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—Albert Einstein

**NEWS DIGEST**

**Man Dies After Falling From Tree**  
**KULGAM:** A 58-year-old man died after he fell from an apple tree in Shurat village of South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday afternoon. The man was identified as Ali Mohammad Rather, son of Ghulam Rasool of Shurat Kulgam. "He died on the spot," the official said, adding that the body is being handed over to the family for last rites.

**Driver Killed After Tanker Falls Into Gorge Along NH**  
**BANHAL:** A 55-year-old tanker driver was killed when his vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, police said on Wednesday. The tanker, carrying diesel to Srinagar, rolled down into a 500-foot gorge at Shaitani Nallah late on Tuesday, said Hamam Singh, in-charge of police post at Jawahar Tunnel. The body of the tanker driver, Isher Dass of Kathua district, was retrieved from the gorge and handed over to his family for last rites after completion of legal formalities, Singh said. (PTI)

**Teacher Missing In Pulwama**  
**PULWAMA:** A government teacher from south Kashmir's Pulwama has been missing for four days. Shaikat Ahmed son of Nazir Ahmed Deedar who hails from Sangarwani area of Pulwama district is missing since November 20. The family has lodged a written missing complaint at Police Station Rajpora.

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## 3 Militants Killed In Rambagh Shootout: Police

Police Says TRF Commander Mehran Among 3 Militants Killed In Encounter, Residents Dispute Police Version



KO Photo Abid Bhat

**Zaid bin Shabbir, Auqib Javeed**  
**SRINAGAR:** Three militants, according to police, were shot dead in the Rambagh area of the city uptown, close to a major paramilitary camp on Wednesday evening.

Police later said the dead included a top commander of The Resistance Front (TRF). Police said that acting on a specific lead about the three militants travelling in a vehicle in Srinagar's Rambagh area, a team of Srinagar police cornered the vehicle and killed three militants. Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Vijay Kumar said that among the slain trio, one has been identified as Mehran, a top TRF commander who was involved in the killing of two teachers and other civilians in the **More on P10**

**Police Version Of Rambagh Shootout**  
"Three TRF terrorists involved in a number of subversive activities including the killing of two teachers, civilians and two police officers were neutralized in an encounter at Rambagh Srinagar today evening. The killing of these terrorists is a major success for J&K police as they were planning to carry out more terror attacks in central Kashmir particularly in Srinagar city. Acting on a specific information regarding the movement of terrorists Srinagar Police immediately swung into action and established a special Naka to track them down. The terrorists were traveling in a car which was signalled to stop by the Naka party. The terrorists did not stop and instead opened fire on the Naka party which was retaliated, triggering an encounter. In the ensuing encounter three terrorists of TRF outfit were killed. The killed terrorists were later **More on P10**

**Mobile Internet Suspended In Downtown Sgr**  
Hours after confirming the killing of Mehran Shalla, authorities suspended mobile internet services in several parts of downtown Srinagar. The disruption in services, in addition to the ongoing suspension of internet services in other parts of the downtown, was reported from Nawakadal and its vicinity. Mehran was a resident of Jamalatta in Nawakadal. The area witnessed minor protests shortly after news of his killing.

**BSF Raises Drones Issue With Pak Rangers**  
**Press Trust of India**  
**JAMMU:** India today lodged a strong protest over drone activities by Pakistan authorities in Jammu areas during a sector commander-level meeting between the Border Security Force and the Pakistan Rangers, officials said. The meeting was held at the request of Pakistan Rangers at the International Border in the Suchetgarh area and it was decided to re-energise instant communication between field commanders, whenever required, to resolve the operational matters, a BSF spokesperson said. Commanders of both the border guarding forces discussed various issues with the main emphasis by the BSF delegation on Pakistani drone activities, terrorist activities and digging of tunnels from across the border and other issues related to border management, he said. A very strong protest was lodged by BSF delegates regarding drone activities by Pakistan authorities in the Jammu area, the officials said. **More on P10**

## 25 New National Highway Projects for J&K Inaugurated

**Observer News Service**  
**DODA:** Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday laid the foundation of 25 National Highway projects in J&K, worth Rs 11,721 Crores, here at the Sports Stadium, Doda. Gadkari, while speaking on the occasion said that the UT of J&K has a huge tourism potential which will finally reap the benefits of upcoming modern road infrastructure projects. These projects will prove as an important lifeline for the development of the industrial sector too, he added. Union Minister of State at PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh and Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinhavare also present on the occasion. "The construction of these road projects will save time and fuel. New employment opportunities will be created in Jammu & Kashmir, tourism of the region will get a boost, and social & economic development



**THESE NEWLY INCLUDED ROAD PROJECTS ARE:** Kathua-Basholi-Bani-Bhaderwah-Doda (170 KM); Doda-Bhaderwah-Chamba (Himachal) Road (132 KM); Dayalchak-Challan-Billawar-Mahanpur-Basohli Road (118 KM); Tawi Bridge-Jammu Airport-Miran Sahib-R.S.Pura Suchetgarh (Old Jammu-Sialkot Road) (29 KM); Surankote-Bafliaz-Shopian-Srinagar (Mughal Road) (145 KM); Atholi(Kishtwar)-Machail-Zanskar Road (Kargil); Narabal-Tangmarg-Gulmarg-Baramulla (70 KM). of the people of the region will be accelerated", he remarked. Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor expressed his gratitude to the Union Minister for laying the foundation of 25 new National Highway projects **More on P10**

## Cabinet Okays Bill To Repeal Farm Laws

**BJP POLICY REVERSAL**  
**Press Trust of India**  
**NEW DELHI:** The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a bill to repeal the three farm laws, which triggered protests at Delhi borders by thousands of farmers, and will be tabled in Parliament during the upcoming winter session for passage. On November 19, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address to the nation had announced the withdrawal of the three farm laws, saying the government could not convince protesting farmers about the benefits of the agriculture sector reforms. He had also urged them to end the protest and return home. The Cabinet has approved the Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021 to roll back the three laws passed by Parliament in September **More on P10**

**Protest Won't End Yet: Tikait**  
The ongoing anti-farm laws protest will not end yet and its future course of action will be decided on November 27, BKU leader Rakesh Tikait said on Wednesday. The Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) national spokesperson said the protestors would also question the Centre on its claims of doubling farmers' income. "This protest will not end yet. We have a meeting on November 27 after which we will take further decisions. (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi ji has said farmers' income would be doubled from **More on P10**

## Counter-Insurgency Drill In Jammu Sparks Panic

**Press Trust of India**  
**JAMMU:** A counter-insurgency drill by police at a building near the main road in Janipur locality here led to panic among locals who mistook it to be a security threat. Police teams, accompanied by experts from the bomb disposal squad and sniffer dogs, were pressed into action at the building that houses a departmental store on its ground floor and a bank branch on the first floor. The manager of the branch, who was caught unawares of the drill, heard the policemen speaking about bombs and called up the local police station for help. Soon, rumours about bomb scare in the **More on P10**

## Centre Concerned Over Declining Covid Testing In J&K

**Press trust of India**  
**NEW DELHI:** Citing multiple surges in coronavirus cases in several countries, the Union Health Ministry has written to 13 states and union territories, including West Bengal, Kerala, Maharashtra and Punjab, expressing concerns over declining weekly testing rates and spiking positivity rates in some districts. In a letter to Nagaland, Sikkim, Maharashtra, Kerala, Goa, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Ladakh, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan stressed on maintaining high testing rates given the recent increase in travelling due to events like marriages, festivals and vacations that have recently concluded or are underway. "A decrease in testing would undermine the actual infection spread within the community," Bhushan said in the letter. **More on P10**

**174 Covid-19 Cases, 2 Deaths In J&K**  
Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday recorded 174 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the infected number of people to 3,35,881 while two fresh deaths due to the virus were reported from the Union Territory in the past 24 hours, officials said. Of the fresh cases, 25 were from Jammu division and 149 from **More on P10**

## To Curb Load Shedding, PDD Suspends Maintenance Works

**Observer News Service**  
**SRINAGAR:** In order to ensure adequate electricity to the consumers, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC) has suspended all the maintenance works till next two months, thus simultaneously the frequent power shutdowns will no longer be witnessed till January 2022 end. Besides, the authorities in KPDC also informed that a fresh plan vis-à-vis power curtailment is being implemented on trial basis for next couple of days, saying that metered areas to witness 1-4 hours power cut in 24 hours while the non-metered areas would witness 1-6 hours electricity cut. Chief Engineer KPDC, Aijaz Ahmad Dar told a local news agency that the load has increased to a large extent in the last few weeks, adding that the people are not paying heed to the requests regarding the judicious use of the power. "We had appealed to people to use electricity judiciously especially during morning and evening hours," he said, adding that every house is using 5-6KV electricity regularly, which leads to the extra curtailment. "Against the agreement of 860KV, the department is supplying 1400KV, thus the KPDC is supplying double power to the consumers," he said. **More on P10**

## President Confers Shaurya Chakra On J&K Cop

**Agencies**  
**SRINAGAR:** Deputy Inspector General, National Investigation Agency, Amit Kumar has been conferred with the prestigious Shaurya Chakra award by President Ram Nath Kovind. Kumar was conferred with Shaurya Chakra, the third in order of precedence of peacetime gallantry awards and comes after the Ashoka Chakra and the Kirti Chakra. It precedes the Yudh Seva Medal. Kumar was conferred the prestigious **More on P10**

## Free Foodgrains Scheme Extended: Gol

**Press Trust of India**  
**NEW DELHI:** The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a proposal to extend distribution of 5kg foodgrains per month for free under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Anna Yojana (PMGAY) to over 80 crore ration card holders for four months till March 2022, a decision that will cost an additional Rs 53,344 crore to the exchequer. Free foodgrains under the PMGAY scheme, which was announced in March last year to provide relief to poor people during the COVID pandemic, is over and above the normal quota provided under the National Food Security Act **More on P10**



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1	طارق احمد ولد محمد رمضان بٹ	53 سال	مزدوری	آدنی
2	مبینہ اختر زوجہ طارق احمد بٹ	50 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	مہرینہ طاہرہ اختر سابقہ صاحبہ	31 سال	گھریلو کام	
4	ارفاق طارق ولد طارق احمد بٹ	29 سال	زیر تعلیم	
5	سرن طارق ولد طارق احمد بٹ	28 سال	زیر تعلیم	

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1	گلزار احمد ولد محمد سعید ڈار	32 سال	سرٹیف	آدنی
2	شائستہ بانو زوجہ گلزار احمد ڈار	30 سال	سرٹیف	
3	مہنگ گلزار زوجہ گلزار احمد ڈار	09 سال	زیر تعلیم	
4	رحمان گلزار ولد گلزار احمد ڈار	07 سال	زیر تعلیم	
5	حارث گلزار ولد گلزار احمد ڈار	2 1/2 سال	شیر خوار	

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1	محمد شفیق خان ولد غلام نبی	53 سال	مزدوری	آدنی
2	مسما شہبازہ زوجہ محمد شفیق	50 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	نصرت جان زوجہ محمد شفیق	31 سال	گھریلو کام	
4	محمد الطاف ولد محمد شفیق	29 سال	زیر تعلیم	
5	رئیس احمد ولد محمد شفیق	28 سال	زیر تعلیم	
6	فیضان احمد ولد محمد شفیق	23 سال	زیر تعلیم	
7	سرن جان زوجہ محمد شفیق	18 سال	زیر تعلیم	

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1	عبدالرشید ڈالہ ولد غلام محمد ڈار	55 سال	مزدوری	آدنی
2	زینب بیگم زوجہ عبدالرشید ڈار	45 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	حیدر اختر زوجہ عبدالرشید ڈار	30 سال	گھریلو کام	
4	افروزہ اختر زوجہ عبدالرشید ڈار	28 سال	گھریلو کام	
5	شائستہ جان زوجہ عبدالرشید ڈار	26 سال	گھریلو کام	
6	کلثوم جان زوجہ عبدالرشید ڈار	17 سال	زیر تعلیم	
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**Office Of The Executive Engineer  
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J & K SPORTS COUNCIL, SRINAGAR  
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Fresh Tender Notice: E-NIT No: 79 of 2021-22  
DATE: 20.11.2021

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contract	Cost of Tender documents	Technical Sanction/ Vet No. & date	Administrative Approval No. & date	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	External development and allied works for Indoor Sports Hall (Lalbahagh Srinagar by way of Construction of Acrylic Lawn Tennis Court incl. maintenance for a period of Two years.	17.80	Registered Sports companies or their authorized dealers	Rs.850/-	129 of 2021-22 Dt: 10/2021	Sports Council Order No: 292 of 2021 dt: 21.06.2021	30 days

Position of funds = Committed Under Capex 2021-22

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Sl. No	Particulars	Date
1.	Critical Dates Table	
1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice.	20.11.2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	20.11.2021 from 4.00 PM to 27.11.2021 upto 4.00 PM.
3.	Bid Submission Start Date.	22.11.2021 from 10.00 AM
4.	Bid submission End Date.	27.11.2021 upto 04.00 PM
5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids	29.11.2021 at 11.00 AM in the office of Ex. Engineer, Const. Division Kashmir, (online) J&K Sports Council at Administrative Block, Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar.

2. The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into the bank account by the bidder for which the following information can be used by the bidder. (No Demand Draft shall be entertained).

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2)	Account Title	= Executive Engineer, Construction Div. Kmr, JKSC 3
3)	Account No	= CDG-0365101200000842
4)	Branch	= Lal Mandi
5)	IFSC Code	= JAKA0SBOARD

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Ex. Engineer, CDK  
J&K Sports Council Srinagar  
DIPK-NB-5267/21

**Jal Shakti, Public Health Engineering, Department.**  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
e-NIT No: CE/PHE/KMR/JSD/60 OF 2021-22, Dated: 16 -11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir 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 contractor at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian District for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works", details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online into covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover 2nd's hall 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	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractor at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian District 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. b. Drilling of production tubewell. c. SIT of pumping units along with associated electro-mechanical works for harnessing of tubewell. d. Retrofitting of electro-mechanical equipment 'sat various Water Supply Schemes	1000/-			180 days	90

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)  
The tendering authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir 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:**

Sl. No	Particulars	Date
i.	Publish Date	17-11-2021
ii.	Document Download/sale start Date	17-11-2021
iii.	Clarification start date	17-11-2021
iv.	Bids submission start date	20-11-2021
v.	Clarification end date	13-12-2021
vi.	Pre-bid Meeting date	07-12-2021
vii.	Document Download/sale end Date	13-12-2021
viii.	Bids 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, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.  
3. The Bid 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, 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  
a. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, 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, 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 L1 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) or [phecejmu@gmail.com](mailto:phecejmu@gmail.com)

No: CE/PHE/KMR/JSD/26978-89  
Date: 16-11-2021  
Chief Engineer,  
Kashmir Jal Shakti, PHE Department.  
DIPK-13274/21

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Nisar Ahmad Handoo, S/O: Late Ghulam Ahmad Handoo, R/O: Aund Masjid, Khanyar Srinagar, have changed my daughter's name from Anosha to Myra Nisar, for all future purposes. Anybody having any objection can contact administration of Motherland High School, Kaka Mohalla, Khawaja Bazar, Nowhatta, Srinagar, within 14 days.  
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**Pubic Notice**  
The cast of my daughter has been wrongly written in school records as Wani while her correct cast is Wagay which needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Sdho Institute of Girls Wing Pehroo within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.  
Mohd Shafi agay  
F/O Seerat Shafi R/O Pehroo

**KOUL'S BEREAVED**  
It is with deepest sorrow that we inform about the sad demise of Prof. Abdul Rashid Koul, on 23rd of November, 2021 at his residence at Amda Kadal. May Allah grant him highest place in Jannah. His congregational Fatehkhawani will be held on Friday, the 26th November, 2021, at 2:30 PM at our ancestral graveyard, near the main gate of Islamia College, Srinagar.  
Deeply saddened:  
Prof. Mohammad Younus Koul,  
Qazi Aftab Ahmad,  
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Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**Office Of The Executive Engineer  
PW (R&B) Division Shopian**  
e-mail: -rmbdivisionshopian@gmail.com  
(Phone/Fax No: 01933-260226)  
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS  
NIT No: 170 / 10295-10306 / SPN/RnB/e-Tendering/2021-22 Dated:- 20-11-2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage %age 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	Major Head of Account	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Class of Contract	Time of Completion (In days)	Cost of T/ Doc. (Rs.)	AAA No / Dt	TS No / Dt
1	Upgradation of Zrakan Shalidar Road by way of Construction of Cement Concrete BN/ Wall and Wire Mesh Crates (Balance work).	State Sector	6.08	DEE/CEE	25 work-ing days	300/-	11-SE/PS of 2021-22. Dated:- 17-06-2021.	11/R&B/Div/ Spon of 2021-22. Dated:- 21-06-2021.

Bidders should quote in percentage below / above or at par at the bottom of the BOQ Percentage Template for the Work  
Percentage Rate method requires the bidder to quote a percentage above/below /at par of the schedule of rates applicable/as mentioned in the advertised BOQ  
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:-

Sl. No	Particulars	Date
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	20-11-2021
2	Document downloading Start Date.	21-11-2021 From 10.00 A.M upto 4.00 P.M
3	Document Downloading End Date.	26-11-2021 From 10.00 A.M upto 4.00 P.M
4	Bid submission Start Date.	21-11-2021 From 10.00 A.M upto 4.00 P.M
5	Bid Submission End Date.	26-11-2021 upto 4.00 P.M at 11:00 A.M
6	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	27-11-2021

1. Bidders must upload the requisite cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan / Treasury Challan Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority). (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).  
2. All the Bidders have to upload / 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" enclosed).  
3. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR within 03 Days before fixation of Contract.  
4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).  
5. All other terms and conditions are as per PWD form-25 (Double agreement form)

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
PW(R&B) Division Shopian  
No.:- NIT/e-Tendering/10306-08  
Dated:- 20-11-2021  
DIPK-13310/21



## KU library facility open for students: Admin

Agencies

Srinagar: "This has reference to certain news reports alleging therein that the University Library Facility is closed for students and scholars. The said allegation is far from truth and is refuted," said the spokesperson of Kashmir University.

He said that the University would like to clarify that the Reference Section in the Library remains open for issuance of books as well as for reading purposes. "The said section is spacious enough to accommodate students and scholars in adherence with social distancing measures and other SOPs," the spokesperson said.

# Traffic Jams During Evening Hours Irk Commuters In City

Agencies

Srinagar: With authorities failing to streamline traffic in commercial hub Lal Chowk and other vital routes, commuters are facing a tough time due to traffic jams for many hours.

Traffic jams during peak hours are witnessed on vital routes including Lal Chowk-Jahangir Chowk, junctions towards Natipora, Qamarwari and Sonwar route has become a norm. The problem is further compounded by closing down some of the important crossings and commuters are forced to take alternative roads.

"Frequent traffic jams sig-

nify the failure of authorities to streamline the system as not a single traffic cop deployed to streamline the traffic during evening hours here," Shabir Ahmad, a daily commuter at Baba demb route alleged.

He said that every evening he has to "waste" an hour in traffic jams on the barbar shah road to cover the distance which otherwise is covered within 10 minutes.

Travelling on city roads has become more of a time- and energy-consuming experience. At a few places, a commuter has to spend twenty minutes to complete the distance of a kilometer which otherwise is just five to

seven minutes drive normally," said a group of commuters at Abdullah Bridge.

On the busy Dalgate route, the commuters urged authorities to take necessary measures to avoid traffic jams.

"Traffic jams during peak hours have now become a norm and authorities seem unmoved. The traffic jams have increased in absence of effective regulation of the traffic," said a group of angry commuters at Dalgate junction.

"Travelling on city roads has become more of a time-consuming experience. At few places, a commuter has to spend twenty minutes to

complete the distance of one kilometer which otherwise is just two to three minutes drive normally," said a group of commuters at Qamarwari.

Attendants and visitors having patients at various Hospitals in the city said that they often find it difficult to reach the hospital on time.

They added that the traffic jam being a routine affair in the morning and evening hours on the vital routes has become a norm.

"Ambulances ferrying critical patients on most of the routes are also seen stuck in traffic jams," said Mushtaq Ahmad of Eidgah.

**DIAL-EMMA**

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

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

**HIGHWAY STATUS**

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

**PRAYERS**

FAJR 5: 44  
ZUHR 12:17  
ASR 3:47  
Magrib 5:27  
ISHA 6: 51

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
19 Rabi-ul Sani  
1443

## Dr Kalbe Sadiq remembered on first Death Anniversary

Syed Burhan

Srinagar: A Seminar was organized in honor of Educationalist and Padma Bhushan Awardee Dr Kalbe Sadiq on his first death anniversary at Tagore Hall.

The event was organized by Ehsaas International Trust and was attended by people from diverse backgrounds. Dr Sadiq was remembered as a reformer and a spiritual leader who played a pivotal role in uplifting underprivileged student community.

Speakers on the occasion lauded his efforts to bridge the gap between dif-

ferent communities in the country. Professor Naseem Rafiqabadi, Dean Social Sciences Central University of Kashmir remembered the efforts of Dr Kalbe Sadiq in promoting education among the community.

Drawing comparisons between Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and Dr Kalbe Sadiq he said "It will not be wrong to say he was another Sir Syed. His contribution in the field of Education among the Muslim community in India cannot be ignored".

"We need rise above sectarian conflicts and work for the betterment of the community in all respects".

Another Speaker Dr Syed Mudasar Rizvi emphasized the need to prioritize the education of all children in the community. "In order to prosper we need to educate the masses and prioritize education over other things". He said

A group of students acted in a stage performance to show the changes education and knowledge can bring in the overall development of an Individual.

On the sidelines of the Seminar an Art Competition was also held to promote Art Culture among students. Participants from across the valley and abroad took part in the competition.

## Srinagar areas falling under BB cantt get property tax bills

Agencies

Srinagar: The residents living within the jurisdiction of Badami Bagh Cantonment Board have been served fresh property tax bills from the board, asking them to pay tax, while some of them have received property attachment notices, asking them to clear the tax amount or face attachment proceedings, locals alleged here.

The residents alleged that some days ago, the Board had also published a notice, asking residents falling within the domain of the Board, to clear tax payments by depositing it to the Board account or through online mode.

"It is for the information of all concerned residing within the jurisdiction of Badami Bagh Cantonment Area who have not paid the Property / House Tax for the year 2021-22

are hereby again informed through this public notice that the payment for Property / House Tax be deposited on or before 30. September 2021 as already intimated through Demand Notice vide this office letter no. 7/6/3536/CI3/13B/609 dated 01.09.2021 sent to the residents of Cantonment Area by post failing which warrant of distress/attachment will be issued or suit will be filed for the recovery of the same with costs," reads the Public Notice issued by CEO, Badami Bagh Cantonment Board.

Residents of several localities including Sonwar, Indra Nagar, Batwara, and Shivpora said that they have received property tax bills from the Board. The authorities, according to locals, have unilaterally valued their properties and assessed the amounts to be paid. "No part of Srinagar or any other area of Jammu and Kashmir pays any tax on their own properties," they said.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MUGHAL ROAD DIVISION SHOPIAN**

NIT No: - 12/MRP/SPN/e-TENDERING/2021-22  
Dated: 22/11/2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K, e-tenders are invited on Percentage Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Cost of Tender (In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (days)	Class of contract
1.	Construction of PCC Drain in Km 2 <sup>nd</sup> along Mughal Road Shopian Side.	4.86	200/-	15 days	"D"

Position of Funds: Available  
Position of AA: Accorded

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in.

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	22-11-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 23-11-2021 To 28-11-2021
3.	Bid submission Start Date	23-11-2021
4.	Bid Submission End Date	29-11-2021
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	29-11-2021 at 03.00 PM in the office of the Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian.

1. Bidders must upload the requisite cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan/Treasury Challan Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority). ( Name of Work, to be mentioned). (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).

2. All the Bidders have to upload / 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").

3. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR within 03 days before fixation of Contract.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on website 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 the Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Mughal Road Division  
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DIPK-13361/21

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is given for the election of Board of Directors of **Jammu & Kashmir Milk Producers' Cooperative Limited, Cheshmashahi Srinagar**, as per following schedule: -

- The electoral rolls may be examined between **10:00 AM to 04:00 PM** in the office of Returning Officer at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar from **25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021** for Kashmir division and at Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu from **29<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022** for Jammu division.
- Any objection to the entries in the electoral rolls may be made between **10:00 AM to 04:00 PM** from **10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021** for Kashmir division and on from **14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022** for Jammu division.
- The objections, if any, to the entries made in the electoral rolls shall be considered during office hours on **14<sup>th</sup> December 2021** in Kashmir division and on **18<sup>th</sup> January 2022** in Jammu division.
- Nomination papers will be issued by Returning Officer and filed between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM by a member of the society to the Returning Officer at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar from **15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021** (Kashmir division) and at Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu from **19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022** (Jammu Division).
- The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny by the Returning Officer between **10:00 AM to 04:00 PM** on **21<sup>st</sup> December 2021** at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar for Kashmir division and on **25<sup>th</sup> January 2022** at Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu for Jammu division.
- Notice of withdrawal of candidature may be delivered between **10:00 AM to 04:00 PM** by a candidate to the Returning Officer at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar from **22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021** for Kashmir division and at Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu on **26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022** for Jammu division.
- The date of election will be **27<sup>th</sup> December 2021** between **08:00 AM to 05:00 PM** at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar for Kashmir division and **31<sup>st</sup> January 2022** at Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu for Jammu division.

Place: **Srinagar**  
Date: **-25<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Mushtaq Ahmad Malik**  
Returning Officer, JKMPCL  
(Deputy Registrar - HQ)  
Cooperative Societies

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## This Day In History

- 1973 - 3 Palestinians hijack KLM B747 above Iraq, to Dubai.
- 1979 - Israel returns Alma oilfields in Gulf of Suez to Egypt.
- 1983 - Soyuz T-9 returns to Earth, 149 days after take-off.
- 1983 - Syria & Saudi Arabia announce cease-fire in PLO civil war in Tripoli.
- 1983 - World's greatest robbery 26 million pounds worth of gold, diamonds & cash stolen from the Brink's-Mat warehouse at Heathrow Airport, England.
- 1986 - Iran-Contra affair erupts, President Reagan reveals secret arms deal.
- 1987 - Super typhoon Nina pummels the Philippines with category 5 winds of 165 mph and a surge that swallows entire villages. At least 1,036 deaths attributed to the storm.
- 2005 - Polish Minister of National Defence Radek Sikorski opens Warsaw Pact archives to historians. Maps of possible nuclear strikes against Western Europe, including nuclear annihilation of 43 Polish cities by Soviet-controlled forces revealed.
- 2007 - The first European Parliament election and a referendum on changing the voting system (called by the President and declared invalid because of insufficient turnout) were held in Romania.
- 2009 - Flooding in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; powerful storm brings 3 years' worth of rain in 4 hours, killing over 150 people and sweeping thousands of cars away during Hajj.
- 2011 - Sudden violent storms strike southern Sri Lanka, killing 27 people and drowning many fishermen caught by surprise. Thousands of homes lose their roofs and several more sustain damage. Landslides along with flooding was reported on the mainland.
- 2012 - 16 people are killed and 44 injured after a wedding party bus plunges 300 ft down a gorge in India.
- 2013 - 17 people are killed and 37 are wounded in a cafe bombing in Baghdad, Iraq.
- 2014 - US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel resigns, ending nearly two years in the Pentagon's top job.

*From KO Archives*

## APHC walks the tightrope

Observer News Service

**S**SRINAGAR: Covering itself on all flanks and showing an acute sensitivity to future developments, the All Parties Hurriyat Conference today walked the razor's edge between its constitutional stand and the role that it might henceforth have to play in resolving the Kashmir dispute.

Reacting to the New Delhi's time bound suspension of security forces operations against militants, the multi-party alliance said that the cease-fire announcement could be construed as a positive change in the Indian approach if it was meant as a step towards resolving the Kashmir issue and was above traditional politicking.

The announcement has to be sincere and serious, aimed at peace and security, and oriented towards establishing good neighbourly relations, in order to qualify for such an interpretation, the APHC said adding that it was prepared to participate in any comprehensive, meaningful and fruitful political process for an enduring resolution of the Kashmir issue. The extremely circum-spect nature of APHC's formal response in sharp contrast to the unreserved opinion which a senior member of the alliance, Abdul Ghani Lone, gave yesterday in Rawalpindi when he urged militants to accept the ceasefire offer, as 'rejecting it could prove dangerous for Kashmir and give India the chance to say to the world that militants were not responding to its intentions.' The executive committee of the 23-party alliance had met today to consider prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's announcement of suspending security forces operations against militants in Kashmir for the month of Ramadan. The statement issued after the meeting maintained that Kashmir was a dispute and not an internal matter of India. "It is not possible to restore peace unless all efforts are focused on a final settlement of the issue," the statement said.

"The Hurriyat has always stood for peace and security and desired a settlement of issues through meaningful negotiations. Therefore, the APHC is of the opinion that its leadership should be given an opportunity to start a process of negotiations with India, Pakistan, and the militant leaders for resolving the Kashmir issue and restoring peace".

In the larger interest of peace in South Asia, the Hurriyat feels that a comprehensive political process should start between the concerned parties to resolve the Kashmir issue and to usher in peace and a secure future.

The Jama'at-e-Islami said that the ceasefire should not be confined to a specific period but be of a permanent nature. "India should follow up its unilateral ceasefire with a forthwith agreement to hold tripartite talks in order to solve the Kashmir issue permanently. Kashmiri's are not struggling for civil rights but for the solution of the basic issue."

It said that numerous agreements and ceasefires which came out of 'temporary and half-hearted desires for peace' had proved impermanent for want of sincerity and will to resolve the issue honorably, and the gulf between two brother-nations went on widening, plunging Kashmiris in uncertainty and making them victims of oppression.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 25 NOVEMBER, 2000)

## Killer Asteroids Abound. NASA Is Ready To Do Something About It



Bloomberg

The Russia incident was a warning. On a winter morning in 2013, a meteor the size of a four-story building screamed across the country, exploding near the city of Chelyabinsk and injuring more than 1,600 people amid widespread property damage. The chunk of rock and iron, which was 60 feet across, served as a violent reminder that Earth, bombarded daily with tons of space-going debris, periodically intersects with large planet killers—and a significant portion of those remain undocumented. After years of study and discussion, NASA is ready to launch its first effort to spare Earth the kind of calamity that extinguished the dinosaurs, crashing a space probe into an asteroid to alter its speed and course. The Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) launches Nov. 23 local time aboard a SpaceX rocket from California and will cruise for 10 months to a binary asteroid system. The idea is that if humans have adequate time to react—decades of notice being preferable—enough energy can be transferred into a speeding rock to alter its trajectory and make

it miss Earth, avoiding catastrophe up to and including an extinction-level event. (Though a popular subject in science fiction, it's worth noting that NASA's current toolkit of asteroid-nudging techniques does not include Morgan Freeman, Bruce Willis or nuclear weapons.) Given the critical nature of the work, it's "not a stretch to suggest that DART may be one of the most consequential missions ever undertaken by NASA," Casey Dreier, an analyst with The Planetary Society, wrote in a November memo to members. "This test is to demonstrate that this technology is mature enough so that it would be ready if an actual asteroid impact threat were detected," Lindley Johnson, NASA's planetary defense officer, said at a Nov. 4 news conference. In September of next year—if all goes as planned—the DART craft will target Dimorphos, the smaller, 530-foot rocky body gravitationally tied to the larger Didymos, which is almost 2,600 feet across. The two rocks travel about 1 kilometer (0.6 mile) apart, and Dimorphos orbits its larger sibling every 11 hours and 55 minutes, "just like clockwork," Johnson said. Traveling at about 15,000 mph, the craft, which weighs 1,344 pounds and is 59 feet across, is to collide head-on with Dimorphos to both slow the rock by a fraction of a second and to adjust its orbital period around the larger asteroid by several minutes. "It's all about measuring the momentum transfer: How much momentum do we put into the asteroid by hitting it with the spacecraft?" said Andy Cheng, lead investigator for the mission at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory, which built and manages the spacecraft.



BKU leader Rakesh Tikait (Photo | EPS)

## Protest Won't End Yet, Next Decision On November 27: Rakesh Tikait

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**GHAZIABAD:** The ongoing anti-farm laws protest will not end yet and its future course of action will be decided on November 27, BKU leader Rakesh Tikait said on Wednesday. The Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) national spokesperson said the protestors would also question the Centre on its claims of doubling farmers' income. "This protest will not end yet. We have a meeting on November 27 after which we will take further decisions.

(Prime Minister Narendra) Modi ji has said farmers' income would be doubled from January 1, so will ask him how it would be done. Farmers' victory will be ensured when they get the right price for their crops," Tikait tweeted in Hindi. Hundreds of farmers have been encamped at Delhi's

borders since November 26, 2020 with a demand that the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 be rolled back and a new law made to guarantee Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops. PM Modi had last week announced his government's decision to withdraw the contentious laws.

## Australia Designates Hezbollah A "Terrorist" Organization



Agencies

Australia on Wednesday listed Hezbollah in its entirety as a "terrorist organization", extending a current ban on its military wing to include the entire movement. Home Affairs Minister Karen Andrews said that Hezbollah "continues to threaten terrorist attacks and provide support to terrorist organizations", posing a "real" and "credible" threat to Australia, according to AFP. Membership in the entire organization, as well as funding for it, will now be prohibited in Australia, which has a large Lebanese community. No reason was given for the timing of Australia's decision, which comes as Lebanon suffers from deep political and economic crises. Simultaneously, Israeli occupation's Prime Minister Naftali Bennett thanked his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison for the move, addressing him as a

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"friend". A number of Western countries, affiliated with the United States, have designated Hezbollah as a "terrorist organization" in its military and political wings, while other countries have only included its military wing on the list and kept its political wing outside the framework of targeted sanctions. Last year, US lawmakers made a call to the European Union to designate all of Hezbollah as a "terrorist organization" and ban its activities on the continent. In a similar move, Germany earlier designated Hezbollah a "terrorist organization" and banned its activity on its soil.

## Apple Sues Pegasus-Maker Israeli Firm For Targeting Its Users

Agence France-Presse

**WASHINGTON:** Apple on Tuesday sued the Israeli spyware maker at the center of the Pegasus surveillance scandal, seeking to block NSO Group from targeting the over one billion iPhones in circulation. The suit from the Silicon Valley giant adds to the trouble facing embattled NSO, which was engulfed in controversy over reports that tens of thousands of activists, journalists and politicians were listed as potential targets of its Pegasus spyware. US authorities just weeks ago blacklisted NSO to restrict exports from American groups over allegations the Israel firm "enabled foreign governments to conduct transnational repression."

To prevent further abuse and harm to its users, Apple is also seeking a permanent injunction to ban NSO Group from using any Apple software, services, or devices," Apple said in a statement announcing the lawsuit filed in US federal court in California. "Defendants are notorious hackers - amoral 21st century mercenaries who have created highly sophisticated cyber-surveillance machinery that invites routine and flagrant abuse," the iPhone maker wrote in its case. NSO has consistently denied any wrongdoing and insisted its software is intended for use by authorities only in fighting terrorism and other crimes. "Pedophiles and terrorists can freely operate in technological safe-havens, and we provide governments the lawful tools to fight it. NSO group will continue to advocate for the truth," the firm said in a statement to AFP.

## US-Taliban Talks To Resume Next Week In Qatar

Agence France-Presse

**WASHINGTON:** The United States will resume talks with the Taliban next week in Qatar, addressing among other issues the fight against terrorism and the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. The American delegation will be led by the US special representative for Afghanistan, Tom West, for the planned two weeks of discussions, State Department spokesman Ned Price said Tuesday. The two sides will discuss "our vital national interests," which include counterterrorism operations against the ISIS group and Al-Qaeda, humanitarian assistance, Afghanistan's devastated economy, and safe passage out of Afghanistan for US citizens

and Afghans who worked for the United States during the 20 year war. Two weeks ago in Pakistan West met with representatives of the hardline Islamist movement that seized power in August as US forces completed their withdrawal. A first session between the two sides was held October 9-10 in the Qatari capital Doha, where US diplomats overseeing relations with Afghanistan transferred after the Taliban takeover. West on Friday reiterated US conditions for the Taliban to receive US financial and diplomatic support: fight terrorism install an inclusive government, respect the rights of minorities, women and girls, and provide equal access to educations and employment.

## Bangladesh Sending More Rohingya Muslims To Remote Island



Agencies

Bangladesh has started to send more Rohingya Muslim refugees to a controversial facility on a remote island. The country's deputy refugee commissioner, Moozzem Hossain, told AFP on Wednesday that 2,000 Rohingya would be transferred to Bhashan Char Island this week. "Navy ships will bring them to the island on Thursday," he said. The refugees being relocated are among more than 730,000 Rohingya Muslims who fled genocide in Myanmar's Rakhine State. Hossain claimed that all relocations were completely voluntary, but several refugees said they were being forced to move to the flood-prone island. According to one Rohingya community leader, Bangladeshi authorities told him and his peers to each provide lists of at least five families to be relocated, AFP reported. Human Rights Watch (HRW) also said on Tuesday that Rohingya leaders were being coerced into persuading camp residents to move to the remote island. HRW urged Dhaka to halt further relocations until it could guarantee freedom of movement for the refugees. Bangladesh constructed a network of shelters on the island to relocate 850,000 Rohingyas, who are packed in cramped camps in Cox's Bazar, near Myanmar's border. Thousands of Rohingya Muslims were killed, injured, arbitrarily arrested, or raped by Myanmar soldiers and Buddhist mobs mainly between November 2016 and August 2017.

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Gist of e-NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2021-22/204/e-tendering  
(Short-Term)  
Dated: -22.11.2021.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited from registered/reputed/experienced firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	AAA	Position of funds	TS No.	Earnest Money (Rs)
Outsourcing of Man-power for operation of Central Heating System at Govt. Dental College Sgr	1.20	200	264-GDC of 2021 Dt:- 27.10.2021	Available	132 of 10/21	2400.00

- The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 22.11.2021 (16.00 hrs).
- The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 22.11.2021 (16: hrs) to 27.11.2021 (14:00 hrs) in two (02) cover.
- The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 27.11.2021 (17.00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

DIPK-13316/21  
Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
MHCHD, Srinagar  
MHCHD/TS/ 7027-32 Dt:-22.11.2021

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**Subject:** Conduct of Second Round of Physical Counselling for up-gradation / allotment of seats in B. Sc. Nursing /B. Sc. Paramedical/B. Sc. Technology Courses-2021 in Government / Private Paramedical Institutions of UT of J&K / Ladakh.

**References:** Notification No. 118-BOPEE of 2021 dated 05-11-2021

**Notification No. 130-BOPEE of 2021**  
Dated: 22-11-2021

Consequent upon receipt of shortfall from Paramedical Institutions, the Board has decided to conduct Second Round of Physical Counselling for up-gradation / allotment of seats in B. Sc. Nursing /B. Sc. Paramedical/B. Sc. Technology Courses-2021 in Government / Private Paramedical Institutions of UT of J&K / Ladakh, as per the following schedule:-

SNO	DATE	FROM	RANK	TO
1	Thursday, 25 November 2021	1	800	
2	Friday, 26 November 2021	801	1500	
3	Saturday, 27 November 2021	1501	2200	
4	Monday, 29 November 2021	2201	2900	
5	Tuesday, 30 November 2021	2901	3600	
6	Wednesday, 1 December 2021	3601	4250	
7	Thursday, 2 December 2021	4251	4900	
8	Friday, 3 December 2021	4901	5519	

All the above mentioned eligible and desirous candidates are advised to report at the BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar for registration/attendance & fulfillment of requisite formalities, from 09:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. on their due day/date of counselling as given in the above counselling schedule;  
The Board has decided to reduce the cut off score from 25 marks to 20 marks of the eligible candidates for their participation in Second Round of Physical counselling i.e. upto Rank 5519.

**Candidates Not Eligible to participate in the Second Round of Physical Counselling:**

- The candidates who have not joined the discipline/institution allotted to them in the first round of physical counselling;
- The candidates who have cancelled (withdrawn) their admission after joining the discipline / institution allotted to them in the first round of physical counselling.

**Candidates Eligible to participate in the Second Round of Physical Counselling:**

- The candidate(s) who have been allotted a seat in the first round of physical counselling, and have joined against the said seat.
- The candidate(s) who have been opted C.N.A or S.N.A. status in the first round of physical counselling;
- The candidate(s) who have missed the first round of physical counselling on one or the other reason;

**Important Instructions:**

- Candidates reporting for up-gradation are advised to bring (admission) fee deposit receipt of the concerned institution for verification purpose.
- Candidates reporting at BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar for counselling shall have to strictly adhere to COVID-19 Advisories issued by the UT Government of J&K from time to time.
- Candidates reporting for counselling for the first time shall have to bring along with them all their relevant/requisite certificates for verification, as and when demanded.
- The candidate(s) who are participating first time in the counselling shall have to make counselling fee of Rs: 1000/- through POS Machines available in the BOPEE Office Srinagar / Jammu on the day / date of counselling before registration.
- Seat Matrix of Second Round of Physical Counselling shall be uploaded on the official website of BOPEE i.e. <https://www.jkbopee.gov.in> within due course of time.
- The Board reserves the right to notify such changes as may become necessary in view of any technical difficulty or the reasons beyond its control.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified by the Board in the information Brochure / Notifications / Notices issued in this regard from time to time.

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Dated: 22-11-2021

## If You Want to 'Keep' Kashmir, Restore Article 370: Mehbooba Tells Centre

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday asked the Centre to restore Article 370 and resolve the Kashmir issue if it wants to "keep Kashmir", saying people want return of "our identity and honour" and that too with interest.



Addressing a public rally at Neel village of Banihal, she also said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have decided "our fate with Mahatma Gandhi's India which gave us Article 370, our own constitution and flag" and cannot live with (Nathuram) Godse's India.

Mehbooba asked the people to stand united and "strengthen her voice for the success of her struggle in support of the restoration of special status guaranteed by the Constitution and safeguard the identity and honour of the people" of Jammu and Kashmir.

"We have decided our fate with Mahatma Gandhi's India which gave us Article 370, our own constitution and flag. If they take everything from us, we will also take back our decision. They have to think if they want to keep J&K with them, they have to restore Article 370 and resolve the Kashmir issue," she said.

The "people of Jammu and Kashmir cannot live with Godse's (assassin of Mahatma Gandhi) India", Mehbooba added.

"We want Mahatma Gandhi's India, return of our identity and honour which was given to us by the Indian Constitution and I am sure they have to return it with interest as well," she asserted.

Noting that history is testimony to the fact that no powerful nation has ruled people on the might of guns, she said, "You cannot keep Kashmir by holding a stick or a gun (on the heads of the people)... the super power America failed to rule Afghanistan on the strength of its power and had to leave the country."

Without naming the BJP, the former chief minister said, "Some of our own people get annoyed when I demand dialogue with Pakistan for peace in J&K and resolution of the issue. They dub me a traitor and anti-national."

"Today they are talking with Taliban and also China which has illegally occupied our land in Ladakh and has also set up a village in Arunachal Pradesh," she said.

However, Mehbooba said if the people stand united, it is not a big deal that "we will not succeed in our goal (of restoration of Article 370 and resolution of Kashmir issue)".

"India took 200 years from getting its freedom from the British and BJP took 70 years to remove Article 370 unconstitutionally. We may take 70 months but we will compel the Indian government to return not only Article 370 but to resolve the Kashmir issue as well for which our youth rendered numerous sacrifices and filled the graveyards with their bodies," she said.

Seeking support of the people, Mehbooba said she does not bow before anyone but "what is going to happen if I do not bow before anyone, unless I am supported by all of you".

"You have to support my voice and I also need your blessings. If we do not raise our voice today, time will come when the people will say this was a place which was once a habitat of Kashmiri Muslims, Gujjars, Bakerwals and Pahari people as others will be settled here," she said.

"Today is not an election and I am not seeking votes from you. When the time for elections comes, vote for whom you wish to vote for. I want your support for PDP so that no 18-month-old is forced to come on the road again to seek the body of his father," she said referring to the protest by the family members of the civilians killed in a controversial gunfight in Hyderpora locality of Srinagar on November 15.

## Senior Citizens Welfare Council On Anvil: Admin

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration may constitute a council of senior citizens at the state and district level for effective implementation of The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act-2007.

According to the rules of the Act, the government may by order establish a council of senior citizens to advise it on effective implementation and to perform such other functions in relation to the senior citizens as the government may specify.

The council, according to the rules, would comprise of minister Social Welfare, administrative secretaries of different departments like Social Welfare, Home, Finance, GAD, Health, Director General of Police, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and Jammu, Inspector General of Police Kashmir and Jammu, specialists, activists, and eminent senior citizens.

The rules also provide that the government may also establish a committee of senior citizens in each district which will advise it on effective and coordinated implementation of the law and perform such other functions in relation to the senior citizens at the district level as the government may specify.

The rules also state that the Director General of Police shall

take all necessary steps, subject to such guidelines as the government may issue from time to time, for the protection of life and property of senior citizens.

According to the rules, each police station shall maintain an up-to-date list of senior citizens living within its jurisdiction, especially those who are living by themselves.

The police shall also promptly attend to complaints/problems by senior citizens and visit them as quickly as possible on receipt of a request of assistance from them, the rules state.

These rules have been unveiled for implementation of Act which became applicable to J&K from October 31, 2019.

## National Steel Giant To Enter J&K Market

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: Shyam Steel on Wednesday announced its plan to expand retail operations in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab as the 3,000-crore company is aspiring to become one of the leaders in the primary TMT bar segment in north India.

The steelmaker has embarked on the expansion mode despite disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and will strengthen its distribution network for TMT bar, a construction material. "We are on a major expansion drive to revamp our retail business operation across the country. We are starting our expansion in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab which have huge growth potential. The policy shift of the government will boost development and help the industry grow in the Kashmir region," Shyam Steel director Lalit Beriwalla said.

The company also plans to ex-

pand its footprint in Himachal Pradesh and Haryana.

The TMT bar manufacturer said its retail operations have been expanded to Kathua, Samba, Udhampur, Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch, Doda, Ramban, Baramulla, Srinagar, Pulwama, Shopian, Ganderbal and Budgam in Jammu & Kashmir. "We are looking to become one of the leaders in the primary TMT bar segment in North India," he said. The company will look to create a base of 5,000 MTs through 500 retail outlets covering Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana in north India.

Shyam Steel has roped in Olympic medalists boxer Lovlina Borgohain and India hockey team captain Manpreet Singh as its "Build India" brand ambassadors, in addition to Bollywood actor Sonu Sood.

These associations will help elevate the brand value of Shyam Steel in the markets, the company added.

## Jammu Mayor Eyes Top Spot For Cleanliness Survey

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: Jammu Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta on Wednesday said the city's ranking in the 'Swachh Survekshan' has shown a steady improvement over the past three years but more needs to be done to achieve the top slot.

Gupta said the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) would send teams to the top ranking cities including Indore, Surat and Vijaywada to study various models for further improvement in cleanliness.

"From 329 in 2019, 224 in 2020 and 169 this year, the overall ranking of Jammu city in the cleanliness survey has shown a steady improvement and the credit for it goes to all concerned including JMC staff, local citizens and the Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)," Gupta told reporters here.

## BJP Leaders On A Week Long Visit To Kashmir's Border Areas

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Ahead of winters, BJP leaders led by party president Ravinder Raina arrived in Karnah in the border area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district on a three-day visit.

Raina was accompanied by Senior BJP leader Anwar Khan and officials from administration.

Raina visited many areas of the frontier Tehsil to take first hand appraisal of various ongoing developmental works and later met various deputations, political leaders, social activists and prominent citizens of the Karnah.

People raised many issues and demands including Sadnadh Tunnel for safe and smooth road communication, relief, repair and renovation for affected people post floods, adequate staff for hospital, need for round the clock gynecologist, repair of roads, accommodation for employees, better power supply etc.

Large number of public delegations also met the leaders seeking

his intervention and necessary directions in resolution of various issues and schemes. Raina offered patient hearing to the issues and demands of the people and assured them of proper action and redressal after due deliberations with concerned authorities in due course of time. He emphasized upon the officers to work with added zeal towards restoration of all facilities, assessment of damage towards expediting relief measures.

While speaking to CNS, Anwar Khan said that discussing the developmental issues of the areas with the workers he asked workers to reach out to people at grass root level. He emphasized the party workers to step up their activities and hold meetings with people in their respective panchayats and strengthen the party at grass root level.

Meanwhile, in continuity with their week-long programme to border areas of north Kashmir, Leaders are expected to visit the Uri areas also.

## Day After Protests, KU Says Library Open

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A day after students protested the alleged closure of the library at the Kashmir University, the varsity authorities have said the library is functional.

"This has reference to certain news reports alleging therein that the University Library Facility is closed for students and scholars. The said allegation is far from truth and is refuted," a university spokesperson said.

He said that the University would like to clarify that the Reference Section in the Library remains open for issuance of books as well as for reading purposes. "The said

section is spacious enough to accommodate students and scholars in adherence with social distancing measures and other SOPs," the spokesperson said.

"With regard to 24x7 facility, it is clarified that since the said facility is located underground without much ventilation, it is not deemed advisable to throw it open for mass gathering for now in interest of

safety of students owing to concerns related to COVID-19," he said. "The facility shall be thrown open at an appropriate time in adherence to the necessary COVID-19 SOPs. We request our students to cooperate with us," the spokesperson added. (KNS)



## JAMMU AND KASHMIR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Subject: Filling up of the posts of Chief Librarian in Department of Culture, J&K  
Ref: Department of Culture indent No. Cul/Gen/38/2020/Vacancy Date: 29.3.2020.

Notification No : 10-PSC (DR-P) OF 2021  
Date: 22.11.2021

Applications through online mode are invited from the applicants who are domiciled in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir possessing the prescribed Academic / Professional qualification and age for the post of Chief Librarian in terms of the "Jammu & Kashmir Education Department (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 1991 notified vide SRO-16 dated 08.01.1991 and Jammu & Kashmir Probationer (Condition of Service, Pay & Allowance) and Fixation of Tenure Rules, 2020" notified vide S.O. 192 of 2020 dated: 17.06.2020 and Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (Business and Procedure) Rules, 2021.

### MOST IMPORTANT

- ▶ Candidates are advised to update their One Time Registration before filling the application Form
- ▶ The Application Form along with instructions for filling up of the Application Forms will be available on the website of the Commission from 22.11.2021
- ▶ Candidates are advised to go through the instructions carefully and all the eligibility conditions prescribed for the posts before filling of the online Application Form(s).
- ▶ Last date for filling up of online Application Form(s) duly complete in all respects along with the requisite fee (online mode only) is 21.12.2021
- ▶ The last date for receipt of online applications provided in the notification shall be the cut-off date for determining the prescribed eligibility as regards the acquisition of Domicile Certificates, educational and professional qualifications etc.
- ▶ The minimum and maximum age will however be reckoned with reference to 1st January, 2021
- ▶ Candidates can edit some of the relevant fields in their online application form(s) w.e.f. 23.12.2021 to 25.12.2021 (3 days). Instructions in this regard will be separately made - available on the official website (jkpsc.nic.in)
- ▶ Candidates are not required to submit hard copy or any other documents to the Commission.
- ▶ Candidates are advised, in their own interest, to submit online applications much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection/inability to pay fee or failure to login to the online application portal on account of heavy load on the website during the closing days.
- ▶ The tentative date of the Written Examination will be notified separately.

### 2. Name of post/ scale of pay/Prescribed qualification

Post	Pay Scale	Qualification
Chief Librarian	Level-8 47600- 151100	Master's Degree in Library Science

### 3. Details of posts with category wise breakup is given below

Name of the Post	OM	RBA	SC	ST	ALC/IB	SLC	PSP	EWS	Total
Chief Librarian	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02

### 4. Age as on 1st January 2021

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

S.No	Category	Age limit	Not born after	Not born before
1	OM	40	01.01.2003	01.01.1981
2	RBA	43	01.01.2003	01.01.1978
3	In service candidate/Government	40	01.01.2003	01.01.1981

### 5. Reservation

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

### 6. Domicile

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

### 7. Centre of Examination

- The examination will be held at Srinagar & Jammu Centres. All the candidates shall indicate the option for examination centre as indicated above.
- The allotment of centres shall be at sole discretion of the Commission and once a centre is allotted to a candidate, request for a change of centre will not be entertained.
- Information about the Examination indicating the time table and Centre of

Examination for the candidates will be uploaded on the website of the Commission about two weeks before the scheduled date of examination. If any candidate does not find his/her Roll Number on the website of the Commission, one week before the date of examination, he/she must immediately contact the Commission's Office at Srinagar/Jammu, with proof of having submitted his/her application. Failure to do so will deprive him/her of any claim for consideration.

IV. Candidate must submit his/her online application form, Email ID and Mobile Number along with his/her Name, Date of Birth and Name of the Examination, while addressing any communication to the Commission. Communication from the candidates not furnishing these particulars shall not be entertained.

V. Admit Cards will be available for downloading about two weeks before the date of examination on the official website of the Commission i.e. jkpsc.nic.in. Candidate must bring legible printout of the Admit Card/Roll Number Slip to the Examination Hall.

VI. For securing entry into the centre of examination, in addition to the Admit Card/roll Number Slip, it is mandatory to carry at least two passport size recent colour photographs (not taken earlier than 01.01.2021) and any of the valid Photo-Id proof in original such as:

- Aadhar Card/E-Aadhar,
- Voter's ID Card,
- Driving License,
- PAN Card,
- Passport,
- School /College/University I- Card
- Employer ID Card.

### 8. Requisite Fee

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

General Category	=	Rs.1000.00
Reserved Category	=	Rs.500.00

### Note:

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

### 9. Scheme of Examination/Selection Criteria

The selection will be made on the basis following specified criteria :-

A	Written Examination	68 points
B	Performance in the interview/viva voce test. The candidate shall be asked to deliver a 5 minute demonstration/lecture on a given topic from the relevant subject to demonstrate his/her domain knowledge/skill and will be assessed and evaluated by the subject experts and the Members of the Commission in the Selection Committee/Interview Board.	25 points
C	Weightage for academic Merit/Higher Qualification in the relevant subject	Upto maximum of 04 points
	Where Master's degree is prescribed as the minimum Qualification	Upto maximum of 04 points
	i) M.Phil in the relevant subject	02 points
	ii) Ph.D in the relevant subject	04 points
D	Distinction in Sports (certified by Secretary, J&K Sports Council to be an outstanding Sports person in terms of J&K (Appointment of Outstanding Sports Persons) Rules, 1998	01 point
E	Distinction in NCC activities (Holder of Grade "C" Certificate)	01 point
F	Special Attributes	
	i) Gold Medal for overall first position in the prescribed qualification	01 point
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>

### The Syllabus for the post for written examination is as under:

Unit-I  
Information, Information Science, Information Society, Knowledge Society, Information as a Resource/Commodity Role of Information in Planning, Management, Socio-economic development, Technology Transfer Intellectual Property Rights, Right

to Information Act, IT-Act The Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act; and Plagiarism

Unit-II  
Types of Libraries-National, Public, Academic and Special Historical Development of Libraries Library and Information Policy at National Level Role of UGC and RRLF in Growth and Development of Libraries in India

Unit-III  
Five Laws of Library Science  
Library Resources Sharing and Networking  
Library Movement and Library Legislation in India  
Library Extension Services  
Library and Information Science Profession  
Library Association in India  
Library Association Organization at International level

Unit-IV  
Sources of Information-Primary, Secondary, and Non-Documentary Reference Sources-Print and Online  
E-resources (e-books, e-journals, database, website, portals, etc) Reference and Information Service (Traditional and Online)

Unit-V  
Knowledge Organization-Classification (DDC) and Cataloguing (AACR-2)  
Knowledge Management  
Index and Indexing  
Vocabulary Control-Thesaurus, lists of Subject Headings  
Database

Unit-VI  
Impact of ICT on Libraries  
ICT application to Libraries  
Digital Libraries Vs Virtual Libraries  
Library Automation, Networking, Digitization and Telecommunication

Unit-VII  
Library Management and its Administration  
Collection Development-Acquisition, Organization and Maintenance, etc.  
Human Resource Management, Financial Management Library Building and other infrastructure Marketing of Information Products and Services TQM, Performance Evaluation of Libraries and its Services

Unit-VIII  
Research methods in Libraries, Research Design, etc. User studies, User Education  
Library Metrics

### I. Written Examination

- The written examination will be a 2 hour (120 minutes) Objective Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Exam having 100 questions.
- There will be negative marking for incorrect answers (as detailed below) for all questions.

- There are four alternative for the answers to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, on fourth (025) of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
- If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answer happen to be correct and there will be same penalty as above for that question.
- If a question is left blank i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

### II. Interview

In life Interview/viva voce, the candidates will be asked, in addition to the demonstration of domain knowledge/skills, questions on matters of general interest and matters related to the post for which he is being interviewed, The object of the interview is to assess the personal suitability of the candidate for a career in public service. The interview test is intended to judge the mental calibre of a candidate. In broad terms, this is really an assessment of not only his intellectual qualities but also social traits and his interest in current affairs. Some of the qualities to be judged are mental alertness, critical powers of assimilation, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgement, variety and depth of interest, ability for social cohesion and leadership, intellectual and moral integrity.

### 10. The necessary instructions regarding filling up of online applications are given herein below:

- Candidates are required to apply online through the website of the Commission i.e. http://www.jkpsc.nic.in. No other means/ mode of application shall be accepted.
- Candidates are first required to go to the JKPSC website www.jkpsc.nic.in and click on the link "One Time Registration" or click on Login menu if you have already created your profile with the JKPSC.
- Alter logging into your account, candidates are required to fill all the requisite fields of One Time Registration (OTR) i.e. personal information, contact information & educational qualification, service details etc.
- The candidate shall also be required to upload the image of date stamped recent passport size color photograph and signature. The photograph should not be taken earlier than 01.01.2021.
- Size of the photograph (passport Size) and signature must be between 10kb to 20kb in \*.jpeg or \*.jpg only.
- After successful submission of all the details in your OTR account, check the eligibility conditions as mentioned in the advertisement notification before applying for the post.
- Click on the "show examination" as shown against the respective post/examination you want to apply.

h) On Clicking on the "show examination" a window will appear on your computer screen. Select the month of the advertisement notification for which you want to apply, a link(s) for the post(s) will appear on the computer screen.

i) An "APPLY" button is shown against the respective post and the candidates will click on the APPLY button against the post he/she is eligible.

j) On clicking "APPLY" button, an instruction window will appear. Candidates should read instructions carefully before clicking on "APPLY" button at the bottom of the webpage.

k) On clicking "APPLY" button, the system will display all facts/particulars that a candidate may have mentioned while filling up the necessary fields of his/her OTR account. Candidate shall fill up the remaining required fields in the application form and accept the declaration thereon.

l) Once the candidate is satisfied about the correctness of the filled in details, then, he or she may click on "SUBMIT" button to finally push the data into server with successful submission report.

m) On successful submission of the basic details, the candidates will be required to pay the online fee and uploading of the documents, for final submission of the online application form.

n) Candidates can pay the requisite fee through online mode in the "SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS" menu in your account.

o) After successful payment of the fee, the fee status will get reflected on the Online Application Form. Candidates can check the fee status by clicking on the Print Application Button in the submitted Applications menu in your JKPSC account. In case the payment status shows either "not submitted or under processing or status has not been reflected on your submitted application form", candidates(s) are advised to contact the JKPSC office at Solina Srinagar/ Resham Ghar Colony Jammu immediately for clarification. Further where the online fee is paid through other service providers the candidate must ensure that not only the amount of fee is debited from his/service provider's Account but also credited into the official account of JKPSC.

p) The candidate would be able get the printout of his/her submitted application only after the payment of the requisite fee and uploading of requisite documents viz Date of Birth Certificate, Degree Certificate, Category Certificate and Domicile Certificate.

q) The JKPSC will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written examination and therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. The candidates are advised to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age, etc. and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post(s). Copies of supporting documents will be sought at the time of document verification. When scrutiny is under taken, if any claim made in the application is not found/substantiated by proof, the candidature will be cancelled and the Commission's decision shall be final and binding.

r) Please note that the above procedure is the only valid procedure for applying. No other mode of application or incomplete steps would be accepted and such applications would be rejected.

### 11. Editing of the online application form

Candidates who have successfully submitted the online application form along with requisite fee will be allowed to edit some of the fields in their submitted online application form within three days after the cut-off date i.e from 22.12.2021 to 25.12.2021. Detailed instructions in this regard will be made available on the website.

### 12. Action against candidates found guilty of misconduct

Candidates are advised that they should not furnish any particulars that are false or suppress any material information.

A candidate who is, or has been, declared by the Commission, to be guilty of:

- obtaining wrongful support of his/her candidature by any means, or
- impersonating, or
- procuring impersonation by any person, or
- submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tampered with or
- making statements which are incorrect, or false or suppressing material information, or
- resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his/her candidature for the selection, or
- using unfair means during the test, or
- writing irrelevant matter including obscene language or pornographic matter, in the script(s), or
- misbehaving in any other manner in the examination hall, or
- harassing or doing bodily harm to the staff employed by the Commission for the conduct of their test, or
- attempting to commit or, as the case may be, abetting the commission of all or any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses may, in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution, shall be liable;

(a) to be disqualified by the Commission for selection for which he/she is a candidate, and/or

- to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period:-
- By the Commission from any examination or selection held by them.
- By the Union Territory Government from any employment under them, and
- if he/she is already in service under Government, disciplinary action can be taken against him/her under the appropriate rules.

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K O V I E W

## Winter's Tale

Over the past week, Kashmir has been in the grip of a severe cold wave. The intervening night of Monday and Tuesday was the coldest in Srinagar with temperature dipping to -2.3 degrees Celsius. At Khanabal, the mercury dropped to -4 degrees Celsius. Srinagar remained covered with fog, reducing visibility. The day temperature has been hovering at most of the places between 13 and 15.6 degrees Celsius except Gulmarg, which recorded 9.8 degrees C day temperature. As things stand, each new night will beat the previous night's record. This is so even when the Valley is almost a month away from Chilla Kalan, the 40 days of the harshest cold.

In the last few years, Kashmir has experienced advancing of the commencement of winter. Last year, the snow had fallen in November itself and in the subsequent Chilla Kalan, the Valley had witnessed bone chilling cold and the successive snowfalls. It was after many years that one could witness the long icicles hanging off the eaves. Most taps, water bodies, including the Dal Lake froze. People experienced severe hardships with water pipes freezing and in many cases bursting. There were also instances of the cracking of water tanks in many homes. Besides, due to lack of clearance of snow, many villages in south, central and north Kashmir remained cut off from district headquarters.

Such scenes could very well repeat this winter. The exceptionally severe nature of the recent winters has hardly made the government more sensitive towards the needs of the people. In fact, this winter the administration seems struggling to get its act right. The people have more or less been left to fend for themselves.

Compared to past winters, nothing has changed for the better on the ground. In fact, in some aspects, the situation is only worse off. The power supply has reduced to a trickle in parts of the Valley, with long unscheduled power cuts the order of the day - albeit, in some urban areas including the situation on power front has been relatively better. Both metered as well as unmetered areas have already been slapped with a drastic load-shedding schedule.

Now that with each passing day, the Valley is heading deeper into winter and into the cold embrace of Chilla Kalan, the government can be hoped to prepare for the tough times ahead. Snowfalls could soon become the order of the day. One benefit of a snow-bound winter has been that there is a marginal rise in the arrival of tourists. But the economy already reeling from the successive lockdown of the past one and a half year has been dealt too severe a blow to recover anytime soon.

O T H E R O P I N O N

## Gaps Remain

Data is the new gold. So said Prime Minister Narendra Modi two years ago, addressing supporters and potential investors during a public event in the American energy capital of Houston. On Monday, Mr Modi's government moved a step closer to enacting a law detailing rules for mining this new, lucrative commodity. A joint committee of Parliament has finalized its report on the personal data protection bill, a draft legislation that promises - for the first time - data privacy rights for Indian citizens. Parliament is expected to debate and, possibly, vote on the bill in the upcoming winter session. The bill requires companies to give notice and seek consent from individuals before using their data, restricts the purposes for which they can use the data, and mandates that firms can only collect data relating to the services they provide. At the moment, two sections of the Information Technology Act that allow citizens to seek compensation for improper disclosure of their data are the only protection Indians have. With 900 million Indians expected to have internet access by 2025, a law that safeguards data privacy is the need of the hour.

But the bill does not apply equally to all stakeholders involved in this new gold rush. As the Congress leader, Jairam Ramesh, has pointed out, Sections 35 and 12(a)(i) of the bill give the government blanket powers to exempt its agencies from the proposed law without any parliamentary oversight. The draft legislation also requires that all data of Indian citizens be stored on servers located within the country. In a nation still awaiting answers to revelations that Israeli spyware was used to snoop on the government's critics, these clauses will only amplify fears of abuse by the State. Unlike the Indian bill, other major democracies have sharply defined circumstances involving national security where governments are authorized to secretly access and use the data of citizens. The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation and a similar British law guarantee data protection from the government. India's model, on the other hand, closely mirrors China's data protection law, enacted in August, which also lets the government snoop on personal data and insists that data be stored locally. If the Indian bill passes in its current form, it would undermine a landmark 2017 Supreme Court judgement that described privacy from the government as a fundamental constitutional right. That would be unfortunate. India is not China.

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# India At COP 26 Summit

## Why Did India Stay Away From Deforestation Declaration, Methane Pledge?



THE PROGRESSIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS of Modi that were welcomed then, now stand in stark contrast to India's last-minute intervention to water down the use of coal and bypassing the global methane pledge which was launched during COP 26 summit

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

The two-week long COP 26 summit at Glasgow has come to an end. A commitment to phase out coal that was included in earlier negotiation drafts led to a dramatic finish as India and China opposed it. Environment, Forests and Climate Change Minister of India Bhupender Yadav raised concerns about how developing countries could promise to phase out coal and fossil fuel subsidies when they still have to deal with their development agendas and poverty eradication. In the end, countries agreed to "phase down" rather than "phase out" coal, amid expressions of disappointment from several countries. India born British Minister Alok Sharma who was the COP26 President said he was, "deeply sorry" for how events had unfolded.

"China and India will have to explain themselves and what they did to the most climate-vulnerable countries in the world", said Alok Sharma. He, however, called the deal historic and said it keeps 1.5 degree Celsius within reach. Earlier drafts of the agreement contained a commitment to phase out unabated coal that refers to coal burned without carbon capture and storage technology. The experts say that this technology brings down the emissions significantly.

### Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)

To reduce carbon emissions in the atmosphere, scientists have come out with a technology called Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). The basic idea of CCS - capturing CO2 and preventing it from being released into the atmosphere was first suggested in 1977 using existing technology in new ways. CO2 capture technology has been used since the 1920s for separating CO2 sometimes found in natural gas reservoirs from the saleable methane gas. In the early 1970s, some CO2 captured in this way from a gas processing facility in Texas (USA), was piped to a nearby oil field and injected to boost oil recovery. This process, known as Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) has proven very successful and millions of tonnes of CO2 - both from natural accumulations of CO2 in underground rocks and captured from industrial facilities are now piped to and injected into oil fields in the USA and elsewhere every year. By 2012, there were 5 large scale CCS projects in operation around the world.

CCS is a way of reducing carbon emissions, which could be key to helping to tackle global warming. It's a three-step process, involving: cap-

turing the carbon dioxide produced by power generation or industrial activity, such as steel or cement making; transporting it; and then storing it deep underground. CCS involves the capture of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from industrial processes, such as steel and cement production, or from the burning of fossil fuels in power generation. This carbon is then transported from where it was produced, via ship or in a pipeline, and stored deep underground in geological formations.

link infrastructure development and allied activities with the conservation of forests in the prepared text. On the other hand, more than 100 world leaders showed their commitment to save the world's forests.

The Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use was an ambitious declaration initiated by the United Kingdom to "halt deforestation" and land degradation by 2030. India's representative is said to have objected to "trade" being interlinked to climate change and forest issues in the agreement.

AT A TIME WHEN INDIA COULD HAVE SHOWN more commitments towards reducing carbon emissions and global warming, it is evident that the Govt has some other priorities in spite of the fact that we are at the top of the world pollution chart

### Modi's pledge at COP 26?

When the COP 26 summit began at Glasgow, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged to cut emissions to net zero by 2070 and reduce carbon emissions by one billion tonnes by 2030. PM Modi also pledged to raise the share of renewables in the energy mix to 50%, among others. The progressive announcements of Modi that were welcomed then, now stand in stark contrast to India's last-minute intervention to water down the use of coal and bypassing the global methane pledge which was launched during COP 26 summit. Around 90 nations signed the methane pledge that was initiated by the US and European Union (EU). As methane is the second most greenhouse gas found in abundance in our atmosphere after CO2, the pledge is aimed at bringing down methane emissions down to a significant level. The announcement on methane pledge was made in September this year by the US and European Union for reducing global methane emissions by 30% from 2020 levels by the year 2030. Pertinently methane gas emissions are responsible for half of the 1 degree Celsius net rise in global temperature since pre industrial era.

### India stays away from Forest pledge

India has not only shown its reluctance to sign the pledge on methane reduction but also chose to stay away from the forest & land use pledge as well. Considered to be one of the 10 most forest-rich countries of the world, India stayed away from this agreement as it was not happy with the effort to

The declaration on forests and land use has over 105 signatories including the UK, US, Russia and China. In addition to India, Argentina, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and South Africa are the only G20 countries that did not sign this declaration. On one hand, India is targeting to bring down its projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes by 2030, the forests spread across North to South and East to West of the country could help achieve this goal. Unfortunately, India's forests appear to be receding as the tree cover has declined by 5% in the last decade between 2001 and 2020 as per the official figures.

We have already lost 66,000 hectares or 0.65% of humid primary forests-defined as mature, natural, humid tropical forest cover that has not been completely cleared and regrown in recent history-between 2017 and 2019 (source Global Forests Watch dashboard, World Resources Institute).

In addition to it, between 2001 and 2020, India lost 1.93 million hectares of tree cover (defined as all vegetation taller than 5 metres in height as of 2000), a 5% decline. This is about 14 times the size of Delhi. In 2020 itself, India lost 132,000 hectares of natural forests, as per the dashboard.

However, official figures show an increase in India's forest and tree cover. The Forest Survey 2019 estimated a 5,188 sq km or 0.65% increase in India's forest and tree cover by geographical area between 2017 and 2019. These figures have been contested by activists and environmental experts.

### Amendments in Forest Conservation Act 1980

With an aim of what the Modi Govt

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calls "liberalising" forest laws by facilitating private plantations for harvesting and exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas deep beneath forest land by drilling holes from outside the forest areas, it seems BJP Govt at centre is making every effort towards providing 'ease of doing business' to its capitalist cronies. The proposed amendments in the Forest Conservation Act 1980 (FCA) is the latest move to destroy natural resources only to pave a way for helping capitalists and multinational companies. The proposed amendments say that this step is aimed at providing exemptions to businesses under the garb of 'development'. Land that was acquired by the Railways and the Road ministries before 1980, but on which forests came up, will no longer be considered forests.

Highlights of the proposed amendments are:

The forest land for strategic and security projects of national importance should be exempted from the need to obtain prior approval from the Central government. Doing this will allow states to permit diversion of forest land for strategic and security projects that are to be completed in a given time frame.

To facilitate Oil and Natural Gas Extraction. The new technologies such as Extended Reach Drilling (ERD) are to be explored for extraction of oil and natural gas found deep beneath the forest land by drilling holes from outside the forest areas.

At a time when India could have shown more commitments towards reducing carbon emissions and global warming, it is evident that the Govt has some other priorities in spite of the fact that we are at the top of the world pollution chart. A 2020 report by Swiss organisation IQAir found that 22 of the world's 30 most polluted cities were in India, with Delhi ranked the most polluted capital. On the one hand, PM is making commitments of generating 500 Giga Watts of non-fossil fuel energy but on the other hand stays away from forest/ land use declaration and the methane pledge.

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## Fix Broken Wooden Bridge At Hajibagh

Dear Editor,  
We the residents of Hajibagh, Budgam want to draw the kind attention of the authorities concerned to the broken wooden bridge at Hajibagh. In 2020, half a portion was swept away by the floods. After that, local

people through their own pockets got it repaired as much as they could. But some days back, some hired people from the government department removed that very part of the bridge, which had been repaired by the locals, on the pretext, that we would

set it right. In its aftermath, we have become paralyzed. Students are unable to go to coaching centres. Farmers are also facing hurdles. Harsh winter has set in. A mindful person can think of our situation. So, in this regard, I want the authorities con-

cerned to set it right as early as they can and we will oblige.

Syed Mustafa Ahmad  
Near Zainakote  
Haji Bagh

# Why Exams Face A Litmus Test In Covid-19 Times

The Pandemic-Triggered Disruption In The Traditional—And Limited—System Of Examinations Can Open Up More Relevant Ways To Assess Students

ANAVI KAUL

When India's youngest billionaire talks about the limitations of the education system and the conventional method of assessing students—examinations—you can't help but take notice. "Instead of making everybody study seven or eight subjects, we need to pay more attention to students gathering a higher level of expertise in the subject they choose. Perhaps better ways of examining students and how much knowledge they've garnered—at a time when access to information has become instant—are called for," says Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of online stock trading platform Zerodha.

Kamath, 34, who dropped out of high school at the age of 15 to pursue his passion for chess and the 'germ' of a startup idea, may have been an outlier in his time. Just as Steve Jobs and Bill Gates were in the 70s, when they chose to drop out and pursue their entrepreneurial dreams.

"I wasn't too keen on following the two traditional paths available in India—science and commerce," explains Kamath, while emphasising that he doesn't recommend dropping out. "The key is to allow students to study what they're really interested in."

Kamath's pearls of advice assume significance at a time when, along with pretty much everything and everyone else, Covid-19 has turned the world of education and students upside down. With health and well-being quickly becoming the top-most priority for schools and universities globally, millions of students were informed that their exams could not, in good faith, be conducted. This was horrifying to some and relief for others, but it was a situation that could never have been predicted.

Virtually overnight, students shifted their learning to an online platform (at least those who could afford and access one). And with this shift came the realisation that education could not go on as it had before. Quizzes, projects, and virtual labs and assessments took precedence over tests, which were hard to administer justly. While for some, online schooling was stressful, others took respite in the break from the constant onslaught of tests and exams. Using this new project-based learning and self-paced understanding for the most part, many excelled more than they could have with the traditional route.

"Exams remain the sole way to



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not only test one student's learning throughout a semester, but also to assess the effectiveness of an academic system with their teachers, facilities and lesson planning methods, all of which culminate to give them utmost significance," says a 10th grade student from Mumbai who chooses to remain anonymous.

Another 10th grader has a counter-view. Exams, especially in India, are fixated on the idea of memorisation. "Exams and standardised testing emphasise and reward rote learning and memorisation over genuinely engaging with and comprehending the material taught. Exam marks often don't accurately represent a student's learning, as their inflexibility disregards various factors such as mental health and stress," he says on condition of anonymity. Further yet, due to the constant stress of exams, many students wrongly turn to malpractice to attain the grades they believe will secure their future.

#### THE ALTERNATIVES

An advantage of diverting from the traditional examinations comes

from the understanding that high marks do not necessarily equate to future success or define intelligence. Instead, real-world applications could be more effective in a student's understanding of the content and will expose them to work experience, should they consider pursuing a career in a particular field. Exam boards could make greater use of rubric-based assessments, which consider myriad components of a student's work, including written, oral and visual. Giving a higher priority to project-based learning can encourage students to find ways to solve real-world problems. This way, students can learn the same skills that are needed in exams: Analysis, data synthesis, universal laws and hard work; plus they can develop new skills such as research (which will enhance their tech skills), and learn about concepts like structure, formatting and citation.

The Great Lakes Institute of Management in Gurugram, for instance, uses a multitude of methods to assess students. Although students undergo examinations, the business school includes case study analyses, group

simulations, live consulting projects, internship reports and other presentations in the course to fully expose them to the real world. Dr Umashankar Venkatesh, director, PGPM & professor, marketing, says, "As evident from the list of assessment methodologies, we have long moved away from the pure examination-centric methodology, as it has limitations in what it assesses. For instance, in the real-world group performances, (the skills that) are assessed cannot be manifested through an individual examination-based method." On what qualities make an individual successful and whether examinations are a good way to assess them, he says: "In business, successful careers need individuals to develop multiple types of skills, aptitudes and expertise. A holistic shaping of learners requires them to undergo different forms of assessments, which evaluates the various facets of personality and learning. Therefore, a single method of evaluation and success (exams) may not reflect the overall suitability of a candidate in a given role or function."

An acclaimed example of a country's

education system that focuses on student interest and happiness is Finland. The country has no standardised testing, with the exception of a voluntary exam—National Matriculation Exam—to be taken after a senior year in high school. All students receive individualised feedback and learning systems, with a grading scheme set by their teachers. Official supervision is led by the ministry of education, which randomly samples students from various schools to check up on progress. There is a highly relaxed atmosphere in schools, with minimal emphasis on homework and no undue stress imposed upon students. With all these reforms, one might expect students to forgo studying and perform terribly at school. However, the truth is the opposite—results from the 2020 Programme for International Student Assessment showed Finland's students performing to the same level as students from Canada and the UK, among others. An input from Pasi Sahlberg, currently part of Finland's ministry of education and culture (retrieved from a 2011 interview with Smithsonian Magazine) elucidates that, "We prepare children to learn how to learn, not how to take a test."

Back home, a few experiments to skill students who don't hold conventional degrees are showing results. One such is Zoho Schools, founded in 2004 (then known as Zoho University) by Sridhar Vembu, the maverick founder of software products firm Zoho Corp. As of a year ago, some 875 of Zoho Corp's 9,300 employees were from Zoho Schools. "15 to 20 percent of our engineers do not have an engineering degree. They are all trained in-house. Zoho Schools allows you to bypass colleges, and we're trying to go all-digital now," Vembu had told Forbes India last June. The problem with conventional degrees, he added, is that "our kids become good testers, but are not necessarily well-educated".

Clearly, conventional exams do not have to be the only testimony of a sound education. As Kamath says: "There are books out there. You can always go pick up what you're interested in and study it." And what you're interested in can lead you in unexpected – and lucrative – directions. The billionaire would know. "I'm a big fan of history and I continue to read it. If you believe in the cyclical nature of stock markets and you use that to analyse stock markets, strangely enough, history becomes useful."

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## Living In "Liminality"

The Shifting Sands Of Covid And Our Uncertain Future Has A Name – Liminality

Sarah Wayland

During the pandemic, lots of us, myself included, are struggling to live in the "now". That "now", with all its uncertainty, doesn't look like the life we used to live or the life we imagine we will return to.

That experience has a name – liminality. Understanding liminality and its origins can provide ways to better understand the foggy, ambiguous space we currently inhabit.

#### What is liminality?

European anthropologist Arnold van Gennep pioneered the study of liminality in the early 20th century. His work on liminal spaces focused on the rites of passage we transition through in life.

Since then, the term liminality has been used to describe the paths we navigate when faced with life events. These are the times when we are in a metaphorical waiting room between one life stage and another.

I've been studying liminality throughout my career working with families of missing people.

These families, waiting for missing people to come home, can also experience a sense of liminality. They can be stuck between certainty and uncertainty about knowing what happened

to their loved ones and learning to live without answers.

What families of missing people taught me is what helps us survive uncertainty is reflecting on our own capacity to tolerate "not knowing".

An everyday example might be sit-

ting an exam and waiting for the outcome. You might be unable to plan ahead, and are balancing thoughts of passing or failing, all at the same time.

can we safely travel?".

Liminality shows up in other ways, with the: lost life-stage rituals such as the sudden end of the school year, but without the formals or graduation ceremonies newfound uncertainty about daily tasks

**LEARNING TO "GO WITH" ALL THE** twists and turns that come with rapidly changing science and the resultant uncertainty is what we need. We might enhance our lives by accepting liminality in how we navigate each day, to learn to tolerate ambiguity

#### What's this to do with COVID?

During COVID, how we believe our lives "should" work ceases to exist. And we're left with uncertainty.

We ask ourselves, others or Google "how long will the pandemic last?", "when will lockdown end?" or "when

#### There are real health impacts

The space between the life we had and the life we potentially will be able to live can cause us distress. And no amount of Zoom trivia, Uber Eats delivery or walking around the block can satisfy us.

Liminality during COVID has also impacted our health and well-being in other ways.

People with eating disorders have noted an increase in behaviours, as a coping tool, when faced with uncertainty. Diabetes educators have noted increased isolation and disconnection from usual routines can impact how diabetes is managed.

But the liminal space can also provide breathing room to learn to live with uncertainty and overcome what scares us.

#### How to cope with uncertainty

To manage uncertainty, individually and collectively, we need to reflect on how we receive information.

A US study found one place we go to for information, for certainty in a pandemic, is science. However, given science changes as research progresses, public health messaging can also change. So this repetitive looking for certainty, in an uncertain world, makes it difficult to learn to live with COVID.

We know long periods of uncertainty can have impacts on our capacity to cope. Without the strong foundation

of certainty or "knowns" in our life, the reshaping of the world, from the pandemic, can and will be unsettling.

I'm not suggesting abandoning science, far from it. But those not at the forefront of designing vaccines, studying epidemiological trends or treating COVID patients might like to rethink our relationship with certainty.

Learning to "go with" all the twists and turns that come with rapidly changing science and the resultant uncertainty is what we need. We might enhance our lives by accepting liminality in how we navigate each day, to learn to tolerate ambiguity.

It is not simple to accept the unknown. However in this pandemic, learning to accept public health advice (and the science that underpins it) might change is part of living through a worldwide event.

Not knowing what next week will look like and finding ways to "tolerate ambiguity" is where we're at right now. We can help ourselves by finding daily routines within our control, small moments of the day where we connect with a person, nature, or an activity that reminds us where we are and who we are.

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## Study Finds Housework Can Lead To Sharper Memory, Better Leg Strength

Agencies

A new study has found that older adults who do housework may have a sharper memory, attention span, better leg strength and greater protection against falls.

The findings of the study were published in the open-access journal 'BMJ Open'.

The findings were independent of other regular recreational and workplace physical activities, and active commuting.

Regular physical activity is good for maintaining optimal physical and mental health. And among older adults, it curbs the risks of long term conditions, falls, immobility, dependency and death.

Yet global monitoring data indicate that in 2016, physical activity

was well below recommended weekly levels and had budged little in a decade, with people in high-income countries more than twice as likely to be couch potatoes as those in low-income countries.

Given that housework involves physical activity and is an indicator of the ability to live independently, the researchers wanted to explore whether doing the household chores might contribute to healthy ageing and boost physical and mental capacity among older adults in a wealthy country.

They included 489 randomly selected adults, aged between 21 and 90, with fewer than 5 underlying conditions and no cognitive issues. All were living independently in one large residential town in Singapore, and able to carry out routine daily tasks.

Participants were divided into two age bands: 21-64-year-olds (249; average age 44), classified as 'younger'; and 65-90-year-olds (240; average age 75), classified as 'older'.

Walking (gait) speed and sit-to-stand speed from a chair (indicative of leg strength and falls risk) were used to assess physical ability. Validated tests were used to assess mental agility (short and delayed memory, visuospatial ability, language and attention span) and physiological factors linked to falls.

Participants were quizzed about the intensity and frequency of household chores they regularly did, as well as how many other types of physical activity they engaged in.

Light housework included washing up, dusting, making the bed, hanging out the washing, ironing, tidying up, and cooking. Heavy house-

work was defined as window cleaning, changing the bed, vacuuming, washing the floor, and activities such as painting/decorating.

Housework intensity was measured in metabolic equivalent of task (METs). These are roughly equivalent to the amount of energy (calories) expended per minute of physical activity. Light housework was assigned a MET of 2.5; heavy housework was assigned a MET of 4.

Only around a third (36 per cent; 90) of those in the younger group and only around half (48 per cent; 116) of those in the older age group, met the recommended physical activity quota from recreational physical activity alone.

But nearly two thirds (61 per cent, 152 younger; and 66 per cent, 159 older) met this target exclusively through housework.

## Robots Now Wipe Tables, Sort Trash, Open Doors At Google Offices

Agencies

Signalling an era of machines slowly taking over human work, a fleet of more than 100 robots are autonomously performing a range of useful tasks around Google offices in the US, like wiping tables, sorting trash, grasping cups and even opening doors for visitors.

Google's parent company Alphabet has announced that its 'Everyday Robots' project - a team within its experimental X labs - has moved some of its robot prototypes out of the lab and they are doing useful tasks around Google's Bay Area campuses.

"We are now operating a fleet of more than 100 robot prototypes that are autonomously performing a range of useful tasks around our offices," said Hans Peter Brondmo, Chief Robot Officer.

"The same robot that sorts trash can now be equipped with a squeegee to wipe tables and use the same gripper that grasps cups can

learn to open doors," he said in a statement.

Over the last few years, Alphabet has been building an integrated hardware and software system that is designed for learning, including transferring learning from the virtual world to the real world.

The robots are equipped with a mix of different cameras and sensors to take in the world around them.

"Using a combination of machine learning techniques like reinforcement learning, collaborative learning, and learning from demonstration, the robots have steadily gained a better understanding of the world around them and become more skilled at doing everyday tasks, the company informed.

Over the coming months, Googlers who work in Mountain View may catch glimpses of the robot prototypes wiping tables after lunch in the cafes, or opening meeting room doors to check if the room needs to be tidied or if it is missing chairs.

## Jal Shakti, Public Health Engineering, Department.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
Te- NIT No:-CE/PHE/KMR/JSD/18 OF 2021-22, Dated: 06-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir 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 Shopian district 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 Shopian District for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of:-  Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains. Drilling of production tube well. SITC of pumping units along with associated electro-mechanical works for harnessing of tube well. Retrofitting of electro-mechanical equipment's at various Water Supply Schemes Group IV	Work/scheme wise details given in Section II of tender document	1000/-	0.75	180 days	120
		Above 1 crores upto 3 crores				

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)  
The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir/ 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	08-11-2021
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	08-11-2021
iii	Clarification start date	08-11-2021
iv	Bid submission start date	12-11-2021
v	Clarification end date	26-11-2021
vi	Pre-bid Meeting date	22-11-2021
vii	Document Download/sale end Date	26-11-2021
viii	Bid submission end date	26-11-2021
ix	Date and time of Bid opening	29-11-2021

- Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
- 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
  - Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, 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.
  - The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
- 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 L1 after opening of financial cover.
- 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.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Queries by email if any should be made at [kmrphed@gmail.com](mailto:kmrphed@gmail.com)/[phecjmu@gmail.com](mailto:phecjmu@gmail.com)  
No:CE/PHE/KMR/JSD/260025-36  
Date:06-11-2021

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION KHANABAL KMR.**

Tariq Ahmad Malik  
S/O Mohd Shafi Malik  
R/o KP Road Nai Basti Ang.

No:-.....  
Dated:...../...../2021

**Final Notice**

Subject :- Fencing of Graveyard near Darul-Uloom Darasgah Checken Mohalla Under IDMT MC Anantnag  
Reference:- This Office Letter No.10973-74 Dated: 22-09-2021.

Whereas you were directed to deposit performance security equal to 3% of contract value amounting to Rs. 9378/- (Rupees Nine thousand Three hundred and Seventy Eight) only within 03 days as pre-requisite for issuance of formal allotment of contract vide above cited references. But despite lapse of 48 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.  
"Treat this notice as final".

Executive Engineer,  
R&B Division Khanabal.

DIPK-13370/21

Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
**Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division Anantnag**  
Telephone/ Fax 01932-222559 email id: xenmedang@gmail.com

**TENDER DOCUMENT (Abstract)**

S. No	Name of work	Estt. cost (In Rs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs)	Bid Security Declaration	Time of Completion	Administrative Approval	Technical Sanction
01	Contract	Supply of spares required for Snow Machine No.59 (TATA 715 LPT) of Mechanical Field Sub Division Pulwama.	24510.00	200.00	03 days	Accorded	Yes
02	Reference of NIT	MDA/TS/E-Tender/120 of 2021-22 dated: 18-11-2021					
03	Time of Completion of Contract	03 days					
04	Position of funds	Available					
05	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	24510.00					
06	Cost of tender documents	200.00 In shape of E- Challan/GR to be uploaded in the online bid					
07	Bid Security Declaration	To be submitted with BOQ					
08	Online tender download/ start date	18-11-2021 (5:00 PM)					
09	Online tender submission End Date	29-11-2021 (02:00 PM)					
10	Date and time of opening of Technical Bid online (Cover 1st)	30-11-2021 (02:00 PM) in Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, (MED), Anantnag.					
11	Date and time of opening of Financial Bid online (Cover 2nd)	After evaluation of cover 1st in Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, (MED), Anantnag.					

**Gist of E-TENDER**  
No: MDA/TS/E-Tender/120 of 2021-22 Dated: 18-11-2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division Anantnag, invites E-Tenders in two cover system on item wise basis from reputed and registered firms/Workshop holders or Mechanical contractors for the following work:

The tender documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of quantities (BOQ), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from Government website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the schedule given in the "Abstract" appended to this notice.

Instructions to Bidders:

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format with digital signature on the official website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in two covers; viz Techno- Commercial/ Financial cover
- Cover 1st shall contain:
  - Bid security Declaration duly signed by the contractor/ Firm has to be uploaded in lieu Of CDR, as annexure "C", without which tender cannot be entertained
  - Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST No.
  - Scanned copies of PAN Card/ GST Registration/ latest GST Clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.
  - Scanned copies of the Annexure "A", & "B" duly signed and accepted.
  - Scanned copy of E- Challan/GR/DD etc. for an amount of Rs.200/= duly signed with date.
- Cover 2nd shall contain:
  - Price bid, as per BOQ uploaded by this Department/Division.
  - The Department/ Division will not be responsible for delay in submission of bids due to any reason.
  - The cost of tender documents is Non- Refundable and Non- Transferable.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Mechanical Division Anantnag

No: MDA/TS-965/ 4881-85 Dated: 18-11-2021  
DIPK-13306/21

**THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS**  
Tel/Fax: 0194-2433590- ,2437647 (srinagar) : 0191-2479371, 2470102 (jammu)  
website: <http://www.jakbopee.org>, email: [ceojakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:ceojakbopee@gmail.com)

Subject :- Provisional Selection list eligible of candidates for admission to B.E./B.Tech (Engineering) Courses-2021 in Government/Private Engineering Colleges of UT of J&K, Upgradation/allotment 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mop-up) round of physical counselling thereof.

Reference:- Notification No. 124-BOPEE of 2021 dated 12-11-2021.

**Notification No. 131-BOPEE of 2021**  
Dated 22-11-2021

In pursuance of Notification No. 124-BOPEE of 2021 dated 12-11-2021, read with other Notifications / Notices, the Board conducted 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mop up) round of physical counselling from 20-11-2021 and 22-11-2021 simultaneously at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar for admission to B.E./ B. Tech (Engineering) courses-2021 in Govt. / Private Engineering Colleges of UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The list of candidates provisionally selected for upgradation /allotment of seat(s) in respective Colleges / Institutions as per their merit cum preferences is given at Annexure "A" to this Notification which shall be available on BOPEE official website [www.jakbopee.org](http://www.jakbopee.org) only.

The candidates provisionally upgraded / selected shall have to report for admission to the allotted Colleges / Institutions by or before 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 (up to 04:00 P.M) along with their relevant certificates in original. The concerned Heads of the Institutions shall complete the admission process after checking the eligibility of candidates and verifying the following documents:

- Domicile Certificate.
- Marks Certificate of 12<sup>th</sup> Class.
- Date of Birth Certificate (10<sup>th</sup> Marks Sheet/Diploma).
- Category Certificate, if applicable.
- ID card to verify the identity of the candidate, &
- Any other document, as required by concerned college/institution for admission purposes.

Note:

- All the Heads of the Institutions/Colleges are requested to keep their admission counters open on holidays/off days to facilitate the candidates to complete their admission process well in time.
- The candidate(s) who would conceal any information at the time of admission, the candidature of such candidates shall be cancelled abinitio and fine/penalty shall be imposed upon him/her as may be deemed proper by the Board in accordance with the laid down rules.
- The allotment of seats (discipline/institution) have been made in accordance to the provisions of S.O. 127 of 2020 dated 20-04-2020 read with S.O. 249 of 2021 dated 23-07-2021.
- The Concerned Colleges/Institutions shall ensure that, in case a person with disability, is selected in open merit, the college/ institution concerned shall refer such case(s) to the Medical College concerned for constitution of special Medical Board to assess such candidates and make recommendations based on which colleges shall take further necessary action. In case any such candidate does not fulfill the bench marks of disability, he/she shall not be admitted to the course/ college and the matter shall be reported to the BOPEE.
- For fee related query, candidates provisionally recommended for admission are advised to contact the concerned College/Institution.

Further, due to non-availability of eligible reserved category candidates in the following Institutions against below mentioned categories, the Board, as provided under Proviso to Selection 9(2) of J&K Reservation Act, 2004, converted these seats into Open Merit and filled up the same from amongst the available eligible OM category candidates.

Institution	Discipline	Cat. (46%)	SC (8%)	ST (10%)	OS (4%)	ALC/IB (4%)	RBA (10%)	CDP (3%)	SP (2%)	JKPM (1%)	PSP (4%)	PWD
GCET Jammu & GCET-Ganderbal		108	23	26	4	19	3	14	10	3	6	

The Heads of the Institutions shall keep record of admissions and send the shortfall of the candidates, if any, to the Board through e-mail viz. [ceojakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:ceojakbopee@gmail.com) / [helodeskjakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:helodeskjakbopee@gmail.com) on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at 02:30 P.M positively.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the Information Brochure and Notifications/Notices issued by the Board in this regard from time to time.

E&OE  
No. BOPEE/Exam-04/2021  
Dated: 22-11-2021

(Dr. unil Gupta)  
Controller of Examinations  
J&K BOPEE

DIPK-NB-5273/21

## Virtual Real Estate Plot Sells For Record \$2.4 Million



Agencies

**LONDON:** A patch of virtual real estate in the online world Decentraland sold for a record \$2.4 million worth of cryptocurrency, the buyer crypto investor Tokens.com and Decentraland said on Tuesday.

Decentraland is an online environment - also called a "metaverse" - where users can buy land, visit buildings, walk around and meet people as avatars.

Such environments have grown in popularity this year, as the pandemic caused people to spend more time online.

Interest surged last month when Facebook changed its name to Meta to reflect its focus on developing virtual reality products for the metaverse.

Decentraland is a specific type of metaverse that uses blockchain. Land and other items in Decentraland are sold in the form of non-fungible tokens (NFTs), a kind of crypto asset.

Crypto enthusiasts buy land there as a speculative investment, using Decentraland's cryptocurrency, MANA.

A subsidiary of Tokens.com, called the Metaverse Group, bought a patch of real estate for

618,000 MANA on Monday, which was around \$2,428,740 at the time, a Decentraland spokesman and a statement by Tokens.com said.

Reuters also saw the land's purchase recorded on the NFT marketplace OpenSea. Decentraland said it was the most expensive purchase of a plot of virtual real estate on the platform.

The land is in the "Fashion Street" area of Decentraland's map and Tokens.com said it would be used to host digital fashion events and sell virtual clothing for avatars.

It is made of 116 smaller parcels, measuring 52.5 square feet each, making the land 6,090 virtual square feet in size.

Andrew Kiguel, CEO of Tokens.com, said the assets would complement the real estate already held by Metaverse Group.

In June, a plot of virtual land in Decentraland sold for 1,295,000 MANA, worth \$913,228 at the time. The buyers built a virtual shopping centre to sell digital clothing, but Reuters has visited this site multiple times since and not seen any shoppers.

MANA is highly volatile. It has gained around 400% this month according to Coinbase, spiking after Facebook's name change.

## Indian GDP To Grow 7.8% In Q2, 9.4% In FY22: Report

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Official data print on the GDP will show a 7.8 per cent expansion on a year-on-year basis for the September 2021 quarter, according to a report.

Real GDP will grow 9.4 per cent in FY22 and decelerate to 7.5 per cent for FY23 as the base effects result in the higher growth in the ongoing fiscal wear-off, according to the report by economists at HDFC Bank released on Wednesday.

In FY21, the GDP had contracted 7.3 per cent due to the pandemic. For FY22, the RBI expects GDP to clock a growth of 9.5 per cent, which will slow to 7.8 per cent in FY23.

The GDP had expanded by over 20 per cent for the first quarter on the lower base.

The official data for the second quarter is set to be released on November 30.

The report by HDFC Bank said some part of the expected 7.8 per cent GDP growth in the second quarter will be due to a low base from a year when the economy contracted by 7.4 per cent but there is likely to be a sequential improvement in GDP growth in Q2FY22.

On a sequential basis, GDP is expected to grow 9.75 per cent in Q2 from a contraction of 16.9 per cent in the second wave-hit previous quarter, reflecting a revival in economic activity.

"With support from pent-up demand and easing of mobility restrictions in the country, economic activity (as captured by a number of high frequency indicators) moved above pre-second wave levels in early August and has remained robust since then," the report said.

Agriculture, forestry and fishing growth will come at



four per cent in Q2FY22, industry will be at 6.3 per cent and services at 8.6 per cent, it added.

## International Flight Services To Normalise 'Very Soon': Govt

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** International passenger flight services are expected to be normalised "very soon" and possibly by the end of this year, Civil Aviation Secretary Rajiv Bansal said on Wednesday.

Scheduled international passenger flights to and from India remain suspended since March 2020 amid the coronavirus pandemic. The suspension has been extended till November 30.

Normalisation of international flights is expected "very soon" and by the end of this

year, Bansal said here. Currently, India has air bubble arrangements with more than 25 countries for operating international flights.

Under an air bubble arrange-



ment between two countries, international passenger flights can be operated by their respective carriers into each other's territories subject to certain conditions.

Last week, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said the government was evaluating the process for normalising international operations and asserted that it wants to return to normalcy while keeping in mind the coronavirus pandemic situation in certain parts of the world.

"I am all for regaining our space in the civil aviation arena in the world and making a hub in India and for more wide body aircraft. We will get there but bear with me and trust me, I am on your side. We will work together but in a safe environment," he had said.

## As China Back Taliban, Its Firms Line Up To Exploit Rich Afghan Resources

Press Trust of India

**BEIJING:** As China warmed up to the Taliban regime by stepping up aid and diplomatic support for Taliban's global recognition, Chinese firms are busy exploring contracts to exploit resource-rich Afghanistan's mineral deposits, official media in Beijing reported today.

Representatives of several Chinese companies have arrived in Afghanistan on special visas and are conducting on-site inspections of potential lithium projects, while others have made contacts about such projects, Yu Minghui, director of the committee, which has been helping Chinese companies explore business opportunities in Afghanistan, told China's state-run Global Times.

China, which is coordinating its Afghanistan policy closely with Pakistan after the Taliban took over power in August, has kept its embassy open along with that of Pakistan and Russia and has stepped up campaign for its global recognition of the interim government headed by the Afghan terror group though it is yet to recognise the regime.

For its part, China has also been pressuring the Taliban regime to rein in Uygurs of the East Turkistan Islamic Movement, (ETIM) active in the volatile Xinjiang province.

Beijing has also announced USD 31 million aid for Afghanistan and sent 1,000



tonnes of food and materials to the country last week.

China, which shares narrow borders with Afghanistan, has been eyeing the extension of its USD 60 billion so-called 'China Pakistan Economic Corridor' to Afghanistan besides exploiting the mineral-rich mines of the country.

The Taliban has already said that China has a big role to play in Afghanistan in the reconstruction of the war-ravaged country.

"China is a big country with a huge economy and capacity. They can play a big role in rebuilding, reconstruction of Afghanistan," Taliban spokesman Suhail Shaheen told the official media in Beijing earlier.

Interest in Afghanistan's mining sector is also growing among Chinese firms, including projects involving copper and lithium, given the massive deposits estimated to be worth as much as USD one trillion, the Global Times report said.

## Only Trucks, Tempos That Run On CNG Can Enter Delhi From Saturday

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Only trucks and tempos that run on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), barring those engaged in essential services, will be allowed to enter Delhi from November 27, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said today. The capital city, grappling with high pollution levels, had on November 22 banned the entry of heavy goods vehicles carrying non-essential items into the city to combat air pollution.

The ban on the entry of trucks operating on other fuels into Delhi will continue till December 3, he said after a review meeting with senior officials. Offline classes in schools, colleges, and other educational in-



stitutions - suspended due to high pollution levels - will resume from November 29, the minister said.

All government offices will open from Monday, he said, urging government staff to use public transport. Special buses will be deployed for them, Mr Rai added.

The Delhi government on Monday lifted the ban on construction and demolition activities as the air quality showed improvement.

OFFICE OF THE  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
PHE DIVISION, PULWAMA (JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT)  
email: xenpheapulwama@gmail.com

از دفتر ایگزیکٹیو انجینئری ایچ.ای. ڈویژن پلوامہ (جل شکتی ڈیپارٹمنٹ)

**CORRIGENDUM**

Sub:- E-NITS No. 62/PHEP/Fresh of 2021-22  
Reference:- Published under this office No. PHEP/3815-24 Dated. 20-11-2021.  
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Please read Name of work as "Providing and fixing of pipes to various uncovered areas of Koil for WSS Reshibaba Koil" instead of "Laying and fitting of pipes to various uncovered areas of Koil for WSS Reshibaba Koil" against S. No. (5) of the above-mentioned ENIT.

**REST WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED**

No: -PHEP/ 3829-43  
Dated:- 22-11-2021  
DIPK-13374/21

Sd/-Executive Engineer,  
JSD (PHE) Divn, Pulwama,

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

Subject :- Construction of cement concrete tile path from Ionepora link road to Ab Rehman Bhat Ward No. 07 (MC Pahalgam) Under Budgetary Support

Reference:- This Office Letter No.12873-74 Dated: 20-10-2021.

Whereas you were directed to deposit performance security equal to 3% of contract value amounting to Rs. 5992/- (Rupees Five thousand Nine hundred and Ninety Two) only within 03 days as pre-requisite for issuance of formal allotment of contract vide above cited references. But despite lapse of 62 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.

**"TREAT THIS NOTICE AS FINAL".**

Executive Engineer,  
R&B Division Khanabal.

DIPK-13329/21

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

Subject :- Making necessary repairs of graveyard near Masjid Sharief Ward No. 10 MC Pahalgam Under Budgetary Support

Reference:- This Office Letter No.12570-71 Dated: 13-10-2021.

Whereas you were directed to deposit performance security equal to 3% of contract value amounting to Rs. 5160/- (Rupees Five thousand One hundred and Sixty) only within 03 days as pre-requisite for issuance of formal allotment of contract vide above cited references. But despite lapse of 28 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.

**"Treat this notice as final".**

Executive Engineer,  
R&B Division Khanabal.

DIPK-13334/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR UT  
**SKIMS MEDICAL COLLEGE-HOSPITAL BEMINA SRINAGAR (J&K)-190017**  
PHONE (0) 0194-2490071 (FAX-0194-2493220)  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CIVIL WORKS DIVISION**  
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

N.I.T No: - SKIMS/WDB/09 of 2021  
Dated:- 20.11.2021.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, E-Tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved, eligible & experienced "Civil cum Sanitary Contractors" registered with PWD/CPWD/MES/RAILWAYS for the below mentioned work at SKIMS Medical College and Hospital Bemina, Srinagar.

S. No	Name of the work	Adv. Cost	Class of Cont.	Earnest Money In Rs	Cost of T.D In Rs	Time of Completion
1	Construction of 1 <sup>st</sup> floor over existing extension of Radiology Block at SKIMS Medical College and Hospital Bemina Srinagar.	Rs 88.00 Lacs	"AAY"	Rs 1,76,000/-	Rs 1600/-	180 days

The detailed tender documents consisting of Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of Terms and Conditions of contract etc and other details can be seen/downloaded from website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 24.11.2021 to 30.11.2021 (4.00 PM) against tender document fee deposited upto 30.11.2021 (4.00 PM) in the shape of demand draft, pledged to Chief Accounts Officer SKIMS MCH Bemina Srinagar. Interested contractors/firms may send online E-tenders for the above work upto 30.11.2021 (4.00 P.M) along with scanned copies of following documents:-

- Tender document fee receipt deposited upto 30.11.2021 in the shape of demand draft should be pledged to Chief Accounts Officer SKIMS MCH Bemina Srinagar.
- Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR/TDR as indicated above from any nationalized/scheduled bank pledged to Chief Accounts Officer SKIMS MCH Bemina.
- N.I.T No. & the Name of work should be reflected on the back side of Demand Draft & CDR/FDR.
- Latest Documents viz-a viz Tin No., Pan Card No./GST No. (valid upto last date of uploading bids).
- Valid Contractor Registration Certificate issued by the competent authority should be duly renewed for the year 2021-2022.
- Hard copy of tender document duly signed by the bidder & on each page as an acceptance of the N.I.T conditions.
- The mandatory documents as mentioned from S.No:- 1 to 4 are required to be necessarily uploaded within specified time or otherwise the bids shall be straightway rejected.

Hard copies of above documents original tender document fee receipt, CDR/FDR/TDR and attested copies of other documents should reach the office of the Executive Engineer Civil SKIMS Medical College & Hospital Bemina Srinagar, from 01.12.2021 to 02.12.2021 upto 3.00 P.M for its securitization and reference or otherwise the bids shall not be entertained.

The Technical bid shall be opened in the Camp office of Chief Engineer SKIMS Medical College & Hospital Bemina, on 03.12.2021 at 11.30 A.M or on any subsequent date convenient to the Executive Engineer Civil SKIMS MCH Bemina/Tender Opening Committee.

No: - SKIMS/MCH/308/21/1100-1110  
Dated:- 21.11.2021.  
DIPK-NB-5264/21

Sd/-  
I/C Executive Engineer Civil  
Works Division SKIMS Medical College  
Hospital Bemina, Sgr.

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It is notified for information of all concerned candidates of **B.Ed 3rd & 4th Semester Directorate of Distance Education, batch: 2018-2020 & all Distance /Pvt. Backlog Batch 2015-2017** that the link for online submission of examination forms will be open on the University website [www.kashmiruniversity.net](http://www.kashmiruniversity.net) from **November 25 to December 01, 2021.**

NOTE:

- Students whose forms are generated as "Verified" shall complete the payment of fee online via debit/credit card/Rupay Card (free of charges) UPI (free of charges).
- All students shall retain the hard copy of the examination form,
- In case of any discrepancy send an email to examhelpline@uok.edu.in

Sd/- Assistant Controller of Examinations  
(Professional Conduct)

DIPK-NB-5284/21

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**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

License for running "Reprographic Service Shop" in the basement of Allama Iqbal Library

For and on behalf of Competent Authority of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders in two bid systems are invited to select Service Provider for running "Reprographic Services Shop" in the basement of Mama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir. Those having experience in running reprographic service shops, or possess the necessary professional expertise and are looking for such an opportunity are eligible to apply. The bid/tender document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), terms & conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the schedule given below:

S.No	Activity	Date
1.	Date of issuance of tender notice	18-11-2021
2.	Date of downloading the bid documents	22-11-2021 (10.00AM)
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	22-11-2021 (11.00AM)
4.	Seek Clarification Last Date	26-11-2021 (03:30PM)
5.	Bid Submission Last Date	03-12-2021 (03:00PM)
6.	Last date for submission of hard copies	06-12-2021 (03:00PM)
7.	Date and Time of Opening of Technical bid	07-12-2021 (03:00PM)
8.	Date and Time of opening Financial bid	To be intimated after technical bid evaluation

No: F-TENDER (AL/UOK/SHOP/2021)  
DIPK-NB-5287/21

Sd/- Librarian  
Dated: 18-11-2021



3 Militants Killed

city. "The militants were travelling in a car and they were signalled to stop but instead, they opened fire in a bid to flee from the spot but were cornered by the police party," he said.

A police spokesman in a statement to Kashmir Observer said that acting swiftly on "our own specific input" regarding movement of militants in Rambagh area of Srinagar, a small team from Srinagar Police signalled a suspected Santro vehicle to stop.

The spokesman said that as per police records, the killed militants were linked with LeT (TRF) and part of group involved in several crime cases including attacks on security forces and civilian atrocities.

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

Meanwhile residents who gathered at the shootout site, told the Kashmir Observer that the three were dragged down from the car and shot dead.

"At about 5 PM armed police personnel intercepted a Santro vehicle and dragged out three men and shot them dead," alleged a middle aged man who runs a shop nearby. They were killed by armed forces personnel in front of us," he said, requesting anonymity.

Another shopkeeper said one of the three tried to run into a nearby alley after the police initially shot dead one youth. "The policemen went after him and brought him back from the lane and killed him on the road," he alleged.

Twenty minutes before the shootout, he claimed a senior police officer's vehicle - a bulletproof Scorpio with security escort - was parked near the intersection, through which VIP movement is frequent. Several eyewitnesses claimed that there was no exchange of fire.

"I couldn't figure out how exactly the shootout started but when I reached," said a youth who lives nearby, "the police had already fired at the car. On the road, one man was already dead."

The youth, requesting anonymity, said "two people were killed on the road. They had no guns, not even a pistol." He said police immediately covered the bodies with tarpaulin and carried them away.

There were small protests in the area and anti-police slogans were also heard.

This is the second shootout in Srinagar in less than a fortnight. Earlier a police operation at nearby Hyderpora locality on 15th of this month had sparked public outrage forcing LG administration to order a magisterial probe. Public outcry also forced authorities to exhume bodies of two of the four men slain during the alleged encounter and hand them over to their families for a proper burial.

Police Version

on identified as Mehraan Yaseen Shalla son of Mohd Yaseen Shalla resident of Jamalata, Arafat Ahmad Sheikh son of Mohammed Maqbool Sheikh resident of Nikloora Litter Pulwama and Manzoor Ahmad Mir son of Late Sonaullah Mir resident of Babbar Pulwama. Arms and ammunition was recovered from the encounter site.

As per police records, Mehraan Yaseen was involved in several terror crime cases including grenade attack at Barabar Shah Srinagar on 26/06/2021 in which one civilian namely Mudasir Ahmad Bhat resident of Hanjigund Beerwah got killed & three other civilians got critically injured. He was involved in killing of Meeran Ali Sheikh at Bulbul Lanker Nawa Kadal on 27/07/2021, and of PSI Arshad Ahmad at Khanyar on 12/09/2021. He was also involved in killing of School Principal Supinder Kour and teacher Deepak Chand of Government Higher Secondary School, Khankah Noorbagh Sangam on 07/10/2021. Prior to joining terror ranks, several cases regarding his involvement in stone pelting incidents are also registered.

Arafat Ahmad was also involved in several terror crime cases including killing of a non-local labour at Litter area of Pulwama on 16/10/2021.

Manzoor Ahmad was involved in transportation of Foreign terrorists from South Kashmir to Central / North and Vice-Versa through his strong OGW network in order to strengthened LeT/TRF outfit in Kashmir valley. He was also involved in collecting of funds on the name of LeT/TRF outfit and was instrumental for strengthening the LeT/TRF outfit."

Cabinet Okays

Last year, with an objective to bring reforms in the agriculture sector, especially marketing of farm produce.

The three laws to be repealed are: Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act; The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act; and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act.

The Cabinet has completed the formalities to repeal the three farm laws, I&B Minister Anurag Thakur told reporters.

"In the upcoming session of Parliament, it will be our priority to take back these three laws," he said.

The winter session will begin on November 29, and conclude on December 23.

The Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021 has been approved days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement to repeal the three central farm laws. Besides this, Parliament is scheduled to take 25 other bills, including one on crypto currencies.

The repeal of the three farm legislations has been one of the key demands of around 40 farmer unions protesting against these reforms for nearly a year now.

These laws, which are under suspension following a Supreme Court order in January this year, had triggered widespread protests by thousands of farmers mainly from Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh at Delhi borders.

The protest started at the flag-end of November 2020, and is still continuing.

On November 21, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) - joint body of farmer unions leading the current protests - had written to the Prime Minister to immediately resume talks on the

farmers' six demands including legal guarantee for the procurement of crops at minimum support price (MSP).

The other demands were sacking and arrest of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra in connection with the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, withdrawal of cases against farmers and building of a memorial for those who lost their lives during the agitation.

They also sought removal of penal provisions on farmers in the "Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act 2021" and withdrawal of the draft "Electricity Amendments Bill, 2020/2021" proposed by the government.

SKM had said it would continue their planned protests, including the march to Parliament on November 29, to observe one year of anti-farm law protests.

Protest Won't

January 1, so will ask him how it would be done. Farmers' victory will be ensured when they get the right price for their crops," Tikait tweeted in Hindi.

Hundreds of farmers have been encamped at Delhi's borders since November 26, 2020 with a demand that the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 be rolled back and a new law made to guarantee Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops.

PM Modi had last week announced his government's decision to withdraw the contentious laws.

BSF Raises

At the same time, both sides expressed their commitment to maintaining peace and harmony at the border, they said.

"It was the first sector commander level meeting between two border guarding forces after the declaration of ceasefire agreement by DGMOs (in February)," the spokesperson said.

"The meeting was held in a cordial, positive and constructive atmosphere and both sides agreed on an expeditious implementation of the decisions taken in the earlier DG-level talks and committed to each other to maintain peace and harmony at the IB," he said

25 New National

and taking keen interest in the continuous strengthening of road infrastructure across the region.

LG also secured inclusion of six more road projects for Jammu and one project for Kashmir division under National Highways and Bharatmala category. The inclusion of six Road Projects in the Jammu division will give a massive push to the economic growth and industrial development, besides tapping the tourism potential in the region.

These newly included road projects are: Kathua-Basholi-Bani-Bhaderwah-Doda (170 KM); Doda-Bhaderwah-Chamba (Himachal) Road (132 KM); Dayalchak-Challan-Billawar-Mahanpur-Basohli

Road(118 KM); Tawi Bridge-Jammu Airport-Miran Sahib-RS.Pura Suchetgarh (Old Jammu-Sialkot Road) (29 KM); Surankote-Bafliaz-Shopian-Srinagar (Mughal Road) (145 KM); Atholi(Kishtwar)-Machail-Zanskar Road (Kargil); Narabal-Tangmar-Gulmarg-Baramulla(70KM). Underscoring that robust road network and modern transportation is the key to economic growth, prosperity of the region and transformation in every sphere of life, the Lt Governor said that the foundations of Rs 11,721 crore National Highways projects laid by the Hon'ble Union Minister, besides 07 new projects will pave the way for sustainable development in J&K.

"The new mega road projects will open up new livelihood avenues for the local population and enhancing tourism & business activities, besides strengthening the strategic grid by ensuring all weather connectivity", the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor said that the 25 National Highway projects will connect all the villages of Udhampur, Doda, Jammu, Kathua, uplifting thousands of small and big businesses.

"I am confident that these projects will prove to be an important economic lifeline and highways of progress and prosperity for Jammu division", observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor said that infrastructure development and raising the standard of living of the common man is an important part of the overall economic priorities of the GoI and the J&K UT government. Now macadamisation of the road is also taking place at double or triple times the speed as compared to earlier. In 2019, 2290 km of road was blacktopped, while last year, 5136 km of road was macadamized. This year a target of macadamisation of 8000 km of road has been set, he added.

Union MoS (I/c), Ministry of Science &Technology, Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh also addressed the gathering and said that this is the historic day for the Chenab region that 25 new NH projects are launched. He said that the central government has framed a separate road map for the development of the UT and to accelerate the developmental scenario, new bridges, roads, tunnels are being built on war footing involving thousands of crores.

Counter-Insurgency

building spread among the employees of the bank and the departmental store, and also the locals, even as the police teams, who were part of the counter-insurgency drill, moved them out and sealed the building.

The officials said the building was thrown open to the public after the drill. Traffic on the main road, that lay close to the building, however, remained uninterrupted throughout. Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police Chandan Kohli said counter-insurgency drills are a routine in the security set up.

People are requested to refrain from rumour-mongering, the officer said in a brief statement.

Centre Concerned

Also, with the onset of winter and increased pollution in some states, prevalence of ILI/SARI and respiratory distress symptoms should be closely monitored, with tests being conducted regularly for timely monitoring and clustering of cases for early hotspot identification, the official underlined.

"In the absence of sustained levels of sufficient testing, it is very difficult to determine the true level of infection spread in a geography. With a majority of countries seeing multiple surges in Covid cases in recent times and a few developed countries facing even fourth and fifth waves despite high levels of Covid vaccination, there is a need for continued vigil given the unpredictable and contagious nature of the disease.

"Hence, all efforts must be implemented to preserve the gains made so far and to prevent deterioration of COVID-19 scenario across the country," the secretary said.

All the 13 states and UTs have been given the same advice though each letter mentions state-specific testing details of particular districts and positivity rates.

To Curb Load

"As compared to previous year, we have been planning to ensure less power curtailment this year. In this regard, a fresh plan is being implemented on a trial basis. The metered areas will witness nearly four hours curtailment in a day while the metered

will witness nearly 6 hours curtailment. There is a possibility of more than 6 hours curtailment at isolated places where the usage remains too high," he said.

The Chief Engineer also stated that inspite of the relentless inspections; the people don't refrain from the wrong doings, adding that the KPDCI is trying its best to ensure adequate electricity, but the people are not cooperating at all.

"We have also decided to suspend all the maintenance works to put an end to the power shutdowns. The works have been suspended till January end to ensure a better power scenario to the people," Chief Engineer KPDCI said.

Pertinently, people have been complaining of unscheduled power cuts since last couple of weeks and stated that they are facing immense hardships in absence of the adequate electricity

President Confers

award for "displaying exceptional leadership, indomitable courage and conspicuous bravery" during an anti-militancy operation in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in September this year had ordered appointment of then DIG Central Kashmir Amit Kumar to the post of DIG NIA (Level-13A in the pay matrix) on deputation basis for an initial period of 5 years from the date of joining the post.

Free Foodgrains

(NFSa) at a highly subsidised rate of Rs 2-3 per kilogram. Briefing about the decision, I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said the Cabinet has extended the PMGKAY programme by four months till March 2022.

This will cost an additional Rs 53,344 crore to the exchequer, he said, adding that the total cost of PMGKAY would reach about Rs 2.6 lakh crore, including all five phases of this ongoing programme.

In the wake of economic disruptions caused by the unprecedented outbreak of COVID-19 in the country last year, the government had in March 2020 announced the distribution of additional free-of-cost foodgrains (rice/wheat) to about 80 crore National Food Security Act (NFSa) beneficiaries

The Phase-I and Phase-II of this scheme were operational from April to June 2020 and July to November 2020, respectively.

The Phase-III of the scheme was operational from May to June 2021, while Phase-IV of the scheme is currently operational for July-November, 2021.

"The PMGKAY scheme for Phase V from December 2021 till March 2022 would entail an estimated additional food subsidy of Rs 53,344.52 crore," an official statement said.

The total outgo in terms of foodgrains for PMGKAY Phase V is likely to be about 163 lakh tonnes.

So far, under the PM-GKAY (phase I to IV), the Centre has allocated a total of almost 600 lakh tonnes of foodgrains to the states/UTs, equivalent to about Rs 2.07 lakh crore in food subsidy. "Overall, the government will be incurring an expenditure of nearly Rs.2.60 lakh crore in PMGKAY Phase I-V," the statement said.

As per the reports from the states/UTs so far, 93.8 per cent of foodgrains have been lifted.

Nearly 37.32 lakh tonnes (93.9 per cent of July 2021), 37.20 lakh tonnes (93.6 per cent of August 2021), 36.87 lakh tonnes (92.8 per cent of September 2021), 35.4 lakh tonnes (89 per cent of October 2021), and 17.9 lakh tonnes (45 per cent of November 2021) foodgrains have been distributed to about 74.64 crore, 74.4 crore, 73.75 crore, 70.8 crore and 35.8 crore beneficiaries, respectively.

174 Covid-19 Cases

Kashmir division, the officials said. They said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 58 cases followed by 43 cases in Baramulla district.

There are 1,684 active cases in the UT, while the number of recovered patients stands at 3,29,731, the officials said.

The death toll in the UT due to the pandemic was 4,466, as two fresh deaths were reported in the past 24 hours.

Meanwhile, the officials said there were 49 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the UT as no fresh case was reported since Tuesday evening.

Advertisement in Urdu for 'Abdullah News Agency' featuring a portrait of a man and text about news services.

Advertisement for 'Abdullah News Agency' featuring a portrait of a woman and contact information.

Advertisement for 'THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION' regarding a candidate's application.

Public notice regarding a PNB MetLife policy for BASHIR AHMAD MATTO.

Press release regarding the conduct of an open Wrestling Championship of District Anantnag.

Public notice regarding a lost RC of a vehicle bearing Regd No: JK182690.

Public notice regarding a lost leaving certificate issued by Govt Hr. Sec School Magam.

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## 'Second String' India Take On New Zealand In 1st Test



Press Trust of India

**KANPUR:** A captain battling existential crisis, a veteran pacer about to be phased out and a white-ball maverick trying to earn his red-ball stripes makes for a heady combination as Ajinkya Rahane's second-string India aim to size up a gritty New Zealand in first Test starting Thursday.

Rahane, with his career on line, gets to lead India may be one last time while 100-Test veteran Ishant Sharma will be praying that young Turk Mohammed Siraj doesn't nudge him out. Shreyas Iyer is set for Test debut and would like to reaffirm 'Bombay (not Mumbai) School of Batmanship' whose philosophy transcends beyond the white-ball riches of Indian Premier League.

"Shreyas Iyer will be making his debut but I can't reveal anything about combination," skipper Rahane confirmed ahead of the match.

It is indeed a rarity to find an Indian Test team that is without its hit opening pair of Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul. Also missing from line-up is skipper Virat Kohli and a genuine match-winning keeper-batter Rishabh Pant.

In any sport, leader of the side is considered to have a secured slot in the side but in this Indian team, the skipper will be batting to save his career after an average of 19 in 11 Test matches in the current season.

Two more failures in two home games could effectively mean end of the road for Rahane. Even Dravid will also find it difficult to justify the Mumbaikar's inclusion in the Johannesburg-bound flight next month.

A look at Rahane's net session doesn't inspire much confidence. He tried an ugly hoick off Jayant Yadav's off break and was clean bowled. Prasidh Krishna induced an outside edge which would have been regulation catch.

But it was scary to see net bowler Shivam Mavi bowling a perfect bouncer and hitting him on the chest.

It is never easy to lead a side when your own batting form has deserted you. How Rahane strikes a balance in this Test between being a ruthless captain and also the batter his team expects him to be will decide in which direction his career goes from here.

If he plays the game of survival against a Tim Southee or bumper-happy Neil Wagner, it might bring about downfall but as Pujara said, "being a bit fearless" will relieve him a bit from the gigantic pressure that's on his shoulders to save his career.

But one man, itching to go out there and reaffirm his status as world's number one spinner will be Ravichandran Ashwin, who had been licking his wounds for the past few months after a royal snub by regular captain Kohli during the last series.

## Real Kashmir Thrash Indian Arrows 3-0 In IFA Shield



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Real Kashmir FC began its title defence of IFA Shield 2021 on Wednesday with a 3-0 victory over Indian Arrows at East Bengal Stadium in Kolkata.

Seen as a preparatory build up for the I-League 2021-22 season, Real Kashmir named a strong line up in the opening Group A

match of the competition.

Fran Gonzalez, Pratesh Shirodkar and Thoi Singh scored the goals for Real Kashmir and the team saw off the match comfortably against the young Arrows' team.

Defender Fran Gonzalez scored the first goal in the 18th minute of the match. Pratesh doubled the Snow Leopards' lead in the 23rd minute. The two quick-fire goals helped RKFC maintain a good command for the rest of the match. Thoi Singh scored RKFC's third goal in the 87th minute.

Defending champion Real Kashmir, will next face Calcutta Customs FC (U19) on Sunday, November 28. This is the 124th edition of the IFA Shield.

## J&K Cycling Team Leaves For Nationals

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The J&K State Cycling Association on Tuesday announced that a 19-member contingent has left to participate in the 26th National Road Cycling Championship 2021 set to be held at Kurukshetra, Haryana.

The selected athletes include:

Mohd. Akbar Khan, Muhammad Saleem, Bazil Ahmad Rathar, Adil Teli, Waheed Ahmad Ganie, Bilal Ahmad Dar, Manav Radha, Moin Nabi, Zamin Hassan Mirza, Sunil Kumar, Abhay Choudhary, Zaid Rashid, MUSAIB Bin Rahim, Adnan Bashir, Jahangir Ahmad, Mir Bahjat Nawaz, Zoobiya Tariq, Farah Ahad, Sahil Manzoor



The team will be managed by Om Parkash Sharma.

The players have been selected in Senior, Junior & Sub Junior categories. The Champion-

ship is scheduled from November 25 to 28, 2021.

## BBC Drops Michael Vaughan From Ashes Coverage



Agencies

**LONDON:** Former England captain Michael Vaughan will play no part in the BBC's coverage of the upcoming Ashes series after being named in the racism controversy involving former Yorkshire player Azeem Rafiq, the broadcaster said on Wednesday.

Rafiq alleged that Vaughan told him and two other players of Asian origin that there were "too many of you lot, we need to do something about it" before a match in 2009. Vaughan has strongly denied the accusation.

"While he is involved in a significant story in cricket, for editorial reasons we do not believe that it would be appropriate for Vaughan to have a role in our Ashes team or wider coverage of the sport at the moment," the BBC said in a statement.

"We require our contributors to talk about relevant topics and his involvement in the Yorkshire story represents a conflict of in-

terest." Vaughan's management company did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment from Reuters.

Vaughan, who has been an analyst with the BBC since 2009, was dropped from a radio show by the broadcaster earlier this month after the allegations came to light.

The five-test Ashes series between England and hosts Australia begins in Brisbane on Dec. 8.

The racism scandal that has engulfed English cricket also had former players at Essex saying that they suffered racist abuse at the club. One of Essex's principal sponsors - training and skills provider Seetec - have now suspended ties with the team "with immediate effect."

"Any form of racism should not be tolerated. We encourage sports clubs to work with their local community to celebrate diversity and work at all levels to root out racism, wherever it manifests," a spokesperson for Seetec told Reuters.

## OFFICE OF THE SR. SUPERINTENDENT CENTRAL JAIL SRINAGAR PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

It is notified for General information for public open auction notice in respect of the below mentioned items lying in the premises of Central Jail Srinagar to be conducting on 1st December-2021 at 12 Noon. The auctioneers who are interested to participate in the auction have to deposit the call deposit amount of Rs,10000/= in the shape of cash before he is allowed to participate / enter in the auction. The call deposit amount shall be refundable after compilation of auction. The successful auctioneer has to deposit the amount of the proceeds in full on spot and have to lift the items on same day by arranging transport of his own. The auction committee reserves the right to reject any bid in case committee feels the bid is inadequate.

1. Iron Salvaged/building material scrapped.
2. Dead wood.

No: ACCTG/CJS/21/2106-12  
Dated:-20-11-2021  
DIPK-13399/21

Superintendent  
Central Jail Srinagar

## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT FBI DIVISION TANGMARG

E-NIT No: 47 2021-22 of FBI Division Tangmarg

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti FBI Division Tangmarg on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT invites e-tenders in single cover system from reputed, experienced and resourceful Structural Designers for framing structural design for the Job hereunder fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in this e-NIT for the works detailed below. Bids need not to be accompanied by EMD however, the participating bidders has to submit bid security declaration as per format attached with this e-NIT. The complete bidding process is online. However, hard copies of technical document are to be submitted only by the L-1 in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti FBI Division Tangmarg on the day which shall be communicated to lowest bidder. No financial bid shall be accepted in physical form:-

S. No.	Name of the JOB/Work	Adv. Cost Rs (Lacs)	Earnest Money	Time of completion (Days)	Cost of Tender Doc. Rs(.	Major Head of Account	Class of Consultancy
1.	Complete Hydraulic and structural design calculations of various components for Rapid Sand Filtration Plant for WSS 1. 0.15 MGD Gobarpura Kashipora. 2. 0.42 MGD Ferozpora Shrai. 3. 0.30 MGD Gulabdaji Poshkar	2.50 Lacs	Bid security form to be sworn on affidavit duly notarized by attached with the Bid	15 days	200/-	NABARD	Registered Consultants/ Designers

Position of AA Accorded : Position of funds: Assured

1	Publishing date:	22-11-2021	05:30 PM
2	Download date start:	22-11-2021	06:00 PM
3	Bid Submission date start:	23-11-2021	10:00 AM
4	Bid Submission date Ends:	29-11-2021	04:00 PM
5	Date of Opening	30-11-2021	11:00 AM

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Bill of quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website:- WWW.jktenders.gov.in

**TERMS/ CONDITIONS & PROCEDURE FOR UPLOADING OF TENDER:-**

1. The bidder should be registered and experienced having experience in designing similar nature of jobs to undertake such job for satisfaction of the department.
2. The bidders have to pay tender document fee of Rs.200/= in the shape of Treasury Challan favouring Executive Engineer Jal Shakti FBI Division Tangmarg MH:0215-PHE.
3. The bidders must upload the following technical documents in support of his financial bid:- a) Registration certificate duly renewed. b) Experience certificate having executed similar nature of jobs. c) PAN and GST registration with latest GST clearance certificate. d) Treasury Challan e) Bid Security declaration.
4. The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept/reject the bid without assigning any reason thereof.
5. In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty of the maximum 5% of the contract value shall be imposed upon the agency.
6. The taxes viz. Income tax, & Cess shall be deducted from the bidders claims as admissible under rules.
7. The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities). In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling item rate inclusive of all taxes & it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
8. The unit rates & prices shall quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of work unless otherwise specified.
9. The qualifying bidder shall pursue the said designs /Drawings/BOQ's and reply /clarify / amend etc any queries / questions / clarifications etc. which may be raised in the Design Directorate till the said Designs/Drawings/BOQ's are approved /vetted by them and other competent authority etc, as the case may be.
10. In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty of the maximum 10% of the contract value shall be imposed upon the agency.
11. Other terms and conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD form-25 tender document.
12. Performance guarantee 3% of allotted cost in the form of CDR/FDR shall be submitted to the Executive Engineer FBI Division Tangmarg before the allotment is issued which will be released after the successful submission and vetting of the Design.

**GEN. CONDITIONS:**

- 1/- Certificate of execution of similar nature of job for at least 02 sites to be uploaded.
- 2/- Any vetting charges for the design at J&K Research Laboratory, GogjiBagh Srinagar/ NIT Hazratbal Srinagar shall be paid by the Department.
- 3/- The necessary inputs shall be made available to successful bidder.

1. The complete bidding process will be online.
2. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in. Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications.

No:- FBID/CC/6062-69  
Dated:- 22-11-2021  
DIPK-13380/21

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
FBI Division Tangmarg

## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER J.V FOREST DIVISION BARAMULLA

Fresh e- NIT NO:- 11 of 2021-22 DATED:- 20-11-2021

Name of Work:- Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests by carrying out afforestation by means of Planting of Conifer plants, Broadleaved plants, Fruit plants etc and all other associated operations as per site conditions involving extraction, lifting and carriage of plants from Forest Nurseries.

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./ Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:-

Sr. No	Particulars of Work	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion
1.	Planting of saplings in pits of size 45cmx45cmx45cm within the available blanks of identified site including extraction, lifting and carriage of plants from different nurseries of Forest Department by mechanical transport within a maximum lead of 75 Kms and head load carriage including loading and unloading upto site of work with all operations as per break up: (i) Conifer Plants=26200 No.'s, (ii) Broadleaved Plants=5800No.'s (iii) Fruit Plants=1250 No.'s Note: Plant material shall be supplied departmentally. Area to be treated: 30 ha Location: 33a/BNR at Banali of Boniyar Forest Range	9.32	BSD Form	"C & D" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor/JKFC Contractor	600.00	One calendar Month.
2	Planting of saplings in pits of size 45cmx45cmx45cm within the available blanks of identified site including extraction, lifting and carriage of plants from different nurseries of Forest Department by mechanical transport within a maximum lead of 75 Kms and head load carriage including loading and unloading upto site of work with all operations as per break up: (i) Conifer Plants=17050No.'s, (ii) Broadleaved Plants=3300 No.'s (iii) Fruit Plants=1250 No.'s Note: Plant material shall be supplied departmentally. Area to be treated: 20 ha Location: 33b/BNR at Banali of Boniyar Forest Range	6.06	BSD Form	"C & D" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor/JKFC Contractor	300.00	One calendar Month.
3	Planting of saplings in pits of size 45cmx45cmx45cm within the available blanks of identified site including extraction, lifting and carriage of plants from different nurseries of Forest Department by mechanical transport within a maximum lead of 75 Kms and head load carriage including loading and unloading upto site of work with all operations as per break up: (i) Conifer Plants=20800 No.'s, (ii) Broadleaved Plants=4550 No.'s (iii) Fruit Plants=1250 No.'s Note: Plant material shall be supplied departmentally. Area to be treated: 24 ha Location: 48a/BNR at Maldanan of Boniyar Forest Range	7.45	BSD Form	"C & D" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor/JKFC Contractor	300.00	One calendar Month.

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in.

Position of Funds: Budgeted

Position of AA: Give order No: 69/CCF(K) of 2021 dated: 16.06.2021; No: 68/CCF(K) of 2021 dated: 16.06.2021& No: 67/CCF(K) of 2021 dated: 16.06.2021;

Position of TS: Give Order No: 37 /CFK(N) of 2021-22 dated: 23.06.2021; No: 38 /CFK(N) of 2021-22 dated: 23.06.2021& No: 40 /CFK(N) of 2021-22 dated: 23.06.2021

Publishing Date:-	20-11-2021
Download Start Date :	22-11-2021 from 11:00 AM
Bid submission Start Date:	22-11-2021 from 11:00 AM
Bid submission End Date:	30-11-2021 Up to 04:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	01-12-2021 at 11:30 AM in the office of the office of Conservator of Forests Kashmir North Circle Mazbugh Sopore.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) at any convenient date and time after complete evaluation of Technical Bids received.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: https://jktenders.gov.in. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act. Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.
2. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of Bid Security Declaration form duly filled in with time period prescribed and addressed to Divisional Forest Officer. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
3. The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
4. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e BSD Form, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2021-22, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document).
5. The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
6. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
7. The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
8. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
9. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

No:- DFO/JV/e-Tender/98-102  
Dated:- 20-11-2021  
DIPK-13348/21

Divisional Forest Officer,  
J.V Forest Division Baramulla

## I-T Dept Detects Rs 400 Crore Undisclosed Income After Raids On Two Delhi-NCR Realty Groups

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**NEW DELHI:** The Income Tax Department has detected an estimated undisclosed income of Rs 400 crore after it raided two real estate groups based in Delhi and the national capital region, the CBDT said on Wednesday. The unidentified groups engaged in construction of commercial and residential projects were searched on November 17. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement that the preliminary analysis of the seized data found

"The evidence gathered so far, prima facie, indicates that undisclosed income could be of about Rs 400 crore," the statement said, adding Rs 10 crore in cash was seized during the raids.

The CBDT said evidence gathered during the action indicated that unaccounted income that was earned was routed into the business through non-descript and non-functional shell entities run by professional entry providers or employees/associates of the group working as directors.



that the groups were receiving cash against the sale of flats and such cash is not recorded in the books of accounts. It claimed there is a "largescale tax evasion" and due tax on such income has not been offered.

"One of the groups has also been found to be using a network of charitable organisations engaged in educational activities, purportedly for the purpose of tax evasion and financing its real estate business," it said. PTI

## As Groom Fails To Turn Up On Wedding, Odisha Bride Sits On Dharna

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**BERHAMPUR:** A 25-year old woman sat in dharna in her bridal finery for the second consecutive day on Tuesday in front of her groom's house at Bramha Nagar here after the man did not turn up for their wedding, the police said.



The wedding was scheduled to be held on Monday.

The police has clamped section 107 Cr PC in the area to maintain peace in the area and the executive magistrate, Berhampur issued summons to her to appear before his court at 4.30 pm. But the woman did not do so till 6 pm when the reports last came in, sources said.

The bride, who is the daughter of a retired police officer, said she, her family members and the invitees had waited for the groom at the venue for the wedding on Monday. As he failed to turn up, she along with others tried to enter his house at Bramha Nagar. But his parents kept the door firmly closed. The woman along with a social activist, Pramila Tripathy then sat on the dharna. The woman said she will continue the dharna till the matter was solved. She claimed that their marriage was registered in a city court on September 7, 2020 without the knowledge of the groom's parents.

"I was here to counsel her and try to solve the matter," Tripathy said. The woman claimed that the

marriage was registered at a court in Bhubaneswar on September 7, 2020 without the knowledge of the groom's parents. The groom, a doctor by profession, had tried to convince his parents but they refused to accept her.

She alleged that her in-laws tortured her and she had lodged an FIR at the Mahila police station here.

The date for solemnising the wedding as per Hindu rituals was fixed for Monday after the two families met and discussed the situation, but the groom failed to turn up, she said.

The police said the woman's complaint is pending at the Mahila police station.

"As the case is in the court, we will act according to the direction of the court" said a police officer.

Inspector in-charge, Baidyanathpur police station, Ram Kumar Murmu said the force personnel have been deployed at the dharna site. He said section 107 Cr PC (security for keeping peace) has been imposed at the direction of the executive magistrate.

## Over Half Of Women, Children Found Anemic In India: Survey

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**NEW DELHI:** Anaemia among children and women continues to be a cause of concern, with more than half of them being found anemic in 14 states and Union Territories and all-India level, according to the findings of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) compared to NFHS-4.

The government on Wednesday released the factsheets of key indicators on population, reproductive and child health, family welfare, nutrition and others for India and 14 states and UTs, clubbed under phase two, of the 2019-21 NFHS-5.

The states and Union Territories which were surveyed in this phase were Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, a Health Ministry statement said.

The findings of NFHS-5 for 22 states and UTs covered in phase one were released in December, 2020.

According to the findings, child nutrition indicators showed a slight improvement at all-India level as stunting declined from 38 per cent to 36 per cent, wasting from 21 per cent to 19 per cent and underweight from 36 per cent to 32 per cent.

In all phase two states and Union Territories, the situation improved in respect of child nutrition but the change was not significant as drastic changes in respect of these indicators are unlikely in a short span, the statement said.

"Anaemia among children and women continues to be a cause of concern. More than half of the children and women (including pregnant women) are anemic in all the phase two states and UTs and all-India level compared to NFHS-4, in spite of substantial increase in the composition of iron folic acid (IFA) tablets by pregnant women for 180 days or more," it said.

Exclusive breastfeeding to children under six months of age has shown an improvement in all-India level from 55 per cent in



2015-16 to 64 per cent in 2019-21. All the phase two states and Union Territories are also showing a considerable progress, it said.

There is an increase from 51 per cent to 58 per cent of women receiving the recommended four or more visits by health providers at all-India level, the findings stated.

Also, all the phase two states and union territories have shown improvement, except Punjab, between 2015-16 to 2019-20.

Institutional births have increased substantially from 79 per cent to 89 per cent at all-India level. Institutional delivery is 100 per cent in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu and more than 90 per cent in seven states and UTs, the statement said.

Along with an increase in institutional births, there has also been a substantial increase in C-section deliveries in many states and union territories, especially in private health facilities, it said.

According to the findings, unmet needs of family planning have witnessed a significant decline from 13 per cent to 9 per cent at all-India level and in most of the phase two states and UTs.

The unmet need for spacing, which remained a major issue in India in the past, has come down to less than 10 per cent in all the states, except Jharkhand (12 pc), Arunachal Pradesh (13 pc) and Uttar Pradesh (13 pc).

Full immunisation drive among children aged 12-23 months has recorded substantial improvement from 62 per cent to 76 per cent at all-India level.

Also, 11 out of 14 states and

union territories have more than three-fourth of children aged 12-23 months with full immunisation and it is the highest for Odisha at 90 per cent, the statement said.

On comparing NFHS-4 and NFHS-5 data, the increase in full immunisation coverage is observed to be expeditious in many states and UTs. More than 50 per cent of phase two states and UTs are sharing over 10 percentage points during the short span of four years. This can be attributed to the flagship initiative of Mission Indradhanush launched by the government in 2015.

The Total Fertility Rate (TFR), the average number of children per women, has further declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level and in all 14 states and UTs. All phase two states have achieved replacement level of fertility (2.1), except Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh, it said.

Overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) has increased substantially from 54 per cent to 67 per cent at all-India level and in almost all phase two states and UTs, with the exception of Punjab. Use of modern methods of contraceptives has also increased in almost all states and UTs, according to the statement.

Women's empowerment indicators portray considerable improvement at all-India level and across all 14 states and UTs. Significant progress has been recorded between NFHS-4 and NFHS-5 with respect to women operating bank accounts from 53 per cent to 79 per cent at all-India level, it said.

## Third Covid Wave Unlikely, Says AIIMS Chief

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**NEW DELHI:** In a significant comment on the future course of the Covid-19 pandemic, AIIMS- New Delhi chief Randeep Guleria on Tuesday said it was "very unlikely" that India would see a third wave.

He predicted that Covid, like swine flu (H1N1), would become endemic and the disease would cyclically affect the vulnerable and immuno-suppressed population but would not acquire a severe form, as previously predicted by experts. "As the national vaccine programme moves forward with vaccines already holding up in preventing disease and death, the chances of having any huge wave are declining



with each passing day. It is very unlikely that we will see a third wave," Guleria said on a day when India logged 7,579, the lowest daily new infections in 543 days, and the active cases the lowest in 536 days.

Asked if a booster dose was necessary, the AIIMS director said no.

"Covid vaccines are holding out - we are not seeing breakthrough infections, we have a high seropositivity rate and antibody presence. As of now, we really do not need a booster dose. We are quite well-protected and should focus on getting more and more people covered with the first and second doses. That is the way to get maximum protection against the disease," Guleria said.

The AIIMS chief was speaking at the launch of "Going Viral", written by the ICMR director general Balram Bhargava. The book details the journey of India's indigenous Covid shot Covaxin, a Bharat Biotech and ICMR collaboration. - TNS

## 26 Years Later, UP Man Acquitted Of Possessing 4 Bullets

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**SHAMLI:** It took him 26 years to prove that he had been falsely implicated in a case of Arms Act that accused him of possessing four 12 bore bullets.

Mohd Salauddin, now 62, had been fighting a case in court for the past 26 years during which he attended more than 200 hearings.

He was 36 years old in 1995 when he was booked by the Muzaffarnagar police for allegedly possessing four bullets. He was even arrested and spent 20 days in jail before he was granted bail.

According to Salauddin, "The charges against me were false and I had been framed by my relatives. I am a small farmer with just 10 bighas of land and have no other business. My whole life has gone in attending court hearings. The case took up all my earnings as well." Chief Judicial Magistrate Manoj Kumar, in his order, observed that the prosecution did not testify the charges nor produced any evidence before the court



during the course of the trial. Their right to testify was withdrawn in 2019.

Salauddin, during the years, developed thrombosis in the foot, which caused him intense pain when he walked long distances.

His son, Ashu Ahmad, who was just two years old when the case was slapped on his father, said that the family has a monthly income of about Rs 20,000 and most of the money was spent on the case.

"We are a family of five and then there were the medical expenses of my father too," he added.

## Wedding Music Blamed In FIR For Death Of 63 Chickens In Odisha

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**BHUBANESWAR:** A traditional Indian wedding procession with pumping music, fireworks, dancing and a marching brass band in shiny jackets has been blamed for the death of 63 chickens.

Ranjit Kumar Parida said the party was blasting out "ear-splitting noise" as it passed his poultry farm in the eastern state of Odisha shortly before midnight on Sunday.

"I asked the band operators to lower the volume as the music was too noisy and terrifying the chickens. But they did not listen and the groom's friends shouted at me," Mr Parida told AFP.

A vet told Mr Parida the chickens had died of a heart attack, and he filed a police complaint

after the wedding organisers refused to pay compensation.

Zoology professor Suryakanta Mishra, who has authored a book on animal behaviour, told the Hindustan Times that loud noise increases the risk of cardiovascular disease in birds.

"Chickens are governed by a circadian rhythm that is controlled by the natural light/dark cycle of day and night.

"Sudden excitement or stress due to loud music could disrupt their biological clock," Mishra said.

The story had a happy ending - except for the chickens - after police convinced the warring parties to "solve the matter mutually".

"We have not initiated any action as (the poultry farmer) withdrew the complaint," police official Droupadi Das said.

## GREEN HYDROGEN

### India To Soon Launch Scheme To Boost R&D Of Electrolysers

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Union Minister Bhagwanth Khuba on Wednesday said a scheme for boosting research and development of electrolysers will be rolled out soon, a step in the direction of achieving India's renewable energy targets.

An electrolyser is a system that uses electricity to break water into hydrogen and oxygen in a process called electrolysis.

Khuba made the remarks while addressing the first International Conference on Hydrogen Energy - Policies, Infrastructure Development and Challenges organised here by Central Board of Irrigation & Power. In his inaugural address, Khuba highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's conviction for decarbonisation of India in COP26.

India has the target of achieving 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2070 for which the country is continuously moving forward.

The Minister of State for New & Renewable Energy urged technologists from IITs and other organizations to do maximum research in hydrogen energy so as to help reduce cost of production for electrolysers. He said the renewable energy ministry is coming out with a scheme for the same.

India has to work towards production of hydrogen energy so that apart from domestic consumption it may also be able to export.

He hoped that the two-day conference beginning November 24 will be able to deliberate future challenges for hydrogen energy and find solutions.



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