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### NEWS DIGEST

#### Srinagar Records

**Season's Coldest Night**  
SRINAGAR- Weatherman on Monday reiterated that there will be mainly dry weather by the end of this month even as there were meagre chances of light snowfall over extreme north Kashmir on January 25.

"Weather is most likely to remain cold and dry till ending November in the whole of J & K. However, **PIO**

#### 11 Tourists Injured As Bus Overturns

JAMMU: Eleven tourists were injured on Monday when a private passenger vehicle overturned on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, police said. The tourists from Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh were returning from Kashmir when the driver of their vehicle lost control due to **PIO**

#### Driver Found Dead In Poonch

SRINAGAR: A bus driver was found dead in Harmutta market in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said. 35-year-old Mohammad Rayaz was found dead at Harmutta market in Gursai around 7:30 am on Monday, they said. A police team **PIO**

#### Ladakh Logs 16 New Covid Cases

LEH: Ladakh has recorded 16 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the tally to 21,327 while the active cases in the union territory has come down to 230, officials said on Monday. Ladakh has registered 212 Covid-related deaths -- 154 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak **PIO**

## In Kashmir, Sitharaman Hails Article-370 Revocation

# 'Will Give What Has Been Denied To People For Last 70 Years'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The people of Jammu and Kashmir were denied development for over 70 years, but after the abrogation of Article 370, the government aims to reach out to every citizen of the union territory and give them their due, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said here on Monday.

The minister inaugurated 'The Chinars', Aayakar Bhawan-cum-residential complex, the first permanent establishment of the department of income tax in the UT, at the Rajbagh area here in the presence of J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Sitharaman said around 40,000 people were killed due to "terrorism" over the years in Jammu and Kashmir, and a land which is otherwise very peaceful and beautiful has spent so many years in a very "heart-crushing and tragic phase".

"Now, post the abrogation of (Article) 370, the delimitation commission has also been constituted. DDC polls have shown that people are looking forward to aspirational meeting of their dreams.

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#### FM Inaugurates Rs 130.49 crore Development Works

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday inaugurated works pertaining to Health, Education, Urban infrastructure and disaster management amounting to Rs 130.49 crore. **PAGE 10**

## Every Tax Penny Will Be Used for Dev: LG

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday said that every penny of tax collected will be utilized positively for the betterment and development of Jammu and Kashmir.

While talking to reporters

on the sidelines of the inauguration of the Income Tax complex in Srinagar, the LG said it was the responsibility of the government to utilize taxpayers' money in developing the region and providing more facilities to the people.

"In future the tax complex will prove beneficial for the

development of Jammu and Kashmir. The motive behind this tax complex is to connect the people with the process of taxation in a transparent manner. When the taxpayers will get benefitted then all the sectors of J&K will get benefitted," Sinha said.

He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi **PAGE 10**

## High Alert In Jammu After Pathankot Blast

Agencies

JAMMU: A high alert was sounded and security stepped up in the bordering belt of Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir after a mysterious grenade blast outside an Army Cantonment in Pathankot district of Punjab.

Jammu and Kashmir Police have sounded a high alert in all the areas sharing borders with neighbouring Punjab.

The low intensity blast was reported late Sunday outside the Triveni Gate of the cantonment in the strategically important border district

of Punjab. Some unidentified motorcycle-borne youth lobbed the grenade in front of the military area, according to information from sources.

No casualty or any injury was reported in the blast, police said.

"Part of the grenade has also been recovered after the blast and is being investigated," police added.

"The security has been further heightened at all entry and exit points of the district," a senior police officer here said on Monday.

He said that all the vehicles, including private and commercial, **PAGE 10**

## NIA Arrests Human Rights Activist Khurram Parvez

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested a prominent human rights activist Khurram Parvez after conducting raids at his office and residence in this capital city.

Khurram, the programme co-ordinator of Jammu Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society (JKCCS) was arrested by NIA sleuths on Monday evening after lengthy searches at his office and Sonawar residence during which his phone, laptop and some books were seized, reports said.

On October 28 last year, the NIA had searched 10 locations,



including that of Parvez, in the valley and one in Bangalore in a case pertaining to certain so-called NGOs and trusts raising funds in India and abroad in the name of charitable **PAGE 10**

## Swami Opposes Islamic Banking In J&K Shoots Letter To PM, Seeks His Intervention To Block The Move

Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Subramanian Swamy has opposed introduction of Islamic Banking in Jammu and Kashmir, claiming such a move would not only be against the laws of India but it would also be financially a "disaster" for the country.

In a letter shot to the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi in the backdrop of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking the introduction of Islamic Banking in Jammu and Kashmir, the controversial BJP leader has reminded the PM that a similar attempt by State Bank of India to



set up a Sharia Mutual Fund was also blocked following his letter in 2014.

"To allow Islamic Banking would not only be against the laws of the country but it would also be financially a disaster for a country," reads the letter issued on November 8.

The Rajya Sabha MP's letter

**THE HIGH COURT** of J&K and Ladakh on November 3, granted four more weeks time to the government to respond to a PIL seeking the introduction of Islamic Banking in Jammu and Kashmir.

further informs the PM that the Jammu & Kashmir High Court was considering a PIL on allowing Islamic Banking in the State.

"The Reserve Bank of India has filed a counter affidavit in the case. But so far, The State Government (under President Rule) has failed **PAGE 10**

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## J&K Logs 160 New Cases, One Corona Death

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 160 fresh COVID-19 cases that took its infection tally to 3,35,528, while one more fatality pushed the death toll to 4,462, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 32 were reported from the Jammu division and 128 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said. Srinagar district recorded the highest number **PIO**

## Dr Farooq Mocks Jitendra Singh's PcK Retrieval Remarks

'India-Pakistan Dialogue Holds Key To Peace In J&K'

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Nothing can be achieved through threats; instead India and Pakistan have to hold talks for peace in Jammu and Kashmir, National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah said on Monday.

His remarks come a day after Union Minister Jitendra Singh said retrieving Pakistan-controlled Jammu and Kashmir (PcK) is next on the agenda. Singh at a programme in New Delhi had said the leadership which has the capacity and the will to abrogate Article 370, also has the capacity to

retrieve PcK from the "illegal occupation" of Pakistan.

"I have been repeatedly saying that India and Pakistan have to talk (for peace in Jammu and Kashmir). Threats are being held that we will take this thing or that which cannot solve the issue," Abdullah told reporters at the Digiana Ashram where he had gone to inquire about the health of Sikh leader Mahant Manjeet Singh.

"When they can talk to China which entered our territory and set up villages, why cannot they talk to them (Pakistan) who are **PAGE 10**

## ...Hyderpora Killings CPI (M) Demands Body Of slain Ramban Youth

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of CPI(M) on Monday asked the civil society of Ramban and adjoining areas to come forward and demand the return of the body of Amir Magray -- the third person killed in the alleged Hyderpora encounter last week -- and whose kin claim he was innocent.

The Left party has been pressing for a judicial probe into the controversial encounter in Srinagar and return of the body of Magray. **PIO**

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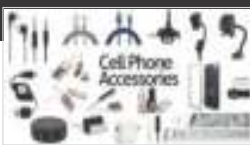
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## Workshop To Promote Art concludes at Mahatta's

Syed Burhan

Srinagar:- On the last day of the Art Exhibition, titled "Mashq-e-Paaeez: Ishq-e-Nabi" concluding ceremony was held at Mahattas. Students attended a brainstorming career counselling session at the exhibition.

On the occasion students were counselled about diversity in career options. A special session was also held to pay tribute to valley's ace Graphic Artist Akhter Rasool who passed away recently. Participants lauded his contributions in Digital Art. Certificates were also distributed among the participants by Ilyas Rizvi, founder Edraak.

Ilyas Rizvi describes the event as a success and is hopeful of holding more such events in the future. "We were successful in providing amateur artists with a platform and they learned how to present their Art work in an exhibition. Due to the good response of people we had to extend the workshop twice, we look forward to doing it on a regular basis" he said.

"There is a need to create more such spaces, this is an opportunity for people to invest in art and put Kashmir back on the "Artistic map of World". He added.

During the seventeen days of the exhibition, the Art exhibition and workshop was attended by people of diverse backgrounds. Special sessions were held for students of various age groups, Youth and Women.

This year Milaad coincided with the autumn season so the event was named "Mashq-e-Paa'eez: Ishq-e-Nabi (SAW)." The event was divided into four categories: Mashq (Calligraphy window), Aks (Visual Window), Dusst (Fine art and painting window) and Harf (Prose and poetic window).

Notably, it's been more than a decade since Edraak has tried to engage students in creative pursuits of arts and aesthetics in the valley through its workshops and exhibitions. Edraak, a movement that aims at educational revival through arts and aesthetics in Kashmir had kicked off its exhibition at Srinagar's Mahatta Gallery on 5 November.

## Women Friendly Legislations Not Effectively Implemented In City: Survey

Agencies

Srinagar: A group of law students have conducted a survey (project report), titled "Crime Against Women In J&K With Special Reference to District Srinagar". The survey states that the majority of people the team spoke to stated that women friendly legislations were not being effectively implemented in Srinagar.

According to the news agency, the report claimed that some provisions of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (DVA) 2005 are not being fully implemented and Protection Officers for victims of domestic violence as provided under this legislation remain confined to orders only.

The survey conducted with 280 respondents further reveals that 62 percent demand further strengthening of mechanism for effective implementation of the women-friendly legislations.

However, the survey report mentions that people at large expressed satisfaction over the timely actions by J&K Police Srinagar under law whenever any crime against women was reported.

The survey has been conducted by Shefana Ramzan, Bariqah Shahrie, Umar Manzoor, Farhan Fayaz, Shah Imran, Haris Andrabi and Suhail Akhoun has been

# Admin Stops Operation Of Electric Buses In City, Commuters Aghast

### Will raise issue with LG: MD RTC

Agencies

Srinagar:- The electric bus service and operation of Maxi Cabs from in and outside Batamaloo vicinity by Jammu & Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) has faced a setback as the administration has banned the operation of these services in the Srinagar city.

The electric buses, first of its kind, aimed at providing a pollution-free transport system in the city were inaugurated by former lieutenant Governor Satya Pal in 2019. Now with the major embarrassment for the administration, the electric busses that were made operational in the city will be nowhere in sight.

The operation of electric bus service was a step towards providing eco-friendly public transportation with modern facilities to the commuters.

The e-buses aimed in reducing the pollution levels in the city with people largely utilising public transport for their daily travel in a bid to contribute towards environmental preservation.

Last week Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir P K Pole appealed for immediate stop of illegal operation of Maxi Cabs from in and outside Batamaloo vicinity, besides, submitted that no Maxi Cab be allowed to cross Parimpora Bus Stand point from north and north-east areas of Kashmir division.

JKRTC M.D, Angreaz Singh Rana told news agency that the JKRTC with a major expansion of its existing fleet with addition of more than 500 new buses and trucks in phased manner as part restructuring plan to make once 'bankrupt' corporation a profitable enterprise has again been turned back.

"I am writing to the higher authorities including Advisor Bhatnagar, who is also the Chairman of RTC to withdraw the decision of banning fleets in the city as it will lead to the brink of bankruptcy", Raina added

Official sources said that despite having a good number of electric buses, the corporation has been

importing modern buses from outside the corporation with the hope that with such initiatives the Corporation once again will achieve its erstwhile position when it was considered a major service provider across Jammu & Kashmir.

Earlier, Lt Governor has entrusted upon J&K Road Transport Corporation the expansion of their fleet of buses in hope that the government-run buses traverse 20 lakh kms every month, increasing from its present average of 15 lakh kms a month.

However, commuters appealed to the top brass of administration to allow operation of SRTC service from GBS Batamaloo and e-buses in the city.CNS

## Alimte Irfan, Hospitals & Nursing Homes of Dr Tabish Released

### Dr Tabish a polymath, who has knowledge and understanding of different fields: Dr Sidiquee

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two books authored by noted medical professional and author Dr. Syed Amin Tabish were released at an impressive function at Govt Medical College Auditorium here on Monday.

'Alimte Irfan' and 'Hospitals and Nursing Homes', a text book on planning, organisation and management in Kashmiri and English languages were released by Vice Chancellor, Kashmir University, Talat Ahmad. Former VC IUST, Dr Mushtaq Sidiquee; Principal GMC Samia Rasheed were present on the occasion. Two CDs "Sukoon Diluk" and "Myoath Zahar" a collection of Urdu as well as Kashmiri poetry written by Dr.Tabish and sung by renowned music composer and singer Kifayat Faheem and noted singer Shazia Bashir were also released on the occasion.

Speaking as a chief guest, VC,



Kashmir University, Talat Ahmad termed Dr Tabish, a living encyclopedia who has contributed enormously in the field of medical science and literature.

He said that Dr Tabish has authored 14 books and has won around 16 national and international awards for his extraordinary work in the field.

VC further said that book in

Kashmiri has covered around 13 number of renowned persons for their tremendous contribution in field of history, science, philosophy, sufi artists and other areas, while as the edition of Hospitals and Nursing Homes released during today's function shall be very useful for the medical professionals.

Speaking at the event, former VC, IUST Mushtaq Sidiquee

termed Dr Tabish as polymath, who has knowledge and understanding of different fields. He said that Dr Tabish is not only having a great hold on medical sciences but also the contemporary world.

Noted poet and writer, Inayat Gul threw light on the life and writings of Dr. Tabish and said that he is a role model to many for his vast knowledge in the field of medical sciences. He added that Dr Tabish has brought many laurels including his lifetime APJ Abdul Kalam award to the Valley.

Stressing on promotion of Kashmiri language, Dr Syed Amin Tabish said that, "It is our identity which portrays our emotions and feelings in the best possible way."

He said that everyone should rise to the responsibility and take stand for excellence in medical science.

On the occasion, Kifayat Faheem and Shazia Bashir who presented poetry of Dr.Tabish enthralled the audience with their performances.

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NIT NO. 146/XEN/EDS/2021-22 OF 11/2021

Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K invites tenders by E-tendering on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Registered Civil Contractors with Union Territory J&K /CPWD/Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (Amt In Rs)	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1.	Remodeling by way of Panelling, Tiling and Painting in Kitchen / Rooms of Set No. H-4 at Government Quarters Lal Nagar Chanapora Srinagar.	1.99 lacs	200/-	20 Days	DEE	2216 Non-Plan
2.	Up-gradation by way of Panelling, Painting and other allied works of Set No. C-17 at Government Quarters Lal Nagar Chanapora Srinagar.	2.48 lacs	200/-	20 Days	DEE	
3.	Face lifting by Way of Panelling, Painting and other allied works in Set No. B-7, B-9 and J-13 at Lal Nagar Chanapora Srinagar.	1.68 lacs	200/-	15 Days	DEE	
4.	Face lifting by Way of Panelling, Tiling, Painting and other allied works in Set No. H-1 at Lal Nagar Chanapora Srinagar.	1.50 lacs	200/-	15 Days	DEE	
5.	Providing and Fixing of false Ceiling, Face lifting and other allied works in various offices in Block-A, B, C Old Secretariat Srinagar.	2.22 lacs	200/-	20 Days	DEE	
6.	Urgent Repairs to Set No. A-6 at Silk Factory Srinagar.	1.79 lacs	200/-	15 Days	DEE	
7.	Urgent Repairs to Set No. B-7 at Silk Factory Srinagar.	1.79 lacs	200/-	15 Days	DEE	
8.	Repairs / Renovation of Bath Room and Kitchen of Set No.B-5 (U-Shaped Block) at Budshah Flats Srinagar.	1.64 lacs	200/-	15 Days	DEE	
9.	Construction of Garage including allied works in Polo-View Divisional Office at M.A Road Srinagar.	3.58 lacs	200/-	25 Days	DEE	
10.	Face lifting by way of painting, Distempering and Panelling Including other allied works To Staff Quarters at Dalgate Srinagar.	1.29 lacs	200/-	15 Days	DEE	

Position of AAA:

Position of funds: Available

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18-11-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	20.11.2021 from 10.00 AM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	20.11.2021 from 10.00 AM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	30.11.2021 upto 3.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	30.11.2021 at 3.05 PM. In the office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under Major Head-0216/Revenue (others) in favour of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

3. All Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)

4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of advertised cost as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work/DLP is over.

5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

72. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

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

74. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

75. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

76. The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

77. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form) and detailed NIT issued by this office time to time.

DIPK-13167/21

No: - E-Tender/NIT/EDS/5503-13/T-1  
Dated:- 18-11-2021

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,  
Estates Division, Sgr.

### DIAL-EMMA



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

### AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311



### RAILWAYS



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

### HIGHWAY STATUS



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



HIJRI  
CALENDAR  
17 Rabi-ul Sani  
1443

### PRAYERS

FAJR	5: 42
ZUHR	12:14
ASR	3:50
Magrib	5:30
ISHA	6: 50

## This Day In History

- 1165 - Pope Alexander III returns from exile to Rome
- 1499 - Flemish pretender to the English throne Perkin Warbeck hanged for reportedly attempting to escape from Tower of London. Invaded England in 1497, claiming to be the lost son of King Edward IV
- 1556 - King Philip II confers with Dutch financial experts
- 1654 - French mathematician, scientist, and religious philosopher Blaise Pascal experiences an intense, mystical vision that marks him for life.
- 1700 - Cardinal Francesco Albani elected Pope Clements XI
- 1832 - French take Antwerp in liberation of Belgium
- 1844 - Independence of the Duke of Schleswig-Holstein from Denmark.
- 1863 - Battle of Chattanooga & Orchard Knob, TN, begins
- 1863 - Patent granted for a process of making color photographs
- 1864 - Battle at Ball's Ferry Georgia (30 casualties)
- 1892 - Battle of Lomani Congo: Belgian unit beats Arabs, 1000-3000 killed
- 1899 - Battle at Belmont, Cape colony: general Methuen beats Farmers
- 1914 - The US Army withdraws from Mexico.
- 1915 - On the Tigris River in Mesopotamia, the Battle of Ctesiphon between Allied and Turkish forces enters its second day
- 1940 - Romania signs Tripartite Pact
- 1941 - German troops conquer Klin, at NW of Moscow
- 1942 - 3rd & 5th Romanian army corps surrenders
- 1942 - US Coast Guard Woman's Auxiliary (SPARS) authorized
- 1942 - German 4th & 6th Army surrounded at Stalingrad
- 1942 - Japanese bombing of Port Darwin, Australia
- 1943 - 1st printing of illegal "Warheid"
- 1943 - British Forces Broadcasting Service begins operations
- 1943 - US forces take control of Tarawa, Gilbert Island & Makin from Japanese
- 1944 - US 7th army under General Alexander Patch conquers Straatsburg
- 1945 - Most US wartime rationing of foods, including meat & butter, ends
- 1946 - French Navy fire in Haiphong Vietnam, kills 6,000.
- 1971 - China People's Republic seated in UN Security Council.
- 1973 - Arab summit conference adopts open and secret resolutions on the use of the oil weapons; embargo extended to Portugal, Rhodesia, and South Africa.

## From KO Archives

## Ansari Motors attached for 'ST default'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The sales tax department today attacked M/s Ansari Motors, Sonawar, for alleged default' in the payment of sales tax. The concern is owned by the former minister, Maulvi Iftikhar Husaain Ansari, his brother, Abid Hussain Ansari, and another family member.

Quoting the deputy commissioner, sales tax (recovery), Kashmir division, an official handout said the attachment was carried out for default in the payment of sales tax of Rs 1.11 crore ending March 1994. In respect of the assessment for 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97. It said, action was being taken separately in light of the directions of the Supreme Court. According to the handout, the sales tax department asked other defaulters to clear their outstanding. Immediately and save themselves from embarrassment. The department appreciated the support extended by general public in its drive against the defaulters adding it would be taken to its logical end.

Meanwhile, according to a CNS report, the owners of the company later broke open the locks put by the sales tax department officials and resumed their normal work. The department had sealed the office, showroom and workshop of 'Highland Motors' this morning and locked all the doors. Sources in the department alleged the former company, M/s Ansari Motors, owed a sales tax of Rs 1,11,56,000 to the government. Reacting to the action, a partner of the company, Abid Ansari, told Observer News Service, the government had committed contempt of court by attaching the properties of 'Highland Automobiles' allegedly in violation of the supreme court directives. He said the apex court had quashed all the ex-parte assessments and ordered reassessment pending which the company had been asked to pay Rs 50 lakh. Ansari said he had paid over Rs 33 lakh in about six quarterly installments of Rs 5,60,594 each on self-assessment under the amnesty scheme announced by the government. His persistent request to the authorities to implement the Supreme Court orders for fresh assessment also did not bear fruit, he said, adding they attached our properties with the help of two companies of CRPF and without any prior notice. Ansari said he would launch contempt proceedings against the authorities.

When contacted, the deputy commissioner, sales tax (recovery), Mushtaq Ahmad, told Observer News Service late this evening Ansari Motors had run into arrears of sales tax for the period from 1988-89 to 1993-94 to the extent of Rs 1.41 crore on the basis of assessment in which the company had cooperated. After tallying the adjustment of Rs 29 Lakh, the arrears were reduced to Rs 1,11,56,000. The deputy commissioner said the first notice (dastak) was served to the company on October 16 this year, followed by reminders October 31 and November 6. As they did not show any positive response, the department attached the properties during an operation carried out between noon and 2 pm today. He said Abid Ansari, who was present in the premises, identified the portions belonging to Ansari Motors on the basis of the documents with which he was confronted. He denied this period of sales tax assessment was the subject of any court proceedings. Mushtaq said the department had assessed another Rs 13 crore as sales tax arrears for the period 1994-95 to 1996-97. However, the amount was based on an ex-parte assessment against which the company had approached the Supreme Court. In March this year, he said, the apex court had directed de-novo (afresh) assessment and restoration of its CST/GST registration. It also asked the firm to deposit Rs 50 lakh in two installments.

Expressing his ignorance about the reported breaking open of loop by the firm to resume its normal work, Mushtaq said, he would ascertain the facts tomorrow. However, he asserted no contempt was made out in the matter.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 23 NOVEMBER, 2000)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DEE Contractor Card . Anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of R&B office Anantnag within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

**Tawseef Ahmad Lone**  
**S/O Mushtaq Ahmad Lone**  
**R/o Hiller Arhama**

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## Why China's New Missile Test Has Shocked The US

### Agencies

Beijing : China fired a missile from a hypersonic weapon as it approached a target during a test in July, the Financial Times reported, adding the Pentagon was surprised because no nation was known to have the capability.

A hypersonic glide vehicle launched by China fired the projectile over the South China Sea while moving at five times the speed of sound, the newspaper reported, citing people familiar with the intelligence.

Some military experts be-

carry a nuclear warhead, in a battle.

The Financial Times reported last month that China conducted hypersonic weapons tests on July 27 and again on Aug. 13, raising concern in Washington about Beijing's advancing military capabilities. China's Foreign Ministry said the nation had tested "a routine spacecraft" to see if it was reusable.

If China's tests of hypersonic weapons are confirmed, it would suggest that President Xi Jinping may be exploring orbital strikes as a way to counter American ad-



China Missile Test: China fired a missile from a hypersonic weapon during a test in July, reports said.

lieve an air-to-air missile was fired, the newspaper said. Others thought it was a countermeasure that could hurt the ability of missile defense systems to knock out the hypersonic weapon, which can

vancements in shooting down ballistic missiles before they can threaten the U.S. homeland. Last year, the U.S. Navy successfully intercepted a mock intercontinental ballistic missile.

## Taliban Bans Women From Appearing In TV Dramas

### Agencies

Kabul: Women have been banned from appearing in television dramas in Afghanistan under new rules imposed by the Taliban-led government, the BBC reported.

Female journalists and presenters have also been or-

offensive to Afghans are also forbidden.

The Taliban have insisted that foreign films promoting foreign cultural values should not be broadcast, the report added.

Afghan television channels show mostly foreign dramas with lead female charac-



dered to wear headscarves on screen, although the guidelines do not say which type of covering to use.

Reporters say some of the rules are vague and subject to interpretation, according to the BBC report.

The latest set of Taliban guidelines, which have been issued to Afghan television channels, features eight new rules.

They include the banning of films considered against the principles of Sharia, or Islamic law and Afghan values, while footage of men exposing intimate parts of the body is prohibited, the report added.

Comedy and entertainment shows that insult religion or may be considered

ters.

A member of an organisation that represents journalists in Afghanistan, Hujjatullah Mujaddedi, said the announcement of new restrictions was unexpected.

He told the BBC that some of the rules were not practical and that if implemented, broadcasters may be forced to close.

The Taliban's earlier decision to order girls and young women to stay home from school made Afghanistan the only country in the world to bar half its population from getting an education.

The mayor of the capital, Kabul, also told female municipal employees to stay home unless their jobs could not be



Farmers Protest: Thousands gathered for the latest rally in Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow. (Representational)

## Thousands Gather For Farmers Rally In Lucknow To Keep Pressure On PM Modi

### Agencies

New Delhi: Flushed with victory after Prime Minister Narendra Modi caved into demands for the three farm laws to be repealed, Indian farmers held a mass rally today to demand that minimum support prices be extended to all produce, not just rice and wheat.

The protest movement launched by farmers more than a year ago, becoming one of the most serious political challenges to the BJP government, resulted in PM Modi making a surprise commitment on Friday to roll back the the three agricultural reform laws.

Thousands gathered for the latest rally in Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow, where the BJP seeks to hold onto power in the state elections due early next year.

Since late 2020, thousands of farmers have camped on the outskirts of New Delhi as part of a mass agitation to pressurise PM Modi into rolling back the reforms.

His climbdown sparked celebrations among farmers, but leaders of the movement immediately warned that the protests would continue until the government promised to introduce a law that would guarantee minimum prices for all crops.

Currently, the government mainly buys rice and wheat at guaranteed Minimum Support Prices, but the safety net benefits barely 6 per cent of India's millions of farmers.

In a letter addressed to PM Modi on Sunday, the main farmers' body Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) said: "Minimum Support Price, based on the com-

prehensive cost of production, should be made a legal entitlement of all farmers (and) for all agricultural produce..."

Farmers also asked for the federal government to withdraw a draft electricity bill, that they fear would lead to state governments withdrawing their right to free or subsidised power, used mainly for irrigation.

The northern state of Punjab, part of India's grain belt, gives free electricity to the agriculture sector, while some states subsidise power to farmers.

Growers have also asked the government to drop fines and other penalties for burning their fields after harvesting to remove stalk and chaff. The smoke has become a major source of air pollution in Delhi and satellite towns bordering the crop growing northern states.

## US Joins Annual List Of 'Backsliding' Democracies

### Agencies

Stockholm, Sweden: The United States has joined an annual list of "backsliding" democracies for the first time, the International IDEA think-tank said on Monday, pointing to a "visible deterioration" it said began in 2019.

Globally, more than one in four people live in a backsliding democracy, a proportion that rises to more than two in three with the addition of authoritarian or "hybrid" regimes, according to the Stockholm-based International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance.

"This year we coded the United States as backsliding for the first time, but our data suggest that the backsliding episode began at least in 2019," it said in its report titled "Global State of Democracy 2021".

"The United States is a high-performing democracy, and even improved its performance in indicators of impartial administration (corruption and predictable enforcement) in 2020. However, the declines in civil liberties and checks on government indicate that there are serious problems with the fundamentals of democracy," Alexander Hudson, a co-



author of the report, told AFP.

"A historic turning point came in 2020-21 when former president Donald Trump questioned the legitimacy of the 2020 election results in the United States," the report said.

In addition, Hudson pointed to a "decline in the quality of freedom of association and assembly during the summer of protests in 2020" following the police killing of George Floyd.

International IDEA bases its assessments on 50 years of democratic indicators in around 160 countries, assigning them to three categories: democracies (including those that are "backsliding"), "hybrid" governments

and authoritarian regimes.

- 'Runaway polarisation' -

"The visible deterioration of democracy in the United States, as seen in the increasing tendency to contest credible election results, the efforts to suppress participation (in elections), and the runaway polarisation... is one of the most concerning developments," said International IDEA secretary-general Kevin Casas-Zamora.

He warned of a knock-on effect, noting: "The violent contestation of the 2020 election without any evidence of fraud has been replicated, in different ways, in places as diverse as Myanmar, Peru and Israel."

## 'Vaccinated, Cured Or Dead': Germany Sounds Alarm On Delta Variant

### Agencies

Berlin: Most Germans will be "vaccinated, cured or dead" from Covid-19 in a few months, Health Minister Jens Spahn warned Monday as he urged more citizens to get jabbed.

"Probably by the end of this winter, as is sometimes cynically said, pretty much everyone in Germany will be vaccinated, cured or dead," Spahn said, blaming "the very contagious Delta variant".

"That is why we so urgently recommend vaccination," he added.

The stark warning comes as Germany is racing to contain a record rise in coronavirus infections in recent weeks, with hospitals sounding the alarm about overflowing intensive care units.

Despite widespread access to free coronavirus vaccines, just 68 percent of the German population is fully vaccinated, a level experts say is too low to keep the pandemic under control.

Germany, the EU's most populous country, added another 30,643 cases on Monday, according to the Robert Koch Institute health agency, bringing the total since the start of the pandemic to just over 5.3 million.

Almost 100,000 people have died so far, including 62 over the past 24 hours.

"We have a very, very difficult situation in many hospitals," Spahn said.

Germany last week an-

nounced tougher coronavirus curbs to contain the ferocious fourth Covid wave.

In regions with high hospitalisation rates, the unvaccinated will be barred from public spaces like cinemas, gyms and indoor dining.

Employees are asked to return to working from home whenever possible, while anyone going into the workplace has to prove they are vaccinated, recovered or have recently



tested negative -- a system known as "3G".

The same rule applies on public transport in those areas.

Several of Germany's hardest hit regions, including Bavaria and Saxony, have gone even further by cancelling large events such as Christmas markets and effectively barring the unvaccinated from non-essential public life.

All vaccinated adults have also been urged to get a booster shot to combat waning vaccine efficacy after six months.

## Australian Billionaire To Help Publishers With Google, Facebook Deal

### Agencies

Sydney: Australian mining billionaire Andrew Forrest's philanthropic organisation will help 18 small news publishers in the country collectively negotiate with Google and Facebook to secure licensing deals for the supply of news content.

Forrest's Minderoo Foundation on Monday said it would submit an application with the country's competition regulator, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), allowing the publishers to bargain without breaching competition laws.

Forrest, Australia's richest man, is the chairman and the largest shareholder of iron ore miner Fortescue Metals Group. He has a net worth of around A\$27.2 billion (\$19.7 billion), according to the Australian Financial Review.

Facebook and Alphabet Inc's Google have been required since March to negotiate with Australian outlets for content that drives traffic and advertising to their websites. If they don't, the government may take over the negotiation.

Both companies have since struck licensing deals with most of Australia's main media companies but they have not entered into agreements with many small firms. The federal government is scheduled to begin a review of the law's effectiveness in March.

Frontier Technology, an initiative of Minderoo, said it would assist the publishers.

"Small Australian publishers who produce public interest journalism for their communities should be given the same opportunity as large publishers to negotiate for use of their content for the public benefit," Emma McDonald, Frontier Technology's Director of Policy, said in a statement.

A Google spokesperson responded about the initiative by re-sending an earlier statement which said "talks are continuing with publishers of all sizes." Facebook said it "has long supported smaller independent publishers."

The 18 small publishers include online publications that attract multicultural audiences and focus on issues at a local or regional level, McDonald said.

The move comes after ACCC late last month allowed a body representing 261 radio stations to negotiate a content deal.

### NEWS MAKERS

## Wankhede plea: Bombay HC refuses to 'gag' or 'disbelieve' Nawab Malik

In a significant observation, the Bombay High Court said on Monday that the allegations levelled by Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik against Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede and his family cannot be termed as 'totally false', as it declined to pass any restraining order against Malik.

"At this prima facie stage, it cannot be said that the allegations (levelled by Malik) are totally false," said Justice Madhav Jamdar while refusing to accept the plea filed by Wankhede's father, Dnyandeve Wankhede, to stop the National Congress Party leader from posting any defamatory material against the family on



social media.

"Satyameva Jayate. The fight against wrongdoings will continue," said Malik in a

tweet from Dubai, on the initial development in the defamation case of Rs 1.25 crore filed against him by Wankhede senior.

## Don't Sing For 'Murderers'

Jamal Khashoggi's Fiancee To Justin Bieber On Saudi Show

The woman who was engaged to marry Jamal Khashoggi has asked singer Justin Bieber to cancel his scheduled December 5 performance in Saudi Arabia's second-largest city Jeddah, urging him to not perform for the slain Saudi journalist's "murderers."

Hatice Cengiz wrote an open letter to the singer published on Saturday in the Washington Post in which she urged Bieber to cancel the performance to "send a powerful message to the world that your name and talent will not be used to restore the reputation of a regime that kills its critics."

President Joe Biden's administration released a U.S. intelligence report in February implicating Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Khashoggi's 2018 murder in Istanbul but spared him any direct punishment. The crown prince denies any involvement.

"Do not sing for the murderers of my beloved Jamal," Cengiz wrote. "Please speak out and condemn his killer, Mohammed bin Salman. Your voice will be heard by millions."

Bieber, who is Canadian, is among a group of artists scheduled to perform as Saudi Arabia hosts the Formula One Saudi Arabian Grand Prix in Jeddah.

"If you refuse to be a pawn of MBS, your message will be loud and clear: I do not perform for dictators. I choose justice and freedom over money," Cengiz wrote, using the crown prince's initials.

Human rights groups have urged the performers to speak out against human rights issues in the kingdom.

"Saudi Arabia has a history of using celebrities and major international events to deflect scrutiny from its pervasive abuses," Human Rights Watch said on Wednesday.

## 'Queen Elizabeth Attends Christenings Of 2 Great-grandchildren'

London: Queen Elizabeth attended a private ceremony to celebrate the christenings of two of her great-grandchildren on Sunday, the British news agency PA reported, four days after the 95-year-old monarch made her first public appearance since a hospital stay.

Buckingham Palace had no comment on the report.

The queen spent a night in hospital for the first time in years last month for what the palace called "preliminary investigations" into an unspecified ailment, and doctors have advised her to cancel most engagements since then.

She pulled out of a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 14 with a sprained back which a palace source said was unrelated to the condition which has required rest and was an unfortunate coincidence.



## Health Workers Demand Minimum Wages

Protestors Say Admin Treating Them Like Bonded Labourers

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Several consolidated health workers on Monday staged a protest against the Jammu and Kashmir administration for not implementing the central Minimum Wages Act.

Dozens of health workers under the banner of Consolidated Health Workers Association assembled at the Mushtaq Press Enclave in Srinagar demanding payment as per the Minimum Wages Act approved by the J&K government in 2018.

The protesters told a local news agency that the Department of Health Services, Kashmir employs a large number of non-medical staff such as sweepers, helpers, and drivers who risk their lives daily while dealing with patients.

They said as per the Minimum Wages Act, these workers must be paid Rupees 6700 per month but in J&K, the labourers were bonded despite serving the government for 20 years.

"The health workers, drivers and sweepers considered the weaker section of the society are being paid Rs 100 to Rs 500 per month which is a clear violation of the Act," they said.

The protesters said the administration reprimanded private institutions for violating laws but does nothing when it comes to its own violations of the rules and regulations.

They appealed the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the health authorities to take the matter into consideration and implement the Minimum Wages Act.

## NATIONAL SAFFRON MISSION Continued Lack Of Irrigation Hampers Production

Observer News Service

**Pulwama:** Saffron production in Kashmir is persistently decreasing due to the non-availability of irrigation system despite it being one of the focus areas of the 400 crore rupee National Saffron Mission, say growers.

The National Saffron Mission was launched by the central government in 2010 to tackle the problems faced by saffron cultivators but has failed as the locals' claim that the yield is decreasing with each passing year. They blame the lack of irrigation.

Even as the scheme was extended by two years, the farmers said that an increase in yield is still a distant dream as the government has so far been unable to build and operate an irrigation network.

The agriculture department's data shows an increase in yield since 2010 but a decline has been witnessed since 2014.

According to the saffron mission directorate, around 100 borewells were dug out of 128 proposed borewells.

However, the locals refuted the claims, saying that only eight to 10 were installed among which only few are functional.

"The scheme was not implemented on ground properly, thus the promises by the government proved hoax," Tariq Ahmed, a resident of Kadalbal Pampore, who is also a saffron cultivator, told a local news agency.

"I was cultivating saffron on about 4 Kanals of land on which I used to get about 1 Kg of produce upto 2014. However, from last few years I got just about 100 grams and this year I got a yield little more than last few years," he said.

"The long dry spell in the last few years is showing its impact on the crop this year as the corn couldn't bloom fully and dried up," said another local resident, adding that there is a "need to irrigate the corn at the appropriate time but due to unavailability of water the whole corn gets exhausted."

Locals said the agriculture department and mechanical engineering department were passing the buck onto each other for the failure of the scheme.

The locals are demanding



the attention of the central government as well as the Jammu and Kashmir administration into the matter as saffron is "on the verge of extinction."

Chief Agriculture Officer Pulwama, Ghulam Mohammad said that this year there is more production of saffron as compared to last few years. He said that he has already asked mechanical department to make borewells functional till ending this year after which growers will get benefits.

## ADULTERATED MEDICINES Udhampur Families Compensated Nearly A Year After 12 Infants Died

Families To Get Rupees 12 Lakh Each

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Over 11 months after NHRC recommended compensation in a case related to infant deaths linked to consumption of spurious drugs in Udhampur district, Jammu and Kashmir administration has released Rs 3 lakh each for the 12 bereaved families.

Early this year, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) ordered the payment compensation to the families who lost their children in Ramnagar block between December 2019 and January 2020, observing that there is no denial of lapse in the case though the drugs department of Jammu and Kashmir does not want to "own the responsibility" for it.

The complaint about the infant deaths due to the consumption of spurious drugs was lodged before the Commission by prominent Jammu-based social activist Sukesh C Khajuria.

In an order issued on November 16, the Health and Medical Education Department said in compliance to order passed by NHR, a sanction was being accorded to the release of Rs 36 lakh for 12 infant victims of spurious drugs in Ramnagar following approval by the Administrative Council headed by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in its meeting held on October 7.

"The department has ordered the release of the compensation amount to the State Drug Controller for further payment as a special and exceptional infant mortality case subject to the outcome of the Special Leave Petition (SLP) pending before the Supreme Court," the order issued by Additional Chief Secretary, Vivek Bharadwaj read.

Sharing the copy of the government order here on Monday, Khajuria who fought for the victim families said it is only a small step in the direction of providing succour to them and also a vic-

tory for common masses who suffer due to lack of "medical care and official negligence" day-in-and-day-out throughout the country.

He said the J-K administration was forced to pay compensation following orders by the NHRC on January 18 and July 19 after the government challenged the initial order in the J-K High Court which, however, upheld the NHRC recommendations in the case.

"The case is a landmark in the history of judicial activism where the government has been ordered to pay compensation for the utter neglect and alleged callous connivance of the state drug authorities in checking the sale of spurious drugs in the remote mountainous areas," he said.

"The release of compensation amount has a rider of the outcome of SLP of the J&K government in Supreme Court but I am confident that the apex court will also provide complete justice to the infant victims," he said.

## MoS V K Singh Visits Jammu, Reviews Infra Projects

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways and Civil Aviation, General (Retired) V. K. Singh, Monday visited Jammu to review several mega projects being undertaken by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

In this regard, he had a comprehensive meeting which was among others attended by Principal Secretary PW (R&B), Shailendra Kumar and concerned senior officers of the Jammu and Kashmir administration.

Singh was briefed by Executive Director (P), NHIDCL RO



Jammu and Srinagar, Regional Officer, NHAI RO Jammu and Chief Engineer Projects, BRO about the status of various projects being undertaken by their respective organizations.

Executive Director (P) apprised the Union Minister of the strategically important projects of Z-Morh, Zojila Tunnel, NH144-A and NH-244 being undertaken by NHIDCL.

The MoS had a detailed review of the current status of various ongoing projects of NHAI and BRO and issued directions for further accelerating the pace of progress on all ongoing vital projects for timely completion. The issue of approval and up gradation of in-principal National Highways was also deliberated upon.

## After Student's Death, Protest In CUK Demanding Hostel Facilities

Observer News Service

**GANDERBAL:** A day after authorities said a female student of the Central University of Kashmir likely died of suffocation at a rented accommodation, several students of the institute staged a demonstration to press the authorities into providing hostel facilities.

The students complained that hostel facilities were not provided after the shifting of the varsity to Ganderbal district.

The students alleged that they have approached the CUK administration several times but to no avail.

"We come from far-flung areas of Kashmir and the university does not provide us the hostel facilities, so we have been forced to stay in the rented rooms outside the university," a protesting

student said.

Spokesperson CUK students union Nadia Rashid said it was the responsibility of the university to accommodate students in hostels and provide them safe accommodation.

"That is out rightly being denied by our university," said Nadia. "We are suffering at every nook and nothing is being done to assimilate us."

On Sunday, two female students identified as Shabnaz and Ziyaan, both from the Poonch district, were found unconscious in their rented accommodation at Saloor, Ganderbal.

Both were later shifted to the District Hospital Ganderbal where Shabnaz was declared dead by the doctors while Ziyaan was admitted to the SKIMS in Srinagar for further treatment.

## Journalists To Hold Blood Donation Camp At KPC Today

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The journalists of Kashmir will be organising a blood donation camp at Kashmir Press Club (KPC) on Tuesday in memory of their colleagues who have left for heavenly abode in the recent past.

One of the organisers said that Kashmir's journalists have jointly thought of organising a blood donation camp from 11 am to 4 pm tomorrow at the Kashmir Press Club.

He said that media persons are requested to be part of this camp, which is in memory of their colleagues whom they lost in the past few years.

"It would be great to hold this camp together and not under any single banner but as a collective of our fraternity. We are remembering Mudassir Ali, Javed Ahmad, Shahid Bukhari and others who died at a very young age," he said.

## Workshop To Promote Art Concludes At Mahatta's

Syed Burhan

**SRINAGAR:** On the last day of the Art Exhibition, titled "Mashq-e-Paaez: Ishq-e-Nabi" concluding ceremony was held at Mahattas. Students attended a brainstorming career counselling session at the exhibition. On the occasion students were counselled about diversity in career options. A special session was also held to pay tribute to valley's ace Graphic Artist Akhter Rasool who passed away recently. Participants lauded his contributions in Digital Art. Certificates were also distributed among the participants by Ilyas Rizvi, founder Edraak. Ilyas Rizvi describes the event as a success and is hopeful of holding more such events in the future. "We were successful in providing amateur artists with a platform and they learned how to present their Art work in an exhibition. Due to the good response of people we had to extend the workshop twice, we look forward to doing it on a regular basis" he said.

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S.No	Regd. No	Type of vehicle	Date of Registration	Sum Insured (previous)
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03.	JK01L-4246	TOYATA/INNOVA	12/01/2008	Rs 3,60,000/-
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The insurance should be covered as per Motor Vehicle Act -1988, rules. The quotations affixed with revenue stamp Rs 5/- should reach to the Head Office, Srinagar Development Authority, -near SKIMS Hospital Bemina, Bypass road Srinagar on November 30th 2021 by 4 PM. The quotations addressed to Vice Chairman, SDA will be opened on same day by the Tender Committee in presence of the participants who may choose to be present. In case of non availability/busy schedule of the member of the Committee, the same will be opened on the next convenient day. The bidder should enclose the GST Registration Certificate, otherwise the tender/quotation will not be accepted.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION KHANABAL KMR.

Ghulam Qadir Wani

S/O Habibullah Wani

R/o Latroo Aishmuqam

No:-.....

Dated:...../...../2021

**Subject :-** Construction of drain near H/O Maqsood Ahmad Sheikh upto Nazir Ahmad Padder at Bumzoo MC Mattan (Under 14<sup>th</sup> FC)

**Reference:-** This Office Letter No.13004-05 Dated: 23-10-2021.

Whereas you were directed to deposit performance security equal to 3% of contract value amounting to Rs. 1996/- (Rupees One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety Six) only within 03 days as pre-requisite for issuance of formal allotment of contract vide above cited references. But despite lapse of 18 days you have not deposited the performance security.

Now therefore, you are finally asked to deposit performance security, within 03 days positively, after Publication of notice for issuance of formal allotment of contract and start the work failing which the work shall be put to fresh tenders without further notice which may be noted and you will be debarred from entering into any tendering process in R&B Department for at least one year.

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Executive Engineer,

R&B Division Khanabal.

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## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SHADIPORA

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### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. 37 OF 2021-22

On behalf of the Hon'ble LG of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Shadipora, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from experienced, reputed and registered firms/genuine manufacturers/authorized distributors/dealers/workshop holders/SSI Unit holders for the below mentioned works. The pumping unit shall be complete with Suitable size coupling, base frame, foundation bolts, nuts and bolts. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' - Tender fee, fulfillment of pre-qualification criteria and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender. Cover '2nd' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	AAA	Cost of T/ Doc. (in Rs.)	Earnest money in BDC	Tech. Sanction	Time of Completion	M.H of Account
01.	DESIGN MANUFACTURE SUPPLY INSTALLATION TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 20 CUSEC CAPACITY HORIZONTAL PUMP WITH 10 METER DYNAMIC HEAD COUPLED WITH 120 HP HORIZONTAL SQ. CAGE INDUCTION MOTOR OF APPROVED MAKE FOR LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME SHADIPORA GATE. (Note: Technical specification is annexed in Appendix C)	14.25	Under process	1000/-	Bid Declaration certificate	74 of 11/2021	60 days	State Capex Budget
02	SUPPLY INSTALLATION TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 05 CUSEC 10 METER DYNAMIC HEAD HORIZONTAL PUMPING UNIT COUPLED TO SUITABLE ELECTRIC MOTOR AT NOWGAM PAYEEN AREA SUMBAL (Note: Technical specification is annexed in AppendixD)	4.80	Accorded	500/-	Bid Declaration certificate	13 of 08/2021	60 days	District Capex Budget
03	Design Manufacture Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of 1.5 Cusec 30 Mt Dynamic Head, Up to 1500 Rpm Horizontal Pumping Unit With 30 Hp Electric Driven 03 Phase Induction Motor Including P/F of Required Size Foundation Bolts at Lift Irrigation Scheme Scientist D P4 Basic Seed Farm Manasbal. (Note: Refer Appendix "E" for technical specifications)	2.75	Accorded	200/-	Bid Declaration certificate	40 of 09/2021	30 days	Deposit work

- The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/ downloaded on e-procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	18/11/2021 from 1100 Hrs
2.	Date of start of downloading	18/11/2021 from 1100hrs
3.	Bid submission start Date	18/11/2021 from 1100hrs
4.	Bid Submission end date	13/12/2021 up to 1400 Hrs.
5.	Date & Time of opening of Tenders(online)	14/12/2021 at 1500 Hrs

- a). Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non- Refundable/ Non- transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0702-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan/ receipt or e-Challan (mentioning therein NIT No, S No of work and Adv. Cost of work) to be pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora and Bid Security declaration form duly self-attested instead of Bid Security (EMD) as per Finance Department J&K Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar Circular issued vide No. A/Misc (2018)-III-895/J, dated: 2/12/2020, issued under endorsement No. DB/9832-38, dated: 14/01/2021, b the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Irrigation & FC Department Srinagar. However, in case of compelling circumstances the same shall be obtained from the successful bidder by this department. (Refer Appendix-I).
  - b). Performance Security upto 03% shall have to be furnished by the successful tenderer whenever asked by the department (Refer Appendix-II)
  3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Price bids.
  4. Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
  - 5.01 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual form the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) acquaints bid submission process.
  - 5.02 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act- 2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
  - 5.03 The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
  - 5.04 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in above at S. No. 1.
  - 5.05 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary Documents.
- Please Note:
- I. The quoted percentage rate shall be inclusive of all taxes, duties, levies, charges.
  - Rates should be firm and final and no escalation of cost shall be permissible in any case. Rates with conditionality or provision of escalation will be rejected
  - The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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A Win-Win Solution

After a year-long protest by the farmers against three controversial laws, Prime Minister Narendra Modi finally announced they would be withdrawn in the upcoming session of Parliament. Modi said the Acts were in the best interests of the nation and targeted to benefit large and small farmers, but it appeared the government had not been able to convince a section of the farmers and therefore, they were being withdrawn. Addressing the nation on the occasion of Gurupurab, the prime minister also said that a committee of state and central representatives, farmers, and experts would be set up to make the minimum support price (MSP) mechanism more transparent and effective. He urged all agitating farmers to “go back to their families and villages” now that their demand had been met.

However, farmers remain skeptical about the government’s decision. The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) said it was good that the Centre has decided to repeal the farm laws but demanded the legislations be formally revoked in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament. The Morcha also demanded a legal guarantee on Minimum Support Price for crops. Similarly, the farmer organisations who had been holding the fort at various toll plazas in Punjab have decided to wait till further orders from the SKM to end their protest.

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

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

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Mint Craze

Cryptocurrencies have recently become a craze in India, with people looking at them as an easy opportunity to make money. Cryptocurrencies have been around since 2009 and the amount mined, the types of competing cryptocurrencies, and their prices have all grown astonishingly. The reason why cryptocurrencies were floated was to avoid regulations by any authority. They would act as a decentralized medium of exchange and computer programmes and algorithms would determine prices and provide the security. The origins, the system of mining for additional units of currencies, the blockchain ledger system and its pseudo-anonymity are, however, obscure and complex. Yet trading for speculative gains in conventional money is easy to do. It is this possibility that has been pumping adrenaline in investors.

These developments have been noticed by both the Reserve Bank of India and the Government of India. The RBI had banned these currencies in April 2018 but the Supreme Court overruled the decision. In February 2021, the RBI announced its own plan to create a regulated digital currency. This was presumably to attract investors away from the more obscure cryptocurrencies. The central bank continues to maintain that the obscurity in origins and ownership of cryptocurrencies may facilitate money-laundering and terror-financing. It might also have adverse macroeconomic effects with the possible flight from rupee-denominated savings funds, weakening the banking system. The gains from crypto-trading cannot be taxed easily and, hence, represents a loss to the exchequer. The Centre, along with a high-level parliamentary panel that met a number of stakeholders in the cryptocurrencies markets, has argued that cryptocurrencies cannot be banned right away. It is, after all, an emerging technology, with an estimated 15-20 million investors in India. The GOI is more concerned about the possibility of investors being misled and misinformed. Some official decision is expected soon. Banning these currencies would drive the trade underground and make it opaque. Regulating them, on the other hand, would be difficult and defeat the purpose of the creation of cryptocurrencies. A quick erosion of trust would make the currencies crash. It must be noted that these currencies have no intrinsic value. Hence, they are relatively better as a medium of exchange than being held as unproductive assets for capital gains.

The Telegraph

ABRAHAMIA: A New Religion On The Horizon?

News Reports About A New Religion To Be Implemented Globally, Has Caused Consternation Amongst The People And Also Raised Questions About Its Validity And Designs Behind It.



Asad Mirza

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Recently in this era of conspiracy theories, in vogue particularly after the onset of the Covid pandemic, I recently received a message on WhatsApp. The message gave a link to a report published by BBC Hindi with details about a new religion to be introduced soon in the world and which will be called ‘Abrahamia’. According to reports the new religion will likely appear in the Middle East.

Further research revealed that this not a new phenomenon but a project, and as described by the BBC was set in motion soon after the signing of Abraham Accord between Israel and the UAE, Morocco, Sudan and Bahrain normalising relations with Tel Aviv.

This new religion was purportedly denounced by the Grand Imam of Al Azhar Sheikh Ahmed Al Tayyab at the recent 10th anniversary celebrations of the Egypt Family House, an organisation devoted to promote interfaith relations and coexistence. The Grand Imam described the new religion as one, which will not have any soul, sense or guidance. Many people are still wondering that why did the Sheikh raise this issue when most of the people even don’t have a clue about it?

What is Abrahamia?

As per unverified reports Abrahamia will combine the core principles of the three-monotheistic religions-Christianity, Islam and Judaism. The name of the alleged religion is taken from Prophet ‘Ibrahim, the father of the prophets’ from whose family all other religions of the book have flowed.

Egyptian General Khairat Shukri in an interview with RT Arabic has warned that the Abrahamia will allegedly unify all the religions in the Middle East and is an evil plan made by the US and Israel.

He further revealed to RT Arabic that the Abrahamia is a new schema that is ‘not less dangerous’ than Henry Campbell’s document of 1907, which resulted in the forming of the Zionist state; saying that the new religion might be a follow up plan to the ancient Campbell’s document to force people to acquiesce and normalise relations with Israel, and it purports to solve all ‘the Middle Eastern crises.’

On social media too, the new religion has been slammed, some described the possible ideas of the

Abrahamia as more of an evil plan to benefit Israel and the US as well as to force more Arab countries to normalise relations with the occupying nation.

On social media many religious personalities also have voiced their concern and called on people to stick to their faith and not be tricked into such ‘fake’ propagandas. In addition many people have pointed out the conspiracy theories angle, like establishment of a New World Religious Order- under which there will only be one major religion throughout the world, with major portions borrowed from the Judaism.

A person has linked the Abrahamia to an under construction project in Abu Dhabi, UAE which will be ready by 2022, claiming it will be the first place for the new worshippers to pray in. While another user has linked the new religion with devil worshipping claiming that it is already found among the Freemasons’ beliefs.

Abrahamic Family House

This new cultural landmark in the UAE capital, which includes a synagogue, a church and a masjid, and is meant to be a beacon of understanding and peaceful coexistence, inspired by the Document on Human Fraternity will be opened to the public in 2022.

As reported by the Vatican News website, constructed on Saadiyat Island in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE, the project is closely followed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Ahmed Al Tayyab of Al Azhar, who have also endorsed the design.

The names of the three separate iconic houses of worship in the Abrahamic Family House complex were officially unveiled as “Imam Al Tayyeb Mosque,” “St. Francis Church,” and “Moses Ben Maimon Synagogue”.

Besides the 3 places of worship, the site includes a cultural centre that aims to encourage people to exemplify human fraternity and solidarity within a community that cherishes the values of mutual respect and peaceful coexistence, while the unique character of each faith is preserved.

In a statement Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak, Chairman of the Department of Culture, Government of Abu Dhabi has described the Abrahamic Family House epitomising interfaith harmonious coexistence and pre-

serving the unique character of each religion.

Abrahamic Religions

The Abrahamic religions—most prominently Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—are those faiths that trace their origins to the Israelite prophet Abraham and are also called religions of the book.

In the past both Christianity and Islam have been particularly successful at seeding any new religious movement. In Christianity, Protestantism has been an especially fertile ground for new religious movements (NRMs). J. Gordon Melton’s edited Encyclopaedia of Protestantism gives historical and cultural context for Christian-derived NRMs, while displaying the tradition’s heterogeneous nature. Although many Christian offshoots (e.g., Mormonism and Christian Science) have achieved a degree of mainstream acceptance, others, like the Unification Church and the Family International, remain on the cultural fringes.

Islam, like Christianity, is a world religion with a long history, millions of adherents, and many derivative religious sects. The two-volume Encyclopaedia of Islam and the Muslim World, edited by Richard Martin, covers the multifaceted nature of modern Islam, including the convergence of the religion with socialism, NRMs like the mystical Iranian Shaykhiyya, and “anti-cult” movements like the anti-Bahai’i Hoijatieh Society. The Encyclopaedia of Islam in the United States, edited by Jocelyne Cesari, focuses on Islam in the United States. It details American NRMs like the Nation of Islam, the Muslim Peace Fellowship, and the Naqshbandi-Haqqani Sufi Order.

Global Salafism: Islam’s New Religious Movement, edited by Roel Meijer, describes the Islamic NRMs such as the Salafi and Wahhabi Muslims. Modern Islamic movements also include progressive and moderate NRMs, like the Gülen movement, originating in Turkey in the 1980s. Gülenism is a social/civic movement within mainstream Islam that advocates ideas like the separation of church and state and interfaith dialogue. It is also notable for the high level of organisation and commitment found among its members, which has resulted in the epithet “cult” being used against it.

But the moot question remains that how this new religion will be promoted and new adherents converted, as the NRMs have been unable to assert themselves as an option or alternative to any major religion, and historically each religion has labelled NRMs as deviant sects not as separate religions.

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Power Theft –Who’s Responsible?

With the potential to generate 20,000 megawatts of hydropower, Kashmir is still in darkness. Being the chief producer of electricity in India, Kashmir should have the least electricity crisis but that is far from the ground reality. The valley faces power cuts throughout the year but during winter it becomes very hard to live with electricity for several days.

Electricity, in the 21st century, is not a luxury rather a necessity, like air and water. But in Kashmir, even the capital city of Srinagar faces a lot of power cuts. And even when electricity is avail-

able the voltage is so low that a bulb doesn’t work properly, let alone other heavy electrical appliances.

With such circumstances, people are left with no option but to go through unethical and illegal means like electricity theft. The PDD department needs to understand the necessity and provide electricity accordingly. That’s the only solution to curb power thefts. Also, transformers burn at least every five days during winter, leaving people suffering for days.

The price people pay for electricity is unfair because first of all rates are higher than the supply and secondly, electricity should be cheap because it

is generated domestically. Why would anyone pay such a huge amount for a bare minimum? If the government had to purchase electricity from outside then it was somewhat justified.

One of the reasons for electricity theft is that many people don’t consider it as theft because they feel it’s their own as it is produced in the valley. It could be stopped only when the population is made aware that this is theft as most of the population doesn’t consider it as theft. The clergy delivering Friday sermons should educate people regarding the theft.

The PDD should carry regular checks to make sure employees are not indulg-

ing in corruption and doing their work with proper ethics. Whenever any field staff member is caught taking bribes and helping the public in thefts, strict action should be taken against them.

While government agencies should set an example by taking strong action against the field staff and public involved in the wrongdoing, at the same time PDD should update their infrastructure and make sure that the public is getting sufficient amounts of electricity during winters, so that they won’t resort to theft.

Tabia Masoodi, Srinagar



# The Revised Purpose Of School

How Will The Pandemic Transformation Of Schools Impact Student Futures?

The purpose of school is always a topic for spirited debate — right up there with politics and religion. We hold our own experiences close to our hearts and often, understandably, have difficulty remaining objective. However, we are increasingly called to do just that as children globally have had vastly dissimilar schooling experiences since the onset of the global pandemic. Schools are no longer built exclusively upon a foundation of cohesive, rigorous academic standards. Rather, out of necessity, schools have become a bastion of social services. It is essential caregivers understand how — and why — schools today are different and how that difference may impact the future of today's students.

## Schools as Social Agencies

When the pandemic descended, schools became a new line of social defense. Academics took a back seat to more pressing issues such as hunger, mental illness, and shelter insecurity.

When schools shuttered in the spring of 2020, they got to work serving the 50 million school children and their families. Principals knocked on doors, superintendents battled broadband companies, and teachers counseled the tired, sick, and hungry. Schools became approved community clinics for covid testing and vaccines.

This situation shifted schools from a historic emphasis on academics to a priority focus on feeding, mental health, medical care, and childcare. They continue to combat escalating rates of drug use, homelessness, and violence. Instruction and assessment have taken a backseat to the delivery of meals and Chromebooks.

Schools also provide guaranteed childcare so our economy can hum along uninterrupted. The mass closure of schools in 2020 was an economic wake-up call: Schools cannot close again.

The questions we now must consider are: Do schools have the front-line capacity to do both social and academic offerings well?

What are the impacts if we continue to proceed in this way?

How will our students fare in a com-



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petitive global job market given this new reality?

## Capacity and Impacts

A perilous issue exacerbated by the evolving role of schools is the ongoing teacher shortage. Special education, math, science, elementary education, foreign language and English are the

top six shortage areas leading to increased caseloads for existing teachers thus amplifying the likelihood of continued burnout (Loughlin, 2021).

In fact, several schools worldwide have had to shut down classrooms because of a lack of teachers and/or substitutes (Gecker, 2021).

The stress of teaching has triggered a spike in retirements and resignations

fueled in many cases by tensions over health and safety, with 32% of 2,690 respondents to a National Education Association (NEA survey) claiming they plan to leave the profession earlier than expected (Gecker, 2021).

In a new twist, money is not the main problem with staffing. The problem is people are not applying. That may be because teachers did not join the pro-

fession to risk their health or be social workers (Gecker, 2021).

Teachers are not trained in social work nor are they licensed psychotherapists. Schools lack the capacity for that level of professional training. To ask teachers to pursue such training on their own would only serve to exacerbate their already outrageous levels of student loan debt.

At the end of the day, a teacher's job description has been radically altered without their consent. Many have accepted this new professional reality because they adore children, yet many others have fled leaving the field seriously shortchanged.

## A Global Economy

The schools which are thriving are not also dealing with every issue society throws their way. Their lane is education, and they stay in it.

The reality is, nations continue schooling children in a predominantly academic focused environment. Despite your opinion on the role of schools in the lives of families, with international peers meeting and exceeding rigorous academic standards and our schools catering to pressing social needs, our students may likely not be as prepared as they need to be for success in a global employment market.

Remote and hybrid work is the new normal. Employers can use Zoom to interview candidates from America to Singapore then Japan, and then the UK. Which country is preparing its students best for this new world of work?

## Conclusion

The future will tell, but for us — we should continue to support our children's learning at home as a supplement to school because we know there are gaps in their education and there may be times they do not have access to high-quality teachers due to shortages. We are going to continue to learn what skills students are learning abroad so we can mimic those lessons here at home.

Courtesy: Psychology Today

# What Things Should Students Know Before Writing Their First Resume?

Are you worried about writing your first resume? It is normal to be concerned. Also, it is understandable that you have none or less to nothing significant work experience.

The first thing to understand is that your first resume is not about work experience. This is the reason why you're applying for "fresher roles" and "entry-level jobs".

So drop the worries of no experience and start writing an impressive first resume. Here some points are given to guide you 'How to Write Your First Resume?'.

## Keyword Research

Before you start writing your first resume, note down relevant keywords that you see on relevant job posts. These keywords include such skills that frequently appear in the job posting. Join some online job portals. Search for entry-level jobs in your industry and thoroughly read the job description.

You must carefully read the skills and job roles posted by the employer on the job ad. This will give you a great idea of skills and particular words that employers are targeting in your industry. Not down all such words. Out of all the keywords you've listed, choose that match the best with your qualifications as well as job requirements.

## Stick to a Standard Format

Writing your first resume is an exhilarating task. Students tend to be over creative at times and make a mess of their resume. Other students seem immensely uncreative and come up with a dull resume. Both of those resumes are going to be thrown into the dustbin at first glance.

You must stick to a standard format and experiment with it. A standard resume contains your name and basic info on the top. It is followed by an objective. Just below the objective, you



list down your skills. This is followed by work experience (if any). Below that, you need to include education history. Wrap up the resume with your notable accolades and achievements.

## Include an Objective

You must write a few lines under the objective section. An objective defines what you're looking for. This is a brief summary about you and your professional aspirations. You must write a unique career objective that displays your career goals. It should not be longer than three sentences.

Believe us, a lot of students copy objectives from the internet and end up having a similar one. Guess what happens to their resumes? Yes, they are all thrown into the garbage. Your objective should capture the essence of your goals as a professional. Therefore, keep it unique and write it yourself.

## Highlight Your Skills

Right below the objective, you must list your skills. While writing the skills, take the help of keywords that you've researched. This is the most important part of your first resume. You must list all the relevant and necessary skills. Before writing the skills, read about the job that you're applying for.

Highlight all those skills on your resume that are required by the employer. Many employers just tally your skillset to the skills required for the role and do not bother to read more. Having a set of skills that matches the requirements greatly enhances the chances of landing an interview.

## Keep It Relevant

When you're writing your first resume, the chances are good that you do

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not have any relevant work experience to list. Do not worry about that as most of the students do not have an experience like you. Avoid mentioning any experience that is not relevant to the job that you're applying for.

For instance, if you're applying for the role of a sales executive, the employer will not be impressed with your internship gig as a web developer. The same rule applied when you're writing about the achievements and hobbies on your resume. You should list accolades and interests that are relevant.

## Highlight Your Education

As a student who is looking for his first job, you must emphasize your education history. This is the biggest asset on your resume. Start with your highest degree, followed by lower degrees.

You must include the name of your alma mater and grades that you've scored. Do not be shy to include any academic achievement that you might have had. It is okay to brag about your academic excellence on the resume.

## Keep It Neat and Short

You might not have too much to put on your first resume. However, you must not include irrelevant stuff. The resume should be one page long. It should be easy on the eye. You want the resume to look neat by appropriate fonts and leaving adequate blank space.

## Be Honest

This is very important. You must not lie about your education, skills or any achievement under any circumstances. Especially when it comes to your education history, be honest. Believe us; your truth is going to come out eventually. Therefore, you must never lie on the resume, and it might cost you the job.

## No Mistakes

This goes without saying that your resume should be free from any errors. You must proofread the resume several times before sending it out. There should not be any punctuation, spelling or grammatical mistakes.

You can use the editing tools on the internet or ask a teacher for help if needed. Alternatively, you can request a career counsellor to help you out. A single mistake on the resume can leave a bad impression on the employer.

## Experienced Ones to the Aid

Once you have prepared the final draft of the resume, take a few prints and ask your elders to read it. This includes your parents, older siblings, neighbours or any friend who's a working professional. They all have been there and can guide you with anything that needs improvement on your resume.

Courtesy: Scholarship Positions



Prolonged School Closures Due To Covid Pose Threat To Gender Equality: Study

Press Trust Of India

Educational disruption due to prolonged closure of schools across the globe will not only have alarming effects on learning loss but also poses threat to gender equality, a new study by UNESCO has pointed out.

The global study titled "When schools shut: Gendered impacts of COVID-19 school closures" brings to the fore that girls and boys, young women and men were affected differently by school closures, depending on the context.

"At the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, 1.6 billion students in 190 countries were affected by school closures. Not only did they lose access to education, but also to the myriad benefits of attending school, at an unparalleled scale," said Stefania Giannini, UNESCO, Assistant Director-General for Education.

"Educational disruption of this extent has alarming effects on learning loss and school dropout. Beyond this, it poses threats to gender equality, including effects on health, well being and protection that are gender specific," Giannini said.

Drawing on evidence



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from about 90 countries and in-depth data collected in local communities, the report shows that gender norms and expectations can affect the ability to participate in and benefit from remote learning. "In poorer contexts, girls' time to learn was constrained by increased household chores. Boys' participation in learning was limited by income-generating activities. Girls faced difficulties in engaging in digital remote learning modalities in many contexts be-

cause of limited access to internet-enabled devices, a lack of digital skills and cultural norms restricting their use of technological devices," the report said.

The study pointed out that digital gender-divide was already a concern before the COVID-19 crisis.

"The in-depth studies on Bangladesh and Pakistan in the global report revealed its gendered effects on remote learning during school closures. In the study on Pakistan,

only 44 per cent of girls in participating districts reported owning mobile phones for their personal use, whereas 93 per cent of boys did so. Girls who did not own mobile phones reported that they relied on their relatives' devices, typically those belonging to their fathers," it said.

"While some of the girls were able to use family members' phones, they were not always able to do so. Their access was restricted since some parents were concerned

that providing girls with access to smartphones would lead to misuse and could result into romantic relationships."

"The longer girls were out of school, the higher was the risk of learning loss. From April to September 2020, the share of girls reporting that they did not study at all increased from 1 to 10 per cent," it added.

Noting that the pandemic is a timely reminder that schools are sites not only for learning, but also lifelines for girls and boys an essential space for their health, well-being and protection, the report has several recommendations on how to challenge gender-based barriers for participation in remote learning.

"To advance equal access to gender-responsive and inclusive remote learning, it is recommended to provide a range of remote learning options including low-tech and no-tech solutions spearhead and support efforts to reach the most at-risk learners design, develop gender-responsive educational resources and tools besides providing appropriate teacher support and training use formative assessments to track learning outcomes," it said.

Just Like How Humans Recognise Faces, Bees Are Born With An Innate Ability To Find And Remember Flowers

Agencies

We've all watched a honeybee fly past us and land on a nearby flower. But how does she know what she's looking for?

And when she leaves the hive for the first time, how does she even know what a flower looks like?

Our paper, published in Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution, set out to discover whether bees have an innate "flower template" in their minds, which allows them to know exactly what they are looking for even if they've never seen a flower before.

A story of partnership

Plants and pollinators need each other to survive and prosper. Many plants require animals to transport pollen between flowers so the plants can reproduce. Meanwhile, pollinators rely on plants for nutrition (such as pollen and nectar) and nesting resources (such as leaves and resin).

As such, flowering plants and pollinators have been in partnership for millions of years. This relationship often results in flowers having evolved certain signals such as colours, shapes and patterns that are more attractive to bees.

At the same time, bees' reliance on flower resources such as nectar and pollen has led them to be effective learners of flower signals. They must be able to tell which flowers in their environment will provide a reward and which will not. If they didn't know the difference, they would waste time searching for nectar in the wrong flowers.

Our findings show bees can quickly and effectively learn to discriminate between flowers of slightly different shapes – a bit like how humans can expertly tell faces apart.

The amazing brains of honeybees

Honeybee brains are tiny. They weigh less than a milligram and contain just 960,000 neurons (compared to 86 billion in human brains). But despite this, they demonstrate exceptional learning abilities.

Their learning extends to many cognitively challenging tasks, including maze navigation, size discrimination, counting, quantity discrimination and even simple math!

So we know bees can learn all sorts of flower-related information, but we wanted to discover how they find flowers on their first foraging trip outside the hive. We also investigated whether experienced foragers developed a bias in their foraging strategies and flower preferences.

To test this, we prompted two groups of bees to discriminate between sets of flower images. One group was raised in a hive inside a greenhouse with no flowers, and had therefore never been exposed to flowers. We put a colour mark on these bees at birth, so we could track them once they emerged from the hive to forage two weeks later.

The second group consisted of experienced foragers which had encountered many flowers in their lives.

We trained both groups to discriminate between images of two flowers found in nature, using a reward of sugar water for choosing the correct option when directed. We also trained both groups to discriminate between the same flowers with the petals separated and randomly scrambled.

How well and how quickly the bees learnt to discriminate between the images of whole flowers, versus how long they took to discriminate between the scrambled petals, would tell us which information they preferred to learn.

Jal Shakti, Public Health Engineering, Department

NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
e-NIT No. 73 OF 2021-22 Dated: -18-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir/Jammu invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for each district/geographically different zones for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works", details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of document/tender fee (In Rs)	Earnest money (Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for each district/geographically different zone for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of - a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains.	Work/ scheme wise details given in Section II of tender document	1000/-		180 days	
	Group II	Above 15 lacs up to 50 lacs		0.25		45

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)  
The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir/Jammu Jal Shakti (PHE) Department  
The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).  
Note: -

In view of the fact, that this NIT for item rate contract has been framed for the first time in the Department, a helpdesk shall be established at the Direction office level as well as district level for encouraging and facilitating the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.

Key/critical Dates:

i.	Publish Date	18-11-2021
ii.	Document Download/sale start Date	18-11-2021
iii.	Clarification start date	18-11-2021
iv.	Bid submission start date	18-11-2021
v.	Clarification end date	13-12-2021
vi.	Pre-bid Meeting date	30-11-2021
vii.	Document Download/sale end Date	13-12-2021
viii.	Bid submission end date	13-12-2021
ix.	Date and time of Bid opening	14-12-2021

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in>
2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir/Jammu, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.
3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
4. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir/Jammu, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
6. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar/Jammu.
- a. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir/Jammu, Jal Shakti PHE Department. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.
- b. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD /TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir/Jammu, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
7. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as LI after opening of financial cover.
8. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
10. Queries by email if any should be made at [kmrphed@gmail.com](mailto:kmrphed@gmail.com)/[pheejmu@gmail.com](mailto:pheejmu@gmail.com) No:phe/jsd/27612-23 Date:18-11-2021

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Chief Engineer,  
Kashmir/Jammu, Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

Apple's Fully Self-Driving Electric Car May Be Launched As Early As 2025

Apple is aiming to launch its self-driving car as early as 2025, Bloomberg News reported.

Apple's silicon engineering group, which devised the processors for the iPhone, iPad and Mac, has developed Apple car chip that consists of neural processors that can handle the artificial intelligence needed for autonomous driving.

The chip was designed by Apple's silicon engineering group—which devised the processors for the iPhone, iPad and Mac—rather than within the car team itself.

Apple's ideal electric car that can spare customers from driving fatigue

would have no steering wheel and pedals. Apple's existing services and devices could also be integrated with the car.

Though its interior would be designed around hands-off driving, Apple plans to equip the car with an emergency takeover mode.

The car's infotainment system would be placed in the middle of the vehicle, so that passengers can use the reach the screen facility during a ride. The seating of the car would be similar to a limousine with passengers facing each other.


A sophisticated cooling system may become necessary to cool the advanced chip that control the autonomous with full self-driving

ability that doesn't require human intervention.

If Apple fails to launch a car with full self-driving ability it could either postpone the release or could come out with a car with lesser technology, said the report.

Apple's self-driving car project known as Project Titan is led by Apple Watch software executive Kevin Lynch, people familiar with the matter told Bloomberg.

Apple is currently testing the tech using a fleet of 69 Lexus SUVs, says the state's Department of Motor Vehicles. Engineers who are involved in the project say that Apple is intending to build stronger safeguards compared to its competitors.



### Jal Shakti, Public Health Engineering, Department

NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
e-NIT No. 74 OF 2021-22 Dated: 18-11-2021

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1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Kupwara District (Region kupwara) execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of: -a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains.	Work/ scheme wise details given in Section II of tender document	1000/-		180 days	
	Group V	Above 3 crores up to 10 Crores and above		1.00		180

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The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).  
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Key/critical Dates:

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iv.	Bid submission start date	23-11-2021
v.	Clarification end date	12-12-2021
vi.	Pre-bid Meeting date	23-11-2021
vii.	Document Download/sale end Date	14-12-2021
viii.	Bid submission end date	14-12-2021
ix.	Date and time of Bid opening	16-12-2021

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9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
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Chief Engineer, Kashmir,  
Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

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## Airtel Announces 20-25% Tariffs Hikes For Prepaid Offerings

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Telecom operator Bharti Airtel on Monday announced 20-25 per cent tariff hikes for various prepaid offerings, including tariffed voice plans, unlimited voice bundles and data top-ups, and said the new rates will come into effect from November 26.

The entry-level tariffed voice plan has been raised by about 25 per cent, while for unlimited voice bundles, the increase in most cases is about 20 per cent. Sunil Mittal led telco — whose India mobile customer base stood at about 323 million at the last count — has also increased the tariffs for data top-up plans by about 20-21 per cent.

In a statement announcing the revised mobile tariffs, Airtel said it has always maintained that the mobile Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) needs to be at Rs 200 and ultimately at Rs 300 to provide a reasonable return on capital that allows for a financially healthy business model.

"We also believe that this level of ARPU will enable the substantial investments required in networks and spectrum. Even more important, this will give Airtel the elbow room to roll out 5G in India," an Airtel statement said.

As a first step towards this, the company said it is taking the lead in "rebalancing" tariffs during November.

In tariffed voice plans, the new



rate is Rs 99, against the current Rs 79 - which works out to an increase of 25.3 per cent. This comes with 28 days validity and benefits like 50 per cent more talk time worth Rs 99, 200MB data, 1p/sec voice tariff.

The other categories where a hike has been announced are unlimited voice bundles and data top-ups.

This is the first time after a long gap that the company has hiked tariffs at this scale.

Previously, the revision had been to a limited extent. For instance, in July this year, Airtel discontinued its Rs 49 prepaid recharge, raising entry-level pricing to improve realisations, and also upgraded its postpaid plans.

The hikes are far-reaching, this time around.

In the unlimited voice bundle, Airtel's plan priced at Rs 149 will now be Rs 179 with a validity of 28 days and benefits such as unlimited calling, 100 SMS/day, 2 GB data; even as at the top end the Rs 2,498 plan has been hiked to Rs 2,999 and comes with 365 days for unlimited calling, 100 SMS/day and 2 GB/day data.

## Finance Minister Sitharaman Inaugurates Income Tax Office In Srinagar

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday inaugurated 'The Chinars', Aayakar Bhawan-cum-residential complex, the first permanent establishment of the department of income tax in the UT, at the Rajbagh area here in the presence of J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The Secretary (Revenue) Tarun Bajaj, Chairman CBDT J. B. Mohapatra and Chairman CBIC M. Ajit Kumar were also present on the occasion.

In her keynote address on the occasion, FM Nirmala Sitharaman thanked the people of Jammu & Kashmir for their contribution to the efforts in enabling the commissioning of 'The Chinars' Aayakar Bhawan and the attached facilities.

Dedicating the project to the people of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, she said that the Income Tax office at Srinagar will act as a bridge to connect the people of the region to the best taxpayer services and also help them in their taxation issues through the Aaykar Sewa Kendra.

She also observed that it will provide an enabling environment for the "bhagidari" i.e. people's participation in the development of the region.

In his address, Manoj Sinha, LG of J&K UT, highlighted the importance of taxpayers in the economic development of the country and said that the Income Tax department is becoming seamless from the stage of filing



return to the issuance of refund.

He observed that the success of the taxpayers will lead to greater economic development of UT of J&K. He also appealed to the taxpayers to honestly pay their taxes.

Tarun Bajaj, Revenue Secretary to the Government of India in his address emphasised the increasing contribution of the UT of J&K to the exchequer, reflected in the upgradation of the Income Tax charge at Srinagar to the level of Principal Commissioner of Income Tax at Srinagar.

He also said that the newly inaugurated Income Tax office will serve as a platform for providing information, knowledge, guidance and ease to the taxpayers, enabling them to reap the benefits of increased economic activity.

J.B. Mohapatra, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes said that opening a new office in Srinagar will prioritise taxpayer services at the door-step of the people of UT of J&K.

The 3.5 acres campus, adjoining the silk factory on the banks of River Jhelum, was acquired

in 2008 at the cost of Rs 13.50 crores. The project was started in November 2015 by NBCC and was completed in July 2020. The total expenditure made till date is Rs 27.78 crore.

Following the inauguration of the building, the dignitaries planted saplings in the newly inaugurated premises to mark the event. Thereafter the FM proceeded for an interaction with the tax administrators and stakeholders of J&K at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) Srinagar later in the day.

In her interaction with tax administrators and stakeholders at SKICC, she urged the officers of both CBDT & CBIC to be agents of change and reach out to the industry and business individuals to ascertain their expectations from the Government. While emphasising that officers of both CBDT & CBIC should work collectively, Hon'ble FM also stressed upon the importance of their role as facilitators & educators, making themselves more accessible to the taxpayers of the region to provide better taxpayer services.

## Centre Committed To Promote Agriculture Sector In J&K: Swain



Observer News Service

**BARAMULLA:** Union Additional Secretary, Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare (APFW), P K Swain, Monday visited various areas of Tangmarg, Baramulla district to review functioning of the department there.

He visited organic farming cluster Utikoo (Dhobiwan Tangmarg) and other adjacent areas of the sub division.

A number of farmer delegations met the visiting dignitary and apprised him of their demands and grievances.

Union Additional Secretary took stock of issues raised by the delegations and assured them that the same would be addressed on priority basis.

While addressing gathering of farmers and agriculture entrepreneurs, Union Additional Secretary said that the Government of India is committed to promote agriculture sector in the Union Territory of Jammu and

Kashmir. He said that amid global climate change the use of limited resources in a proper way like micro irrigation should be appreciated and promoted. He said the Government is working on a model of market development so that the farmer could get maximum economic returns.

He reiterated the importance of youth and women empowerment saying that their maximum participation in agriculture sector and allied wings would lead to prosperity and development of agriculture sector in the country.

Director Agriculture, Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal, gave a detailed overview of different centrally sponsored schemes and flagship programs that are being implemented by the department in Kashmir division. He also briefed regarding different agro climatic zones of the division besides highlighting the area based crop cultivation of major agriculture crops.

## RBI Issues Draft Scheme For Takeover Of PMC Bank By Unity Small Finance Bank



Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** The Reserve Bank on Monday came up with a draft scheme for the acquisition of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank by Delhi-based Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB).

The draft scheme of amalgamation envisages the takeover of the assets and liabilities of PMC Bank, including deposits, by the USFB, thus giving a greater degree of protection for the depositors, the Reserve Bank of India said.

The USFB is being set up with a capital of about Rs 1,100 crore as

against the regulatory requirement of Rs 200 crore for the setting up of such a bank, as per the guidelines for on-tap licensing.

The Reserve Bank said it would receive suggestions and objections on the draft scheme till 5.00 pm on December 10. Thereafter, it will take a final view on the takeover.

It is to be noted that Unity Small Finance Bank Limited, a joint venture between Centrum Group and Bharatpe, has commenced operations as a small finance bank with effect from November 1, 2021.

## 14 Companies Approach Govt To Settle Retrospective Taxation Cases: Revenue Secy

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** As many as 14 companies against whom retrospective tax demands were raised have approached the government to settle cases, Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said.

The government in August enacted a law to end all retrospective taxation imposed on indirect transfer of Indian assets. The rules under the law seek to withdraw tax demands made using a 2012 retrospective legislation to tax the indirect transfer of Indian assets and also refund the amount paid in these cases without any interest.

Talking to PTI, Bajaj said of the 17 companies against whom retrospective tax de-

mand was raised, barring three or four entities, all have given an undertaking to the government to resolve the cases.

"All of them have approached. There were 17 cases, out of which 3/4 had no trace. We had also sent the order in email, we never got a response. The remaining 14, barring 1 odd, who still has time to file, the remaining has filed... Cairn, Earlyguard have come (for settlement)," he said.

With regard to Vodafone, Bajaj said the UK-telecom company has time till month end to file for settlement. "For some change (in tax laws) was made

through the I-T Act, for some the change was made through the Finance Act."

The company for whom changes were made through Finance Act has time till end of the month to file for settlement, he added.

On October 1, the Finance Ministry had notified rules which prescribed that companies will have to withdraw any pending litigation or proceeding before any forum against the levy of the retrospective tax and also give an assurance that they won't pursue any further claims in the future.



**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) LANDSCAPING**  
**DIVISION KMR. ENGINEERING COMPLEX, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR**

**TENDER NOTICE**

**NIT No. e-48/2021-22/LSD/Srinagar/Jammu** **Dated:- 20/11/2021**

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

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T./Doc. (Amt in Rs.)	Earnest Money/ Bid Security (Amt in Rs.)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	Repair/Painting and other allied works of Divisional Office / Circle Office	Rs.5.00 Lacs	Rs. 300/-	Bid Declaration Certificate	20Days	27.11.2021 at 11.00AM	"DEE"	MH 2059 M&R (Srinagar)

**Position of Funds:- Available.** **Administrative approval:- Accorded.**

Note:- The above-mentioned work shall be mandatorily completed during the current financial year 2021-22. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of date given below:-

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	20.11.2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	20.11.2021 04.00 PM
3.	Bid submission Start Date	20.11.2021 from 04.00 PM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	26.11.2021 up to 04.00 PM
5.	Deadline for receiving the Hard copy (Original e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt and EMD)	Hard copy to be submitted by the successful bidder (L1) only within seven days after Financial evaluation.
6.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	27.11.2021 at 11.00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt (Non-refundable) along with bid security declaration certificate as per format (Annexure A), failure to do so shall render the bidder as Non-Responsive.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt (Non-refundable) along with bid security declaration certificate as per format (Annexure A), failure to do so shall render the bidder as Non-Responsive.
- First lowest bidder has to submit Performance security Deposit 3% of allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG (BG validity should be 45days more than bid validity days i.e 120+45=165Days) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-
  - Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
  - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- 50% of the normal deposits (deducted at 10% from running bills) to be released after virtual completion of the work and balance 50% after completion of DLP.
- Additional performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after virtual completion of the work.
- Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG shall be released after DLP is over successfully.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) into acquainted bid submission process.

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49. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)  
50. The Employer can cancel the NIT/LOI/ALLOTMENT at any stage without any reason.

No:- LD/  
Dated:- 20-11-2021  
DIPK-13201/21

Executive Engineer  
R&B Landscaping Division,  
Rajbagh, Srinagar



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**FRESH TENDER NOTICE-II**

**E-tendering NIT No.193-MDB of 2021-212 /13644-64 DATED:- 18-11-2021**

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

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T./Doc. (Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	M.H
1	Construction of lane from house of Gh. Mohammad Waza to House of Mohammad Ashraf Beigh via House of Gh. Nabi Waza at Ward No. 07	Rs.0.99 Lacs	Rs200/-	07 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants
2	Construction of Lane Drain from House of NisaraBano to House of Firdous Ahmad Beigh at Ward No.07 Beerwah	Rs.1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	10 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants
3	Construction of tiled Lane/ Drain from House of Ab. Rashid Ashie to Shop of Abdul Rashid Waza at Ward No.08 Beerwah	Rs.1.47 Lacs	Rs.200/-	12 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants
4	Construction of tiled Lane and Drain at House of Fayaz Ahmad Bhat to House of Ali Mohammad Mir at Ward No.09 Beerwah	Rs.1.48 Lacs	Rs.200/-	12 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants
5	Construction of fencing RCC wall around the Grave yard in Ward No. 10 and filling of soil in same grave yard in Beerwah	Rs.3.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	15 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants
6.	Construction of Drain and Stepped lane from Shop of Gh Mohi Ud Din Shah to House of Mehraj Ud Din at Ward No.10 Beerwah	Rs.0.70 Lacs	Rs.200/-	07 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants
7.	Construction of drain from Arizal road to Fethah Mohammad Khan at Ward No.11 Sodipora Beerwah	Rs.1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	20 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants
8.	Construction of Lane from House of Khazir Mohammad Para to Main Link Road at Ward No.11 Beerwah	Rs.1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	10 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants
9.	Construction of Lane from House of Ab. Ahad Bhat to House of Bashir Ahmad Bhat at Ward No.11 Beerwah	Rs.1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	10 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants
10.	Repairment of Lane and drain from House of Ali Mohammad Para to Masjid Sharief at Ward No.12 Beerwah	Rs.1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	10 Days	"DEE"	14" FC Grants

**Position of AAA =Accorded Position of TS = Accorded** **Position of funds:Available/Committed**

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18-11-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 19-11-2021 01.00 PM
3.	Bid submission Start Date	19-11-2021 from 03.00 PM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	26-11-2021 upto 4.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids	26-11-2021 at 4.30.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer Muffasil (R&B) Division Budgam
Submission of Performance Security (PS)		
Within 7 days of receipt of LOA.(The bidder has to provide 3% of advertized Cost as Performance Security within 7 days after opening of Financial Bid)		

All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria /qualification information with their bids:- (Photostat/ Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):-

- Valid original Treasury Challan/Receipt (MH.0059) and BID Securing Declaration on Bidders Letter Head (Format Enclosed with the NIT uploaded).
- Valid Registration Card and Valid GSTIN/ PAN Card No.
- "The Latest Self Attested return GST-3/ GSTR-3B and Certificate by the bidder to the effect that he has no sales tax liability/arrears".
- Bidder shall furnish proof of latest returns in GST-3/ GSTR-3B. I.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GST- 3B of the preceding Month/ Quarter to the issue of NIT. Illustration:- For the NIT issued in Nov 2021, the bidder has to upload the latest clearance certificate FORM GST- 3B of the preceding month i.e. of Oct-2021/ Preceding Quarter (July-Sept-2021)

No: EE/MDB/NIT/13644-64  
Dtd:- 18-11-2021  
DIPK-13248/21

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# Pak To Allow India To Send Wheat To Afghanistan Through Its Territory: Pm Imran Khan

Press Trust Of India

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan announced on Monday that his government will allow India to send a humanitarian shipment of 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat to neighbouring Afghanistan through its territory after finalisation of the transit modalities.

Khan, who chaired the first Apex Committee meeting of the newly established Afghanistan Inter-ministerial Coordination Cell (AICC) in Islamabad, also took the opportunity to remind the international community of the collective responsibility to support Afghanistan to avoid a humanitarian crisis.

During the meeting, Khan announced Pakistan's decision to allow the 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat India has offered to provide Afghanistan as humanitarian assistance to go through Pakistan as soon as modalities are finalised with the Indian side, state-run Radio Pakistan reported.

Currently, Pakistan only allows Afghanistan to export goods to India but doesn't allow any other two-way trade through the border crossing.

Last month, India announced 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat



for Afghanistan as humanitarian assistance and requested Pakistan to ship the food grain via the Wagah border.

Afghanistan's Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi had also requested Prime Minister Khan to allow India to transport wheat via Pakistan, suggesting that the Taliban government was willing to accept the humanitarian assistance from India.

India has contributed to the humanitarian requirements of the Afghan people. This included providing more than 1 million metric tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan over the past decade.

Last year too India assisted Afghanistan with 75,000 metric tonnes of wheat, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had said at the United Nations High-Level

Meeting on the Humanitarian situation in Afghanistan in September.

However, there were reports that Pakistan has blocked India's efforts to provide wheat to the Afghan people, amidst the chill in relations between New Delhi and Islamabad over the Kashmir issue.

Khan also ordered immediate shipment of humanitarian assistance worth Rs 5 billion comprising wheat, emergency medical supplies, winter shelters and other supplies to Afghanistan, Radio Pakistan reported.

He instructed all ministries to facilitate Afghans to the maximum and also approved in-principle tariff and sales tax reduction on key Afghan exports to Pakistan.

Khan ordered that the facility of free COVID vaccination for all Afghans entering Pakistan from land borders be continued.

National Security Adviser Dr. Moeed Yusuf, who is also the Convener of AICC, made a detailed presentation to brief the civil and military leadership on the current economic situation in Afghanistan and the progress made by AICC in coordinating national efforts for humanitarian assistance and border facilitation for Afghans.

Prime Minister Khan also directed that bus service between Peshawar and Jalalabad in Afghanistan be revived to facilitate travellers on both sides.

To further facilitate Afghans, the visa duration will be relaxed such that visas are granted within three weeks at the most, the report said.

Khan also instructed the National Security Adviser to visit Afghanistan to hold delegation-level talks and agree on specific areas where immediate capacity building support shall be provided to Afghans.

The meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Advisor on Finance Shaukat Tarin, Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa, and senior civil and military officers.

## SC Asks Army To Look Into Updated ACRs Of Women Officers For Grant Of Permanent Commission

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Army to have a re-look into the case of Women Short Service Commission Officers, who were denied Permanent Commission (PC) as they failed to get threshold 60 per cent marks after being assessed on the basis of UAC based evaluation system.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and AS Bopanna asked Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain and senior advocate R Balasubramanian, appearing for Centre and the Army, to take into account the updated Annual Confidential Report (ACR) of the officers beyond the fifth and tenth year of their service.

The top court was hearing a plea of nearly half a dozen women officers, who have claimed that they have been denied a permanent commission as they were assessed on the basis of a faulty UAC system.

We are not saying ignore the Unit Assessment Card (UAC) system but please have a look into the updated ACRs. If they have outstanding ACRs, then dispensing them will be a disservice to the Army and the nation, the bench said.

The UAC system prevailed in the Army from 1999 to 2005 and was abolished by the Army in 2005. It was replaced with an ACR-based evaluation

system for grant of the Permanent Commission (PC).

Jain said that he and senior advocate Balasubramanian will look into each of the cases and sought time to seek instructions from the concerned officers.

The bench said, Probably, this may be the last leg of officers, who have been left out of permanent commission. We need to iron out some creases and put a lid on the entire issue. Look into their case. If they still don't cross the 60 per cent criteria, then they are out but have a look into all the aspects. If considering ACR, they cross the 60 per cent mark, then nothing remains in UAC .

## Tikait Compares Union Minister Ajay Mishra With 'Terrorist', Seeks His Arrest

**LUCKNOW:** BKU leader Rakesh Tikait on Monday compared Union minister Ajay Mishra with a "terrorist" and sought his arrest in connection with the death of four farmers in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence.

The Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader also opposed the proposed inauguration of a sugar mill in Lakhimpur Kheri by the minister, saying if he turns up there, farmers won't take their sugarcane to the mill.

The violence had erupted on October 3 when farmers were

protesting the visit of Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya to Mishra's native place.

Four agitating farmers were run over by a vehicle allegedly carrying BJP workers.

Four others, including a journalist and two BJP workers, were also killed in the violence that followed.

Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra has been named as accused in the case.

Addressing a "kisan mahapanchayat" here at Eco Garden,

Tikait said the arrest of the minister is one of their main issues.

He said attempts are being made to make the minister a "hero" from a "qatil" (murderer). "If terrorists from Kashmir can be lodged in the Agra jail, then the murderer of farmers is also a terrorist and he too should go to the Agra jail," Tikait said.

Referring to the proposed inauguration of the sugar mill by Mishra, Tikait said if he goes there to inaugurate it, then no sugarcane will be taken to the mill.

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#### 'Will Give What Has Been Denied...

this, but the larger issue is reaching out to every person in J-K, giving them their due which has been denied to them for the last 70 years," the minister said.

Sitharaman said development for Jammu and Kashmir is something that has been in the wings for a long time but "which has never happened".

"You see some development here and there, but the consistent pace at which the infrastructure was required, basic materials important for living and also for building the economy such as electricity (were not happening)," she said.

The finance minister said Jammu and Kashmir has a potential capacity of about 20,000 MW electricity generation, and if it realises its full potential, it can do wonders for its economy and development.

The capacity has never been fully exploited, she added. "Without basic supplies of electricity, for a beautiful state like this, for a potential-ridden state like this, development has always been at its bare minimum," the minister said.

Referring to the revocation of the erstwhile state's special status, she said it is important now for Jammu and Kashmir to get that which has been denied to it in terms of facilities and development.

"There is no point if it is kept like a small oligarchy of people holding every resource and denying ordinary citizens," Sitharaman said.

Common people have aspirations, and every citizen should be given space and that is what is being given post the abrogation of (Article) 370, she said.

The minister said with the inauguration of the office, there are now 251 principal commissioners of income tax all over the country and 21 in the north-west region.

#### FM Inaugurates Rs 130.49 crore...

She also laid the foundation stone for Union Territory (UT) Level Emergency Operation Centre and SCADA control building at Budgam, Kashmir amounting to Rs 34.88 crore under the Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) during her visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

The sub-projects are part of the Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) which is assisted by a credit of \$250 million from the World Bank.

The project was started in Jammu and Kashmir in the aftermath of the devastating floods of September 2014 which severely affected low lying areas of Anantnag, Srinagar and adjoining districts causing immense damage to housing, livelihoods and roads and bridges.

It has been under implementation by Government of J&K as part of the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) for J&K since its effective date of 19.04.2016. The project aims at both restoring essential services disrupted by the floods and improving the design standard and practices to increase resilience.

The high social impact of JTFRP was felt in the COVID-19 pandemic response by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, wherein an amount of \$50 million was allocated and utilized for the COVID-19 response, by activating the Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) under the project. Medical equipment worth Rs. 290 crore and 30 oxygen generating plants at a total cost of Rs. 75 crore were procured thereby giving a boost to the health infrastructure to cope with the challenges posed by the pandemic.

In a significant step towards the self-reliance of the artisans of Jammu and Kashmir, many artisan clusters were developed under this project with an objective of reviving the traditional crafts and providing gainful employment opportunities to youth.

One major recent achievement of the project has been the enlistment of Srinagar city in the UNESCO world creative cities network. Srinagar became one of the 49 cities worldwide to join the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) under the Craft & Folk Arts category which is a moment of pride for all Indians.

#### Every Tax Penny Will Be Used...

introduced "Viwad se Vishwas Yojana" to make taxation seamless, paperless and hassle free.

"I would like to thank the Finance Minister for making holistic reforms to direct and indirect taxes. Seamless system has been introduced for the return and refund of taxes," he added.

The LG further maintained that J&K was moving forward in development and completion of projects has been possible due to the efforts of the Finance Minister. He also stressed

upon the fact that everyone should pay tax as per the norms so that J&K will move more towards development.

"For the first time under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, a 28400 crore rupees industrial development scheme has been launched in J&K. In the last nine months projects worth Rs. 29000 crore have been allotted to the industrial department of J&K," the LG said.

He said that projects worth 1400 crore are being sanctioned and the lands have been identified for the works to begin.

"People have been participating in various sectors and till December probably projects worth Rs 35000 crore will get completed," he added.

Sinha said that corruption won't be tolerated in any situation.

"To fight corruption and for accountability and safer payments, more online transaction options are being created. For the first time physical verification of projects has been made mandatory," he added.

#### High Alert In Jammu...

are being thoroughly checked at all the entry points of Kathua district.

The bikers reportedly crossed the area in front of the camp late night and lobbed the grenade towards the gate, which exploded.

"The CCTV footage is being scrutinized to ascertain the facts," said the SSP of Pathankot, Surendra Lamba.

Strategically important Pathankot is part of Army's Yol based Rising Star Corps. Pathankot district is one of the most important bases of the Indian Army.

It also has Indian Air Force Station, the Army's ammunition depot and two armoured brigades and armoured units.

On January 2, 2016, militants attacked Pathankot Airbase in which one Lieutenant Colonel among seven soldiers were killed.

#### NIA Arrests Human Rights...

activities and then using those funds for carrying out secessionist and separatist activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The case was registered on October 8, 2020 under sections of the IPC and the UAPA on receiving "credible information that certain NGOs and trusts are collecting funds domestically and abroad through so-called donations and business contributions" and then using them to fund "terror activities" in the Union territory, the agency had said.

Besides Sonawar, the raids were carried out at the main office of the coalition of civil society at Amirakadal Bund in the heart of the city, the officials said.

They said several incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized during the raids and further details are awaited. (With PTI inputs)

#### Swami Opposes Islamic Banking...

to file its Affidavit. Time has been given again," Swamy writes in the letter.

While giving the reference to the Kerala case, the BJP leader writes that, the then Reserve Bank Governor, Dr. Y. V. Reddy, and the Ministry of Finance in 2010 has filed affidavits opposing Sharia compliant Banks.

"Therefore, the J&K High Court may be apprised of the correct position of the Union of India, by way of a proper affidavit," he adds.

It may be noted that the High Court of J&K and Ladakh on November 3, granted four more weeks time to the government to respond to a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking the introduction of Islamic Banking in Jammu and Kashmir. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and J&K Bank have already responded to the PIL.

Jammu and Kashmir People's Forum, a non-government organization, filed the PIL in 2018.

The Forum also seeks direction to the J&K Bank to take immediate steps for the opening of Sharia-compliant windows to accomplish the objective of mass level participation in Sharia Banking.

It also seeks direction to J&K Bank Limited to place before the court the entire details of NPAs and the steps taken for the recovery of the outstanding amount in NPAs, saying the same is public money which cannot be allowed to be misappropriated either by the account holders or by the management of the bank.

#### J&K Logs 160 New Cases...

of fresh cases at 59, followed by 38 in Baramulla.

There are 1,665 active COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir. So far, 3,29,401 patients have recovered from the disease, the officials said.

There were 49 cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the union territory. No fresh case has been reported since last evening, they said.

#### Dr Farooq Mocks Jitendra...

across the border," he said.

Insisting on dialogue between India and Pakistan, Abdullah said that "neither we have to give something nor can take anything. We have to work to set this line (Line of Control) right so that there is easy travel and trade on both sides". Those people who are on the other side of the line are our own, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said.

The National Conference (NC) leader, while welcoming Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to repeal three contentious farm laws, said, "I am hopeful that they (Centre) will hear the voice of hearts of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and restore statehood along with the eroded autonomy if they really want to address 'Dil ki Doori and Dilli Ki Doori'."

In August 2019, the Centre had abrogated Article 370, which gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated it into union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

On India-Pakistan, Abdullah said when people on both sides come and go, the hatred will be replaced by love which will pave the way for peace in the region.

To a question about the recent incidents of targeted killings by militants in Kashmir, he said, "This (militancy) is not a new thing for Jammu and Kashmir but once the hearts are won, the issue will be addressed." On demands for restoration of statehood at a time when the Centre's has accepted to repeal the farm laws, he said,

"I am hopeful that they (BJP government) will hear the voice of the hearts of the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

"The prime minister had himself said he wanted to remove 'Dil ki Doori and Dilli Ki Doori' (while chairing an meeting of all parties of J&K in June). If he really wants to address the gap, it is imperative for them (government) to restore statehood and also return the autonomy which was eroded," Abdullah said.

On upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, he said, "National Conference is ready for it even if it is declared today but claimed that BJP is not going to rule Jammu and Kashmir ever."

About BJP's target of 50 plus seats to form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir, he said, "They can do it only if they tamper with voting machines or use police and army to cast bogus votes."

"One thing I want to make clear today is that BJP will never rule J&K. They will not even retain the number of seats which it won in the last assembly elections. They have to give answers to the people for their oppressive measures, growing unemployment and shortage of oxygen in hospitals during peak of COVID-19," the Srinagar MP said.

Today unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir is the highest in the country and inflation is touching the sky because of rising prices of petrol and diesel, he claimed and requested the government to bring fuel prices under control to provide relief to the people.

Asked when he is expecting the report of the delimitation commission, which will be followed by elections according to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Abdullah said the final meeting is yet to be called.

"How come they complete the report without having the final meeting with the five MPs from J&K (three NC and two BJP)? They have not called us yet," he said. On the killing of four persons in the controversial encounter in the Hyderpora area of Srinagar on November 15, Abdullah said that "we want a judicial inquiry into the incident to unveil the truth".

"The administration has ordered a magisterial probe into the incident but the officer can come under pressure from the government. We do not have people who can stand up within the system and speak the truth," he said. Earlier, interacting with Sikh leaders, Abdullah stressed on the need for unity and maintaining brotherhood and said "if we have to save J&K and this country, we need to stand united against the hatred and polarisation".

#### CPI (M) Demands Body Of slain...

a resident of Gool area of Ramban, who was among four persons killed in the incident on November 15.

According to police, Magray was a militant and got killed along with his Pakistani associate and two others. However, Magray's father Latief who had himself killed a militant in his village over 15 years ago had refuted the police claim and appealed to the Lieutenant Governor to provide justice to his

family and also return his body for proper burial.

"The civil society in Ramban and other areas must come forward and demand the return of the body of innocent Magray, who was in Srinagar to earn livelihood for his family, Jammu Regional Secretary CPI(M) Sham Prasad Kesar said in a statement here.

He said, Killing innocent civilians and then even denying their bodies to their families is a huge injustice and against the basic values of humanity. Why are authorities afraid of even dead civilians?

Urging the authorities to return the body of Magray to his family without any further delay, Kesar said a judicial probe should be ordered into the killing of three civilians.

"As it has been proven beyond any doubt that Magray was a civilian, it is a huge injustice to his family that they are not even allowed to perform his last rites. When the bodies of two other civilians killed in Hyderpora were returned, why is the government reluctant to return Magray's body to his family? the CPI(M) leader asked.

He said the government must ensure that those involved in the killing of unarmed civilians are brought to book and punished under the law.

"The probe ordered by the government by an Additional District Magistrate-rank officer in Hyderpora killings is not enough as it is difficult for a middle rung officer to prove something which is contrary to the government claims," he said.

The CPI(M) leader said, We demand a judicial and time-bound probe into the gruesome incident which has shaken the whole Jammu and Kashmir.

The least the government could do to restore the confidence of people in institutions is to punish the culprits of this heinous crime in a transparent and time-bound manner so that it can serve as deterrence to others in future, he said.

The bodies of Mohammad Altaf Bhat and Mudasar Gul, two civilians killed in the Hyderpora encounter, were handed over to their kin on Thursday night after they were exhumed following protests by family members that they were innocent and not linked to militancy as claimed by police.

Police had initially buried them in the Handwara area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

#### Srinagar Records Season's...

there's a 40-50% chance of very light snowfall over extreme North Kashmir on November 25. Overall, there's no forecast of any major weather for next two weeks," the weather department wrote on twitter.

Meanwhile, freezing cold conditions continued unabated in Kashmir Valley.

Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K, experienced the coldest night of the season with temperature dropping as low as minus 1.6 degrees Celsius on Monday, the Met office said.

The officials said Pahalgam at minus 3.7 degrees Celsius was the coldest recorded place in Kashmir .

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 0.8 degrees Celsius. The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 2.9 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded minus 2 degrees Celsius, while Koker-nag registered a low of minus 1.3 degrees Celsius.

#### 11 Tourists Injured As Bus...

a tyre burst on reaching Ramsu in Ramban district, they said.

The vehicle turned upside down, resulting in injuries to the tourists. They were rushed to a nearby hospital, the police said.

Their condition was stated to be stable, they added. (PTI)

#### Driver Found Dead In Poonch...

recovered the body and shifted it to the Sub District Hospital Mendhar for medico-legal formalities.

Meanwhile, proceedings under Section 174 CrPc have been initiated at the police station Gursai.

#### Ladakh Logs 16 New Covid Cases...

Ten patients were recovered and discharged from a hospital from Leh. The total number of those recovered is 20,885, they said.

All the 16 fresh cases were reported in Leh, the officials said.

A total of 492 sample reports in Ladakh were found negative, they said.

There was no death reported due to Covid in Ladakh on Sunday.

With this, the total number of active COVID-19 cases in Ladakh has gone up to 230, including 219 in Leh and 11 in Kargil district. (PTI)



## 2-Year T20 WC Cycle Important For Growth Of Cricket: ICC

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The ICC on Monday asserted that a two-year T20 World Cup cycle is important for the growth of the game as it is the format that is contested by all the members.

The global governing body last week announced the schedule of ICC events from 2024-2031 with a tournament slated to be played every year.

"We've got different events in different formats. I think the decision to play T20 World Cups every two years is a conscious one to try and position T20 as the growth format of the game across all of our members," ICC CEO Geoff Allardice said, replying to PTI's query during a media round table.

"The tournament we've just finished in the UAE and Oman was the first one in five years which, given the amount of T20 International cricket being played and the fact that so many of our members are playing that format, is too long.

"The aim is to get it on a two-year rotation so that in terms of



that event that becomes a more consistent frequency."

In the recent T20 World Cup, there was a trend that teams winning the toss and opting to bowl would emerge victorious. Asked about it, Allardice assured that the same wouldn't be the case during the next edition.

"One of the things about cricket is that when a certain trend establishes itself, the teams and opponents work out a way to counter that. I think if there's a perception that winning the toss, winning the game existed in this tournament, I'm sure when the teams gather in Australia in 12 months the dynamic will be different.

"And I think, whether it's tactics, talking to various people, it didn't seem to be one obvious reason why that was the case. And I'm sure that coaches and the analysts and the players will work out a way to counter that."

**SYED MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY 2021**

## With Last-Ball 6, Shahrukh Khan Delivers For Tamil Nadu



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: M Shahrukh Khan smashed a dramatic last ball six to help Tamil Nadu defend the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 title with a thrilling four-wicket win over Karnataka in the summit clash here on Monday.

Needing 16 runs off the last over bowled by Prateek Jain, power-hitter Khan kept his cool under pressure to clobber the final delivery over deep-square leg to take Tamil Nadu to 153 for 6 and seal a famous win.

The burly 26-year-old right-hander remained not out on 33 (15 balls, 1 four, 3 sixes) while R Sai Kishore was 6 not out (3 balls, 1 four).

Tamil Nadu thus avenged their heart-breaking one-run loss to Karnataka in the 2019 final.

Earlier, Karnataka rode on some aggressive batting by Abhinav Manohar (46, 37 balls, 4X4, 2X6), Praveen Dubey (33,

25 balls, 3X4, 1X6) and J Suchith (18, 7 balls, 1X4, 1X6) to post 151 for 7.

Tamil Nadu needed 30 runs from the last two overs and Khan kept their hopes alive with a massive six off Vidyadhar Patil's final delivery of the 19th over.

In the final over, Sai Kishore hit a boundary off the first ball to ease the nerves. But the next four deliveries yielded seven runs, including two wides.

Jain, who was given the huge responsibility of bowling the last over of the final, could not prevent Khan from smashing a six from the last ball to take TN over the line.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, TN captain Vijay Shankar praised Shahrukh Khan for his brilliant innings.

"Overall, we played amazing cricket. Everyone fought really hard. This innings was due from Shahrukh. He stepped up and did very well," he said.

## J&K Women's Football Team Leaves For Nationals

20 member senior squad has 6 players from Haryana



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K Senior Women's football team left for Kerala on Monday to participate in the 26th Senior Women's National Football Championship 2021.

The 20-member squad, along with 3 officials, will take on Skimm, Maharashtra, and Arunachal Pradesh in the opening round of the tournament scheduled to be held at Kozhikode, Kerala from November 29, 2021 to December 3, 2021.

Meanwhile, the Jammu & Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) has confirmed the participation of 6 non-local players in the J&K team saying they couldn't get enough players from J&K, and had to take players from Haryana to make a strong team.

The team was screened by Ashok Singh, Divisional Sports Officer Jammu, J&K Sports Council at Jammu. Three officials accompanying the team include Alka Naseer (Manager), Masood Maqbool (Coach), and

Ritasha (Physio).

It is pertinent to mention that the team was earlier rumoured to be scrapped, leading to strong objections from J&K National & International Footballers Forum (NIFF) who accused the Association of hindering football in the region.

While the inclusion of non-local footballers is bound to raise some eyebrows in the fraternity, all eyes will be on the upcoming JKFA elections where District and main-body JKFA seats will be on the line.

## 56th Junior Artistic, 26th Rhythmic Nationals Begin At Jammu

Advisor Khan inaugurates the championship, says 'proud moment for J&K'



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Advisor to LG, Farooq Khan, on Monday inaugurated the 56th Junior Artistic and 26th Rhythmic National Championship at M A Stadium, here.

The National Championship, first of its kind in J&K, is being organized by Gymnastics Association of Jammu and Kashmir under the aegis of J&K Sports Council.

Around 600 players, officials and coaches from 27 states of the country are taking part in this five day national championship.

Member Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma and Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Chander Mohan Gupta were the guests of honour on the occasion.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul; Chairman organizing Committee, Rajesh Gupta; President Gymnastics Association J&K, Engineer Kiran Wattal; President Gymnastics Federation of India, Sudhir Mittal and Presidents and

General Secretaries of different associations were present on the occasion.

Advisor Farooq Khan said that it is proud moment for Jammu and Kashmir to host National Championship of this magnitude in Jammu. This will further help in promoting sports culture in JKUT besides providing perfect platform to the players here to further hone up their talent, he added.

Advisor appealed all the participating players to be ambassadors of peace and prosperity prevailing in this part of the country to their home states.

Farooq Khan said that such events will help the players to upgrade their sports skills for Olympics to win more and more medals for the UT.

Advisor lauded the gymnastic association and sports council for holding this national level tournament.

President J&K Gymnastic Association expressed gratitude to JK government for providing requisite facilities for hosting such a grand championship in the UT.

## Pakistan Seals T20 Sweep Over Bangladesh In Dhaka Thriller



Agencies

DHAKA: Pakistan completed a clean sweep over Bangladesh in their Twenty20 series, winning the third and final game by five wickets after a thrilling last over on Monday.

Bangladesh totalled a mediocre 124-7 on a two-paced wicket that had variable bounce, but a slow approach meant Pakistan needed eight runs off the final six balls.

Captain Mahmudullah came on to bowl his only over of the day and dismissed Sarfaraz Ahmed and Haider Ali in consecutive deliveries before Iftikhar Ahmed smashed a huge six off the fourth ball, denying him a hat-trick.

With two runs needed off two balls, Iftikhar went for glory but ended up being caught for six at backward point. New batsman Mohammad Nawaz then hit a four through extra cover to take Pakistan home.

Mahmudullah finished with 3-10 from his solitary over.

"The pitch was a tricky one," player of the series Mohammad Rizwan said. "Whenever you

play away, you get on different kinds of pitches. But we try to stick to our process."

Earlier, Haider and Rizwan had put on 51 for the second wicket for Pakistan.

Paceman Shohidul Islam, making his debut, picked up his first wicket by removing Rizwan for 40. But Haider appeared to be in full control, hitting 45 in 38 balls with three fours and two sixes before falling.

Mahmudullah had opted to bat first but debut paceman Shah Nawaz Dhani, leg-spinner Usman Qadir and fast bowler Mohammad Wasim claimed two wickets apiece to restrict Bangladesh to its low score.

Dhani took a wicket in his first over by removing Najmul Hossain Shanto for five. Mohammad Naim ended up as the top-scorer for the home team with 47 off 50 balls.

"Batters from both sides struggled," Mahmudullah said. "You need to spend time at the crease before you can capitalize. Naim batted well."

Pakistan won the first game by four wickets and the second by eight wickets.

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### NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for information of all stake holders in and concerned examinees in particular that below mentioned Examination centre, pertaining to Secondary School Examination (Class 10th) and Higher Secondary Examination Part - II (Class 12th) Session Annual (Regular) 2021 is shifted with immediate effect.

S.No	Centre No.	Class	Constituted at	Shifted to
1.	101026/SSE	10th	Govt. Girls High School, Mattan	Al Sarwat Convent Sr. Sec. School, Mattan (C)
2.	101036/SSE	10th	Govt. Boys High School, Ashimuqam	Govt. Girls HSS Ashimuqam
3.	31126/HSE-II	12th	Govt. Boys High School, Ashimuqam	Govt. Girls HSS Ashimuqam

The concerned examinees will take their examination at the centre as indicated above.

By order,

No. F (SSR-SSE/HSE-II/CC) AR/21)

Dated: 22.11.2021

DIPK-NB-5240/21

Assistant Secretary,  
Sup./Strong Room, K.D

## ICC Confident Teams Will Play 2025 Champions Trophy In Pakistan

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The ICC is confident that teams will have no reservations travelling to Pakistan for the 2025 Champions Trophy despite over a decade-long scepticism about playing in that part of the world.

The ICC last week awarded the hosting rights of the 2025 Champions Trophy to Pakistan. It will mark the return of major cricketing event to Pakistan after more than two decades. The last time Pakistan had an ICC event on its soil was when it co-hosted the 1996 World Cup along with India and Sri Lanka.

It has not been able to host many international games in the country since the 2009 terrorist attack on Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore. "The answer is, from what we can see so far, absolutely (teams will travel)," ICC chair Greg Barclay said replying to PTI's query during a media roundtable.

"ICC cricket event is coming back to Pakistan after many years. All of it with the exception of what happened in the last few weeks has gone ahead without any issues at all," added Barclay, who was joined by ICC CEO Geoff Allardice.

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, PRISONS DEPARTMENT, J&K, JAMMU

**E-TENDER NOTICE FOR COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF X-RAY BAGGAGE SCANNERS INSTALLED IN DIFFERENT JAILS OF J&K MAKE "ASTROPHYSICS" MODEL XIS-100XD**

**e- NIT NO: 04-OF-2021**

**DATED: 18.11.2021**

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, online e-tenders are invited from the original firms/ Authorized Distributors/Service providers with the Goods & Service tax department for maintaining/servicing/repairing of existing system "X-RAY BAGGAGE SCANNERS INSTALLED IN DIFFERENT JAILS OF J&K MAKE "ASTROPHYSICS" MODEL XIS-100XD as per terms & conditions mentioned in this tender document. The intending tenderer/s shall have to attach earnest money /tender fees in the shape of Demand draft/ CDR/ FDR from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank to be pledged to the Financial Advisor/CAO Prisons Department J&K for an amount to the extent shown against each below failing which the tender shall not be entertained. The detailed documents, Criteria and other terms and conditions can be seen/downloaded from the governmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

S.no	Description	Date	Time
1	Date of Issue/publishing of tender notice	18.11.2021	10.00 am
2	Date of Downloading of bidding documents or Start date	19.11.2021	10.30 am
3	Bid submission Start date	20.11.2021	10.00 am
4	Bid Submission closing/end date	15.12.2021	3.00 pm
5	Date and time of opening online Bids	16.12.2021	3.00 pm (in the office chamber of DGP Prisons J&K
6	Deadline for receiving the hardcopy of Original DD & EMD including all the soft copy of documents in favour of approved firm/Contractor	14.12.2021	upto 3.00 pm
7	EMD AMOUNT	Rs.100000.00	
8	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Rs. 5000.00	

### INSTRUCTIONS:-

- The bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender documents in the shape of Demand Draft in favour Financial Advisor/CAO Prisons Department J&K and earnest money/bid in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Financial Advisor/CAO Prisons Department J&K.
- The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on web site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bidders must ensure to upload the scanned copy of all the necessary documents with the bid. Besides original/photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically by hand /registered/courier before the specified in para-1.
- Bidders must upload the scanned copy of all the necessary documents including earnest money and tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid and submit the hardcopies of all the uploaded documents duly attested under the hand and seal of the tenderer. No documents which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of Hard copy. However in case any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- The earnest money in favour of unsuccessful /No-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of hardcopies, failure of submission of tender documents fee by the bidder using the site shall entitle him for blacklisting.
- The department shall not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
- The tender is in two bid cover system.

NO:-Acctts/N/403-II/7100-7104

Dated:-

DIPK-13173/21

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Prisons Department, J&K, Jammu

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### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

**FOR APPLYING TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDER NATIONAL LIVESTOCK MISSION (NLM)**

Government of India (GOI) has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Livestock Mission for implementation during 2021-22 to 2025-26. The objective of the scheme is to support entrepreneurship development for rural poultry, sheep and goat, piggy, feed and fodder and also improvement of breed of sheep, goat and as well as fodder production. The scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying. The Scheme Guidelines were issued vide OM/D.O. No. R-99014/29/2021-DADF-Dept (E-19308) Dated:- 10-08-2021 and has been made available at website at [www.dahd.nic.in](http://www.dahd.nic.in)

- As per the requirement under the scheme, the Department of Animal Husbandry Kashmir, State Government of Jammu & Kashmir invites applications from individuals, FPOs, JLGs, SHGs and Section 8 companies for availing benefits under the Entrepreneurship programme for establishment of the following projects :-
  - Rural Poultry Entrepreneurship Model for establishment of Parent Farm of 1000 birds of Low Input Technology, Hatchery for production of chicks and brooder mother unit for brooding and rearing of the chicks.
  - Breeder Farm of sheep and goat of 500 females and 25 male for production of kids /lambs
  - Piggery Breeder farm of 100 sows and 10 boars for production of piglets and fattening of piglets.
  - Feed and Fodder entrepreneurship for establishment of silage making unit, fodder block making unit and TMR plant.
- The details of projects, eligibility criteria, list of equipment eligible for funding have been annexed at Annexure-I.
- The Eligible Beneficiaries who are fulfilling the criteria under the scheme, shall apply through the online portal [www.nlm.udamimitra](http://www.nlm.udamimitra) through a form for application and required documents has been provided at Annexure-III. The last date of submission of expression of interest is 22-09-2021.
- The offer for EOI shall be valid for a period of Five (05) months initially which may be extended if required by the Department.
- Evaluation Criteria has been provided at Annexure-I. The EOI will be screened and evaluated for short listing inter alia based on their eligibility conditions and verifications. Agencies / individuals who qualify and short listed. However, subsidy will be provided depending on the budget availability under NLM Scheme.
- Where there is any indication that a conflict of interest exists or may arise, it shall be the responsibility of the Eligible Entity to disclose and inform the State Implementing Agency detailing the conflict in writing as an attachment to this document. State Implementing Agency will be the final arbitrator in cases of potential conflicts of interest. Failure to notify any potential conflict of interest will invalidate the application.
- The EOI is an offer and is issued with no commitment. State Implementing Agency reserves the right to withdraw EOI and or vary part thereof at any stage. The State Implementing Agency further reserves the right to disqualify any applicant, should it be necessary at any stage.

Ms. Purnima Mittal (KAS)

DIPK-13179/21

No. DAHK/SUPP/EDP-NLM/ 14544

Dated:- 20 -11-2021

Note:- The Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Jammu & Kashmir or any of its designates reserves the right to cancel this request for EOI and / or invite fresh with or without amendments, without liability or any obligations for such request for EOI and without assigning any reason. Information provided at this stage is indicative and the Department reserves the right to amend / add further details in the EOI.





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