	Mattan	Pvt.Teacher	PG M.Ed	Member
Sabzar Ahmad Dar	Chee	Pvt. Employee	Post Graduate	Member Sec.
Rais Ahmad Shah	Wanipora Nambal	Business	10+2	Member (Parent)
Nazir Ahmad Shah	Bonnambal	Business	10+2	Member (Parent)
Shagufta Shreen	Nambal	Pvt. Teacher	MA. B.Ed	Member
Imtiyaz Ahmad Tramboo	Naibasti Khanabal	Business	B.COM	Member

Sd/ Principal Hanfia Islamia Sec. School Manznoo Ang.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B ELECTRIC DIVISION SGR NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: 228/e-tendering of 2021-22/R&B DATED: - 04.01.2022

For and on behalf of the LT Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Electrical Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost (In Rupees/ lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1	Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of 30 KVA three Phase Diesel Generator Set with allied accessories for SDH Kremshore Budgam.	6.00 lacs	300.00	15 days	11.01.2022	"A" class Electrical

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-1-2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04/01/2022 10.00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	04/01/2022 from 10.00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	11/01/2022 upto 4.00 P.M
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	11/01/2022 at 6.00 P.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer (R&B) Electric Division Sgr

01. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division , Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division , Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

02. The bids must be accompanied with Earnest Money @ 2% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR and the EMD of 2% of successful bidder shall be released after receipt of 5% performance security

03. The successful /1st Lowest bidder has to submit Performance security @5% of allotted cost.

03. Bidder must read term/condition in tender document carefully.

AAA/TS = Accorded
Position of Funds = available

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

For and on behalf of Competent Authority of the University of Kashmir, e tenders in a two-bid system are invited from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers for supply, installation and testing of Lab equipment's as mentioned in the tender notice under the terms and conditions of the said notice. The bid/tender document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), terms & conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule given below:

S. No	Activity	Date
1.	Date of issuance of tender notice	06/01/2022 (3:00PM)
2.	Date of downloading the bid documents	07/01/2022 (10:00AM)
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	07/01/2022 (1:30PM)
4.	Bid Submission Last Date	07/02/2022 (4:00 PM)
5.	Last date for submission of hard copies	08/02/2022 (4:00PM)
6.	Date and Time of Opening of Financial Bid	11/02/2022 (2:00PM)
7.	Date and Time of Opening of Commercial Bid	To be intimated after technical bid evaluation

No: F-e-Tender (UOK/DST-PURSE-02) Sd/- Dr. Altaf Bhat
Dated: 06/01/2022 DIPK-NB-6455/21 Coordinator PURSE

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
R&B SUB-DIVISION MAGAM
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

NIT No: 153 / R&B of 2021-22 DATED:- 06/01/2022.

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

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Earnest money	Time of Completion (In days)	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of	Major Head of
1	Construction of Sub Centre at Rawathpora, Kunzer.	26.75	1100/-	5	45 working days	18/01/2022	BEE/AAY	4210 Health

Position of AAA/TS : Accorded
Position of funds: Available

- 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:-
- The cost of tender documents should be collected by introducing e-challan or simple uploading a copy of necessary Treasury challan / receipt (M.H 0059) only as per enclosed format.
- Actual Treasury challan / receipt be submitted to the concerned authority as per the order principal secretary to Govt. Finance Department No. A/24 (2017) / 651 Dated: 07-06-2018 duly endorsed by Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Baramulla / Kupwara vide his No. SE (R&B)/3741-46 Dated: 25-06-2018.
- All bidders has to submit bid security declaration form instead of earnest money deposit (EMD) as per the circular of finance department (Bid security form is as per Annexure "A" below).
- The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount of equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The Successful bidders have to start the work within 07 days, otherwise action shall be taken as per the norms.

S.No.	Date of issue of tender Notice	
1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	06/01/2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06/01/2022 10.00 A.M to 17/01/2022 4.00 P.M
3	Bid submission start date	06/01/2022 from 10.00 AM
4	Bid submission end date	17/01/2022 upto 4.00 P.M
5	Date & time of opening of bids (online)	18/01/2022 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender inviting authority).
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender receiving authority).
 - The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
 - The bidder has to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
 - 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 acquaint bid submission process.
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature.
 - No bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1 on any other convenient day
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically / by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1.
 - All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).
 - In case any new circular / instructions / order is issued by the competent authorities during the current financial year, the same shall be implemented / treated in force on all the tenders floated from time to time.

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,
R&B Sub-Division Magam

No:-R&B/Divn/Magam/7582-99
Dated: 06-01-2022

DIPK-16306/21



KCC&I Urges People To follow Covid precautions

Observer News Service

Srinagar:—The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCC&I) has expressed its deep concern in view of spike in Covid cases in Jammu and Kashmir.

"An analysis of the spread of 3rd Covid Wave in Jammu & Kashmir can be directly linked to ignoring of prescribed protocols by certain individuals amongst us", remarked KCC&I spokesperson in a statement to GNS.

"Now, after previous lockdown stands squandered away and Kashmir is in a worse situation than ever before, the society is now facing the threat of 3rd Covid wave and the need of the hour for the society is to now collectively and sensibly fight for 3rd Covid Wave", the statement reads.

Citing the curbs imposed on non-essential movement during night hours by government, the KCC&I said now the fight against 3rd COVID Wave rests now on the shoulders of the civil society and the general public.

The civil society including mohalla committees, Masjid/Gurdwara committees and have played a stellar role in supporting, feeding and helping lessen the sufferings of the people and the general public have displayed exemplary patience and cooperation despite heavy odds and deep stress", the statement remarks.

SKUAST-K holds workshop on innovation development

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Kashmir held a daylong workshop on "Universities' Changing Role in Innovation Development" in which prominent innovation researchers and industry experts held sessions with the students.

The workshop was organised by the university's Faculty of Horticulture in coordination with the World Bank-ICAR funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) for the institutional development of SKUAST-K. About 120 students and teachers from various faculties of the university participated in the workshop.



The weather department on Friday issued a red alert for heavy to very heavy snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir that could trigger avalanches and landslides at vulnerable places, besides disrupt surface and air traffic in the Union Territory.

Friday Prayers Disallowed At Jamia Masjid

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid Srinagar has expressed sorrow and regret over the continuous closure of historic Jamia Masjid for Friday prayers.

In a statement, the Anjuman said it is for the 23rd consecutive Friday that

Jamia Masjid has been closed and religious obligation like Jumma prayers could not be performed.

The Anjuman said that under a well-planned policy, continuously preventing the people from performing important religious duties like Friday prayers at the Jama Masjid is a serious violation of fun-

damental religious rights as well as interference in religion.

As per the statement, similarly, since 5 August 2019, the head of the Anjuman, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has been kept under detention and restricted from fulfilling his official and social responsibilities.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

SKIMS Medical College-Hospital
Bemina Srinagar (J&K)-190017
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Sub: Postponement/Rescheduling of written test (Objective Type) for the post of Data Manager.

Ref: i) This office No. SKIMS/MCH/PSY/2021/560-68 dated 28.12.2021
ii) This office No. SKIMS/MCH/PSY/2022/04-12 dated 03.01.2022

Due to inclement weather predicted on 7th & 8th January 2022, the written test (Objective Type) for the post of Data Manager under ATF Scheme scheduled to be conducted on 8th of January, 2022, is hereby postponed and shall now be conducted on 18th of January, 2022.

The other terms & conditions, venue and timing shall remain the same.

(Dr. Abdul Majid)
Prof. & HOD Psychiatry &
Nodal Officer, ATF Scheme

No. SKIMS/MCH/PSY/2022/24-33
Dated: 06 -01- 2022

DIPK-NB-6445/21

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Subject :- Updated Ranks of Sports Category Candidates of NEET UG 2021.

Reference :- i) Notification No. 127-BOPEE of 2021 dated 15-11-2021.
ii) Letter No. SC/491-NEET-UG/2316 dated 27-12-2021.
iii) Notification No. 159-BOPEE of 2021 dated 30-12-2021.

Notification No. 001-BOPEE of 2022
Dated:- 05-01-2022

In pursuance of Notification No. 159-BOPEE of 2021 dated 30-12-2021, the Board notified the provisional list of ranks of Sports Category eligible candidates with an advice to make representation(s) up to 04-01-2022 against the rank assigned to them. The Board has received one representation from Ms. FizaFayaz informing that her actual NEET-UG Roll No. is 2502020180, instead of 2502025261 as appeared in annexure "A" to notification dated 30-12-2021. The Board examined the representation of the candidate and found the Roll No 2502020180 as correct, and accordingly decided to notify the updated Sports Category list of candidates which forms Annexure "A" to this notification and is available on web site of the Board. (www.jkbopee.gov.in) only.

Mear figuring of the name of candidates in the list does not confer any right to the candidate(s) to claim the seat under the sports category. The sports ranking is only for determining the eligibility under the sports category and not for determination of merit of the candidates.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the notification dated 30-12-2021.

E & O E.

No. BOPEE/Exam-24/2021
Dated: 05 -01-2022

(Dr. Sunil Gupta)
Controller of Examinations

DIPK-NB-6449/21

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CAUTION NOTICE

By virtue of this notice the public in general is cautioned against purchasing / dealing with the following properties, which is mortgaged to J&K Bank Business Unit: New Secretariat Road, Srinagar as security for various loan facilities availed by M/S Star C & S Prop. Mr. Sheikh Gowher Ali S/O Sheikh Ali Mohammad R/O Hawal, Srinagar from the said Bank.

Commercial Property namely **Souq Al Jannat**, two storied residential house, single storeyed servant quarter along with land underneath measuring Two Kanals and Four Marlas situated on the left side of Islamia College- Hawal Road, as per revenue records falling under Khasra No. 1183/164 min, Khata No. 156 and Khewat No. 81 min Mouza Sangeen Darwaza, Tehsil Khas and District Srinagar.

It may be noted that SARFAESI Notice dated 04.01.2020 of the properties in question has already been issued on 08.01.2020 by the bank.

Any person dealing with the said properties will be doing it at his personal risk and responsibility and any such dealing will be subject to the charge of the Bank.

Date: 01.01.2022 **DIPK-NB-6462/21** **BU Head**
BU New Secretariat Road, Srinagar

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Subject: Conduct of the J&K Prosecuting Officer (Mains) Examination, 2021- withdrawal of Rejection notice thereof.

Notice
Dated: 07.01.2022

It is for the information of the candidates appearing in the Prosecuting Officer (Mains) Examination, 2021 that the notice dated 06.01.2022 issued by the Commission vide endorsement No. PSC/Exam/PO(Mains)/2021 dated 06.01.2022 is hereby withdrawn.

"By Order"

(Vinay Samotra), JKAS
Deputy Controller of Examinations,
J&K Public Service Commission

DIPK-16374/21

No:- PSC/Exam/PO(Mains)/2021 Dated: 07.01.2022

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- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

PRAYERS

FAJR	6: 08
ZUHR	12:35
ASR	3:59
Magrib	5:42
ISHA	7: 06

HIJRI CALENDAR
04 Jumada al-Sani
1443

This Day In History

- 871 - Battle of Ashdown: Ethelred of Wessex and his brother Alfred (the Great) beat invading Danish army
- 1297 - Monaco gains its independence.
- 1558 - French troops under Duc de Guise occupy Calais
- 1610 - Simon Marius, a German astronomer, independently discovers the first three moons of Jupiter one day after Galileo
- 1656 - Oldest surviving commercial newspaper begins (Haarlem, Netherlands)
- Music Premiere
- 1708 - Spanish armada headed by the San Jose and loaded with gold sunk after British squadron attacks off coast of Colombia (rediscovered 2015)
- 1745 - Britain, Austria, Netherlands & Saxony sign anti-Prussian Quadruple Alliance
- 1760 - Comet C/1760 A1 (Great comet) approaches within 0.0682 AU of Earth.
- 1790 - 1st US President George Washington delivers 1st state of the union address
- 1800 - Austrians defeat French in Second Battle of Novi
- 1806 - Battle of Blauwberg: British forces attack French vassal, the Batavian Republic near
- 1815 - Battle of New Orleans (War of 1812): the war had ended on 24th December 1814 but none of the combatants knew
- 1816 - Sophie Germain is the first woman to win a prize from the Paris Academy of Sciences for her paper on elasticity
- 1916 - WWI: ANZAC forces withdraw from the Gallipoli Peninsula after Ottoman forces successfully defend access to Constantinople
- 1917 - Austria-Hungarian troops conquer Forlani Italy
- 1926 - Abdulaziz Ibn Saud becomes King of Nejd and Hejaz; forerunner of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 1940 - Britain's 1st WW II rationing (bacon, butter & sugar)
- 1952 - Jordan adopts constitution
- 1958 - Cuban revolutionary forces capture Havana

From KO Archives

Lone, Bhat, Malik leave for Delhi

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI - In a move that could heal the wounds or widen the rift within the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC), three senior members of the group's executive council left for New Delhi today for talks with Indian and Pakistani representatives to finalize plans for travel to Pakistan on January 15, an APHC leader has said.

According to reports, the APHC chairman, Prof Abdul Ghani Bhat, and senior Hurriyat leader and JKLF chairman, Muhammad Yaseen Malik, flew here today. Row-ever, a statement bearing the APHC stamp said that Malik was on his way to Calcutta to attend the seminar on Kashmir organised by the Subhash Chandra Bose foundation.

The usually reliable APHC executive council leader, who declined to be named, said Prof Ghani is here for "a round of talks with Indian representatives and senior Pakistani diplomats".

They will be joined by Abdul Ghani Lone, another senior leader, who arrived in the Indian capital on Wednesday, reportedly for a half-yearly medical checkup at the Escorts Heart Institute here.

"The Indian government is probably trying to wriggle out of its commitment to let us go to Pakistan/ the leader said from Srinagar. "We are planning to foil their designs Prof Bhat will seek talks. With Indian and Pakistani sides to try to end the mystery about our passports.

Former Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq holds the only valid passport other than Lone, whose passport restricted to Pakistan, expires next month following his recent travel there.

Sources said Bhat would brief diplomats about the rift within the APHC triggered by misgivings over the pro-proposed travel there. He will also scout for Indian officials who might have anything worthwhile to say on the APHC's demand on Tuesday that passports be issued to all its seven leaders.

Media reports have quoted Indian officials as saying that Jamaat-i-Islami leader Syed Ali Shah Gilani and People's League leader Sheikh Abdul Aziz would not be given passports. Both leaders expressed anguish at Tuesday's APHC meeting, forcing a vote, instead of a unanimous decision, that gave Bhat the authority to choose the delegation for Pakistan. The decision, erroneously reported in some of the Indian newspapers as unanimous, authorizes Bhat to pick and choose the team but only after everyone gets their passports. Gilani and Abdul Aziz wanted a meeting on Jan 10 to review the Indian stance, but they were overruled.

A Hurriyat source said on Wednesday that regardless of the respect everyone has for unanimity, there was a possibility that a delegation may leave for Pakistan on Jan 15 nevertheless. That would hurt Gilani and anyone else likely to be left behind. According to the APHC leader who spoke to Dawn, Bhat would lobby with sympathetic Indian parliamentarians to procure travel documents for everyone.

There will be a Track II kind of talks regarding the visit and passports. If that succeeds we still won't like to miss the opportunity to dispatch a delegation to Pakistan anyway," he said "If Gilani doesn't get a passport than may be another person representing him in the general council, if not the executive, can go. But we shouldn't miss this opportunity to start an important process."

Gilani has had a brush recently with Malik when their supporters clashed in Srinagar publicly. Also, the demand by the Hizb-ul-Mujahideen leaders and Pakistan's Jamaat-i-Islami leaders to send Gilani to Pakistan has not gone too well with some other members.

Some leaders, however, said India was trying to split the Hurriyat Conference by deviously seeking to decide the composition of its delegation to Pakistan.

They want to decide our team, we have decided to thwart this devious bid to divide us" Maulana Abbas Ansari a senior APHC leader told Dawn on Tuesday.

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Twitter Talks

“Why is #TekFog not being talked about enough? It’s literally one of the most malicious softwares made to destroy an average citizen’s capability to think & is used to organise mass cyber attacks. And let’s not even get started on the massive privacy breach!”

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“Auctioning Muslim women online in #India is to me not some troll account’s fetish but a sophisticated mechanism to groom masses to accept/glorify/mock/perpetrate/exotify sexual violence.In solidarity with the women targeted in this vile & sinister campaign”

@azaanjavaid

“A very elementary way of hopefully making people understand that issues of sexual violence aren’t matters of sexual perversity — they’re primarily exercised to exert power. With a woman as the main accused, it becomes clear that power works at an intersection”

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Parochial Politics

There is something gravely wrong with the much-hyped planning and development in Jammu and Kashmir. Parochial politics seems to have the better of the process giving an emphatic lie to the government’s claims about balanced development of all the regions. Reports have been coming at regular intervals of one region being discriminated against virtually in every respect, be it recruitments, development or selections for professional courses. The recent incident of contractors of south Kashmir district of Anantnag locking the divisional office of Roads and Buildings Department in protest against alleged delay in the release of their outstanding payments aggregating to hundreds of millions of rupees might just be an isolated case. But, while pouring out their venom against officials of the department, the aggrieved lot made some disconcerting disclosures.

A spokesman of the valley-based Central Contractors Co-ordination Committee accused the state government of deliberately keeping various divisions without the executive engineers to pave the way for diversion of funds to other areas of the state. He urged the government to release the pending dues before Eid-ul-Fitr and to order the posting of executive engineers wherever required. Till that was done, he said, the valley contractors would boycott all tendering of the department.

Seen in the backdrop of reports early this year that large scale diversion of funds from one region to another had taken place, the contractors’ allegations deserve a serious notice. Obviously, the government’s failure to post executive engineers cannot be dismissed as an innocuous administrative aberration or lapse. That several divisions in the valley were headless, there could well be a design behind it. Who would not know the working season in the valley happens to be very limited and if the development plans in various engineering sectors were not executed within the next three or, at the most, four months, the better part of allocations were bound to lapse. And, in such a scenario, those at the helm deem it more expedient to manipulate diversion of such funds elsewhere.

It is an open secret this engineered funds diversion has been happening along only one route so far. In all probability, the “mischief” may not be confined to engineering works only but several other agencies and departments too may have indulged in it. After diverting no less than Rs 30 crore from Srinagar infrastructure development, the government had transferred another Rs 18 crore from the Dal Conservation project. According to reports, entire Rs 50 crore meant for heritage tourism were allotted to works in Jammu and Leh while Kashmir and Kargil did not get a single penny.

One is reminded of the argument put forward by the Rural Development Minister, Ali Muhammad Sagar, on the floor of the Assembly that the diversion of funds had been prompted by the “turmoil” and that it had been ordered to ensure “proper utilization.” He had told the House that matching additionalities would be provided to Kashmir. Whether that has been done or not is beside the point. Interestingly, on a subsequent day, the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, had denied that diversion of funds had taken place during his regime. He could be asked whether his government would have survived in the event of such funds diversion taking place in the reverse direction. Well, there is no denying that the surreptitious operation has been going on for decades past.

While the summer capital has earned the dubious distinction of being one of the dirtiest cities of the country, the development profile of other cities and areas has witnessed rapid strides over the years. Even then, the bogey of discrimination is raised from there at regular intervals to harass the Kashmir-based leadership, whether from ruling National Conference and Congress or from the opposition Peoples Democratic Party et al. Indeed, the issue of discrimination has been gone into through several high profile Commissions of Inquiry, one headed by Gajendra Gadkar and the other by Justice S M Sikri. While the former had suggested steps to correct the imbalances, the latter had minced no words to acknowledge that Kashmir had invariably been at a disadvantage in matters of development investment, recruitment and other indicators. It is time the coalition government revisited the entire issue and put a full-fledged system in place to prevent all sorts of disparities engineered through overt or covert means. There is need also to issue a white paper on the development investment in the three regions of the state over the recent years to unravel the truth.

The article is an Editorial from KO Archives and was initially published on October 11, 2011

Amir Suhail Wani

The state of J&K is one of the richest states in India in terms of its estimated hydel power capacity . The recent surveys have placed the hydel potential of the state around 20,000 MW, which should be enough to cater to the energy demands of most parts of northern belt of India. But the ill fact remains that the state has till now just exploited around 20% of its estimated potential.

With the result, the state is unable to cater to its own peak demand, leaving apart exporting energy to the rest of the country. It is true that national companies like NHPC do export energy from its plants situated in the valley but the nature and context of this export is different and has no significant telling upon the energy status of the state. The brute fact remains that during winters when demand touches maxima and because of lean discharge, production reaches minima.

The state has to face the worst form of load shedding, besides purchasing energy from national companies which has an impact upon the economy of the state. According to official figures, the government is currently spending Rs 21.07 crore per day on power purchase from power corporations to meet the power requirement of the state. This lack of exploitation of hydel potential of the state has affected not only the energy scenario of the state but has its consequences on the national energy scenario as well. As an illustrative example, the optimal hydel: thermal ratio for India has been suggested to be around 40:60 but the data collected for the past two decades has revealed that during the first two to three decades after independence, the hydro share in India was effectively between 35% to 45%, it started falling down subsequently and in year 2000 it was bare 25%, too short of desired optimum.

No responsible country can afford to generate large blocks of electricity from fossil fuel driven plants for this practice is climatologically unfavourable and discourageable. Increasing fossil fuel based energy generation significantly contributes to environment related problems both locally and globally. In this triangular tussle of “environment, economy and energy”, it is hydropower which is going to be one of the most effective and robust responses to the problem at hand. Sachin Mishra notes that “Hydropower stations have the inherent ability for instantaneous starting, stopping and load variations which helps in improving the reliability of the system. Thus hydropower stations are the best choice for meeting the peak demand”. Hydropower stations also offer bright prospects in supply-

Erratic Outage
On The Electricity Crisis In Kashmir



ing the base load as the running cost in terms of fuels is effectively zero. There are a dozen other features specific to hydro power plants economically viable at the time of conceiving may turn out to be an economic liability at the time of completion because of the large

JAMMU AND KASHMIR MAY NO LONGER wish to lag behind the rest of the country or for that matter, the rest of the world in harnessing its small hydel potential. But to realise this end it needs to gear up all its departments affiliated directly or indirectly with the field, so that investors and entrepreneurs find this field attractive in terms of the state’s proactive attitude towards getting these projects executed

that make them very attractive and a dependable choice to tackle the growing energy demands. But the conventional hydel projects above 25MW (the range varies from country to country) generally described as medium/large scale hydel plants suffer from a number of technical, environmental, economic and other constraints , which has lately reduced their power of attraction for developers and also forced governments to strictly reserve their ventures into large scale hydel projects.

The huge capital investment that is entailed in the construction of large HEPs makes the investors think again and again and adds to their reluctance from participating in such huge ventures. The recent rise of cost per Megawatt incurred in the HEP scheme has further tightened the existing economic throttle.

Another discouraging factor encountered in the execution of HEPs is their exceedingly large gestation period, sometimes extending to ten years which renders the problems of load forecast, inflation and market variation for this period highly difficult. The project conceived as

time gap. The environmental issues associated with HEPs are further discouraging, for it leads to massive demographic and topographic changes in addition to inventing dozens of environmental concerns. These are the issues associated with HEPs that has shifted the interest from large scale hydro electric projects (HEPs) to small hydel projects (SHEPs). "Big projects with large reservoirs have become progressively more controversial in view of the magnitude of environmental issues created by them. The economic disadvantage of submerging land resources, large gestation period, deforestation, industry resettlement have become too obvious to be ignored. ", observes Mishra. These issues are easily circumnavigated by SHP’s because of their small or no reservoirs and minimal impact on the environment. "Small hydro projects are also playing a very important role in the modern world for the development of the remote areas which are not main grid connected specially in western Himalayan region of India", notes N.S.Thakur.

The region of J&K has abundant potential for small hydel power projects. The estimated potential of the state in the SHP sector has been placed around 1500 MW, of which only a small fraction has been tapped till date. The potential harnessed in small hydel category (upto 25 Mw) is only about 75 Mw. This represents a dismal picture . Again the reasons for this impasse being rooted in official prolongation, lack of dynamic and viable DISCOMS within the state. The challenges imposed by terrain and topography being of no lesser significance, but this technical fault line is furthered by official and NOC issuing agencies.

Given that medium and large HEPs are not going to lose their significance any sooner and states, locally as well as globally will continue their ventures open into large scale HEPs. Having said that the viability and versatility of SHPS is going to make them “selected preferential” in future and they are surely going to put a tough challenge to large HEPs, if pursued aggressively.

Jammu And Kashmir may no longer wish to lag behind the rest of the country or for that matter, the rest of the world in harnessing its small hydel potential. But to realise this end it needs to gear up all its departments affiliated directly or indirectly with the field, so that investors and entrepreneurs find this field attractive in terms of the state’s proactive attitude towards getting these projects executed and making the state leap forward in fulfilling its growing energy demands.

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

The author is a writer and columnist

New Year Message From Omicron

G. Sampath

My dear human,

Greetings from the coronavirus community! Hope you’ve been doing well? If you’re still alive — you must be if you’re reading this — then I presume you are! In which case, congratulations! For you belong to an elite club of humanity — the 2021 Survivors Club. As your forefathers and poets have never tired of pointing out, the start of a new year is an occasion to take stock, and renew our shared commitment as earthlings to values that would keep the planet a haven of peace, health, and harmony.

Over millennia, we viruses have watched, not without appreciation, humanity’s steady progress up the planetary power ladder. Barely 200,000 years ago, you were just another aspirational primate, desperate to distinguish yourself from chimps, monkeys and gorillas. But through cunning, a protestant work ethic, and sheer luck, you’ve worked your way almost to the top of the food chain.

Today, Homo sapiens are the second most powerful species on earth, next only to us viruses. Trust me, we are proud of you, and proud of how far you’ve come. If God existed, and was doing species-wise appraisals, he would have assessed you as having ‘exceeded expectations’. It is to your credit that among non-microscopic organisms, you are today the second-

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most populous species, next only to cockroaches. Of course, it is unfair to compare humans with cockroaches, who have been around for much longer and have, therefore, had far greater time to sort out intra-species conflict and develop their collective intelligence.

I do not discriminate

Nevertheless, the fact that you’ve been around for only a fraction of the time that cockroaches have been is not an acceptable excuse because cockroaches have had to manage with a brain that’s a fraction of the size of the average human brain (excluding the brains of the sub-species you call ‘bhakts’). In other words, you can no longer be in denial of your Achilles’ heel: poor species intelligence, marked by an inability to maintain intra-species harmony. If you consider us viruses — unfortunately, you only ever consider us as ‘pathogens’, which is ironic, since you seldom reflect on own your role as pathogens operating on a planetary scale — we don’t even have a brain. Most of us make do with a strand (or two) of RNA. But we know how to get along with our kind.

Take me, for instance. As a species, I am a virus. By nationality, I am a corona. In my country of coronaviruses, there are citizens from different ethnic groups, each with their own religious, dietary, and symptom preferences. Myself, I am an Omicron, and it is my party that is currently in power. But I and my ilk do not discriminate against the Alphas, Betas, Gammas or the powerful Deltas. Of course, we all want the power and prestige that come with being elected as VoC — what you humans call ‘Variant of Concern’. But we never kill each other to prove our superiority. Let me put this in a language you humans will understand: there is no ‘Hindu-Muslim’ or ‘Whites-Blacks’ kind of nonsensical quarrels amongst us.

Evolved common sense

Did the Deltas feel insecure when Omicrons began to hog the limelight? Maybe they did, I don’t know. What I do know is that not one Delta has ever said something as idiotic as ‘Delta khatre mein hain’ because Omicrons were displacing them in patient after patient. Will humanity ever evolve to this level of common sense? Can it? Again, I don’t know. The Deltas believed — and

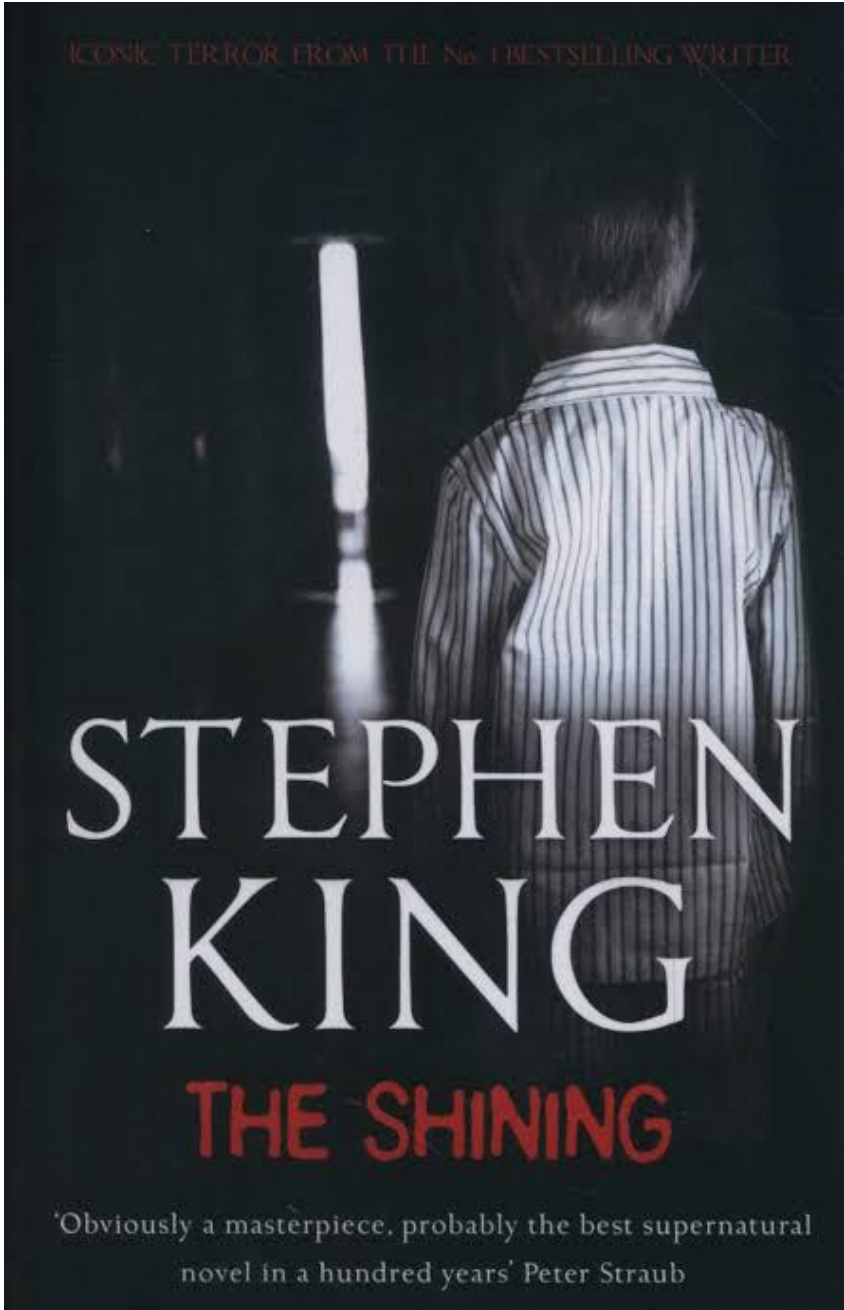
for the record, I disagreed with them — that one could breed intelligence into your species using techniques like Survival of the Fittest. But the Deltas failed. Now we Omicrons are here, and as an Omicron, my mission is to rebuild the bridges of co-existence between humanity and the flu virus.

As you already know by now, we are not like the Deltas. It took a lot of time, effort, and research to come up with the 31 mutations on my spike protein — mutations that are, if I may say so, mutually beneficial. I know you may not like the mutations that help us evade your primitive vaccines, which, by the way, annoy us more than they harm us. But the other mutations ensure that we don’t act like the Deltas and go on a killing spree. We just like to visit your bodies, like how you might visit Italy or Scotland, for a walking tour of your immune system. Most of you wouldn’t even have known that we were there if you hadn’t tested.

But testing is your prerogative. Test, by all means! Do what you got to do to protect yourselves. But if you end up over-reacting, and decide to once again screw up your already screwed-up economies, and make life miserable for those at the bottom of the intra-human food chain, don’t blame us — we Omicrons have nothing to do with your incapacity for mutual aid. On that note, my best wishes to you for surviving all the non-COVID threats of 2022!

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Horror Fiction To Read In Winters



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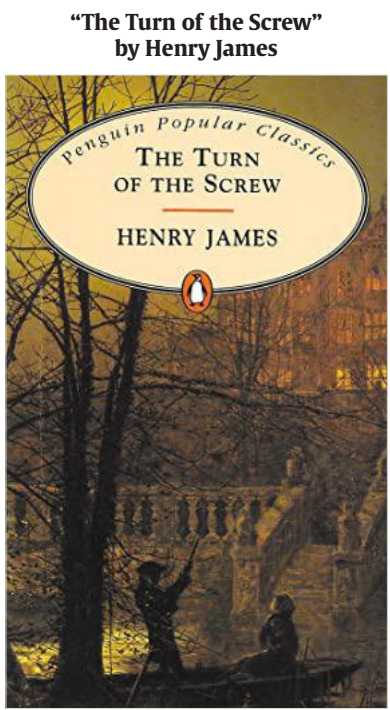
Tania Syed

WINTER'S isolating nature pushes us into a solitude that's often craving for more. Sometimes its dreariness also makes us yearn for some adventure and the outside world only compliments tales of a certain kind. Following is a list of stories you can read to satiate your winter cravings for all things horror. If you've run out of the excitement created by the rumours of haunted beings making scary noises in Kashmir neighborhoods amidst inundating snowfall, you can grab a couple of these.

“The Shining”, by Stephen King

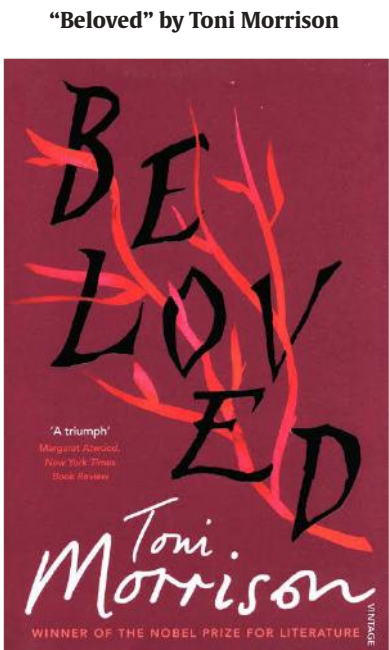
“Monsters are real. Ghosts are too. They live inside of us, and sometimes, they win.”

This book is a must-read by the very popular and canonical Stephen King. Defined by many as a classic and one of the scariest books written. The book is set in winters and the snow is important to the plot. Grab this one for a horror inducing reading ride.



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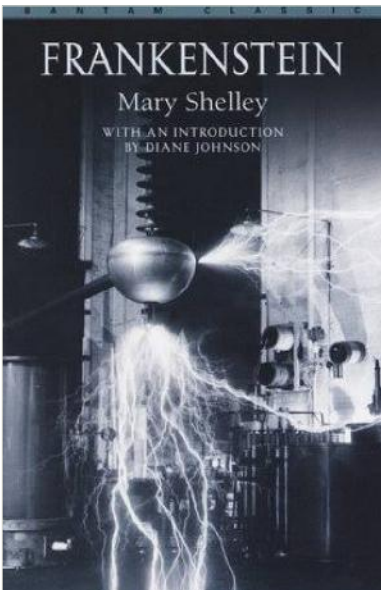
For someone who's on-the-go in winters, the length of the book will seem less daunting but the literary dexterity is top-notch.



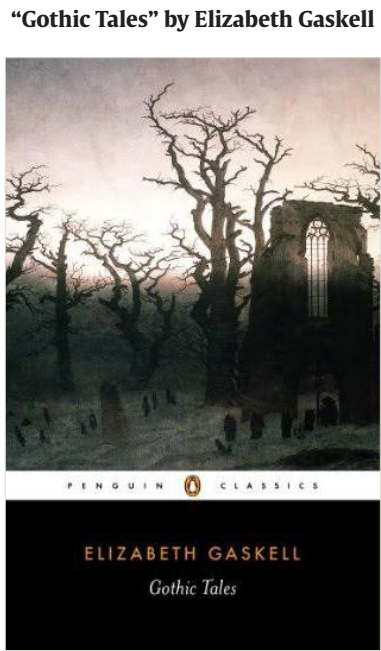
This brilliant book is more than just a page-turner or a book that you can gorge on for cheap thrills. It is a masterpiece and has rightfully won the Pulitzer. Taking on much from the gothic tradition, the book employs it to open up layers of issues especially those related to slavery and racism. If you've not read this book, you are truly missing out on most.

“Frankenstein: The 1818 Text” by Mary Shelly

Frankenstein is often considered as the first book of science fiction. However, the elements of horror are unmissable in this classic. The book is so popular that the word “Frankenstein” is often interchangeably used to mention anything supernatural, gothic or larger than yourself. The language of the book



is quite gripping and the story is one which everyone comes back to and so must you!



This book treads the path between the real and the unreal quite marvelously and induces a sense of suspense and horror that is unparalleled. All the stories in this volume form a stark contrast to the social realism of Gaskell's novels, revealing a darker and more unsettling style of writing.

Reading ‘Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh’ How An Actor Inspired My Search For Intimacy And Acceptance

Sayari Debnath

The first movie I watched in a theatre was the 2002 box office hit Devdas. I was only six, with no knowledge of movies or stardom, yet here I was sitting in a stuffy auditorium patiently waiting for the huge screen to come to life. Air-conditioned movie theatres were a rarity in India and it was not uncommon to leave halls with bug bites, sweat patches, and even mysterious stains on your clothes.

In those days any director worth his salt would ensure that the movie was at least three hours long. Propped with melodramatic songs, high drama, and an actual plot, Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Devdas stood at a respectable duration of 174 minutes. Such an extended period of darkness and silence could have easily agitated a child, but I remember leaving the hall a new person – entirely fascinated and aware that my life as I knew it had changed forever.

I was now privy to the intoxicating charms of Bollywood movies and, more importantly, a man (almost as old as my father) who presented the endless possibilities of what a person can be – as a son, friend, and lover. Armed with budding devotion and frank admiration, a fan was born.

Unlike the women before me, I did not grow up on a staple of Shah Rukh Khan romances. The Rahuls and Rajes were already a decade old and the actor, already approaching his 40s, took to love stories of dignified Aman (Kal Ho Na Ho) and Mohan (Swades) who were as earnest about being triumphant in love as in their commitment to their communities.

My mother lamented how Shah Rukh was no longer the hero who would stand in freezing temperatures with his arms stretched out for his beloved while at the same time appreciating him for acting his age and bringing certain gravity to love. These nuances were lost on me – I did not think of Shah Rukh as the lover boy that she did, I thought him too old for me and indeed he was.

Instead, to me he presented the idea of what an ideal man should be – charismatic, kind, vulnerable. Over the next few years, I accompanied my parents to the theatres for the actor's major releases, while spending weekend breaks catching up on his hits from the '90s. The two Shah Rukhs were in complete har-



mony with each other and I was growing up on a healthy diet of what romances look like and how men should treat women once the first flushes of romance start to ebb.

A silent, distant, and ‘logical’ fan

In Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh: India's Lonely Young Women and the Search for Intimacy and Independence, Shrayana Bhattacharya pieces together the stories of many women like me from across India through years of following (and being) the fandom – across class, caste, and language divides. The author sees Shah Rukh-worship not as an act of mindless allegiance, but a rebellion against social mores. As she digs deeper into years of sustained loyalty to the star, it is revealed to her how the superstar has shaped the desire for respect, intimacy, and independence among women across all strata of Indian society.

Quite unlike the fans Bhattacharya followed in her research, I pride myself on being a “logical” fan. Meaning, my home is devoid of any Shah Rukh iconography – you will not find posters, ticket stubs, or newspaper cut-outs. I deify him in other ways though, I best remember lyrics of Shah Rukh songs, usually re-watch movies featuring him, and I look forward to his Twitter interactions with fans.

My love for him is and has always been silent and distant. I come from an upper class, urban, well-educated Bengali family. Women in my family enjoy freedoms that make us (rather depressingly) an elite minority in the country. Seeking permission never came naturally to us and within the family we are actively encouraged to pursue our passions. I grew up without restrictions and I take my independence for granted.

When Bhattacharya's book claims that there's a link between being a Shah Rukh fan and female independence, I am stumped. The author finds suitable examples in Delhi, where an air hostess from Jaisalmer and a house staff member from rural Jharkhand make their way to the national capital in search of livelihood, sex, and independence. These are spunky women who found a way out of community-made hell, with a little help from Shah Rukh.

Shah Rukh Khan and women's quest for individuality

The seeds of defiance were sown early in childhood when the girls saved up to go to a movie and buy cassettes, or unabashedly declared their love for a man in communities where asserting individuality could very well endanger their lives. Similar stories were found in the slums of Ahmedabad and decrepit towns of Uttar Pradesh. Here, mothers and daughters encouraged each other to aspire to the independence enjoyed by Shah Rukh's heroines and marriages where the husband, if not as charming as the actor, would be kind enough to stand up for his wife.

To an urban readership these stories sound rather incredulous, but to a great chunk of fan-women this is what Shah Rukh is – an escape from the harsh realities of life and a fantasy of what life can be. Through Shah Rukh, the data and numbers of meticulously researched women come to life. The unequal distribution of household chores between women and men, dipping female employment rates, lack of access to personal mobiles and more can be explained with Shah Rukh's female fans' focused determination to

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ache for him in private, alongside hatching plans to gain social and financial mobility. Twitter feminism, restricted to the hyper-elite, makes no sense to these women; they aim for the feminist liberation that they see in Shah Rukh's movies – where the heroine is desired by her husband, never reprimanded for going out by herself, and the hero doing his best to win over the heroine's entire clan.

Pilgrimage to Mannat and a few realisations

As I was reading Bhattacharya's empathetic observations, I realised Shah Rukh was a vastly different icon for these women than he is for me. I seldom think about him but his birthday is one of the rare celebrity birthdays that I remember – to put it plainly, I cannot claim him the way some of his fans do. I consider myself too pragmatic to be serenaded in mustard fields or the Swiss Alps. I want a good man but I can do without the dramatics.

But despite my attempts at practicality, I visited Mannat in 2020. I was 23 and accompanied by my boyfriend at that time. We were in the city on a whirlwind 48-hour trip and I could not return home without making a pilgrimage to Bandstand. Unsurprisingly, I found myself in the company of fans who were also waiting for their turn to take a picture at the famed gates of Shah Rukh's mansion.

That was the last vacation my ex-boyfriend and I took together, and for non-Shah Rukh related reasons, the relationship ended soon afterwards. Once the sadness and resentment settled down, I look back to him accompanying me to Mannat as a great act of love. He was never a fan of Bollywood and had no real fondness for Shah Rukh. In fact, we had

reached a companionable agreement to not discuss “mass movies” since for him it'd mean bemoaning the subpar arts and me passionately defending a certain ageing actor who was somewhat responsible for the said subparness.

Putting aside his distaste for Bollywood and agreeing to indulge the fan-girl in me remains one of his most generous gestures in the relationship. It's been some time since we broke up and at 25, I'm without a romantic partner. I have a job that I love, free to go about my days (and nights) as I please, financial independence, and a retirement plan in place. As far as being a woman in India is concerned, I'm stunningly privileged.

However, these privileges do not substitute for romantic love. I'm young and concerns about marriage are yet to dawn on me. Love for me is largely defined by shared interests, clever flirtations, and having a good time – all perfectly reasonable expectations. So even though Shah Rukh is not a liberating force in my life, my perceptions of love have been shaped by the men he has portrayed.

The Amans, Rahuls, and Rajes have made me and other fan-women realise that regardless of which India we belong to, all of us are worthy of respect, thoughtfulness, and most importantly, love. As Shah Rukh approaches his 60s, he still remains wildly popular among women of all ages – a happy thread in a sisterhood that is otherwise bound by physical, generational, and psychological pain. We love Shah Rukh not because he shimmies with his heroines in the rain or during snowfall, but because he has made millions of women believe that they are deserving of the epic loves that they see in his movies.

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J&K Gets Top Awards At 24th National Conference On E-Governance

Srinagar Awarded For COVID-19 Management, Bandipora For Developing ‘Panchayat Development Index’

Jammu: In a significant achievement, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir got national level awards for Covid-19 Management and Panchayat Development Index at the 24th National Conference on e-Governance held at Hyderabad on Friday. The awards were presented by Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS PMO and Ministry of Personnel in presence of K T Rama Rao, Telangana's Minister for Urban Development, Industries & IT; Ajay Prakash, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Govt of India, Somesh Prakash, Chief Secretary,

Telangana and V Srinivas, Secretary DARPG, Government of India, an official spokesperson said. District Srinagar got first position in the category of Covid-19 management with effective use of technology. The award was received by Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary Tribal Affairs and then Deputy Commissioner of Srinagar under whose guidance several innovative and effective initiatives were taken by district administration for Covid-19 management. Similarly, Bandipora district was conferred the award for innovative digital product ‘Panchayat Development Index (PDI)’ launched by the district administration. The award was received by Dr Owais Ahmad, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Imtiyaz Ahmad, Joint Director Planning Bandipora and Mala Ram DIO Bandipora at the Conference.

IUST’s Islamic Studies Dept Holds Lecture On ‘Future Of Muslim Youth’

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AWANTIPORA: Department of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), held an on-line lecture on “Future of Muslim Youth?” organised under its ‘Monthly Online Lecture Series’. The lecture was presided over by Dean Research and Controller Examinations IUST, Prof. Haroon Rashid Naik, who in his presidential remarks appreciated expertise of the speaker and expressed his appreciation over these regular intellectual exchanges at the University and congratulated the department for conducting such resourceful programmes, a Varsity spokesperson said. He said that the founder of Parenting Uncomplicated and motivational speaker from the US, Iram Bint Safia, who was the invited speaker delivered a special lecture in which she

deliberated upon the theme by emphasizing the role and importance of Muslim youth irrespective of geographical fences. Earlier, he said, the Head, Department of Islamic Studies, Afroz Ahmad Bisati, introduced the theme of the lecture and delivered the welcome address, while, Associate Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Munejah Khan and Prof. Abdul Rashid Bhat also shared their valuable remarks related to the topic. “The lecture was followed by a vibrant discussion and attended by research scholars, faculty members and students of the Department of Islamic Studies, with many participants from other universities within India and abroad. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Gh.Nabi and moderated by Dr. Riyaz Ahmad Sheikh, both faculty members at the Department of Islamic Studies,” the Varsity spokesperson added.

SKUAST-K Holds Workshop On Innovation Development

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SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Kashmir held a daylong workshop on “Universities’ Changing Role in Innovation Development” in which prominent innovation researchers and industry experts held sessions with the students. The workshop was organised by the university's Faculty of Horticulture in coordination with the World Bank-ICAR funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) for the institutional development of SKUAST-K. About 120 students and teachers from various faculties of the university participated in the workshop, a Varsity spokesperson said. He said that the Dean Faculty of Horticulture, Prof Shabir Ahmad Vani, while welcoming the students and delegates, talked in detail about the need for innovation in the horticulture sector and gave an overview of the workshop. The lead speakers, who held sessions with the students, were Dr Fayaz Ahmad Sheikh, an innovation researcher at Zhejiang University, China; Abdul Hamid Bhat (Rahim

Greens), a motivational speaker, renowned businessman, philanthropist and environmental activist; and Dr Shahid Jibran, Coordinator JKEDI. Dr Fayaz who researches Frugal Digital Innovations and Regional Development shared regional and international scenarios on innovation development with students and faculty. Abdul Hamid in his talk emphasized the importance to inculcate ethics, optimism and self-reliance among students in their quest to excel, innovate and acquire marketable skills. Dr Shahid Jibran dwelled upon the changing paradigm for the universities to stay relevant in the current innovation-driven market economy. Earlier Dr Aabid Khalid and Dr Barkat Hussain made brief presentations on their respective patents in Silkworm waste processing and pheromone technology that earned them BIRAC grants in excess of Rs 50 lakh each. The workshop was presided by Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-K Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai who emphasized inculcating innovation and startup culture among students. Prof Ganai reiterated his commitment towards making SKUAST-K the first innovation-driven agricultural university in the country.

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Weather Dept

Jammu while raining at a few places of Jammu region. “Expect further increase in rain/snow intensity as the day progresses with main intensity of heavy to Very heavy rain/snow during 7th (night) and January 8th,” he said in a statement. “There would be gradual improvement from January 9th morning onwards in J&K. There are four types of colour codes signifying the level of caution: green which means no action, yellow—situation to be watched), amber –government agencies need to be prepared for severe weather and red –action needed by the agencies. The MeT official said the weather system may affect surface and air transportation, mainly on Saturday. “It may cause avalanche/landslide in vulnerable spots.” The MeT office has urged people not to venture in avalanche prone areas, follow traffic advisory seriously as well as maintain proper ventilation of their rooms.

Meanwhile, the MeT official said that Srinagar recorded rainfall of 3.1mm in last 24 hours till 0830 hours today. The summer capital of J&K, he said, recorded a low of 2.6°C against previous night's 0.3°C. It was 4.5°C above normal for this time of the year in Srinagar, he said. Gulmarg, recorded a low of minus 5.5°C against minus 3.4°C on the previous night at the world famous resort, he said. Qazigund received 4.6mm of rain in the last 24 hours while the gateway town of Kashmir recorded a low of 0.4°C, same as witnessed on the previous night, he said. Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir which had 0.4cms of fresh snowfall recorded a low of minus 0.4°C against minus 0.8°C on previous night, he said. Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 0.2°C against minus 0.7°C on previous night, the official said. Kupwara town in north Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 0.8°C against 0.0°C as on the previous night, the official said. Jammu, with 4.6mm of rain, recorded a low of 11.1°C, up eight notches from the previous night and normal of 7.3°C for the J&K's winter capital during this time of the year, he said. Ladakh's Leh recorded a low of 1.5°C against last night's minus 7.6°C while Kargil automatic station recorded a minimum of minus 9.8°C while Drass recorded minus 12.4°C, the official said. Kashmir is currently under the grip of the 40-day harshest winter period known as ‘Chilla-i-Kalan’ which began on December 21. It is a period when cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably, leading to the freezing of water bodies and water supply lines. Chances of snowfall are the highest during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy to very heavy snowfall. The ‘Chilleh Kalan’ will end on January 31, but the cold wave will continue with a 30-day-long ‘cold period.

Highway Reopens Nagrota (Jammu) and Qazigund (Kashmir), they said. Over 3000 vehicles were stranded on the highway at various places from Wednesday, they said, adding that the people stranded at Ramban were provided food and shelter by the administration, they said. Over 1000 trucks from Kashmir valley were allowed to move towards Jammu, they said. The trucks carrying perishable items and petroleum products were also allowed to move, they said. The highway was again blocked due to the landslide at Cafeteria Morh in Ramban but it was cleared, they

added. Meanwhile, the official said, Mughal road, which connects Shopian with Poonch-Rajouri districts, Srinagar-Leh highway and Sinthan road, connecting Anantnag and Kishtwar districts, shall remain closed due to snow accumulation. Covid Cases Jammu division, raising the death toll to 4534 in J&K—2202 in Jammu and 2332 in Kashmir. **7-Day Home**

coming from countries specified as “at-risk” have to submit samples for Covid testing on arrival and then are required to wait for the results at the airport before leaving or taking a connecting flight. Those who test positive will be sent to an isolation facility. If they test negative, they need to undergo home quarantine for seven days and then get the RT-PCR test done on the 8th day. If again negative, they have to further self-monitor their health for the next seven days. They are also required to upload the results of the RT-PCR test conducted on the 8th day on the Air Suvidha portal (to be monitored by the respective states/UTs). In the case of passengers coming from not-at-risk countries, they will also have to undergo mandatory seven-day home quarantine and follow all other protocols followed by passengers from at-risk countries. However, airlines coming from not-at-risk countries will randomly select 2 per cent of travellers who will have to undergo RT-PCR tests at airports on arrival. Those found positive will be sent to an isolation facility and those found negative will follow the seven-day quarantine procedure. The government also updated the list of at-risk nations, which now include all countries in Europe including the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil, Botswana, China, Ghana, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Hong Kong, Israel, Congo, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nigeria, Tunisia and Zambia. For not-at-risk countries, the 2 per cent passengers to be tested at the airports will preferably be those coming from a third country who would have taken a connecting flight in the not-at-risk country, according to the revised guidelines. Laboratories shall prioritise the testing of samples from such travellers. “Travellers from all categories of countries (including those 2 per cent who were selected for random testing on arrival and were found negative) will undergo home quarantine for seven days and undertake an RT-PCR test on the 8th day,” officials said, sharing details about revised guidelines. International travellers arriving through seaports/land ports will also have to undergo the same protocols as above, except that facility for online registration is not available for such passengers currently. Contacts of the suspect cases are the co-passengers seated in the same row, three rows in front and three rows behind along with the identified cabin crew, the guidelines said. Also, all the community contacts of the travellers who have tested positive (during the home quarantine period) would be subjected to quarantine for 14 days and tested as per the Indian Council of Medical Research protocol, the guidelines stated. Children under 5 are exempted from both pre- and post-arrival testing. However, if found symptomatic for COVID-19 on arrival or during the home quarantine period, they shall undergo testing and be treated accordingly to the laid down protocol. Prior to undertaking the journey, all travellers will have to upload a negative RT-PCR report of the test conducted within 72 hours of the beginning of the journey. Each passenger shall also submit

a declaration with respect to the authenticity of the report and will be liable for a criminal prosecution, if found otherwise, according to the guidelines. **3 Militants Killed**

Central Kashmir to join militancy. Quoting reliable sources and the documents recovered, the police spokesperson said that the other two killed militant appear to be foreigners, however further identification is being ascertained. Giving details about the outbreak of gunfight, he said, that a joint search operation was launched in the village on basis of information about the presence of militants. During searches, as the presence of “terrorists” got ascertained they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party, which was retaliated leading to an encounter. “Later on, CRPF also joined the operation. However in order to evacuate the civilians trapped around the encounter site, the joint team ensured the evacuation of all civilians to the safer places,” he said. Besides, he said, to avoid any collateral damage due to darkness, the operation was suspended during night hours and in the wee hours the operation resumed, resulting in the elimination of three militants linked to JeM. During encounter one Army officer received minor splinter injury. “Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including 3 AK-56 rifles were recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation,” he said. “Police have registered a case under relevant sections of law and investigation has been initiated. People are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any,” he added. The police spokesperson quoted IGP Kashmir as appreciating role of joint team for conducting successful operation without any collateral damage. IGP while sharing the details regarding encounter with a new agency said that with the killing of Mir, only 1 militant hailing from Srinagar is left out now who will be either arrested or neutralised at the earliest. He further said that so far 11 militants including 6 foreign nationals were killed in different encounters in the last seven days of this year

J&K Received USD in investments in the Union Territory's real estate, infrastructure, tourism, healthcare, and manpower employment sectors among others. Sinha addressed the Investors Summit in Dubai on Thursday, which was attended by renowned business leaders and investors from the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Jammu & Kashmir has moved from a sleeping business destination to the land of opportunities and investment. The Union Territory received investments to the tune of USD 2.5 billion in 2021 and showcased the enormous opportunities and business potential in the region, he said. Jammu and Kashmir has signed 5 MoUs with AI Maya Group, MATU Investments LLC, GL Employment Brokerage LLC, Century Financial and Noon E-commerce respectively; 1 Lol between Magna Waves Pvt. Ltd along with Emaar Group and Lulu International. Talking about the upcoming opportunities with these investors, Sinha said the Jammu and Kashmir government is working relentlessly to provide an investment-friendly environment to the global investors. From the business point of view, J&K has the capability to provide an opportunity to the industries to compete, correct and collaborate with readily available abundant resources. Archaic laws have been removed and more than 890 Central laws, which are the key drivers of socio-economic growth, have been made applicable in the last

two years, he said. Elaborating on the potential of collaboration between India and the UAE, UAE's ambassador to India Ahmed Abdul Rahman AlBanna said India is the second-largest trading partner of the UAE and the Gulf nation is the third-largest trading partner of India after the US and China. Our total Foreign Trade figures reached about USD 60 billion in 2019-2020. The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the United Arab Emirates and India will be crucial in deepening the ties between India and UAE. We are hoping that CEPA will increase our bilateral trade from USD 60 billion to USD 100 billion in the coming 5 to 8 years, the ambassador said. Ever since the Government of India announced the historic administrative changes in 2019, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has become the latest success story among Indian states as a model of economic and social development, said Sunjay Sudhir, India's ambassador to the UAE said while addressing the Investors Summit on Thursday. India and UAE are among each other's largest trading partners. And soon, CEPA will be signed, which certainly has the potential to catapult our economic engagement to a very different trajectory altogether, he said. Sinha also visited the India Pavilion during the ongoing Jammu & Kashmir Week (Jan 3-13) and toured the J&K Pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai earlier in the day. India's participation at the Expo is a testament to the fact that the country values the UAE as an esteemed partner. Various States and Sectors in India have understood the importance of the Expo, and the global exposure provided by the event, Jammu & Kashmir is privileged to participate at this global event and strengthen its footprint in the UAE, he said. The J&K Pavilion was inaugurated on January 3. In addition to the Investor Summit and J&K Week at India Pavilion, Sinha also inaugurated a two-day Buyer-Seller Meet on Friday hosted by the Consulate General of India, Dubai in collaboration with Invest India. The meet is being organised between sellers from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and buyers from the UAE under the ‘One District One Product’ initiative. The key focus sectors for the meeting are agri products & processed food and handicraft and textile. Earlier, Sinha invited global businesses to invest in key sectors, including tourism, handloom and handicrafts, to boost the growth of industrial enterprises, cottage and village industries in the Union Territory. As part of the Jammu and Kashmir Week, Sinha, along with other government officials from the Union Territory (UT), held various meetings and invited global investors to invest across key sectors like tourism, handloom & handicrafts, food processing among others, according to a press statement. Sinha, who is on a three-day official visit to the UAE, also met the Chairman of Dubai ports giant DP World Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem here on Thursday to discuss the opportunities and potential areas of collaboration between the Jammu and Kashmir government and the company. A Dubai-based company, DP World specialises in cargo logistics, port terminal operations, maritime services, and free trade zones. Sinha also inaugurated Jammu and Kashmir promotion week at the local Lulu Hypermarket, where the world-famous GI-tagged saffron has been launched in a major step towards boosting trade ties between Jammu and Kashmir and Dubai. Inaugurated J&K Promotion week at Lulu Hypermarket. The world-famous GI-tagged saffron has been launched at Lulu Hypermarket, which is a major

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“they also assaulted a security guard who was later on taken to Bone and Joint Hospital for treatment.” “The patient was a case of right lung malignancy of stage-IV and they (attendants) wanted him to take back home and however he succumbed”, she said, adding, “What was fault on my part or any other person.” A police official confirming the registration of case against the attendants said an FIR number 03/2022 under sections 332, 353 and 354 of IPC has been registered against the persons for formal proceedings into the matter. (GNS) **2 Militant Associates** assassination of militants who had surrendered in the and has been put in judicial custody in Bhaderwah jail. The arrested individual has been identified as Farid Ahmed Naik of Doda and he was also in touch with a few other apprehended militants in Jammu based Kot Balwal Jail who were using virtual numbers for communicating through WhatsApp. Meanwhile in a separate incident, another militant associate was arrested based on information received by the security forces. The apprehended militant associate has been identified as Ghulam Hussain of Gundna, Doda “He was arrested for being in contact with Pakistan based militant handlers and providing them logistic support and information as well as receiving money from Pakistan via Dubai.” (KNT)

Police Seize Drone possession of the drone-like object. “It’s a drone-like object and we are investigating the matter,” said a police official. **Govt Transfers** as Assistant Commissioner in the State Taxes Department, Kashmir, against an available vacancy, with immediate effect. “Surjeel Ali Naiku, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Kulgam, shall hold the charge of the post of General Manager, DIC, Kulgam, in addition to his own duties, till further orders,” reads an order.

Kashmir Gets 3 RTPCR Labs As Coronavirus Cases Surge

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a major development, Additional Chief Secretary Health & Medical Education Department, Vivek Bharadvaj on Friday e-inaugurated three real-time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) labs for Kashmir division.

The RTPCR labs have been e-inaugurated for three district hospitals which include JLN Hospital Srinagar, DH Ganderbal and DH Pulwama, an official spokesperson said Friday.

While e-inaugurating the three labs, he said, the Additional Chief

Secretary said that the three labs will go a long way for the Covid-19 management and for the mitigation of the virus.

"Initially the labs can conduct 200 RTPCR tests per day which can be increased later on. However, in pool run, the maximum number of test can be 500 per day in each lab," Bharadvaj said, as per official spokesperson.

The Additional Chief Secretary, he said, while congratulating the health department said that these labs will go in long way to improve testing facilities and will be very vital for Covid-19 management.

During the e-inauguration, Director Health Services Kashmir (DHSK), Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rathar was present at JLN hospital Srinagar besides other officials of the health department.

While speaking on the occasion, the director as per the official spokesperson said that they have very happy that Kashmir division has got three labs which will be very helpful for the mitigation of Covid-19.

"We are highly thankful to the UT government for providing the RTPCR labs which will ease out the burden on the tertiary care hospitals," he said.

MUFTI'S ANNIVERSARY

Mehbooba Alleges PDP Workers Stopped From Visiting Her Father's Grave

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Friday paid tributes at the grave of her father and party founder Mufti Mohammad Sayeed in South Kashmir's Bijbehara on his sixth death anniversary and alleged that authorities prevented party workers from visiting.

Officials said the Peoples Democratic Party chief, who was accompanied by some party workers, returned home after paying tributes to her father, who died on this day in 2016.

Later, Mehbooba took to Twitter to thank everyone who remembered her father on his death anniversary.

"On Mufti Sahab's sixth death anniversary, I'd like to thank everybody who paid rich tributes to him. We continue to believe & strive for his vision of a dignified & empowered J&K," she said.

She also hit out at the administration for allegedly not allowing PDP workers to visit Sayeed's grave.

"Meanwhile J&K police is hounding my party workers who dared to offer fatiha at

his grave today. Outlawing & criminalising even a simple act of paying respect & tribute to one's leader shows state administration's deep paranoia & intolerance," she said.

Mehbooba posted a video on her timeline in which she is seen arguing with a police officer who allegedly misbehaved with an unidentified PDP leader.

Remembering Sayeed on his death anniversary, People's Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone said he was fortunate to get an opportunity to work under him.

"I shared a personal relationship with Mufti sahib and was fortunate to get an opportunity to work under him. I will fondly remember his compassionate mentorship and his desire to share his experiences with the younger generations. He was an inspiring figure and a great teacher."

"I personally learnt a lot from him. I pray his soul rests in eternal peace," Lone said.

He said Sayeed was passionate about politics as a tool of reform and relentlessly strived for the development of all the regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

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Subject: Filling up of Gazetted/Faculty posts in Government Ayurvedic Medical College cum Hospital Akhnour.

Ref: Health & Medical Education Department's letter No. HD/ISM/68/2020 dated 28.01.2021.

Notification No: 02- PSC (DR-P) OF 2022 Dated: 06-01-2022

Applications through online mode are invited from the applicants who are domiciled in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir possessing the prescribed Academic /Professional qualification and age for the post of Lecturer/Assistant Professor and Dy. Medical Superintendent, in terms of Government Order No. 811-JK (HME) of 2020 dated 19.10.2020, issued by the Health & Medical Education Department "Jammu & Kashmir Probationer (Conduct of Service, Pay & Allowance) and Fixation of Tenure Rules, 2020" notified vide S.O.192 of 2020 dated: 17.06.2020 and Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (Business and Procedure) Rules, 2021.

MOST IMPORTANT

- Candidates are advised to update their One Time Registration before; filling the application Form
- The Application Form together with instructions for filling up the Application Forms ill: be available at the website of the Commission from 08.01.2022.
- Candidates are advised to go through the instructions and all the eligibility conditions prescribed for the post before filling the online Application Form.
- Last date for filling of online Application complete in all respects along with the: requisite fee (online mode only) is 07.02.2022
- The last date for receipt of online applications provided in the notification shall be the cut-off date for determining the eligibility as regards acquisition of Domicile* Certificates and educational and professional qualifications.
- The minimum and maximum age will however be reckoned with reference to 1st January, 2022.
- Candidates can edit some of the fields in their online application form w.e.f 09.02.2022: to 11.02.2022 (up to 11.59 PM). Instructions in this regard will be separately made available on the website.
- Candidates are required to upload all the mandatory prescribed/requisite documents.:
- In case the mandatory prescribed/requisite documents are not uploaded with the: online application form, the application form/candidature of the applicant is liable to be rejected without any further notice
- Candidates are not required to submit hard copy of the online application form or any other documents to the Commission.
- The candidates will however, be required to present /produce a down loaded copy of * the online application form alongwith the original certificates at the time of* documentary verification.
- Candidates are advised in their own interest to submit online applications much before j the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of: disconnection/inability to pay fee or failure to login to the online application portal on; account of heavy load on the website during the closing days.

1. Details (No) of posts with category wise breakup Lecturer cum Assistant Professor

ITEM No		DM	RBA	SC	ST	Total
16	Lecturer/ Assistant Professor Samhita and Siddanta (Basic Principles)	01	01	-	-	02
17	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Rachna Shariri (Anatomy))	01	-	-	-	01
18	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Kriya Shariri (Physiology))	01	-	-	-	01
19	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Dravyaguna) (Pharmacology)	01	-	-	-	01
20	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (rasashastra & Bhaisajya Kalpana) (Pharmacy)	01	-	-	-	01
21	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Roga Nidan & Vikriti Vigyana) (Pathology)	01	-	-	-	01
22	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Swasthavrittha and Yoga)	01	-	-	-	01
23	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Agad Tantra evam Vidhi Vadyaka (Jurisprudence & Toxicology))	01	-	-	-	01
24	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Prasuti evam Striroga (Gynecology & Obstetrics)	01	-	-	-	01
25	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Kayachikitsa (Medicine)	01	-	-	-	01
26	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Shalaky (Surgery)	01	01	-	-	02
27	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Shalaky (ENT & Ophthalmology)	01	-	-	-	01
28	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Kaumarbhariya (Pediatrics)	01	-	-	-	01
29	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Panchkarma	01	01	-	-	02
30	Dy. Medical Superintendent	01	-	-	-	01
Total		15	03	Nil	Nil	18

Name of post/scale of pay / Prescribed qualification

S No.	Post	Pay Scale	Qualification
1	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Samhita and Siddanta (Basic Principles)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Samhita & Siddhanta from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
2	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Rachna Shariri (Anatomy))	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Rachna Shariri from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
3	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Kriya Shariri (Physiology))	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Kriya Shariri from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
4	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Dravyaguna) (Pharmacology)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Dravyaguna from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
5	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (rasashastra & Bhaisajya Kalpana) (Pharmacy)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Rasashastra & Bhaisajya Kalpana from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
6	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Roga Nidan & Vikriti Vigyana) (Pathology)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Roga Nidan & Vikriti Vigyana from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
7	Lecturer/ Assistant Professor (Swasthavrittha and Yoga)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Swasthavrittha and Yoga from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
8	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Agad Tantra evam Vidhi Vadyaka (Jurisprudence & Toxicology))	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Agad Tantra evam Vidhi Vadyaka from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.

9	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Prasuti evam Striroga (Gynecology & Obstetrics)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Prasuti evam Striroga from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
10	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Kayachikitsa (Medicine)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Kayachikitsa from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
11	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Shalaky (Surgery)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Shalaky from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
12	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Shalaky (ENT & Ophthalmology)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Shalaky from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.

13	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Kaumarbhariya (Pediatrics)	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Kaumarbhariya from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
14	Lecturer/Assistant Professor Panchkarma	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree in Panchkarma from an institution duly recognized by central Council of Indian Medicine.
15	Dy. Medical Superintendent	Level-II (67700-208700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970.A Post Graduate degree as a regular candidate in Health/Hospital administration/Management from an Institution/University recognized by University grants Commission.ORA Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine from a University or its equivalent as recognized under the Indian Medicine, Central Council Act, 1970, with ten years clinical experience and five years administrative experience in running a government Unani Health Institution.

Note I:

In accordance with Government Order No.811-JK (HME) of 2020 dated 19.10.2020, the following provisions of the Allied subjects have been earmarked in case the candidates of post graduate qualification in the concerned subject are not available for the following post of Lecturer/Assistant Professor:

S.No.	Subject	Allied subjects
1	Swasthavritta	Kayachikitsa
2	Agada Tantra	Dravyaguna or Rasashastra
3	Roga Vigyana	Kayachikitsa
4	Rachnasharira	Shalaky
5	Kriya Sharira	Ayurved Sambita evam Siddhant or Kayachikitsa
6	Shalaky	Shalaky
7	Panchkarma	Kayachikitsa
8	Balaroga	Prautevamstriog or Kayachikitsa
9	Kayachikitsa	Manasaroga
10	Shalaky	Nischetnaevamkasha Kirana
11	Prasuric evam striog	Shalaky tantra

Note II:

- Priority shall be given to the candidates having Doctoral degree in Ayurveda.
- The holder of Research Experience of regular doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) shall be considered equivalent to one year teaching experience.

3. Age as on 1st January 2022

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

S.NO	Category	Age limit	Not born after	Not born before
1	OM	40	01.01.2004	01.01.1982
2	RBA	43	01.01.2004	01.01.1979
3	PHC	42	01.01.2004	01.01.1980
In service candidate/Government		45	01.01.2004	01.01.1977

4. Reservation

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

5. Domicile

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

6. Requisite Fee

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

General Category	=	Rs.1000.00
Reserved Categories	=	Rs.500.00
PHC	=	NIL

Note:

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

7 Documents to be uploaded

While filling the online application form the applicants are required to upload the documents as per details given below;

- Documents (Mandatory):-
 - Date of Birth certificate (Secondary School/Matric Certificate- 01 leaf
 - Domicile certificate - 01 leaf
 - Bachelors degree in Ayurvedic Medicine or its equivalent along with consolidated Marks Cards-iv) Post Graduation Degree in the prescribed field (Specialization) alongwith consolidated marks card along with Registration certificate, from competent authority.
 - Ph.D degree alongwith result notification, wherever applicable.

- Experience certificate (Ten years) and five years administration experience for the post of Dy. Medical Superintendent.
- Documents (Mandatory) if claiming benefit under that category):-
 - Valid category certificate - 01 leaf
 - For Physically Challenged Candidates Disability certificate on the prescribed format, if required - 01 leaf.
 - In-Service Certificate Signed by HOD.
- Any other document for which the candidate is claiming weightage as per Provisions laid down in J&K (Business and Procedure) Rules, 2021:-
 - Certificate of Distinction in Sports in terms of J&K (Appointment of Outstanding Sports Persons) Rules, 1998- 01 Leaf
 - "C" Certificate in NCC activities- 01 Leaf
 - Gold Medal Certificate for overall first position in the minimum prescribed qualification- 01 leaf.
- In case the convocation for award of Gold Medal has not been convened, a certificate from the competent authority shall be uploaded to the effect that he/she is entitled to Gold Medal for securing overall first position in the prescribed qualification and that the same shall be awarded in the Convocation of the University/Institution.
- List of Research Papers/Publications as per format-01 leaf
- List of Conferences (Participation & Presentation) as per format-01 leaf.
- List of Books as per format- 01 leaf.

It may be noted that no further opportunity to upload any document shall be provided hereafter and action under rules including rejecting of application/candidature etc will be taken.

08 Scheme of selection

Selection shall be made in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission's (Business & Procedure) Rules, 2021 as amended from time to time. Candidates are especially advised to apprise themselves with the provisions of Rule 44(ii) of the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission's (Business & Procedure) Rules, 2021.

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

- Candidates are required to apply online through the website of the Commission i.e. <http://www.jkpsc.nic.in>. No other means /mode of application shall be accepted.
- Candidates are first required to go to the JKPS website <http://www.jkpsc.nic.in> and click on the link "One Time Registration" or click on Login menu if you have already created your profile with the JK PSC.
- After logging into your account, candidates are required to fill all the requisite fields of One Time Registration (OTR) i.e. personal information, contact information & educational qualification, service details etc.
- The candidate shall also be required to upload the image of date stamped recent passport size color photograph and signature. The photograph should not be taken earlier than 01.01.2021.
- Size of the photograph (passport size) and signature must be between 10kB to 20kB in *.jpeg or *.Jpg only.
- After successful submission of all the details in your OTR account, check the eligibility conditions as mentioned in the advertisement notification before applying for the post.
- Click on the "show examination" as shown against the respective post/examination you want to apply.
- On Clicking on the "show examination" a window will appear on your computer screen. Select the month of the advertisement notification for which you want to apply, a link(s) for the post(s) will appear on the computer screen.
- An "APPLY" button is shown against the respective post and the candidates will click on the APPLY button against the post he/she is eligible.
- On clicking "APPLY" button, an instruction window will appear. Candidates should read instructions carefully before clicking on "APPLY" button at the bottom of the webpage.
- On clicking "APPLY" button, the system will display all facts/particulars that a candidate may have mentioned while filling up the necessary fields of his/her OTR account. Candidate shall fill up the remaining required fields in the application form and accept the declaration thereof.
- Once the candidate is satisfied about the correctness of the filled in details, then, he or she may click on "SUBMIT" button to finally push the data into server with successful submission report.
- On successful submission of the basic details, the candidates will be required to pay the online fee and uploading of the documents, for final submission of the online application form.
- Candidates can pay the requisite fee through online mode in the "SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS" menu in your account.
- After successful payment of the fee, the fee status will get reflected on the Online Application form. Candidates can check the fee status by clicking on the Print Application Button in the submitted Applications menu in your JKPS account. In case the payment status shows either "not submitted or under processing or status has not been reflected on your submitted application form", candidates(s) are advised to contact the JKPS office at Solina Srinagar/Resham Ghar Colony Jammu immediately for clarification.
- Further where the online fee is paid through other service providers the candidate must ensure that not only the amount of fee is debited from his/service provider's Account but also credited into the official account of JKPS.
- The candidate would be able get the printout of his/her submitted application only after the payment of the requisite fee and uploading of mandatory prescribed/requisite documents.
- The JKPS will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of filling up of online and, therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. The candidates are advised to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age, etc and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post(s). Copies of supporting documents will be sought at the time of document verification. When scrutiny is under taken, if any claim if made in the application is not found/ substantiated by proof, the candidature will be cancelled and the Commission's decision shall be final and binding.
- Please note that the above procedure is the only valid procedure for applying. No other mode of application or incomplete steps would be accepted and such applications would be rejected.
- Editing of the online application form
- Candidates who have successfully submitted the online application form along with requisite fee will be allowed to edit some of the fields in their submitted online application form w.e.f 09.02.2022 to 11.02.2022. Detailed instruction in this regard will be made available on the website of the Commission.
- Action against candidates found guilty of misconduct
- Candidates are advised that they should not furnish any particulars that are false or suppress any material information.
- A candidate who is, or has been, declared by the Commission, to be guilty of:
 - obtaining by wrongful support of his/her candidature by any means, or
 - impersonating, or
 - procuring impersonation by any person, or
 - submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tampered with or
 - making statements which are incorrect, or false or suppressing material information, or
 - resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his/her candidature for the selection, or
 - attempting to commit or, as the case may be, abetting the Commission of all or any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses may, in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution.
- shall be liable;
- a) to be disqualified by the Commission from selection for which he/she is a candidate, and/or
- b) to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period:-
 - By the Commission from any selection held by them.
 - By the Union Territory Government from any employment under them, and
 - if he/she is already in service under government, disciplinary action can be taken against him/ her under the appropriate rules

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Vihari & Shreyas Will Have To Wait For Chances: Dravid

Press Trust of India

JOHANNESBURG: Rahul Dravid never believed in “rocking the boat” and is certainly not going to change his template of giving the longest rope possible to Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane even if Hanuma Vihari’s wait for regular chances gets a tad longer.

Vihari, Indian cricket’s ‘Tough Runs Man’ has never had it easy in terms of chances as he has played only one of his 13 Tests at home and it was skipper Virat Kohli’s back spasms and Shreyas Iyer’s stomach bug that opened the door for another chance.

The Hyderabad man did his bit in the second innings with an unbeaten 40 in India’s target of 240 for the Proteas.

“Firstly I must say Vihari played really in both innings. In first innings he got a nasty one and unfortunately for him, it popped up and fielder just got his finger tips to it and really got a good catch, he batted beautifully in the second innings and that gives us confidence you know,” Dravid was effusive in his praise for Vihari.

He also took the opportunity to praise Shreyas Iyer, another strong middle-order contender.

“Shreyas (Iyer) obviously done that two or three Test matches ago and he has obviously done that and they have just got to take heart from the fact that whenever they are getting opportunities, they are doing well and hopefully their time would come.”

But that doesn’t mean that he



will be preferred over and above a Rahane or a Pujara in this set-up with Kohli set to comeback in the next game, Dravid made it pretty clear.

In fact, without naming, he cited examples during his playing days when the middle-order was jam-packed and guys like Kohli, Pujara and Rahane had to wait for a year or two before being Test team regulars.

“If you look at some of our guys now senior players and being sort of considered, senior players, they have also had to wait for their time and also have had to score a lot of runs at the start of their careers.”

Dravid does have a transition and phase-out plan but like everything has its own opportune time, this will also have to wait.

“So it happens (wait) as its nature of the sport,” he said adding, “We can take a lot of heart from the manner Vihari batted in this game and that should give him a lot of confidence and that should give us a lot of confidence.”

India’s First Multi-Dimensional Adventure Sports Expedition Conducted



Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Friday flagged-in India’s first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition conducted by National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) in France. The expedition was conducted in November 2021 and the team was led by Director NIMAS Colonel Sarfaraz Singh, comprising 12 people – eight Army personnel and four youths of Arunachal Pradesh.

Rajnath Singh interacted with some of the members of the team present in New Delhi. He distributed appreciation certificates and commended the team for completing the expedition without any injuries to the members. The team leader presented the ice-axe, marking the flagging-in of the expedition team, with Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and other officials of Ministry of Defence present on the occasion.

The expedition team carried out over 250 kilometres of winter trekking in the Alps Mountain Ranges, which included Tour De Mont Blanc trek involving the French, Swiss and Ital-

ian Alps. The paragliding team conducted 19 jumps/flights on the valley floor of the Alps from different mountain locations. It was followed by 975 kilometres of cycling from Alps Mountain Ranges to English Channel near Dunkirk via France, Switzerland and Belgium. The cycling activity was carried out in extreme cold weather condition where the team cycled on an average of 09-10 hours/day without any logistic vehicle.

The Multi-dimensional Expedition culminated with 12 deep scuba dives in the Mediterranean Sea. The hoisting and unfurling of the Tricolour was carried out by the team during each adventure activity in air, land and underwater. The team leader, having requisite qualification and experience in mountaineering, cycling, paragliding and scuba diving, participated in all the four adventure activities held during the expedition.

The expedition was flagged-off by Raksha Rajya Mantri Ajay Bhatt on October 27, 2021. After the completion of the expedition, Indian Ambassador to France Jawed Ashraf felicitated the team at the Indian Embassy in Paris.

J&K Govt Formulates Rules For 'Outstanding Sportspersons'

Rules stipulate appointment of sportspersons to gazetted, other jobs



Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has issued Jammu and Kashmir Appointment of Outstanding Sportspersons Rules, 2022 through a notification by the General Administration Department.

In a press conference held on Friday, Advisor to LG and Vice Chairperson JK Sports Council, Farooq Khan formally announced the new Rules, which have been framed under the aegis of LG and Chairperson JKSC, Manoj Sinha.

Under the Rules, outstanding sportspersons, holding domicile of J&K, would be eligible to be appointed against gazetted (Level 8) and other non gazetted posts. Detailed grading system has been mentioned in the notification which would help rank sportspersons applying under the quota.

Advisor informed that sportspersons from 44 recognized sports would be considered under the rules. Besides, 5 outstanding sportspersons would be appointed at gazetted posts, while another 25 would be appointed to non-gazetted posts every year, he added. All backlogs under this quota, since 2014, would also be cleared, he clarified.

Moreover, the gazetted officers would be given one ‘out of turn’ promotion, while the non-gazetted officers would be given two ‘out of turn promotions’ throughout their service career.

They are also eligible for 5 special salary increments throughout their career.

It was informed by the Ad-

visor that selection under the rules would be done by a high level committee headed by Chief Secretary and consisting of Home Secretary, Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Secretary GAD and Secretary Sports Council.

Advisor hailed the rules and said that through the rules, a framework has been established in which sports persons with outstanding achievements would be ranked objectively thereby eliminating chance of favouritism or prejudice.

Farooq Khan termed the rules as “incentive, not welfare” and added, “it is our way of acknowledging sports talent and their achievements”.

“Sportspersons would be able to submit applications to the JK Sports Council which would forward the cases to the high level committee. The committee is permanent in nature and would verify and approve the appropriate cases within 3 months period, preferably around the month of March,” informed the Advisor.

Olympics, Winter Olympics as well as Paralympics have been given the greatest weightage under the selection criteria. Such Olympians can score a maximum 60 marks, (including participation and winning medals). Mere one-time participation accounts for 46 marks under the rules. Maximum marks have been set as 100.

Similar marking system has been formulated for other national and international sports events like Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Cups,

World University Games, International Cricket Matches, National Sports Championships, Inter-Zonal Championships, Senior National Championships etc. under the rules.

For gazetted posts, minimum education qualification has been set as Graduation with only exception for Olympics medalists for whom the criteria has been set as class 12 or above.

Advisor said that government is trying to incentivize and promote sports culture in J&K through such measures. ‘A number of sports infrastructure projects have been completed and many others are nearing completion here. Every district has at least one indoor sports stadium for encouraging participation in sports, he added.

The government is establishing state of the art sports stadia all over J&K. The football stadium at Parade Ground Jammu is also about to complete, informed the Advisor.

While answering questions by the media persons, Advisor informed that the government is working to inculcate sports culture at village level and has already ensured that each panchayat has one sports ground and minimum possible equipment. Besides, grant of Rs 25 thousand per panchayat has already been given in this regard, he told. He also assured of setting up an indoor sports facility at Jagti and other sports facilities at Purkhoo and Muthi camps at Jammu.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, was also present in the press conference.

ICC Introduces Changes To T20I Playing Conditions



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The ICC on Friday announced that slow overrate in T20 Internationals will result in a fielder less outside of the 30-yard circle for the remaining overs of the innings, starting this month.

The governing body also introduced an optional drinks interval midway through the innings in bilateral T20 international cricket as part of its updated playing conditions.

The in-match penalties are in addition to the sanctions for slow over rate outlined in Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel.

“The over rate regulations are captured in clause 13.8 of the playing conditions, which stipulate that a fielding side must be in position to bowl the first ball of the final over of the innings by the scheduled or rescheduled time for the end of the innings,” the ICC stated.

“If they are not in such a position, one fewer fielder will be

permitted outside of the 30-yard circle for the remaining overs of the innings.”

The change was recommended by the ICC Cricket Committee, which regularly discusses ways to improve the pace of play in all formats, after considering reports on the effectiveness of a similar regulation that was included in the playing conditions for the Hundred competition conducted by the ECB.

In another change, an optional drinks break of two minutes and thirty seconds may be taken at the mid-point of each innings subject to agreement between Members at the start of each series.

The first men’s match to be played under the new playing conditions will be the one-off tie between the West Indies and Ireland at the Sabina Park in Jamaica on January 16.

The first T20I of the three-match series between South Africa and the West Indies in Centurion on January 18 will be the first women’s match played under the new playing conditions.

Bairstow Century Highlights 'Pink' Day 3 Of 4th Ashes Test



Agencies

SYDNEY: A brave century by Jonny Bairstow and a half-century for Ben Stokes helped England claw its way back to 258-7 after a terrible start to the third day of the fourth Ashes test Friday at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Bairstow scored the tourists’ first century in its seventh innings this series to headline a day where England had slumped to 36-4 by lunch before its middle order counterattacked to help England get back into the match on another rain-affected day at the SCG.

In clear pain after being struck on the thumb by a Pat Cummins delivery and with partners running out, Bairstow began attacking at nearly every ball and brought up a deserved century from 138 balls with 12 boundaries and three sixes moments before stumps by slashing a Cummins delivery for four.

Bairstow celebrated his seventh test century by running halfway towards the England team dressing room with arms aloft, where his teammates had gathered to acknowledge a vital innings in the context of the match which had earlier looked to be slipping away.

At stumps, Bairstow was 103 not out and Jack Leach was on

four, with England trailing Australia by 158 runs.

Earlier, Ben Stokes made a typically swashbuckling 66 of 91 balls, including nine fours and a towering six over cover, as part of a 128-run partnership with Bairstow which steadied England’s innings after its early collapse.

Nathan Lyon eventually ended the 128-run partnership by trapping Stokes lbw with a ball that kept lower than the all-rounder expected.

Jos Buttler became the second duck off the innings chipping to Khawaja at cover off Cummins (2-68) to reduce England to 173-6 and in danger of not allowing the follow-on target of 218.

Before lunch, England’s batting frailties again were exposed by Australia’s pace attack after it resumed at 13 without loss in a rain delayed session.

The inclement weather early Friday didn’t dampen the ‘Pink Test’ fundraising efforts of the McGrath Foundation, chaired by former test paceman Glenn McGrath, which for the past 14 years has been a feature on day three of the Sydney test.

Most of the 28,415 crowd wore pink clothing and one of the stands at the Sydney Cricket Ground was covered in pink bunting to celebrate the charity’s work. (AP)

Winter Olympics-Bound Arif Khan Included In TOPS

Granted Rs 17.46 lakh for training

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: The Sports Ministry’s Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) has approved the inclusion of Alpine Skiing athlete Md Arif Khan in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Core group, until the Winter Olympics, scheduled this February in Beijing, China.

Khan will take part in the Winter Olympics in the Slalom and Giant Slalom events. He has also been approved an amount of Rs 17.46 Lakh under TOPS towards training in Europe and procurement of equipment, ahead of the grand event in China. Khan’s current training base is in Austria, where he is accompanied by his coach and physio.

The MOC approved the European training camp for Khan for a total of 35 days, which started



since his qualification for the Winter Olympics. He won the quota in giant slalom in a competition in Montenegro in December last year.

A month prior, he earned the quota place for the Slalom event. The feat earned Khan the unique distinction of becoming the first Indian to win direct quota spots in two dif-

ferent Winter Olympics events, besides being the first athlete from the country to seal a berth at the Winter Olympic games 2022.

The Gulmarg-based athlete had won two gold medals, in the Slalom and Giant Slalom events, at the 2011 South Asian Winter Games, held in Uttarakhand.

Djokovic, 2 Others Now In Australian Open Visa Drama

Agencies

MELBOURNE: Novak Djokovic isn’t alone in having his visa cancelled after flying in for the Australian Open without the required evidence to support a medical exemption to the country’s strict COVID-19 vaccination rules.

Djokovic was denied entry when he arrived at Melbourne’s airport on Wednesday and was still in an immigration detention hotel on Friday, awaiting a court hearing to challenge his deportation, when the Australian Border Force confirmed that action was taken against two other people.

In an e-mail to The Associated

Press, the border force said following investigations into two other cases of people connected to the Australian Open “one individual has voluntarily departed Australia ... and the visa of a third individual has been cancelled.”

The ABF said one person was taken into immigration detention pending deportation, but declined to give details or make further comment.

The embassy for the Czech Republic in Canberra identified 38-year-old doubles player Renata Voráčová as one of the people involved.

“Renata Voráčová has decided to leave Australia at the earliest

possible time and won’t participate in the tournament in Melbourne,” the Czech embassy said.

Initially, the Victorian state government planned to have a no-vaccine, no-play policy for the season’s first tennis major at Melbourne Park, but that changed late last year when the option of the medical exemption was floated.

Australian Open organizers and the state government agreed to have two independent panels of medical experts assess applications for the exemptions. The names, ages and nationalities were removed from each application for privacy reasons, and the panels took the informa-



tion supplied on face value.

A problem has since emerged: The guidelines for the state-

backed assessments for exemptions for the tournament — where it’s been mandated

that all players, staff, fans and officials must show proof of full vaccination for the coronavirus — and the national requirements for entry to Australia differed.

Australian media has reported this week that the department of health wrote to Tennis Australia last November to outline that people having a coronavirus infection in the previous six months would not be grounds for a medical exemption under the national COVID-19 regulations. That, apparently, was not communicated to all players.

Critics of the medical exemptions have said if there were no loopholes, then there would be no confusion.

Djokovic, who is seeking a men’s record 21st major singles title, has been a vaccine skeptic and has declined to acknowledge if he’s had shots for COVID-19.

His attendance at the Australian Open, where he’s a nine-time champion, had been up in the air for months because of Australia’s strict vaccination requirements.

Djokovic’s social media post on Tuesday that he had received exemption permission and was heading to Melbourne sparked some outrage in Australia, where people have endured months of lockdowns and closed state and international borders during the pandemic.