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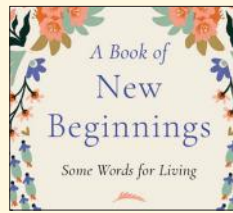
J&K POLICE TO ENSURE 'SMOOTH' POLLS IN PUNJAB

The Jammu and Kashmir Police have been tasked to ensure peaceful and smooth assembly elections in neighboring Punjab state scheduled to be held on February 20.

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THINK

'Each ending is a beginning...And if this is true, then this is where we get another chance. We can be kinder to each other. We can be kinder to the Earth. We can do something about our faults and fears...' Beginnings are all around us, although they are often disguised. The



P11 SPORTS

INDIA TO OPEN T20 WC CAMPAIGN AGAINST PAKISTAN ON OCTOBER 23

In a blockbuster T20 World Cup opener for India, the team was on Friday drawn to clash with arch-rivals Pakistan on October 23 at the iconic MCG as the



Widom Quote!

Where there is ruin, there is hope for a treasure

- Rumi

NEWS DIGEST

Train Crushes Railway Cop To Death

SRINAGAR: A 48-year-old head constable with Government Railway Police (GRP) was killed after being hit by a train near an area between Awantipora and Panzgam railway station on Friday. They said head constable Mohammad Hussain Dar (48) of GRP (Panzgam) **More on P6**

CRPF Man Dies Of Hemorrhage

SRINAGAR: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel on Friday died after suffering brain hemorrhage in this capital city. CRPF Head Constable Vijay Narayan suffered a brain hemorrhage following which he was taken to SMHS Hospital Srinagar, where **More on P6**

31 Kg Narcotics Seized Along LoC

JAMMU: The security forces conducted a joint search operation and recovered 31 kilograms of narcotics along Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Friday, officials said. Based on inputs of likely smuggling of narcotics through **More on P6**

Ladakh Reports 149 Fresh Covid Cases

LEH: Ladakh has reported 149 fresh cases of coronavirus infections, taking the tally to 24,034 while the active cases in the union territory is stated to be 1047, officials said. The union territory has recorded 222 covid-related deaths -- 164 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since **More on P6**

Core Group Terms Social Media A 'Challenge'

DGP, GoC 15 Corps Say Benchmarks Set Post- Art 370 Achieved Successfully



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Terming the use of social media to spread disinformation and propaganda as a challenge, the Core Group, comprising top army commanders, police and civil administration officers said on Friday that efforts at synergy in exposing

fake news, booking of radicals trying to foment unrest and proactive sharing of information by state agencies are being upgraded.

According to a defence ministry spokesperson, the General Officer Commanding (GOC), Chinar Corps, Lt Gen DP Pandey and Director **More on P6**

Govt Blocks 35 Pak-Based YouTube Channels

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The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has ordered the blocking of 35 YouTube channels and two websites which were running anti-India propaganda and spreading fake news "in a coordinated manner". These websites and YouTube channels were being operated from Pakistan, I&B Secretary **More on P6**

HE CALLED FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS along with the civil society to counter the separatist propaganda and break the cycle of violence for long term peace in Kashmir."

Transmission Line Damaged, Kashmir To See More Power Cuts

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited on Friday said that a transmission tower of Samba-Amargarh line has got damaged due to landslides in Thanamandi area of Rajouri, which will result in the additional power curtailments in Kashmir valley for next two weeks.

"Due to landslides at Thanamandi Rajouri, 1 tower of 400 KV Samba-Amargarh Sterlite Transmission Line has

toppled, because of land erosion as a result of which power supply to Kashmir Valley has got partially affected since intervening night of 20th & 21st January, 2022," a KPDC official said.

"We are short of availability of power by 10%, this has resulted in additional curtailments. Restoration works have been taken up in hand by the concerned agency and will take about 10-15 days. Consumers are requested to bear with the corporation **More on P6**

64-Hour Lockdown To Beat Covid-19 Begins



A street vendor packs his merchandise in the deserted City Centre Lal Chowk on Friday noon, as 64-hour lockdown came into force. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

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SRINAGAR: Authorities on Friday afternoon imposed restrictions on the non-essential movement of people across Kashmir as a 64-hour lockdown began in the union territory

in view of an exponential rise in the number of coronavirus cases since the beginning of the new year, officials said.

Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday recorded 5992 fresh cases of coronavirus -- the highest single day spike since

the pandemic began. There are 31,044 active cases in the UT

Police vehicles fitted with public address systems announced the restrictions at several places across the valley in the afternoon after the government **More on P6**

Beds To Be Reserved For Covid +Ve Dialysis Patients

Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK) on Friday directed all Chief Medical Officers (CMO) and Medical Superintendents to dedicate one or two dialysis machines (beds) in district hospitals/sub district hospitals for Covid positive dialysis patients. He also directed them to issue immediate necessary directions to all such registered private dialysis unit holders to dedicate at least one dialysis bed for Covid positive dialysis patients. "In view of **More on P6**

Journalist Mudasir Ali's Death

HC Issues Notice To Govt On Plea Challenging Probe

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday issued notices to the Union Territory administration on a petition challenging an "enquiry report" and seeking a fresh initiation of proceedings against BMO SDH Charar-i-Sharief, the on-duty doctor and paramedic staff for their alleged negligence that led to Journalist Mudasir Ali's death.

The notices were issued to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir through Commissioner /Secretary to Government, Health and Medical Education Department, Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, Deputy Director, Health Services Kashmir and Expert Committee, Through Head, Dr. Abdul Rashid Najjar, Health and Medical Education



Department.

It is pertinent to mention here that Mudasir, who was a senior editor at Greater Kashmir, died almost a year back at Charar-i-Sharif Sub-District hospital after the on-duty doctor and paramedic staff failed to provide him basic life support.

A single bench comprising Justice Mohammad Akram Chaudhary, passed the order on a petition **More on P6**

BSF Deploys More Troops, Equipment Along IB In J&K

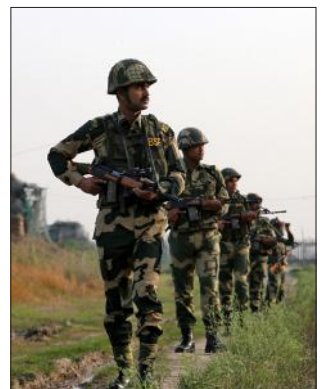
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JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) has deployed additional troops along with anti-fog surveillance equipment on the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir as part of its "winter strategy" to foil infiltration bids and militant plans ahead of Republic Day celebrations, officials said on Friday.

BSF troops guarding the 200-km International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir have been put on alert to ensure high-degree of security against infiltrating militants.

"We have mobilised troops along the border. Extra troops have been deployed along with surveillance equipment along IB in view of the foggy weather and Republic Day celebrations," a senior officer told PTI.

He said that operations and night domination exercises have increased along the border which witnesses dense fog



during winters.

Officials pointed to terrorists using fog as a cover to infiltrate and said the winter strategy that has been put in place includes the measures to deal with security setup during the foggy season.

Troops have plugged all the gaps in riverine areas of Ujh, Bamsantar and Chenab, they said.

The steps to beef up the security along the **More on P6**

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HM To Release Good Governance Index For J&K Today

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NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will release the District Good Governance Index for 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, the first of its kind index for a union territory.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir will also address the event to be organised jointly by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development in association with the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad.

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions said in a statement that Union Home Minister Shah will release the District Good Governance Index for 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday.

The District Good Governance



Index of Jammu and Kashmir was prepared by DARPG in collaboration with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir in pursuance of the announcements made in the Behtar e-Hukumat Kashmir Aelamia resolution adopted on July 2, 2021 in the Regional Conference on Replication of Good Governance Practices in Srinagar, it said.

The exercise on formulation of District Good Governance Index was set in motion in July, 2021 which has now been completed, and Jammu **More on P6**

CAG Picks Holes In 5 Dev Projects In J&K Under PMDP

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, in its latest audit report, has picked up some serious gaps and loopholes in five Development projects for the erstwhile state of J&K, that may have thwarted the infrastructural development of J&K.

In its report on implementation of the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), the CAG has said that the Development projects include sectors relating to Tourism, Agriculture, Horticulture, Urban Development along with the funding for Externally Aided Projects.

Notably, there are 13 projects for J&K with a total project outlay of 5,521 crore in this sector and out of these



13 projects, five projects that have an outlay of 2,285 crore were selected by CAG for test check in Audit report.

As per CAG, against the total project cost of 2,285 crore for the five selected projects, an amount of 1,470.06 crore was released and an expenditure of 1,309.51 crore had been incurred with an unutilised

balance of 160.55 crore (11 per cent) as of 31 March 2019.

"During the period from 2015-2016 to 2018-2019, funds ranging between 13.76 crore and 194.63 crore had remained unutilised with the Mission Director of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)." The

CAG report reads. "Further, project funds ranging between 25.48 crore to 54.73 crore were lying unutilised with six designated offices of Mission cities/ implementing agencies at the close of each year during the period from 2015-2016 to 2018-2019 resulting in blockage of funds. Against the availability of 181.86 crore during the year 2019-20, an amount of 141.73 crore was released by the Mission Director, leaving a balance of 40.13 crore unutilised as of 31 March 2020."

The CAG report has also revealed that the designated offices of the Mission cities of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Director ULB Kashmir and Chief Executive Officer **More on P6**

Slight Respite In Cold Conditions

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SRINAGAR: Gulmarg and Pahalgam tourist resorts were the only places in Kashmir to record sub-zero minimum temperature as the mercury improved in most parts of the valley, even as the weatherman has forecast widespread moderate rain/snow in the UT over two days from Saturday, officials said.

The mercury last night settled several degrees above the normal for this time of the season at most places, the officials said.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of 2.8 degrees Celsius up from 2.2 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said on Friday.

Gulmarg, the famous skiing resort in Baramulla district of north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 7.5 degrees Celsius down from minus 5.0 degrees Celsius the previous night.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded a low of minus **More on P6**

AS OF MARCH 2020 DUE TO NON-ACQUISITION of land, non-finalisation of contracts, delayed process in settlement of issues and incorporation of additional components of works of these projects, has led to non-completion of the project."



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Rapid Testing In Kids To Catching Covid Via Breastmilk: What Studies Say

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The following is a summary of some recent studies on COVID-19. They include research that warrants further study to corroborate the findings and that has yet to be certified by peer review.

Rapid antigen tests may be unreliable in children

When used in children, rapid antigen tests for detecting the coronavirus do not meet accuracy criteria set by the World Health Organization and U.S. and UK device regulators, according to researchers who reviewed 17 studies of the tests.

The trials evaluated six brands of tests in more than 6,300 children and teenagers through May 2021. In all but one study, the tests were administered by trained workers. Overall, compared to PCR tests, the antigen tests failed to detect the virus in 36% of infected children, the researchers reported on Tuesday in BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine. Among children with symptoms, it missed 28% of infections. Among infected kids without symptoms, the tests missed the virus in 44%. Only about 1% of the time did the tests mistakenly diagnose the vi-



rus in a child who was not actually infected.

Given that more than 500 antigen tests are available in Europe alone, the authors said, "the performance of most antigen tests under real-life conditions remains unknown." But the new findings "cast doubt on the effectiveness" of rapid antigen tests for widespread testing in schools, they concluded.

Breastmilk transmission of COVID-19 unlikely

A new study appears to confirm smaller, earlier studies that suggested nursing mothers are unlikely to transmit the coronavirus

in breastmilk. Between March and September 2020, researchers obtained multiple breastmilk samples from 110 lactating women, including 65 with positive COVID-19 tests, 36 with symptoms who had not been tested, and a control group of 9 women with negative COVID-19 tests. Seven women (6%) - six with positive tests and one who had not been tested - had non-infectious genetic material (RNA) from the virus in their breastmilk, but none of the samples had any evidence of active virus, according to a report published on Wednesday in Pe-

diatric Research. Why breastmilk would contain coronavirus RNA but not infectious virus is unclear, said study leader Dr. Paul Krogstad of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. "Breastmilk is known to contain protective factors against infection, including antibodies that reflect both the mother's exposure to viruses and other infectious agents and to vaccines she has received," he noted. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that before breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, or expressing milk, women with COVID-19 should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. The CDC also recommends that they wear a mask when within 6 feet (1.8 meters) of the baby. New technique may speed vaccine, antibody drug development

Researchers are working on a way to speed development of vaccines and monoclonal antibody drugs for COVID-19 and other illnesses, shortening the time from collection of volunteers' blood samples to identification of potentially useful antibodies from months to weeks.

As described in Science Advances on Wednesday, the new technique

employs cryo-electron microscopy, or cryoEM, which involves freezing the biological sample to view it with the least possible distortion. Currently, "generation of monoclonal antibodies involves several steps, is expensive, and typically takes somewhere on the order of two to three months, and at the end of that process you still need to perform structural analysis of the antibodies" to figure out where they attach themselves to their target, and how they actually work, explained Andrew Ward of Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California.

In experiments using the new approach to look for antibodies to HIV, "we flipped the process on its head... by starting with structure," Ward said. Because cryoEM affords such high resolution, instead of having to laboriously sort through antibody-producing immune cells one by one to identify promising antibodies, the process of identifying antibodies, mapping their structure and seeing how they are likely to attack viruses and other targets goes much faster, he added. "The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for such robust and rapid technologies," his team concluded.

Kids Whose Grandparents Are Overweight Are Almost Twice As Likely To Struggle With Obesity

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School holidays can be a special time for extended families to gather. Children may see their grandparents at seasonal gatherings or as part of childcare arrangements to help working parents. New research suggests the biology, environment and the food they share contributes to children's future health.

According to the World Health Organisation, 39 million children under five years are overweight. Some 25% of Australian children and adolescents are overweight or obese.

How parents contribute to their offspring's obesity risk is well established but the link between grandparents and grandchildren has been less clear. Our systematic review of studies involving more than 200,000 people around the world confirms obesity is transmitted across multiple generations of families. We still need to figure out why and how to break this cycle.

Setting up for a lifetime of health issues

Obesity among children and adolescents is associated with developing health problems. These include high blood pressure, cholesterol imbalance, insulin resistance, diabetes mellitus, accelerated growth and maturity, orthopaedic difficulties, psychosocial problems, increased risk of heart disease and premature mortality.

We examined the current global evidence on the association between grandparents who are overweight or obese and the healthy weight status of their grandchildren. We looked at 25 studies that involved 238,771 people from 17 countries. The combined data confirms obesity is transmitted multigenerationally - not just from parent to child but also from grandparent to grandchild.

We found children whose grandparents are obese or overweight are almost twice as likely to be obese or overweight compared to those whose grandparents are "normal" weight.

Nature and nurture?

Further research is needed into how children's obesity status is influenced by their grandparents but there are likely two pathways at work. The influence could be indirect via parents' genes or occur directly through the roles played by grandparents in children's upbringing. Let's start with biological factors. Both egg and sperm cells contain molecules that respond to the nutritional intake of parents. This means traits that are susceptible to high weight gain can be passed on from grandparents to parents and then to their grandchildren. And evidence shows genetics, environmental factors, lifestyle and eating habits all play key roles in predisposing individuals to obesity.

What we eat and feed our family members can lead to the expression of certain genetic traits (a term referred to as epigenetics) which can then be transferred to successive generations. Due to shared familial, genetic, and environmental factors, obesity tends to aggregate within immediate families and studies have consistently reported an intergenerational transmission of obesity from parents to children.

Food intake can also influence health and biology across multiple generations. In Sweden, a study reported adequate food for paternal grandparents at ten years of age reduced heart disease and diabetes and increased longevity among their grandchildren.

Food and family

So, grandparents' weight status and choices about what and how much is eaten in their home could influence their grandchildren's weight directly or via the children's parents. These influences may be greater or less significant depending on the role grandparents play as primary care givers or in shared living arrangements. According to the recent Australia's Seniors' survey, one in every four Australian grandparents provides primary care to their grandchildren.

Grandparents' role as caregivers significantly affects children's healthy eating knowledge, attitude, and behaviours. This might be seen in the meals shared, recipes passed down or special treats for loved ones. Such habits can add to childhood obesity risks, above and beyond genetic factors.

Working on prevention

Our research shows the importance of including grandparents in obesity prevention strategies. In addition to parents, grandparents could be oriented to provide guidance on responsible feeding, recognising hunger and fullness, setting limits, offering healthy foods and using repeated exposure to promote acceptance. They can help encourage regular exercise and discourage coercive feeding practices on their grandchildren.

While our study shows a multigenerational link in the transmission of obesity, most of the available evidence comes from high-income countries - predominantly America and European countries. More studies, especially from low-income countries, would be helpful. Further investigation into the effect of grandparents on grandchildren's obesity across different races and ethnicities is also needed. Grandparents have varied social and cultural roles in the upbringing of their grandchildren around the world. More data could help design effective obesity prevention programs that recognise the vital importance of grandparents.

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CORRIGENDUM-1

Subject:- Request for Qualification (RFQ) for competitive bidding process for development of Small Hydro Power Projects (Phase-VI) in the UT of J&K.
Reference: This office e-NIT No.ST/EDA/RFQ-VI/CN 94756/2357 dated 28.12.21

The following amendments in clause 4.0 of the aforesaid e-NIT are given hereunder:-

Clause	Description	As per RFQ	Amended As
Sub Clause i of clause 4.5.1	Aggregate capital costs/MW	In the last 7 years (starting from 1st Dec, 2014), whose aggregate capital costs must not be less than the amount equivalent to Rs. 3 Crores or equivalent US\$ per MW.	In the last 7 years (starting from 1st Dec, 2014), whose aggregate capital costs must not be less than the amount equivalent to Rs. 2 Crores or equivalent US\$ per MW.
Sub Clause ii of clause 4.5.1	the capital cost of at least one infrastructure project/MW	In the last 7 years (starting from 1st Dec, 2014), the capital cost of at least one infrastructure project should be equivalent or more than Rs. 1 Crore or equivalent US\$ per MW	In the last 7 years (starting from 1st Dec, 2014), the capital cost of at least one infrastructure project should be equivalent or more than Rs. 0.50 Crore or equivalent US\$ per MW
Nil	Eligibility of the bidder for Successfully commissioned power projects under IPP mode which are pumping energy to the system.	Nil	In the last 7 years (starting from 1st Dec, 2014), for each MW of commissioned capacity under IPP mode, the bidder shall be eligible for 5MW capacity.
Sub Clause ii of clause 4.5.2	Average Annual Turnover	Average Annual Turnover for each MW of capacity: Rs. 3.0 Crores or equivalent US\$ derived for the last three (03) years (2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21) from the audited annual accounts.	Average Annual Turnover for each MW of capacity: Rs. 2.0 Crores or equivalent US\$ derived from best of the three years during the last seven years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21). However the prospective bidders who have successfully commissioned Power Projects under IPP mode shall be exempted for Average Annual Turnover.

The dates of above referred NIT are extended as mentioned below:-

1.	Period of availability of bid document online	28.12.2021 to 06.02.2022
2.	Last date and time of submission of e-bids	06.02.2022 upto 15:00 hrs
3.	Last date and time of submission of hard copies of bids	07.02.2022 upto 15:00 hrs
4.	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bids (online)	08.02.2022 upto 12:00 hrs

The salient features & other clarifications with regard the advertised projects shall be uploaded on Official website of JAKEDA (www.jakeda.jk.gov.in).

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the original e-NIT referred to above.

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Government of Jammu And Kashmir

Office of the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Kupwara

Expression of interest from registered dairy cow suppliers for Participating in Livestock Mandi/Mela to be held on 5th February 2022

Department of Animal Husbandry Kupwara is going to establish single cow dairy units (a total of 19 units) under Shayama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) on subsidized rates (maximum subsidy ceiling of Rs 0.20 lacs) in the villages of Rurban Cluster Khumriyal. In this context the department is going to organize buyer-seller livestock Mandi/ Mela in village Khumriyal on 5th Feb 2022. The arrangement of livestock Mandi cum Mela is envisaged to have an open choice for the beneficiaries for selecting a good quality animal at a reasonable price under the Technical guidance of the departmental experts and the Procurement Committee.

Accordingly applications as per the format given are hereby invited from the registered cattle dealers, preferably from district Kupwara for expression of their interest for participating in the said Mela.

Terms & Conditions

> Registered Cattle dealers shall have to bring their livestock at the designated venue on 5th Feb 2022.
> The livestock (cows should be in good condition of health and productivity and free from any disease/vices. Technical parameters required are:

1. Breed	Cross bred jersey / HF cows
2. Milk Yield/capacity	Minimum 10 litres per day
3. Lactation	1st and 2nd
4. Status	Milking with or without pregnancy

> All the animals made available for the sale should be pre-tagged and should be sourced/procured from outside district or outside UT of J & K.

> The procurement committee for the purposes shall be free to disqualify any animal if that does not qualify the above technical parameters.

> The milking cows supplied shall be subjected to a trial of 10 days for certifying the milk production capacity of cow and in case the cow fails to yield the desired quantity of milk, the supplier shall have to replace the animal within one week.

> The participating suppliers shall in no way force, pressurize or influence by any means the designated procurement committee for accepting or rejecting any animal from any supplier(s); doing or trying to do so shall disqualify the supplier for the whole exercise.

> Demand Draft of Rs 5000/= (Rupees Five Thousand Only) favoring Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Kupwara is to be submitted under A/C No: 0748040510000004 in j & K Bank B/U Regipora Kupwara along with application as security/caution money, that shall be adjusted/refunded after final outcome of the process. However, if any supplier fails to participate in the Mandi despite applying for it, he/she shall forfeit the claim on the deposited Demand Draft.

> Last date for receiving duly filled application forms in the office of the undersigned shall be 25 Jan 2022

(Dr. Shabir Ahmad Teli)
DIPK-17003/21 Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Kupwara
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Application Form For Participation as Supplier in Livestock Mandi/Mela for Establishment of Single Cow Dairy Units under Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)

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AAC Pays Tributes To Gaw Kadal Victims

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Awami Action Committee (AAC) Friday paid tributes to the victims of Gawkadal on their 32nd anniversary and said that despite the passage of more than three decades, the families of the martyrs are still awaiting justice.

AAC in a statement issued said that there are dozens of such incidents where innocent people were killed in broad daylight.

"The governments announced so-called "enquiry commissions" but to this day justice is still awaited in all these cases," the statement said.

Meanwhile, AAC expressed deep sorrow and grief over the death of a woman and the damage to the half a dozen residential houses in a horrific fire incident in Aali Kadal, a densely populated area of Shahar-e-Khaas Srinagar.

Expressing condolences and sympathy to the family of the deceased and the families of the fire victims, the AAC said that immediate relief and rehabilitation of the victims during the Chalai Kalan and severe cold is an Islamic and humanitarian duty and in this regard, welfare and relief agencies and organisations should come and help the victims.

Expressing sympathy and solidarity with the victims, the AAC, especially its incarcerated Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, has urged the workers of Darul Khair Mirwaiz Manzil to immediately visit the area and ensure all possible assistance to the families affected by the fire.



The government forces stepped up vigil and carried out random search operations in many parts of the Srinagar city amid a spurt in militant attacks just a week ahead of January 26 celebrations.: Pic Abid Bhat

Continuous Closure Of Jamia Masjid Painful: Anjuman Auqaf

Observer News Service

Srinagar: State authorities today, once again for the 25th consecutive Friday, did not allow Muslims to perform mandatory Friday prayers at Jama Masjid Srinagar, the largest place of worship in Kashmir and the great centre of da'wah and preaching, Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid

Srinagar said.

"By doing so, the administration continues to hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims and denying them their fundamental right to practice religion which is reprehensible," Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar said in a statement issued.

Anjuman Auqaf said that keeping the historic Jama

Masjid continuously closed seems to be done intentionally as part of an agenda. The statement said that the Anjuman-e-Auqaf had taken all SOPs and precautionary measures in view of the growing Pandemic yet prayers were disallowed.

The Anjuman also termed it extremely painful and distressing that its head

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who is also the topmost religious leader of the people, has been kept under constant surveillance and house arrest since August 5, 2019 incapacitating him from reaching out to people.

Anjuman once again asked the authorities to open Jama Masjid for Friday prayers and ensure the re-

Admin Provides Immediate Relief To Aali Kadal Fire Victims

DC sanctions Ex-gratia relief of Rs.4 lakh in favour of the deceased

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Srinagar, Dr Syed Hanief Balkhi Friday visited Aali Kadal area near Rahbab Sahab Shrine in Shahar-e-Khaas to take first hand appraisal and on the spot assessment of the damages caused due to devastating fire incident.

The ADC accompanied by Tehsildar South and other concerned Officers met the fire victims whose residential houses got completely damaged in a massive fire incident on January 20, besides a 56-year-old woman lost her life in the unfortunate incident.

On the occasion, the ADC met the fire victims who have been provided temporary shelter in a nearby Community Facilitation Center.

While interacting

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with the fire sufferers, the ADC expressed sympathies with them on behalf of the District Administration Srinagar. He also expressed condolence to the bereaved family who lost their family member in the unfortunate fire incident. He also assured that every kind of possible support shall be provided from the District Administration for their immediate rehabilitation.

The ADC was informed that several residential houses comprising 11 families were gutted in the devastated fire incident, besides 4 persons got

severe injuries.

On the occasion, the ADC handed over Ex-gratia relief of Rs 4 lakh to the next of kins of the deceased women under SDRF.

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Further structure wise financial assistance under SDRF is also being given to the affected families separately under the District Red Cross fund.

Meanwhile, the District Administration has appealed to the General public to follow all precautionary measures while handling electric/electronic gadgets, LPG cylinders and other appliances being used for heating and cooking purposes to avoid such incidents.

Farooq expresses anguish over death of Woman in fire incident

Observer News Service

Srinagar : The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President and Member of Parliament from Srinagar Dr Farooq Abdullah has expressed deep anguish over death of a woman and injuries to several others in a massive incident of conflagration at Rahbab Sahib locality of Aali Kadal in Shahar-e-Khas, Srinagar.

Sharing in grief of the bereaved family, Dr Farooq prayed for peace to the departed in the highest echelons of the Jannat. He has also urged the administration to reach out to the fire

affected families with timely relief and compensation.

Meantime Party Senior Leader and Former Speaker Mubarak Gul has also expressed profound anguish over the unfortunate fire incident, which besides resulting in death of a woman and injuring several others also incurred heavy material losses to scores of families.

"I am deeply pained to hear about the fatality and injuries to several others in the unfortunate ablaze in the Rahbab Sahib locality of Aali Kadal area in Shahar-e-Khas. Several people have sustained injuries in the incident in which three houses have been completely dam-

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE, KASHMIR

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Publication of provisional ranking of applications/ projects received on investjk.in portal for allotment of land in different Industrial Estates of Kashmir Division.

The tentative provisional ranking and revised tentative provisional ranking list in respect of 14 notified industrial estates of Kashmir Division was published/ issued by this office on 24.11.2021 and 13.12.2021 respectively for applications/ projects appraised by the Divisional Level Appraisal Committee from time to time till above mentioned dates.

Subsequently, the remaining applications/ projects in these estates and other 09 notified estates were appraised and now the common provisional ranking list has been prepared in respect of applications/ projects received on investjk.in portal till 20.10.2021 for 23 notified industrial estates (including earlier 14 estates) of Kashmir Division and is available on the official web sites of Industries and Commerce Department, J&K, Directorate of Industries and Commerce Kashmir and on the investjk.in portal for information of the general public and applicants.

Accordingly, the applicants are advised to visit the above mentioned websites to check the merit/score along with other details/ credentials. Anybody having any objection in this regard shall convey the same to the office of the concerned General Manager of District Industries Centre within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of the said period no objection/ claim shall be entertained.

**Sd
Director
Industries and Commerce Kashmir**

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Dated: 18.01.2022

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This Day In History

- 871 - Battle of Basing: Danish invasion army beats Saxon Ethelred of Wessex
- 1528 - England & France declare war on Emperor Charles V
- 1760 - Battle at Wandewash India: British troops beat French
- 1771 - Spain cedes Falkland Islands to Britain
- 1879 - Battle of Rorke's Drift: British garrison of 150 holds off 3,000-4,000 Zulu warriors. Eleven Victoria Crosses and a number of other decorations were awarded to the defenders.
- 1925 - Albania Republic proclaimed under President Achmed Zogu
- 1931 - Sir Isaac Isaacs is sworn in as the first Australian-born Governor-General of Australia
- 1946 - US President Harry Truman sets up the Central Intelligence Agency
- 1957 - Israeli forces withdraw from Sinai Peninsula
- 1965 - US launches TIROS 9 weather satellite
- 1968 - Apollo Lunar Module is launched to Moon; unmanned lunar module tests made
- 1969 - Orbiting Solar Observatory 5 launched into earth orbit
- 1973 - US, North & South Vietnam & Vietcong sign boundary accord
- 1975 - Landsat 2, an Earth Resources Technology Satellite, launched
- 1990 - President Mikhail Gorbachev sends Red Troops into the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan
- 1991 - Kuwaiti oil facilities are destroyed by Iraqi forces
- 1992 - Space Shuttle STS-42 (Discovery 15) launches into space
- 1997 - Space shuttle Atlantis successfully returns to Earth
- 1998 - STS 89 (Endeavour 12) launches into orbit
- 2003 - Last successful contact with NASA spacecraft Pioneer 10, one of the most distant man-made objects.
- 2002 - Kmart Corp becomes the largest retailer in United States history to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection
- 2006 - Evo Morales is inaugurated as President of Bolivia, becoming the country's first indigenous president
- 2013 - A series of Baghdad car bombings kill 17 people
- 2013 - The Bank of Japan doubles its inflation target to 2% and announces open-ended asset purchases for 2014 in the hope of ending deflation
- 2014 - Water vapour is detected on the dwarf planet Ceres
- 2017 - Chile declares a State of Emergency and requests international assistance as wildfires rage out of control
- 2017 - Jared Kushner is sworn in as Senior Advisor to US President, Donald Trump
- 2018 - US government ends three-day shutdown after an agreement in Congress to extend funding
- 2018 - Netflix becomes the largest digital media and entertainment company in the world worth \$100 billion

From KO Archives

Mufti says Farooq playing a dangerous game

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR - By his provocative statements the chief minister Farooq Abdullah is trying to sabotage the ongoing unilateral ceasefire and proposed talks for peace and normalcy in the state says Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mufti Mohammed Sayed. Mufti Saved has termed the contradictory statements of chief minister as mischievous and dangerous. On the one hand these are aimed at provoking the militant organisations to step up their activities and on the other hand to mislead the central government on sensitive issues like extension of unilateral ceasefire and proposed talks, the statement said. PDP chief has further stated that Farooq Abdullah by advising Government of India to wage a war against Pakistanis not only trying to exploit the hardliners in the state but is also playing a dangerous game of exploiting the sentiments of fundamentalists, present in both India and Pakistan.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 22 January, 2001)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The District Nodal Officer (Ayush) Shopian

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Public Notice

Subject:-Registration of the Ayush Clinical Establishments in District Shopian

The Government of UT of Jammu & Kashmir has ordered to get all the Ayush Clinics and other related establishment Registered under the Registration and Regulation Act 2010 and in this connection all concerned are here by informed to approach the office of undersigned for Registration of their Ayush clinical Establishments up to 30th of January 2022 failing which the illegal run of these establishments will not be allowed and action as warranted under Rules will be initiated against the defaulters.

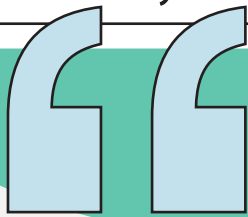
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District Nodal Officer Ayush Shopian
(Convener District Registration Authority Shopian)

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The author is Head of Executive Strategy and Communications at Oxfam. The article was originally published by Al Jazeera



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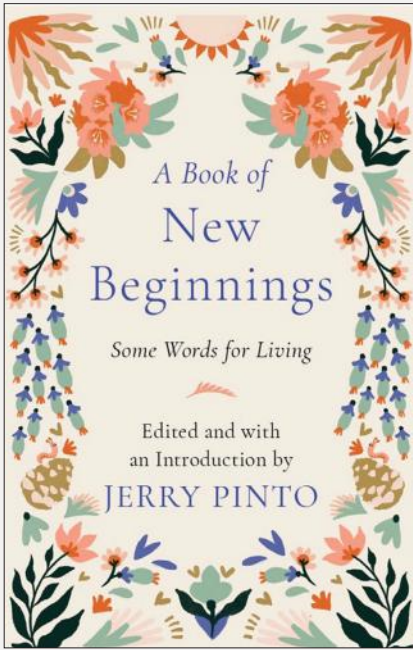
JANUARY TBR

Here's A List Of Some New Releases By Speaking Tiger That You Can Add To Your TBR. Complete Your New Year Reading Goals By Starting With One Of These

Speaking Tiger

A BOOK OF NEW BEGINNINGS

Edited and with an Introduction
by Jerry Pinto



Each ending is a beginning...And if this is true, then this is where we get another chance. We can be kinder to each other. We can be kinder to the Earth. We can do something about our faults and fears...

Beginnings are all around us, although they are often disguised. The turning of the soil, the blossoming of the buds, a new friendship, a new day with an old familiar – these are all signs that life carries on, and that it may be good despite setbacks. In a world changed and darkened by the pandemic, A Book of New Beginnings reminds us of this eternal truth. This shining anthology is a treasure of meditations, consolations and inspirations from a range of voices through history: Rabi'ah, Rumi, Tukaram, Emily Dickinson, Tagore, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Muktabai, Martin Luther King, the Dalai Lama, Alice Munro, Shailendra and unsung, everyday people with an extraordinary gift for hope, compassion, courage and perseverance.

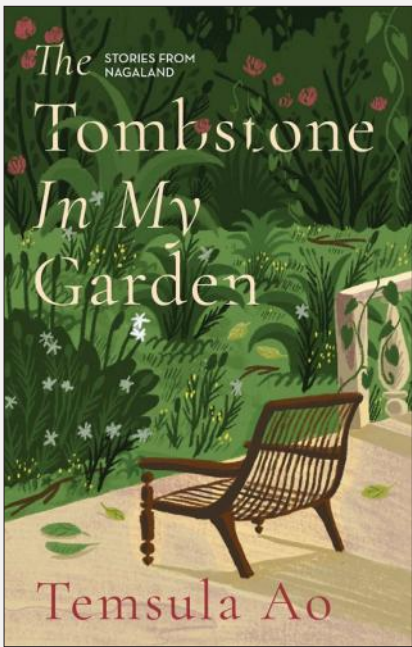
Edited and introduced by one of India's finest and most admired writers, and beautifully designed and produced, this is a timeless book to possess and to gift.

THE TOMBSTONE IN MY GARDEN: STORIES FROM NAGALAND

by Tamsula Ao

In this collection of five spare and poignant stories from Nagaland, Tamsula Ao holds up a mirror to the lives of everyday people beyond the headlines.

A 'Bihari' coolie at the Dimapur railway station has been hiding a dark secret about his adopted son; a grave threat to both their lives. As her grandson is exiled from the village, a grandmother finally breaks the silence over her mutilated funeral supeti. A rare lily refuses to bloom year after year because she was moved from her usual position in the flowerbed into an ornate pot. Big Father, a uniquely

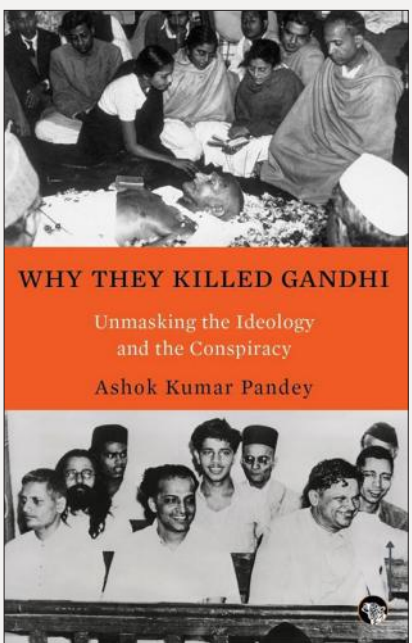


misshapen grandfather tree, becomes the guardian and protector of an entire village. The matriarch Lily Anne, subjected to racial slurs by her own mother on account of her mixed parentage, resumes her position on the ancient reclining chair in her verandah to stare at the eyesore in her overgrown garden.

The Tombstone in My Garden – with its pared-down prose and gripping, original stories – reflects Padma Shri award-winner Tamsula Ao's deep understanding not just of the human condition, but that of all life.

WHY THEY KILLED GANDHI: UNMASKING THE IDEOLOGY AND THE CONSPIRACY

by Ashok Kumar Pandey



Three bullets were shot into the chest of Mahatma Gandhi by a certain Nathuram Godse on the evening of 30 January 1948. His true motivations, however, are today actively obscured, and his admirers sit in the Indian parliament as members of the ruling establishment. This book is a timely effort to remind us that Gandhi's killing was not a random act of a mindless killer. It was the culmination of a cold-blooded conspiracy.

The men who stood trial for the murder of Gandhi claimed that they were acting

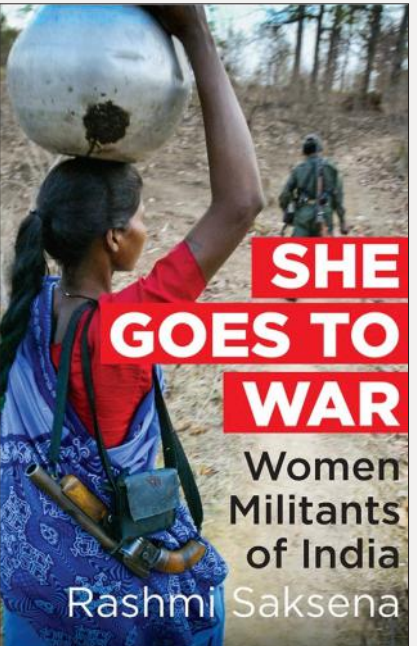
AN ENGAGING STORY SET AROUND THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN, cooking and the diverse food of India. The book takes one across a journey through ten states of India – West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Nagaland, Punjab, Kerala, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra – and provides insights into their diverse cultures and histories.

for a stronger, more united, India. Their 78-year-old peace-loving target, they felt, was the single biggest impediment to achieving that goal. They accused him of dishonesty and treachery; he was blamed for the Partition of India, for 'appeasing' Muslims; and condemned for 'fail[ing] in his duty' to the people of this nation. To them, Gandhi had to die because 'there was no legal machinery by which such an offender could be brought to book'. Do any of the accusations have any claim to truth whatsoever? If not, what, then, was the actual intention that these arguments made by Godse were attempting to hide? And was V.D. Savarkar, among others, involved in the conspiracy?

Ashok Kumar Pandey's Why They Killed Gandhi, translated from the celebrated Hindi original, lays bare the facts of the murder, and offers a passionate defence of the Mahatma and his politics, while simultaneously delivering a trenchant polemic against the ideology of bigotry and perpetual violence that killed him.

SHE GOES TO WAR: WOMEN MILITANTS OF INDIA

by Rashmi Saksena



Purnima, a faith healer in Imphal, Manipur, and Ribini, a nurse in a hospital in Assam. Unlikely occupations for women who once lived life on the run: the former as the fearless Nalini, a member of the rebel Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), a crack shot much in demand as an assassin and extortionist, and the latter as Lance Corporal Raisumai of the Bodo Security Force (BdSF), a banned militant separatist organization in the northeast.

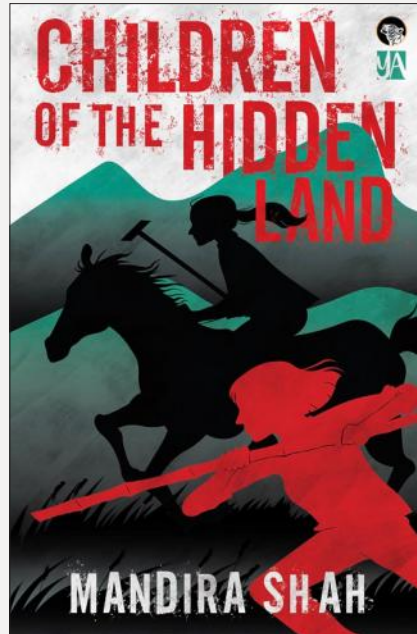
In faraway Kashmir, Khalida was just another schoolgirl till 21 January 2007, the day she was found with a bullet through her head – gunned down by the Baramulla police who believed she was going to meet her comrades in the dreaded militant organization, the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). Or by the militants, who sus-

pected her of double-crossing them? No one will ever know who killed Khalida, but hers is a fate often met by the women of this embattled state.

Since the time that LTTE operative Dhanu, the first known human bomb in India, assassinated former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in a suicide bombing in 1991, women have been crucial operators in insurgencies in Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Chhattisgarh and Kashmir. Given the same rigorous training as their male comrades, they carry AK-47s, rob banks, ambush security forces and play the game of subterfuge with amazing elan. Through the stories of Purnima, Khalida, Ribini and others profiled in this book, Rashmi Saksena attempts to get under their skin and fathom what goes into the making of a woman militant. What motivates them to abandon the traditional playbook for girls and embrace the uncertain life of an insurgent, and, equally, how easy is it for them to return to the 'normal' world, when age, or the desire for marriage and motherhood, makes them want to give it all up?

CHILDREN OF THE HIDDEN LAND

by Mandira Shah



Fifteen-year-old April lives in Imphal valley and has grown up learning to save herself from tear-gas shells and hearing stories about children disappearing. But when her best friend Henthobai goes missing, she is determined to find him. April finds an unlikely ally in Shalini Gupta, her new schoolmate and the daughter of an army man recently posted in Imphal. With no real leads except for a bag with some of Henthobai's belongings and sharp deduction and combat skills, the two set out to find him.

As they get sucked into the investigation, they stumble upon a dangerous, unknown world – where children disappear and are trafficked and trained to be soldiers. A world where drugs, arms and

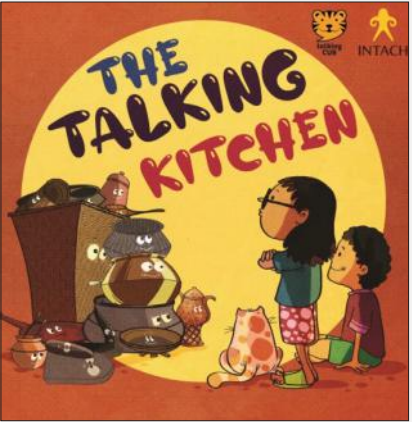
gold are peddled across borders.

Was Henthobai abducted because he knew too much about this world? What awaits Shalini and April at the floating island on Loktak Lake where Henthobai was last seen?

Unflinching, tender and action-packed, Children of the Hidden Land is a story about two girls who overcome their prejudices to question their existing ideas about nation, friendship and ambition. Above all, it is a story of hope and courage.

THE TALKING KITCHEN

By Intach



ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY'S Why They Killed Gandhi,

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An engaging story set around the COVID-19 lockdown, cooking and the diverse food of India. The book takes one across a journey through ten states of India – West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Nagaland, Punjab, Kerala, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra – and provides insights into their diverse cultures and histories.

A great learning tool, The Talking Kitchen will be helpful in teaching the child about cooking equipment and some heritage dishes. The detailed, one-of-a-kind illustrations of the book will work on the child's imagination and creativity. The book can lead to hours of fun and engagement as children can write down the recipes of their favourite traditional dish and also try their hand at drawing utensils that they are familiar with.

OBITUARY

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Pt. Ravi Shankar once saw a Birju Maharaj performing and is supposed to have said, "you are the puppet of the Rhythm". That Puppet of kathak is no more. Legendary artist Pandit Birju Maharaj passed away on Sunday night after suffering a heart attack. At the age of 83 he was equally proficient in Dance, tabla and vocal music, commanding a career that spanned from Bollywood to high culture Avant-garde performances. He shaped and made popular his art form and eventually came to be known synonymous with kathak. In the practicing of his form one could see

a refined balance between graceful movements of eyes most of all and majestic accompaniment with tabla, all the while being unassuming and easy to go. As a guru he would go into painstaking detail while teaching and emphasized that each nazar (look), each movement should express something. He placed a lot of emphasis on finesse and the ability to dance at a slow tempo with grace. One could very well look him perform and in the graceful movement and kaleidoscopic adjustment of anatomy witness the bringing together of tradition which insisted upon subtle forms and intricate actions, followed by tabla the performance embodied the majesty of craftsmanship that was a result of centuries of

That Puppet Of Kathak

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tradition, artistry and patronage.

Birju Maharaj was not an orthodox traditionalist when it came to choosing the themes of his performances. He expanded the creative possibility of Kathak, incorporating into the traditional form possibilities to depict and familiarize everyday life. These range from the flight of birds into a

garden, the laborious movement of bureaucratic files, public demonstrations and even math sums. These attempts brought kathak closer to everyday movements effectively demystifying it for the uninitiated audience. All the while offering imaginative possibilities to the informed and practicing ones. The great master who passed away

thus should not be just remembered for his artistic talents but also for the great influence he made on larger popular imagination, throughout his long career performing and innovating making possible the growth of his art, teaching and nurturing new talent as a guru, a task he did till his dying day. Also, for giving great performances in Bollywood, from choreographing Madhubala in memorable performance in Mughal-e-azam to recent performance by Deepika Padukone in Bajirao Mastani. He elaborated the ambit of a dance form as traditional as kathak providing it new space in popular imagination all the while maintaining a deep connect with traditional aesthetics.

NHA Denies Any Covid-19 Related Data Leak

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NEW DELHI: The National Health Authority (NHA) has denied any Covid-related data leak from Co-WIN portal on the prima facie basis, saying the platform neither collects the address of people nor RT-PCR test results for vaccination, a top official said on Friday.

Cyber criminals on the dark web had posted personal data of thousands of people, claiming they were from India.

"While we will enquire into the substance of the news, prima facie the assertion is not correct. The reason is that Co-WIN collects neither the address of the person nor the RT-PCR test results for vaccination. Further, we would like to assert that no data has leaked from Co-WIN portal and the entire data of residents is safe and secure on our platform," National Health Authority CEO R S Sharma said in a statement.

The alleged leaked data has been put on sale on Raid Forums website where a cyber criminal claims to have personal data of over 20,000 people.

Cyber Security researcher Rajshekhar Rajaharia also tweeted that personally identifiable information (PII) including

name and Covid-19 results are made public through a content delivery network (CDN).

He said that Google has indexed lakhs of data from the affected system. "PII including Name, MOB, PAN, Address etc of #Covid19 #RTPCR results & #Covin data getting public through a Govt CDN. #Google indexed almost 9 Lac public/private #GovtDocuments in search engines. Patient's data is now listed on #DarkWeb. Need fast deindex," Rajaharia said in his tweet.

The government has heavily relied on digital technologies in terms of controlling and creating awareness about the Covid-19 pandemic as also its vaccination programme. Several government departments mandate people to use the Aarogya Setu app for Covid-19 related services and information.

Rajaharia in a follow-up tweet on January 20 said that he is not reporting any vulnerability in this incident but cautioning people to remain alert from fraud calls, offers related to Covid-19, etc that they may get as their data is being sold in the dark web.

Data sold in the dark web is often exploited by cyber criminals and fraudsters for various kind of frauds.

Ex-IPS officer A A Khan, who founded Mumbai ATS, dead

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Retired IPS officer Aftab Ahmed Khan, credited with establishing the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) in the Mumbai police three decades ago - the first such elite force in the country - died here on Friday, a police official said.

The celebrated police officer was also involved in numerous operations against gangsters in Mumbai and terrorists during his decades-long career.

He was 81 and is survived with wife, two sons and a daughter.

Khan was infected with COVID-19 a few days ago and admitted to a private hospital in suburban Andheri from where he was later discharged, the official said.

However, this afternoon, he was again rushed to the hospital, where he was declared dead before admission, he said.

Khan, a 1963-batch IPS officer, had resigned from the Maharashtra police in 1995 when he was serving as an Inspector General of Police, he said.

The veteran officer was known as the founder of the ATS, which was the first such counter-terrorism organization in the country at that time, the official said.

The anti-terror agency was set up in the Mumbai police in 1990 on inspiration of the Special Weapons & Tactics

(SWAT) of the Los Angeles Police Department. "Khan saab was a dashing officer who always led from the front," Iqbal Shaikh, a retired ACP who worked with him in various operations, told PTL.

During his decorated career, he never came under any kind of pressure and was always straight forward in his conduct, Shaikh said. A team led by Khan went to Baroda (now Vadodara) in Gujarat on January 24,1991, where 'Operation Baroda' took place for two days and the chief of Khalistan Commando Force, Baldeo Singh Saini, and four other terrorists were killed, he said. "In 1992, five terrorists were killed by our team at Khindipada in suburban Mulund," recalled the retired ACP.

Dreaded terrorist Manjitsingh alias Lalsingh was arrested in 1992 by Khan's team at Dadar Railway Station in Central Mumbai, when he arrived by a train from Amritsar, Shaikh said.

Lalsingh was allegedly involved in the 1985 Air India Kanishka flight bombing, he said. Lalsingh was also involved in firing on then-Haryana Chief Minister Bhajan Lal during his visit to Canada, the former ACP said. Khan headed the Mumbai police team, which killed dreaded criminals Mayla Dolas and Dilip Buwa during a shootout at Swati Building in Lokhandwala Complex, Shaikh said.

Netaji's grand statue to be installed at India Gate: PM Modi

NEW DELHI: Ahead of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's 125th birth anniversary, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Friday that a grand statue of the iconic freedom fighter will be installed at India Gate as a symbol of India's "indebtedness" to him.

Till the statue, made of granite, is completed, a hologram statue of his would be present at the same place, he said, adding that he will unveil the hologram statue on January 23, the birth anniversary of the Azad Hind Fauj founder.

"At a time when the entire nation is marking the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, I am glad to share that his grand statue, made of granite, will be installed at India Gate. This would be a symbol of India's indebtedness to him," Modi tweeted.

Most of the opposition parties, including the TMC, welcomed the decision, but the Mamata Banerjee-headed party also alleged that the

announcement was aimed at countering criticism after the rejection of West Bengal's tableau themed on the nationalist leader for the Republic Day parade snowballed into a major row.

In a statement later, the PMO said the installation of Bose's statue will be part of the year-long celebrations to mark his 125th birth anniversary.

Asserting that the installation of the statue will be a case of India "reclaiming" its history, official sources said the dimension of the hologram statue will be 28 feet long and six feet wide.

The granite statue will be installed under a canopy, which used to have a statue of King George V that was removed in 1968, they added.

The announcement came on a day the opposition parties criticised the government for the decision to put out the flame at Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate here and merge it with the immortal flame at the National War Memorial.

CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

Core Group

General Police, Dilbag Singh, co-chaired a meeting of the Core Group at Badami Bagh Cantonment here on Friday to review the security situation in Kashmir.

Reviewing the intelligence inputs and security parameters of 2021, the Core Group, he said, asserted that reduction in infiltration, reduced militant incidents and recruitment, increased operations based on HUMINT, reduced collateral damage, no civil casualties in law and order situation, reduced SF casualties, increased arrest of militants and booking of OGWs last year point to effective conduct of joint operations and activities by intelligence and security agencies.

"There has been increased neutralization of Pakistani terrorists in last few weeks. The effort of the frontline soldiers and operatives of all agencies were acknowledged by all present," he said.

The Core Group, the defence spokesperson said, discussed fresh strategies of the militant organizations and their handlers including use of Hybrid militant and targeting of soft targets.

"15 terrorists killed in 2021 were fresh names not on the security forces radar. The setting up of SIA and the increased booking by NIA is showing impact of focused intelligence and investigation efforts," he said.

He further added that these efforts have been effective in targeting drug, hawala and the OGWs networks.

The defence spokesperson also said that legal action on those willfully harbouring militant is being increased as the harbourers have direct involvement in militant activities.

According to the defence spokesperson, the officials in the meeting stated that the ceasefire has improved the security situation along the border, however, intelligence inputs of "terrorist launch pads and terrorist training activities" in Pakistan indicate the need to be alert along the Line of Control.

"On the Line of Control, late snow has kept the infiltration routes open for longer time, however effective domination has ensured decrease in overall infiltration including those from South of Pir Panjal. The vigil on the Line of Control against infiltration of men, drugs and weapons is continuing," he said.

Sharing the challenge of propaganda of the nexus through internet and social media, the officials, as per the defence spokesperson said that sadly these efforts include propaganda to legitimize killing of Kashmiri civilians by the militants.

"The use of social media to spread disinformation is widespread and needs to be countered proactively by a joint effort. Efforts at synergy in exposing fake news, booking of radicals trying to foment unrest and proactive sharing of information by state agencies are being upgraded," he said.

According to the defence spokesperson, the DGP and the Corps Commander commended the officials present on improved security indicators and appreciated that post the abrogation of Article 370, certain benchmarks were set which have been achieved successfully for the restoration of peace and prosperity in the region.

The DGP, he said, stated that reduction in local militant recruitment is one parameter that all must approach with continued focus. In the meeting, he said, a special mention was made on the measures taken to minimize the collateral damage in operations despite risk to own soldiers.

Singh, as per the defence spokesperson, recommended continued efforts to give chance of surrenders to local militants to give them a second

chance at living a fruitful life.

"The Corps Commander called upon all to treat 2022 as a transformative year where common man used to zero civilian casualties in 2021 should see 2022 as the year when things turned for good for the long term. He cautioned the trend of the terrorists to use urban areas with thick built up area for operations as they provide more avenues to hide or escape and puts higher onus in security forces to exercise restraint to avoid collateral damage," he added.

According to the defence spokesperson, the Corps Commander expressed satisfaction at low casualties among the forces in 2021 by better intelligence-based operations and improved tactical drills.

"He called for continued efforts along with the civil society to counter the separatist propaganda and break the cycle of violence for long term peace in Kashmir," he added.

Govt Blocks 35 Pak

Apurva Chandra told a press conference on Friday. Indian intelligence agencies were closely monitoring these social media accounts and websites and flagged them to the ministry for immediate action, he added.

"Vide five separate orders issued under rule 16 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, the Ministry has ordered to block these Pakistan-based social media accounts and websites," the ministry said in a statement later.

The orders were issued on Thursday.

64-Hour Lockdown

ordered complete restriction on non-essential movement from 2 pm on Friday till 6 am on Monday in the entire Jammu and Kashmir, the officials said.

Shops and other business establishments in the city and elsewhere in the valley which had opened this morning were forced by police to shut in view of the restrictions, they said.

The police closed the markets and asked people to return to their homes.

After the movement of people early in the morning, the police erected barricades at several places in the city here and other areas of the valley and the movement of public was restricted, the officials said.

They said only employees and emergency cases were allowed to move and all other non-essential movement was restricted.

The district authorities appealed to the people to cooperate with the administration and curtail their movement in view of the rising cases.

5720 More

reported from Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic in J&K to 384381.

In the Valley, the officials said, Srinagar detected highest 1341 new cases of Coronavirus, Baramulla 688, Budgam 550, Ganderbal 246, Bandipora 241, Anantnag 237, Kupwara 208, Pulwama 170, Kulgam 106, Shopian 43.

In the winter capital, the officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 1306 fresh cases of virus, Doda 103, Udhampur 100, Samba 99, Reasi 71, Rajouri 62, Kathua 61, Poonch 48, Ramban 22 and Kishtwar 18.

"Moreover, 1877 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 819 from Jammu Division and 1058 from Kashmir Division," the officials said.

Also, they said that five more people— four from Jammu and one from Kashmir died of Coronavirus related complications on Friday taking the death toll in the pandemic to 4591 in J&K —2241 in Jammu division and

2350 in Kashmir Valley.

The officials also said that no new confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) were reported on Friday, thus the total number of confirmed cases remains 51 across J&K.

LG Directs Officials

said Friday.

At the outset, he said, the Deputy Commissioners briefed the LG about the Covid situation, status of vaccination, implementation of Covid Appropriate Behavior (CAB), and other related measures in their respective districts.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG observed that the emerging situation has necessitated strict observance of Covid Appropriate Behavior and COVID SOP's by the general public.

Sinha, he said, stressed upon the officials to focus on spreading awareness among public about self-care during home isolation. He also instructed the officials to expedite the ongoing Vaccination drive.

"We must reach out to the patients in home isolation and concerned health officials should ensure that their daily needs, medicines, etc are taken care of with full sensitivity," the LG said.

"Vaccination will continue to be the most effective tool to fight pandemic. Our focus is to saturate precautionary doses to frontline workers and senior citizens," he added.

On the issue of testing, the official spokesperson said that the LG passed explicit directions to increase testing in the areas where more cases are being reported.

He said Sinha also stressed that the local administration should try their best to reduce the rate of positivity and also ensure that required medical facilities are made available to all the needy persons.

"Authorities on the ground should focus more on local containment to safeguard public health and momentum of economic activities," the LG said.

As per the official spokesperson, the LG also emphasized on usage of mobile clinics to create awareness amongst the COVID-19 patients who are in home isolation as well as those in rural areas.

The official spokesperson said that Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department presented detailed statistics on the Covid-19 situation & threat level, status of testing, contact tracing, and vaccination across the UT.

"He informed the chair that the vaccination drive for the 15-18 year age group is going on smoothly across the UT and four districts have already completed 100% of 1st dose of vaccination for the 15 to 17 age group," he said.

Later, he said, the Lt Governor congratulated the healthcare and frontline workers on completing the landmark of surpassing 2 crore Covid vaccinations across the UT.

"He appreciated the efforts and work done by all the concerned agencies which are working day and night to fight the Covid surge. The chair also took stock of the implementation of directions passed in previous meetings," the official spokesperson added.

Beds To Be Reserved

the upsurge of Covid-19 cases in the Country as well in Kashmir Division, the patients with renal impairment on dialysis are also getting infected with Covid-19 at an overwhelming rate across Kashmir. In order to overcome this issue, it is impressed upon all the Chief Medical Officers/Medical Superintendents to keep one to two Dialysis Machines (beds) in District Hospitals/Sub District Hospitals for

Covid Positive Dialysis Patients," reads the circular issued by DHSK.

"Besides, the Chief Medical Officers will issue immediate necessary directions to all such "Registered Private Dialysis Unit Holders" in their respective districts to dedicate at least one dialysis bed for COVID positive dialysis patients," the circular adds.

"The action taken report in this regard shall be submitted to this Directorate by 10.00 AM tomorrow positively," it added.

Transmission Line

and inconvenience caused to the general public is regretted," the official added.

HC Issues Notice

filed by the deceased Journalist's brother, Jehangir Ali. In the given order, the division bench has asked the four respondents to raise their objections, in the same case, within four weeks from the date of issuance of the notice.

Notably, the petitioner had filed a writ alleging that Mudasar had died due to medical negligence and inadequacy of medical support at Sub District Hospital Charar-e-Sharif.

This had also resulted in the constitution of two separate three member enquiry committees by Director Health Services, Kashmir who had directed the committee to investigate the allegations of medical negligence and submit a detailed report. Both the committees hadn't held anyone responsible for the young Journalist's death.

It was further alleged in the petition that despite the committee having recommended attachment of the delinquent doctor and the other staff to the Directorate of Health Services, it had remained silent on the charge of medical negligence.

The petitioner had also alleged that the enquiry committee has derelicted in its duty of enquiry, as it on one hand has directed attachment of the delinquents while on the other hand has deliberately omitted the concluding findings on medical negligence.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Advocate Salih Pirzada, who is representing the petitioner, said that the issued notices are a step closer to getting justice for Mudasar Ali. "There was clearly negligence from the on duty doctors and staff while treating Mudasar and as per Supreme Court guidelines, they must be attached for their recklessness and negligence."

He further said, "Even though the enquiry committee had said that the delinquents must be punished but still hasn't termed Mudasar's death as due to negligence. But, now that these fresh notices have been served, it feels as if we are a step closer towards justice. We're sure that those who were behind Mudasar's death will be held responsible and subsequently attached."

BSF Deploys More

IB have been taken in view of the Republic Day celebrations.

Police have also put up several checkpoints on roads leading to the border and increased checking, they said.

HM To Release

and Kashmir will become the first union territory in the country to have Good Governance Index, it said.

The District Good Governance Index of Jammu and Kashmir represents a major administrative reform in benchmarking good governance at district level and a significant step for timely collation and publication of statistics at state/district level, according to the statement.

The index is a milestone and it is expected that it will provide a robust

framework for evidence-based assessment of the performance of all the districts in Jammu and Kashmir, it said.

During the occasion, a presentation on formulation of District Good Governance Index will be made by the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad, the statement said, adding that it will be followed by district presentations by selected 12 District Development Commissioners, who will be showcasing achievements of various sectors.

Thereafter a panel discussion will be held on District Good Governance Index - A Way Forward for futuristic 2.0 version of DGGI for measuring and benchmarking performance and improvement of districts in future as well.

CAG Picks Holes

(CEO), Leh hasn't maintained separate accounts of scheme funds, as per the scheme guidelines.

"As a result, the expenditure incurred by the designated officers of Mission cities and implementing agencies under the scheme during the period 2015 to 2019 was not available either with the Mission Director or at Administrative Department level." The report reads. "The fact remains that work on the project was still incomplete, as of November 2020."

As per CAG, the works under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission projects for Jammu and Kashmir selected for test check with an estimated cost 221.65 crore of the Mission executed by the State/ UT Government were not complete.

"As of March 2020 due to non-acquisition of land, non-finalisation of contracts, delayed process in settlement of issues and incorporation of additional components of works of these projects, has led to non-completion of the project."

Pertinently, the CAG has also held J&K Government responsible for failing to constitute a Local Level Steering Committee (LLSC) that could have to facilitate interaction between JKERA and participating agencies for selection of sub-projects and review their scope for projects under the Jammu and Kashmir Urban Sector Development Investment Programme (JKUSDIP).

"Neither were these committees formed nor was a shelf of projects framed in coordination with the line Departments for placing it before the LLSC. As a result, sub-projects were randomly taken up for execution, without prioritizing these as per specific needs of the state." The CAG report reads.

The report has also revealed that there was a delay in sanction of funds, the utilization certificates for the remaining amount had not been submitted by JKERA, diversion of funds, faulty estimates and unadjusted advances had hampered the implementation of the programme.

As per CAG, for the construction of Government Tourist assets in lieu of damaged/ destroyed assets, the J&K Tourism Department did not formulate a plan for operation and maintenance of its tourist assets. "As of September 2020, out of 23 sub-projects, 15 sub-projects had been completed and one sub-project was dropped while seven sub-projects were under Execution." The report reads.

It is pertinent to mention here that a comprehensive reconstruction plan for the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir, was announced by the Prime Minister of India on 07 November 2015. The Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), included 63 projects with a total outlay of 80,068 crore under the following five sectors including Humanitarian Relief, Crisis Management, Social

Infrastructure, Development Projects and Economic Infrastructure.

Slight Respite

2.4 degrees Celsius down from the previous night's minus 0.6 degrees Celsius, they said.

The officials said Qazigund recorded the minimum of 1.6 degrees Celsius, while the nearby south Kashmir town of Kokernag recorded a low of 0.4 degrees Celsius.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of 1.2 degrees Celsius.

The MeT Office has said an active Western Disturbance is most likely to cause widespread moderate rain/snow in J-K over two days from Saturday.

Thereafter, the weather is likely to stay mainly dry till the end of the month and there is no forecast of any major rain/snow till the end of January, it said.

Kashmir valley is currently under the grip of the 40-day harshest winter period known as 'Chilla-i-Kalan' which began on December 21 last year.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' is a period when a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies including the famous Dal Lake here as well as the water supply lines in several parts of the valley.

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

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

Train Crushes Railway

Kashmir was hit by a train and he died on Spot.

The train departed from Budgam at 16:24 hours towards Banihal Railway station, they added.

A police official confirmed the death of the police head constable. (GNS)

CRPF Man Dies

he passed away, reports said.

A resident of Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh, Narayan was affiliated with D/177 Battalion of the force.

31 Kg Narcotics

the LoC in Poonch, Indian Army along with police launched relentless operations in the forward area, defence spokesman said.

The operations were backed up with a well integrated surveillance grid coupled with extensive domination of the areas close to the Line of Control, he said.

The narcotics weighing approximately 31 kilograms have been recovered in a search operation very close to the LoC, the spokesman said. (PTI)

Ladakh Reports

the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020, they said.

However, there was no death reported from the union territory on Thursday, they said.

As many as 122 patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Ladakh. The total number of cured patients is 22,765, they said.

Of the total of 149 fresh cases from Union territory, 125 cases were reported from Leh district and 24 from Kargil district, they said.

A total of 1462 sample reports in Ladakh were found negative, they said.

With this, the total number of COVID-19 active cases in Ladakh has surged to 1047 including 871 in Leh and 176 in Kargil district, they added. (PTI)

Man Held Over Online ‘Campaign’ Against Students

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A man was arrested on Friday in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir for allegedly running a “scandalous” on-line campaign against Kashmiri students studying outside the Union territory, police said.

The person has been identified as Iftikhar Ahmad Dar,

they said.

“Police #arrested Iftikhar Ahmad Dar from #Anantnag for carrying scandalous online campaign against Kashmiri students studying outside, causing anguish to students and parents. FIR No. 23/2022 at P/S Anantnag stands registered under relevant sections of law,” Kashmir Zone Police said on Twitter.

NC MPs Condemn Attack On Kashmiri Students In Punjab

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) on Friday condemned the alleged vicious attack on Kashmiri students by a mob in Mohali, Punjab and demanded stern action against the culprits besides ensuring safety of Kashmiri students studying across the country including Punjab.

In a joint statement issued here, the party MPs Muhammad Akbar Lone and Hasnain Masoodi said the “gory images” of the assault that have gone viral are very disturbing.

“What is more concerning is the delay in filing of the FIR by the local police against the assailants?” they asked, adding that the incident invited quick police action.

The entire incident, the MPs alleged, was done with an intention to kill the Kashmiri students as the victims have sustained deep injuries and cuts, which shows that the assailant mob was equipped with sharp-edged weapons.

Asking the Punjab govern-

ment to sensitize the locals about their counterparts from Kashmir, the MPs sought punitive action against the assailants under strict laws to ensure a deterrent for future besides giving out a clear message that Kashmiris are protected.

They also asked the Punjab government to have special nodal officers in every district of the state to look into the alleged acts of discrimination and violence against Kashmiri students studying there.

Echoing the collective concern of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the parents, whose wards are studying across the country, the MPs impressed upon the union home ministry and the human resource development ministry to ensure the safety and security of Kashmiri students studying in various educational and technical institutions across the country.

They said that it was incumbent upon GoI to ensure a safe and secure environment for Kashmiri students to pursue their studies

Jammu Bound Traffic On Highway Today

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu-Srinagar highway, the only surface link connecting Kashmir Valley with the outside world, shall remain open for only one-way traffic on Friday, officials said here.

“Commuters are advised not to travel on the highway without confirming the status of road from traffic control unit Jammu or Ramban or Srinagar in view of the inclement weather prediction issued by Met department,” a traffic department official here said.

“However, tomorrow (Friday), subject to fair weather and better road condition LMVs (Passenger) / private cars shall be allowed from Srinagar towards Jammu (strictly one way) on the Jammu-Srinagar highway,” the official said. TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the traffic, he said.

He said cut off for LMVs and

private cars from NAVYUG Tunnel (Qazigund side) is 1000 hours to 1400 hours “subject to change depending on the road position then.” “No vehicle shall be allowed before and after cut off timings,” he said.

Regarding HMVs and load carriers, he said, they shall be allowed from NAVYUG Tunnel (Qazigund) towards Jammu after the tail of down LMVs crosses NAVYUG Tunnel.

Meanwhile, Mughal Road, connecting Shopian with Poonch and Rajouri districts, remained closed for vehicular movement in view of snow accumulation at Peer Ki Gali.

Also, Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri road remained shut for vehicular movement in view of snow accumulation on Zoji la axis and has been closed till further orders. Kishtwar-Sinthan road also remained closed in view of snow accumulation, the traffic department official said.

IUST Part Of Global Report On Taxonomy Released By CBD Canada

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: In its journey of excelling in diverse areas of science and technology, Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Awantipora has been made a part of the recently released global report on Taxonomy by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Montreal, Canada which has been prepared jointly with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Government of Germany, Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI), and Japan Biodiversity Fund.

More than 200 experts and observers from renowned institutions from over 60 countries including IUST were part of this publication. Research Officer, Mantagi Centre for Science & Society (IUST) Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Qureshi contributed to this global report titled as, “The Global Taxonomy Initiative in Support of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, CBD Technical Series No. 96”.

The publication underlines the scientific tools, capacity development activities and services in taxonomy available to parties with advice given by tax-

onomic experts and calls for action on recognizing the critical role of taxonomy to support the transformative change within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The report among others key issues, also highlights that Taxonomy being the fundamental scientific discipline underpinning biodiversity discovery and understanding must be recognized and fully integrated into all components of the global biodiversity framework.

The Secretariat of the Convention is institutionally linked to UNEP and it primarily works for preparation and conduct of meetings of the Conferences of the Parties (COP) and other subsidiary bodies of the convention and coordinate with relevant international bodies. The principal focus of the CBD has been on conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from its utilisation.

The CBD was opened for signature at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992. It entered into force on 29 December 1993 and currently has 198 Parties.

J&K Police To Ensure ‘Smooth’ Polls In Punjab

Agencies

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police have been tasked to ensure peaceful and smooth assembly elections in neighboring Punjab state scheduled to be held on February 20.

As per police spokesman of district Kathua, a district that shares a long border with Punjab as well as International Border with Pakistan, the SSP Kathua reviewed the security at a high level joint meeting ahead of forthcoming “Republic Day-2022” celebrations and “Assembly Elections” in Punjab.

“Senior Superintendent of Police Kathua R C Kotwal chaired the meeting where officers from Army, Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force and different wings of intelligence agencies were present,” he said, adding that as “counter-insurgency expert, Jammu and Kashmir police has got the responsibility to keep a tap on any subversive activities.”

During the meeting, the



spokesman said that the SSP directed the participants to strengthen the Border security grid and National Highway Grid for peaceful conduct of forthcoming Republic Day.

“The top security officials also directed to enhance patrolling and strengthen inter-state nakas for peaceful conduct of Assembly Elections in adjoining state Punjab,” the spokesman said, adding that “the meeting also held deliberations on enhancing patrolling and area

domination to rule out any subversive activities.”

Moreover participants were also requested to depute apple manpower in Anti Tunneling exercise along the International Border, which are being conducted regularly and monitoring of Drones activities especially in the Border area.

SSP Kathua also stressed upon the Police officers to implement new Guidelines/SOPs of COVID Appropriate Behavior (CAB)—(KNO)

J&K Govt Acquiring More Land For AIIMS Awantipora

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The administration of Jammu & Kashmir is acquiring additional 272 kanal (34 acre) of land for establishment of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Awantipora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

The J&K Government's Revenue department has notified that the land is being acquired for public purpose i.e. establishment of AIIMS.

“..... It is hereby declared under the provisions of section 19(1) of The Right to fair compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition and Resettlement Act, 2013 that the land measuring 272 kanal (34 acre) is required in village Awantipora, tehsil

Awantipora, district Pulwama for public purpose i.e. establishment of AIIMS,” reads the notification.

The land statement and plan can be inspected from the office of collector land acquisition

jections, if any, from interested persons'/land owners.

According to notification, the objections were received with regard to the area and suitability of the land proposed to be acquired.

But the objections were found devoid of merit and rejected as the land is being acquired for public purposes

The AIIMS is part of the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) announced on 7 November 2015 here.

The total cost of the project is Rs 1828 crore and the deadline for its completion is 2025.

The central government has appointed CPWD as an executing agency for the project—(KNO)



(ADC), Awantipora and tehsildar concerned, the notification reveals.

The government had last year started proceedings for acquiring the land by calling upon ob-

J&K First To Release Good Governance Index In The Country

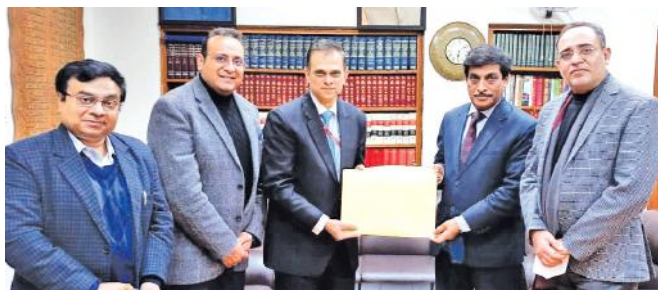
Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Union Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), V Srinivas on Friday presented the first copy of District Good Governance Index (DGGI) to Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta here in presence of Principal Secretary Information and Higher Education, Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, GAD, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi and DG IMPARD, Sourabh Bhagat.

The maiden exercise is the sequel to the many administrative reforms taken in hand by J&K administration post August, 2019, an official spokesperson said.

The exercise, he said, is first of its kind in the country where districts have been rated as per their score computed on public feedback and reforms taken in making the governance process simple, swift, innovative, accessible and accountable.

“On the occasion the Chief Secretary termed it as a milestone in improving the overall culture of offering people-friendly administration with an inherent sense of accountability along with transparency in its functioning,” he said.



Mehta, he said, also stated that the exercise is prelude to the umbrella process taken by the government to make governance more responsive, reformative, reasonable, rational and accessible at doorsteps of people.

“Dr Mehta lauded both DARPG and IMPARD for culminating this tedious exercise in such a short duration of time. He maintained that this exercise would be made more evolved and inclusive in future overspreading to even the lowest levels of administration,” he added.

Earlier it was said that the DGGI framework has 58 indicators drawn from different aspects of development and district administration. It encompasses 10 sectors such as agriculture and allied sector, commerce and industry, human resource development, public

health, public infrastructure and utilities, economic governance, welfare and development, public safety and judiciary and citizen centric governance in computing the overall score of the district in the index.

After an elaborate exercise of data collation followed by data sanitization the final index was computed using standard and tested data normalisation and scoring methods, as was revealed on this occasion.

The index would reflect comprehensive rank of districts based on composite 10 sectors. The DGGI will also offer a window on indicator-wise performance of the districts, a much easier way of understanding their performance on governance process, as was said by the concerned officers during this official event.

2 Men Feared Dead In Chenab

Agencies

JAMMU: Two persons are feared dead in river Chenab in Ramban district, officials said on Friday.

They said the truck, they were travelling in, is parked on Jammu-Srinagar and the duo was seen by someone drowning. The person subsequently raised the alarm and massive searches headed by SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma and SHO Ramban Sandeep Charak.

A police officer identified the missing duo as Manjeet Singh son of Dalgeet Singh and Jatinder Singh son of Mangal Singh, both residents of Amritsar Punjab. When this report was filed, the searches in the area were going on. (GNS)

DISTRICT DIARY

R-Day Arrangements Finalized In Bandipora

SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Friday chaired a meeting of District and Block level officers to finalize the arrangements for celebration of forthcoming 73rd R-Day.

The meeting discussed all the arrangements put in place including event management, security, seating arrangement as per Covid protocol, car parking, transportation, and illumination of buildings besides refreshments, accommodation, sanitation and other arrangements.

It was given out that adequate arrangements have been put in place to ensure smooth celebration of the R-day functions. Officers informed that special arrangements have been made in view of Covid-19 pandemic to ensure that the SOPs are followed in letter and spirit including use of masks, sanitizers, testing facility at all venues, availability of rapid kits, ambulances along with the first aid and other related arrangements.

Meeting was informed that the national flag will be unfurled by the chief guest followed by the parades from contingents of JKP, CRPF, NCC cadets and School children. Concerned departments were directed to make proper arrangements for trouble free rehearsals and final day celebration.

The DC said that keeping in

view the impending weather situation; R&B and Mechanical Engineering departments shall remain in proactive gear and ensure immediate clearing of roads and spots where the functions are to be organized.

He also stressed the need for maintaining protocol in seating arrangement and also issued directions to the police department for taking proper protocol of the National Flag.

The police department was entrusted with security arrangements and the Information Department was asked to facilitate proper Public Addressing System and media coverage of the event. ARTO was asked to make sufficient arrangements of vehicles and parking at the parade ground.

Other arrangements including refreshment, deployment of magistrates, arrangement of cultural programmes, barricading, facility of commentators and availability of fire-tenders were also reviewed.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Mohammad Zahid, Additional District Development Commissioner Ali Afsar Khan, Assistant Commissioner Development Abdul Rashid Dass, District officers of all departments, Block Development Officers and concerned police and civil officials.

DC Kupwara Inspects Covid Control Room At SDH

SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Imam Din on Friday visited Sub District Hospital (SDH) Kupwara and inspected Covid Control Room and other measures taken by the hospital administration to tackle with the latest wave of Covid-19 in the district.

During the visit, the DC inspected Covid Control Room established in the hospital and took stock of the arrangements put in place.

He interacted telephonically with the Covid patients who were in home isolation and enquired about their health condition and the facilities provided by the hospital administration.

He took stock of other sections

of the hospital including IPD, OPD, X-Ray and Gynae, besides, interacted with doctors and patients.

The DC also inspected the Triage established in the hospital for special health care of Covid patients with comorbidities.

Talking to media persons, the DC said that triages have been established in two hospitals of the district including SDH Kupwara and District Hospital Handwara with an aim to provide special health care to the Covid patients with different comorbidities.

He said that this is in addition to the regular healthcare and guidance provided by District Covid Control Room and block level control room to the Covid patients to have check on their other ailments.

Pulwama To Celebrate 12th National Voters' Day

SRINAGAR: The 12th 'National Voters' Day' will be celebrated on January 25, 2022 at Pulwama together with the rest of the country as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India.

The theme for this year's NVD celebrations is 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative' and as per the instructions of the ECI, the NVD will be celebrated in strict adherence to Covid-19 protocol.

Mentioning that voters play a significant role in strengthening democracy, the NVD pledge will be administered to all the people during the 'National Voters' Day' celebrations. Various Departments/ Organizations/Bodies will be encouraged to ad-

minister NVD pledge on the National Voters' Day, and the same can be uploaded on their social media handles/ website using hashtag #NVD2022, for which the copy of the pledge will also be circulated.

Due to the surge in Covid-19 cases and the consequent restrictions imposed in social gatherings, social media platforms will be used extensively to reach out to the voters to create maximum awareness regarding NVD celebrations and its importance.

Apart from this, the NVD theme and related messages in the form of posters and banners will also be prominently displayed in the offices of the DEO, AERO.

DC Kulgam Inspects Covid Care, Quarantine Centers

SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Friday visited various Covid Care/ Quarantine centers established in the district and took stock of arrangements put in place in these centers.

On the occasion, the DC visited Quarantine Centres established at Government Degree College Kulgam, Polytechnic and GNM College and took stock of all arrangements including,

sanitation, electricity, bedding, heating besides other arrangements.

During the visit, the DC directed the concerned officers to ensure augmentation of facilities wherever required and make sure that there is no lapse in facilities at these centers to make the quarantine time of persons/patients comfortable when ever required.

ACR and other officers accompanied the DC during the visit.

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

I have lost my Registration, Insurance and pollution control certificates of my Vehicle bearing Registration No JK 03B-0694. Now i have applied for a duplicate Registration certificate at ARTO Anantnag . Objections if any may please be filed at the Office of ARTO Anantnag within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter no objections shall be entertained.

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South Africa Defeat India By 7 Wickets, Win Series 2-0



Press Trust of India

PAARL: South Africa beat India by seven wickets in the second ODI to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

India made 287 for six after opting to bat. Rishabh Pant top scored for India with 85 off 71 balls while skipper K L Rahul made 55 off 79 balls.

Spinner Tabraiz Shami was the pick of the South Africa bowlers taking two wickets for 57 runs in nine overs.

South Africa chased down the target in 48.1 overs. Janneman Malan was the home team's top-scorer with 91 off 108 while his senior opening partner Quinton de Kock made 78 off 66 balls.

For the second game in a row, the Indian bowling lacked teeth to trouble the opposition batters.

Brief scores: India 287/6 in 50 overs (Rishabh Pant 85, K L Rahul 55; Tabraiz Shamsi 2/57). South Africa 288/3 in overs (Janneman Malan 91, Quinton de Kock 78; Jasprit Bumrah 1/37).

DC Kupwara Distributes Sports Material Among Mawar Youth



Observer News Service

KUPWARA: To promote the spirit of sportsmanship among the youth of Kupwara district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Imam Din on Friday distributed different kinds of sports material among the youth of various panchayats of Mawar block, here in presence of DDC Member Mawar, Khurshid Ahmad.

On the occasion, the DC said that youth should engage themselves in different sports activities

in addition to pursuing different academic goals. He said that the sports promote good health and mental well being of the youth which helps them to achieve their goals in different walks of life.

Meanwhile, the DC distributed some Cricket and Kabaddi mats among the youth in presence of various officers. He directed the concerned officers for distribution of different sports material among the youth of other areas also so as to promote the spirit of sportsmanship across the district.

BCCI, Team Owners To Discuss IPL 2022 Back Up Venues

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The BCCI and IPL team owners will discuss potential back-up venues for the upcoming edition of the league in a virtual meeting on Saturday.

The mega auction venue, scheduled for Bengaluru on February 12 and 13, will also come up for discussion as the country deals with the third wave of COVID-19.

"Owners have been invited for the meeting and it will be held virtual," a team official told PTI.

BCCI's first preference is to hold the event in India but if Covid situation worsens, it needs to have a back-up plan ready.

The 2020 edition was entirely held in the UAE while the second half of the 2021 edition was held



across the Emirates after the event's suspension in India due to the second wave of Covid-19.

The IPL is usually held in the April-May window.

Harbhajan Singh Tests Positive For COVID

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NEW DELHI: Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh on Friday said he had tested positive for Covid and is currently under home quarantine.

The 41-year-old veteran spinner, who announced his retirement from all forms of the game last month, has mild symptoms. "I've tested positive for COVID with mild symptoms. I have quarantined myself at home and taking all the necessary precautions," Harbhajan tweeted.

"I would request those who came in contact with me to get themselves tested at the earliest. Please be safe and take care," he added.

Harbhajan was slated to compete in the ongoing Legends



League Cricket tournament in Muscat from the second and final leg, beginning January 24, but he won't be able to participate now.

One of India's most successful off-spinners, Harbhajan took 417 wickets in 103 Tests, 269 wickets in 236 ODIs and 25 scalps in 28 T20Is in his illustrious career.

India To Open T20 WC Campaign Against Pakistan On October 23

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DUBAI: In a blockbuster T20 World Cup opener for India, the team was on Friday drawn to clash with arch-rivals Pakistan on October 23 at the iconic MCG as the International Cricket Council (ICC) released the fixtures.

India had lost to Pakistan for the first time in an ICC tournament when the teams clashed in last year's T20 World Cup in Dubai.

India's second Super 12 match in Group 2 will be on October 27 in Sydney against a qualifier (runner up of Group A) and will be followed by matches against South Africa (October 30 in Perth) and Bangladesh (Adelaide Oval on November 2).

The Men in Blue's last Super 12 match is scheduled for November 6 against the winners of Group B at the MCG.

The Super 12s -- round two of the tournament, with two groups -- will begin on October 22 with hosts and defending champions Australia playing New Zealand at the SCG on October 22 in a re-match of last year's men's T20 World Cup final.

The Black Caps will also face England at The Gabba on November 1 in a re-match of their epic semi-final encounter at the 2021 event.

In Super 12s, Australia are in



Group 1 with world number one England, New Zealand, Afghanistan plus the winner of Group B and the runner-up in Group B from the first round.

The semi-finals will be played at the SCG and Adelaide Oval on November 9 and 10, respectively. It will be the first time the Adelaide Oval will host a World Cup semi-final.

The MCG will host the final, which will be contested under lights on November 13.

In the first round, 2014 champions Sri Lanka and Namibia will play the opening match at Kardinia Park, Geelong on October 16. They'll be joined by two qualifiers in Group A.

Two-time champions West Indies will also start in the first round, joined in Group B by Scotland and two qualifiers in Hobart.

The top two teams from each group will qualify for the Super 12 stage.

ICC CEO Geoff Allardice said: "T20 is the global growth format for cricket and the ICC T20 World Cup 2022 will play a huge role in inspiring our next generation of players and fans as the world's best players descend on Australia and showcase the very best of our sport."

ICC T20 World Cup Local Organising Committee CEO, Michelle Enright said, "The release of the fixtures gives fans the opportunity to start planning their T20 World Cup experience, which is now just 268 days away."

"By having matches spread across the nation in seven host cities and making tickets accessibly priced, we are hoping as many people as possible will be able to experience the incredible atmosphere that international fans bring to global sporting events, as well as the unique, fast-paced and unpredictable nature of T20 cricket."

U19 World Cup: England, Pakistan Cruise To QFs

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BASSETTERRE (St Kitts): Skipper Tom Prest smashed an unbeaten 154 as former champions England cruised to the Super League quarterfinals of the ICC U-19 World Cup with a thumping 189-run win over the UAE here.

Continuing his incredible run of form, Prest powered England to a mammoth 362 for six after electing to bat.

The English bowlers, led by leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed (4/30), then put up a disciplined effort to bowl out UAE for 173 in 38.2 overs.

Prest blasted 13 fours and four sixes in his scintillating 119-ball innings, while Jacob Bethell (62), William Luxton (47) and George Thomas (41) also chipped in as the 1998 edition winners England put up an imposing total.

Bethell and Thomas gave England a blistering start, adding 69 runs in 11.5 overs.

The Young Lions' total always looked like it would be a big ask to overhaul and the UAE were reeling when they were reduced to 61 for five in the 15th over.

Ali Naseer's counter-attacking 54 off 44 balls helped reverse some of the momentum as he put on 59 with Nilansh Keswani for the sixth wicket.

But when Nilansh departed, the last four wickets fell for 53 runs as leg-spinner Rehan ex-



celled in his first outing in the West Indies with four for 30 from his allotted ten overs.

Pakistan too booked their place in the Super League quarterfinals with a 24-run victory over Afghanistan.

Afghanistan did well to re-stricken Pakistan to a modest 239 for nine in the group C match at Brian Lara stadium in Tarouba, Trinidad.

However, the Afghans got the pace of their innings all wrong in reply, managing 215 in the designated 50 overs.

The top three soaked up far too many balls in pursuit of the target. It took them 170 balls to bring up 100 runs with Bilal Sayedi (42 off 81), Nangeyala Kharote (12 off 32), and Allah Noor (28 off 49) managing strike rates under 58.

Despite the slow start, Afghanistan took the contest deep although their innings was characterised by some wild running between the

wickets, with three run outs as well as a number of near misses.

Noor Ahmad blasted three sixes to leave his side in with a chance of a shock victory, needing 28 off the last two overs with two wickets in hand.

But when he fell for 29 to Awais Ali, the pick of the bowlers with three for 36, there was only going to be one winner.

Earlier, Abdul Faseeh top-scored for Pakistan with a 68.

Afghan bowlers Izharulhaq Naveed (3/41) snapped three wickets, while Noor Ahmad (2/46) and Naveed Zadran (2/55) took two each and Bilal Sami (1/58) accounted for one wicket.

Faseeh had six hits to the fence and two maximums in his 95-ball innings. Opener Muhammad Shehzad (43), skipper Qasim Akram (38) and Maaz Sadaqat (42 not out) also contributed after Pakistan opted to bat first.

Madrid To Face Athletic Bilbao In Copa Del Rey QFs



Agencies

MADRID: Real Madrid and host Athletic Bilbao will face each other for the fourth time in two months when they meet in the Copa del Rey quarterfinals.

Also in Friday's draw for the single-game round, Valencia hosts Cadix, Real Betis plays at Real Sociedad and host Rayo Vallecano is paired with Mallorca. Madrid last week beat Athletic in the final of the Spanish Super Cup in Saudi Arabia, and it also defeated the Basque Country rival twice in Spanish league matches last month.

The quarterfinals will take place in two weeks and will likely see clubs

missing their South American players on international duty. Vinicius Junior, Rodrygo and Casemiro are among the Madrid players expected to be absent. Rayo will miss Radamel Falcao, and Betis' absentees will include goalkeeper Claudio Bravo.

Athletic got past Barcelona in the round of 16, while Madrid eliminated Elche. Both matches went to extra time on Thursday.

Athletic was runner-up to Barcelona in last year's Copa final. It lost the previous final to Basque Country rival Real Sociedad. Athletic's last title in the competition came in 1984. Madrid is seeking its first Copa trophy since 2013-14.

Not Surprised At Kohli's Decision To Quit Captaincy: Pietersen



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MUSCAT: Former England skipper Kevin Pietersen on Thursday suggested that "harsh" bio-bubble life could be one of the reasons for Virat Kohli quitting Test captaincy as he backed Rohit Sharma to lead India in all formats.

Kohli stunned the cricketing world by stepping down from the Test captaincy following India's 1-2 series loss to South Africa. He had earlier relinquished T20 captaincy after the World Cup last year, something that led to a war of words with BCCI, leading to his removal from ODI leadership.

"People who are critical of the modern day sportsmen I think are foolish because these bio-bubbles are very hard to play in," the former England star batsman told PTI in a group interaction on the sidelines of Legends League Cricket.

"It will be very unfair to be too harsh, to be critical. Because you have not looked at Virat Kohli. Kohli needs crowds, he gets going (from it), he is an entertainer.

"I think it's very difficult for his personality to perform to the best of his (Kohli's) abilities (in

record for most Test wins by an Indian captain (40) with only Graeme Smith, Ricky Ponting, and Steve Waugh having won more matches than him.

Pietersen said he was not surprised when Kohli quit captaincy from all formats.

"A lot of players have suffered. It is the greatest job in the world. But when you put them in a bubble, it's certainly not the greatest job because there is no fun," the 41-year-old said.

"I'm actually not surprised that Virat wants just a little bit of a break from that extra pressure because it's damn difficult playing in these bubbles," he said.

"It's very difficult to judge all International sportsmen, be it premier league footballers or any sportsman around the world, playing in a pandemic."

Pietersen said from his perspective, he would not have performed well for two years without any crowd, with nobody watching. "As a batter, I feed on the energy of players, and there are a lot of these players, be it in football, rugby or tennis."

Entire Pakistan Ready To Host Australia: Rizwan

Agencies

LAHORE: Mohammad Rizwan, the winner of PCB's most valuable cricketer of 2021 award, has welcomed the statements of Australian cricketers, former players and broadcasters looking forward to touring Pakistan.

Australia are scheduled to play three Tests, three ODIs and a T20 International in March-April. All three Tests are part of the ICC World Test Championship, while the three ODIs are part of ICC World Cup Super League. This will be their first tour to Pakistan in 24 years.

Rizwan, 29, said his energy is already bouncing off the walls to face a competitive side like Australia at home.

"I can feel ripples of excitement for Australia's tour of Pakistan," Rizwan said here on Thursday.

"I have read some very positive remarks from the stakeholders in Australia about the tour to Pakistan. The entire nation of Pakistan is ready to welcome Australia for the historic tour after 24 years."

The wicket-keeper/batsman is convinced that a strong bond between cricketers of both nations will further magnify the excitement of this notable tour.

"Both nations share a strong connection. Australian cricketers like Usman Khawaja participates in the HBL PSL, and our players [Shadab Khan, Fakhar Zaman, Ha-



ris Rauf and Mohammad Hasnain] recently featured in the 2021-22 Big Bash League. This further strengthens the bond between the two countries," he underlined.

"Matthew Hayden, who was Pakistan team's batting consultant [for this year's] ICC T20 World Cup, passionately shared his views about Pakistan. Similarly, the love and admiration in the eyes of Justin Langer [Australia head coach] was prominent for Pakistan when I met him at the T20 World Cup semi-final of the global event in Dubai."

Speaking about the competitiveness of the series, Rizwan, who made a world record for most T20 International runs last year, said: "Australia have recently won the Ashes and they are a strong side, but we have also had a tremendous year and have shined brightly across all formats. These two teams make the perfect recipe for a thrilling and exciting series."

Jota Leads Liverpool Past Arsenal Into League Cup Final

Agencies

LONDON: Diogo Jota stepped up in Mohamed Salah's absence with two goals on Thursday to lead Liverpool to a 2-0 victory at Arsenal and into a League Cup final against Chelsea.

While Liverpool coped with Salah's continued stay at the African Cup of Nations with Egypt and Sadio Mané's with Senegal, the rapid return of Thomas Partey after Ghana's early exit backfired for Arsenal.

Partey came on in the 74th minute — just before Jota's second goal — but was then booked in the 86th for a late challenge on Neco Williams and again in the 90th for a lunge on Fabinho. The midfielder was dismissed hours after landing from Cameroon and he will now be suspended for Sunday's Premier League match against Burnley.

The semifinal was locked at 0-0 following the first leg



at Anfield last week until Jota scored in the 19th with a low finish through two defenders and past goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale. When Jota dinked the ball over Ramsdale in the second half, the goal was initially ruled out until VAR overturned the offside.

The Portugal forward now has 14 goals in 27 appearances this season for Liverpool — surpassing his tally of 13 in

his first campaign after joining from Wolverhampton in 2020. "Diogo Jota's on fire," Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp said. "We were convinced when he arrived at the club he would help us massively."

"Since he is here he has made another step, he has turned into a really world-class striker. The mood in the dressing room is over the moon. The boys were exceptional."