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P4 NEWS

JK SCORES 75% UNDER NESDA;

2ND AMONG UTS Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Monday convened a meeting on e-HRM on J&K, Digital portal for real time monitoring of District Good Governance and J&K e- Services

5 LATA MANGESHKAR SONGS THAT BECAME KASHMIR MELODIES

- In the 'Jash-ne-Kashmir' of sixties, fresh-faced Saira Banu woos a camera-wielding mainland
- tourist as a stereotypical Kashmiri girl wearing
- traditional robes and cultural symbols. But after
- Shammi Kapoor acts snooty, the playful scene



P11 SPORTS

CHAHAL CREDITS ROHIT FOR HIS MATCH-WINNING PERFORMANCE

Indian leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, who snared four wickets in the first ODI against the West Indies here, has credited new white-ball skipper Rohit Sharma for



COVID-19 In J&K: 6 Die, 686 **Test Positive**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Monday reported six deaths and another spike of 686 cases pushing the number of active cases to 14,924 in the UT.

With six more deaths, the death toll in J&K has reached 4,721 and 686 fresh positive cases reported on Monday have pushed the tally of positive cases to 447,334.

Of the exact number of 447,334 cases, 284,744 are from Kashmir division and 162,590 from Jammu division.

Officials said that among 686 new cases, 374 belong to Kashmir division while as 312 are from Jammu division, adding that the total number of positive cases in Kashmir division have reached to 284,744 including 272,378 recoveries and 2,410 deaths while as total number of positive cases in Jammu division have reached to 162,590 including 155,311 recoveries and 2,311 deaths.

The officials said that the total number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 14,924 including 9,956 from Kashmir division and 4,968 from Jammu division.

With 3,168 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in Jammu and Kashmir has reached 427,689 which is 95.61 percent of the total cases.

"Cases tested positive in J&K include 119 from Srinagar, 41 from Baramulla, 51 from Budgam, 29 from Pulwama, 33 from Kupwara, 30 from Anantnag, 19 from Bandipora. 09 from Ganderbal, 33 from Kulgam and 10 Shopian More on P10

10th, 12th Result **Date Not Finalized** Yet: BOSE



🧲 Quote

All truly great thoughts are conceived by walking

– Friedrich Nietzsche 77-

NEWS DIGEST

2-way Traffic on **Highway Today**

QAZIGUND: Traffic department authorities on Monday said that on Tuesday subject to fair weather and better road conditions Light Motor Vehicles (passenger) and private cars shall be allowed from both sides on the highway. The traffic department in an advisory said "On 08-02-2022, subject to fair weather and better road More on P10

Army Porter Falls From Tree, Dies

POONCH: A 52-year-old porter died after falling from a tree and died on the spot at Banpat sector of Poonch, officials said on Monday. They identified him as Tarlok Kumar Bali son of Sunder Dass Bali of Jhulass Poonch. They said he was a porter with the Army at Banpat sector Poonch. The body was brought to the District hospital Poonch for More on P10

Sgr Ration Card Holders To Get Golden Cards

SRINAGAR: In order to ensure every citizen of Srinagar District is provided a Golden Card to get entitled for benefits under PM-JAY SEHAT scheme, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammed Aijaz Asad Monday chaired an Officers meeting here at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex. Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Srinagar, Gulzar

LG Launches J&K Single **Window Clearance System**

- 130 Industrial Services Made Online On Single Window System;
- Now Global Investors Can Apply For All Their Business Approvals Through Single Window Portal



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at Polo View: LG laid foundation stone for multiple Smart City projects in Srinagar.

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday launched J&K Single Window Clearance System and its integration with the National Single Window system here at Raj Bhawan.

As many as 130 industrial services have been made online on a single window system & more than 160 services would be integrated this year on the portal - www.singlewindow.jk.gov.in. The Lt Governor reiterated

Government's commitment to strengthen the industrial ecosystem in a manner that the benefits percolate to all sections of our society in Jammu & Kashmir.

Single Window I&K Clearance System is a historic move by the UT Government to facilitate investments in J&K. We are ensuring 'Ease of Doing Business' & 'Ease of Living' through minimum regulatory compliance burden, the Lt

Governor said. J&K is the first UT to be integrated with the National Single Window System. Now global

investors can apply for all their business approvals in J&K through the National Single Window system, he added. Expressing gratitude to

Prime Minister More on P10

Gulmarg, **Pahalgam Receive Fresh Snowfall**

SRINAGAR: Health resorts of Gulmarg and Pahalgam received fresh snowfall while rains lashed plains in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. A meteorological department official here said that Srinagar had 0.8mm of rainfall during the last 24 hours till 0830 hours today and recorded a low of 2.2°C against last night's 2.8°C, he said. Highway town of Qazigund had no rain or snowfall and recorded a low of 0.6°C against 1.2°C on the previous night, he said.

Decision On Reopening Of Schools In 15 Days: LG

Observer News Service

Lieutenant SRINAGAR: Governor Manoj Sinha Monday said Covid third wave has started to settle down and if the situation improves further in next 15 days, the government will take a call on re-opening of schools and colleges in Jammu and Kashmir. "I congratulate and hail

the efforts put forth by the doctors and para medics in fighting the Covid third wave. The wave seems to have settled down now. If things improve further within next 15 days, we will surely deliberate on re-opening of schools and colleges in J&K," the LG told reporters on the side lines

of a function in Srinagar. He also said that govern-

investments. Sinha said, on March 1 the government would organize a ground breaking investment ceremony that would be up to the tune of

Rs 1400 to Rs 1500 crore

investment in Jammu and



would depict the rich culture of Kashmir.

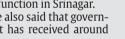
and all the posts would be re-advertised as per the

new rules and laws. China Repeats Opposition To 'Unilateral Actions' On Kashmir

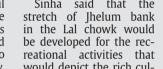
Kashmir and are ready to provide land worth Rs 70,000 crore for further

Rs 20,000 to 25,000 crore. Sinha said that the stretch of Jhelum bank

On the withdrawal of the government posts before October 2019, Sinha said that the process of recruitment has changed



ment has received around



Ahmad was also More on P

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Militant Killed in Awantipora,

'19-year-Old Had Gone Missing Only 3 Weeks Ago'

Pistol Recovered: Police

Agencies

army in Awantipora area of SRINAGAR: 19-year-old А south Kashmir's Pulwama disyouth who had joined militant trict on Monday, officials said. ranks only three weeks before "Based on a specific input generated by More on P10 was killed in an encounter

Grenade Attack In Ganderbal

C uspected militants lobbed grenade on Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) in Chapargung area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal Odistrict on Monday evening. According to police, militants attacked SSB bunker with the grenade. However the device missed the target and exploded on road. In this More on P10

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, had a low of minus 1.3°C against 0.1°C on the previous night, the official said.

Pahalgam resort in south Kashmir, received 11.3 cms (around 4.5 inches) of fresh snowfall and recorded a low of minus 0.5°C against minus 3.7°C last night, he said.

Gulmarg received 14 cms (5.5 inches) of snow and recorded a low of minus 5.0°C against minus 7.5°C on the previous More on P10



Press Trust of India

BEIJING: China on Sunday pledged closer cooperation with Pakistan under the USD 60 billion CPEC investment programme and called for resolving the Kashmir issue properly and peacefully while opposing any "unilateral actions" that could complicate the situation as Prime Minister Imran Khan held talks with the top Chinese leadership, including President Xi Jinping. Khan called on President Xi on the last day of his four-day

visit to China to discuss a host of issues including the slow pace of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and increasing concerns of Beijing over recurring attacks on Chinese personnel working in its various projects in Pakistan. In his meeting with Khan, Xi said China firmly supports Pakistan in safeguarding national independence, sovereignty, dignity and fighting terrorism, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. He said China is willing to join hands with More on P10

Press Trust of India

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and

Kashmir Police will soon file a

charge sheet against three per-

sons, including a juvenile, in

the recent Srinagar acid attack

case to ensure exemplary pun-

ishment for them and to create

deterrence among those having

such "barbaric" tendencies, a top

Inspector General (Kashmir

range) Vijay Kumar also ap-

pealed to girls and their parents

to inform police in time if anyone

is stalking or harassing them.

police officer said on Monday.

Charge Sheet Against 3 In

Acid Attack Case Soon: Police

Agencies

SRINAGAR: J&K Board of School Education on Monday set the rumors on rest about the results of Class 12th of Kashmir division being announced any time soon, saying that no date for declaration for the same has been finalized yet.

A J&K BOSE official said that the dates for the declaration of results of Class 12th as well as 10th standard are yet to be finalized. "We request students not to pay heed to rumours," the official said. He, however, said that result will be declared soon. "It may still take a few days. There are certain modalities to be completed and once everything is done, results would be announced". More on

10,000 Register for Hajj-2022 From J&K, Ladakh

Registration Process Comes To An End On Feb 15

Agencies

SRINAGAR: At least 10,000 pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have registered for the Hajj in the ensuing year scheduled to begin from May while the last date for registration process comes to an end on 15th of February.

Given the 1st and 2nd wave of the deadly COVID-19 infection across the globe, India and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the last two consecutive years barred overseas Hajj pilgrims.

Both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi had welcomed the decision of the Saudi government saying that all arrangements for the Hajj were made while they waited for their decision and the central government welcomed the call amid a rise in COVID cases.

After the nod from Saudi Arabia regarding the Hajj 2022 in the ensuing year with a decline in infection cases across the globe, the process for registration started in both Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir Union Territories back in November last year.

Hajj Officer of Jammu and Kashmir Abdul Salam Mir said that the registration process for both J&K and Ladakh started back in November last year and around 10,000 individuals have registered themselves so far while the final date for same is scheduled on February 15 this month.

He said that so far no pooling of the number of the pilgrims who will leave for More on P10

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Hyundai India Affirms Faith After Pak **Unit Calls for 'Kashmir Freedom'**

KO Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Several popular Multi National Brands are facing a blowback in India after they reportedly posted messages of support in Pakistan for pro-independence movement in Kashmir. Hyundai, Kia Motors, KFC and

Pizza Hut have come under scrutiny in India after they posted messages of support on 'Kashmir Solidarity Day' which was observed in Pakistan on Sunday.

Hyundai India Responds

esponding to the controversy, Hyundai's India unit said that it has a "zero tolerance policy towards insensitive communication and we strongly condemn any such view. The unsolicited social media The sensitive communication and we set only, concerning our unparalleled commitment and service to this great country," @HyundaiIndia said, adding that it stands firmly behind its "strong ethos More on P10

solidarity with Kashmiri's 'struggling for freedom'. The Pakistani Instagram handle of Pizza Hut also supported separation of Jammu and Kashmir from the Indian Union.

Pizza Hut Pakistan shared a post two days ago on Instagram that read: "This Kashmir Solidarity day, let's join hands and stand united for the freedom of our Kashmiri brothers and sisters.

Likewise a verified Facebook page of fast food chain KFC with FB handle More on P10

On February 1, a man accompanied by a juvenile allegedly threw acid on a 24-year-old woman after she rejected his marriage proposal, an incident that shook entire Srinagar and drew widespread condemnation from across society.

The victim was sent to a Chennai eye hospital for specialised treatment on Monday. She had recorded her statement, an important piece of documentation that would help police in filing the charge sheet, before a magistrate on Saturday.

Kumar told PTI that the investigation is nearly complete and "we would soon complete the process by filing a charge sheet in this case."

"The investigation is being conducted professionally and scientifically to make it a foolproof case so that the culprits are punished by setting an example and deterrence is created among elements having such barbaric tendency," he said.

The officer appealed to girls and their parents to inform police at an early stage if any miscreant is stalking More on P10



On February 5, Hyundai

Pakistan's social media handles

extended support to "Kashmir

Solidarity Day", expressing



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Researchers Develop Artificial Connections For Damaged Nervous Systems

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team of Israeli and US researchers have developed artificial connections to repair damaged nervous systems, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has announced. Nerve damage to the brain, following accidents, strokes or diseases, can impair vision, movement, speech, memory and cognitive function because of missing neurons, reports news agency Xinhua.

In a study published in the journal Cell Systems, researchers from the university and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle showed that communication between damaged nerve cells can be restored with genetic means, by biological implantation of artificial connections (synapses).

The new method does not require a complex external device for the patient, unlike existing expensive uses of electrodes, computers and robots for bypassing brain and spinal cord injuries.

The team successfully demonstrated the method on worms with damaged nervous systems, by planting artificial synapses that were genetically based on the synaptic protein in the neurons.

Thus, the researchers created a "synaptic bypass" that restored the flow



of information in the worms' neural network.

It turned out that the performance of the treated worms surpassed even those of normal healthy worms, due to the redirection of information in the neural network, and from an amplification of weak signals provided by the artificial synapses, according to the researchers.

"This innovative approach can be translated into genetic treatment of humans, without the need for electronic device," the researchers concluded.



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injuries.

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My Name has been wrongly written in my Driving License bearing DL No: JK03-20210001548as Mohd Shafi GanaiWhile my correct Name is Mohd Rafi Ganaiewhich needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/he objection in ARTO Anantnag within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohd Rafi Ganaie S/O Mohd Rajab Ganai R/o Salia Ponchal Pora Ganai Gund Anantnag

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Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian



Mudasir Ahamd Mir S/o Ab Rashid Mir R/o Vehil Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle Regd. No. **JK22-3676** (Commercial/ Non Commercial) covering under R/P NO:

Mr./ Mrs Suheel Mushtaq S/o Mushtaq Ahamd Hillow Gunde **Murad** (Parti No 2nd) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. Ist to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with Gh Mohd Mir S/o Abdul Ahad Mir R/o Mastpora Keller Shopian.

Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection (7) days from the datte of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned

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

No: ARTO/Spn/1194-2022 Dated 07-02-2022

S/D Asst Regional **Transport Officer Shopian**

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بغرض حصول RBA سرتفيكيي بخت اليس آراً و126 اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ معامله مندرجة عنوان الصدريين سامل نے ايک درخواست بغرض حصول RBA برٹفیکیٹ دفتر ہٰذامیں پیش کیا ہے۔اس بارے میںعملہ فیلڈ سےریورٹ طلب کیا گیاجس سےعیاں ہے کہ سایل کا کنبہ دھ ھذامیں گزشتہ بندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پذیر ہے سائل کی مہانہ آمدنی 73807 ہے اور سامل کا کنبہ بذیل ہے۔ نامافرادكنيه نمبرشار آمدني ييشه 48-يال ظهوراحمد مير ولد ثناوللدمير 01 ملازم كهريلوكام صيمه بتيم زوجة ظهوراحمه 46 سال 02 زرتعليم 20 سال ميرماجد ظهور يسر 03 زرتعليم اببيظهور دختر 04 18 زرتعليم 14 سالية ظهور دختر 05 ی کےعلاہ اورکوئی افراد کنمیہ نہیں بتلایا گیاہے یہ لہذاز پر بحث سرٹفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگرکسی شخص کوکوئی عذر پااعتر اض ہوتو وہ سات دن کےاندرا ندرا پنااعتر اض معہ د جو ہات پیش کرے۔ میعاد گذرنے بعد کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائت تحصليدا msk از نیابت وتر گام

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اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام حامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر ميس درخوست سائل دفتر بذاميس زيركاروائي ب-اس نسبت ىر دار وچوكىدارعلاقە سےرىپورت طلب كى گنى ہے جس سے عيال ہے كەسائل بہرا ميوره لونت دارہے۔ سائل کے پسر نعمان معراج کی تاریخ پیدائش 201-11-22ہے اس مائل اپنے پسر کی تاریخ پیدائش متعلقہ تحکمہ میں اندراج کرنے کا خواہاں ہے سائل کے کا غذات نتر ہذامیں زیر کاروائی ہے۔

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All Ration Card Holders Of Srinagar To Get Golden Cards

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR:- In order to ensure every citizen of Srinagar District is provided a Golden Card to get entitled for benefits under PM-JAY SEHAT scheme, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammed Aijaz Asad Monday chaired an Officers meeting here at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Srinagar, Gulzar Ahmad was also present in the meeting.

While SDM East, Assistant Directors of FCS&CA South and North and all City Tehsil Supplies Officers besides District Coordinator CSC, representative of Ayushman Bharat and other concerned also attended the meeting.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner finalized the action plan for providing Golden Cards to all Ration card holders of Srinagar under PM-JAY SEHAT scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the FCS&CA officers to work in proper coordination with the State Health Agency of Avushman Bharat and District Coordinator CSC to ensure every Ration card holder is provided the Golden Card at the earliest.

Highlighting the objectives of the scheme, the DC said the PM-JAY SEHAT scheme is aimed to provide free of cost Medical treatment to any sick person or his family members.

The DC said, If any member of the family is suffering from any disease, he/she can get up to Rs 5.0 lakh treatment in any designated Government or empanelled private hospital for free. The government will bear the treatment, medicine expenses, operation expenses and various types of expenses under the scheme.

He said now the Government is going to give benefits of this scheme to all eligible persons. All such people who have Ration card can get a Golden card made under Ayushman Bharat scheme and could get free treatment.

Nawakadal Blaze **Injured Man** Succumbs

Observer News Service

Srinagar- An elderly man died from injuries he had suffered in a fire incident at Jamalata area of Nawakadal here on January 20.

Reports said that the man, Ab-1 Aziz lost hattle for life at a hos-

LG Lays Foundation Stone for Jhelum Riverfront Development

Jhelum riverfront to be developed on the lines of Sabarmati riverfront

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today laid the foundation stone for Jhelum Riverfront development to be developed on the lines of Sabarmati riverfront.

Costing Rs 75 Crores, the riverfront project is being implemented by Jal Shakti Department under the Srinagar Smart City project. The phase-1 is envisaged with modern public utilities and state-of-the-art green space.

The Lt Governor also laid foundation stone for redevelopment of Polo View Road as pedestrian walkway at a cost of Rs 5.3 Crores to provide better ambience and shopping experience to the citizens. The Lt Governor said that a systematic effort to improve our cities in J&K UT has been long overdue.

We are working on this much-awaited transformation by improving urban services, creation of urban infrastructure and improved system of urban governance to make the cities ecologically sustainable, economically productive and socially equitable, added the Lt Governor.

"I believe through physical and economic regeneration of our cities & its infrastructure we can provide citizens an attractive environment to live & work and fulfill the needs of businesses", the Lt Governor observed.

It is equally important that residents should proactively participate in the urban rejuvenation

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یعاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرفنگیٹ دفن

را میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس <u>سے</u> رایاں یہ یہ اکا بکان زیل افرار مشتقعما ہیں

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كوكونى عذرً بااعتراض موتوايك ہفتے كے اندر اندر دفتر ہذاميں پيش كريں۔معياد گذار نے



programs to improve the quality of life, said the Lt Governor.

Smart City is a people's movement to make the cities sustainable, efficient to provide improved services to the citizens. We need to come together and realize the dream of Smart City by working in cohesion, he further added.

Today we are facing many challenges due to rapid global change but they can be successfully tackled through better services, better planning, implementation and good governance. We are also making dedicated efforts to create an eco-system so that urban and rural economy would complement each other instead of being dependent on each other, said the Lt Governor

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri

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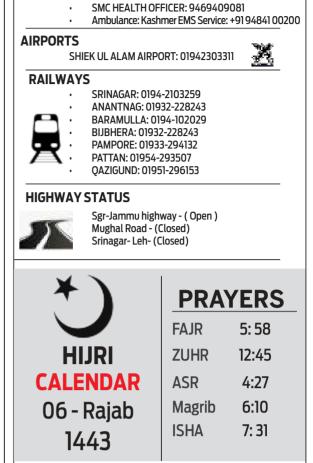
Narendra Modi had said that associated with crafts and art to "Every city has a unique culture and their development also takes place traditionally and it is necessary to save that cultural heritage while developing the cities", ob-

tricts of Kashmir division for continuous public services delivery during the harsh winter season.

ration has introduced various technical interventions, working continuously on Good Governance for the convenience of the common citizens and improving the public service delivery. Development works initiated today will strengthen the core infrastructure of Srinagar, besides opening up new avenues for the tourism sector and extending facilities to the locals, the Lt Governor said.

strengthen it and also revive the traditional handloom and handicrafts, added the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of SMC and other dis-

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This Day In History

- 1622 King James I disbands the English parliament 1672 - Isaac Newton reads 1st optics paper before Royal Society
 - in London 1743 - Comet C/1743 C1 approaches within 0.0390 AUs of Earth
- 1744 French and Spanish fleet leave Toulon.
- 1807 Battle of Eylau ends inconclusively between Napoleon's forces and Russian Empire - 1st battle Napoleon isn't victorious
- 1809 Franz I of Austria declares war on France
- 1849 New Roman Republic established in Italy
- 1867 The Ausgleich results in the establishment of the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary.
- 1879 Sandford Fleming first proposes adoption of Universal Standard Time at a meeting of the Royal Canadian Institute.
- 1883 Louis Waterman begins experiment to invent the fountain
- pen 1905 Cyclone hit Tahiti & adjacent islands, killing some 10,000 people
- 1912 British Emissary journeys to Berlin to suggest that Britain might support German colonial aspirations in Africa if Germany agrees to hold her current naval strength
- 1920 Bolshevik troops capture Odessa, bringing an end to foreign involvement in the resistance against Bolshevik rule
- 1926 Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio becomes Walt Disney Stu-
- dios 1927 Belgian-Swiss treaty signed
- 1934 Gaston Doumergue forms new French government 1936 Pandit Jawaharlal suceeds Mahatma Gandhi as chairman of
- India Congress Party. 1942 - Nazi architect Albert Speer appointed Minister of Arma-
- ments by Adolf Hitler after death of Fritz Todt in a plane crash 1943 - Red Army recaptures Kursk
- 1945 Allied air attack on Goch, Kleef, Kalkar and Reichswald
- 1946 Premier Salazar of Portugal forbids opposition parties 1955 - The Government of Sindh abolished Jagirdari system in the province. One million acres (4000 km²) of land thus acquired is to be distributed among the landless peasant

Whereas, through the medium of public notice issued by this office under 02 endorsement no. TC/3K/MV/2021/93-96 dated 19-01-2021 attention was invited to all 03 such Agent Goods, Booking, collecting /Forwarding & Distributing License holders who 04 failed to acquire renewal from time to time envisaged under Rule 134 of J&K, Motor 05 Vehicles Rules, 1991; س کے علاوہ اورکوئی افراد کہنہ میں موجود نہیں ہے اور کہنہ کی آمدنی=20000 تک ہے س کےعلادہ اورلونی افراد لہذین سو بودیں ہے، رر سب یہ میں اور کہنہ کے پاس دھھذا میں 5 کنال آرضی موجود ہے اس طرح کنیہ کی سالا نہ آید نی تنام ⁴²⁰ میں اگر کی شخص Whereas, renewal of Agent Goods, Booking collecting / Forwarding & Distributing

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days; Whereas, a good number of License holder approached to this office for completion of the prescribed formalities and acquired renewal on payment of appropriate amount of fee;

Whereas, circular have been issued by this office to all RTO/ARTOs to inspect the

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office Of The Transport Commissioner, J&K, Rail Head Complex, Jammu.

Governor.

served the Lt Governor.

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dul A212, lost battle for the at a hos- pital here where he remained ad- mitted for the last 18 days. He had suffered around 80% burn injuries and died around midnight on Mon- day, they said. His death took the fatality toll in the fire incident in which five houses were damaged, three of them substantially, to two as a woman—Shakeela wife of Ghulam Mohammad Khosa—was charred alive on the fateful day. The fire had erupted in one of the houses at the congested local- ity on January 20 and apparently there was some gas cylinder blast. Subsequently, reports said, the fire spread to other houses and caused damage to five structures. Abdul Aziz's wife Fazi Begum also suffered injuries in the fire incident.	ہوعام۔ سب بغرض حصول ST مرتفکید وفتر نہ ہے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے پیش زودوری کی طردوری کی طردوری کی زریعایم نہید کی ایر آفکیم کی طرد کی ایر آف میں اگر کسی مشتن	مضون درخواست منجانيب: فاروق احمد بكروال ولدجر خلط امنت ناگ بخرش حصول CT مرلفكيك معلم مندرجة عنوان الصدر ميں سائل في ايك درخواء موامله مندرجة عنوان الصدر ميں سائل في ايك درخواء مبال مي كمائك كاكنة بذيل افراد پر متعمل بيں۔ مبرشار نام وولد يت عمر مال في اوق احمد ولد فاردق احمد 50 سال مند يره محمد ولد فاردق 20 سال محال مي يا سيد جان دختر فاردق 20 سال 10 مينان احمد ولد فاردق 20 سال 20 مينان احمد ولد فاردق احمد 20 سال 20 مينان احمد ولد فاردق احمد 20 سال 20 مينان احمد ولد فاردق احمد 20 سال 20 مينان مين مولاد مين مودود ميار 20 مين مينان مولا ايك بين مي دودونه بن 20 مين مارين ورفتر بن 20 مين مينا مين مولا مي مينان دونتر بن 20 مين مينا مين مولا مي مينان دونتر بن 20 مين مينا مين مولا مي مينان دونتر بن 20 مينان مين مولا مي 20 مينان دونتر بن	Whereas, a final of such defaulters of Agen Competent Authority and issue of this notice failing related to good will be del Now, therefore, it i Collecting / Forwarding a renewal of license on pay Rs.500 per 90 days throu stipulated time period of 3 process of cancellation o attached with their comp notice.	is Transport Compa portunity through ts Goods Licenses acquire renewal w which their license barred within the U s impressed upon a and Distributing Lic ment of appropriate gh the medium of 30 days from the di f their license und anies shall be black	anies failing unde the medium of e with the dire (thin a period of is shall be black) T of J&K, all such owners of censees who de e fee @ Rs.3750 this notice to g ate of issue of the far law shall be klisted after 30	this notice is offered to ction to approach to ' 30 days from the dat isted and all their activ if the Agent Goods Bool layed or failed to acq l/- annually and late fe et the needful done wi his notice, failing which initiated and the vehi days from issuance of (Pardeep Kumar port Commissioner / Cha State Transport Auth J&K, JJ	o all the of ties ding uire e @ thin the cles this Sd-) KAS, imman iority,	 1960 - Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom issued an Order- in-Council, stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants will take the name "Mountbatten-Windsor". 1963 - Ist transmission of Clandestine Voice of Iraqi People (Com- munist) 1965 - President Johnson deploys Ist US combat troops to South Vietnam, with 3500 marines sent to protect key US airbase near Da Nang 1971 - Nasdaq Composite stock market index debuts with 50 com- panies and a starting value of 100. 1973 - Mushtaq & Asif Iqbal make 350 stand for 4th wicket v NZ 1974 - 3 US astronauts return to Earth after a 85 days in the US space station, Skylab 1978 - Crown Prince Sad Abdallah al-Salim Al Sabah becomes Prime Minister of Kuwait 1979 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site 1983 - Ariel Sharon resigns from Israeli government after an inqui- ry shows he was indirectly responsible for the killings of hundreds of people in 1982. 1984 - Soyuz T-10 launches with crew of 3 to Salyut 7 1989 - US Boeing 707 crashes into Santa Maria mountain, 145 die 1994 - Kapil Dev sets world record for Test Cricket wickets with 432.
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NEWS

Avalanche Hits Army Patrol In Arunachal, 7 Trapped



Mamata Bats For Akhilesh,

Says She Wants SP To Win

even Indian Army personnel, part of a patrol, are reported to have been trapped in an avalanche in the high altitude area of Kameng Sector in Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian Army said on Monday.

Search and rescue operations are currently underway. Specialised teams have been airlifted to assist in rescue operations, the force said. The personnel have been

stuck there since February 6. The area has been witnessing inclement weather with heavy snowfall since the last few days,

the force said.

Arunachal Pradesh is generally divided into Kameng area on the west and Rest of Arunachal Pradesh.

Indian Army Eastern Command handles the 1,346 kilometers long Line of Actual Control (LAC), including Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

This command has three corps -- 33 Corps (Sikkim), four Corps (Kameng Sector) and three Corps (Rest of Arunachal Pradesh) to handle the LAC.

In the region, India's Border Roads Organisation has been focusing on the area for road construction after a push from the government..-IANS



Hijab-Saffron Shawl Controversy Lingers In Karnataka Colleges

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The hijab-saffron shawl

row in the junior colleges them the government's order. at Kundapur in Karnataka's Udupi district continued

on Monday, with students in two junior colleges trying to defy the government order mandating uniforms stipulated by the state government or respective managements of the institutions. The state education depart-

ment had issued the order on Saturday. A group of students study-

in Kundapur came in a procession to the college on Monday lowed to enter classrooms.

wearing saffron shawls. They were prevented from entering the premises by the college principal and the police personnel present there.

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students who came wearing hijabs and explained to

Kundapur also, the principal talked to Muslim girl

The students said they will wear the shawls if hijabwearing girls were allowed in classes. They agreed to enter the classes removing their shawls only after the principal ing at Venkataramana College assured them that no hijabwearing students will be alwere made to protest outside the college gate last week.

At the Government PU College in Kundapur also, the principal talked to Muslim girl students who came wearing hijabs and explained to them the government's order. As the students continued to insist on wearing the headscarves, they were asked to go to a separate room arranged for them. There was widespread criticism against the way the girls

China Says Move To Field Galwan Valley Soldier In Winter Olympic Torch Relay Met 'Standards'



"We hope relevant sides can view it in an objective and rational light," he said. To a follow-up question hether the move India's sensitivities, Zhao said, "What I want to say is the relevant sides can view the choice of the torch bearers in objective and rational light and don't read too much into it from a political perspective." On Thursday, MEA Spokesper-

Amit Shah Requests Owaisi To Accept 'Z Category' Security

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Home Minister Amit Shah, on Monday, requested Asaduddin Owaisi, president of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, to accept 'Z category' security offered by the government after a recent attack on his car.

Making a statement in Rajya ment, Shah said. Sabha, Shah said a government the Hyderabad MP has refused minister said.

to take the CRPF protection. Shots were fired at Owaisi's car on February 3, 2022 in Uttar Pradesh following which two persons were arrested and arms were also recovered.

A detailed investigation is being carried out in the case and the home ministry had sought a report from the state govern-

'Through the House, I would assessment has found that like to request Owaisi ji to ac-Owaisi still faces security threat, cept the security to address our but he has been informed that concerns about his safety," the

Boy, 12, Jumps Off **Terrace Trying To Recreate Anime Scene, Dies: Police**

Press Trust Of India

KOLKATA: A 12-year-old boy, in a bid to recreate a scene from an anime series, allegedly jumped off the terrace of a high-rise building in the city's Phoolbagan area and died, a police officer said on Monday.

Biraj Pachisia, a class V student of a reputed city-based school, was declared "brought dead" on being taken to a nearby nursing home, the officer said.

"The boy jumped off the terrace of an 11-storey residential building on Saturday. There and wanted to imitate its hero. are several injury marks on his We have, however, not reached body. Doctors at a private nurs- any conclusion. The investigation ing home stated that he died is underway," the officer added.



due to the fall. We are waiting for the post-mortem report.

"Initial probe suggests that he was hooked to an anime series

Darul Uloom Deoband's Official Website Banned

The fiesty TMC chief said **Press Trust Of India** though the party is contesting

KOLKATA: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday left for Lucknow to campaign for Samajwadi Party (SP) and gave the call to defeat BJP in the coming Uttar Pradesh

assembly poll. Ms Baneriee left

only in Goa in the February-March assembly poll in five states, it will contest the 2024 Lok Sabha election in Puniab. Reacting to the development, Leader of Opposition in West Bengal assembly Suvendu Adhikari wondered whether SP supports the post-poll violence

Press Trust Of India BEIJING: Amid widespread

this evening.

She will be holding a joint press conference with Akhilesh Yadav, the national president of SP and a virtual rally in Lucknow on February 8, according to sources in the party.

"Akhilesh Yadav has invited me to go there and to campaign for SP. We (TMC) want BJP to be defeated and Akhilesh to win Uttar Pradesh. All of us should support him in the fight against the BJP. That is the reason we have decided not to contest in Uttar Pradesh this time," Banerjee, also the TMC president, told reporters before leaving for Lucknow.

visit Varanasi later in February meeting hosted by the TMC subut the date is yet to be fixed.

premo in January, 2019.

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that was unleashed in the state after TMC's assembly poll victory last year.

'The BJP will return to power in Uttar Pradesh. And we would like to know whether Samajwadi Party supports the post-poll violence that was unleashed by TMC in Bengal? If no, then they (SP) should condemn it," the BJP leader said.

During the high octane West Bengal assembly poll, the SP had not contested and extended its support to the ruling TMC. Akhilesh Yadav shares a very cordial relationship with Mamata Banerjee and had even Ms Banerjee said she will also attended the grand opposition

a PLA soldier involved in the border clash with Indian soldiers at the Galwan Valley in 2020 as a torchbearer for the Winter Olympics, China said on Monday that his selection met the "standards" to pick up participants for the event and it should be viewed in an "objective and rational light".

China in a provocative move fielded Qi Fabao, the regimental commander of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), who was injured during the June 2020 clash in the Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh, as a torchbearer for the Olympics Games Torch Relay, which led India to diplomatically boycott the opening ceremony of the games on Friday. In New Delhi, External Affairs

Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had described the Chinese action of honouring the commander as "regrettable". Top US lawmakers have also

described the Chinese move son Bagchi said China has chosen as "shameful" and "deliberto "politicise" an event like the ately provocative". Republican Olympics and that the Charge Senator Jim Risch, a Rank-US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also said that the US will continue to support the sovereignty of India.

fielding Qi in the torch relay tary conflicts between India went against China's view that and China in decades. Olympics should build bridges, Foreign Ministry spokesman ficially acknowledged that five Zhao Lijian said, "I want to Chinese military officers and solstress that the torch bearers of diers were killed in the Galwan

d'Affaires of the Indian embassy ing Member of the powerful in Beijing will not be attending the opening and the closing ceremonies of the Beijing Winter Games. Twenty Indian Army personnel laid down their lives Asked at a media brief- in the Galwan clashes that ing here on Monday whether marked the most serious mili-

In February last year, China ofthe Beijing Winter Olympics clashes with the Indian Army are broadly representative and though it is widely believed that they meet relevant standards." the death toll was higher.

n an embarrassment for the ruling

party in Karnataka a middle aged

swear upon God and deny that he is the

Speaking at a press conference in Ben-

galuru on Monday, the woman levelled

serious charges against the BJP MLA

father of her 14-year-old son.

woman has challenged a BJP MLA to

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SAHARANPUR- The official website of the Islamic seminary Darul Uloom at Deoband in the Saharanpur district was banned on Monday.

who had been asked by the National Commission for Protec- the diktat. tion of Child Rights to probe into of legal rights of adopted chil- him, the official said.

dren on their parent's property, an official said.

The NCPCR had asked the Saharanpur DM to probe the matter on a complaint by a local resident over the issue, he added.

Acting on the NCPCR's directive to investigate the matter, The ban was imposed by Dis- DM Singh imposed the ban on trict Magistrate Akhilesh Singh the Islamic seminary's official portal which had been carrying

He imposed the ban pending an alleged diktat over the issue the completion of enquiry by

SHORT TAKES

BHU Students Learn How To Make Cow Dung Cakes, Video Goes Viral



he prestigious Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Varanasi, the Lok Sabha constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recently organised a workshop in which the dean of the social science faculty Prof Kaushal Kishore Mishra taught the students how to make 'upala' (cow dung cakes).

A video that went viral on social media, showed Prof Mishra imparting training to the students in making dung cakes. Mishra could be seen surrounded by some students, who could also be seen making dung cakes.

The BHU also later tweeted that a workshop was held at the Integrated Village Development Centre of the University where the students were imparted training in making cow dung cakes.

Prof Mishra said that these dung cakes could be used for performing 'havan' (a ritual by fire), puja and also as a fuel for preparing food. He also urged the central government to make arrangements for selling products that could be prepared from cow dung.

It will help in increasing the income of the farmers," he said and added that students would be visiting the villages and training the people there in making cow dung cakes.

However, the video has drawn flak from various people who have taken to the Internet to slam the university for organising such a workshop.

"Universities should be places for higher learning and the students go there to acquire specialised knowledge and not to and not to learn how to make cow dung cakes," said a netizen.-IANS

Woman Charges BJP MLA Of **Fathering Her Son**



from Sedam, Rajkumar Patil Telkur.

"I know the MLA since childhood. We come from the same place. He has agreed that he is the father of my son, there is no dispute about it. Now, I am asking for justice for my son," she said. "Let him come before me, I will talk to him about it I am not asking for money. Let him give rights to my son," she said.

"After I asked for justice, about eight policemen came to my flat on Sunday and took me to Vidhana Soudha police station. They kept me in the station and illtreated me till evening," she said.

The woman divorced her first husband six years ago and presently lives with her second husband and three children.

Her advocate Jagadish Kumar has lodged a complaint in this regard with Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant. Kumar has stated that if the police do not file an FIR against the BJP MLA in 24 hours, he would approach the court and get the complaint registered.-IANS

Nephew Collects Lata's Ashes



MUMBAI: Lata Mangeshkar's nephew Adinath on Monday collected the singing legend's ashes from the Shivaji Park in Mumbai, where she was cremated with full state honours. "We handed over the asthi kalash (urn) to Adinath, son of Lata's brother and music composer Hridaynath Mangeshkar," assistant municipal commis-

sioner Kiran Dighavkar told PTI. There is no word from the family so far on where will the ashes be immersed. Lata Mangeshkar (92) who enthralled millions with her divine voice for almost eight decades was cremated with full state honours at Shivaji Park on Sunday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among those who paid their last respects to the music icon at Shivaji Park Sunday evening ..- PTI

STATE

CCAK Welcomes Govt

Decision to Open

Journalist Summoned By Court For Social Media Post

Fayaz Bukhari

on Monday gave a Kashmir freelance journalist two days to appear before it over a police complaint that he had acted against the public interest by sharing information on social media about a militant attack on a policeman.

The complaint against Gowhar Nazir Geelani comes days after the editor of web portal Kashmir Walla, Fahad Shah, was arrested for uploading on social media "anti-national content to provoke the public to disturb law and order'

"I have granted him two days for appearance before the that some people were upload-court," Executive Magistrate ing photographs, videos and Fida Mohammad Bhat told Reuters of Geelani.

A summons issued to Geelani and seen by Reuters said that on image of law enforcing agencies, Feb. 1, following the wounding besides causing ill-will and disof the policeman by militants, affection against the country".

the journalist "disseminated information on social media that SRINAGAR (Reuters):- A court would have endangered the life of the injured individual and

> other persons". Geelani is also accused of sharing information that raised "serious security and breach-ofpeace concerns"

"I have strong apprehensions you will continue with such activities that will have an impact upon maintainable of peace and public tranquillity in my jurisdiction," the summons read. Reuters could not immediate-

ly contact Geelani, whose phone was switched off. IGP Vijay Kumar told Reuters posts on Facebook that "tantamount to glorifying terrorist activities and causing dent to the

CS, Secretary DARPG approve outlines of Digital Dashboard for J&K JK Scores 75% Under NeSDA; 2nd Among UTs

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Monday convened a meeting on e-HRM on J&K, Digital portal for real time monitoring of District Good Governance and J&K e-Services delivery assessment.

Among others, the meeting was attended by V Srinivas, Secretary DARPG; DG IMPARD Saurabh Bhagat; Joint Secretaries of DARPG, NBS Rajput, Jaya Dubey; Secretary IT J&K, Prerna Puri and senior officers of Government of J&K besides Knowledge partners from CGG Hyderabad and KPMG India.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary along with Secretary DARPG today approved the outlines of the Dashboard which shall provide a monthly view to all DDCs, Administrative Secretaries, and Chief Secretary's office for improvement and outcomes in every month.

dex (DGGI) to measure the anof J&K in collaboration with

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor

Manoj Sinha Monday reviewed

the Information Technology

Department and discussed its

Strategic & Policy initiatives to-

During the meeting, Sanjay

Gaden, Principal Consultant

(Head-SeMT)-NISG, briefed the

Lt Governor via a PowerPoint

presentation on digital services

blueprint, which is based on

unified interface, major um-

brella reforms, and enhanced

aligning high-value ICT projects

with sustainable outcomes.

wards Digital Mission.

digital infrastructure.

(DARPG) has developed a Dash-



mapped, 130 new services un-140 data sets to help measure the monthly change between der Ease of Doing Business (EODB)/ BRAP shall also be addvarious districts thus to provide ed making the total number 186. a more accurate measure of dis-The Chief Secretary directed trict governance.

the Secretaries of Tourism, Labour During the meeting, the NIC, and Employment and Housing Government of India presented the dashboard on the indicators and Urban Development Definalized by JKIMPARD and it partment to resubmit data and was decided that the DGGI Dashprovide IT Secretary accurate board will be ready by 15 Februinformation so that the UT obary and DG IMPARD was made tains number 01 ranking not only Nodal Officer for the initiative. among UTs but also among states. A project report of 53 crore

While reviewing the progress under NeSDA, it was informed The meeting was informed that JK UT has an overall score that after the successful launch of 75% which is second among of District Good Governance In- UTs and in most of the 7 sectors namely Finance, Labour & nual change, the Government Employment, Education, Social Welfare, local government, En-Department of Administrative vironment and Tourism, the J&K Reform and Public Grievances has performed exceedingly well. Dr Mehta informed that in

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Coaching Centres

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Coaching Centres Association of Kashmir (CCAK) Monday welcomed the government decision to allow resumption of classes at the coaching centres. The Association termed it as a right decision at a right time for the students who are preparing for the forthcoming competitive examinations.

In a statement, the Association termed it as the biggest relief for the student community. staff members. 'Our competitive examinations are just round the corner. Many of our students were living in tor Education, CEO, Dy CEO and rented accommodations in Sri- Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, nagar. After the closure of coach- Addl Dy Commissioner Dr Haing centres, most of the students neef Balkhi, Khurshid Shah and were mentally disturbed and SDM Owais Ahmad for excelunable to focus on their studies. lent coordination that helped in The opening of coaching centres almost 100% vaccination of stuis a huge relief for them and a dents enabling Govt to allow rebeautiful gift from the govern- opening of Coaching. Also thanks ment, for which they deserve to Parents, Students, Doctors Asapplause," said G N Var chair- sociation, KCCI, J&K Civil Society man CCAK. "We are thankful to Forum, RTI Movement, Pension-LG Administration, Chief Secretary, Addl Chief Secretary Health an issue concerning the future for taking the call on this vital issue. With this decision they the society was involved in it. have helped secure the future of our next generation."

The Association said that the resumption of classes has been made possible due to combined efforts of government officials, coaching centres were closed due to increasing Covid cases, we faced a huge challenge of community and staff members. due to the joint efforts of vari- studies," said Var.

government departments ous including Directorate of School Education, Higher Education, Health Services and coaching centres that the entire vaccination process was completed within the shortest possible time," said G N Var Chairman CCAK.

The. Association thanked the vaccination teams who worked extremely hard and often in difficult situations to administer the vaccines to students and the

"We thank Director Health. CMO, Medical Officers, Direcers Forum," said Var. "This was of Kashmir and every section of The parents also deserve praise for their patience."

Meanwhile the Association directed the coaching centres to strictly follow the Covid SOPs in letter and spirit. "Covid cases coaching centres, parents and have receded but we need to be other stakeholders. "When the all govt guidelines in this regard. As directed by the government coaching centres will be operatvaccinating our entire student ing at 50% of their capacity with full adherence to CAB. All coach-But we completed the 100% vac- ing centres have already been cination process in an expedited directed to put in place all necmanner to make ground for the essary measures in this regard resumption of classes. It was with minimal impact on student

House Gutted In Midnight Blaze In Bandipora

house was gutted in a fire mis- halla, Chittybandy Bandipora. hap at Chitteybandy village in The structure along with north Kashmir's Bandipora dis- household items was completetrict during midnight, reports ly gutted in the blaze, they said. and officials said on Monday.

BANDIPORA: A residential ulam Mohammad at Ganai Mopolice official said w

One Week Workshop On 'Discourses In Political **Economy' Commences At IUST**

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: In an attempt to inform a wider audience and for effective decision-making well as acquaint the participants with importance of the research in political economy, One-Week Online Workshop on "Recent Discourse in Political Economy" being organized by the Department of Economics, Islamic University of Science and Technol-

ogy (IUST) began here today. During this inaugural ceremony Vice Chancellor IUST Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo who was also the Chief Guest on the occasion while congratulating the Department for taking this initiative in view of the multidisciplinary signifance of political economy opined that the theme of the workshop is relevant to issues like climatic changes, pandemic, migrations.

Prof. Romshoo while discussing the ongoing vaccine divide at the global level, placed an emphasis on addressing issues like inequality and social divide mad Sofi and also present durboth at the national and interna- ing the session were workshop tional level.

Well-known economist Prof. Khan, Dr. Irfan Ahmad Sofi, and Praveen Jha, Centre for Econom- Dr. Shumila Cheshti, and coand Planning INU coordinators Dr. Ab. Hamid

highlighted the broader aspects of political economy and talked about the methodological issues draw policy recommendations of research in political economy- specifically demarcated a at regional and national level as line of difference between the approaches of mainstream economics and political economy.

during the inaugural extensively

Prof. Jha while discussing the core of imperialism and neocolonialism expressed his views regarding works by David Harvey, Samir Amin and Prabhat Patnaik with reference to imperialism, north-south block and neo colonialism. He also highlighted the use of Marxist methodology of using class as a unit rather than an individual.

At the outset Head, Department of Economics Dr. Asif Iqbal Fazili formally welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. While introducing theme of the workshop, Dr. Fazili highlighted the need for such initiatives and underscored the importance of

institutions in policy making. Vote of thanks was proposed by Assistant professor, Departcoordinators Dr. Javid Ahmad **Initiatives Towards Digital Mission**

Government aims to provide the best and transparent online services within specified timelines.

He issued directions to keep a provision of penalty if the timelines to deliver the online services are violated for ensuring It was informed that the IT hassle-free and timely services Department is working on re- to common man. The Lt Govvamping Digital Services with ernor further directed the IT better digital infrastructure, Department to utilize the best the goal of Digital J&K.

The Lt Governor said that the UT meeting that e-offices have partment attended the meeting.



was submitted by SIU NIC for

funding under e-HRMS for hu-

man resource data entry for ap-

proximately 4.5 lakh employees

e-HRMS project shall help the

government in keeping all em-

ployees data like APRs, leave.

promotion, increment and sal-

arv records in e-form

of the state.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; Prerna Puri, Secretary Information Technology Department: Amit Sharma, CEO, Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency; representatives from trained human capital, and available technologies to fulfill Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, besides oth-It was also mentioned in the er concerned officers of IT De-

who was the Keynote Speaker and Dr. Showket Ahmad Bhat.

Delimitation Panel Proposal BJP Agenda: Mehbooba

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Former Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Partv President, Mehbooba Mufti Monday said that the delimitation commission proposal is another onslaught on the democracy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Talking with the media at the party headquarters, Mehbooba said that PDP was always suspicious and the delimitation commission is basically the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) agenda.

"BJP wants to strengthen its constituencies. They want to disempower the majority communities be it in Rajouri, Chenab valley," she said.

Mehbooba said that merging Anantnag parliamentary seat with Jammu regions has made their voters irrelevant.

"How will a parliamentarian but was released later," she said.

reach Rajouri or Chenab valley when the road remains closed for six months." she said.

Mehbooba said that BJP is executing Godse agenda to divide Hindu and Muslim community, which is "unacceptable" and it has not come as a surprise and it is sheer dictatorship that is prevailing in the country.

> While reacting to the arrest of Journalists in Kashmir, Mehbooba Mufti said that the Government is curbing every dissent in the Valley.

> "Fahad has been arrested. Earlier Sajad Gul was arrested and now I came to know that more Journalists are being summoned," Mehbooba said.

"Nobody is allowed to speak up in Kashmir. Our district president for Ganderbal was arrested just because he spoke against the Delimitation Commission. He was taken to the police station,

JAMMU: Describing the Delimitation Commission draft report in the apex court of the counas "bizarre", National Confer- try against the decisions taken ence General Secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar on Monday said his party will not allow any attempt to divide the people of

Press Trust Of India

Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing provincial functionaries, district presidents response to the draft report and constituency incharges of the Jammu division at a daylong meeting at the NC headquarters here, the former minister also termed the report as "sheer mockery" of the univer- the party to meet the challengsally accepted and constitu- es posed to Jammu and Kashmir tionally established norms of peoples' representation. The NC leader expressed

concern over what he called "repeated attempts of disempowering the people of Jammu and Kashmir by coming up with atrocious measures one after the other.

was undertaken despite strong been violated while carrying pleas of putting it on hold keeping in view the legal challenge

post August 5, 2019. The Centre, however, continued with its agenda to disempower Jammu and Kashmir." he said Sagar said the National Con-

ference is framing up a detailed which is patently against the "constitutional morality, constitutional propriety and constitutional values"

He urged the rank and file of unitedly with fortitude and by maintaining the glorious ethos of the land of Sufis and Saints.

Sagar recalled how the National Conference has faced challenges for decades at the strength of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of caste, creed, religion and region.

"First, the state was bifurcat-

Won't Allow Any Attempt To Divide People Of J&K: NC out the exercise.

"It appears the commission has not taken into consideration the topography and population while coming up with the draft report. Also, the concept of administrative units has been ignored and the constituencies carved out in such a way that would lead to confusion among the people," he said.

He said parts of the prevailing constituencies have been detached and attached with the other constituencies, thus coming under different administrative units.

Gupta also expressed surprise over "wiping out of several assembly constituencies from the political map of Jammu and Kashmir". "Same has been the case with merging assembly constituencies of the two provinces into a single Lok Sabha Constituency which sans reason and logic," he said.

The two leaders exhorted NC's provincial president, the National Conference cadre to remain steadfast in their

Reports said that a fire broke firming the incident said that the out at around 03:36 a.m. in the cause of fire being ascertained but single story house of Khurshid apparently seems to have been Ahmad Ganie son of late Gh- caused by electric short circuit. (GNS)

Farooq condoles demise Lata Mangeshkar

NEW DELHI: National Conference President and Member of Parliament from Srinagar Dr Farooq Abdullah has condoled the demise of legendary singer, Queen of melody, Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar.

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almost eight decades. She vanquished our hearts for decades and would always be ruling as a queen of melody for the years to come." Her melodious voice transcended all barriers of language, caste,

While expressing grief over the demise of Lata Ii, Dr. Faroog said that it is hard to believe that she has passed away. "I am anguished beyond words. Her mellifluous the sun inspirits, refreshes and voice that could bring an entire aglow the lives of innumerable nation up on its feet, will remain immortal for centuries to come. thralled the listeners generation Her voice struck a chord with after generation irrespective of many generations by mirroring their religion, caste, and creed. their everyday emotions. She has On her demise, I pay my earnest physically left the world, but the tributes to her. I share the grief of incomparable melody she has millions out there mourning the left behind will play in a seem- loss. May the departed soul rest ingly endless refrain, as it has for in eternal peace."

creed, culture, boundaries, he said adding, "just as arousing fragrance of a flower, fresh whiff of breeze, thirst quenching stream of water and the radiant rays of people, Lata Ji's voice also en-

SHORT TAKES

Police Seizes 3 Loaded Tippers in Nishat

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SRINAGAR: Police in Srinagar have arrested three persons for 'illegal' transportation of construction material in Green Belt area.

In a statement a spokesman of police said that a police party of PS Nishat during checking at a checkpoint intercepted three vehicles (Tippers) bearing registration numbers JK04A-8636, JK01AN-0588 and IK01AM-9684 carrying construction materials without proper permission. The vehicles have been seized and the drivers identified as Ishfaq Ahmad resident of Gusso bourhood with the local police Hazratbal, Shabir Ahmad & Feroz units," the spokesman added.

Ahmad both residents of Brein Nishat have been arrested. He said that it is pertinent to

mention that the Nishat area falls under greenbelt/notified area. "Accordingly a case vide FIR No.

10/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Nishat," he said.

"Persons found indulging in illegal transportation of construction materials within government notified areas shall be dealt with as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neigh-

House Gutted in Sangam Bijbehara

ANANTNAG: A double storey residential house was gutted in a massive fire in Sangam area of Bijbehara in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Monday evening. Reports reaching GNS that a mas-

sive fire broke out in a residential house belonging to one Feroz Ahmad Dar Son of Abdul Raheem Dar in Sangam Bijbehara. Soon after, fire and emergency department employees assisted by police and locals launched an operation to douse off the flames in a highly congested locality. However the residential house was gutted completely in the incident.

Dr Zaman Is KU's New **Controller Of Examination**

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as Controller of Examinations (tenure position) for a period of SRINAGAR: The University of Kashfive years.'

mir on Monday appointed Dr Ma-Dr Majid's appointment comes jid Zaman, Scientist 'E'. Directorate pursuant to recommendations of a statutory selection committee of Information Technology and Support System, as the varsity's held on 11.11.2021 to appoint the new Controller of Examinations. University's new Controller of Examinations. Dr Majid holds a PhD An order to this effect, issued by Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, in Computer Sciences from the University of Kashmir after purreads: "Consequent upon the approval of the Hon'ble Chancellor suing his MS in Software Systems (Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor), from Birla Institute of Technology sanction is hereby accorded to the and Science (BITS) Pilani and Bachappointment of Dr Majid Zaman elor of Engineering in Computer S/o Mr Ghulam Mohammad Baba Sciences from BAMU, Maharashtra.

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ed and its status degraded as a Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta also Union Territory and thereafter summarily rejected the draft resolve to seek justice for the the exercise for the delimitation report, saying that norms have people of Jammu and Kashmir.

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KO VIEW

Rise In Cancer

n the World Cancer Day on Friday last, Director of Health Services Kashmir Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather called on people to focus on preventive measures to arrest the growing incidence of the disease in the Valley. He said the government is working on ensuring that the people of all regions, sections and sects get equitable and affordable treatment at all places. The director health was speaking in the light of this year's theme of World Cancer Day which is 'Closing the Care Gap.'

The day was observed across the hospitals of the Valley where doctors stressed the need for creating more awareness about the disease and its symptoms to ensure its early detection and treatment. The doctors said that the disease has seen a rise over the last decade. Data over the last year presents a grim picture. Around 3,075 cancer cases were reported in 2011, 3,288 in 2012, 3,157 in 2013, 3,940 in 2014 and 4,257 in 2015. The figures since have only grown bigger. In 2021 alone, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences alone registered over 5000 new cases of cancer in 2021 with breast cancer showing a conspicuous spike.

This calls for more pro-active handling of the situation from the UT government. In addition to generous allocation of resources for the treatment, there is an urgent need to investigate the reasons for the sudden increase in the number of cancers in the UT. People need to know as to what has changed in Kashmir that has led to the spread of cancer. It is a pity that our major healthcare institutions have been unable to put into public domain credible research about the causes for growing incidence of cancer in the region. Such studies will be immensely helpful as they will persuade people to take due precautions to reduce their vulnerability to the disease. The public awareness that the doctors have talked about will flow from this.

Having said that, an earlier study by the SKIMS had blamed the growing incidence of cancers to "food habits and life style patterns" as also to the consumption of high salt content foods. Many dyes, used in industries and sometimes in foods, are also thought to act as human carcinogens. And some of these dyes, like carmoisine and tartazine, have been found to be used as a coloring agent in many edibles, spices and condiments in Kashmir.

In recent years, food contamination and adulteration has emerged as major issue in Kashmir. Hazardous agents have been found to have been used even in the food products of some major corporate houses. Sadly, J&K Government has so far done little about the growing food adulteration in the UT, which has now been proven to be one of the factors leading to the rise in cases of cancer in the Valley. The rise in cancers is, therefore, a wakeup call. The government has to get cracking on the unscrupulous traders and expose the use of chemicals and dyes in the food. And at least, to start with, there has to be a campaign to create more awareness of the ways in which our food is adulterated.

Open Season

A Muslim Citizen's Default State Is A State Of Culpability



Mukul Kesavan

he hardest part of being Muslim in India today must be that neither the State nor civil society gives you the benefit of the doubt. The benefit of the doubt simply means choosing to believe people even when it's hard to know with certainty that they are telling the truth. A Muslim citizen's default state is not a state of innocence, but a state of culpability. When a Muslim is in the news, the reportage that swirls around the newsworthy event, the arguments on social media, turn on the assumption that the controversy is related to perverse behaviour initiated by the Muslim/s in question. We've seen two examples of this in the last week; one relates to high politics and the other to college education.

Asaduddin Owaisi was shot at while travelling in a car to Delhi from Meerut where he had been campaigning in the run-up to the elections in UP. Several shots were fired at the car, one of which punctured a tyre, forcing Owaisi to change vehicles. One of the accused has been implicated in a murder case before. He claims to be a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party and there are several photographs circulating online that show him in the company of BJP leaders. Given the BJP's hostility towards Muslims and the UP chief minister's consistently communal campaigning style, you would imagine that this failed assassination attempt would be investigated in that fraught context. Instead, the statement issued by the additional director-general of police, law and order, Prashant Kumar, informed us that "The accused said they were hurt by his (Asaduddin Owaisi) remarks against a particular religion." Less than two months ago, a Dharma Sansad in Haridwar organized by Yati Narsinghanand had repeatedly called for genocidal violence against Muslims and yet the ADG had found a way of suggesting that the alleged assassination attempt had been triggered by something Owaisi had said about Hindus. Long story short: he started it. This state of mind is bigger than the BJP and its pliable police forces. Owaisi has been a member of Parliament for several terms. And yet, the response of his parliamentary colleagues from other parties was curiously muted in the aftermath of the shooting. The Congress, the Samajwadi Party, the Bahujan Samaj Party, which are the prin-

cipal Opposition parties in Uttar Pradesh, didn't immediately condemn this shocking assassination attempt. The reason for that isn't hard to find. Owaisi is frequently accused of being in the pay of the BJP. His political excursions outside his home borough of Hyderabad are reviled as deliberate attempts to split the Opposition by siphoning off vital Muslim votes. So the

Muslim-mukt Bharat in the realm of politics, a party like the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen that articulates explicitly Muslim needs and anxieties becomes inevitable.

If Owaisi didn't exist, we would have to invent him. Muslims constitute nearly twenty per cent of UP's electorate: when parties pretend that they don't exist, when Privanka Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav

G IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY, though in a very different context, the responsibility for the stand-off at the Udupi pre-university colleges doesn't lie with the hijabwearing girls denied admission to class rooms. It's the college authorities who chose to outlaw the hijab and then argued, falsely, that the parents of the affected students had signed an undertaking to that effect

first instinct of these parties is suspicion: is this a stunt? Will a concerted wave of sympathy help his cause? So even in extremis, even when he is at the business end of a bullet. Owaisi doesn't receive the

distance themselves from Muslims leaders that their parties are allied to, they create a political vacuum that begs to be filled. The virtue

at least one sartorial exception on religious grounds: the patkas and pugrees that Sikh boys and men wear. There is a historical reason for this: the colonial army was disproportionately dependent on Sikh recruitment in the Punjab and created Sikh regiments where the criteria for entry mandated rigorous adherence to the five Ks which included, of course, long hair, kesh, and the concomitant turban. The soldier's turban became an institutionalized precedent.

Thanks to the Sikh diaspora and its enthusiasm for uniformed employment, the turban has proved to be a global challenge to the shibboleths of laicité. One Western country after another has changed the uniform rules of its armed forces to accommodate Sikh soldiers and every exemption has undermined the dogmatic and faintly sinister notion that absolute public uniformity is the soul of secularism. The principals of these Udupi colleges should be asked if they would admit turbaned men. If they say yes (as they must), they must admit hijabi women. If they choose not to, it should be clearly understood that they are actively discriminat-

OTHER OPINON

The Tainted Olympic Games

t would be great if there was something capable of bringing the world together in celebration, something inspirational and pure, and something that wouldn't require us to employ moral and intellectual gymnastics in order to enjoy.

The Winter Olympic Games, which formally begin today in Beijing, China, will not be such an event.

That is a shame. For while we may bask in the triumphs of these incredible athletes competing at the highest levels of their sports, and we will surely cheer on the American team in its quest for gold, it's impossible to look past the deeply troubling human rights record of the host country.

China stands accused by the United States and other countries of committing genocide against the Uyghurs, a Turkish ethnic group of about 12 million people, and other Muslim minorities in the Xinjiang region.

The abuse of these people is well documented. Last year, human rights organization Amnesty International released a 160-page report detailing the mass continued incarceration of hundreds of thousands of the Uyghurs. China has built a sprawling network of "reeducation" facilities – more accurately described as prisons – where it has held some of those detained for years.

China insists that their security efforts are aimed at eradicating terrorist networks which threaten the security of their state and challenge the leadership of the ruling Communist Party.

But reports by Amnesty, other human rights organizations and international media suggest that the arrests are arbitrary, based on ethnic and religious affiliation rather than because of insurgent activities. And the brutality of their treatment, without due process or judicial review, reflects an attempt at cultural genocide.

How. then, could China be selected to host a distinguished and lucrative event such as the Olympic Games? That's a great question, one the International Olympic Committee has declined to answer.

Though China pledged to the IOC that it would improve its human rights record, honor media freedom during the games, prohibit the use of forced labor and make other progressive reforms as a requirement for hosting, there is no indication China is honoring that agreement or has plans to do so when the games conclude.

For viewers, in America and around the world, that poses a profound ethical dilemma as the games begin. How can one enjoy watching these events or support the Olympics when the IOC's commitment to a better, more just world rings so hollow?

After all, it was thought that bringing the Summer Olympics to Beijing in 2008 would come with the spotlight of international attention, opening the world's eyes to the repressive and brutal regime that leads that country of 1.4 billion people. But the Olympics came and went without a noticeable change in global attitudes toward China's abuses or, importantly, a pivot in Chinese policy.

The idea that global sporting events can be a catalyst for improvement was not new at the time. But the 2008 games aptly demonstrated how flawed that thinking is. Instead of bringing more scrutiny on China, it elevated the country's status and allowed the Chinese government a success it could point to for international credibility.

Virginian Pilot

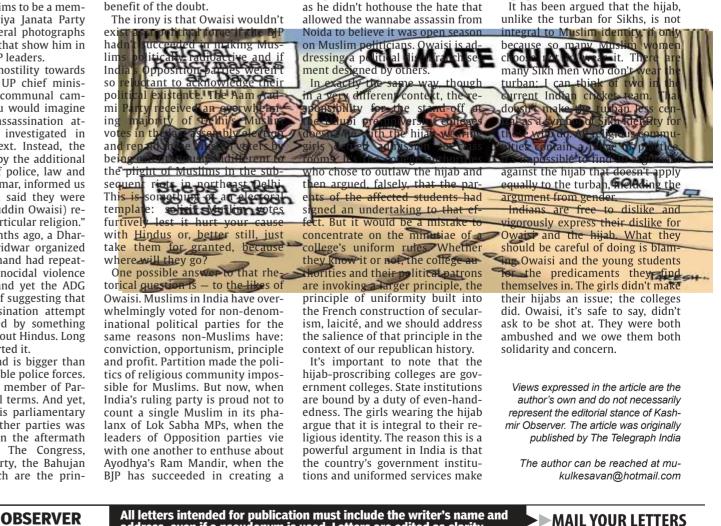
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St. Luke's Church, Drugjan

family had been deeply connected with the St. Luke's Church, Drugjan as my mother was a nursing sister in the adjacent Mission Hospital(now known as the Chest

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Diseases Hospital) in the 1930's. My father Rev. Sham Lal Kaul (1913-2006) and my mother Martha were married in the St. Luke's Church, Drugjan in 1937. My elder sister Dr. Praveen R. Sondhi(Gynaecologist-USA) and elder brother Dr. Surinder

A. Kaul(Public Health Consultant -WHO) and myself were all born in the Drugjan C D Hospital in the 1940's. It is really a very noble step by the Government Department of Tourism and Culture to have the renovation of this Church done now.

May God bless their endeavours.

Parwez Samuel Kaul Director, Tyndale – BISCOE and Mallinson Society, Sheikh BAGH, Srinagar

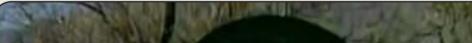


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5 Lata Mangeshkar Songs That Became Kashmir Melodies







Sheeba Wani

N the 'Jash-ne-Kashmir' of sixties, fresh-faced Saira Banu woos a camera-wielding mainland tourist as a stereotypical Kashmiri girl wearing traditional robes and cultural symbols.

But after Shammi Kapoor acts snooty, the playful scene of Junglee (1962) turns musical with the familiar voice of a singer known for her dulcet duets with the "beloved singer" of Kashmir – Mohammad Rafi.

Six decades later, as the Nightingale of Bombay turned Mumbai Film Industry fell silent, that iconic song— 'Kashmir Ki Kali Hoon Main'—was shared as a tribute by sundry in the mountains where Lata Mangeshkar's voice still echoes through the good-old radio.

In the competing obituaries over her demise, the singer's songs shot in Kashmir made many nostalgic about the times when her vocals would enthrall generations in the musical gardens and theatres of the valley.

"I was in my teens when I first saw Sadhna enacting "Ye Sama" song sung by Lata Mangeshkar in a movie opposite to Shashi Kapoor," recalls Mushtaq Shah, a cine-lover of yore in his sixties. "I could see how the nightingale's intense emotional voice left the young people in an emotional state inside the cinema hall. She would make you fall in love."

Sami Ashrať, a retired government teacher, credits the late singer for giving voice to her emotions and generation back in seventies.

"Unlike the crowd of singers today, Lata was onewoman orchestra for us, always enthralling our youthful feelings," Sami, who hails from Sopore, says. "She had a massive audience in the valley."

For couples, Lata was a voice of love, says Sheikh Mubashir, a bizman from Srinagar.

"I remember quoting lines from her songs to win my life partner's heart," Mubashir says. "Lata Mangeshkar was the reigning melody queen whose songs gave expression to our feelings."

Amid these reminiscences, here're the five songs by the late lead-singer that became her Kashmir tunes:

Bekhudi Me Sanam

Sung by the prominent-pair of Rafi and Lata, this classic song from the 1968 movie, Haseena Maan Jayegi became anthem back then. Filmed on Babita and Shashi Kapoor, the song is still striking a chord with masses for its poetry, melody and vocals. The Kashmir setting of sixties is only uplifting its visual appeal.

Bedardi Balma Tujhko

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Yeh Sama, Sama Hai Ye Pyar Ka

In this Kashmir melody, Lata lends her voice to Nanda as Shashi Kapoor playing a Shikarawalla acts a hypnotized host. The 1965-ballad from the movie Jab Jab Phool Khile remains one of her popular songs for any Kashmir-based film. Here, again, the nightingale sings a lover's heart.

Husn Pahadon Ka Kya Kehna

In this pre-90 melody, Mandakini and Rajiv Kapoor can be seen singing paeans of Kashmir's fascinating mountains and the meditative life. Lata's elevating voice details the serene picture of the valley that once existed with near perfection.

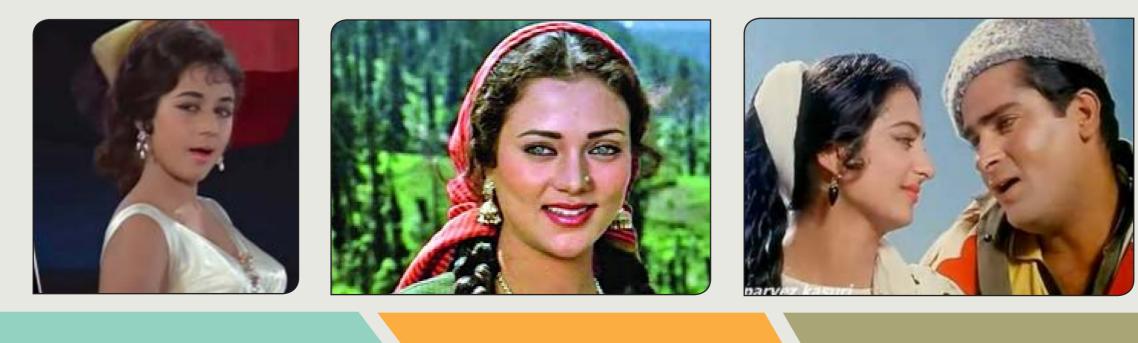
Mere Yaar Shabba Khair

Among her trove of tunes that she sang for the movies shot in Kashmir, this ageless number is living up to the moment – giving a farewell to the nightingale of the Hindi cinema.

Hailing from Pulwama, Sheeba Wani is pursuing Masters in Music from Delhi. She can be reached at wanishe@yahoo.com.







LIFE & TIMES

'Resilience Training And Co-Curricular Activities In Schools Help Prevent Mental Health Disorders'

Agencies

chool is the place that forms the foundation of what a person grows up to be. But what if children develop mental health disorders in the school itself? According to a new study, clinicians are calling for coping and social skills training and more extra-curricular activities in schools to help prevent increasing mental health problems in children.

The research, led by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) and published in 'PLOS ONE', found that clinicians were also pushing for more effective ways to upskill educators in mental health prevention, identification and early intervention including peer support for school psychologists and mental health literacy education for teachers.

The study involved 143 Victorian and South Australian clinicians who were interviewed about their views on how the education system could better support student's mental health and improve access to

support services.

The clinicians, involving psychiatrists, paediatricians, psychologists and GPs, believed the education system could play an important role in improving access to mental health services by harnessing existing staff or co-locating mental health clinicians.

They also suggested schools could identify at risk children, use prevention and early intervention strategies, and implement coping and social skills programs.

MCRI researcher Kate Paton said some clinicians felt that schools were well placed to identify students with mental health problems as systems existed within the education sector for monitoring such as access to attendance and academic records.

"Schools as buildings act as a trusted physical space where mental health clinicians could offer services that are otherwise challenging to access," she said. Clinicians believed teachers can offer prevention by supporting children through school wide psychoeducation, sport and social skills and coping programs.

Ms Paton said given clinician's voices



were frequently missing from the debate, she hoped the findings would help to address the need for mental health support in schools.

"Whilst educators have identified many challenges to providing this support, includ-

ing perceived stigma, lack of resources and an overcrowded curriculum, understanding clinicians' views on the role of educators and schools and how they could work together to achieve good mental health outcomes are important questions," she said.

"It's important to understand whether different perspectives may exist between educators and mental health clinicians which need to be bridged if these professionals are to work successfully together to achieve both good education and mental health outcomes.

The research builds on MCRI's efforts to establish mental health support in schools. A pilot mental health program, developed by the MCRI in collaboration with the University of Melbourne and the Victorian Department of Education and Training was expanded to a total of 100 schools in 2022, after being trialled in Victorian primary schools.

The program was piloted in 10 primary schools in 2020 with feasibility results encouraging, strong support from schools and indications that it could improve care pathways for children with emerging mental

health issues

The initiative embedded a child mental health and wellbeing coordinator within schools to help identify and manage emerging mental health issues in students and provide connections between education, social and health services.

MCRI Professor Harriet Hiscock said the prevalence of mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression, which were the major source of disease burden, had remained unchanged for the past 20 years.

"With about 50 per cent of mental health disorders beginning before the age of 14 years, prevention and early intervention are paramount if we want to reduce lifetime prevalence of mental health disorders and allow children to live their best possible lives," she said. Improving mental health for children and adolescents has therefore become an international priority.

Professor Hiscock said mental health problems have such a large adverse effect on children's education progress that academic potential couldn't be achieved unless schools address student mental health.

Study Finds Why People Divulge Other's Secrets

Agencies

Secrets are a social phenomenon among humans. But when and why would someone divulge another person's secret to others?

According to a new study by researchers at Arizona State University and Columbia Univer-

they were divulged.

"Across a wide variety of commonly kept secrets--ranging from being unhappy at work to sexual infidelity--people revealed other people's secrets 30 per cent of the time on average," Salerno



sity, the divulging of a secret has a direct correlation to a person's morals.

The findings of the study were published in he 'Journal of Personali

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS KASHMIR

Sub:-Tentative seniority list of Tehsil Supply Officers/Inspectors etc carrying substantive pay level L-6, Rs. 35400-112400 (Pre-revised Rs. 9300-34800 + GP Rs. 4200/-)

(NOTIFICATION)

Whereas, the tentative seniority list of Tehsil Supply Officers/Inspectors carrying substantive pay level of Rs. 35400-112400, L-6, (Pre-revised Rs. 9300-34800 + GP Rs. 4200/-) was issued vide notification issued under endorsement No. DCAPDK/ Adm/B-X-304 dated. 26.07.2019 for general information of employees of the said category and inviting of objections thereof; Whereas, from the date of issuance of said notification, most of the officials of this category have proceeded on superannuation and some have been elevated to the next higher grade who have accordingly been deleted from this category:

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Whereas, the rest of the Tehsil Supply Officers hailing from Union Territory of Ladakh opted for Union Territory of Ladakh and their salaries are being drawn there by the concerned DDO's;

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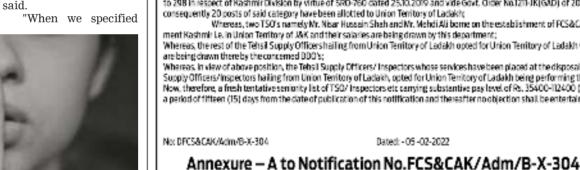
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22.	Masooda Munawar	5804	TSO	10+2	03-12-1978	01-10-2019
23. 24.	RinkuRaina	5807	TS0	10+2	08-11-1975	01-10-2019
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ty and Social Psychology'.

It seems that when someone learns another person's secret that breaks their own moral code, then the person who was confided in seems to be willing to divulge that secret so to "punish" the secret holder, according to Jessica Salerno, an associate professor of psychology in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Arizona State University.

"Keeping things about ourselves secret is burdensome and has a negative impact on our relationships and our health," Jessica Salerno said, an associate professor of psychology in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Arizona State University.

"Confiding in others is important, but we assume that the people we confide in have similar motivations to keep the information quiet as we do to protect us and prevent us from being punished for that secret behavior. Yet, our discovery is that it's not just that people often don't keep our secrets, but they may be inclined to actively reveal the secret to see us punished when they think the secret behavior is immoral."

The research is based on a series of nine studies that asked participants how often they decide it is appropriate to reveal someone else's secrets and what their motivations were behind those decisions.

Salerno and her coauthor. Michael Slepian of Columbia University, found a consistent trend in how often secrets were divulged and some of the motivations as to why

drop a lot, but it didn't, people still revealed 26 per cent of other people's secrets that had been directly confided in them." she added.

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"This means that the majority of secrets were kept but a meaningful percentage, that some might consider horrifying when they consider their own confided secrets, were revealed to at least one other person," Salerno said.

As to why people divulged other's secrets, Salerno said, morality played a key role.

"Across many studies and situations, people were significantly more likely to reveal someone else's secret if they considered the secret to be an immoral behavior," she explained.

"And we found out why: People are more likely to reveal other people's secrets that they think are immoral because it satisfies a (perhaps unconscious) emotional need to see that person punished for the morally outraging secret behavior," she said.

In fact, the role of punishment is a key in the divulging of a secret. If the person who was confided in thinks the person who holds the secret has already been punished, then they are less motivated to divulge the secret. Remove the punishment, however, and then people are more motivated to divulge the secret to fulfill that need to see them punished. Salerno said. This motivation to reveal information as punishment appeared

to be limited to the realm

of secret information.

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53. 54.	Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Dar	3993	Inspector	Matric	01-03-1952	01-03-2018	1
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Around 6.17 Crore ITRs, 19 Lakh Audit Reports Filed **On New I-T Portal: CBDT**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The income tax department on Monday said around 6.17 crore I-T returns and about 19 lakh tax audit reports (TARs) have been filed on the new I-T e-filing portal in eight months since its launch.

Out of 6.17 crore ITRs filed for the assessment year 2021-22 (FY2020-21), 48 per cent of these are ITR-1 (2.97 crore), nine per cent is ITR-2 (56 lakh), 13 per cent is ITR-3 (81.6 lakh), 27 per cent are ITR-4 (1.65 crore), ITR-5 (10.9 lakh), ITR-6 (4.84 lakh) and ITR-7 (1.32 lakh).

"Around 6.17 crore income tax returns (ITRs) and about 19 lakh major tax audit reports (TARs) have been filed on the new efiling portal of the income tax department as on February 6, 2022," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement. More than 1.61 lakh other tax audit reports have been filed till February 6, 2022.

The department has been issuing reminders to taxpayers through e-mails, SMS and Twit- viduals, HUFs and firms with toter encouraging taxpayers and tal income up to Rs 50 lakh and chartered accountants not to having income from business wait till the last minute and file and profession. ITR-3 is filed by their TARs/ ITRs without further delay, the statement added.

"All taxpayers/ tax professionals who are yet to file their businesses and trusts, respectax audit reports or income tax tively. The new income tax porreturns for AY 2021-22 are re- tal was launched on June 7.

Choudhary Chairs Meeting On Promotion Of Commercial Horticulture



Observer News Service

IAMMU: Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department, Navin Kumar Choudhary, Monday chaired a meeting of committee constituted transport support' to flower growculture in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad. Principal Secretary stressed on the need to initiate special efforts for promotion of departmental schemes and subsidies saying that the sector has immense potential yet to be explored. It was decided in the meeting that grant of subsidies out of Capex funds would not be allowed in future. Principal Secretary said that for promotion of commercial floriculture in the UT, flower growers would be incentivised for activities like production and packaging/ marketing separately. 'Norms prescribed under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) would be strictly applicable while giving subsidies for flower production', he added.



quested to file their TARs/ returns immediately to avoid the last-minute rush," it said.

The government had in January extended till March 15 the deadline for corporates to file income tax returns for the fiscal ended March 2021, while the same for filing tax audit report and transfer pricing audit report for 2020-21 fiscal is February 15. ITR Form 1 (Sahaj) and ITR Form 4 (Sugam) are simpler forms that cater to a large number of small and medium taxpayers.

Sahaj can be filed by an individual having income up to Rs 50 lakh and who receives income from salary, one house property/other sources (interest, etc). ITR-4 can be filed by indipeople having income as profits from business/ profession, while ITR-5, 6 and 7 are filed by LLPs,

Tourist Village Network: A New Hope For Rural Economy Across J&K



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Union Terriknown all over the world for Tourism and the tourism sector is one of the main contributors to the GDP of J&K.

huge foreign exchange and provides employment to the thousands of unemployed youth. In order to strengthen and tap the potential of the tourism sector here, the government of Jammu and Kashmir has launched the Tourist Village Network program under Mission Youth to ensure balanced and equitable development of tourism sector across the length and breadth of the UT. The government has launched this program to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of Independence under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Under this initiative, the government aims to rejuvenate and transform more than 75 villages in the union territory by promoting tourism and giving sustainable employment for the youth. The initiative launched under the mission youth will work towards giving a facelift to the 75 villages that are already famous for their historical background, picturesque landscape and cultural importance.

This initiative is destined to promote homestays across the UT. The initiative will strengthen the rural economy in the

region, turn youth into entrepreneurs and empower women by offering numerous opportunities of employment. Remarking about this unique initiative, the Lieutenant Governor of J&K said that the administration will recognize the uniqueness of each village and showcase the landscape, foster the indigenous knowledge system and promote cultural diversity and

heritage of these villages.

keeping in view the potential of J&K for shooting purposes. The initiative is also aimed to tory of Jammu and Kashmir is promote shooting of films and offering financial aid to the villages for their sustainable development. All villages which are part of the initiative will The Tourism Industry earns also be provided a digital footprint. This move is also aimed at providing maximum job opportunities to the youth from different backgrounds and ensuring their participation in the policies that have an impact on their lives. This initiative of Tourist Vil-

> lage Network has the potential and propensity to mobilize the diverse geographical and socio-economic landscape of the union territory. These are several regions in the union territory which despite having greater tourism potential, have not been able to garner requisite attention due to infrastructural bottlenecks. Destinations which lag behind in sphere of tourism infrastructure, can overcome the downsides by introducing homestays as a means of accommodation facilities for the tourists which do not require heavy investment.

> In this context, the government started the movement of promoting homestay tourism in the UT by launching Panchari, a village with mesmerizing beauty in district Udhampur as the first tourist village with home stays

This new initiative will surely be the harbinger of change especially for those regions which have remained underdeveloped and neglected. The scheme has the potential to uplift the economic status of underdeveloped regions of the union territory. This initiative will surely tiative has also been launched make them more productive, and Kashmir.

agile, versatile and resourceful. The scheme will also lead to cultural enrichment as people from different socio-cultural, socio-economic backgrounds as well as people from across the globe are destined to meet in a homestay type of ambience, thereby leading to cultural exchange in the long run. This will help in the exchange of better and sophisticated practices in and around the world in tourism sector and allied activities. It will also help in exploring new markets for handicrafts and handlooms of UT for which it is known all over the world.

This initiative has more importantly the potential of uplifting and empowering the women of rural areas. This scheme will ensure participation of women in economic activities and decision making at the grass root level and will serve the purpose of eliminating gender discrimination and gender bias, making the society more equitable and progressive. As the concept of homestays

is gaining both ground and momentum across the globe, Indian states like Sikkim, Uttrakhand and Kerala are making huge strides to promote and establish homestay tourism as a source of economic upliftment and empowerment for their people. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is also bestowed with huge potential to emerge as a main destination of homestay brand of tourism. If taken in the right earnest, the concept of tourist village network can be icebreaker to tap the potential of destinations like North kashmir, Rajouri-Poonch belt, Basohli-Bani-Bhaderwah belt, Basantgarh and Billawar belt etc which raise the living standard of the have remained untouched till people of the region and will date. If taken in the right perexpose the inhabitants of the spective, this initiative will region to tourists from across truly be a game changer for the More importantly this ini- the nation and globe and will rural economy of entire Jammu

'Passenger Vehicle Retail Sales Drop 10% In January As Chip Shortage Continues'



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Passenger vehicle retail sales declined 10 per cent year-on-year in January 2022, as the companies continued to suffer production loss amid semiconductor shortage, automobile dealers' body FADA said on Monday.

The passenger vehicle (PV) sales dropped to 2,58,329 units last month, down 10.12 per cent from 2,87,424 units in January 2021.

"In spite of good demand, passenger vehicles continue to face the brunt of semiconductor shortage, resulting in the absence of a healthy inventory," FADA President Vinkesh Gulati said in a statement.

Two-wheeler sales last month declined by 13.44 per cent to 10,17,785 units, compared to 11,75,832 units in January 2021.

Gulati said that rural distress coupled with price rise and omicron wave led to a drop in the sales in the segment.

Tractor sales stood at 55.421 units last month, down 9.86 per cent from 61,485 units in January 2021.

Commercial vehicle sales, however, witnessed a growth of 20.52 per cent last month at 67,763 units, as against 56,227 units in the year-ago month.

"With the revival in the economy, the commercial vehicle segment continues to show yearon-year growth, especially in the HCV category.

With increased infrastructure spending by the central as well as state governments, the overall CV segment remains in momentum," Gulati noted.

Three-wheeler retail sales also grew by 29.8 per cent to 40,449 units in January 2022 as compared to 31,162 units a year ago. The total sales across categories last month declined by 10.69 per cent to 14,39,747 units from 16,12,130 units in January 2021. Gulati noted that with the Omicron wave getting weak, the retail sales are going to slowly

turn positive. "Semiconductor shortage is also showing some signs of easing as many PV OEMs assure of better dispatch.

We hence expect vehicle availability to improve going further," he noted.

Gulati stated that with the Union Budget stressing on developing 25,000 kms of new highways, it will further push infrastructure spending, thus, increasing commercial vehicle sales.

"Rural India has generally been a key driver for the twowheeler and entry-level passenger vehicle segment.

With the government's plan for 2.3 lakh crore direct payment as MSP to farmers, it may work as a booster for two-wheelers, tractor and entry-level PV sales,' he added.

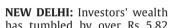
The upcoming marriage season will also trigger some demand revival for the two-wheeler segment, Gulati noted.

"Overall, FADA changes its outlook from 'negative neutral' to 'neutral' for the next couple of months," he stated.

Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) said it has collected data from 1,386 out of 1.597 RTOs across the country.

Equity Investors Lose Over Rs 5.82 Lakh Crore In Three Sessions

Press Trust Of India





ty for traditional flower growers for production of cut flowers and various aromatic flowers like lavender'. remarked the Principal Secretary.

He suggested earmarking of definite budget for 'packaging and for promotion of commercial flori- ers. The budget would constitute definite amount for production support and packaging/processing units besides transportation, he added.

"The climate of Kashmir division is ideal for production of bulbs as well as cut flowers. Jammu division consists of different climatic zones and therefore provides opportuni-

It was also decided that no individual would be incentivised for more than 5 years under the aforementioned activities.

The meeting also took stock of PARVAZ cargo scheme of the government which provides farmers subsidy to farmers for air cargo. Principal Secretary suggested

that the scheme be extended to Horticulture Department on trial basis for a period of three years. He set a target of 25 percent increase in flower production for the department every year. He also asked for conducting suggested educational trips for horticulture officers and experts to learn more from other states successful in the sector. Others present in the meeting included Director General Horticulture Kashmir, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director Floriculture Kashmir and Additional Secretary, Jahangir Hashmi and among other members of the committee.

Agri Deptt Tightens Noose On Unregistered Insecticides

Observer NewsService

SRINAGAR: Continuing its drive against the distribution and sale of unregistered, banned and spurious insecticides, pesticides, seeds, a team of Enforcement Wing of the Department of Agriculture lead by Director Agriculture Kashmir, system but it also has a huge Controller Insecticides, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal Monday inspected various insecticide and pesticide dealers of district Budgam.

During the visit some of the cides, seeds etc. dealers were found involved in the trade of unregistered and banned insecticides. Taking cognizance under different provisions of insecticides act 1968,

vith the set legal procedures

was initiated. In this regard, Director Agriculture Kashmir said that the trade of such unregistered and banned insecticides and pesticides not only causes serious damage to our cropping eco impact on our health. Chowdhary Igbal said that there will be no compromise on quality of

the different agriculture inputs including insecticides, pesti-

Director Agriculture said that the Department has already adopted a multidimensional monitoring mechanism to stop the movement of banned material these inputs were seized on the in the region and we are expect- of the enforcement officers.

spot and action in accordance ing good results in days to come. Our internal vigilance monitoring system is ambitiously working in the entire region to curb the menace of unregistered insecticides and pesticides, he added.

Director Agriculture reiterated the Department's commitment to serve the farmer's interests and said that no stone would be left unturned to make this endeavor against illegal trade of unregistered and banned insecticides successful. Director Agriculture said that this valley wide drive will continue in coming days as well.

Director Agriculture was accompanied by Assistant Director Law Enforcement and a team

lakh crore in three days of market decline

Feeble global cues, foreign fund outflows and concerns over policy tightening by central banks have led to the selling pressure, experts said.

Declining for the third straight session on Monday, the 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex nosedived 1,023.63 points or 1.75 per cent to close at 57.621.19.

In three days, the benchmark has tanked 1,937.14 points.

Amid the weak sentiment, the market capitalisation of BSElisted companies tumbled Rs 5.82.272.23 crore in three days to stand at Rs 2,64,82,633.52 crore.

"Markets traded under pressure and lost over one and a half per cent, tracking feeble global cues. After a flat start, the benchmark inched gradually lower as the day progressed and finally settled closer to the day's low," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

He further said global head-

SHORT TAKES

India Wants Responsible, **Reasonable Oil Prices: Min**

NEW DELHI: As international oil prices near USD 93 per barrel for the first time in 7 vears, India on Monday said it strongly prefers responsible and reasonable pricing and has conveyed serious concerns over crude oil price volatility.

'There have been major fluctuations in international prices of crude oil and petroleum products in recent few months," Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Rameswar Teli said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.

India is 85 per cent dependent on imports to meet its oil needs and domestic petrol and diesel prices are linked to international oil rates.

But for the last over three months, despite a spurt in international oil prices, petrol and diesel prices have not been changed ahead of elections in crucial states like Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. (PTI)

'Higher Deficit, Lack Of Clarity **On Fisc Consolidation Add Risks To Lowering Debt'**

NEW DELHI: Fitch Ratings on Monday said higher fiscal deficits and lack of clarity on consolidation plans in the Budget add risks to its projection of lowering of India's debt-to-gross domestic product (GDP) ratio.

The degree to which planned higher capex (capital expenditure) supports GDP growth and offsets these risks is an important consideration for the sovereign rating, the global rating agency said in a statement.

Risks around the sustainability of the downward debt trajectory were a key factor behind Fitch's decision to maintain a 'negative' outlook on sovereign when it affirmed India's 'BBB-' rating in November 2021.

"The higher deficits and continued lack of clarity on medium-term consolidation plans in India's latest Budget add risks to Fitch Ratings' projection of a downward trajectory in government debt/GDP," Fitch said. (PTI)

Gold Jumps Rs 146; Silver Zooms Rs 635 **On Global Trends**

NEW DELHI- Gold price in the national capital on Monday jumped Rs 146 to Rs 47,997 per 10 grams in line with rally in international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at Rs 47,851 per 10 grams. Silver also gained Rs 635 to Rs 61,391 per kg from Rs 60,756 per kg in the previous trade. In the international market, gold was trading in the green at USD 1,812 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 22.75 per ounce."Gold prices traded higher with spot gold prices at COMEX trading at USD 1,812 per ounce on Monday. Gold prices extended gains supported by weaker dollar despite of rise in US bond yields," Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (commodities) at HDFC Securities, said. (PTI)

NCLAT To Hear Amazon Challenging CCI Order Suspending Deal With Future

NEW DELHI: The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) will hear e-commerce major Amazon's interim plea on February 14, seeking a stay over the order passed by fair trade regulator CCI that had suspended the over two-year-old approval for its deal with Future Coupons Pvt Ltd (FCPL).

A three-member bench on Monday directed to list Amazon's plea on February 14 to pass an interim order and stay the operations of the order passed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in December last year till it finally decides the matter.

"The registry is directed to list on February 14 for hearing," said the NCLAT bench.

The appellate tribunal also directed to list the appeals filed by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) and All India Consumer Product Distributors Federation on the same date. (PTI)

India's Digital Currency To Debut By Early 2023: Report

NEW DELHI: India's very own official digital currency is likely to debut by early 2023, which will mirror any of the currently available private company-operated electronic wallets, but with a change that it will be a sovereign-backed facility, a top government source said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her budget speech last week talked about launching a central bank-backed 'digital rupee' soon.

A top government source, who wished not to be identified said, the digital currency issued by the RBI would be numbered in units, just like every fiat currency has an unique number.

"The units issued in digital rupee would be included in the currency in circulation. It would not be very different from fiat currency. It would be more like an electronic form of fiat currency, so in a sense it would be a government-mandated electronic wallet," the source said. (PTI)

winds have again started impacting the sentiment.

HDFC Bank was the biggest laggard in the 30 frontline companies pack, tumbling 3.65 per cent, followed by L&T, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, HDFC, Kotak Bank and Wipro.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap index declined 1.25 per cent and smallcap index dipped 0.75 per cent.

"Domestic markets are volatile ahead of the state elections, witnessing a steep fall led by FII selling and weak global cues," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geoiit Financial Services.

US bourses were under pressure as strong US jobs data gave rise to fears of sharper-than-expected Fed rate hikes, resulting in a spike in the bond yields, he added.

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J&K Gets Single

and Home Minister for bringing industrial reforms in J&K, the Lt Governor said that in the last one year, since the launch of the new Industrial development scheme, our policies have evolved to make Jammu & Kashmir more competitive and lucrative for industries and service enterprises.

"These reforms have helped us receive investment proposals worth Rs.70,000 Crore in different sectors within a year." he added.

After years of poor performance in industrialization, Jammu & Kashmir is at a new stage in its development trajectory. Focused attention is being given to the growth of dynamic sectors including real estate, horticulture and tourism so as to create increased employment opportunities, said the Lt Governor

The LG observed that the J&K Government is taking reformative measures for linking Jammu & Kashmir into a web of partnership with the domestic and foreign companies and ensuring global best practices in our regulatory institutions and systems.

We are strengthening J&K's power & road infrastructure, improving connectivity and law & order situation. We have launched a massive program costing about Rs. One Lakh Crore to upgrade our infrastructure," the Lt Governor said.

There is an air of optimism and I am fully convinced of positive outcomes, he added.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary said that the administration is making constant efforts to be among top performers in Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living, and bring fundamental change in the socio-economic ecosystem.

He emphasized on monthly progress review meetings with all stakeholder departments involved, ensuring successful implementation of G2B & G2C services on ground. Further, he added that all services shall be covered under the ambit of J&K Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011.

RP Thakur, Principal Secretary to J&K Government, Industries & Commerce Department briefed the chair about the key features of the J&K Single Window system.

J&K Single Window System has emerged as a "One Stop Solution" for investors/applicants ensuring hassle free services, he added.

It was informed that the Integrated Single Window System will facilitate new investments locally & globally either through National Single Window System or through J&K Single Window (www.singlewindow.jk.gov. System in) with user friendly interfaces and timely approvals.

Department of Industries & Commerce being the nodal department shall coordinate with all departments of Government of J&K for successful compliance of Business Reform Action Plan^(BRAP) 2022 and Regulatory Compliance Burden (RCB) 2022.

J&K Government envisages 100% on ground implementation of Ease of Doing Business & Ease of Living initiatives through UT/Division/District feedbacl Level improvement campaigns. It also focuses on creating a healthy competition among departments and districts to have the best MIS dashboard (approval timelines) with zero pendency and timely redressal of grievances. It was informed that 130+ services are hosted online through Single Window Portal and more than 2600 burdensome regulatory compliances have been identified and uploaded on RCB portal, GoI before the deadline (31st January 2022). Short films on "New Jammu & Kashmir vision & development", "J&K Single Window (JK-SW) System" & "Integrated National Single Window System (NSWS)" were showcased on the occasion.

National Single Window system will enable the investors to know the oreliminary clearances (Know Your Approvals) on a single click and can apply services either through NSWS and **IKSWS**

COVID-19 In J&K

in Kashmir division while as 312 from Jammu division include 137 from Jammu district, 25 from Udhampur, 05 from Rajouri, 81 from Doda, 10 from Kathua, 04 from Samba, 28 from Kishtwar, 03 from Poonch, 12 from Ramban and 07 from Reasi," officials disclosed.

Meanwhile, authorities said that no fresh cases of Mucormycosis popularly known as black fungus was reported in the UT and the tally stands at 51.

As per officials figures 101,163 positive cases including 903 deaths and 95,957 recoveries are from Srinagar, 37,360 including 303 deaths and 35,000 recoveries are from Baramulla, 34.513 including 33,669 recoveries and 233 deaths are from Budgam, 18,333 including 17,860 recoveries and 201 deaths are from Pulwama, 21,452 including 172 deaths and 20,697 recoveries are from Kupwara, 22,314 including 21,265 recoveries and 218 deaths are from Anantnag, 13,586 cases including 13,185 and 118 deaths are from Bandipora, 13,518 including 13,144 recoveries and 84 deaths are from Ganderbal. 16.229 including 15,552 recoveries and 118 deaths are from Kulgam and 6,276 including 6,049 recoveries and 60 deaths are from Shopian.

In Jammu division, 74,494 including 71,133 recoveries and 1,218 deaths are from Jammu district, 14,557 including 14,137 recoveries and 146 deaths are from Udhampur, 12,699 including 12,333 recoveries and 248 deaths are from Rajouri, 10,705 including 9,627 recoveries and 143 deaths are from Doda, 11,201 including 10,776 recoveries and 162 deaths are from Kathua, 9,022 including 8,779 recoveries and 123 deaths are from Samba, 5,786 including 5,557 recoveries and 45 deaths are from Kishtwar, 7,678 including ,364 recoveries and 109 deaths are from Poonch, 7,826 including 7,308 recoveries and 69 deaths are from Ramban and 8,622 including 8,397 recoveries and 48 deaths are from Reasi. As per the daily information bulletin 5,876,140 persons in Jammu and Kashmir are under observation while 28,903 persons have been kept under home quarantine besides that 14,924 persons are in isolation.

According to the bulletin, 5,392,446 persons have completed the surveillance period and 435,146 persons are under home surveillance besides that so far results of 21.918.950 samples are available. Out of 21,918,950 the number of samples tested negative stands at 21,471,616 while as 447,334 have tested positive, among them 14,924 persons are active, 427,689 persons have recovered and 4,721 persons have died

Militant Killed

Awantipora Police, a raid was conducted by a small team of police at Nambal area of Awantipora. raid, the hiding (militant) started firing indiscriminately upon the police party which was retaliated effectively, leading to an encounter," a police spokesperson said in a statement. "In the meantime, reinforcement of 42RR immediately reached at the encounter site." In the ensuing encounter, he said. One militant was killed. He has been identified as Irfan Ahamd Sheikh son of Abdul Rashid Sheikh of Karemabad Pulwama. "he linked LeT/TRF." he said. As per police records, he said, Irfan was a categorized militant. "He was involved in several cases including attacks on security forces". Besides, he was also providing logistic and other support to the active militants operating in the area before joining the militant ranks, he said.

recovered from the site of encounter." police said, adding, "All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation." Meanwhile sources said that the killed militant was 19-year-old and had gone missing on January 17. **Grenade Attack**

incident there was no loss of life or injury reported. Soon after the attack, the whole area was cordoned off to nab the attackers, police added. **Gulmarg, Pahalgam**

night, he said.

The temperature was 0.7°C below normal for this time of the year in the famous resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir, which received 6.9mm of rain, recorded a low of 0.7°C against 1.1°C on the previous night, the official said.

Jammu received traces of rain and recorded a low of 10.5°C against previous night's 6.6°C, the official said. The temperature was 1.0°C above normal for the J&K's winter capital during this time of the year, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 3.0°C. Batote had a minimum of 2.2°C while Bhaderwah recorded a low of 2.2°C, the official said.

Ladakh's Leh recorded a low of minus 11.0°C against last night's minus 11.4°C while mercury at automatic station in Kargil settled at minus 12.5°C. Drass, the second coldest place in the world after Siberia, recorded a low of minus 10.9°C against last night's minus 17.9°C. official said.

The weatherman has forecast "erratic weather" with occasional snowfall at scattered places till February 8.

Kashmir is currently under the influence of the 20-day 'Chillai-Khurd' which began after the 'Chilla-i-Kalan', the 40-day harshest winter period, ended on January 31.

China Repeats

Pakistan to push forward the in-depth development of the CPEC and ensure the implementation of key projects.

'Both sides reiterated that a peaceful and prosperous South Asia is in the common interest of all parties," said a joint statement issued at the end of Khan's visit to China to attend the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics.

"They emphasised the importance of pursuit of dialogue and resolution of all outstanding disputes to promote regional cooperation and advance the goals of lasting peace, stability and shared prosperity in the region," it said.

"The Pakistan side briefed the Chinese side on the latest developments on the situation in Jammu & Kashmir, including its concerns, position and pressing issues at the moment. The Chinese side reiterated that the Kashmir issue was a dispute left from history, and should be properly and peacefully resolved based on the UN Charter, relevant Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements. China opposes any unilateral actions that complicate the situation," it said.

In the past, India strongly rejectnces made to la Kashmir in a previous joint statement by Pakistan and China and asserted that the union territory as well as Ladakh have been and will remain its integral and inalienable part. In July 2021, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had objected to reference made to the so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in a statement by the two countries, saying it is in Indian territory that has been illegally occupied by Pakistan. "As in the past, India categorically rejects any reference to Jammu and Kashmir. The union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the union territory of Ladakh has been and will remain an integral and inalienable part of India," Mr Bagchi had said.

CPEC is in India's territory.

"We resolutely oppose any attempts by other countries to change the status quo in areas illegally occupied by Pakistan as also to Pakistan bringing up any material change in Indian territories under its illegal occupation. We call upon parties concerned to cease such actions," he said.

The China-Pakistan joint statement also said that China recognised Pakistan's sacrifices and efforts in the fight against terrorism adding that both sides reaffirmed their commitment to fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

It said, "both sides agreed to continue the momentum in defence cooperation at various levels between the armed forces of Pakistan and China".

China has emerged as Pakistan's biggest supplier of weapons including battle tanks, fighter aircraft and latest naval frigates.

"They underscored that stronger defence and security cooperation between Pakistan and China was an important factor of peace and stability in the region," it said.

In his meeting with Khan, Xi while calling for "firmer confidence" between China and Pakistan relations said that "strategic significance" of allweather ties are "getting more prominent" as two countries signed several agreements to firm up all-weather ties. The joint statement said "both sides

expressed their strong determination to safeguard CPEC from all threats and negative propaganda". Pakistan reaffirmed its commitment

to making all-out efforts for the security of all Chinese personnel, projects and institutions in Pakistan and the Chinese side expressed its appreciation for the measures taken by Pakistan.

China has repeatedly called on Pakistan to step up security for thousands of its personnel working in the CPEC in view of several attacks on them.

Khan praised the Chinese leadership for hosting the Winter Olympics which was diplomatically boycotted by the US and its allies over human rights violations against Uygur Muslims in Xinjiang.

Coinciding with his visit, the two sides signed a host of MoUs, covering bilateral cooperation in areas of economic and technical, industry, investment, infrastructure, space, vaccine, digitalisation, standardisation, disaster management, culture, sports and vocational education, the joint statement said.

Prominent of these agreements whose details are not revealed was the new Framework Agreement on Industrial Cooperation to begin the construction of the 2nd phase of the CPEC in which China has so far invested about USD 25 billion, according to its envoy to Islamabad, Nong Rong.

In his meeting with Khan, Xi called on the two sides to "create better future for bilateral relations with firmer confidence", state-run Xinhua news agency reported. He did not elaborate.

joint statement said "the The two sides are ready to discuss with Afghanistan the extension of the CPEC

the fields of industry, agriculture and information technology, said Khan. This is Khan's fourth visit to China as

he paid last visit in October 2019. 10,000 Register

Hajj has been shortlisted and it will be done after 15th February in the ensuing month.

The Hajj officer informed that separate guidelines for Hajj this year will be issued once the Saudi government releases them given the Omicron variant infection threat.

"Around 10,000 pilgrims have registered themselves for Hajj this year, of which nearly 250 belong to the union territory of Ladakh," he said, adding that in the last two consecutive years Hajj was not allowed.

The Hajj officer said that all the pilgrims mandatorily must be vaccinated and before leaving for Hajj here they will undergo COVID-19 testing.

"Two vaccines of India including Covisheild and Covaxin as approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO) are the acceptable vaccines for Hajj this year," the Hajj officer said. "We don't accept the registration forms of pilgrims who are not vaccinated. It's mandatory and a priority in the ongoing situation."

He said that during Hajj the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP's) issued by the Saudi Arabia government will be exercised and as of now the native SOP's are in place including the online registration process given the Omicron variant.

He also informed that in the year 2019, around 17,000 pilgrims had registered for Hajj.

Compared to the figures in the ensuing year the number of pilgrims has come down given the infection scare across the globe and Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Both J&K and Ladakh recent have reported a huge spike in daily infection cases in the ongoing 3rd wave of pandemic–With inputs from KNO

Hyundai India

@KFCPakistan posted a picture message showing 'solidarity' with Kashmir. You never left our thoughts and

we hope that the coming years bring peace to you!" reads the FB post. The image has 'KASHMIR BELONGS TO THE KASHMIRIS' written in bright red letters.

The messages irked many in India where ruling Hindu nationalist party has been championing a hardline on Kashmir ever since it abrogated regions limited autonomy in 2019. The MNC messages triggered a furious response with #BoycottHyundai trendng on Twitter in India for hours.

Many social media users in India backed calls for a boycott, saying Hyundai must apologise for the social media posts. Some posted their intention to cancel orders for Hyundai cars in order to punish the company while urging support for homegrown brands like Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra.

Ashwani Mahajan, an RSS official said Hyundai should clarify its position on Kashmir.

Twitter user Ashutosh Soni said he

to half a million vehicles in the country last fiscal year and exporting over a million units, making it India's largest car exporter.

Charge Sheet

or harassing them so that action can be taken.

Giving a rundown of the probe into the February 1 incident, Senior Superintendent of Police (Srinagar) Rakesh Balwal, a 2012-batch ÌPS officer from Manipur, said, "As we received the information (about the incident), a special team was immediately constituted and we were able to nab the culprits within 24 hours of the shocking incident."

In her police statement, the woman gave details of the clothes worn by the accused. A police team rushed to the residence of the accused and found those clothes concealed in a bed cavity, he said.

Initially, the main accused gave wishy-washy answers to police on the procurement of sulfuric acid. After he finally named the shop from where he got the acid, it was sealed for violating the Supreme Court guidelines on the storage and sale of acids.

"Initially, the main accused tried to mislead us on the procurement of acid claiming that he had taken it out from the battery of his inverter at home, but a search conducted at his residence negated his theory.

"Finally, he gave us the name of his friend who used to work in a repair shop and our police team nabbed him too," said Balwal, who was recently appointed as SSP (Srinagar) and has worked on various cases in Jammu and Kashmir, including the Pulwama terror attack, during his stint with the National Investigation Agency.

The police had procured CCTV footage from shops around the area where the incident took place to nail the culprits in the case, he said.

2-way Traffic

conditions LMVs(passenger)/private cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar highway viz Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa, adding that TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the traffic."

"Cut off for LMVs/private cars from Nagrota (Jammu) will be at 0700 nours to 1200 hours, from Jakheni Udhampur) at 0800 hours to 1300 hours and from Navyug Tunnel Qazigund side) 0800 hours to 1300 hours "(subject to change depending on the road position then)" advisory said. It said no vehicle shall be allowed before and after cut off timings.

About HMVs/Load carriers, it 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." Advisory further added that TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the highway.

'Security Forces are advised/requested not to ply against advisory/ traffic plan in view of traffic congestion on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. They may ply from Srinagar towards Jammu confirming the status of NHW." "Mughal Road, Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri Road and Kishtwar-Sinthan Road closed for vehicular movement by the Administration in view of snow accumulation."



Sumita Dawra, Additional Secretary, DPIIT, GoI Additional Secretary DPIIT, GoI said that the integration of J&K Single Window system with the

"Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including one Pistol was

The spokesperson had said that India has consistently conveyed to both China and Pakistan that the so-called

Xi expressed China's willingness to work with Pakistan to expand cooperation in the fields such as science and technology, agriculture and people's wellbeing, build a green, healthy and digital corridor, and support Pakistan's industrialization to enhance its sus-

tainable development capability. Xi said that China is willing to strengthen coordination and cooperation with Pakistan on multilateral platforms including the United Nations, to safeguard world and regional peace and stability.

On Saturday, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in his meeting with Khan said Pakistan is China's priority in neighbourhood diplomacy and encourages its business enterprises to invest.

Pakistan is willing to take active steps to promote the construction of the second phase of CPEC, and strengthen cooperation with China in

has cancelled his booking for Hyundai's Verna sedan which was due to be delivered this month and purchased a car from rival Honda Motor.

"Let's make them bankrupt. India is one of the biggest market for cars," filmmaker and social activist. Ashoke Pandit said on Twitter with a screenshot of a fall in Hyundai's share price on Monday.

Meanwhile KFC India issued an apology on Monday following calls for 'boycott KFC' started trending on twitter in India. Hyundai India

of respecting nationalism". Reuters requested comment from Hyundai's headquarters in Seoul and from Nishat Group, Pakistan's largest business conglomerate, but did not receive any immediate response.

Hyundai is India's second-largest car seller after Maruti Suzuki selling close

Army Porter

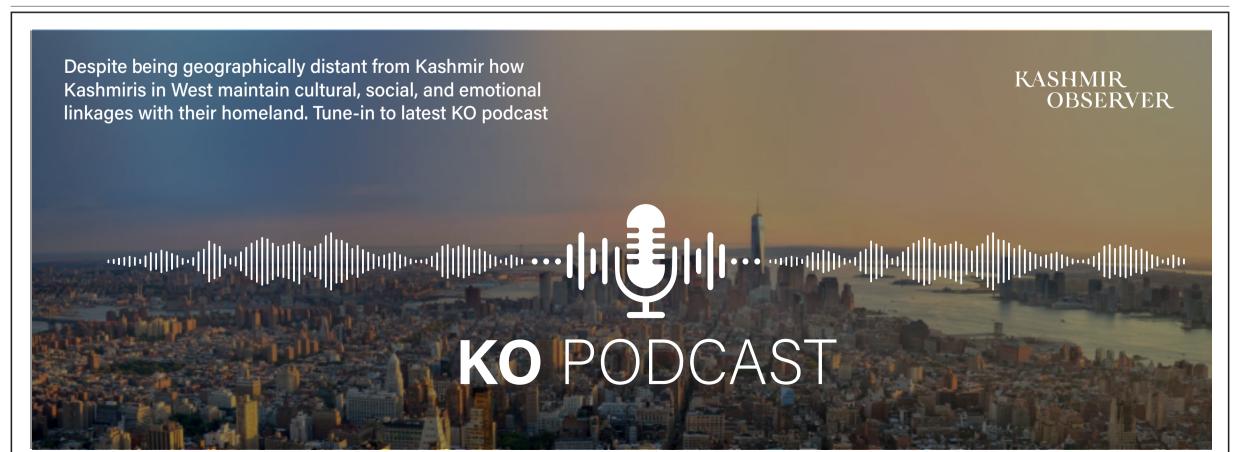
medico-legal formalities.

SHO Poonch S D Singh told GNS confirmed the death of Bali and said that as per preliminary details he was working as permanent porter with the army.

Sgr Ration Card

present in the meeting.

While SDM East. Assistant Directors of FCS&CA South and North and all City Tehsil Supplies Officers besides District Coordinator CSC, representative of Ayushman Bharat and other concerned also attended the meeting.



SPORTS

Rahul, Mayank, Saini Sweat Out In The Nets Ahead Of 2nd ODI



Chahal Credits Rohit For His

Match-Winning Performance

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: India vice-captain KL Rahul, opener Mayank Agarwal, who has completed his quarantine after being added to the squad, sweated it out on Monday ahead of the second ODI against the West Indies.

It was an optional training day for the team India members as it was just a day after a full-fledged game. Agarwal was added to the squad after multiple COVID-19 cases were reported in the Indian squad.

29-year-old The

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: Indian leg-spin-

ner Yuzvendra Chahal, who snared four wickets in the first

ODI against the West Indies

here, has credited new white-

ball skipper Rohit Sharma for

the performance, saying the star

batter made him realise that the

more googlies he bowled, the

three-match series in Ahmedabad.

game. The thing which you said

before the game, the thing I

there in my mind," Chahal told Ro-

bowl, your leg-spin will be more

effective'. I bowled that to you

in the nets and I realised it," the

not in the national team, he worked

on changing his bowling angles.

According to Chahal, when he was

31-year-old explained.

would become.

Navdeep Saini was also part of the practice session.

"Look who are here! The trio joined the squad and sweated it out in the practice session today," the BCCI tweeted along with the pictures of the cricketers. There is a possibility that

Agarwal would open the batting with skipper Rohit Sharma on Wednesday.

In the opening game, Rohit had opened with Ishan Kishan, who exactly isn't a regular opener, but the Jharkhand dasher did a decent job, scoring 28 in a 84pacer run stand with his skipper.

How BCCI Plans To Stop U19 **Boys From Going Off Radar**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Kamal Passi played a few matches for Punjab some seasons ago, Ravikant Singh is nowhere near the system now and four years since his glory days, Manjot Kalra's

career hasn't got a head-start. They were all once U-19 World Cup winners but have fallen off the radar, which is an issue that the BCCI will have to address.

That's why there could be a '19 plus' level added to the pathways structure with the National Cricket Academy (NCA) ensuring that the talented U-19 players who have just crossed the age-group remain firmly in the system and their progress is monitored.

Such a concept was in place during N Srinivasan's regime platform given to players, who and when Sanjay Jagdale was the secretary and it seems that grade. there are discussions to revive

that structure. The likes of Shaik Rasheed (Andhra), Ravi Kumar (Bengal), Raj Angad Bawa (Chandigarh) or Yash Dhull (Delhi) might make it to the state side right

away but many players from the current India line-up will be caught in between the post-U19 phase and Ranji Trophy. There exists an U-25 (previously U-23) state level but too own '19 plus' teams which can

many candidates are queuing for particular slots in those teams also.

structure that National Cricket Academy could be looking at in future for developing players for the senior India team. It starts with U-16, followed by U-19, the Emerging (national U-23) and A team.

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a '19 plus' level where all these might have discussions with boys could be integrated," a se- the 10 national selectors (five nior BCCI official privy to dis- junior and five senior) along for the reigning U-19 world cussions said on the condition with NCA supremo VVS Lax- champions.

Ranji Trophy, nothing like it but if they aren't part of any teams, at least they are in It is expected that the BCCI

of anonymity. man and senior national head Among all these levels, the coach Rahul Dravid to create a man and senior national head BCCI's U-25 (now known as blueprint.

get really excited state A team) is basically a "We all with the U-19 triumph but one are unable to make the senior doesn't understand that BCCI has such a great structure in place that we will always be up The coaches know that most of the men who are 23-24 and there among junior teams at are still not playing first-class global level.

cricket regularly might never "But just after this, first-class becomes a different beast. Go make the grade, and hence, the bridge between U-19 and firstand check the 2012 team. Save class cricket becomes doubly Hanuma Vihari, most are now nowhere among even best do-Ônce the new NCA becomes mestic players in their own operational with four first-class states," the veteran official, level grounds inside its premwho had worked extensively in ises, the academy can have its junior cricket, said.

> bowling coach Troy Cooley has already joined the NCA in Bengaluru, where he will be monitoring the progress of India's next batch of pacers.

> The BCCI has thought about providing a pace bowlers' NCA contract to 10 talented youngsters whose entire cost of coaching, injury management and other expenses will be taken care of by the board.

It remains to be seen if something on similar lines is done

Gilchrist Slams CA For Painting Langer As 'Monster'



of weakness, but gee, he'll sit

and look you in the eye and work

"So, to be painted as a mon-

ster, what sort of affect would

that have on you personally

and what's the flow-on effect to

your family and the people that

are nearest and dearest to you."

Langer, who guided Australia

to its maiden T20 World Cup

The 51-year-old wanted to

but CA only wanted to keep him

on until the end of the 2022 T20

"I'm not inside that camp so I

"I think it's quite reckless and

can't question whether they are

well-intentioned or not, I'm sure

World Cup in Australia.

the way they see it.

it out with you.

Press Trust of India

SYDNEY: Former Australia wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist on Monday launched a scathing attack on Cricket Australia, saying the board portrayed former head coach Justin Langer as a "monster." Langer, who was appointed as head coach in the wake of the ball-tampering scandal in 2018, stepped down from the post on Saturday.

title and dominant Ashes vic-"I don't care to listen to any tory, was keen to continue in his more of the corporate speak role but was faced with months about transition and analysis of complaints by senior players of the coaching position and all over his rigid coaching style and that needs analysis and requiremore recently by an uncomproments and evolution," Gilchrist mising CA board of directors. said on 'SEN Radio.' sign a new long-term contract

"That's just covering up that the players and certain support staff around that team have spoken and they no longer want Justin there. He's been painted by some particular people as a monster, that is not Justin Langer." Gilchrist, who also they are well-intentioned from played alongside Langer, said the former Test opener was the kind of person who would acknowl-

some of the decision making edge his frailties. over a long period of time has 'He'll be the first to admit he been fuelled by greed and it re-

has his frailties, he has his areas ally leaves me staggered."

Paul Collingwood Named England Interim Coach



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a chance from now to reset and rebuild," Collingwood said in a

LONDON: England assistant statement. "I have spoken to (Test capcoach Paul Collingwood has been named interim head tain) Joe Root and Ben Stokes, and both are excited and pas-



more effective his leg-breaks wasn't there in the team, I pon-India won the match by six dered on what improvements wickets to take a 1-0 lead in the can be made.

"I saw other bowlers, who be-"We had spoken before the came side-arm to bowl on these wickets. I noticed when I bowl in the nets, that the ball moves missed in South Africa, I didn't faster and you need more wrist," he elaborated.

The Haryana-player, who took

"It is a good feeling (to take

would happen so soon. I contin-"I changed my angles, there ued what I kept doing," Chahal are slow wickets here. When I signed off.

Auction Action: RCB May Bid Handsomely For Holder

any format, which is a big thing." "I had never thought that it

bowl more googlies, so it was his 100th ODI wicket on Sunday hit in an interview aired on bcci.tv. 'The hard-hitters decide that by dismissing Nicholas Pooran, if the ball is in his area, he will said that it was a good feeling to go for the shot...so when you get to the milestone. said, 'the more googlies you

100 ODI wickets). There have been ups and downs in my fiveyear career but it is a good feeling that you take 100 wickets in

play matches among themselves and their progress can be regularly monitored by the "There is a five-tier pathways coaches, trainers and physios. If they make the grade and play state A team (U-25) or

important.

NCA's radar. "In this there is a plan to add brass (president and secretary)

Peng Shuai Emerges At Olympics, **Gives Controlled Interview**

Large parts of the hour-long interview, conducted Sunday **BEIJING:** Chinese tennis player in a Beijing hotel and organized Peng Shuai on Monday gave a through China's Olympic com-

controlled interview in Beijing mittee with the IOC's help, foof China's ruling Communist envisage a return to tour-level post no longer be skewed.' Party. Her answers - delivered professional tennis. She hasn't played on the women's tour since

"Sexual assault? I never said that anyone made me submit to a sexual assault," the newspaper quoted her as saying.

"This post resulted in an enorthat touched on sexual assault cused on Peng's playing career. mous misunderstanding from the allegations she made against a At age 36, and after multiple knee outside world," she also said. "My former high-ranking member surgeries, Peng said she couldn't wish is that the meaning of this

Asked by L'Equipe why the post disappeared from Pen

Renowned Australian fast



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Former West Indies captain and one of world's premier all-rounders Jason Holder could well turn out to be one of the most expensive buys at this edition of Indian Premier League's mega-auction with Royal Challengers Bangalore expected to bid heavily for him.

If sources privy to RCB's auction strategy are to be believed, the franchise that has Virat Kohli, Glenn Maxwell and Mohammed Siraj in its ranks as retained players, are likely to bid up till Rs 12 crore because of his multiple skill-sets, which is a rarity in this format.

"Ben Stokes isn't available, Hardik Pandya and Marcus Stoinis are taken. Mitchell Marsh you never know whether he can survive a full IPL with his injury prone career, Holder has been phenomenal if one looks at his record. RCB will like to go the distance as some others will also pitch in," a source close to franchise told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

It is understood that RCB, who their bit to get Rayudu back. have Rs 57 crore in their auction purse are interested about three players including Holder, former CSK batter Ambati Rayudu and young ex-Rajasthan Royals turk Riyan Parag.

"For Holder, they have reserved Rs 12 crore and another players, they would have anoth- proposition.

er Rs 28 crore left.

'The core with Kohli, Maxwell, Siraj, Holder, Rayudu and Parag will be set. Let's hope they can get two out of preferred three," the source said.

While the auction dynamic can't be predicted, Holder's emergence as a potent IPL auction star has happened, often the case with multi-skilled players where market determines the value.

"Chris Morris was a good cricketer but was he worth Rs 16 crore plus when he got that? Perhaps no but paucity of allrounders made some franchises desperate.

"Same for Yuvraj Singh's 15 crore by Delhi Daredevils (now Capitals) back in 2015, when he was already well past his sell by date. It was brand plus market," another senior official from a franchise said.

In case of Rayudu, his contribution to CSK's success has been immense and Mahendra Singh Dhoni's reliance on tried and tested performers could mean that the defending champions will do

He has enlisted as a keeperbatter for this auction and therefore the multi-dimensional skillsets along with his experience make him a worthy candidate for big bucks.

Parag had a poor 2021 IPL after a good edition in 2020. He Rs 8 crore for Rayudu and Rs 7 is a big hitter who also gives a crore for Parag. If they spend Rs bowling option with his tight 27 crore approximately on these off-breaks, making him a viable

in front of a Chinese Olympic official - left unanswered questions about her well-being and

what exactly happened. The interview with French sports newspaper L'Equipe and an interview – in question-and-anannouncement that International

Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach met Peng for dinner this weekend seemed aimed at defusing sustained international concerns about the threetime Olympian and former No. sparked the controversy in No-1-ranked tennis doubles player. Those concerns have threatened to overshadow the Winter Olympics underway in Beijing.

Peng told L'Equipe that the concerns were the result of "an enormous misunderstanding." But the format of the interview appeared to allow for no sustained followups, with questions submitted in advance and a Chinese Olympic

the discussion, translating Peng's the accusation. She walked back comments from Chinese.

February of 2020.

The newspaper published her comments verbatim – which it said was another pre-condition for the swer form. Photos of Peng during the interview showed her wearing

a red tracksuit top with "China" in Chinese characters on the front. L'Equipe asked Peng about sexual assault allegations that

vember. The allegations were quickly scrubbed from her verified account on a leading Chinese social media platform, Weibo. She subsequently dropped out of public view for a while, leading to "where is Peng Shuai?" questions

online and from players and fans outside of China. The interview with L'Equipe was her first sit-down discussion

committee official sitting in on with non-Chinese media since the original post.

Mane Overshadows Salah As Senegal Win 1st Africa Cup Of Nations

Agencies

YAOUNDE: Sadio Mane showed bravery and mental strength in putting behind him an early squandered penalty to power Senegal to their first African title and bring to an exciting close a troubled tournament in Cameroon.

Mane had a seventh minute penalty saved in Sunday's final against Egypt at the Olembe Stadium in Yaounde, a missed

proven costly as the game continued through extra time to a penalty shootout after a goalless stalemate.

But he put the trauma behind him to step up and take the decisive kick in the post-match shootout to see his country to a 4-2 win on penalties.

she said: "I erased it."

"Why? Because I wanted to," she added. The obvious follow-up ques-

tion of why she posted in the first place wasn't asked.

The IOC also worked Monday to defuse the situation. It said Bach dined with Peng on Saturday, a day after Chinese President Xi Jinping opened the Winter Olympics. The IOC said Peng also attended the China-Norway Olympic curling match with IOC member Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe.

"I was to say first of all that emotions, sport and politics are three clearly separate things," the newspaper quoted her as saying. "My romantic problems, my private life, should not be mixed with sport and politics."

Asked what her life has been like since the November posting, she replied: "It is as it should be: Nothing special."

and confirming their ranking as the continent's top team.

2002 and 2019.

served as they dominated the stage - a last-minute Mane match penalties.



opportunity that could have final, living up to their pre-tour- penalty in their opening game nament billing as favourites against Zimbabwe - and yet finishing top of their group.

They then overcame the It was a first Cup of Nations Cape Verde Islands, Equatorial success for the West African Guinea and Burkina Faso to get country after two lost finals in to the final, while Egypt had a particularly tough run.

Senegal were barely tested in They went into extra time in the tournament, bizarrely scoreach of their knockout rounds, It was as much as Senegal de- ing a single goal in the group two of them won on post-

for next month's threecoach Test tour of the West Indies, the sionate to take the team forward country's cricket board (ECB) said on Monday.

Collingwood takes over after Chris Silverwood stepped down bravery to do things differently last week following the team's to ensure the team can prosper. 4-0 series defeat in the Ashes

against Australia. Having a challenging Test

in this new cycle.' "Although they know it won't

be easy, they have the desire and We have an opportunity to get back on track."

England's squad will be anseries against the West Indies nounced on Tuesday and will fly straight off the back of the out on Thursday. The first Test Ashes disappointment gives us begins on March 8 in Antigua.

Babar Azam's Karachi Kings Lose 5th Straight Game In PSL



Agencies

KARACHI: Two-time champion Islamabad United won by a commanding 42 runs to hand Karachi Kings their fifth straight loss in the Pakistan Super League.

Host Karachi, led by Pakistan T20 captain Babar Azam, will go to Lahore next week for the final leg of the PSL without a point. Another defeat will put the team on the brink of elimination.

Islamabad skipper Shadab Khan, who won the toss and opted to bat first, continued his brilliant all-round form and raised his wickets tally to 14. Shadab picked up 4-15 through his sharp legspin bowling that restricted Karachi to 135-9 in its unimpressive chase.

Earlier, Islamabad's seasoned T20 top order made 177-6 on a slow and dry wicket with Paul Stirling hitting 39 upfront in his last PSL game this season and Shadab scoring 34 off 19 balls. Stirling will be going back to Ire-

land for national duty. The opener scored 187 runs in five PSL games that pushed Islamabad to No. 2 in the standings, four points behind Multan Sultans. Babar said his team needed more confidence.

"Unfortunately, we have lost all games so far, (but) I will try to give the boys more confidence going ahead," said Babar, who took three splendid catches in an otherwise below-par performance by his teammates.

"I think we leaked some extra runs, but I still felt that it was a chaseable total." Injury-hit Karachi has struggled to challenge oppositions at home as their key fast bowler Mohammad Amir was ruled out from the tournament without playing a game.

English bowler Chris Jordan (2-36) picked up two late wickets in his first game – both catches by Babar – to dismiss Shadab and Colin Munro (33) before Azam Khan played a cameo of 16 off just 7 balls to lift Islamabad's total.

Observer's Outpost

Hundreds Of Myanmar Parents Publicly Disown Children Who Öppose Junta

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YANGON: Every day for the last three months, an average of six or seven families in Myanmar have posted notices in the country's state-owned newspapers cutting ties with sons, daughters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren who have publicly opposed the ruling military junta.

The notices started to appear in such numbers in November after the army, which seized power from Myanmar's democratically elected government a year ago, announced it would take over properties of its opponents and arrest people giving shelter to protesters. Scores of raids on homes followed.

Lin Lin Bo Bo, a former car salesman who joined an armed group resisting military rule, was one of those disowned by his parents in about 570 notices reviewed by Reuters.

"We declare we have disowned Lin Lin Bo Bo because he never listened to his parents' will," said the notice posted by his parents, San Win and Tin Tin Soe, in state-owned newspaper The Mirror in November.

Speaking to Reuters from a Thai border town where he is living after fleeing Myanmar, the 26-year-old said his mother had told him she was disowning him after soldiers came to their family home searching for him. A few days later, he said he cried as he read the notice in the paper.

"My comrades tried to reassure me that it was inevitable for families to do that under pressure," he told Reuters. "But I was so heartbroken."

Contacted by Reuters, his parents declined to comment.

Targeting families of opposition activists was a tactic used by Myanmar's military during unrest in 2007 and the late 1980s but has been used far more frequentlv since the Feb.1, 2021 coup, according to Wai Hnin Pwint Thon, senior advocacy officer at rights group Burma Campaign UK, which uses the old name for the former British colony.

Publicly disowning family members, which has a long history in Myanmar's culture, is one way to respond, said Wai Hnin Pwint Thon, who said she was seeing more such notices in the press than in the past.

"Family members are scared to be implicated in crimes," she said. "They don't want to be arrested, and they don't want to be in trouble."

Å military spokesperson did not respond to Reuters questions for this story. Commenting on the notices in a news conference in November, military spokesperson Zaw Min Tun said that people who made such declarations in newspapers could still be charged if found to be supporting opposition to the junta.

VIOLENT CRACKDOWN

Hundreds of thousands of people in Myanmar, many of them young, took to the streets to protest the coup a year ago. After a violent crackdown on demonstrations by the army, some protesters fled overseas or joined armed groups in remote parts of the country. Known as People's Defence Forces, these groups are broadly aligned with the deposed civilian government.

Over the past year, security forces have killed about 1,500 people, many of them demonstrators, and arrested nearly 12,000 people, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, a monitoring group. The military has said those figures are exaggerated.

Journalist So Pyay Aung told Reuters he filmed riot police using batons and shields to break up protests and livestreamed the video on the Democratic Voice of Burma, a news website. After authorities came searching for him, he said he hid in different locations in Myanmar before fleeing to Thailand with his wife and in-

fant daughter. He was disowned by his father in November. "I declare I am disowning my son because he did unforgivable activities against his parents' wills. I will not have any respon-sibilities related to him," said a

notice posted by his father, Tin Aung Ko, in the state-owned Myanma Alinn newspaper.

"When I saw the newspaper that mentioned cutting ties with me, I felt a little sad," So Pyay Aung told Reuters. "But I understand that my parents had fears of pressure. They might have worries of their house being seized or getting arrested."

His father, Tin Aung Ko, declined to comment.

Two parents who disowned their children in similar notices, who asked not to be named for fear of attracting the attention of the military, told Reuters the notices were primarily intended to send a message to authorities that they should not be held responsible for their children's

actions "My daughter is doing what she believes, but I'm sure she will be worried if we got into trouble," one mother said. "I know she can understand what I have done to her."

Israeli Police Widely Using Pegasus Spyware to Hack Phones: Report

multiple state investigations.

Prior to Monday's report, the

attorney general, state comptrol-

ler, and the justice ministry's

privacy watchdog have all an-nounced probes into the poten-

In its latest report, Calcalist

said dozens of people were tar-

geted who were not suspected

of any criminal conduct, and

without police receiving the

the finance, justice, and commu-

nication ministries, mayors, and

Ethiopian-Israelis who led protests

against alleged police misconduct.

rock Netanyahu's ongoing cor-

ruption trial, Calcalist also report-

ed that key witness Ilan Yeshua,

former chief executive of the

Avner Netanyahu, one of the

premier's sons, was also on the

list. "I truly am shocked," he

wrote on Facebook

Walla news site, was also target.

In another revelation set to

They include senior leaders of

necessary court approval.

tial use of Pegasus on Israelis.

Agenceis

Police used Pegasus spyware to hack phones of dozens of prominent Israelis, including a son of former premier Benjamin Netanyahu, activists, and senior government officials, an Israeli newspaper reported Monday.

The bombshell revelation is the latest from the business daily Calcalist, which had previously reported that police used Pegasus without court authorisation against leaders of an anti-Netanyahu protest movement. Police Commissioner Kobi Shabtai said that "following

the recent publications" he had asked Public Security Minister Omer Barlev to establish "an external and independent commission of inquiry, headed by a judge," to probe the allegations. "To the extent that the commission finds irregularities and

failures, they will be dealt with in accordance with the law," Shabtai said in a statement. Pegasus is a malware product

made by the Israeli firm NSO at the centre of a months-long international scandal following revelations that it was used by governments worldwide to spy on activists, politicians, journalists, and even heads of state.

Israel had come under fire for allowing the export of the invasive technology to states with poor human rights records, but the Calcalist revelations have triggered a domestic scandal and

Ukraine Plays Down Invasion Fears, But US Sounds Alarm

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KIEV: Ukraine on Sunday pushed back at "apocalyptic predictions" over a potential Russian invasion, after officials in the United States sounded dire warnings that Moscow had stepped up its preparations for a major incursion.

US officials said the Kremlin has assembled 110,000 troops along the border with its pro-Western neighbour but intelligence assessments have not determined if President Vladimir Putin has actually decided to invade.

The Russian force amassed on the frontier is growing at a rate that would give Putin the firepower he needs for a full-scale invasion some 150,000 soldiers - by mid-February, US officials have said They assess Putin wants all possible options at his disposal: from a limited campaign in the pro-Russian Donbas region of Ukraine to a full-scale invasion. Russia denies that it is planning an incursion into Ukraine. "Do not believe the apocalyptic predictions. Different capitals have different scenarios, but Ukraine is ready for any development," Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba wrote on Twitter. "Today, Ukraine has a strong army, unprecedented international support and the faith of Ukrainians in their country. It is the enemy who should fear us." Presidency



advisor Mykhailo Podolyak insisted that the chances of finding a diplomatic solution to the crisis remained "substantially higher than the threat of further escalation". Kiev — backed up by some F_1

US – part of a deliberate attempt from Washington to pre-empt any Russian actions – come as Europe pushes to defuse the crisis.

The stark warnings from the

Netanyahu is accused of seek-

ing to trade regulatory favours

with media moguls in exchange

for favourable coverage, including

on Walla. He denies the charges. His lawyers on Monday de-manded the trial be halted until

the latest revelations were probed.

last week when multiple Israeli

broadcasters reported that po-

lice may have used spyware on

Shlomo Filber, a former Netan-

Those reports, which Ne-

tanyhau described as an "earth-

quake", did not mention Pegasus.

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and harvest its data.

of the data collected.

Pegasus is a surveillance pro-

yahu ally turned state witness.

The trial also suffered a blow

French President Emi

After Houthi Attacks, **Senior US General In UAE To Bolster Defenses**

Agenceis

ABU DHABI: US Marine General Frank McKenzie arrived in the United Arab Emirates on Sunday for talks on efforts to bolster the Gulf state's defenses after a series of missile attacks launched by Houthi militants in Yemen.

In recent weeks, the Iranaligned Houthis have waged an unprecedented string of largely failed missiles strikes on UAE targets that have triggered Emirati and US air defenses and seen American troops briefly taking shelter.

Earlier this month, the Pentagon announced a US deployment of advanced F-22 fighter jets and a guided missile destroyer, the USS Cole, to partner with the UAE navy ahead of a port call in Abu Dhabi. McKenzie said the F-22s

would provide the UAE with "one of the best look-down radars in the world," capable of identifying targets including land attack cruise missiles and drones.

The USS Cole will operate in waters around the UAE, he said, keeping a lookout for shipments of illegal contraband.



The attacks have thrown a spotlight on so-far unsuccessful ÚN-led efforts to broker an end to the war in Yemen, which since 2015 has pitted the Houthis against a Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen.

phone's camera or microphone McKenzie, who oversees US forces in the Middle East as head NSO has consistently denied of Central Command, said he wrongdoing throughout the multi-stranded Pegasus scanmoved up his planned visit in redal, stressing that it does not sponse to the Houthi attacks, hopoperate the system once sold to ing to underscore the US commitclients and has no access to any ment to the Gulf state's defense.

"I think it's a very worrisome time for UAE. They're looking for support. We're here to help them to provide that support," McKenzie told reporters shortly before landing in Abu Dhabi.

Asked about the latest Houthi missile attacks, McKenzie said they could have been prompted by a range of scenarios, including as a response to battlefield setbacks.

"Hard to know all the Houthi reasons behind this," he said. "I think the Houthis aren't used to losing ground in Yemen."

Washington accuses Tehran of supplying high-end weaponry to the Houthis.

"Medium range ballistic missiles that were fired from Yemen and entered UAE were not invented, built, designed in Yemen," McKenzie said. "All that happened somewhere else. So I think we certainly see the Iranian connection to this.'

Kuwait Bans 'Death On The Nile' Movie Casting Israeli Actress

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uwait has banned the screening of American mov-L ie Death on the Nile, adapted from a namesake novel by Agatha Christie and starring Israeli actress Gal Gadot, authorities say.

Spokeswoman for the Kuwaiti Ministry of Information, Anouar Mourad, said Sunday that cinemagoers in Kuwait will not be able to watch the film. directed by Kenneth Branagh, just days before the movie was set to be released in the country, conrming press report

army's offensive against the besieged Gaza Strip in 2014 and her criticism of the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas.

The devastating war resulted in the death of at least 2,251 Palestinians, most of them civilians.

The Gaza Strip, home to some two million people, has been under a blockade imposed by Israel for over 14 years. The tight blockade has caused a sharp decline in the standards of living as well as unprecedented levels of unemployment and unrelenting poverty.

Israel has also launched three naior wars on Gaza since (In the latest bombardment cam-

paign, at least 260 Palestinians,

including over 60 children, were

killed in a time span of 11 days that

began on May 10, 2021. The Gaza-

based resistance movements re-

taliated heavily, which took the Tel

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Foreign Pilgrims Required To Present Negative COVID-19 Test Certificate On Arrival In Saudi Arabia

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RIYADH: Foreign pilgrims travelling to Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah are required to present a negative PCR or rapid antigen test certificate on arrival in the Kingdom, the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah said on Monday.

The test must be taken no more than 48 hours before the pilgrim departs for the Kingdom and the ruling will come into effect on Wednesday at 1 a.m. The test must be taken regardless of the pilgrim's vaccination status, the ministry added.

ropean allies – has consistently sought to play down fears of an imminent attack as it tries to avoid inflicting further harm on its struggling economy.

Podolyak said the latest Russian moves were "no surprise" as Moscow has sought to keep up pressure on Kiev by conducting largescale troop rotations, manoeuvres and weapon deployments on a regular basis since massing forces at the border last spring.

"How long will such Russian activity last and for what purpose is it maintained? Only the Kremlin can know the exact answer to this question," he said.

Macron heads to Moscow Monday and Kiev on Tuesday seeking to de-escalate the crisis and push forward a stalled peace plan for the festering conflict with Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz will also visit the region for talks with Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky the following week in a bid to further the diplomatic efforts.

US officials said if Moscow does opt for a full-scale attack, the invading force could take the capital Kiev and topple Zelensky in a matter of 48 hours.

She said the decision was made in part due to Gadot's status as a "former soldier in the occupying army." Gadot served her mandatory service in the Israeli army. She has frequently come under criticism on social media. In 2017, Kuwait also banned

Wonder Woman, in which Gadot played the leading role. At the time, the ministry cited her Israeli citizenship as grounds for preventing the movie from being screened. Earlier in the day, the Kuwaiti newspaper al-Qabas, reported that the decision was made fol-

lowing demands on social media

for the film to be boycotted due

to Gadot's praise of the Israeli

Aviv regime by surprise. Kuwait is staunchly opposed to normalizing ties with Israel, unlike some Arab countries in the region, which have signed normalization agreements with the occupying regime in recent years.

In May last year, Kuwait's National Assembly unanimously approved bills that outlaw any deals or normalization of ties with the Tel Aviv regime.

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