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P5 STATE

## 4 DOCTORS SUSPENDED OVER EMPLOYEE'S DEATH DUE TO 'NEGLECTANCE'

Authorities in Kashmir on Tuesday put under suspension four doctors and ordered an inquiry into the alleged medical negligence leading to the death of an employee of the

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## GANDHI IN KASHMIR

There aren't many people alive today who had the privilege of seeing Mahatma Gandhi. There are fewer still who had the rarer privilege of receiving him at their home and walking by his side, with his loving hand on their shoulder. Begum Khalida Shah enjoys



P11 SPORTS

## SKIER ARIF KHAN-LED INDIAN TEAM LEAVES FOR 2022 BEIJING WINTER

Skier, Mohammad Arif Khan, the only athlete representing India at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, left for the Games in the Chinese capital along with



What you are will show in what you do

- Thomas A. Edison

## NEWS DIGEST

### Two-Way Traffic On Highway Today

SRINAGAR: Jammu-Srinagar highway, the only surface link connecting Kashmir valley with the outside world, shall remain open for both way traffic on Wednesday, officials said. "On 02-02-2022, subject to fair weather and better road conditions [More on P10](#)

### PDP Leader Parra Shifted To Hospital

SRINAGAR: Waheed Parra who is currently under UAPA detention over various allegations was found unconscious in jail on Saturday. While his jail inmates were alarmed about his unconsciousness, the authorities took [More on P10](#)

### Dwivedi Takes Charge Of Northern Command

JAMMU: Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday assumed the appointment of General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Udhampur-based prestigious Northern Command of the Army. Lt Gen Dwivedi assumed the post upon superannuation of Lt Gen Yogesh [More on P10](#)

### Ladakh Logs 125 New Covid Cases

LEH: The active cases in Ladakh decreased to 1,087 as 250 coronavirus patients have been cured and discharged on Monday while the Union Territory has reported 125 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the tally to 25,994, officials said. The UT has recorded 224 covid-related deaths -- 165 in Leh and 59 in Kargil -- [More on P10](#)

# FM Presents Budget Amid Opposition Taunts, BJP Applause



Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** Lok Sabha members heard Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's 90-minute budget speech in rapt attention, barring the occasional remarks by opposition members and regular applause from the treasury benches.

Keeping in line with changing times, Sitharaman

read out the speech from a 'Made in India' tablet personal computer which she carried in a red cover with the National Emblem embossed on it, instead of a brief case or 'Bahi Khata'.

As Sitharaman walked into the Lok Sabha chamber, women ministers Shobha Karandlaje and Darshana Jadhav and member from Madhya Pradesh [More on P10](#)

## Centre Allocates Rs 35,581 Cr To J&K

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was on Tuesday allocated Rs 35,581.44 crore in the Budget 2022-23 as part of the central government's assistance, grants and loans.

The erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated on August 5, 2019 into two UTs - Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh -- following the abrogation of Article 370. Both the UTs are currently under central rule.

While Jammu and Kashmir has been given Rs 35,581.44 crore for

2022-23, compared to Rs 34,704.46 crore in 2021-22, Ladakh has been given Rs 5,958, the same as in the current fiscal.

The bulk of the funds - Rs 33,923 crore- in the budget for Jammu and Kashmir is under central assistance.

A sum of Rs 273 crore has been allocated as grants towards rehabilitation of Dal Nageen lake and Rs 279 crore has been given as grants towards contribution to UT Disaster Response Fund.

The budget allocated Rs 500 crore as support for capital expenditure of UT, [More on P10](#)

## What Got Costlier & Cheaper

Press Trust Of India

**T**he government on Tuesday proposed to increase the basic customs duty (BCD) on import of commonly used items, including headphones and earphones, loudspeakers, smart meters, imitation jewellery, solar cells, solar modules to [More on P10](#)

### Following Is A List Of Imported Items That Will Become Costlier:

- Umbrella
- Imitation Jewellery
- Single or multiple loudspeakers
- Headphones and earphones
- Smart meters
- Solar cells
- Solar modules
- X-ray machines
- Parts of electronic toys

However, certain goods will become cheaper as the government has slashed the customs duty and they are:-

- Frozen mussels
- Frozen squids
- Asafoetida
- Cocoa beans
- Methyl alcohol
- Acetic acid
- Cut and polished diamonds
- Camera lens for cellular mobile phone.

## E-Passports, 5G, Battery Swapping

**F**rom 5G services to battery swapping for EV vehicles to e-passports, budget announcements for you and me Here is what this budget has for you

1. Tax slabs remain unchanged, but taxpayers can now file updated income tax returns within two years in a one-time window.
2. 5G mobile services to be

rolled out within 2022-23

3. E-passports with embedded chips and futuristic technology to be rolled out next year.

4. In boost to EV sector, battery swapping policy to be introduced

5. A 30 per cent tax will apply on income from the sale or acquisition of virtual and digital assets such as cryptocurrency.

## Taxpayers Can Update Their ITRs In 2 Years: FM

**U**nion Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday gave a one-time window to taxpayers to correct any discrepancy or omissions in their ITRs within two years of filing, subject to payment of taxes. In her 2022-23 Budget speech, the Minister said this is an "affirmative step in the direction of voluntary tax compliance". Currently, if the I-T [More on P10](#)

## RBI To Introduce Crypto Rupee Next Year: FM

**U**nion Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday announced the launch of India's own digital currency by the RBI next year that will be based on Blockchain technology, while the much-expected Cryptocurrency Bill is yet to see the light of the day. With this, India will join certain countries that have their own [More on P10](#)

## 9 Corona Deaths, 2751 New Cases In J&K

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Coronavirus claimed lives of nine more people in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday while 2751 others tested positive for the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24-hours.

According to the officials, Kashmir Valley reported 1646 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus while the remaining 1105 were detected in the various districts of Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic in J&K to 438176.



In Valley, the officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 440 new cases of virus, Kupwara 405, Kulgam 209, Budgam 177, Baramulla 136, Anantnag 108, Ganderbal 59. [More on P10](#)

## SKIMS To Resume OPD Service From Today

**I**n view of the decline in Covid-19 cases since the last few days, the authorities at SKIMS Soura have decided to resume OPD services from tomorrow. "In the interest of patient care and keeping in view plateauing of COVID wave in Kashmir, it is hereby ordered that the functioning of SKIMS OPD will resume from Wednesday i.e. 2nd February 2022," reads the order issued [More on P10](#)

## 'Srinagar News' Editor Meraj-u-Din Passes Away

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Printer, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Urdu daily 'Srinagar News' Meraj-ud-Din Wani passed away here on Tuesday.

Wani passed away at a Srinagar hospital after developing some complications on Tuesday afternoon. Wani was admitted to CD Hospital Srinagar after developing some complications, where he breathed his last, his family said.

Wani, a resident of Rainawari area of Srinagar was a well known name in media circles here and he edited Srinagar News for more than three



decades of Kashmir's tumultuous period of history.

Meanwhile, the journalist fraternity, including Kashmir Observer Editor-in-Chief Sajjad Haider besides [More on P10](#)

## Pole Orders Officials To Speed Up Work On KP Transit Camps

30 Blocks With 480 Flats Coming Up In Bandipora

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Tuesday directed officials to speed up work on the construction of 480 flats coming up as transit accommodation camps for Kashmiri Pandit employees in north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

The directions were passed by Pole during his visit to Odina village of Sumbal Sub-Division on Tuesday where he inspected the ongoing works on the transit accommodation camps, an official spokesperson said.

The Div Com, who was

accompanied by the district administration officials, also took stock of various ongoing development works in the area.

According to the official spokesperson, the officers informed the Div Com that transit accommodation is coming up at the cost of Rs 57.60 crore comprising of 480 flats in 30 blocks. They said each block is four-storied with four flats in each storey thus totalling up to 16 flats in one block.

"The structure is RCC framed with an arrangement for lift provided. Brickwork is to be provided for external and internal [More on P10](#)

## Fresh Snowfall, Rain Likely In Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** The minimum temperature at some places in Kashmir improved and settled above the freezing point owing to cloud cover as the Meteorological Department forecast fairly widespread to widespread rain or snow over three days from Wednesday, officials said on Tuesday.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of 1.8 degrees Celsius over three degrees up from minus 1.6 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said.

The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg, in north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 9 degrees Celsius down from minus 6.6 degrees Celsius the previous night.

Pahalgam tourist [More on P10](#)

## ASI Injured In Militant Attack In Shopian

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Unknown militants on Tuesday shot at and injured a policeman in south Kashmir's Shopian district.

Around 5:45pm Tuesday, unidentified militants opened fire upon Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Shabir Ahmad when he was returning home after offering prayers at a local mosque in his native Amishijipora village of the district, a police spokesperson said.

In the surprise militant attack, he said, Ahmad received gunshot injuries and was immediately evacuated to nearby hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there referred him to Srinagar hospital for advanced treatment.

According to reports, the injured ASI has been admitted at army's 92 base hospital for treatment. [More on P10](#)

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غلام احمد پسر متوفی	شیر خواہ	04
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عنوان: مضمون درخواست مناجاب خورشید احمد زگر رسول غلام رسول زگر سائنہ موشع بہر ماہرہ تحصیل منبت حصول اندراج کروانے فوٹو کی والدہ کی غلام رسول زگر والدہ مسماہ بیگم زہیر محمد رسول غلام رسول زگر مورخہ 18-03-2020 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے اور سائل کی والدہ مسماہ بیگم زہیر محمد رسول غلام رسول زگر مورخہ 28-03-2021 کو فوت ہو چکی ہے۔ سائل مذکورہ اپنے والدین کی فوتگی متعلقہ گھنٹہ میں اندراج کرانے کا خواہ ہے اگر کسی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہی عذر کے اندر پیش کریں۔ مبعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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**Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir**

**NOTICE**

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**NOTICE**

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No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.5604  
Dated 01/02/2022

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Abdul Salm Ganie  
S/O Abdul Rehman Ganie  
R/o Guree Bijbehara  
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**Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir**

**NOTICE**

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Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.5621  
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**Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir**

**NOTICE**

Where as a joint application has been recieved from owner. Shri : Azad Ahmad Andrabi S/o: Syed Ahmad Andrabi R/o: Baghat Kanipora Budgam as Transferor) & Shri. Bilal Ahmad S/o Ghulam Qadir Khan R/o Pandrethan Lasjan Srinagar.as Transferee) for transfer of Maxi Cab Carriage route permit No.130/ CC/Bud vehicle No. JK04 -9707. Now it is therefore notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit/vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper . No. ARTO/ BUDGAM. 5610 Dated 01-02-2022

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## Government of Jammu and Kashmir Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction State Executive Committee Civil Secretariat, J&K.

**Sub: Restrictions for COVID containment-regarding**  
**Government Order No. 10-JK (DMRRR) of 2022**  
**Dated: 30.01.2022**

1. Whereas, a detailed review of the current Covid-19 situation in Jammu and Kashmir was held by the Chief Secretary, J&K, with the ACS (Finance), ACS (Health and Medical Education), Principal Secretary (Home), Principal Secretary (PWD-R&B), ADG/IGs, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and other officers of Jammu and Kashmir on 28.01.2022;

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

- Total weekly new cases (per million)
- Total positivity rate
- Bed Occupancy
- Case fatality rate
- Vaccination coverage of targeted population
- The extent of compliance to COVID Appropriate Behaviour

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

4. Now therefore, the State Executive Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby orders that the guidelines / instructions on COVID containment in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, already notified vide Government Orders 35 and 36-JK (DMRRR) dated 29-05-2021 read with Government Orders 73-JK (DMRRR) dated 22-10-2021, 91-JK (DMRRR) dated 28.12.2021 and 07-JK (DMRRR) of 2022 dated 23.01.2022 shall continue to remain in force till further orders.

5. Enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) is critical in determining the need for additional restrictions. The District Magistrates (Chairperson, DDMA) of respective Districts of J&K shall adopt a Zero Tolerance policy towards noncompliance of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) and shall ensure due action against defaulters under relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act, Epidemic Act and the Indian Penal Code.

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

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

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

9. All the Government Department(s)/Office(s) shall minimise conducting in-person meetings/ interactions etc. All Administrative Secretaries/ Head of the Department(s) / Institution(s) shall ensure optimal use of virtual mode for conducting official meetings etc.

10. To reduce the rate of transmission within J&K, all efforts shall be made by Authorities through active involvement of PRLs, Community Leaders, Market Associations and Federations.

11. IEC campaign for containing surge in Covid cases/3rd Wave shall be undertaken immediately by all District Magistrates (Chairperson, District Disaster Management Authorities) in their respective jurisdictions highlighting the necessity of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB). The Department of Health and Medical Education, Jammu and Kashmir shall sensitise people about the Variants of Concern/A/riants of Interest (VoCA/oI) of Covid-19 including the new Variant B.1.1.529 (Omicron)

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

- All the offices to regulate the attendance of its employees in such a manner so as to ensure that appropriate Social Distancing Norms are maintained.
- Pregnant Women Employees will be exempted from Physical attendance. They shall be allowed to work from home.
- Employees with disabilities shall also be given option to work from home.
- A maximum number of people permitted to attend any indoor/ outdoor gathering shall be strictly restricted to 25
- Banquet Halls in all the Districts of J&K are permitted to allow gathering up to 25 vaccinated persons (with verifiable RT-PCR or RAT not older than 72 hours) or 25% of the authorised capacity (whichever is less), preferably in open spaces
- Cinema halls, theatres, multiplexes, restaurants, clubs, gymnasiums and swimming pools are permitted to function at 25% of the authorised capacity with due precautions such as CAB and adherence to SOP
- As regards the education institutions, following directions shall be adhered to:
  - All Colleges, Schools, Polytechnics, ITIs, Coaching Centres for Civil Services/Engineering/NEET etc. to adopt online medium of teaching. There shall be no in-person teaching.
  - Educational institutions shall be permitted to direct attendance of vaccinated staff for administrative purposes only. The Head of the institution must ensure that guidelines related to social distancing and Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) are strictly followed.
- Night Curfew shall continue to remain in force in all Districts from 9 pm to 6 am with complete restriction on non-essential movement.

## 'Higher Consumption Of Olive Oil Linked To Lower Risk Of Deaths'

### Agencies

Washington : A recent study has found that intake of more than seven grams of olive oil per day is associated with a lower risk of cardiovascular disease mortality, cancer mortality, neurodegenerative disease mortality and respiratory disease mortality. The study has been published in the 'Journal of the American College of Cardiology'. The study found that replacing about 10 grams/day of margarine, butter, mayonnaise and dairy fat with the equivalent amount of olive oil is associated with a lower risk of mortality as well. "Our findings support current dietary recommendations to increase the intake of olive oil and other unsaturated vegetable oils," said Marta Guasch-Ferre, PhD, a senior research scientist at the Department of Nutrition at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the study's lead author. "Clinicians should be counselling patients to replace certain fats, such as margarine and butter, with olive oil to improve their health. Our study helps make more specific recommendations that will be easier for patients to understand and hopefully implement into their diets," she added. Using participants from the Nurses' Health Study and the Health Professionals Follow-up Study, researchers analyzed 60,582 women and 31,801 men who were free of cardiovascular disease and cancer at the study baseline in 1990. During 28 years of follow-up, the diet was assessed by a questionnaire every four years. The questionnaire asked how often, on average, they consumed specific foods, types of fats and oils, as well as which brand or type of oils they used for cooking and added at the table in the previous year. Olive oil consumption was calculated from the sum of three items in the questionnaire: olive oil used for salad dressings, olive oil added to food or bread, and olive oil used for baking and frying at home. One tablespoon was



equivalent to 13.5 grams of olive oil. The consumption of other vegetable oils was calculated based on the participants reported oil brand and type of fat used for cooking at home. Margarine and butter consumption was based on the reported frequency of stick, tub or soft margarine consumption, and the amount of margarine or butter added from baking and frying at home. Intakes of dairy and other fats and nutrients were also calculated. The researchers found olive oil consumption increased from 1.6 grams/day in 1990 to about 4 grams/day in 2010, while margarine consumption decreased from about 12 grams/day in 1990 to about 4 grams/day in 2010. The intake of other fats remained stable. Olive oil consumption was categorized as follows:

- Never or <1 time per month
- <1 to <=4.5 grams/day (<1 to <=1 teaspoon)
- <1 to <=7 grams/day (<1 to <=1/2 tablespoon)
- >7 grams/day (>1/2 tablespoon)

Over the course of 28 years, there were 36,856 deaths with 22,768 occurring in the Nurses' Health Study and 14,076 in the Health Professionals Follow-up Study. Participants with higher olive oil consumption were often more

physically active, had Southern European or Mediterranean ancestry, were less likely to smoke and had a greater consumption of fruits and vegetables compared to those with lower olive oil consumption. The average consumption of total olive oil in the highest category was about 9 grams/day at baseline and included 5 per cent of the study participants. When researchers compared those who rarely or never consumed olive oil, those in the highest consumption category had 19 per cent lower risk of cardiovascular mortality, 17 per cent lower risk of cancer mortality, 29 per cent lower risk of neurodegenerative mortality and 18 per cent lower risk of respiratory mortality. The study also found substituting 10 grams/day of other fats, such as margarine, butter, mayonnaise and dairy fat, with olive oil was associated with an 8-34 per cent lower risk of total and cause-specific mortality. They found no significant associations when substituting olive oil for other vegetable oils. "It's possible that higher olive oil consumption is a marker of an overall healthier diet and higher socioeconomic status. However, even after adjusting for these and other social-economic status factors, our results remained largely the same," Guasch-Ferre said.

ix. There shall also be complete restriction on non-essential movement in the entire UT of J&K from every Friday 9.00 PM to Monday 6.00AM

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

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

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

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

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

- The Zone shall be confined to either 50 meters or a Single Building. A buffer zone of 150 meters to be put in place between Micro Containment Zone and rest of locality.
- The District Magistrates (Chairperson, DDMA) shall create as many Micro Containment Zones as necessary and as per situation demand on ground, keeping in view the spike of cases.
- There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance within the zone by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.
- Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol.
- Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow up of contacts for 14 days (80 percent of contacts to be traced in 72 hours).
- Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/ home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines) ..
- Surveillance for ILI (Influenza Like Illness) / SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Illness) cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.
- The three - "T" protocol of testing, tracking and treating, besides vaccination, needs to be strengthened in all Blocks. The proportion of RT-PCR tests in the total mix should be scaled up on best effort basis. All DDMA and the Health & Medical Education Department must ensure that minimum 15 contacts of the Covid-19 Positive person are tracked in order to arrest transmission within the community
- All Districts of J&K shall intensify efforts to ensure timely administering of the Second Dose of the Covid-19 vaccination in accordance with the due date for the same.
- All Districts to ensure the completion of Overdue Second Dose of Covid Vaccinations within a week. Overdue figures should be brought down to minimal levels in All Districts.
- Positive cases detected because of intensive testing need to be isolated / quarantined at the earliest and their contacts shall also be traced and similarly isolated / quarantined and tested if needed
- Immediate isolation and treatment of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities / hospitals / homes.
- District Magistrates shall take all necessary measures for enforcement of Testing protocols.
- District Magistrates shall establish and activate their respective Covid War Rooms (24x7) to tackle Variants of Concern/ Variants of Interest (VoCA/oI) including B.1.1.529 (Omicron). The Details of Covid War Rooms shall be intensively publicised by all DDMA including contact numbers for Tele-Medicine/Medical Assistance for the information of general public including information with regard to nearby Medical facilities available for referral
- All District Magistrates and Health Workers shall take all steps necessary to achieve the Overall objective of reducing Covid-19 incidence level.
- The D/o HME, GoJK, shall ensure adequate availability of COVID-19 dedicated health and logistics (including ambulatory) infrastructure, based on their assessment of the case trajectory.
- The D/o H&ME, GoJK, will run an intense IEC campaign to create awareness among public about Self Care Plan to be adopted during home isolation/ self quarantine of covid 19 patients which must include detailed protocols to be followed during the pandemic
- The D/o H&ME to ensure that elderly people and people with co-morbidities are encouraged to come forward for testing
- MD, NHM in consultation with the DCs shall take up Panchayat level mapping and data capturing on the specified portal with respect to all tests for tracking the positivity rates in all Panchayats and other areas in a timely manner.
- The following categories of asymptomatic Incoming passengers by Air/Rail/Road to the UT of J&K shall NOT be required to undergo RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen Covid-19 Test on arrival:
  - If they are carrying a valid and verifiable Final Certificate Report of Covid-19 Vaccination
  - OR- If they are carrying a valid and verifiable RT-PCR Covid19 Negative report taken within 72 hours of arrival time.
- RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen Covid-19 Tests shall however be conducted on Symptomatic Incoming Passengers by Air/Rail/Road to J&K
- Inter State movement of passenger transport of SRTC/ Stage Contract Private Passenger Buses shall be permitted for fully vaccinated person or persons with verifiable RT-PCR not older than 72 hours or based on RAT on-spot with strict compliance with CAB.
- Entry into Parks shall be permitted to vaccinated persons only with due verification. Surprise checks shall be conducted by inspection teams to assess the implementation and initiate corrective measures.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

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

No: DMRRR/PS/Secy/551/2020  
Dated: 30.01.2022

**DIPK-17353/21**





## Div Com Kashmir visits DRDO, GB Panth Hospitals

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 01: As Covid-19 positivity rate of third wave continues to fluctuate, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole today visited DRDO Hospital Khonmuh and GB Panth Hospital to review the present situation of Covid-19 Pandemic, admission of patients, occupancy of beds and emergency plan to cater to the oxygen supply.

The Div Com was accompanied by Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather; Epidemiologist Kashmir, Dr Talat Ja-been; Incharge Divisional Covid Control Room Kashmir, Tahir Ahmad Magray and other medical officers.

On the occasion, Div Com was informed that 413 covid patients were admitted to DRDO Covid dedicated Hospital in January, out of which 48 were admitted to ICU. It was further informed that 340 patients recovered during the same month.

Besides, Medical Superintendent DRDO Hospital informed that in the 510 bedded hospital, there are 125 ICU beds.

Regarding the status of Oxygen supply, he informed that there are 2 PSA plants with capacity of 1000 liters per minute each besides 56 Kilo Liter Liquid Medical Oxygen Tank.

He was apprised that one Oxygen plant needs servicing while another needs functional reparation. Div Com on the Occasion directed nodal officer to resolve the issues on priority basis.

Div Com also directed to prepare exigency plan of adequate Oxygen supply to the hospital by identifying two more Oxygen plants which can be used during emergency to maintain constant supply of medical Oxygen.



## Polo View Shopkeepers Aghast Against Govt Proposal Of 'Removing Parking Space'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The shopkeepers, whose shops are located at Polo View here have expressed resentment against the authorities for their proposal of removing the parking space in the area. The protesting shopkeepers downed their shutters and blocked the traffic on Monday.

Muhammad Ismail, president of Polo View Association

said that under the Smart City Project, the authorities are deciding to remove the parking space from the locality.

However, he said that such a move would certainly leave the shopkeepers to suffer as there would be no space available for them as well as the shoppers to park their vehicles.

“We want the authorities to ensure the availability of

the parking space so that the shopkeepers as well as the shoppers don't suffer,” he said.

“We are not against the beautification of Srinagar city but at least think about us, about our business. We need a permanent parking space,” said another protesting shopkeeper.

They said the business has been affected due to the closure of parking space. “No

customer is coming to us because they have no space to park their vehicles,” a shopkeeper said.

Meanwhile, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Mayor, Junaid Azim Mattu said that he will meet the shopkeepers to hear their plea.

SMC Commissioner also said that he will look into the matter personally to ensure that the demands of the shopkeepers are met—

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DEE Class Contractor Card. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama/Shopian H.Q. Pulwama within a period of 03 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Zakir Ahamd Tantray S/O Ab Rashid Tantray R/O Ramnagri Shopian ast

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to transfer the electricity connection from Rozi W/O Zahoor Ahmad bearing consumer id 0202020017083 Address Khan Colony Firdous Abad Lane No 4 To Tahir Ali Shah S/O Late Ali Mohammad Shah Resident Of New Colony Batamalo Srinagar. If anyone has any objection he/she may file the same with Sub-Division Hazuri Bagh within seven days. No objective will be entertained afterwards. +91 60057 86512 pko

### Haj Committee

## Baitul Hujaj, Haj House, Bemina, Srinagar

Under Department of Haj & Auqaf, Govt. Of Jammu & Kashmir

(Ph. No. 0194-2495365, 0194-2495367, www.jkshc.org, mail at: jkstatehaj@gmail.com)

### NOTIFICATION

#### Subject: Extension of last date for submission of Haj Application Forms (Haj – 2022)

It is notified for the information of all intending pilgrims that the last date for submission of online Haj Application Forms for Haj – 2022 has been extended upto 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Consequently, applicants possessing machine readable valid Indian International Passports issued on or before 15th February, 2022 and valid upto 31st December, 2022 will be eligible to apply for Haj – 2022.

Besides, those intending pilgrims who have already submitted their Haj Application Forms online but have NOT received their Cover Numbers through SMS till date, are requested to approach/contact J&K Haj Committee, Haj House Bemina, Srinagar during office hours either personally or through following telephone numbers so that their Cover Numbers are generated well before the last date i.e., 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

0194-2495365  
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DIPK-17402/21

No: Haj/2022/Cs/120  
31/01/2022

Dr. Abdul Salam Mir (KAS)  
Executive Officer.

Dated:

### Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

## ROYAL SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, SRINAGAR

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 53 of 2021-22 Dated 31.01.2022(2<sup>nd</sup> call)

For and on behalf of the Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course, e-tenders are invited by Executive Engineer Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar by e-tendering mode on percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors of J&K UTI, PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. for the following works:-

S No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Earnest Money/ Bid Security (in Rs)	Cost of Tender Document (in Rs)	Time of Completion	Class of Contract
1	Supply & Installation of out-door LED Video Wall at Royal Springs Golf Course	30.00 lacs	60000/- in shape of CDR/ FDR in favour of Executive Engineer RSGC	3000/- Non refundable in shape of DD in favour of Secretary RSGC or Bank Challan 58-0229040100012641	30 days	Registered dealers or Firms/ OEM

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	31.01.2022 13:00 PM
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 31.01.2022 To 07.02.2022 (4.00PM on wards)
3	Bid submission Start Date	31.01.2022 4:00 PM on wards
4	Bid Submission End Date	07.02.2022
5	Date & time of opening of Bids(Online)	08.02.2022 at 11:30 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar

Note :- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy. Any short fall found in the soft copy will render the Bid rejected. As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat Finance department vide No.OM No.A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-06-2018 which reads as under :-

Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids. I. The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @3% of contract value in the shape of CDR/FDR within 02 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. This will replace the EMD @ 2% of the Advertised cost uploaded by the Bidder. II. Intending bidders shall upload scanned copies of concern documents. III. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. IV. Bidder should have ink Signed and Stamped Authorization in Original from the OEM and shall be submitted along with the Technical Bid. V. Technical Catalogue of quoted product to be attached with the technical bid and same should be available on OEM website. Non compliance shall result in rejection of tender. VI. The quoted product must be operational in at least two Government Organizations / Departments and the bidder shall upload proof of the same along with the technical bid.

General Conditions: 1. Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender documents in shape of demand draft in favour of the Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course Cheshmashahi Srinagar and Earnest Money/Bid Security in Shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer RSGC Cheshmashahi Srinagar (tender receiving authority) 2. Payment shall be made to the agency as and when funds are available with the department. 3. The date and time of opening of bid shall be as above as notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and will be conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mails addresses. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website at the office of the Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar as per schedule. 4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids. 5. The earnest money shall be forfeited if:- a. Any bidder /tenderer who withdraw his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or make any modification on the terms and conditions of the bid. b. Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit. c. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement with 20 days after fixation of contract. d. Suppliers/Dealers/ Contractor/ interested persons/ parties who participates in bid should be registered for the respective class of contract with document proof thereof. 6. Copies of Original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of business. 7. Scanned Copy of GST in registration and latest clearance certificate, Form GST3B i.e latest clearance certificate, form GST3B of the preceding month to the issuance of the NIT registration enlistment card with latest renewal of PAN No. 8. All bidders shall upload bank challan/DD/EMD 9. The DLP shall be Calculated from date of certified completion of work and period shall be 12 months. 10. Every time notice of Defect/ Defects is given, the Contractor shall correct the notified Defect / Defects within the duration of time specified in the Engineer's notice.

No: RSGC/EE/2021-22/437-39  
Dated: 10/01/2022

DIPK-NB-6823/21

Executive Engineer  
Royal Springs Golf Course  
Srinagar

### DIAL-EMMA

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,245222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200



### AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311



### RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153



### HIGHWAY STATUS

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



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### PRAYERS

FAJR 6: 02

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## This Day In History

- 1141 - Battle of Lincoln: King Stephen captured by forces loyal to Empress Matilda and commanded by Robert, 1st Earl of Gloucester
- 1349 - By this date at least 200 people a day were being buried in London as a result of the Black Death
- 1536 - Pedro de Mendoza founds Argentine city of Buenos Aires
- 1742 - British government of Robert Walpole resigns
- 1878 - Greece declares war on Turkey.
- 1892 - Longest boxing match under modern rules; 77 rounds in Nameoki, Illinois between Harry Sharpe & Frank Crosby.
- 1901 - Mexican government troops are ambushed by Yaqui Indians, 100 killed.
- 1920 - Estonia declares its Independence from Russia (Dorpat Peace)
- 1920 - France occupies (German) Memel territory
- 1923 - US signs friendship treaty with Central American countries
- 1924 - International Ski Federation (FIS) forms
- 1925 - Belgian episcopacy rejects liberalism, communism & socialism
- 1931 - 1st use of a rocket to deliver mail (Austria).
- 1932 - Geneva disarmament conference begins with 60 countries
- 1932 - Reconstruction Finance Corp organized
- 1935 - Leonarde Keeler first use of his polygraph machine on criminals later convicted of assault on its findings (Portage Wisc).
- 1942 - LA Times urges security measures against Japanese-Americans
- 1942 - US auto factories switch from commercial to war production
- 1943 - Cubs return to original uniform after experimenting with a vest
- 1943 - German 6th Army surrenders after Battle of Stalingrad in a major turning point in Europe during World War II
- 1944 - 4th US marine division conquers Roi, Marshall Islands
- 1944 - Allied troops 1st set foot on Japanese territory
- 1946 - The Proclamation of Hungarian Republic is made.
- 1948 - President Harry Truman urges congress to adopt a civil rights program.
- 1954 - President Eisenhower reports detonation of 1st H-bomb (done in 1952).
- 1957 - UN adopts a resolution calling for Israeli troops to leave Egypt.
- 1958 - Syria joins Egypt in United Arab Republic
- 1958 - WRIK (now WLUZ) TV channel 7 in Ponce, PR (PTC) begins broadcasting.
- 1962 - 8 of 9 planets align for 1st time in 400 years.
- 1962 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalinsk USSR.
- 1966 - Pakistan suggests a six-point agenda with Kashmir dispute as number one item for the proposed Indo-Pak ministerial talks after 1965 war.
- 1967 - Bolivia adopts its constitution.
- 1975 - Army offensive against rebels in Eritrea.
- 1977 - Burn up of Salyut 4 Space Station (USSR).
- 1977 - Radio Shack officially begins creating TRS-80 computer.
- 1982 - Government troops and Muslim fundamentalists battle in Hamah, Syria.
- 1984 - Lebanese army fights in Beirut.
- 1995 - US space shuttle Discovery launched.
- 2013 - 23 people are killed and 8 are injured after militants attacked an army base in the Lakki Marwat District, Pakistan.
- 2013 - 18 people are killed and 34 are injured after a bus catches fire after falling down a ravine in Gansu province, China.

From KO Archives

## Militants disarm cops, SPOs in Tangmarg

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR - In a dare-devil overnight strike, militants disarmed the policemen guarding the houses of migrant Kashmiri pandits in a Tangmarg village yesterday. They decamped with the arms and ammunition without causing any physical harm to their victims.

According to reports, a group of heavily armed militants swooped on a security picket established to guard a cluster of migrant houses at Tarhama near Kunzar in Tangmarg area of Baramulla district late last evening. After ordering the policemen out of the post, they relieved them of their arms and ammunition.

Reports said the intruders decamped with an SLR and its 20 rounds, three conventional .303 guns and their 150 ammunition rounds, uniforms and identity cards of the personnel. Five personnel present at the security post at the time were Firdous Ahmad (belt No 2092), officer incharge, constable Fayaz Ahmad (No 62/B), and three special police officers (SPOs), Muhammad Ayub (No 553), Ayaz Ali (No 603) and Muhammad Abdullah (No 507).

They are believed to have offered no resistance. The additional superintendent of police, Sopore, told Kashmir Observer the intruders spoke Punjabi and Urdu.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 02 February, 2001)



# 4 Doctors Suspended Over Employee's Death Due To 'Negligence'

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Authorities in Kashmir on Tuesday put under suspension four doctors and ordered an inquiry into the alleged medical negligence leading to the death of an employee of the municipal committee at a hospital in Pulwama district, officials said.

Pending enquiry regarding the death of patient at District Hospital Pulwama, the following doctors are hereby put under suspension with immediate effect and are attached with Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, Director, Health Services, Kashmir, said in an order. The doctors are Hilal Ahmad, Gulzar Ahmad, Alfer Nafie and



Mohammad Ashraf.

The Director of Health Services, Kashmir also constituted a four-member committee to inquire into the incident. The committee has been asked to submit its report within two days.

Earlier, taking serious note of the alleged medical negligence leading to the death of

Mohammad Hussain Hafiz, an employee of municipal committee Pulwama, Deputy Commissioner Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary ordered the constitution of an inquiry committee for investigating the matter.

Hafiz reportedly died of cardiac arrest in the District Hospital on January 31.

While taking cognisance of the matter, Choudhary said the inquiry will ascertain the veracity of medical negligence on the part of doctors and staff on duty.

He said a three-member committee has been constituted in this regard which will submit its report in three days.

The deputy commissioner said in case of medical negligence, the law will take its course

## 'Srinagar News' Editor Meraj-u-Din's Death Widely Condoled

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Several politicians and the officials in the Union Territory administration on Tuesday expressed grief over the death of senior journalist and the Editor-in-Chief of a daily Srinagar News, Mehraj-ud-din Wani.

National Conference President and MP from Srinagar Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah have expressed profound grief over the demise of Owner of Daily Urdu newspaper Srinagar News Mehrajuddin Wani, who breathed his at Chest disease hospital Srinagar, this afternoon.

In their condolence message, the duo prayed for peace to the deceased and much needed strength to the bereaved in their hour of grief. While recalling his contribution to the field of journalism in Kashmir, they said that his demise has created a void in Kashmir's media fraternity.

Among others Party General Secretary, Ali Muhammad Sagar, Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani, Political Advisor to VP Tanvir Sadiq, Spokesperson Im-

ran Nabi Dar, Social Media In charge Sara Hayat Shah, Additional Spokespersons Mudassir Shahmiri and Ifra Jan have also extended sympathies and condolences with the bereaved and prayed for eternal peace to the departed in the highest echelons of Jannat.

Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Tuesday expressed deep shock and grief over the demise of Mehraj- Ud-Din Wani, Editor-In-Chief of Daily Srinagar News who passed away at a Srinagar Hospital today.

In a statement issued here, Bukhari described the deceased as a thorough gentleman who was committed to his professional obligations.

Bukhari said that Wani was a senior journalist who throughout his life tried his best to become a voice of the people while remaining committed to his principles of accountability.

Apni Party President said the passing away of Mehraj-Ud-Din Wani is a huge loss to the journalistic fraternity in J&K. Bukhari conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, friends and associates of late Wani and

prayed for the eternal peace to the departed soul.

Expressing shock and grief over the death of senior journalist Mehrajuddin Wani, editor-in-chief of daily Srinagar News, CPI (M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami has termed the demise as an irreparable loss.

Late Mehrajuddin Wani was a veteran journalist. The contribution made by him in the field of journalism will always be remembered.

Tarigami expressed solidarity with the bereaved family and media fraternity.

Meanwhile, Director Information and Public Relations, Rahul Pandey has condoled the sad demise of Senior Journalist and Editor-in-Chief of Srinagar News, Mehraj-ud-Din Wani.

While chairing a condolence meeting Rahul Pandey highlighted the role of departed journalist in raising public issues through his journalistic work and called his demise a great loss to journalist fraternity as well as society.

The Director and the employees of DIPR also offered deep condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

## 40 Unemployed Youth Briefly Detained During Protest In Jammu

**JAMMU:** Over 40 unemployed youth were briefly detained during a protest demonstration in support of their demand for recruitment in Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) here, officials said.

Separately, a group of health workers also staged a protest in the heart of the city in support of their demand for their regularization and Minimum Wages Act, they said.

Police detained over 40 BSF and CISF aspirants after they took to streets at Dogra chowk and tried to block the main Tawi bridge on Jammu-Airport road, the officials said.

Hundreds of aspirants have been regularly holding protests in different parts of the city over the past one year after they failed to get jobs during a recruitment drive by BSF and CISF, the result of which was declared in February last year.

They have been demanding enhancement of the vacancies to provide them employment as they have cleared all the rounds required to obtain the jobs. They even staged protests for over two months last year outside the local office of the BJP.

"We have already crossed the age limit to stand a chance for recruitment in future," said Vishal, one of

the protesters.

In the nearby Press Club, health workers wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) staged a peaceful demonstration on the main road, demanding their regularization and their coverage under the Minimum Wages Act.

"We have been working in different hospitals for the last 20 years, getting a meagre salary of Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 under hospital development fund (HDF)," one of the protesters said.

He said they have come on the road to highlight their demand for regularization of their services and implementation of the Minimum Wages Act.

## NC Dismisses Budget 2022 As 'Wordplay', 'Sophistry'

**SRINAGAR:** National Conference (NC) on Tuesday termed the Union budget 2022-23 a blend of sophistry and wordplay, saying it left stakeholders in Jammu and Kashmir excluded and ignored.

The budget steered clear of Jammu and Kashmir and left unaddressed issues confronting working classes and small businesses, NC spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar said.

"The budget has failed to tackle the problems of unemployment, and inflation.

This budget will only increase inequality and leave the largest section of our population including unemployed youth, artisans, agriculturalists, horticulturalists, marginal traders,

tourism players, and transporters vulnerable than ever, he said.

Dar said the budget is also oblivious to the pressing need for increase in spending on infrastructure, such as health, utility services, and education.

It has disappointed Kashmir Inc, which were hoping for relief in the times of pandemic. The annual finance statement is mute on rehabilitation and sustenance package for daily wagers, unorganised labour class.

The Union government has chosen to turn a blind eye to recapitalising of the limping MSME and other small scale industries in J-K, which stands battered by

the successive clampdowns, COVID-induced lockdowns since 2019, said Dar.

He said the government has failed to accelerate work on road and tunnel projects in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the budget also overlooked the need for allocations for the construction of Dessan-Kapran, Simthan, and Sadhna pass tunnels, as well as additional allocations needed for CRF to facilitate improvement in road connectivity.

The NC spokesperson said the ruling government in New Delhi is only using Jammu and Kashmir as a vote-minting entity to claw its way back to power in elections after elections.

### HORROR IN HAWAL

## Woman Suffers Burn Injuries In Acid Attack

Zaid Bin Shabir

**SRINAGAR:** In a shocking and shameful incident, a young girl sustained severe burn injuries on Tuesday after an unknown youth splashed acid on her face in Hawal area of the Old City.

The 24-year-old girl (name withheld) was attacked with acid on Tuesday evening at Wantpora area of Hawal, officials said.

The victim, who is undergoing treatment at SMHS hospital, has sustained severe burn injuries on her face and minor acid injuries on her left hand.

"Nine percent of the victim's face has been completely burned due to the splashed acid," Kanwaljeet Singh, Medical Superintendent, SMHS hospital told Kashmir Observer.

"It is still uncertain whether her eyes have been damaged in the attack or not."

He further added, "The doctors will operate on her tomorrow in



order to verify whether her vision is still intact or the attack has damaged her eyes. However, the victim's condition is stable."

Pertinently, the identity of the attacker, as per police, is still unknown but cops have intensified the search for the assailant who

### ACID ATTACKS IN KASHMIR: TIMELINE

**January 2, 2013:** Riyaz Ahmad Nath of Chanapora sprinkled acid on a 30-year-old female school teacher in Parraypora after failing to woo her.

**December 11, 2015:** A 21-year-old girl student was attacked by a car borne youth with acid near her Law College in Nowshera.

**October 5, 2021:** A 17-year old girl suffered burn injuries on shoulder after a man splashed acid at her in Shopian district.

is on the run and a case has been registered under Indian Penal Code's punishment for acid attacks in Nowhatta Police station.

SHO Nowhatta, Taseer Khan told Kashmir Observer that an FIR has been registered and an immediate enquiry has been

called into the matter.

"A case under FIR No. 08/2020 U/S 326-A of IPC has been registered to nab culprits behind the attack. The police have already started the investigation and questioned the people living in the area where the incident took place. The preliminary investigation has suggested that there are no CCTV cameras available at or near the site of the incident," he said.

The Police official further added, "The cops have intensified the search for any eye witness but the investigation will witness a major breakthrough when the victim discloses the details of the incident and the identity of the assailant. We will also check the victim's phone to acquire a list of people who she had contacted before the attack. This will also help us to find a lead towards the assailant's identity and will also verify whether the victim had any acquaintance with the attacker or not."



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

## DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM KASHMIR

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Subject:-

Minor Correction in the Registration Certificate of Shikara Wallas operating in Dal , Nigeen Lakes etc.

### PUBLIC NOTICE.

The Department of Tourism is in receipt of applications with regard to alphabetical/ minor corrections in names, surnames, parentage etc from the Registered Shikara operators of Dal Lake, Nigeen Lake/ River Jehlum etc. Whereas, the applicants as per the directions of this office have submitted the requisite documents furnished by the Competent Authority i.e (Revenue Department) UIDA, Bank Passbook etc for effecting the necessary changes in their favour.

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19	New Moon Panun	Hafeez Ahmad Chachoo	Ali Mohd	Reg/1336/1293/27	the parentage Mohammad Sidqi chachoo to be incorporate instead of Ali Mohammad
20	Zakhmi Dil	Mushtaq Ahmad Khan	Sona-ullah Khan	Reg/211/44/L20/24	the Cast Khar to be incorporated instead of Khan
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34	Zehar	Gh. Mohd. War	Ab. Rajab War	Reg/3275/3514/110/2/L13/68	the cast Lone to be incorporated instead of War
35	Betab Palace	Beta Ahmad Anchari	Ab. Rehman Anchari	Reg/3713/62/TS/L3 P76	the name Javid to be incorporated instead of Beta
36	House of Nigeen	Raja Ahmad Anchari	Ab. Rashid Anchari	Reg/2641/TS/L3/73	the name Parveez to be incorporated instead of Raja
37	Happy	Mehbooba	D/o Ab. Aziz Kawa	Reg/1237/1197/TS/L36/24	the name Mehbooba Banoo W/o Mohammad Shera to be incorporate instead of Abdul Aziz kawa
38	Badshah	Gayaz Ahmad Bhat	Gh. Mohd. Bhat	Reg/106-36/DT/L37/57	the name Gayas to be incorporated instead of Gayaz
39	Lala Leding Line	Dilshada	Gh. Qadir Chachoo	Reg/983/6/957/20/L7/35	Dil Shada W/o Mushtaq Ahmad Anchari to be incorporated instead of Lt Gh Qadir Chachoo
40	Darshan	Manzoor Ahmad Karie	Ab. Gani Karie	Reg/3550/L3/P8	the cast Qazi to be incorporated instead of Karie
41	New Gulmarg	Fayaz Ahmad Chachoo	Gh. Nabi Chachoo	Reg/7070/1034/22/L31/99	the name Aijaz to be incorporated instead of Fayaz
42	Day Light	Farooq Ahmad Sultani	Mohammad Sultani	Reg/1045/6/1011/21/L8/35	the prentage mail to be incorporated instead of Sultani
43	Bathing Baauty	Rafiqa Banoo	Mohd. Rajab Patnoo	Reg/957/929/TS/L1/L36/5	Mrs Rafiq Banoo W/o Ali Mohammad Dar to be incorporated instead of Mohd. Rajab Patnoo
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47	Amhad Palace	Momin Ahmad Kuloo	Mohd. Amin Kuloo	Reg/2569/TS/L21/67	the name Momin Amin to be incorporated instead of Momin Ahmad
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63	Charchinar	Ab Hamid Baba	Habib-ullah Baba	Reg/1238/1198	the cast Mala to be incorporated instead of Baba
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67	New Prince Mahal	Mohd Shafi Kawa	Gh Ahmad Kawa	Reg/1546/1/1439	the cast Fargudoo to be incorporated instead of Kawa
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Endemic Pandemic

Though the Third Covid wave has swept through India on an almost similar scale as the second wave, life has more or less remained normal. There have been fewer hospitalizations and deaths and virtually no demand for oxygen. This despite the fact that India's daily Covid caseload rose to 2.34 lakh cases on Sunday, taking the total tally to 4.10 crore. The active cases now comprise 4.59 per cent of the total infections. This may be because now the three-fourths of the country's adult population has been fully vaccinated. This was revealed by prime minister Narendra Modi in his first Mann ki Baat for 2022. He congratulated "fellow citizens for the momentous feat". So far, the cumulative number of doses of vaccine against Covid-19 administered in the country has crossed 165.7 crore. In the next few months, the entire country will have been vaccinated. Also, considering that the third wave has almost touched a significant section of population in the country, the disease has become endemic now. This has also meant that the people could develop herd immunity against the infection which, in turn, could help the world to get a handle on the once runaway pandemic.

But World Health Organization has warned against complacency in India, saying the risk persists despite plateauing of the cases. The WHO's regional director for South-East Asia Poonam Khetrapal Singh has called for the constant need for vigilance and a focus on reducing transmission. Singh has also recommended implementation of "situation-specific public health and social measures and increasing vaccine coverage," saying that is the way forward for all countries in the ongoing pandemic.

After vaccination of a majority of the population, India is well-poised to face the challenge of fresh flare-ups of the contagion. The current wave is largely attributed to Omicron which is said to be potentially more contagious than the delta variant. This has become a cause of some concern. However, the overall situation remains very encouraging. With every passing day, the situation on the Covid-19 front is getting better despite the surge in the cases. People are recovering within four to five days after the treatment. The once much-feared third wave has not wrought the havoc that the second wave did. The vaccination of a majority of the population has helped people fight the disease better.

As for the Covid infection, there is no other option but to live with it now while going along with our normal lives. More so, when it has apparently moderated now in its severity. That is the only answer to the unprecedented health crisis facing us and the world as a whole.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Another One: On Nadal's Australian Open Win

In legendary sporting careers, there comes a moment which perfectly encapsulates the champion's relentless pursuit of transcendent brilliance. For Sachin Tendulkar it was reaching a hundred international hundreds and for Kapil Dev it was getting to 432 Test match wickets to become the then highest wicket-taker. It spells consistency, across decades and geographies. On a balmy Sunday evening in Melbourne, it was the turn of Rafael Nadal to attain similar nirvana with a record 21st men's singles Grand Slam title, passing Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic in the all-time tally. The 35-year-old is only the fourth man in history (after Roy Emerson, Rod Laver and Djokovic) to win all four Majors at least twice. Nadal was not best placed to achieve what he did. For much of the second half of 2021 he was in exile and a chronic foot injury had him considering retirement. In Australia, he was physically sub-prime and in the final against Daniil Medvedev — a 6'6" albatross, who barely five months ago felled Djokovic at the 2021 US Open with a blindingly devastating performance — he was on the cusp of defeat, down two sets and three break-points. But what came to the fore was Nadal's greatest trait, the uncanny ability to thrive when barely allowed to live, culminating in what he called his "greatest comeback" and the "most unexpected achievement" of his already glittering career.

The previous decade in Australia has been one of disappointment for the Spaniard, having lost four finals, including two from winning positions. A repeat seemed in the offing when deep in the fifth set he failed to serve out the match. But such was the rarefied heights he reached that he quickly left a bad service game behind, relaxed into the moment and earned another opportunity for a shot at history that he would not miss. There was a history-maker among women too as the classy Ashleigh Barty, a player with indigenous Australian heritage, won her maiden Major on home soil, a first for an Australian since 1978, and third overall after the 2019 French Open and 2021 Wimbledon. Adept on grass and clay, courtesy her first-rate footwork and outstanding racquet skills, Barty seamlessly transitioned to the acrylic, adding some aggression while keeping her finesse and variety intact. Even in the crowded marketplace that global tennis is, there are no styles and personas quite like Nadal's and Barty's. It was apt that the event ended with rousing victories for the duo, despite the fog of Djokovic's deportation saga that had settled pre-tournament. For Indians, Sania Mirza's announcement of retirement at the end of the season will bring a tinge of sadness. But the year ahead will be another opportunity to relive and celebrate her stunning achievements and trailblazing legacy.

The Hindu

Battleground UP



THE CONTEST APPEARS largely between Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav

Riyaz Wani

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AS Assembly elections draw nearer, the political scene in Uttar Pradesh is becoming interesting by the day. The contest appears largely between Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav. Yadav recently got a shot in the arm when the farmer leaz der Nareish Tikait extended his support to him. Tikait also called on the people of the state to support the candidates of the SP which is in alliance with Rashtriya Lok Dal.

Congress, on the other hand, once again doesn't appear to be a force to reckon with in this battleground state which largely decides which party rules at the centre. Or conversely, which decides whether an existing ruling party at the centre continues to enjoy the confidence of the electorate or has forfeited it. So, the significance of the elections for the BJP - a ruling party both in the state and at the centre - can't be overemphasized.

The election will also decide the fate of the CM Adityanath who can very well emerge as a credible contender for the BJP's national leadership with a resounding victory, which some observers and the opinion polls see imminent. And a loss would not only be a big blow to Adityanath's perceived national ambitions but it could also put the BJP's re-election bid in 2024 in jeopardy.

But such a prospect looks unlikely considering Brand Modi remains in the ascendant. All the rival political stalwarts have been reduced to pygmies. India's larger secular opposition is still in tatters and fighting over scraps. Rahul Gandhi may be one of the few major genuine ideological opponents now, but there is no major pan-India leader in sight to take on PM Modi. He is now in a zone where a large section of the population in India has begun to attribute divinity to him. Moreover, the

Hindutva ideology that he propagates reigns supreme and it is something whose many aspects are now being bought into by the opposition also. There is no national leader in India who wants to be aggressive on secularism including Rahul Gandhi

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or Mamata Banerjee. Still the opposition unity and the Congress revival as a cohesive party can be expected to offer some challenge to the BJP's overwhelming dominance. But this seems unlikely to happen in the near future.

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It has been an unstoppable journey for Modi from his anointment as the BJP's election campaign chief in 2013 to his election as Prime Minister of India in 2014 and the subsequent re-election in 2019. He was earlier chief

minister of Gujarat for 15 years. But the years of being in power and its attendant banality have done little to dim his charisma.

What makes Modi tick? What makes him grow from strength to political strength with such effortless ease? The answer to the question is complex, yet seems very self-evident. In his years in India's national political arena, Modi has inventively expanded his political appeal to be all things to all the people —right from the rabidly rightwing to the centrist, if not to the left.

What now? The BJP's absolute control over India has led to the emergence of a "new India" away from Nehruvian secularism. The party has successfully instituted its idea of India into the reigning ideology of the country. But Uttar Pradesh and the outcome of the other four state polls like the one in Punjab will be a litmus test for the BJP. This will largely determine the saffron party's political future.

At stake is not only the mundane question of who rules UP over the next five years but how far further down the saffron road India will go. A win for a party other than the BJP will go some way to arrest the disarray among secular forces and give them the confidence to stand up to Modi. But a victory for the BJP will yet again reinforce the political dominance of Modi and further power his political cult. It will be an emphatic endorsement of his seven years of rule.

As things stand, the opinion polls continue to give the UP to the BJP. The SP is given second place and the BSP a distant third. But the opinion polls are hardly the final word on the outcome of an election as many of them have been bitterly belied over the last few years. What is apparent through the media coverage from the state is that Akhilesh Yadav is emerging as a viable challenger and could be expected to stage an upset. But for now, we can only wait and watch.

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THE REASON IS OBVIOUS. AT THE CENTRE OF these events was a man making epic efforts, at imminent risk to his own life, to douse the fires of communal violence and nationalistic rivalry that continue to blight South Asia even now

# Gandhi In Kashmir

Sudheendra Kulkarni

THERE aren't many people alive today who had the privilege of seeing Mahatma Gandhi. There are fewer still who had the rarer privilege of receiving him at their home and walking by his side, with his loving hand on their shoulder. Begum Khalida Shah enjoys that unique honour, and she cherishes that day as a priceless family treasure. Khalida Shah occupies a special and respected place in Kashmir. She is the daughter of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Abdullah. Dr Farooq Abdullah, four-time Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, is her younger brother. Her husband, Ghulam Mo-

enrment in New Delhi could have done to prevent it. But they had not. Their hearts lay with the Indian freedom movement led by Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, who were much-loved by fellow Kashmiris.

The Muslim League, which had got its demand accepted for the creation of a separate Muslim nation on the basis of the 'two-nations' theory, insisted on Kashmir joining Pakistan. The Indian National Congress, which had led the anti-British movement on a secular and democratic agenda, was clear that it was for the people of Kashmir to decide their own destiny.

Sheikh Abdullah, his party (the National Conference) and his people had refused to side with Pakistan and instead stood by the Congress for two reasons. First, the 'two-nations' theory went

## Why Gandhi Loved 'Abide With Me'

Is this the reason why 'Abide With Me', the Christian hymn penned by Anglican Scotsman Henry Francis Lyte, was so dear to the Mahatma?

*"Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me."*

So close was this hymn to his heart that he had included it in his all-religion prayer meetings. Because it was Gandhiji's favourite, the tune of 'Abide With Me' was played at the Republic Day 'Beating Retreat' ceremony every year since 1950. Sadly, it was dropped this year. What a thoughtless decision by the Modi government.

## How Sheikh Abdullah's Supporters Welcomed Gandhi In 1947

Going back to the year 1947. From Rawalpindi, Gandhiji travelled by car to reach the Jammu & Kashmir state border at Kohala on the morning of 1 August. He was given a rousing welcome by the supporters of Sheikh Abdullah. As he proceeded to Srinagar, there was another grand reception for him at Baramulla. But this was spoilt by a small fracas as members of the rival Muslim Conference, a pro-Pakistan group that had broken away from the National Conference, were agitating against his arrival.

There were none of these protests when the Mahatma's small entourage entered Srinagar in the evening. Khalida Shah recalls, "Tens of thousands of people stood on both sides of the road to welcome him joyously. My mother, whom I had accompanied, was the first to greet him with a garland on the outskirts of the city and wish him a pleasant stay in Kashmir. Arrangements for his stay had been made at Khorsheed Bagh, the residence of Kishorilal Sethi, a well-respected businessman, near the aerodrome. He looked a little tired because of the journey, but there were surging crowds coming to have his 'darshan'.

He told a group of them, 'I have come to meet the people of Kashmir, and Begum Sheikh Abdullah. Sheikh Abdullah is a satyagrahi. My intention is not to participate in any India vs. Pakistan debate.

graph of that visit, in which the Mahatma can be seen walking with one hand on the shoulders of Begum Abdullah and the other on the shoulder of young Khalida. "He expressed sympathy and solidarity with our family, and with all the people of Jammu & Kashmir for my father's imprisonment," Khalida Shah reminisced. "He assured us that the persecution my father was suffering would not go in vain. "No true satyagrahi can ever be defeated," he said.

"Why did Gandhiji say, 'If I see a ray of hope, it is in Kashmir'?" I asked Khalida Shah. "The reason was obvious. Not one Kashmiri Pandit was touched in Srinagar or anywhere else when communal riots were raging in many parts of undivided India. Following my father's instructions, three volunteers of National Conference stood outside every Kashmiri Pandit's house."

## Gandhiji Didn't Like 'Taam Jhaam', Says Khalida Shah

What are her enduring impressions of the Mahatma? Without any pause, she replied: "I was a young girl then, and didn't know much about politics. Yet, I can say he created two unforgettable impressions on me. First, he did not like taam jhaam — pomp and show. He did not like protocol. He gave the same respect to a common man as he did to any high representative of the Maharaja. Second, he respected all religions and spoke of love and peace for all. Because of this, Kashmiris saw him not as a politician but as a saint."

She then made a remarkable comment. "Gandhiji looked very serious and worried. He must have foreseen what was coming."

When independence came on 14-15 August, the Maharaja refused to accede to either India or Pakistan. Within two months, Pakistan-backed armed tribals invaded Kashmir. In a panic, Hari Singh fled from Srinagar to Jammu, where he signed the document of accession to India. The Indian army arrived in Kashmir. India and Pakistan started to fight, the first of several wars. The people of Kashmir assisted the Indian army with a warning to the attackers — "Hamlawar Khabardar Hum Kashmiri Hai Tayyaar" (Beware the attacker, We Kashmiris are ready).

Just a few months later, on 30 January 1948, Nathuram Godse killed the Mahatma.

"When the news of his assassination came, I was



Khalida Shah, daughter of Shaikh Abdullah, recounts the day Mahatma Gandhi visited her home in Srinagar

ammed Shah, was also a Chief Minister (1984-86). Her son, Muzaffar Shah, is a prominent politician of the state. Politics runs in her veins with an in-depth knowledge of the history of Kashmir. She has always spoken fearlessly, be it her opposition to separatism and terrorism or to the Centre's injustice to Jammu & Kashmir and the indignities her people have been subjected to.

## Under the Chinar Tree at Khalida Shah's House

I am sitting with her under a chinar tree on the lawns of her house in Srinagar on a quiet sunny morning. The air is refreshing and cool. The first thing that strikes me as greatly admirable about her is how fit and healthy she still is. At 85, she stands straight and walks with agility. As she starts speaking in her soft voice, I am struck by how sharp her memory is. The events she recalls belong to the yester-era. But they are relevant even today for the troubled times in Kashmir, India, Pakistan and our entire subcontinent.

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## 'Let Kashmiri People Decide'

It was 2 August 1947, a Saturday. The Mahatma had arrived in Kashmir the previous day from Rawalpindi. India was just a fortnight away from the joy of attaining freedom from British rule — but also from the sorrow of being partitioned in a manner that brought bloodshed and misery on a horrendous scale. It was a critical moment in the history of Jammu & Kashmir, too, because the fate of the state was hanging in balance. What would Maharaja Hari Singh, the Hindu ruler of a Muslim-majority princely state, decide? Would he accede to India or Pakistan, or stay independent?

There was a strong sentiment of uncertainty, anxiety and even anger among Kashmiris. Anger because their tallest leader had been jailed by the Maharaja. If Sheikh Abdullah and most of the Muslims of the Kashmir Valley had decided to cast their lot with Pakistan, there was very little either Hari Singh or the soon-to-be-independent India's gov-

against the grain of the age-old tolerant and syncretic ethos of Kashmir. Second, the Congress, led by Gandhiji and Nehru, had consistently supported their struggle against the autocratic rule of the Dogra kings from Jammu.

The latter had put Sheikh Abdullah in jail precisely to prevent the people from exercising their right to choose their future.

## 'The Ruler Is a Servant of the People'

It was at this delicate moment that Gandhiji decided to visit Kashmir. He was not going there to plead Kashmiris to join India. Indeed, before his departure from Delhi, at his prayer meeting on 29 July, he had made his views on Kashmir unambiguously clear:

"I am not going to suggest to the Maharaja to accede to India and not to Pakistan. The real sovereigns of the State are the people. The ruler is a servant of the people. If he is not so, he is not the ruler. This is my firm belief, and that is why I became a rebel against the British — because the British claimed to be the rulers of India, and I refused to recognise them as such. In Kashmir, too, the power belongs to the public. Let them do as they want ... I do not want to do anything in public when I am in Kashmir. I do not even want a public prayer; though I may have it, as prayer is part of my life."

## 'Swaraj For Me Is When Hindus & Muslims Live In Peace'

His real purpose of visiting Kashmir, rather, was to appeal for peace, unity and friendship between Hindus and Muslims, and also between the two independent nations about to be born. The prospect of the imminent partition of India had triggered mass killings and forced displacement of millions of people in Punjab, Sindh, Jammu, Bihar, Bengal and elsewhere. This barbarism had to be stopped, else freedom would lose all meaning. This mission of peace and reconciliation had prompted him to decide to go to Noakhali (in East Pakistan, now Bangladesh) on 15 August, instead of being in New Delhi to join the Independence Day celebrations.

"True Swaraj for me," he had always said, "is when Hindus and Muslims live in peace and harmony". He saw a ray of hope in Kashmir, because Kashmiri Pandits had felt no threat to their life, property and honour from Kashmiri Muslims.

Before he left for Noakhali in the east, there were also many Noakhalis in the west — hotspots of communal conflagration that demanded his healing presence. That is why en route to Kashmir, he went on a train journey from Delhi to Lahore and Rawalpindi, urging people to shed hatred and maintain calm. He also requested people to observe 15 August in a solemn manner. "It was a day of sorrow not because the British were leaving but because they were doing so after having this nation torn asunder."

He had another special appeal to the public: "Observe fast on that day, pray and feel humble before God." Why this appeal? Because "the times they were in then bore sad witness to brother fighting brother, to widespread shortages of food and clothing, and to the fact of the greatest leaders of the two countries challenged to shoulder burdens under which, without Almighty God's grace, the strongest would break."



Khalida Shah at her home in Srinagar. Photo: Sudheendra Kulkarni

Pakistan will soon be a reality. Our two countries should live as brothers in peace."

The Mahatma had spoken glowingly of Sheikh Abdullah on many occasions. Why? Because "he is indeed the Lion of Kashmir. He has done a lot of good work, and the most remarkable thing is that he has won over all the Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs in the course of it. He carries them all with him, and does nothing that will make them discontented."

## 'No True Satyagrahi Can Ever be Defeated'

Gandhiji's first prayer meeting in Kashmir was held on the evening of 2 August. A mammoth gathering comprising some 20,000 people attended the session. "At the prayer, my mother rendered verses from the Holy Quran," recalls Khalida Shah. "There were also melodious recitations from the Bhagavad Gita, followed by some hymns from the sacred scripture of the Parsis."

"Do you remember what he said in his address at the prayer meeting?" I asked her. "He did not speak on the occasion because it started raining," she said. "There was only common prayer, and the meeting ended."

The next afternoon, Gandhiji went to Mujahid Manzil, the headquarters of the National Conference. Again, he could not make a speech because the crowds were uncontrollable in their enthusiasm to get a glimpse of him. They were shouting 'Mahatma Gandhi ki Jai!' and 'Sheikh Abdullah Zindabad!'

Khalida Shah's most cherished moment came when Gandhiji arrived at their ancestral residence in Soura, some eight kilometres from Lal Chowk. Her son Muzaffar Shah proudly showed me the photo-

shattered," said Khalida Shah. So were my parents and everyone in our family. Grief enveloped the entire Valley."

## Gandhi's India is Lost Today

Over seven decades have passed since those fateful developments, and still more fateful things have happened in Kashmir since then. "What has changed in Kashmir in all these years?" I asked Khalida Shah. "Why is the same Kashmir, which welcomed Mahatma Gandhi so respectfully, the same Kashmir that fought against the attackers from Pakistan, the same Kashmir under Sheikh Abdullah that reposed its faith in India, why is that Kashmir so resentful towards New Delhi today?"

"My father placed his trust in secular and democratic India, in Mahatma Gandhi's India," she answered. "Sadly, the rulers in Delhi have behaved in a manner that has lost the trust of Kashmiri people."

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# How Many Times Can I Reuse My N95 Mask?

Agencies

The US Centers of Disease Control and Prevention says health care workers can wear an N95 mask up to five times. But experts say how often the average person can safely wear one will vary depending on how it's used.

Using the same mask to run to the grocery store, for example, is very different than wearing it all day at work.

The amount of time a mask is worn is more important than how frequently it's worn, says Richard Flagan, who studies masks and aerosols at the California Institute of Technology.

In general, he recommends limiting the use of an N95 mask to about two or three days.

With every breath you take in an N95, particles accumulate on the mask, Flagan says. That could make it more difficult to breathe if the mask has trapped a lot of particles.

"They are degrading the performance of the mask," Flagan says.

The elastic band on the mask could also get worn out and not fit around your face as snugly. It might also get dirty or wet, especially if you're using it while exercising.

If you notice any of these changes to your mask, it's time to stop using it—even if you've only used it a few hours. And since N95 masks can't be washed, they should be thrown away once you can no longer use them. (AP)



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## Cooked Leafy Greens Were First Served 3,500 Years Ago, Finds Study

Agencies

Cooked leafy vegetables make a substantial proportion of our food today but if we look at their origin, leafy greens were first dished up some 3,500 years ago in west Africa, archaeologists and archaeo-botanists have unearthed.

The teams from Germany's Goethe University and University of Bristol in the UK examined more than 450 pre-historic pots and 66 of them contained traces of lipids, that is, substances insoluble in water.

On behalf of the Nok research team at Goethe University, chemists from the University of Bristol extracted lipid profiles with the aim of revealing which plants had been used.

The results published in the journal 'Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences' revealed that more than a third of the 66 lipid profiles displayed very distinctive and complex distributions—indicating that different



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By combining their expertise, archaeology and archaeobotany researchers at Goethe University and chemical scientists from the University of Bristol corroborated that the origins of such west African dishes date back 3,500 years.

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"Carbonised plant remains such as seeds and nutshells preserved in archaeological sediments reflect only part of what people ate back then," said Katharina Neumann.

With the help of lipid biomarkers and analyses of stable isotopes, the researchers from Bristol were able to show that the Nok people in central Nigeria included different plant species in their diet.

Using carbonised plant remains from central Nigeria, it was possible to prove that the Nok people grew pearl millet.

But whether they also used starchy plants such as yam, and which dishes they prepared from the pearl millet had so far been a mystery.

"These unusual and highly complex plant lipid profiles are the most varied seen (globally) in archaeological pottery to date," said Julie Dunne from University of Bristol's Organic Geochemistry unit.

### Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama.

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER SHORT TERM FRESH NIT NO. (43) OF 2021-22 (e-Tendering)

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K U.T. e-Tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K U.T. Govt. already put to tenders vide NIT No. 41 of 2021-22 Circulated vide No. PID/CS/4969-93 Dated 10-01-2022 for the following works.

S. No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost In Lakhs	Cost of TD. In Rs.	Earnest Money in Rs.	Time of completion	Class of Contract	Head of Account	AAA Accorded
1	Re-construction of damaged protection works by way of laying of crates and foundation block for drought pump site Datapora near main Pump Station (V.T.) Dogripora.	5.56	300	11120	25-Days	CEE & DEE	2702-M&R	Accorded vide No. SE/Hyd/Spn/DB/55 of 12/2021-22 Dated 15/12/2021
2	Construction of cement concrete Lining wall with treatment at Bijibagh canal at spots (Part 3"). L.I.S Samboora.	1.76	200	3520	20-Days	DEE	4702-District Sector.	Accorded vide No.19 of 12/2018 dated 11-12-2018 endorsed vide No. SE/Hyd/Spn/4190-91 of 12/2021-22 Dated 11/12/2018.

Position of Funds:

Budgetary Provision.

Position of T-Sanction : Sanctioned.

1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, Set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:

01	Date of issue of Tender Notice	27-01-2022 (06.00 pm)
02	Date of start of downloading.	27-01-2022 (06.00 pm)
03	Bid submission start date Technical/ Financial.	27-01-2022 (06.00 pm)
04	Bid submission end date.	03-02-2022 (04.00 pm)
05	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online).	04-02-2022 (10.00 am)

2. Bids must be accompanied with proof of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury receipt/e-challan under (MH: 0702-PWD Remittance) in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama (tender inviting authority), and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in shape of CDR/ FDR from any schedule or nationalized bank pledged to Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama (Tender Receiving Authority).

3. The date and time of opening of Technical Bids shall be notified on departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama (Tender Receiving Authority).

4. The bid for the work shall remain valid for period of 90 days from the date of opening of bid.

5. The earnest money shall be forfeited if:-

a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms and conditions of the bid.

b. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 7 Days after fixation of contract.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-Tendering process:-

6.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on web site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in acquaint bid submission process.

6.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from any approved vendor.

6.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para- 3.

6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

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

7. The Department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

8. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury receipt/e-challan under (MH: 0702-PWD Remittance) in favour of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in shape of CDR/ FDR as applicable pledged to Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama must be uploaded with the technical documents of the bid.

9. Price Escalation and Taxes:- The item wise cost/ offer be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes till completion of work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

10. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

11. Instructions to Bidder (ITB):-

11.1. All bidders shall upload the following information and documents with their Bids GST No., PAN, Contact No., E-mail ID & Registration Card duly renewed for the current year.

11.2. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

12. If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate List/ Quantity Schedule, cost of such item/ items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/ total contract value. No rate shall be allowed for such item/ items in the allotment of contract.

13. General Conditions of Contract:-

13.1. The successful bidder shall submit all documents related to the bid in English Language.

The material shall have to be procured by the contractor from the open market with the quality & specification as prescribed, to be certified by the Engineer In-charge.

The conditional bids are also liable for rejection.

13.2. The date of start of the work shall be reckoned within one week from the date of submission of LOI/ Contract Allotment as the case may be.

13.3. Penalty for delay in completion:- In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty upto maximum of 10% of the contract shall be imposed.

13.4. Time Extension:- Suitable time extension shall be granted in case of increase in scope of work and in the event of delay beyond control of contractor to be determined by the Department.

13.5. Advance Payments:- No mobilization advance shall be paid.

13.6. Secured Advance:- No secured advance shall be paid to the successful bidder.

13.7. Retention Money/Performance security:- 10% of the value of contract shall be deducted from each running account bill/ final bill of the successful contractor which shall be released after completion of work in all respects and when the DLP of the work is over or the successful bidder shall have to deposit 10% of the value of the contract as performance security as per Rule 171 of GFR, 2017 at the time of issuance of award of contract/letter of intent.

13.8. The Successful bidder will be solely responsible for any deterioration/ loss or theft of material at site.

13.9. Schedule of Payment:- The payment schedule shall be fixed after award of contract in favour of successful bidder, on the basis of availability of funds and value of work executed, shall be determined by the Engineer In-charge 20% shall be deducted from the filling embankment quantity for compaction till the proctors density test is received and found within specified limits.

13.10. Amendment of Bidding Document:- Before the deadline for submission of bids the employer may modify the bidding documents by issuing Agenda.

13.11. The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof and conditional tenders shall also be rejected in any case.

13.12. Restoration of work:- On completion of contract the contractor shall be responsible to remove all un-used material and restore all work in its original position at his own cost.

13.13. The contract has to manage housing for labours, electricity, water storage for material watch and ward and other facilities at his own.

13.14. Arbitration:- The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration procedure stated in the J&K conciliation and Arbitration Act No. xxv of 1997 issued vide SRO No.- 4023 vide notification of J&K Govt. "Law Department 11th December 1997).

13.15. Defect Liability Period:- The DLP shall be considered from start of trail run which shall be 06 Months in case of Mechanical works/machinery and equipment's or one Irrigation Season (Kharief Season) in case of civil construction works.

13.16. Safety:- The contractor shall be responsible for safety of all activities at site of work.

13.17. Discoveries:- Anything of historical or other interest or of significant value unexpectedly discovered on the site shall be the property of the Government.

13.18. Tests:- The contractor shall be solely responsible for carrying out the mandatory tests required for the quality control at his own costs.

13.19. Termination:- The employer may terminate the contract if the contractor causes fundamental breach of the contract.


No.: PID/CS/5129-52.

Dated:- 27-01-2022.

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,  
Irrigation Division Pulwama.

DIPK-17403/21



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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-NIT No: -IUST/EW/22/TEND/HSTL/01; Dated:- 01-02-2022

For and on behalf of Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, J&K State, E-Tenders (in Two cover system) are invited on percentage basis, from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. / CPWD / Railways or other State / Central Govt. Departments for the following work.

TENDER DETAILS

Table A

Name of work	CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTEL BLOCK AT IUST AWANTIPORA
Advertised Cost of Construction	Rs. 12,49,18,421.00/=
Cost of document	(Non-refundable) Rs. 12,000/- (Rupees Twelve Thousand Only) in shape of Demand Draft Only.
Earnest Money Deposit (2% of advertised Cost)	Rs. 24,98,368.00/= in shape of CDR/FDR only
Class of Contract	Class "AAV"
Time Allowed for Completion of Work	24 Calendar Months
Date Of Issuance of Tender	01-02-2022
Document Download Start Date	01-02-2022
Bid submission Start Date	02-02-2022
Bid submission End Date	22-02-2022 Up to 6:00 Pm
Date of Submission of DD (Hard Copy)	23-02-2022 From 10:00 Am Up to 4:00 Pm
Time & Date of opening of Technical Bids	Bids shall be opened at IUST, on 24-02-2022 AT 2 PM
Time, Date & Address of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed
The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of FINANCE OFFICER IUST Valid For 45 Days Beyond DLP (DLP Period Shall be 03 Years)	As per time specified in SBD. (Standard Bidding Document)
Availability of Tender document	Tender document can be downloaded from website ( <a href="https://jktenders.gov.in">https://jktenders.gov.in</a> .)
Position of AAA	Accorded
Position of Technical Sanction	Committed
Position of Funds	Available
The site for the work	Available
Bidding process	On-line
Bid Validity	120 Days

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Sd/- University Engineer, IUST-

Government Of Jammu And Kashmir

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#### Notice for Attendance Statement of Non-Move Employees

Sub:-Attendance statement of Non-Move employees lodged in Pvt. Hotels / Guest Houses and JKTDC hotels for the session 2021-22 - required in connection with payment of catering charges to Hoteliers.

In connection with the official work or otherwise reportedly some employees have remained out of their headquarters whether on leave or official duty and In this regard all the Drawing and Disbursing officers are requested to furnish Leave Statement / Tour Diary of all their employees who are / were availing mess facilities in the hotels hired by the Estates Department and have remained out of their Head Quarters, whether on leave or otherwise enabling this office to make payment to the hoteliers In accordance with actual attendance of the inmates in their respective hotels after deducting the period outside station. The requisite information for the month of November, December, 2021 and January, 2022 may kindly be furnished to this office by or before 10th February, 2022.

In case no Information is received by or before 10th February, 2022, it will be presumed that no officer / official under your administrative control and availing Hotel / Mess facility has proceeded on leave and payment shall be released in favour of the hoteliers, me information may please be furnished to this office through a special messenger under proper acknowledgement.

The matter may kindly be treated as most urgent.

No: DDES/Pvt.hotel/2022/286-87

Deputy Director Estates Srinagar,  
Kashmir

DIPK-17383/21

dated: 31-01-2022



## Budget: 30% Tax On Income From Cryptocurrency, Virtual Assets; 1% TDS On Buy/Sale

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Giving clarity on taxation of cryptocurrencies and other virtual assets, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday proposed a 30 per cent tax on income from transactions in such assets.

Also, to bring such assets under the tax net, she proposed a 1 per cent TDS (tax deducted at source) on transactions in such asset classes above a certain threshold. Gifts in crypto and digital assets will also be taxed, she said.

The tax proposals will come into effect from April 1 after the passage of the Union Budget in Parliament.

Meeting demands from large sections of industry, she said the RBI will launch a 'Digital Rupee' based on blockchain technology in 2022-23.

Experts said the 30 per cent tax levied on income arising from the sale of cryptocurrency is similar to the tax rate on winnings from lottery, game shows, puzzles etc.



Digital currency and assets like NFTs (non-fungible tokens) have gained traction globally over the last couple of years. Trading in these assets has increased manifold with cryptocurrency exchanges being launched. However, India did not have a clear policy on either regulating or taxing such asset classes.

NFTs are unique digital assets with verified ownership rights and the details are stored on a blockchain.

Nangia Andersen India Chairman Rakesh Nangia said the government has walked the talk on a stable and predictable tax regime and transfer of virtual digital assets have been brought under the taxation ambit.

## Commercial 19 Kg LPG Cylinder Prices Slashed By ₹91.50: Report



Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** National Oil Marketing companies have slashed the prices of 19 kg commercial LPG cylinder cost by ₹91.50 effective from February 1.

The 19 kg commercial cylinder will cost ₹1907 in Delhi from today, sources told ANI.

It will provide some relief to restaurants, eateries, tea stalls and others which constitute the largest user segment of the 19

kg cylinders.

Last month on January 1, the price of 19 kg commercial LPG cylinders was reduced by ₹102.50 bringing the price of cylinders to ₹1998.50 in Delhi

However, there are no decrease in prices of other domestic cylinders weighing 14.2 kg, 5 kg, 10 kg composite or 5 kg composite cylinders and their prices remain the same. LPG Cylinder rate is revised monthly for all the states and union territories in India.

## Winners And Losers In Union Budget 2022

Archana Chaudhary and  
P R Sanjai, Bloomberg

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government laid out India's budget for the financial year starting April 1, months after a devastating second Covid-19 wave that crippled small businesses and deepened the country's already vast inequalities.

With five states, including the politically significant Uttar Pradesh, heading to the polls later this month, there were expectations that the budget would address issues of high unemployment. The state elections will be a mid-term assessment of Modi's popularity ahead of national elections in 2024.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman Tuesday presented a budget that calls for a bigger spend to fire up growth in Asia's third-largest economy, as it stages a world-beating recovery from the pandemic.

Sitharaman proposed increasing the size of the economy's annual spending to ₹39.5 lakh crore (\$529 billion) to support growth plans.

Here's a list of winners and losers from the budget announcements:

### WINNERS EV BATTERY MAKERS

Crucial for plans to expand India's ambitions to promote clean transport technology, battery makers will gain from a new swapping policy for electric vehicles announced by Sitharaman. Beneficiaries will include Exide Industries Ltd. and Amara Raja Batteries Ltd.

### TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE

Plans for investments in remote roads, mass transit in cities and 400 new "Vande Bharat" trains in three years will benefit key infrastructure players including Larson & Toubro Ltd., GMR Infrastructure Ltd., KNR Constructions Ltd., IRB Infra Ltd., Container Corporation of India Ltd., Allcargo Logistics Ltd. and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp.

### METALS

The government's 600 billion rupee allocation for piped water to 38 million homes and spending on logistics will benefit India's metals producers, including Vedanta Ltd., Tata Steel Ltd. and JSW Steel Ltd. Jindal Stainless Ltd. Pipemakers Join Irrigation Systems Ltd., KSB Ltd., Kirloskar Brothers Ltd. could also benefit.



### SOLAR

Production-linked incentives worth ₹19,500 crore for solar modules to boost local manufacturing will turn the focus on growth at leading panel manufacturers, including Tata Power Ltd., Suzlon Energy Ltd., Adani Enterprises Ltd. and Reliance Industries Ltd.

### CEMENT, CONSTRUCTION

The government's plan to build more homes for low-income earners across cities will mean more contracts for cement and construction majors UltraTech Cement Ltd., Ambuja Cements Ltd, Birla Corp. and ACC Ltd.

### TELCOs, DATA CENTERS

The launch of 5G auctions in 2022 will help boost telco sector and the classification of data storage as infrastructure spending will benefit companies including Bharti Airtel Ltd., Reliance Industries Ltd., Vodafone Idea Ltd., Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., HFCL Ltd., Tejas Networks Ltd., Sterlite Technologies Ltd.

### DIGITAL FINANCE

Digital financial services providers in India are set to gain after Tuesday's budget focused on expanding such services. These include PB Fintech Ltd., the parent of PolicyBazaar, newly listed Paytm's owner One 97 Communications Ltd., eClerx Services Ltd. and Paisalo Digital Ltd., which provides smaller loans through its app.

### DEFENCE MANUFACTURERS

Companies manufacturing defense equipment look to benefit from Sitharaman's plan to earmark 68% of the sector capex for local companies in the annual budget. Gainers include Larsen & Toubro Ltd., Bharat Forge Ltd. and Paras Defence and Space Technologies Ltd. The drone start ups that could benefit include Zeus Numerix, New Space India Ltd. and BotLab Dynamics.

### LOSERS

#### STATE-RUN BANKS

India plans to start a digital currency, shifting the rules for traditional banking in the country as it tries to keep pace with the global move toward virtual financial instruments. The move will affect India's archaic lenders State Bank of India Ltd., Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India, Bank of India and Punjab National Bank.

#### CRYPTO PLAYERS

The decision to levy 30% tax on profits from digital asset transactions, including cryptocurrencies and non-fungible tokens, may rule out a blanket ban on such tokens for now but it will make trading in them less profitable. This will also affect crypto exchanges. Players affected include WazirX, Zebpay, CoinDCX and Coinswitch Kuber.

#### COAL AND THERMAL POWER

The companies to watch after India's incentives for solar power and plans to use biomass pellets in thermal power plants in a bid to rely less on coal include Coal India Ltd. Singareni Collieries Co., Adani Enterprises Ltd. These companies are suppliers of imported coal.

#### STAINLESS STEEL

India has made plans to revoke some anti-dumping and countervailing duties on stainless steel, coated steel flat products, bars of alloy steel and high-speed steel, given the rise in metal prices. This is expected to affect the biggest producer Jindal Stainless Ltd. and Tata Metaliks Ltd.

#### AUTOMOBILE MAKERS

Car manufacturers, which received little attention from the finance minister, continue to reel under a global semiconductor crunch. The S&P BSE Auto Index was the worst performer among 19 sectoral gauges after Tuesday's budget announcement. Companies to watch include Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., Tata Motors Ltd, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.

## Tourism: An Allurement For Tourists In J&K



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** "If there is a paradise on earth, it is here, it is here, it is here".

This Persian couplet itself defines the beauty of Jammu and Kashmir when it comes to the Tourism potential of the Union Territory.

Jammu and Kashmir encompasses tropical, subtropical and temperate climatic weather patterns, which therefore make it distinct from other parts of the country. A huge trans Himalayan landscape presents a diverse socio-geographical landscape to the onlookers and visitors. Himalayas, the young fold mountains of the world with snow clad peaks throughout the year and also home to the highest peak of the world offer a wider platform for adventurous activities here and they form an undisputable source of allurements to the visitors from other Indian states and foreign countries as well.

The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is divided into two divisions; Jammu division and Kashmir division which adds an important component of diversity to the Union Territory. Both the regions have an immense potential for tourism due to stupendous and mesmerizing geographical landscaping.

Kashmir is well known for its scenic beauty, verdant valleys, lush green vegetation, snow clad mountains, fascinating gardens, enchanting and enthralling lakes, wonderful panoramic view points, natural water falls, deep gorges, apple valleys, poplar trees, deodar trees, snow laden snow fields and huge glaciers, meandering rivers zoos, wildlife sanctuaries, national parks etc.

The region falls mainly in subtropical and temperate latitudes with harsh winters triggered by western disturbances and western winds. The region also experiences rainy season in summers. Geographically, the valley is a basin shaped structure interspersed in between middle Himalayas in south and greater Himalayas in north with places of immense

tourism potential.

Be it Dal lake, Mughal gardens, Nishat bagh, Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Doodhpathri, Tosa maidan, Aharbal, Kokernag, Achabal, Sonamarg, wular lake, Nagin lake, Shankracharya temple, Khirbhawani and Amarnath shrine etc, Kashmir Valley gives varied options for visitors to experience the scenic and scintillating beauty here.

The valley maintains its charm in all the seasons. Ski enthusiasts can enjoy the exotic Himalayan landscape during winters. Gulmarg, popularly known as the meadow of flowers, is an ideal haven for adventure enthusiasts. Along with skiing, trekking, snowboarding, golfing, mount biking, and fishing are other exhilarating alternatives one can enjoy in Gulmarg.

Similarly in summer months, the numerous Alpine Lakes are favourite go to places for trekkers and campers giving them a chance to explore the adventurous potential of Kashmir valley.

Like Kashmir, Jammu division is also bestowed with natural beauty. The region falls in between pirpanjal range of middle Himalayas in north and kandi belt in south. The region falls mainly in tropical and subtropical latitudes and harbours many tourist places. Jammu exhibits all the qualities that make it a most sought after tourist destination.

Jammu, popularly known as the 'city of temples' is known for its ancient temples, shrines, gardens and forts. Some famous shrines like Raghunath temple, Ranbireswar temple, Mahamaya temple, Bahu temple, Peer baba, and Peer kho are prominent religious places to visit.

The Bahu temple is situated inside the majestic Bahu fort is dedicated to goddess kali called bawe wali Mata. Besides the temple, a travel enthusiast can also enjoy the architectural grandeur of Bahu fort as well as Mubarak mandi complex. The aquarium at Baghe- Bahu which is largest underground aquarium in the country, also gives a mesmerizing experience to tourists.

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Subject: Provisional Selection List of NEET MD/MS/ PG Diploma courses 2021, for candidates belong to the UT of J&K/Ladakh.

Reference:

- (i) Notification No. 113-BOPEE of 2021 dated 20-10-2021.
- (ii) Notice No. 072-BOPEE of 2021 dated 25-10-2021.
- (iii) Notice No. 080-BOPEE of 2021 dated 27-11-2021.
- (iv) Notice No. 081-BOPEE of 2021 dated 02-12-2021.
- (v) Notice No. 083-BOPEE of 2021 dated 16-12-2021.
- (vi) Notice No. 084-BOPEE of 2021 dated 16-12-2021.
- (vii) Notification No. 148-BOPEE of 2021 dated 16-12-2021.
- (viii) Notification No. 002-BOPEE of 2022 dated 08-01-2022.
- (ix) Notice No. 001-BOPEE of 2022 dated 12-01-2022.
- (x) Notification No. 005-BOPEE of 2022 dated 19-01-2022.
- (xi) Notice No.003-BOPEE of 2022 dated 23-01-2022.

NOTIFICATION NO. 010-BOPEE OF 2022  
DATED 01-02-2022

Whereas, consequent upon declaration of the NEET PG 2021 result by the National Board of Examination (NBE) on 28-09-2021, a tentative score list on the basis of NEET data received by the BOPEE from Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, was notified vide Notification No. 113-BOPEE of 2021 dated 20-10-2021; read with Notice No. 072-BOPEE of 2021 dated 25-10-2021, Notice No. 080-BOPEE of 2021 dated 27-11-2021, Notice No.081-BOPEE of 2021 dated 02-12-2021 and; and

Whereas, vide Notice No. 003-BOPEE of 2022 dated 23-01-2022, while notifying the updated provisional merit list of eligible/short-listed candidates were also directed to fill up online preferences for allotment of seats as notified by the Board w.e.f. 25-01-2021 to 27-01-2021 (mid-night).

Whereas, after considering the online preferences of the candidates for various seats, who choose to fill the forms/participate in the process and on the basis of the merit of the candidates read with reservation rules and other statutory orders on the subject, the Board has enlisted/selected the candidates for provisional admission to the MD/MS/PG Diploma Courses 2021 in Government Medical College Jammu, Government Medical College Srinagar, SKIMS-Srinagar and ASCOMS-Jammu, list whereof is annexed as Annexure "A" to this Notification. The enclosed admission list is provisional and in case of any information being submitted by the candidate(s) is proved to be false/fabricated/untrue at any stage, the Board reserves the right to cancel the same along with the penal action as may be imposed by the Board in terms of SRO 158 (rule 12), which interalia reads as under:-

"If at any stage it is detected by the Competent Authority or the Principal of the Medical College concerned that any candidate has secured admission to a Post Graduate Degree or Diploma Course by fraud, concealment of facts or mis-statement, the admission of the candidate shall stand cancelled and such a candidate shall

also stand debarred from seeking admission to any Post Graduate Degree and Diploma Course in future and shall also be liable to criminal proceedings."

Due to restrictions imposed by UT of J&K in connection with COVID-19 situation, the Board has decided that the provisionally selected candidates are advised to report to the respective colleges allotted to them from the date of issuance of this list of 1st Round w.e.f. 2nd to 6th February, 2022 (till 4.00 P.M) through any of the following modes:-

#### 1) PHYSICAL REPORTING:

The candidates can report to the college physically for taking admission, after paying necessary fees and submission of original documents (subject to verifications of all necessary documents by the respective Colleges) (details mentioned in Annexure "C" to this Notification) by maintaining all social distances due to COVID-19 situation and as per the guidelines issued by UT Government of J&K from time to time.

Or

#### 2) ONLINE REPORTING:

The candidates can join the allotted college by sending a confirmatory email regarding acceptances of seat & uploading scanned copies of all relevant/required documents/certificates subject to verification by respective Colleges & pay the requisite fees online to the account of Colleges (mentioned in Annexure "C" to this notification).

In view of the above, the participating Institutes are instructed as under:-

- i) College should ensure the arrangement of payment portal where candidates can deposit their fee & prominent display of particulars of the college & Bank Account Number with name of Branch enabling the candidates to pay the fee digitally.
- ii) The College shall make Verification of scanned copies of certificates of the candidates for admission by forming a dedicated team if deemed necessary.
- iii) All the colleges/Institutes are advised to ensure smooth admission procedure for selected candidates both in online/off-line mode(s) and observe strict precautions due to COVID-19 situation such as maintaining social distancing and measuring all guidelines / directions / precautions as issued by J&K Government from time to time.

The candidates selected provisionally for admission to the courses/colleges shall report to the allotted college/institution and produce the following original documents with their photocopy to the college authorities:-

- (i) Matriculation Certificate;
- (ii) MBBS Degree certificate;
- (iii) Internship completion certificate (by or before 30th of September, 2021);
- (iv) MBBS Marks cards;
- (v) NEET Result card (wherever applicable);
- (vi) Domicile Certificate of candidates belonging to UT of J&K / Ladakh;
- (vii) MCI/J&K Medical Counsel Registration Certificate;
- (viii) Category certificate (wherever applicable);
- (ix) Candidates who have passed MBBS Degree from outside country to enclose MCI clearance/recognition certificate;
- (x) NOC for seeking admission to MD/MS/PGD Courses from the competent authority in case of in-service candidates;
- (xi) Proof of Identity by way of Aadhaar Card, Driving License, Passport or any other verification document of identity as may be accepted by the Institute;

- (xii) Any other document(s) as may be deemed necessary by the College;

The candidates shall also submit an affidavit to the college/institution as per Annexure "B" to this Notification broadly with effect to the following:-

1. The information furnished by the candidate is correct and nothing has been concealed/suppressed there-of;
2. In case any information proves to be wrong/false, the candidate shall be personally responsible for the consequences including the cancellation of his/her admission and the penalty as may be imposed upon him/her by the Board/Institution concerned in terms of SRO 158 of 1995 read with SRO 168 of 2014 mentioned in the preceding paras;
3. The candidate is not pursuing any MD/MS/PGD Course in any institution of the UT of J&K and if pursuing outside, has obtained NOC from the concerned University/Institution;
4. The candidate has not taken admission in MD/MS/PGD Course in the Medical Colleges/Institutions in the UT of J&K during the last three or two years (as the case may be) and has not resigned/left the course midway;
5. The candidate has completed Rotatory Internship by or before 30-09-2021 and in case the same has not been completed by the said date, the candidate shall not be eligible for admission;
6. Undertaking to the effect of producing all documents required for admission;
7. The candidate has not taken admission in any institute of the country or MD/MS/PGD Course during 2021.

#### THE CANDIDATES SHALL:-

- i) have to report to the college/institution, immediately and latest by 6th of February, 2022 till to 4:00 PM, so that the requisite formalities are completed by selected candidates;
- ii) have to join the college/institution compulsorily and any candidate not joining the college/course against the seat so allotted shall not be eligible for subsequent rounds of admission against the vacancies, which may become available due to non-joining etc. in accordance with the conditions contained in the Information Brochure. Further, such candidates who stake a claim for betterment of the seat, if available, shall also have to join the College/Institute/course first and then stake a claim for upgradation or otherwise in terms of detailed conditions contained under Information Brochure, which shall be considered in accordance with merit-cum-preferences of the candidates and the conditions contained therein;

#### THE COLLEGE/INSTITUTE SHALL NOTE THE FOLLOWING:-

- i) It shall be sole responsibility of the College / Institutions concerned to ensure proper check and verification of documents / eligibility as per guidelines issued by MCI / NMC before the candidate is allowed for admission and in case of any discrepancy in the requisite documents the same shall be reported to the Board for further course of action. Under rules.
- ii) In order to complete admission process within the prescribed cut-off date ( 05-02-2022 the Colleges / Institutions shall keep their admission counters open even on holidays / off days / Sundays, if any, and designate Nodal Officer to facilitate the candidates to complete their admission process well in time and submit the details of the candidates who have not joined/vacant seats latest by 06-02-2022 (till 05:00 PM) to enable the Board to fill vacant seats as per rules and under subsequent rounds for vacant seats. However, the candidates should

in their own interest avoid waiting for the last day to complete admission formalities since delay has the potential of causing hardships to the candidates only.

- iii) the concerned Colleges / Institutions shall ensure that, any person with disability, if selected in open merit or some reserved category, constitute a special Medical Board to assess the eligibility of such candidates strictly as per MCI regulations/ guidelines issued from time to time and make recommendations based on which Colleges shall take further necessary action. In case any such candidate does not fulfil the bench marks of eligibility as per MCI regulations/ guidelines issued from time to time, he/she shall not be admitted to the course/ college and the matter shall be reported to the BOPEE.

The selection of candidates for above admission shall, apart from the conditions included herein above be regulated by such conditions as may not mentioned herein, but notified from time to time by the Board through notices/notifications, Information Brochure etc. and shall form part of this Notification and those contained in terms of MCI/ NMC Regulations/UT rules as applicable and notified from time to time.

Annexure "A", "B" and "C" shall be available on the BOPEE website only.

- Note- 1. Candidates should go carefully through E-Brochure, regarding procedure and eligibility for participation in the second round of counselling.

Details of unfilled Reserved Category seats after completion of first round of counselling are given as under:

S. No	Discipline	Institute			No. of unfilled seats
		GMC-J	GMC-S	SKIMS	
1	M D Pharmacology	3	7	0	10
2	M D Physiology	8	3	0	11
3	M D / MS Anatomy	5	12	0	17
4	M D Hospital Administration	0	0	2	2
5	M D SPM&C	4	4	3	11
6	M D Pathology	3	7	5	15
7	M D Microbiology	0	3	5	8
8.	PGD Immuno Haematology & Blood Transfusion	0	0	1	1
Total unfilled seats					75

Category-wise breakup of unfilled Reserved category seats is as under:-

- 1. SC = 08
- 2. ST = 35(MD= 34+1PGD)
- 3. ALC = 04
- 4. PSP = 18
- 5. OSC = 10
- 6. EWS = 15
- 7. STK = 02
- 8. STL = 03

This selection /admission notification shall be without any prejudice and subject to final outcome of the writ petition(s), pending, if any, before any competent Court of Law.

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No. BOPEE/Exam-2022/2021  
Dated: 01-02-2022  
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Sd/-  
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# FM Presents Budget Amid Oppn Taunts, BJP Applause

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Labelling Budget 2022-23 a Nothing Budget with no provisions for farmers, youth or the poor, the Congress on Tuesday also accused the government of betraying the salaried and middle classes by not announcing any relief measures for them.

Several Congress leaders, including former president Rahul Gandhi, hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for presenting a "Lollypop budget". The opposition party alleged that the government's "anti-farmer and anti-poor" face is exposed as it has cut fertiliser subsidy and also reduced food subsidy and MGNREGA funds.

"Modi Government's Zero Sum Budget! Nothing for - Salaried class, Middle class, the poor and deprived, Youth, Farmers and MSMEs," Gandhi said on Twitter.

Congress general secretary and chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said the

salaried and the middle classes have been affected due to pay cuts and high inflation.

"India's salaried class and middle class were hoping for relief in times of pandemic, all round pay cuts and back breaking inflation. FM and PM have again deeply disappointed them in Direct Tax measures," Surjewala said on Twitter.

"This is a betrayal of India's Salaried Class and Middle Class. #Budget2022," he said.

Terming the document a "Nothing budget", he said in a Twitter post in Hindi that it has nothing for the poor, the salaried and the middle classes as well as farmers and the youth whose pockets are empty.

"Budget2022: The anti-farmer face of the Modi government has come out. The promise of doubling farmer's income by 2022 is now in the waste basket. Fertilizer subsidy cut by Rs 35,000 Crore! No mention of MSP guarantee! Inflation at 7 percent and agriculture budget raised by only 2.7 percent, Kisan Nidhi by only 0.74 percent,"

Surjewala said.

He also alleged that the promise of two crore jobs every year under the 'Make in India' scheme has been proved to be a 'jumla' with the government now proposing it will create 60 lakh jobs through PLI (production linked incentive) schemes.

"There is no account of how many jobs were created earlier under 'Make in India' and no plan either on how and by when the new jobs would be created under PLI schemes."

There is nothing, he added, to increase spending and to promote small scale industry.

"Budget2022 motto - Cut Subsidy, hit the poor and farmer! FY 2021-22(RE) & FY 2022-23 - Food Subsidy slashed from Rs 2.86 Lakh Crore to Rs 2.06 Lakh Crore! Fertiliser Subsidy slashed from Rs 1.40 Lakh Crore to Rs 1.05 Lakh Crore! NAREGA budget slashed from Rs 98000 Crore to Rs 73000 Crore!," he said in another tweet.

The Congress party on its Twitter handle dubbed it a "Lollypop budget" and said,

"BJP's empty budget, betrayed the country again."

"It's been 2 years since the pandemic rocked the nation and the world, but the private final consumption expenditure has still not even reached pre-covid levels. At this rate, when will our nations economy recover, and what is the Modi govt doing to help?" the Congress asked.

"Since 2014, the total debt of the GoI has nearly tripled. Modinomics has proven disastrous, increasing tremendously the debt burden on our nation," the party said.

In his comments soon after the finance minister presented the budget for 2022-23 in Parliament, Surjewala also asked how the government was imposing tax on profit from crypto currencies when it is not clear if it is legal.

"And Ms Finance Minister, please do tell the Nation - Is Crypto Currency now legal, without bringing the Crypto Currency Bill, as you tax the crypto currency?"

"What about its regulator?"

What about regulation of Crypto Exchanges? What about investor protection? #Budget2022," the Congress spokesperson said in another tweet.

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said, "This budget is only for the rich as it has nothing for the poor. It is aimed at benefitting their own people, who are rich and nothing for the poor. This attitude is not good for the people of the country."

He alleged the government has repeated its earlier promises, which are porving false, like constructing houses for the poor.

The government's plan of dis-investment is also wrong, as privatising profit-making undertakings like LIC will hurt people and their jobs will be taken away after privatising it, he said.

"Nothing has been given to the salaried class in tax relief, but decreased corporate tax... This is Dronacharya and Arjun's budget and not of Eklavya," Kharge said, making a reference to the Mahabharat.

## New York Times Buys Wordle In 'Undisclosed' 7-Figure Deal

Agencies

**NEW YORK:** The New York Times announced Monday it had bought Wordle, a phenomenon played by millions just four months after the game burst onto the Internet, for an "undisclosed price in the low seven figures."

Created by engineer Josh Wardle, the game consists of guessing one five-letter word per day in just six tries.

According to The New York Times, the game -- which was launched in October -- had only 90 players in early November.

By early January, there were more than 300,000 -- and now millions play it daily, fueled in part by the ease of sharing spoiler-free results on social media.

"The game has done what so few games have done -- it has captured our collective imagination and brought us all a little closer together," said Jonathan Knight, general manager of New York Times Games, in a statement.

"I've long admired The Times's approach to the quality of their games and the respect with which they treat their players," Wardle said in the statement.

"Their values are aligned with mine on these matters and I'm thrilled that they will be stewards of the game moving forward."

Wardle, a British resident of New York, initially decided not to monetize the game with advertising or a subscription, before selling it to The New York Times.

The newspaper said that the game would continue to be free and that no changes would be made.

The acquisition comes as The New York Times continues to diversify output, offering a special subscription to the crossword and other games that passed the one-million subscriber mark in December.

Other products not tied to news include NYT Cooking and the audio platform Audm. Such products made up 11 percent of turnover in the first nine months of 2021.

## CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

### FM Presents Budget

Riti Pathak were seen greeting her, while Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw gave her a thumbs up.

With Covid pandemic guidelines in force, members were seated in the chambers of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Most of the members, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, were seen wearing face masks. However, members had crowded the Lok Sabha chamber, while hardly a handful of others, including union ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Piyush Goyal, were seen seated in the Rajya Sabha chamber.

Members from the treasury benches greeted Modi as he entered the Lok Sabha chamber with chants of 'Jai Shri Ram', 'Bharat Mata ki Jai', and 'Har, Har Mahadev'. A BJP member was heard asking about Rahul Gandhi.

Gandhi, a Lok Sabha member from Wayanad was seated in his usual seat in the second row, engrossed all the time in his tablet PC.

Trinamool member Saugata Roy and DMK member Dayanidhi Maran were heard criticising the allocation made for setting up an international arbitration centre at GIFT city. "Is this Union Budget or Gujarat Budget? This is good only for Gujarat," Roy and Maran were heard as saying.

The duo also demanded greater allocation for states from the GST collections when the finance minister mentioned gross GST collection of Rs 1.40 lakh crore for January 2022.

Opposition members demanded allocation of 5G spectrum to BSNL, when Sitharaman mention that the government planned to auction 5G spectrum in the next financial year.

Congress members protested the announcements related to strategic sale of Air India and Neelanchal Ispat Nigam Limited and the planned IPO of Life Insurance Corporation.

"It is a sell-off of institutions," Congress member T N Prathapan was heard saying.

Several members were dismayed at the non-availability of the hard copies of the Budget Speech of the Finance Minister. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said the speech copies would be available after the presentation of the Budget.

Power Minister R K Singh was seen ensuring that Sitharaman had her supply of lemonade, which she sipped at regular intervals, during her address.

**Centre Allocates**

Rs 476.44 crore has been given as grants towards equity for Ratle 800 MW hydroelectric project and Rs 130 crore has been given as grants towards equity contribution for 624 MW Kiru hydroelectric project.

Among other UTs, Andaman and Nicobar Islands got Rs 5,703.65 crore compared to Rs 5,923.64 crore in 2021-22.

Lakshadweep has been allocated Rs 1,394.75 crore. The figure was Rs 1,296.26 crore in the current fiscal.

Chandigarh has been allocated Rs 4,846.79 crore compared to Rs 4,428.25 given in 2021-22.

Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu has been given Rs 2,374.10 crore. It was Rs 2,312.80 crore in the current fiscal.

The budget has also earmarked Rs 1,168 crore as transfers to Delhi, a UT.

A sum of Rs 1,729.79 crore has also been shown as transfer to Puducherry.

**Taxpayers Can**

department finds out that some income has been missed out by the assessee, it goes through a lengthy process of adjudication, and the new proposal would repose trust in the taxpayer.

"To provide an opportunity to correct such errors, I am proposing a new provision permitting taxpayers to file an Updated Return on payment

of additional tax. This updated return can be filed within two years from the end of the relevant assessment year," Sitharaman said.

The Minister said that the I-T Department had established a robust framework of reporting of taxpayers' transactions and some taxpayers may realise that they have committed omissions or mistakes in correctly estimating their income for tax payment.

"Instead, with this proposal now, there will be a trust reposed in the taxpayers that will enable the assessee herself to declare the income that she may have missed out earlier while filing her return," she said.

Besides, rationalising the surcharge regime, Sitharaman said she proposes to cap the surcharge on long-term capital gains arising on transfer of any type of assets at 15 per cent. This step will give a boost to the startup community, she said.

Currently, the long-term capital gains on listed equity shares, units, etc are liable to maximum surcharge of 15 per cent, while other long-term capital gains are subjected to a graded surcharge, which goes up to 37 per cent.

Nangia Andersen India Chairman Rakesh Nangia said this is going to greatly improve the investor sentiment, fuelling investment in the capital market, resulting in economic growth.

### RBI To Introduce

central bank digital currency (CBDC) that refers to the virtual form of a fiat currency.

"Digital rupee to be issued using Blockchain and other technologies by the RBI starting 2022-23. This will give a big boost to the economy," said Sitharaman in her Union Budget 2022-23 speech in Parliament.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has already been deliberating upon various aspects relating to the central bank digital currency and private crypto currencies.

The central bank has been working on modalities for central bank digital currency. However, it has expressed reservations on private cryptocurrencies.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has already said that cryptocurrencies are a very serious concern from the macro-economic and financial stability perspective.

CBDCs are presently mostly in the hypothetical stage, with some in proof-of-concept programmes.

However, more than 80 per cent of central banks are looking at digital currencies.

China's digital RMB was the first digital currency to be issued by a major economy. On September 27, 2021, Tajikistan announced the creation of a CBDC with the Fantom Foundation, and Nigeria was the first African country to launch its CBDC on October 25.

The Bank of America said in its recent report that a US CBDC would differ from the digital money currently available to the public because it would be a liability of the US Federal Reserve, not a commercial bank, and so would have no credit or liquidity risk.

The US Fed has also published a discussion paper on the benefits and risks of a CBDC.

Earlier, the Indian government was slated to introduce new regulations for cryptocurrency during the Winter Session of Parliament, which kicked off on November 29.

The session ended without seeing the 'The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021'.

**What Got**

promote domestic manufacturing in the in the Union Budget for 2022-23.

However, imported cut and

polished diamonds, frozen mussels, frozen squids, asafetida, cocoa beans, methyl alcohol and acetic acid will become cheaper as a result of rationalisation in customs duties.

The government has decided to calibrate BCD to facilitate domestic manufacturing of wearable devices, hearable devices and electronic smart meters.

It has been proposed to reduce BCD on camera lenses for use in the manufacture of camera modules for cellular mobile phones to 2.5 per cent from 15 per cent.

To help the MSME sector, the government has proposed to raise BCD on import of umbrellas to 20 per cent from existing 10 per cent and also withdrawn exemption to parts of umbrellas.

"Exemption is also being rationalised on implements and tools for agri-sectors which are manufactured in India," said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the Union Budget for 2022-23.

Customs duty exemption given to steel scrap last year is being extended for another year to provide relief to MSME secondary steel producers.

While duty on products such as methyl alcohol (methanol) and acetic acid has been brought down to 2.5 per cent and 5 per cent, respectively from the existing 10 per cent.

"Customs duty on certain critical chemicals namely methanol, acetic acid and heavy feed stocks for petroleum refining are being reduced, while duty is being raised on sodium cyanide for which adequate domestic capacity exists. These changes will help in enhancing domestic value addition," she added.

Custom duty on cocoa beans has also been reduced to 15 per cent from 30 per cent.

Similarly, customs duty on cut and polished diamonds and gemstones is being reduced to 5 per cent from 7.5 per cent and nil on simply sawn diamond, to give a boost to the gems and jewellery sector.

Moreover, to disincentive import of undervalued imitation jewellery, the government has fixed it at 20 per cent or Rs 400/kg, whichever is higher.

The government has also proposed to bring import of recovered (waste and scrap) paper for manufacturing paper, paperboard or newsprint under BCD. It will now attract to 2.5 per cent duty.

"Customs' reforms have played a very vital role in domestic capacity creation, providing level-playing field to our MSMEs, easing the raw material supply side constraints, enhancing ease of doing business and being an enabler to other policy initiatives such as PLIs and Phased Manufacturing Plans," said the finance minister.

**Fresh Snowfall,**

resort in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 6.2 degrees Celsius down from minus 4.8 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said.

The officials said Qazigund recorded the minimum of minus 0.3 degree Celsius, up from the previous night's minus 2.8 degree Celsius.

The nearby south Kashmir town of Kokernag recorded a low of minus 2.6 degrees Celsius.

The minimum in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of 0.3 degrees Celsius.

The MeT Office has said there is a possibility of rain or snow at fairly widespread to widespread places for two days from Wednesday and at scattered places on Friday.

Kashmir is currently under the influence of a 20-day-long 'Chillai-Khurd' which began on Monday after the Chillai-i-Kalan -- the 40-day harshest winter period -- ended.

Chilla-i-Kalan, which had begun on December 21 last year -- 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.

However, the 'Chilla-i-Kalan' this year was not harsh like the last year and there was less snowfall during the period.

After the end of 'Chillai-Khurd', a 10-day-long 'Chillai-Bachha' follows. However, both these periods are considered less harsh.

**ASI Injured In**

Meanwhile, police have registered a case in this regard under relevant sections of law and started an investigation.

The officers continue to work to establish the full circumstances of this terror crime. Area has been cordoned and search in the area is going on.

Today's attack on the ASI comes three days after a police head constable Ali Mohammad Ganie was shot dead by militants near his home in Hassanpora village in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on January 29.

A day earlier on January 28, a policeman Munir Mehraj had a miraculous escape after an unidentified militant fired upon him from close range in Batamaloo area of this capital city.

### 9 Corona Deaths

Pulwama 45, Shopian 37 and Bandipora 30.

In the winter capital, the officials said, Jammu registered a maximum of 561 new cases of Coronavirus, Ramban 149, Udhampur 96, Samba 86, Doda 74, Kathua 44, Reasi 32, Poonch 31, Rajouri 21 and Kishtwar 11.

Moreover, 6556more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 1691from Jammu Division and4865 from Kashmir Division.

According to officials, 5 more people in Kashmir Valley and four others in Jammu division died of Covid-19 related complications during the last 24 hours, taking the death toll in the pandemic to 4683 in J&K--2289 in Jammu and 2394 in Kashmir Valley.

The officials also said that no new cases of Mucormycosis were reported today, thus the total number of confirmed cases remains 51 across J&K.

### SKIMS To Resume

by Medical Superintendent SKIMS Farooq A Jan.

Pertinently, OPD services were closed and tele consultations were started at SKIMS Soura in the second week of January after Covid cases surged in J&K.

### 'Srinagar News'

several political leaders have expressed grief over the sudden demise of Meraj-ud-Din Wani.

The Officers and Officials of Information Department Kashmir Division also expressed deep grief and sorrow over the demise of Mehraj ud Din Wani.

In this connection a condolence meeting was held under the chair of Inam-ul-Haq Siddiqui, Joint Director Information Kashmir.

They offered their condolences to the bereaved family, especially Mohammad Iqbal Wani and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, a group of officers and officials visited the residence of Mohammad Iqbal Wani and participated in the Nima-e-Jinazah of late Editor.

**Pole Orders Officials**

walls with wooden frames and shutters. Steel roof truss is to be provided with colour coated CGI sheets,"

he said.

He further said that Pole took detailed stock at the site and directed the officers to expedite the work so as to meet the deadlines.

"He stressed on maintaining the quality of works all along the project," the official spokesperson said.

"He also inspected various developmental works undertaken by the departments in the district. He directed to lay special emphasis on the works that are properly reflected in the already prepared annual plans and employment generating works so that people get meaningful livelihood opportunities in their own areas," he added.

**Two-Way Traffic**

LMVs(passenger)/private cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar highway viz Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa. TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the traffic," a traffic department official said in a statement. He said Traffic Control Unit Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the traffic, he said.

He said cut off for LMVs/private cars from Nagrota (Jammu) will be at 0700 hours to 1200 hours, from Jakheni (Udhampur) at 0800 hours to 1300 hours and from Navyug Tunnel (Qazigund side) 0900 hours to 1300 hours "(subject to change depending on the road position then)"

He said no vehicle shall be allowed before and after cut off timings.

Regarding HMTVs/Load carriers, he said, "subject to fair weather and better road conditions, they shall be allowed from NAVYUG Tunnel (Qazigund side) towards Jammu after assessing the traffic situation on highway." He said TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the highway.

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.

**PDP Leader Parra**

him to the Police Hospital for check up.

It was said that doctors while checking Waheed had recommended further treatment like echo scan and follow-up check up at the Super Speciality hospital.

Official sources told a local news agency KDC that Parra was taken to hospital after his blood pressure (BP) suddenly went down. "After giving medical aid Parra was discharged from hospital and was shifted back to central Srinagar," they said.

Pertinent to mention that Para was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on November 25, 2020, just a day after he announced his candidacy for the District Development Council elections and filed nomination papers.

In January 2021, he was granted bail by the NIA court. The special judge at the court held that "offences particularly falling under Unlawful Activities Act (UAPA) are not prima facie made out against the accused".

The judge had said that none of the chargesheets presented before the court contained "reference of the present applicant" or referred to him as "suspected accused".

While Parra was stepping out of the jail, he was arrested by Jammu Kashmir Police Wing, CIK, on the same charges. His bail application was rejected twice and is jailed in Srinagar

Central Jail where his condition has deteriorated as per family. (KDC)

**Dwivedi Takes Charge**

Kumar Joshi, a Kargil war hero who hanged his boots on Monday after serving at various strategic postings in the Indian army during his distinguished career spanning 40 years.

Lt General Upendra Dwivedi was deputy chief of the army staff prior to being appointed as the Army Commander, Northern Command.

On assuming the charge of the Northern Command, the General Officer paid homage to the brave hearts of Northern Command and laid the wreath at the Dhruva War Memorial, Jammu-based Army PRO Lt Col Devender Anand said.

Later, he conveyed his greetings to all ranks and expressed his commitment to take forward the excellent work by his predecessors and all ranks of the Northern Command.

Earlier, the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) of the Indian Army tweeted, "Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi assumed the command of #NorthernCommand today (Tuesday). In a solemn ceremony, #ArmyCommander paid tribute to #bravehearts at #DhruvaWarMemorial #Udhampur.

The defence spokesman said Lt Gen Dwivedi was commissioned into the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Regiment and in a career spanning over 37 years, served across a wide spectrum of terrain and operational profiles.

He tenanted a number of important command, staff and instructional appointments making immense contributions to the organization, Lt Col Anand said.

He said Lt Gen Dwivedi is an alumnus of Sainik School, Rewa, National Defence Academy, and Indian Military Academy.

He graduated from the Defence Service Staff College, attended Higher Command Course at Army War College and the National Defence College equivalent course at United State Army War College, the spokesman said.

He said the General Officer commanded his battalion in the Kashmir Valley, Assam Rifles sector along the Indo-Myanmar border, Inspectorate General Assam Rifles (IGAR, East).

Later, the General Officer commanded the Rising Star Corps based at Yol.

He has served as staff officer in an Armoured Brigade, Directorate General of Military Operations, Military Secretary Branch and at Divisional and Corps Headquarters, he said.

The spokesman said the General Officer has had instructional tenures at the Indian Military Academy and Army War College.

He also had two overseas tenures in Somalia and Seychelles, Lt Col Anand said, adding he served in the Directorate General of Infantry in different capacities including Director General of Infantry and fast-tracked procurement cases of weapons leading to significant and visible capability enhancement for the Army.

**Ladakh Logs 125**

since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020, they said.

There was no death reported from the Union Territory on Monday, they said.

As many as 250 patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Ladakh. Of these, 129 were discharged in Leh and 121 in Kargil, while the total number of cured patients is 24,710, they said.

Of the total 125 fresh cases, 68 were reported from Leh district and 57 from Kargil district, they said.

The total number of COVID-19 active cases in Ladakh has gone down to 1,087, including 747 in Leh and 340 in Kargil district.



## Sports Budget Increased By Rs 305.58 Crore For 2022-23

Emphasis On Khelo India & National Youth Schemes

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Country's tremendous success at the Tokyo Olympics seems to have influenced the sports budget as the central government on Tuesday allocated Rs 3062.60 crore for financial year 2022-23 -- an increase of Rs 305.58 crore, compared to the last year's amount.

In the last financial year, the government had allocated Rs 2596.14 crore for sports, which was later revised to Rs 2757.02 crore.

India won seven medals, including a historic track and field gold, at the Tokyo Olympics. The sporting activities have also resumed in a phased manner in the country and 2022 is an important season because of two global events -- the Birmingham Commonwealth Games and Hangzhou Asian Games -- lined up.

Considering all of it, the government may have decided to spend more on sporting activities.

The government's flagship Khelo India programme witnessed an increase of Rs 316.29 crore in the 2021-22 budget, presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday.

The financial allocation towards Khelo India programme, which got Rs 657.71 crore in the last budget, was increased to Rs 974 crore.

The total encouragement and awards to sports persons have seen a substantial increase from Rs 245 crore to Rs 357 crore.

The Sports Authority of India's budget had been reduced by Rs 7.41 crore to Rs 653 crore.

The SAI is the nodal organisation to manage nationals camps, provide infrastructure, equipment and other logistics to the country's sports persons. The allocation towards National Sports Development Fund has been reduced by Rs 9 crore to Rs 16 crore.

The National service scheme has witnessed a whopping jump of Rs 118.50 crore from Rs 165 crore to Rs 283.50 crore.

The allocation towards National Sports Federations (NSFs) remained untouched at Rs 280 crore.

As far as incentives for sports persons are concerned, the budget has proposed a minimal hike of Rs crore to Rs 55 crore. The budget for National Sports Development Fund has been further reduced to Rs Rs 16 crore from Rs 25 crore.

## IPL Auction: Dhawan, Shami, Ashwin In Top Bracket

Cummins, Rabada, Marsh, Smith also in top bracket



Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Top Indian players, including senior opener Shikhar Dhawan and Shreyas Iyer, along with overseas stars Pat Cummins and Kagiso Rabada have been bracketed in the Rs 2 crore highest base price category for the upcoming IPL auction.

The mega auction is scheduled to be held in Bengaluru on February 12 and 13. There will be 590 players who will go under the hammer during the two-day auction. The IPL announced the

final auction list on Tuesday.

Among the 590 players, a total of 228 are capped players, 355 are uncapped and seven belong to associate nations.

Senior India pacers Mohammad Shami and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Devdutt Padikal, leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal and fast bowler Shardul Thakur are also in the top bracket.

The Australian duo of all-rounder Mitchell Marsh and Steve Smith have also put themselves in top bracket with Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan.

## India-West Indies ODI Series To Be Played Behind Closed Doors



Press Trust of India

**AHMEDABAD:** The three-match ODI series between India and West Indies, scheduled here from February 6 to 11, will be played behind closed doors owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA) said on Tuesday. The matches will be played at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

"We are all set to host West Indies Tour of India ODI Series 2022. 1st ODI on 6th of Feb will be a very special and historic match as India will be playing its 1000th ODI. Indian team will be the first cricket team in the world to achieve this feat. @BCCI #INDvsWI #teamindia," the GCA tweeted.

"Considering the current situation, all the matches will be played behind the closed doors," the state cricket body said in another tweet.

After the ODIs, the two teams are scheduled to play a three-match T20 International series in Kolkata, for which the West Bengal government has allowed 75 per cent crowd attendance.

## U19 World Cup: India, Australia Face Off In Semifinal

Press Trust of India

**COOLIDGE (ANTIGUA):** Heavyweights India and Australia will face off in a blockbuster Super League semifinal of the Under-19 World Cup here on Wednesday, having beaten their opponents on the field and COVID-19 off it, on way to the last four stage.

India's preparations for the age-group showpiece were impacted heavily by

the virus, with hardly any national camps or tournaments in the last two years except the recent Asia Cup.

The four-time champions started the tournament on the right note, overcoming a good South Africa side by 45 runs, but soon ran into a situation where they were struggling to field a playing XI after multiple players were found to have contracted COVID-19 hours before their match against Ireland.



## Skier Arif Khan-Led Indian Team Leaves For 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics

Agencies

**S**kier, Mohammad Arif Khan, the only athlete representing India at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, left for the Games in the Chinese capital along with Chef De Mission Harjinder Singh and support staff.

Hailing from Kashmir Valley's Gulmarg, Arif will take part in the Slalom and Giant Slalom events in

Beijing. His events are scheduled to take place on February 13 and 16.

The Indian team will return on February 19.

The 31-year-old Arif had previously competed at the 2017 Asian Winter Games held in Sapporo.

The skier, who was included in the Target Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS) recently, also said that his performances have improved and his training in

Santa Catarina "was helpful".

As far as his expectations from the Games are concerned, he said recently, "I have been training over a couple of years seriously and my expectation is to be in world's top 30. To be in top 30 is like medal winners in the world."

Skiing since his childhood, Arif has previously participated in international championships extensively. (PTI)



**MOHAMMAD ARIF KHAN** trains at his home town of Gulmarg before leaving for Beijing Winter Olympics on Tuesday.

Abid Bhat/KO



Abid Bhat/KO

## First Ever Snow Cricket Tournament, Snow Run Held At CB Nath, Pulwama



Observer News Service

**PULWAMA:** The District Administration Pulwama in collaboration with District Youth Services and Sports (DYS&S) Pulwama on Tuesday organised the first ever Snow Cricket tournament and Snow Run for youth at CB Nath, here.

The DYS&S Officer, who was chief guest on the occasion, inaugurated the event.


Large number of students from Sangerwani and adjoining villages participated in the event.

Speaking on the occasion,

he said that sports activities teach qualities of leadership, team spirit, tolerance and has an important role in developing values, mutual trust and sportsmanship among the youth. He added sports is emerging as a career in current times and can be the best option.

He said that such events will be organized in other parts of the district so that the local youngsters will be able to explore their sports talent.

Later, the DYS&SO distributed awards among the winners and the runner ups.



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Candidates having any document(s) pending shall submit the same in the office of Registrar, IUST upto 07-02-2022. Thereafter, no claim whatsoever shall be entertained. The University shall not be held responsible for any lapse on the part of the candidate (s) which may affect his / her eligibility for the post owing to non-submission of relevant documents in support of his / her candidature within the available time.

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**CONDOLENCE**

With profound grief, it is to inform that **Mrs Hajra Begum** W/o Dr G. R. Tantray (Retired Director AHD Kashmir) left for heaven abode on Tuesday, 01 February 2022. Her Ijtimia Fatah Khawni will be held on Friday, 04 February 2022 at 2.30PM at Solina graveyard In-Sha-Allah.

**BEREAVED FAMILY**  
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AR/INFO

**OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT : 163 BN  
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**No. 07/1068/163Bn/Prov/Auction/2022/459-94**  
**Dated, the 11-Jan-2022**

**AUCTION NOTICE**

For and on behalf of President of India, a public auction of following unserviceable Govt/Private stores of this unit will be conducted at Bn HQ 163 Bn BSF, Panthachowk, Srinagar on **14th February' 2022 at 1100 Hrs (Monday)** in the presence of board of officers in accordance with the following terms and conditions :-

a) MT Store, Comm Store, Construction Store, Magazine Store, Ration store, and QM store.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

- All interested bidders are requested to attend the auction on scheduled date and time.
- Each bidder will have to deposit Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) only in advance as earnest money prior to commencement of bid, which will be refunded/adjusted after finalization of auction on same day.
- All bidders have to register themselves with Presiding Officer of the board of auction at least one hour before the schedule of auction.
- Each bidder must be in possession of the PAN Card in original alongwith proof of income tax return, residence proof failing which they will not be allowed to participate in the auction.
- The highest bidder shall have to deposit 100% bid amount in cash on the spot immediately after auction, failing which earnest money will be forfeited i.e. will not be refunded. The bid amount shall be excluding of GST.
- The auction will be held as per departmental rules and regulation.
- Other condition if any will be announced at the time of auction.
- No transport / any assistance will be provided by Unit for shifting of auctioned stores.
- The decision of the Presiding Officer in all matter shall be final.
- Commandant reserve the right to accept or reject the bid without giving any reason.

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