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NEWS DIGEST

Police Arrest 2 'Militant Associates'

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested two militant associates and recovered incriminating materials, including ammunition from their possession in south Kashmir's Awantipora. Muzamil Ayoub Bhat **More on P10**

Man Shoots Himself Dead

JAMMU: A 40-year-old shopkeeper allegedly shot himself dead in an apparent case of suicide at his home in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said. The deceased, Anil Kumar, reportedly used his 12-bore licensed **More on P10**

Horse Injured In Landmine Blast

SRINAGAR: A horse was injured in a landmine blast along Battar Nallah in Poonch district on Saturday, officials said. They said that a horse belonging to Maroof Ahmed, son of Mohammad Bashir, resident of Purani Poonch, was injured in the blast, according to news agency GNS. The horse, **More on P10**

Ladakh Reports 32 New Covid Cases

LEH: Thirty-two more people have tested positive for COVID-19 in Ladakh, taking the overall virus tally in the union territory to 21,467, officials said on Saturday. The count of active cases stands at 243 224 in Leh and 19 in Kargil. Ladakh has registered 213 Covid-related deaths — 155 **More on P10**

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Assembly Polls Likely Before 2022 Yatra

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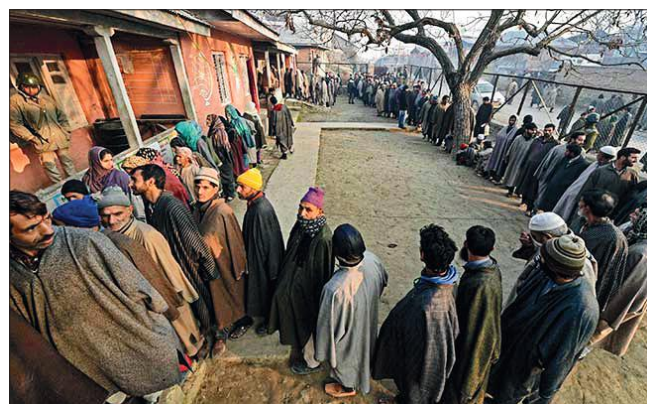
SRINAGAR: With the assembly elections likely to be held by May-June next year, various political parties in Jammu and Kashmir have started increasing their foothold on the ground for the first time after August 5, 2019 when article 370 was scrapped.

Top sources indicate that the delimitation commission has completed its draft report of new and re-alignment of some old assembly seats in J&K.

The commission is headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai.

"The draft report is ready. It will now be shared with the associate members, including three Lok Sabha members from the National Conference (Farooq Abdullah, Hasnain Masoodi and Akbar Lone) and the BJP's Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma", top sources said adding that the commission has already been communicated that there would be no further extension of its time period which ends in March 2022.

All major political players including leaders of the



File Photo

National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Indian National Congress (INC), J&K National Panthers Party (JKNPP), J&K Apni Party, Peoples Conference (PC) and other smaller groups have started public interactions through meetings and rallies.

Close on the heels of PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti's visit to the Chenab Valley, NC Vice President, Omar Abdullah began his visit to the region on Saturday.

The BJP has already told its party cadre that the assembly elections would not be

deferred further and these are being held next year before the annual Amarnath Yatra which begins in the last week of June each year, but was called off due to the pandemic this year.

Sources close to the senior leaders of NC, BJP, PDP, Congress and others indicate that none of these parties believes that it could get the majority in the new assembly of its own.

"Whatever the senior leaders of these parties say in public or to the media, the fact is that none of them believes to get an absolute majority on its own", said a **More on P10**

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Omar Visits Ramban, Demands Body of Amir

Press Trust of India

RAMBAN: National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Saturday pledged to fight till his last breath for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special status and statehood as he visited the family of a youth from Ramban district who was among the four persons killed in a controversial encounter in Srinagar on November 15, Abdullah, a former chief minister, visited Gool area on the second day of his eight-day tour of Chenab Valley region comprising Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

"...we are not fighting for ourselves and our homes but our fight is for you (people of Jammu and Kashmir) and safeguarding your interests. Our fight is for the restoration of our rights **More on P10**

Cantt Board Warns Residents Of Action Over Unpaid Property Tax

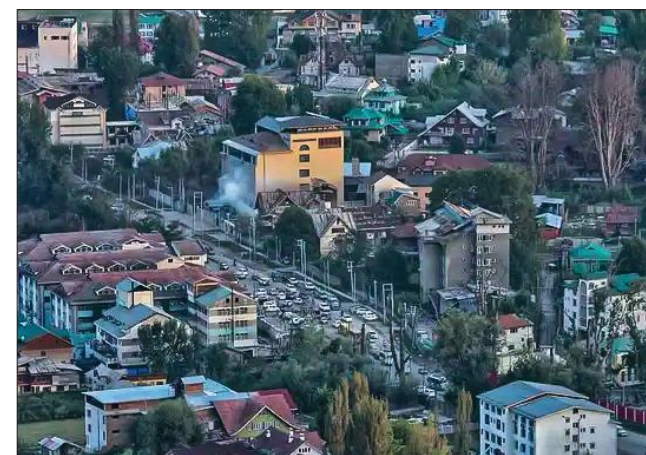
Anguished Residents Term Move 'Unilateral', Seek LG's Intervention

Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR: Strong resentment is brewing among the residents of Badamibagh as the army's Cantonment Board has allegedly threatened to attach and auction their properties if they fail to pay the property tax.

The inhabitants told Kashmir Observer that they have been running from pillar to post since last year to get the issue resolved but to no avail.

The Badamibagh Cantonment Board (BBCB) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Defence. The board has served a fresh notice to the residents of Sonwar, Indra Nagar, Batwara, and Shivpora to clear the pending and new property bills otherwise the board will issue a warrant of



"distress/attachment" or "suit" will be filed for the recovery of the same with costs.

The residents have appealed Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene in this matter.

Met Forecasts Snowfall From Next Week

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Meteorological Department on Saturday predicted a light to moderate snowfall in the first week of December in Jammu and Kashmir, even as the mercury settled above the freezing point in Srinagar, providing some relief to residents from the prevailing cold conditions.

"The weather will remain dry till the evening of December 4. However, there's a possibility of light snowfall between December 4 and 5," Deputy Director, Meteorological Department, Mukhtar Ahmed told Kashmir Observer.

However, he quickly added that the weather forecast may change in the coming days.

Meanwhile, there was an improvement in the night temperature across the valley, except in Kokernag town in the south, they said. The officials said Srinagar city was the only place where the mercury settled above the freezing point.

The city recorded a low of 0.4 degrees Celsius on Friday night, 1.7 degrees up from minus 1.3 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said.

The officials said Pahalgam recorded **More on P10**

LG For Timely Redressal Of Grievances

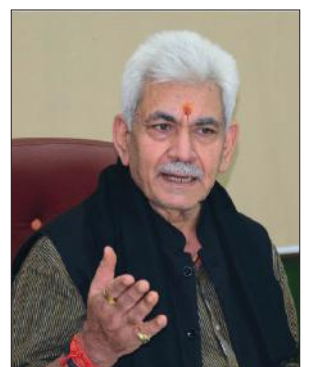
Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday directed all districts and secretariat officials to ensure that public welfare services are delivered and people's requests and complaints are responded to within a reasonable timeframe.

"Every district office must have a performance management system in place to audit, assess and improve performance and to evaluate efficiency and effectiveness of services," Sinha said, as per an official spokesperson on Saturday.

The LG, he said, passed explicit directions to all concerned officials in districts and secretariat for ensuring that public welfare services are delivered, and requests and complaints from people are responded to within a reasonable timeframe.

Sinha, according to the official spokesperson passed these directions during the monthly edition of "LG's Mulaqaat- Live Public Grievance Hearing" in which



he took first-hand appraisal of the public issues and grievances through virtual mode.

Terming 'grievance redressal' as one of the biggest aspects of good governance, the LG, as per official spokesperson, directed the Deputy Commissioners and officials to resolve public complaints promptly as soon as they are received.

In today's programme, he said, a number of randomly selected applicants got immediate relief as their issues got resolved on the spot.

An applicant from Kulgam raised the issue of her house under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin **More on P10**

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Deployed Reinforcements To Help Police: CRPF

Local Militants in Kashmir Outnumber Foreigners

Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on Saturday said the force is on the pursuit of about 89 foreign militants currently operating in the Kashmir valley.

According to CRPF's data, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, there are 199 known militants active in Kashmir out of which, 89 are listed as foreigners.

As of November 24, government forces had killed 148 militants in several gunfights across the Valley.

As per the data maintained by the CRPF, 80 percent of the militants — 127 locals, 21 foreigners — killed this year were local Kashmiris.

A total of 11 personnel of the paramilitary force have also been killed.

A senior CRPF official told Kashmir Observer the paramilitary force had currently deployed about 67,500 personnel in the Valley, 2,500 of which were deployed since the beginning of October alone.

The official said the additional forces were deployed to help the police in the wake of "target killings" in the city. "Non-locals" were leaving Kashmir following **More on P10**



Representative Photo

of two weeks after the administration's order, the corporation is yet to issue a response.

The central scheme is an initiative to provide free gas connections to one crore poor families across India.

The complaint was filed by local transparency activist Raja Muzaffar Bhat, who raised alarm

over an ongoing "scam" in the central scheme's implementation in Kashmir.

Many Ujjwala beneficiaries who had not physically received any connection were surprised with credit entries in their names. Similar reports then emerged from other areas as well as from **More on P10**

OMICRON THREAT

DAK Sounds Alarm, Calls For Enhanced Genome Sequencing

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: With the emergence of a new Covid-19 variant carrying worrisome mutations, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday called for enhanced genome sequencing of Covid-19 positive samples to look for the variant in the valley.

"We need to expedite the genome sequencing to identify the variant early and protect the community from another wave of Covid-19," said DAK President and Influenza expert Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

"Picking up the variant early is key to formulate appropriate and effective health policy that would help prevent and control its spread in the community," he said.

The DAK President said genome sequencing is a laboratory method that is used to identify changes (mutations) in the genetic structure of the virus.

"A new variant of Covid-19 B.1.1.529 has surfaced in South Africa and has also been identified in Botswana, Belgium, Hong Kong and Israel," he said.

Dr Hassan said **More on P10**

Kashmir Reports 3 More Corona Deaths

Three more people succumbed to coronavirus in Kashmir Valley on Saturday, while 149 fresh cases of virus were reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to the officials, three more people in the Valley died of Covid-19 related complications on Saturday, taking the **More on P10**

4 Kashmiri Traders Thrashed In Ranchi, Goods 'Looted'

Police File FIR, Arrest 3; Second Attack On Kashmiris In A Fortnight
Izhar Nazir Ali

SRINAGAR: In a second such attack in less than a fortnight, a group of hooligans assaulted four Kashmiri traders and allegedly looted their merchandise after they refused to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' and anti-Pakistan slogans in Ranchi, the capital city of Jharkhand state.

Tanvir Ahmad Shah, Riyaz Ahmad Wani, Burhan and Ghulam Nabi, who have been selling Kashmiri woollen clothes in the city for several years, were intercepted by a group of armed goons on the Kadru Bridge on Saturday morning and forced to chant Jai Shri Ram and anti-Pakistan slogans, eyewitnesses said.

When the Kashmiri traders refused to follow their diktat, the goons, believed to be associated with right-wing Hindu groups, beat them blue and black. The hooligans also allegedly looted the merchandise of the Kashmiri traders before fleeing from the spot.

"Every winter, we come to Ranchi to sell woollen clothes from Kashmir. We have been visiting this city for the last 13 years. However, for over a month now, we are being constantly harassed and attacked," said Riyaz Ahmad Wani.

On Saturday morning, he said, the Kashmiri traders left with their merchandise laden rickshaws for business when a mob of over 20 goons intercepted them on the Kadru Bridge.

"The goons called us terrorists. They forced us to chant Jai Shri Ram and **More on P10**

Ujjwala Irregularities: IOC Continues To Evade Accountability

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The Indian Oil Corporation continues to maintain silence over alleged irregularities in the implementation of the Prime Minister's Ujjwala Gas Yojana scheme despite directions from the administration.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on November 11, issued orders to the corporation to furnish a reply to the LG's Grievance Cell regarding a complaint on alleged scam in disbursing benefits of the scheme.

In the order, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, the administration has ordered the IOC's state level coordinator to furnish a reply "at the earliest" as the "subject of the grievance entirely pertains to you [State level coordinator]".

However, even after the lapse



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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ESTATES DIVISION, SRINAGAR.

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No. 153/XEN/EDS/2021-22 OF 11/2021

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

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Amt In Rs)	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Urgent Repairs to Govt. Flats No. F-21 at Jawahir Nagar Srinagar.	2.50 lacs	200/-	15 Days	DEE	2216 Non-Plan
2.	Up-gradation of Govt. Set No. E-8 at Silk Factory Tulsibagh Srinagar.	2.13 lacs	200/-	15 Days	DEE	
3.	Repairs/Renovation by way of Tiling and other allied works at Set No. 2-A (Blocks A to E) at Government Quarters Bemina Srinagar.	1.44 lacs	200/-	10 Days	DEE	

Position of AAA:

Position of funds: Available

- 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 as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	26-11-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	27.11.2021 from 10.00 AM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	27.11.2021 from 10.00 AM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	06.12.2021 upto 3.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	06.12.2021 at 3.05 PM. In the office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under Major Head-0216/Revenue (others) in favour of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).
- All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of advertised cost as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work/DLP is over.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site 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
- Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has /have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises

No: - E-Tender/NIT/EDS/5678-88/T-1

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Executive Engineer,
Estates Division, Sgr.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, SRINAGAR.

Gist of Notice Inviting e-Tender

e-NIT Nos. e-NIT Nos. MICD/103, MICD/104, MICD/105 and MICD/105 of 2021-22 all dated: 26-11-2021.

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited in two cover from the reputed, registered and experienced Electro Mechanical SSI unit holders, contractors/fabricators/firms for following works respectively. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' -Tender fee and Earnest Money details, Deposit, fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender. Cover '2nd' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

e NIT No.	Name/ Particulars of the work	Name of Division	Quantity.	Cost of docu- ment/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Validity of Rates
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MICD/103 of 2021- 22 Dated: 26/11/21	ELECTRO-MECHANICAL REPAIRS AND RE- PLACEMENT WORKS AT TUBE WELL IRRIGATION SCHEMES OF RENZIPORA, BADIBARA AND OTHER SCHEMES OF THE SUBDIVISION	Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar	As per requirement	Rs 200/=	Notarized Bid Declaration Form	90 days
MICD/104 of 2021- 22 Dated: 26/11/21	ELECTRO-MECHANICAL REPAIRS AND RE- PLACEMENT WORKS AT TUBE WELL IRRIGATION SCHEME PALPORA, GHOOAMAHMAD PORA					
MICD/105 of 2021- 22 Dated: 26/11/21	REPLACEMENT OF MCCB NAND TIMER AT TWIS GHOOAMAHMAD PORA					
MICD/106 of 2021- 22 Dated: 26/11/21	REPLACEMENT OF MCCB NAND TIMER AT TWIS GHOOAMAHMAD PORA.					

Position of funds: Available

AAA Accorded vide Superintending Engineer Mechanical Circle I & F.C Department Srinagar's Order No: -59-MCO of 2021-22 dated: -02.11.2021

Key/critical Dates:

Date of Hosting In Website/ Publish date		26/11/2021 (1600Hrs)	
Document download/sale start date		26/11/2021 (1600 Hrs).	
Bid submission start date	26/11/2021. (1600Hrs)	Bid submission end date	17/12/2021 (1500 Hrs)
Bid opening date		18/12/2021 (1600 Hrs)	

Each tender should be accompanied with Bid declaration Form/Cost of tender document in the form of as detailed above, pledged to the Executive Engineer MICD Srinagar in absence of Bid declaration form, the Tenders shall be rejected out rightly.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

Any information regarding the tenders can be had from this office on all working days.

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Whereas an joint application has been received by this office from Mr Gh Mohammd Mir S/o Ghulam Nabi Mir R/o Sansoma Achabal (Party no ist) as transferor (seller) owner of the vehicle Maruti 800 bearing registration No JK03C-9576 (commercial /non-commercial) covering under and Mr. Nadim Ahmad Bhat S/o Gh Hassan Bhat R/o Gadapora Shopain (party no 2nd) as transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party ni 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement. Before the case is disposed off on its merits, anybody having any objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within 7 days from the publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned. No any representation / objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

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Public Transport Disappears After Sunset In City

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The commuters in Srinagar city on Saturday slammed authorities for not ensuring evening transport facilities for various routes, making it difficult for them to reach their destinations.

A group of commuters told a news agency that there is no mechanism and regulation for the traffic in Srinagar.

"The babus think everyone owns a car but there are people like us who wander from one place to another to catch a vehicle to reach our homes after the sunset," a group of passengers told news agency.

The absence of public transport on roads after sun-set is not new, such complaints from commuters prop up every time and every time, officials promise to redress the problem and yet the problem persists.



Image for representation

Passengers say the student community, office goers have been facing hardships for years now, especially during winters but there is nobody who listens and addresses their grievances.

"We recently approached transporters and they started talking about registered and unregistered routes. We fail to understand why to make such discrimination when people live

everywhere. Is Chanapora a registered route and Harwan an unregistered one. We fail to understand this logic," the commuters said and blamed administration for the mess. (KNT)

THE BABUS THINK EVERYONE OWNS A CAR BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE US WHO wander from one place to another to catch a vehicle to reach our homes after the sunset,"

SMC Commissioner Suspends Officials For Allowing Illegal Construction



Image for representation

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation has suspended a Ward Officer, Zonal Enforcement Officer and attached Chief Enforcement Officer of the corporation for allowing illegal permission in the city's Batapora area.

The Ward Officer Irshad Ahmad Akmal, Zonal Enforcement Officer (North) Bashir Ahmad have been suspended while Chief Enforcement Officer Mudisar Hussain Banday has been attached.

The officers who have been suspended and attached have allowed major illegal construction in Main Chowk, Hajam Mohalla in Batapora in the city.

As per the order Order No. 716 of 2021 issued by SMC Commissioner major construction was being done by Javaid Ahmad Sofi son of Wali Monammad Sofi at Main Chowk Hajam

Mohalla Batapora without permission from the corporation.

"After reports, a team was sent on spot and it has been prima facie found that the construction is being done without proper building permission," sources said.

Sources said that the concerned Ward Officer, Irshad Ahmad Akmal, Zonal Enforcement Officer (North) Bashir Ahmad were in league with the owners to carry on the illegal construction.

"The officials have failed to take necessary action as was due in this regard which is a serious negligence of duty," the order said.

The Commissioner has asked the Joint Commissioner Adm Riyaz Ahmad Shah and Joint Commissioner Works Rajinder Singh shall do the detailed enquiry and submit the report within 7 days. (KDC)

Rakh-e-Arth Housing Colony Yarns For Amenities

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir PK Pole Saturday visited Rakh-e-Arth housing colony here in Bemina Srinagar after residents staged a protest claiming that the government has failed to provide them civic amenities for the last eight years – which is causing them inconvenience and adding to their woes.

"There is no school, no electricity, no roads and no hospital. There is a hospital building which is non-functional. There was a graveyard which needs land filling," the protesters told news agency Kashmir News Trust.

The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir along with Director Health Dr Mush-taq Ahmed visited the colony and assured local residents that their grievances

will be addressed without any delay.

The Divisional Commissioner visited the hospital building and directed Director Health to take measures to make it functional. "We are facing problems in the absence of health care facilities in the colony. Even pregnant women of this colony face problems, and authority is yet to come with a solution. The authorities promised us to provide each and every facility," the locals said.

"The colony which is spread over an area of 7526 kanals was supposed to be developed on modern lines with all basic facilities like public parks, hospitals, schools, Mosques and play fields, but as such nothing has been done for this colony," the local residents said. (KNT)

WE ARE FACING PROBLEMS IN the absence of health care facilities in the colony. Even pregnant women of this colony face problems, and authority is yet to come with a solution. The authorities promised us to provide each and every facility,"

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT CIVIL SECRETARIAT SRINAGAR/JAMMU

**CORRIGENDUM-I OF E-TENDERS NO. CAW-04 OF 2021.
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 18, 2021.**

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders on GeM portal are invited from reputed and registered aviation companies having airworthy transport helicopters duly certified and endorsed on its Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP) from DGCA, Government of India for leasing on Wet Lease Basis for an initial term of 2 years w.e.f 01-04-2022 for multi-purpose use of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir with an option for renewal/extension on same terms & conditions for a period of one plus one (01+01) years after approval is granted by the competent authority. Following changes are incorporate in dates:

Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	18/11/2021 04:30 PM
Period of Downloading of Documents	18/11/2021 05:00 PM
Date of pre-Bid Meeting	07/12/2021 02:00PM
Start Date of submission of bids	10/12/2021 02:00 PM
Last date of Submission of bids	21/12/2021 02.00 PM
Date of Opening Tender	24/12/2021 02:00PM

The changes as made above on the initial term and the dates of Pre bid to opening of tender may be considered as modified in rest of the Tender document as per the Corrigendum issued on 24.11.2021, rest term and conditions to remain unchanged.

The dates regarding starting of operations of helicopters (01.04.2022) can be advanced in case of exigency/requirement of Government of UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

- The tender document along with other Terms and Conditions of the NIT and relevant documents can be downloaded from the Union Territory Website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- The tender shall be deposited in electronic format on the Union Territory website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The tenders uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on 24.12.2021 or any other subsequent date convenient to the Tender/Purchase Committee in the Office Chamber of Director Finance, Civil Aviation Department, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Room No. 3/50, Jammu.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Submission of hard copy is exempted.
- Documents required to be notarized for submission may be submitted on the letter head under the signature of the authorized signatory.
- Cost of the Tender document is Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) in the shape of Demand Draft (non refundable) /Online in favour of Accounts Officer, Civil Aviation Department, J&K, Jammu. Earnest money Deposit/Bid Security exempted till 31/12/2021, however Bid security declaration to be given by bidder for Rs Ten Lakhs (Rs 10/- Lakhs). Governed by Circular dated 22/12/2020 of the Finance Department, UT of J&K. Tender Fee can be paid digitally. Bank details:
a. BANK: J&K Bank, Moving Secretariat, Civil Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu.
b. ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0110010100000281.
c. IFSC CODE: JAKAOMOVING.
d. MICR code: 190051062; JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK MOVING SECRETARIAT, address: Civil Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir; Branch code is Moving, Contact Number: 2455235.
- Scanned copies of all necessary documents as per tender documents need to be uploaded as part of the technical bid. These documents, in original, may be asked for submission subsequently.
- The Earnest Money/ Bid Security shall be forfeited if:
a) any tenderer withdraws his tender during the period of tender validity or makes any modification in terms and condition of tender; and
b) The company fails to execute the agreement within 10 days of signing of contract document.
- Instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process: Bidders are advised to get Digital Signature Certificate as per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from approved vendor.
- Bidders have to submit their bids in two bid format i.e. Technical and Financial Bid online in electronic format with Digital Signature. Financial Bid shall be submitted ONLINE only. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para 3.
- Bidders must upload the scanned copy of all necessary documents, like CDR/PAN/ Demand Draft (Tender fee) bid security declaration/Registration certificate duly renewed online as per dates mentioned above.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reason.
- The Tender/Purchase Committee shall reserve the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.
- The rates offered should be quoted in figures as well as in words inclusive of all taxes and levies or any other charge. Taxes/Charges not mentioned in the offers will not be allowed and admissible.
- The payment shall be released after successful completion of the contract.
- Any erasing/overwriting/mutilation in the tender form will result in outright rejection of the tender.
- Conditional and ambiguous tender will not be entertained.
- The terms and conditions as reflected in Annexure "A", are mandatory and should be read very carefully by the intending tenderers while furnishing their tenders, which are enclosed and shall form a part of this NIT.

E-file No. CAW/Estt/165/2021-5/
JAMMU, 24 Nov, 2021
DIPK-13572-100

Director Finance,
Civil Aviation Department
jkcivilaviation@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE, KASHMIR

1st Floor Sanat Ghar Bemina Near Woollen Mills, Qamarwari Road, Srinagar 190018, J&K

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30 mandates the Land Allotment Committee to adopt a fair and transparent process which shall provide every applicant a fair chance on merits in order to keep the entire land allotment process transparent. In this regard, the 3rd High Level Land Allotment Committee meeting was held on 22.10.2021 under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department, which decided that the process of land allotment shall be made on merit cum choice, where-under meritorious applicant will be given a choice of land in his preferred estate based on merit and subject to the availability of land and a common merit list shall be framed by Director, I&C, Kashmir and Managing Director, J&K SIDCO/ J&K SCIOP based on below mentioned parameters/ weightage. In this context, it is for the information of general public and aspiring entrepreneurs that the provisional ranking of applications/ projects received on investjk.in portal for allotment of land in different Industrial Estates of Kashmir Division is now available on the official web sites of Industries and Commerce Department, J&K (www.jkindustriescommerce.nic.in), Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Kashmir (www.industrieskashmir.nic.in) and on the (Investjk.in) portal. In the backdrop of herein above, if anybody having objections in this regard shall approach/ convey the same to the office of the concerned General Manager of the District Industries Centre within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objection shall be entertained after the expiry of 07 days.

No. DI&C/Dev/532-7/2021/3044
Dated 25.11.2021
DIPK-13649/21

Sd/-
Director
Industries and Commerce Kashmir

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Civil Secretariat, J&K, Jammu

email: hrmjkhme@gmail.com

NOTICE

Subject: Select list for the posts of Consultant in various disciplines in Health & Family Welfare Department-Recommendations thereof.

Whereas, vide Notification No. 12-PSC(DR-P) of 2019 dated 01.10.2019, following post of Consultants in various discipline of Health & Family Welfare Department were notified by the J&K Public Service Commission for making selection of the eligible candidates:-

S.No.	Discipline	O.M.	sc	ST	RBA	ALC	Total
1.	Orthopedic	05	01	01	01	0	08
2.	ENT	03	01	01	0	0	05
3.	Anaesthesiology	07	01	0	01	01	10
4.	Gyne & Obsst.	07	01	01	01	01	11
5.	Radiology	01	0	0	0	0	01
6.	Pathology	02	0	0	01	0	03

And Whereas, vide letter No. PSC/DR/Consultant ENT/H&FW/2019 dated 27.10.2021, No. PSC/DR/ Consultant Ctrtho/H&FW/2019 dated 20.10.2021, No. PSC/DR/Consultant Anaesthesiology/H&FW/2019 dated 27.10.2021, No. PSC/DR/ Consultant Gyneae & Obsst/H&FW/2019 dated 27.10.2021, No. PSC/DR/Consultant Radiology/H&FW/2019 dated 20.10.2021 and No. PSC/DR/Consultant Pathology/H&FW/2019 dated 20.10.2021 J&K Public Service Commission has recommended the appointment of following candidates as Consultant in various disciplines in Health & Family Welfare Department against the posts referred by Health & Family Welfare Department:-

CONSULTANT ORTHOPEDICS

S.No	BD No	Name	Parentage	Address	Merit
Select List of Open Merit Category					
1	02	Rashid Anjum	Mohd Rafiq Anjum	H.No. 209 Dhanore Jaralan Rajouri	70.56
2	66	Towseef Ahmad Bhat	Ab Aziz Bhat	Rather Mohalla Dadsarta Tral Pulwama	70.18
3	26	Abdullah Bhat	Saifullah Bhat	Boradway Shivpora Sgr	68.21
4	39	Mohammad Yaseen	Gh Mohammad Rather	Biucho Tral Pulwama	67.91
5	44	Nadeem Ali	Tanweer Ul Sadiqeen	Moughal Mohalla Lai Bazar Sgr	66.21

Select List of RBA Category

1	21	Suliman Sath	Ali Mohd Ganie	Dangerpora Shahidmarg Pulwama	60.26
Select List of ST Category					

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Consultant ENT						
S.No	BD No	Name	Parentage	Address	Merit	

Consultant ENT

S.No	BD No	Name	Parentage	Address	Merit
Select List of Open Merit Category					
1	40	Omar Mohammad Shafi	Mohammad Shafi	Effandi Bagh Rawalpura Sanatnagar Srinagar	71.43
2	12	Ritesh Mahajan	Kasturi Lal Mahajan	Krishna Colony Kathua	56.93
3	03	Saima Tabassum	GM Saroor	A-23 Asrar Lane No. 2 City (Hospital Road Bathindi	36.54

Select List of SC Category

1.	26	Arti	Mohan Lal	H.NO 71 Dogra Mohalla Krishna Naqar Canal Road Jammu	50.00
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Select List of ST Category

1.	08	Shakil Ahmed	Sharief Mohd	Teli Basti Bari Brahmana Jammu	59.62
Consultant Anaesthesiology					

Consultant Anaesthesiology

S.No	BD No	Name	Parentage	Address	Merit
Select List of Open Merit Category					
1	94	Saleem Altaf Wani	Mohammad AsadUllah Wani	36-Wadwan Budgam	70.66
2	35	Malik Rameez Rashid	Ab Rashid Malik	Usmania Colony Baghi Mehtab Srinagar	68.91
3	87	Sumaira Jan	Mohammad Ismail	R/o Rehbara Sahab, Ali Kadal, Srinagar	68.76
4	55	Tantriy Tariq Ganai	Ab Gani Tantriy	Saloora Tawheed Colony Ganderbal	68.30
5	74	Masarat Ara	Ghulam Mohammad Bhat	Qanovngopora Chadoora Budgam	67.32 (RBA)
6	03	Anu Manhas	Puran Singh Manhas	27 Sector 1 Extension Adarsh Enclave Trikuta Nagar Jammu	66.87
7	56	Khalida Parveen	Abdul Majid Khan	Fatehgrah Baramulla	66.61

Select List of RBA Category

1.	53	Akhil Kumar Gupta	Kasturi Lai Gupta	C/o: Q NO. 09 Medical Enclave GMC Jammu	62.05
Select List of ST Category					

Select List of ST Category

Consultant Gyane & Obsts.						
S.No	BD No	Name	Parentage	Address		Merit

Consultant Gyneae & Obsst.

S.No	BD No	Name	Parentage	Address	Merit
Select List of Open Merit Category					
1	77	Shabnam Ara	Sheikh Bashir Ahmad	Habak Naseem Bagh Srinagar	70.12
2	78	Sabha Malik	Nawab Din Malik	Nowshera Srinagar	69.36
3	23	Shazia Nisar	Nisar Ahmad Pandit	Iqbal Abad K.P Road Anantnag	67.71
4	62	Ghulshan Akhter	Ali Mohd Nengroo	Halkha Chittergul Anantnag	67.12
5	76	Asif Mustafa	Mohmad Mustafa	Bonibagh Near Darul Ulloom Bilatiya Lai Bazar Sgr	66.78
6	61	Basharat Hussain Pandit	Nazir Ahmad Pandit	Authoora Pulwama Kashmir	66.39
7	105	Sami Seema	Mohammad Yaseen Baba	Hyder Pora Srinagar	65.12

Select List of RBA Category

1.	26	Shahzada Akhter	Gul Mohd Khan	Dialgam Anantnag	61.07
Select List of SC Category					

Select List of SC Category

Select List of ST Category					
1.	99	Heena Chowdhary	Abdul Rashid Chowdhary	Star Nursing Home Gujar Mandi Rajouri	63.82

Select List of ST Category

S.No	BD No	Name	Parentage	Address	Merit
Select List of Open Merit Category					

Consultant Radiology

S.No	BD No	Name	Parentage	Address	Merit
Select List of Open Merit Category					
1		Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad Khan	Sh. Hamid Ullah Khan	R/o 475, Midoora, Awantipora, Pulwama	66.34
Consultant Pathology					
Select List of Open Merit Category					
1	7	Ritu Bhagat	K C Bhagat	H No 16 Ward No 6 Ramgarh Samba	65.98
2	18	Shaista Mushtaq	Mushtaq Ahmad Hamdani	Namchibal Fateh Kadal, Srinagar	63.44

And Whereas, vide Government order No. 528-JK(GAD) of 2021 dated 21.06.2021 issued by General Administration Department it is ordered to seek verification report from the CID before issuance of formal appointment order in favour of the selectee. Now, therefore, it is for the information of all the above mentioned candidates selected/recommended by the J&K Public Service Commission to submit the verification rolls of Character and Antecedents in triplicate form in the HRM Branch of Health & Medical Education Department at Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar with seven days from the date of issuance of this notice.

No: HME-HRM/103/2021-02
Dated: 25-11-2021
DIPK-13612-21
Under Secretary to the Government,
Health & Medical Education Department,

Don't Panic, Wait And Watch: WHO On 'Omicron' Variant



Agencies

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday classified the new coronavirus variant detected in South Africa as a "variant of concern", naming it Omicron. The announcement came late on Friday after a closed-door meeting of experts from WHO gathered to assess the variant.

Earlier in the day, WHO had urged countries not to panic and cautioned against "hasty measures", even as a slew of nations across the world reacted with alarm to the news.

Several nations, particularly those in Europe, started banning flights from South Africa and neighbouring nations.

A day earlier in India, the Union health ministry had directed states to start rigorous screening and testing of all international travellers coming from or transiting through Botswana, South Africa and Hong Kong – the countries that had till then reported cases of the new variant.

As of late Friday night, infections outside of Africa were confirmed in at least three nations – Hong Kong, Israel and Belgium.

Global scientists are still trying to determine whether the new variant – also known as the

B.1.1.529 – is more transmissible or more lethal than previous ones, but it does have the most mutations of any strain yet identified.

Susan Hopkins, chief medical adviser to the UK Health Security Agency, told BBC radio the variant has about 30 mutations "that seem relevant" – double the number seen in the highly-transmissible Delta variant.

This has raised concerns across the world, with authorities fearing a wave of infections much worse than what was witnessed during the dreaded Delta wave outbreaks.

New cases in South Africa, where it was first discovered, have grown more than 320% in the past week.

Of particular concern is the situation in Guateng province, where test positivity in a particular region jumped from 1% to over 30% in just three weeks. Sequencing there showed almost all recent samples are of B.1.1.529, out-competing Delta in a way never seen before anywhere in the world.

German biotech company BioNTech, which has developed one of the most widely used Covid-19 vaccines with Pfizer, has begun studying the new variant and expects the first data from laboratory tests about how it interacts with its vaccine within two weeks.

Travel Bans, Snap Defences Buy Time As Scientists Race To Decode Omicron

Bloomberg

Travel bans and other snap defences that countries threw up against omicron, the new Covid-19 variant, are buying time for scientists to answer key questions that could prevent another wave of deaths.

Labs in Europe, the U.S. and Africa are preparing for tests to see how the new variant is likely to behave in people who've been vaccinated or previously infected. Real-world research will be important too, as health authorities monitor the outbreak in South Africa closely to find out how much more transmissible the new variant will be as it spreads and whether it's more dangerous or deadly.

The questions will take weeks to answer, scientists and policy makers said Friday. The search for understanding starts in the variant's dramatic pattern of 50 mutations, more than 30 of which are on the virus's spike protein, which is the weapon Covid-19 uses to invade victims' cells. It will continue via lab work and finally in observations of illness and transmission patterns in real life.

What's clear so far is that a constellation of mutations has come together that may make omicron spread more quickly, said Wendy Barclay, head of the department of infectious disease at Imperial College London.

"Taken together on paper, it's



very biologically plausible that this virus has increased transmissibility," Barclay said in a briefing Friday. Researchers must apply the knowledge they've gained in more than a year of intense study of the virus, she said. "That's where you start, and then you try and back up that sort of approach by looking at the epidemiology and the laboratory-based studies."

Wily Virus

The first job of a virus is survival in its hosts, and nature has programmed them to shift shapes. SARS-CoV-2 has been mutating and changing since it was first identified, with the first variant of concern – alpha – designated in December 2020. Omicron, previously known as B.1.1.529, is the fifth

variant of concern the World Health Organization has named.

Omicron may have a growth advantage over the others, however, because it's been found at faster rates than in previous surges, the WHO said on Friday. It may also pose a greater risk of reinfection than other variants of concern, the WHO said.

There are hints in omicron's spread in South Africa that it may be more transmissible, said Sharon Peacock, a professor of public health and microbiology at the University of Cambridge who also heads the Covid-19 Genomics U.K. consortium. "When the Ministry of Health saw the numbers were doubling every day, the question that they asked was, 'Well, where are these cases coming from?'"

Tourists Rush To South Africa Airport After Travel Bans Over New Covid Strain



Agence France-Presse

JOHANNESBURG: Anxious-looking travellers stood in long queues at Johannesburg's international airport on Friday, desperate to squeeze onto the last flights to countries that had just shut their doors to South Africa.

Many cut short their holidays, rushing back from safaris and vineyards when Britain announced late Thursday night that all flights from South Africa and its neighbours would be banned the following day.

A flurry of nations have since followed suit, concerned about the discovery of a new coronavirus variant with a large number of mutations fuelling an infection resurgence in South Africa.

UK citizen Toby Reid, a 24-year-old trader in London, was camping on Cape Town's Table Mountain with his girlfriend when the ban was announced.

"At about 5:30 am we got up to see if we could catch the sunrise, and at six in the morning we found out that there was still a possibility to get back," he told

AFP, standing in line for check-in at the Johannesburg airport just hours later.

The couple managed to grab the two last seats on an evening flight to Frankfurt.

Others who were not so lucky discussed options at ticket counters, eyes widening at proposed prices and convoluted itineraries.

"There should have been more notice," muttered Christian Good, 50, returning to Devon via Frankfurt with his husband after a beach holiday.

By chance, the pair had originally planned to return on that flight, meaning they would arrive home before mandatory hotel quarantine begins on Sunday – a requirement for citizens returning from "red list" countries.

"It's ridiculous, we will always be having new variants," his husband David exclaimed, passports in hand.

"South Africa found it but it's probably all over the world already," he told news agency AFP.

The variant has so far been detected in Belgium, Botswana, Israel and Hong Kong.

Saudi Arabia Allows Non-Pilgrims To Perform Tawaf

Agencies

Saudi Arabia will allow non-pilgrims to perform the ritual circumambulation, known as Tawaf, around the Holy Kaaba in Mecca, further easing Covid-19 restrictions.

According to Hani Haider, spokesman for the General Presidency for the Two Holy Mosques, Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz has issued orders permitting non-Umrah worshippers to perform the Kaaba encircling on the first level of

quoted him as saying.

This is part of efforts for the step-by-step relief from precautions against the Covid-19 pandemic, the official added.

Worshippers must book tawaf sessions through the app Eatmarna.

Saudi Arabia eased restrictions imposed for Covid-19 this month, citing an improvement in the country's epidemiological situation and a significant decline in the number of infections.

Distancing rule for worshippers in the two holy mosques



the Grand Mosque.

Non-pilgrims will be allowed to perform tawaf three times per day, from 7am-10am, 9pm-11.59pm, and 12 midnight to 3am, Gulf News

of Mecca and Medina has been lifted, and their full capacity has been restored.

However, worshippers must continue to wear face masks at both mosques.

SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER LEFT RIVER WORKS DIVISION NOTICE

It is notified for below mentioned 1st lowest agencies/contractors of tendered works shown against each to attend the Divisional Office and deposit 3% Performance Security within 03 days positively failing which the works shall be allotted to 2nd lowest tenderers or advertised afresh at their risk, cost & responsibility.

S.No.	Name of Agency	Name of work	NIT No.
1	Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Seru S/o: Noor Mohammad Seru R/o: KanthParistaanSafaKadal, Sgr Class of Contract: DEE Class Civil Registration No: SE/R&B/SB-D-175 of 2012-13	Soling/Metalling of link road at Chinara Colony Mehjoor Nagar W-09	17 of 2021-22
2	Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Seru S/o: Noor Mohammad Seru R/o: KanthParistaanSafaKadal, Sgr Class of Contract: DEE Class Civil Registration No: SE/R&B/SB-D-175 of 2012-13	Re- Construction of lane from H/o Gh. Mohd Dar Mushtaq Ahmad Sheikh upto the Shop Keeper Rather Prov. Store at Dar Mohalla Rambagh Natipora (Ward-10)	17 of 2021-22
3	Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Pandit S/o: Ghulam Mohammad Pandit R/o: Shorgari Mohalla Nawa Bazar Sgr Class of Contract: DEE Class Civil Registration No: SE (R&B) SB-D-70 of 2015-2016	Up gradation of lanes from Ab Aziz Tantray Ali Mohammad Sofi and others H/o MdLateefDobi, Bashir Ahmad Wani at Tantray Mohalla Rawalpura (W-14)	16 OF 2021-22
4	Shri Owais Ashraf Lanker S/o: Mohammad Ashraf Lanker R/o: Syedabad Colony Sheikhpora Budgam Class of Contract: DEE Civil Registration No: 19-BK/SE-PWD/DEE/2017-18	Development of Public park at Chinara Colony Bemina East Srinagar W-26	18 of 2021-22
5	Shri Owais Ashraf Lanker S/o: Mohammad Ashraf Lanker R/o: Syedabad Colony Sheikhpora Budgam Class of Contract: DEE Civil Registration No: 19-BK/SE-PWD/DEE/2017-18	Upgradation of drain near Shopkeeper Manzoor Ahmad upto main road at Chinara Colony, Bemina East, Srinagar W-26.	18 of 2021-22
6	Mr. Ifukhar Ahmad Naqashbandi S/o: Gh. NabiNaqashbandi R/o: Qalamdanpora, sgr Class of Contract: "DEE CIVIL" Registration No: CE(R&B) K-200//1994-95/DEE	Up gradation of lane/drain near the H/o Mehraraj-ud Din Shah Bashir Ahmad Khan & others near Sona Masjid at Syed Ali Akbar road (W-34)	25 OF 2021-22

No: SMC/EELRWD/2880-2890

Dated: 25-11-2021

DIPK-NB-5408/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Left River Works Division,
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

SHER-E-KASHMIR UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY OF KASHMIR

ESTATES WING, MAIN CAMPUS SHALIMAR – 190 025

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-NIT NO. (36) Of 2021

Dated: 25.11.2021

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST(K), e-tenders (in single-cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Civil contractors whose cards are valid up to 31-03-2022 registered with State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. departments for the following work:-

S.No	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender document	Time of completion
1.	Repair and Renovation to Bath Rooms of Z Hostel at Faculty of Agriculture Wadura Sopore SKUAST Kashmir	4 x 04.59 = 18.36	B & C class	1000/-	60 days

Position of AAA: **Accorded**

a) Position of T.S : **Sanctioned**

b) Position of funds: **Available**

1) The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per following schedule:-

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	25.11.2021
2.	Date of start of downloading	25.11.2021
3.	Pre-bid meeting date	NA
4.	Bid submission start Date	25.11.2021
5.	Bid submission end date	10.12.2021
6.	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid (online)	13.12.2021
7.	Date of opening of Financial bid of qualifying bidders (online)	15.12.2021

Further information can be had from the Office of the undersigned

No. Au/Estates/E-NIT(36)/459

Dated: 26.11.2021

DIPK-NB-5397/21

Sd/-

Estates Officer

SKUAST-K



J&K LAKE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, SRINAGAR

HEAD OFFICE MISKEEN BAGH KHANYAR SRINAGAR,

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Gist of e- N.I.T No: - 43 of 2021-22

Date: - 25.11.2021

For and on behalf of The Hon'ble Governor of J&K UT, fresh e-tender (Two cover System), is invited from reputed and resourceful A class contractors/Firms/ companies/joint venture of repute on comprehensive and extensive basis, which should be uploaded on the e-Procurement web portal <http://www.jktenders.gov.in>, as per given bidding Schedule for below mentioned works as per the details mentioned in this e-tender notification, to whom all the terms and conditions of detailed NIT /Tender Documents/ PWD Form No:- 25 are accepted. The detailed tender document, Specifications and drawings can be downloaded on the e-procurement Portal <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> and also on departmental web site "www.jklcma.in". The cost of the document (nontransferable /Nonrefundable) should be in the shape Bank Payin Slip to be deposited in the given Divisional account No.

S.No	Name of work	Advertised Cost of Work (Rs. Lacs)	Class of Contract	Cost of Document	Period of completion	Tender receiving authority
01.	Sewerage network of Houseboats of Dal lake to be connected with main trunk sewer of 16.1 MLD STP Brari-Nambal including operation & maintenance of the sewerage network for two years.	Rs.678.27	AAY & Above	5000/-	05 calendar Months	Vice Chairman J&K LCMA

Tender Fee to be deposited into account No. CDG/01850102 00 00 0004, (IFSC CODE JAKA0SATH00) JK Bank Upper Sathu through E-challan / treasury receipt/Pay in Slip. However the contractors who have participated in the tendering in pursuance of the original NIT are exempted from deposition of tender fee. The tender fee shall be non refundable/ on transferable.

Online bidding schedule:

01	Date of issue of Tender Notice	25/11/2021
02	Date of downloading of bidding documents	27/11/2021 from 10.00 A.M
03	Bid submission start date	29/11/2021 from 10.00 A.M
04.	Pre bid meeting	06/12/2021 at 11 A.M in the office of the Vice Chairman, J&K LWDA at Miskeen Bagh Khanyar Srinagar, or Video Conference. For meeting please contact M.No.
05	Bid Submission end date	20/12/2021 up to 04.00 P.M
06	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	21/12/2021 at 3.00 P.M

We look forward to your active participation.

For and on behalf Of the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT

NO: - No: - LD-1/8400-8426

Date: -25.11.2021

DIPK-NB-5423/21

Executive Engineer,
Lake Division 1st,J&KLCMA

DC Rajouri Denied Entry To Police Station For More Than An Hour

Observer News Service

RAJOURI: The entry of senior officials of the Rajouri district administration, including the Deputy Commissioner, to a police station on Saturday was stalled for more than an hour by police officials without offering any explanation.

The senior officials included the Additional DC and Assistant Commissioner Revenue besides the DC himself. The trio were made to wait in their vehicles by police officials who gave no reason for the denial of entry.

Eye witnesses told a local news agency that the senior officials were not allowed to enter the station even after waiting for more than an hour.

"The Cavalcade of Deputy Commissioner remained stationed outside police station Ra-

jouri for more than an hour for unknown reasons," they said.

They further said that after almost an hour, Additional SP Rajouri reached on spot and took Deputy Commissioner inside the police station.

DC Rajouri Rajesh K Shavan refused to comment on the matter stating "I am on some official work."

Sources said that Station House Officer Rajouri was not present inside the police station when the DC and other officials arrived whereas the Superintendent of Police was also on leave.

Instead, police officials said the officials of district administration should convey their arrival in advance.

"The trio were told that they should have informed the police prior to their visit to avoid unnecessary discomfort caused to them," sources said.

Man Wanted For Rash Driving In Jammu Arrested 16 Years Later In Anantnag

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: A man was arrested in Jammu on Friday, 16 years after being charged under a case of rash driving and injuring people, officials said.

Based on a specific information,

a police team arrested Manzoor Ganai from Anantnag, they said.

He was evading arrest since 2005 in cases of rash driving and causing injury to people, the officials said.

The accused was produced before a court in Jammu.

Cong Demands Rs 4L Compensation For Families Of Covid Victims

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Congress president G A Mir on Saturday demanded an ex gratia payment of Rs 4 lakh to the families of COVID-19 victims, alleging that the mishandling of the pandemic took a heavy toll on people across the country.

Mir expressed concern over the recent spike in new cases and demanded adequate measures to deal with a possible third wave of the pandemic. "We are taking up (with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha) the issue of compensation of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of COVID-19 victims via a memorandum and are writing to him today itself," he told reporters here.

Mir said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had suggested to the government that a compensation of Rs 4 lakh be paid to the families of those who died of COVID-19.

"It is the duty and responsibility of the government to safeguard the public. The response of this government was lackluster during the first wave and pathetic when the second wave hit the country, resulting in more loss of lives, he said.

He said the states being ruled by the Congress or its allies have ex-

pressed their readiness to contribute Rs 1 lakh per person, out of the proposed Rs 4 lakh compensation.

"The BJP-ruled states should follow suit and promise the amount to the Covid-hit families as many families lost their bread earners due to mishandling of the situation, Mir said. He alleged that the central government is not revealing the real number of COVID-19 deaths in the country.

The recent spike in new cases in different parts of the country demands that the government make preparations in advance to tackle a possible third wave, he said.

However, he alleged, the government is itself violating the guidelines and norms and using it to suppress the voice of the opposition.

"According to government guidelines only 25 persons are supposed to gather for any function, but the guidelines are just for opposition parties and those earning their livelihood by running banquet halls. BJP leaders are free to violate (the guidelines) and can gather any number of people at their rallies and official functions which was visible during the visit of union ministers (to Jammu and Kashmir) under a public outreach programme, he said.

Conclude Delimitation By Feb, Hold Elections After Winter: Azad

The Congress Leader Said Restoring Pre-August 5 Position Was Priority

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Centre should conclude the delimitation process in Jammu and Kashmir by February and hold assembly polls immediately after the winter, senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said on Saturday.

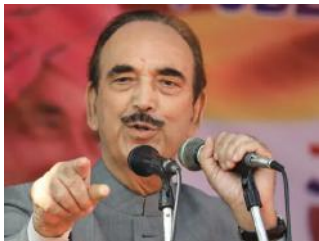
Addressing a workers' meeting in Devsar area of south Kashmir's Kulgam, about 75 kms from Srinagar, Azad also said it was not feasible to conduct polls during the next four months of winter.

"The next four months are not feasible for elections and even if they (Centre) wanted, we would have said no. We all had said in the all-party meet (called by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June) that the statehood be restored first and then the delimitation be taken up.

"But, the government did not accept that. So, they should conclude the delimitation process till February and once the winter gets over, conduct the elections in April," he told reporters.

The senior Congress leader said the priority was not who becomes the chief minister but how to restore the August 4, 2019 position in J&K.

"The priority is not about the chief minister, it is not the issue. The priority is how to restore the August 4, 2019 position... which



will happen by restoring the statehood and then having the assembly elections," he said.

"Our land and job (rights), which were taken away after Article 370 was revoked, should be secured like they were before (abrogation) through a new law when the statehood is restored," he said.

Azad said the demand for the restoration of the statehood was not Kashmir-centric.

"There is no fight over statehood. Hindu brothers in Jammu, Sikhs, Muslims in Kashmir and even Pandits want statehood. No one should presume that only Kashmiris want statehood, I have said it continuously and even in the all-party meet that even BJP leaders want statehood," he said.

About the questions being raised over encounters conducted by the security forces, the Congress leader said the forces should take precautions in the civilian areas so that there are no civilian casualties.

Pak Drones Drop Explosives, Indian Drones Serve Humanity: Jitendra

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Unlike Pakistan which uses drones to drop weapons, India uses its drones to serve humanity, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Saturday at the launch of operations of an unmanned aerial vehicle to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to areas along the border in Jammu and Kashmir.

The indigenously built medium-class multicopter unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) took off from the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine Complex here and successfully delivered 50 vials of COVID-19 vaccines along with syringes to a public health centre in Jammu's Marh area near the India-Pakistan border.

"Pakistan is using drones to drop explosives to cause harm to human life and further terrorism, but our drone will act as a carrier of 'Sanjeevani Boti' for the betterment of humanity and is going with a message of peace," Jitendra said.

He said health workers engaged in COVID-19 vaccination are facing

problems in reaching families in remote and mountainous regions, and



difficult terrains of J&K, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and elsewhere.

"The use of this type of drones will be of great help and also aid in fulfilling the government's resolve of 100 per cent vaccination," Jitendra said.

The GPS-guided beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) Octocopter UAV has been developed by the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), a constituent of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), and has a range of 55 kilometres, an official said, adding that it can carry a payload of 20 kilograms.

RTI Reveals No Drainage Project In Kashmir Was Completed In 2021

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has not been able to complete any drainage project in Kashmir in the past year.

This was admitted by the Public Information Officer (PIO) of the Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) in response to a Right to Information (RTI) application filed by activist M M Shuja.

The RTI sought details of roads and drainage projects that were completed during the current year till September 30, 2020 in Kashmir Division, the PIO in their reply has said:

"No drainage project has been completed yet in the current financial year of 2021 in Kashmir division."

In the meantime, the RTI applicant had also sought the details of schemes under ERA that were not completed within the target period with reason. "The original date of commencement was 15-07-2013 and completion on 14-07-2016," the PIO said.

The ERA also said that the contractor did not complete the project due to slow progress and insufficient mobilization of resources.

J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides Meet Sinha Amid Flag Day Celebrations



Agencies

JAMMU: In connection with the ongoing celebrations of Flag Day, Jammu and Kashmir Bharat Scouts & Guides delegation today met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhawan.

Sinha asked the delegation to host a set of activities for a resurgent, Aatmanirbhar Bharat as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and further impressed upon the Scouts and Guides

to spread mass awareness regarding drug de-addiction by organizing programmes across the J&K and helping the administration "fight the drug menace", officials said.

Sinha, who is also the chief patron of the J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides, lauded the cadets, officials and everyone associated with the movement for "their selfless service to the society, inculcating moral values amongst the youth and carrying forward the legacy of the movement for nation building."

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION KASHMIR J & K SPORTS COUNCIL

Sub: - Notice invited opening bidding for Auctioning of defunct heating system at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor sports Complex Srinagar.

The CDR/FDR amounting to Rs. 2000/- pledged to Executive Engineer Construction Division Kashmir Srinagar J&K sports council are invited from Established Scrap dealers/vendors for open bidding in respect of auction of defunct heating system at SKISC Srinagar on "as is where is basis" as per terms and conditions and BOQ available in the office of Executive Engineer, Construction Division Kashmir, J&K sports council, Srinagar. The copy of the same may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office working hours w.e.f. 27/11/2021 to 01/12/2021 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. The bidders/auctioners can visit the site i.e. Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor sports Complex opposite Amar Singh College Srinagar to ascertain the items to be auctioned. The minimum bid value of the aforementioned items has been fixed at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.39 lacs. The intending vendors/bidder/participants alongwith the requisite CDR/FDR's shall reach to the bidding/auction site i.e.; Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex on 02/12/2021 at 2:00 PM for participation in the open auctioning of the items/materials. The CDR/FDR's of the bidders/auctioners shall be released after the bidding/auction process gets completed successfully in all respects. The CDR/FDR of the successful bidder shall be released after completion of work in all respects. The liability on account of Taxes whatsoever shall be borne by the bidders/auctioners. The bidding amount includes all the taxes whatsoever which shall be borne by the bidders/auctioners. The Successful Highest Bidder/Auctioner has to pay 25% of the Bid cost after the finalization of open auction bidding day i.e.; 02/12/2021 falling which his bid shall be treated as cancelled and the 2nd Highest Bidder/Auctioner will be considered as Successful bidder/auctioner. Rest of the amount i.e.; 75% of the bid cost will have to be paid by the Successful bidder/auctioner before lifting the material from the site which has to be cleared within 03 days after submitting the final bidding amount.

Dt: 26-11-2021.

No: SC/CDK/03/3823-29

DIPK-NB-5391/21

**Executive Engineer
Construction Division Kashmir
J&K Sports Council**

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION CHADOORA NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No. 173 of R&B/ 11178-88 of 2021-22

Dated: 26/11/2021 (E-tendering)

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

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of Completion (days)	MH of Account	AA NO. & DT	TS NO & DT	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Construction of RCC Culvert on Nagam Hamjipora Road.	6.11	300.00	15	3054 M&R	Accord- ed	Await- ed	CEE/DEE

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender receiving authority).

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	26/11/2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	26/11/2021
3	Bid submission Start Date	26/11/2021 upto 4.00 PM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	03/12/2021
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	03.12.2021 at 4.10 PM in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora.

- All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfil the requirements as laid down in NIT and SBD.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

NOTE-The quoted rates shall be inclusive income tax, GST, SGST etc and all leads lifts carriages and head load for carrying the material for different spots.

In case of any typographical error or confusion found in the BOQ, the items/ units / rates / quantities shall be deemed as per the proposed estimate / SSR of 2020.

No: 11178-88
DT: 26/11/2021
DIPK-13759/21

**Executive Engineer
R&B Division Chadoora**

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE. NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh NIT No- 215 of RnB-Sopore of 2021-2022 e-tendering DATED- 27.11.2021 .

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on item rate 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	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ DOC (In Rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M. H of Account	Position of AAA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
01	Upgrdation of inner links at Augalar and Khanpath by way of P/L Nallah muck filling and WBM grade 1st and 2 nd .	3.85 lacs	200/-	15 days	06.12. 2021	DEE	4059 Distt. sector	Accorded
02	Construction of Verterinary Building at Chakloo	12.20 lacs	600/-	45 days	06.12. 2021	DEE/CEE/BEE	PRI grants	Accorded

Position of funds: Available

- 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 detail's can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	27.11.2021
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 27.11.2021 (10.00 A.M) to 04.12.2021 (4.00P.M)
03.	Bid submission start date	27.11.2021 from (04.00P.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	04.12.2021 upto (4.00 P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	06.12.2021 at (04.10 P.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) and Bid security Declaration as per format given in SBD. The EMD has to be submitted by the lowest bidder L1 (3% of quoted cost) within the period as specified in SBD.
- All Bidders have to submit Bid security Declaration form instead of Earnest money as per circular of Finance Department (Bid Security declaration from is as per Annexure "A" below.
- The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work/DLP.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on web Site 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 Tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
- All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No: 2 of 2020-21 issued under No:- 641-61 dated: 22.4.2020 PWD form 25 (Double agreement form) and NIT No:123 and NIT 128 of 2021-22
- If the contractor/HMPO quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be rejected outrightly.

For and on behalf of the, Lt. Governor of J&K UT,

No:- 13472-92
Dated:- 127 .11.2021
DIPK-13755/21

**Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Sopore**

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Twitter Talks



“The new variant is brought to you by the greed of those that blocked patent sharing, by a world that stupidly believes that you can leave the poor behind and still stay safe”

@OmairTAhmad

“I continue to be super pissed off at people not wearing masks. And they deliberately try to walk closer to you when they see you trying to keep a safe physical distance. #COVID19 is NOT over”

@shaistapatel

“Jilbab, Hijab or a Skirt — the matter is not about the uniform. It is primarily an issue of policing girls. In schools, their bodies become sites of contestation as the “authorities” impose their own expectations on bodies of students. A skirt is too less, Jilbab too much”

@tooba_tweets

Safety First

The Health Ministry has done well to sound an alert after South African authorities announced that they had detected a new variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus with “an unusual constellation of variants”. The pathogen has also been detected in Botswana, Hong Kong and Israel. According to experts, the variant has 30 mutations in its spike protein. This isn't necessarily a cause for alarm. But given the unpredictable ways of the novel coronavirus and the depredations caused by its Delta variant, the safety-first approach taken by Indian authorities is not out of place. Less than 50 per cent of the Indian adult population is totally inoculated. Even though serosurveys show that a high proportion of the country's population has been exposed to the virus and the microbe seems to be on the retreat in most parts of the country, Europe's recent experience shows that the pathogen remains a serious threat, even to countries with inoculation levels much higher than India.

With their large population of HIV patients particularly suspect to the virus and a large percentage of unvaccinated population, Eastern and Southern Africa are fighting difficult odds in their battle against Covid. Experts say that the virus stays longer in immune-compromised patients — preliminary reports indicate that the new variant originated in an untreated HIV patient — and chances of the new variant making its way to other regions are rife. Some EU countries have already imposed restrictions on air traffic from the region. International air traffic hasn't resumed to pre-Covid levels in India, yet.

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have begun in the country. The new variant is another warning that we need to stay ahead of the virus, and not let our guard down.

Indian Express

Capitalist Clutches On Education



For Representational Purpose Only

EVEN THOUGH DEMANDING A capitation fee at the time of admission is illegal in terms of RTE Act 2009, almost all private educational institutions charge such a fee with different titles and names

After facing heat from government functionaries for selling books within campus, some schools shifted book selling business to external agencies but all schools have made a tie- up with a particular book shop for selling their merchandise on commission basis (though undisclosed to masses) despite hollow claims of books being available in the open market. Despite governments claiming reservation of 25% for EWS in all private educational institutions, why do these institutions demand income certificates of parents? How many students from EWS secure admission in these institutions? Even after accumulating huge amounts of money, teachers working there are underpaid and at times are fired without justification or on little disruption due to unavoidable circumstances like lockdowns. They're considered disposable and there's no job security. Even after serving these institutions for years, the covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns brought financial miseries to this dedicated/honest manpower as their salaries were cut and they were told to sit at home till they are called back to work.

These are the myriad ways crony capitalism has contributed to the commodification of education that is making us handicapped in manoeuvring class struggle. Privatisation of education has been beneficial but cronyism and capitalistic ethos is creating a social and educational divide especially after covid pandemic. If it is monitored with a structured and public framework, then the PPP model of education is going to revolutionize rather than capitalize this sector. Even though schools are registered as not-for-profit, capital accumulation has been the main focus. Civil society also needs to rope in so as to create a cordial and enriching relationship between the two tiers for visualising the dream of an egalitarian society where education is not the privilege of a few and is not kidnapped by consumerism. We need to build an educational system that unshackles itself from the delinguistified steering media of money and power.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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EVEN AFTER ACCUMULATING HUGE AMOUNTS of money, teachers working there are underpaid and at times are fired without justification or on little disruption due to unavoidable circumstances like lockdowns. They're considered disposable and there's no job security

Education has been the emblem of contemporary cultural and social conditions of all times. The school as an educational institution has the role of bringing forth constructive social change. Investment in quality education is often cited as an important attribute that distinguishes foresighted from ignorant communities. We must all understand and appreciate the role played by private educational institutions in imparting quality education but nowadays they have become more of money minting machines than the other way around. Education is no longer a service to society but a business enterprise, where students are reduced to consumers and commodities. This is the crony capitalist education system we all are part of now. Even though demanding a capitation fee at the time of admission is illegal in terms of RTE Act 2009, almost all private educational institutions charge such a fee with different titles and names. After FFRC, through various circulars directed these institutions to desist from such practices, they complied as far as Pre-Primary classes are concerned to some extent but with a different strategy. In this modified/innovative strategy, parents are called to the school wherein administrators disclose to them that they don't take any admission/capitation fee but they're supposed to pay almost 15000 yearly (for 12 years) apart from monthly tuition fee which amounts to 2 times more

than what a parent would have to pay in a single instalment. For Primary Admissions(New), their strategy changes to square one wherein they categorically say, we are supposed to demand a capitation fee of our choice ranging from tens of thousands to lakhs depending on the popularity of the school. The buck does not stop here, capitalist ethos re-emerge when the new academic session begins wherein students are supposed to buy new books for their respective classes. A common norm in the private schools is that they prescribe textbooks from private publishers up to 8th standard. This is done of their own choice and these often have a staggering price tag. These books are also sold at a price higher than their actual cost. Based on this profit making scheme, most schools authorities amass a whooping revenue during the book selling season and some schools even change the publishers frequently so that parents are not left with the option of buyback. Sometimes deliberately revised editions are prescribed which are barely revised on technical fronts so that siblings also don't have the choice of reusing those books. Even though textbooks highlight

on the cover page that the textbook is in accordance with syllabi prescribed by NCERT (National Council for Educational Research and Training) or CBSE but when content analysis of the books is done, then it is found that the content is not within the capacity of the age group for which the book has been prescribed. I would quote an example to defend this. I came across a Science textbook prescribed for class 6th students wherein a chapter was having a topic on Bohr's Model of atom including the various postulates. All those people who have studied science after secondary level are wary of the fact of complexity and abstractness of this concept. How can a student of class 6 understand this abstract concept at this stage? Similarly, some private schools are compelling their students to read 10th standard textbook of English in class 8th so that their parents think that their children have excelled a lot in their studies regardless of the fact that those students are not able to write even ten lines on their own, if an essay is put into the paper that is not available in grammar books. In some cases, KG students are prescribed textbooks that even class 4 or class 5 students find difficult to grasp.

Our Response To Covid-19 Cannot Be One Size-Fits-All

The Uneven Progression Of The Pandemic And The Inequalities In Terms Of Access To Vaccines And Other Health Products Calls For Locally Tailored Approaches.

Isabelle Defourny
EVERYONE WHO WANTS A VACCINE SHOULD have access to one – but there is a huge difference between ensuring vaccine availability in all countries and conducting mass campaigns in all of them

Today we can say that we are entering into a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, with many of the countries that have been worst affected by the virus – such as the United Kingdom – having vaccinated enough of their vulnerable patients and health staff to avoid the worst of the pressure on their health systems, even though the virus continues to widely circulate. With more than a billion vaccines made a month, there should theoretically be enough for everyone. There is, however, a problem with the distribution of the vaccines – some people who need them urgently, such as healthcare workers or people at risk of developing a serious form of the diseases because of their age or because they suffer from other illnesses, do not have access to them. Yet the solution proposed by the UN, which calls for getting “vaccines into the arms of 40 percent of people in all countries by the end of this year – and 70 percent by mid-2022,” is over-simplistic. A one-size-fits-all solution that ignores local epidemiological and political conditions is misguided and even threatens to divert efforts from where they are most needed. What we need to see are locally adapted approaches that engage with the unique characteristics of each outbreak and the people that are threatened by it. They also need to take account of the full range of tools now at our disposal – which does not just mean vaccines. Doctors Without Borders (Medecins Sans Frontieres, or MSF) has been

working on responding to COVID-19 in one way or another in nearly all of the 80 countries where we work. In some of those countries where we worked on case management and vaccination, we are now stopping our responses. This is either because, like in France, the vaccination coverage is now very high; or as is the case in Peru, because the authorities can manage the response despite the continuing outbreak in the country. In other countries, we never really started, as in Niger, because the country is seeing very few severe cases of the virus. In some regions where we are working, however, we are still seeing wave after wave of COVID-19, with a very high incidence of severe forms of the disease, very low rates of vaccination, and little local capacity to manage the outbreaks. This is particularly true in some parts of Asia and the Middle East: Afghanistan, Iraq and Yemen all continue to be severely affected, and here we continue to treat patients who have developed the most severe forms of the disease. Many of them are dying because of difficulty in accessing the right type of care in time due to the severely degraded state of the healthcare systems in those countries. It will be hard to obtain a high level of vaccination coverage in these countries, even if we fix the issue of vaccine

supply, because of the lack of a functioning healthcare system, insecurity linked to conflict, and the rejection of vaccines by a part of the population. It is precisely because of these challenges, however, that we need to focus our efforts on these countries, with urgent action by the UN, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other international organisations required to put in place holistic responses. This means ensuring that rich countries with spare doses set out large and predictable donation schedules of vaccines that are not close to their expiry date; investing in vaccination infrastructure by constructing permanent vaccine centres and funding the training and salaries of staff; funding the vast expansion of testing so that people know when they are sick; ensuring that the new antiviral treatments currently coming to market are widely available at affordable prices, and funding the wide availability of oxygen therapies – and pay the salaries of medical staff to administer them – for those people who develop severe forms of the virus. The daunting challenge of putting these packages in place – a challenge that MSF is itself wrestling with – is exactly why a global vaccination effort that aims at a uniform level of vaccine coverage would involve a much-wasted effort and resources. Everyone who

wants a vaccine should have access to one – but there is a huge difference between ensuring vaccine availability in all countries and conducting mass campaigns in all of them. Embarking on too many of the latter risks us misallocating time and resources in countries relatively untouched by the pandemic, and thereby not using them where they are most needed in the fight against COVID-19 and other pressing health issues. The development of the vaccines that we can use against COVID-19 has been one of the fastest in medical history, but we need to be clear about what we can achieve with them: they are excellent at protecting against serious illness and death, but far less good at stopping transmission. We will not eradicate this disease with the vaccines we currently have. That is why we need to focus on getting vaccines to people most at risk of becoming severely sick or dying in the places most affected by the virus, rather than pursuing unattainable ideas of global eradication. To save the most lives what we need is not an empty slogan that promises an unreachable goal but a series of smart and locally adapted measures. Only like this will we address the uneven progression of the pandemic across the world, the myriad of different outbreaks experienced by different people in different locations, and the inequality that continues to hamstring poorer countries' abilities to save the lives of their people. Dr Isabelle Defourny is MSF's Director of Operations. The article was originally published by Al Jazeera

What Is Happiness?

Ada Alhan

HAPPINESS, WE HAVE TO REALISE, is intrinsic not to your surroundings or attachments but to yourself. Happiness is not uncritical, it is acceptance and endurance. You don't have to be unmindful, careless and carefree to be happy. Happiness requires a supreme intelligence to see things as they are and know that they will remain so



Happiness Is Independent.

Life has or will soon teach you that happiness is never an outcome or a corollary of a situation. Someone or something might bring you to believe that they are inextricably bound to the conditions of your happiness. However, it is only a few who realise that to be untrue. Happiness is an expression but it will remain as your condition only when it is independent. The durability of your happiness lies only and only with the independence it constitutes.

At one point in our lives we believe contemplation and introspection to be integral to a feeling of being low. Sorrow or misery is taken to be essential and enriching to one's ability

to think or even to produce art. For some mind and how much it forces one to think decides on how much you are bothered by life. Why wouldn't we? Life as we realise with each pensive night is not indeed a bed of roses. Overthinking is considered to be a cause of one's misery. An uncritical mind is upheld as a prerequisite of happiness. If it is not your uncritical mind, then it is that one person or thing that gives you hope which makes you happy. It is only a matter of time that you see life take that hope, that person from you. You see your hope gone; life appears difficult and dull. Gradually truth prevails; this life is not worth living. Then someone or something takes the place of that lost hope. This new hope leaves you soon too. It is only a matter of time that you realise that hope is not beautiful. Then how do we remain happy in this cycle of hopelessness?

Happiness, we have to realise, is intrinsic not to your surroundings or attachments but to yourself. Happiness is not uncritical, it is acceptance and endurance. You don't have to be unmindful, careless and carefree to be happy. Happiness requires a supreme intelligence to see things as they are and know that they will remain so. Happiness is severely detached from your external condition, to people or things. Happiness is hopelessness from external aid or cosmic bliss. It is in strength, and a clear understanding of the world around you.

Unless you do not realise how important it is to accept the misery of life, you cannot make anyone happy. It is only when you know how to produce happiness that you can bring happiness to someone. As a producer of happiness when you bring happiness to someone, you will never facilitate dependence on the person you are aiding.

"Everything will be okay," is never the best thing to say. "You make everything okay," is, in my understanding, better.

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The Hunt For Coronavirus Variants

How The New One Was Found And What We Know So Far

Prof. Wolfgang Preiser

Since early in the COVID pandemic, the Network for Genomics Surveillance in South Africa has been monitoring changes in SARS-CoV-2. This was a valuable tool to understand better how the virus spread. In late 2020, the network detected a new virus lineage, 501Y.V2, which later became known as the beta variant. Now a new SARS-CoV-2 variant has been identified – B.1.1.529. The World Health Organisation has declared it a variant of concern, and assigned it the name Omicron. To help us understand more, The Conversation Africa's Ozayr Patel asked scientists to share what they know.

What's the science behind the search?

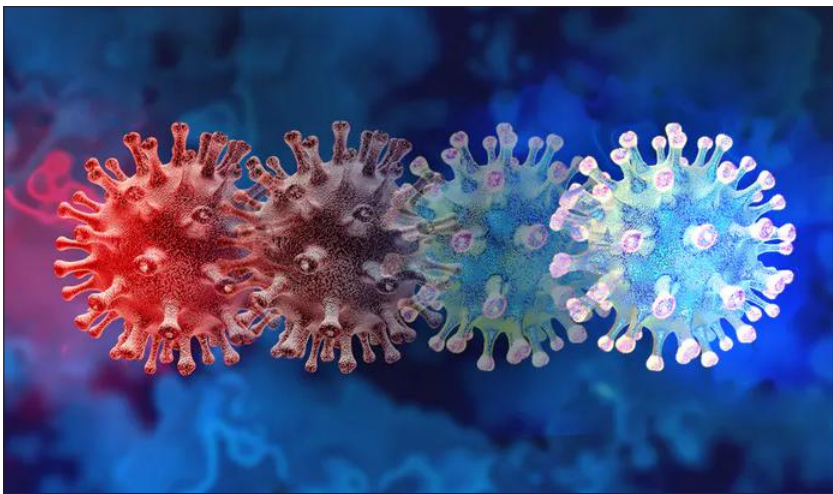
Hunting for variants requires a concerted effort. South Africa and the UK were the first big countries to implement nationwide genomic surveillance efforts for SARS-CoV-2 as early as April 2020.

Variant hunting, as exciting as that sounds, is performed through whole genome sequencing of samples that have tested positive for the virus. This process involves checking every sequence obtained for differences compared to what we know is circulating in South Africa and the world. When we see multiple differences, this immediately raises a red flag and we investigate further to confirm what we've noticed.

Fortunately South Africa is well set up for this. This is thanks to a central repository of public sector laboratory results at the National Health Laboratory Service, (NGS-SA), good linkages to private laboratories, the Provincial Health Data Centre of the Western Cape Province, and state-of-the-art modelling expertise.

In addition, South Africa has several laboratories that can grow and study the actual virus and discover how far antibodies, formed in response to vaccination or previous infection, are able to neutralise the new virus. This data will allow us to characterise the new virus.

The beta variant spread much more efficiently between people compared to the "wild type" or "ancestral" SARS-CoV-2 and caused South Africa's second



pandemic wave. It was therefore classified as a variant of concern. During 2021, yet another variant of concern called delta spread over much of the world, including South Africa, where it caused a third pandemic wave.

Very recently, routine sequencing by Network for Genomics Surveillance member laboratories detected a new virus lineage, called B.1.1.529, in South Africa. Seventy-seven samples collected in mid-November 2021 in Gauteng province had this virus. It has also been reported in small numbers from neighbouring Botswana and Hong Kong. The Hong Kong case is reportedly a traveller from South Africa.

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Why is South Africa presenting variants of concern?

We do not know for sure. It certainly seems to be more than just the result of concerted efforts to monitor the circulating virus. One theory is that people with highly compromised immune systems, and who experience prolonged active infection because they cannot clear the virus, may be the source of new viral variants.

The assumption is that some degree of "immune pressure" (which means an immune response which is not strong enough to eliminate the virus yet exerts some degree of selective pressure which

"forces" the virus to evolve) creates the conditions for new variants to emerge.

Despite an advanced antiretroviral treatment programme for people living with HIV, numerous individuals in South Africa have advanced HIV disease and are not on effective treatment. Several clinical cases have been investigated that support this hypothesis, but much remains to be learnt.

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Why is this variant worrying?

The short answer is, we don't know. The long answer is, B.1.1.529 carries certain mutations that are concerning. They have not been observed in this combination before, and the spike protein alone has over 30 mutations. This is important, because the spike protein is what makes up most of the vaccines.

We can also say that B.1.1.529 has a genetic profile very different from other circulating variants of interest and concern. It does not seem to be a "daughter of delta" or "grandson of beta" but rather represents a new lineage of SARS-CoV-2.

Some of its genetic changes are known from other variants and we know they can affect transmissibility or allow im-

mune evasion, but many are new and have not been studied as yet. While we can make some predictions, we are still studying how far the mutations will influence its behaviour.

We want to know about transmissibility, disease severity, and ability of the virus to "escape" the immune response in vaccinated or recovered people. We are studying this in two ways.

Firstly, careful epidemiological studies seek to find out whether the new lineage shows changes in transmissibility, ability to infect vaccinated or previously infected individuals, and so on.

At the same time, laboratory studies examine the properties of the virus. Its viral growth characteristics are compared with those of other virus variants and it is determined how well the virus can be neutralised by antibodies found in the blood of vaccinated or recovered individuals.

In the end, the full significance of the genetic changes observed in B.1.1.529 will become apparent when the results from all these different types of studies are considered. It is a complex, demanding and expensive undertaking, which will carry on for months, but indispensable to understand the virus

of concern, delta.

COVID-19 is more likely to manifest as severe, often life-threatening disease in the elderly and chronically ill individuals. But the population groups often most exposed first to a new virus are younger, mobile and usually healthy people. If B.1.1.529 spreads further, it will take a while before its effects, in terms of disease severity, can be assessed.

Fortunately, it seems that all diagnostic tests that have been checked so far are able to identify the new virus.

Even better, it appears that some widely used commercial assays show a specific pattern: two of the three target genome sequences are positive but the third one is not. It's like the new variant consistently ticks two out of three boxes in the existing test. This may serve as a marker for B.1.1.529, meaning we can quickly estimate the proportion of positive cases due to B.1.1.529 infection per day and per area. This is very useful for monitoring the virus's spread almost in real time.

Are current vaccines likely to protect against the new variant?

Again, we do not know. The known cases include individuals who had been vaccinated. However we have learnt that the immune protection provided by vaccination wanes over time and does not protect as much against infection but rather against severe disease and death. One of the epidemiological analyses that have commenced is looking at how many vaccinated people become infected with B.1.1.529.

The possibility that B.1.1.529 may evade the immune response is disconcerting. The hopeful expectation is that the high seroprevalence rates, people who've been infected already, found by several studies would provide a degree of "natural immunity" for at least a period of time.

Ultimately, everything known about B.1.1.529 so far highlights that universal vaccination is still our best bet against severe COVID-19 and, together with non-pharmaceutical interventions, will go a long way towards helping the healthcare system cope during the coming wave.

By Arrangements with The Conversation

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR					
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MUGHAL ROAD DIVISION SHOPIAN					
NIT No: - 13/MRP/SPN/e-TENDERING/2021-22					
Dated: 27/11/2021					
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	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Providing and Fixing of Kilometer Stones from Km 0+000 to 40+500 at various spots incl Sign Boards on Mughal Road Shopian Side	1.90	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	27-11-2021			
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 29-11-2021 To 04-12-2021 10.00 AM 02:00 PM			
3.	Bid submission Start Date	29-11-2021 from 11.00 AM			
4.	Bid Submission End Date	04-12-2021 Up to 02.00 PM			
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	04-12-2021 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 Shopian					
DIPK-13786/21					

E-mail:- techrbpul786@gmail.com		Phone:-01933-295302,					
GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR (UT)							
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION PULWAMA.							
TENDER NOTICE							
E-NIT No :- 318 /EEP/RNB/of 2021-22/ 10937-47							
Dated: 27 /11/2021							
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT term e-tenders (In Single Cover system) are invited on Percentage Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Government for the following work:-							
S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost in (Rs.Lacs.)	Cost of T/D (Rs.)	Time of Completion in working Days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Accounts	Administrative Approval No:
1.	Providing and fixing of wooden ceiling and wall paneling in first floor of Girls common room at GDC for Boys at Pulwama.	10.00	600/-	20 Working Date	CEE & DEE	Hr. Edu	02-GDC(B)/ Pul of 2021 Dt. 20.11.2021
The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of date given below:-							
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	27 /11/2021					
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 27 /11/2021 10:00 A.M.					
3.	Bid submission Start Date	27 /11/2021 from 10.00 AM					
4.	Bid Submission End Date	06 /12/2021 upto 4.00 P.M					
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	06/12/2021 at 4:30 P.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama					
6.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within 3 days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest bidder has to provide 3% of Contract Value Cost as Performance Security instead of EMD within 3 days after opening of Financial Bid)					
1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) and Bid securing declaration instead of EMD as per format Appendix-1 below on Letter Head of Contractor/Agency/Firm in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama showing clearly the name of work along with NIT No. & S.No. failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly							
2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama.							
3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.							
All other terms and conditions shall be available in website www.jktenders.gov.in							
Head Draftsman		Technical Officer				Executive Engineer, R&B Division Pulwama	
DIPK-13780/21							

OFFICE OF THE								
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER I&FC DIVISION SUMBAL (Jal Shakti Deptt)								
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS								
E-NIT NO—IFC/Sumbal/20 OF 2021-2022								
For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited (in single cover system) on "item rate basis" from Eligible Registered/ Approved and valid agencies registered with J&K Government for the following works:-								
S. No	Name of Work	Appr. cost of Rest. (in Lacs)	Earnest Money	Cost of T.D	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	M.H of Account	Position of Funds
01	Repairing of damaged sump and intake channel of LIS Shalteng	Rs.2.38	Bidders declaration Form	200.00 indicate Name of work with NIT S.No on TR/ E-Challan	15 days	DEE		
02	Providing fitting, testing and commissioning of single phase submersible pumping unit with allied electro mechanical works for dug well at Irrigation Colony Sumbal	Rs.0.61	Bidders declaration Form	200.00 indicate Name of work with NIT S.No on TR/ E-Challan	15 days	DEE	2702-M&R	Available
03	Construction of sump wall damaged spot at LIS Boon Karshan	Rs.0.92	Bidders declaration Form	200.00 indicate Name of work with NIT S.No on TR/ E-Challan	15 days	DEE		
POSITION OF AAA = Accorded vide No.SE/Hyd/DB/04 OF 2021-22								
01. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings (if any), book of quantities (BoQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.								
01	Publishing Date	26/11/2021						
02	Download date Starts	From 27/11/2021						
03	Bid submission date starts	27/11/2021						
04	Bid submission date ends	03/12/2021 upto 04:30 PM						
05	Submission of hard copies	Hard copies shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as 1 st lowest bidder (L1) at the time of opening of tenders. The cost of tender documents will be collected through e-challan / receipt under head of account 0702. However, the unsuccessful bidders will submit the same separately after the opening of bids online.						
06	Date and time of opening bids online	04/12/2021 in the office of Executive Engineer I&FC Division Sumbal (Jal Shakti Department)						
2) The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in								
3) The bids uploaded on the Web site up to due date and time will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Sumbal in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case of Holidays or office happening to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The complete bidding process will be online.								
4) Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non- Refundable/ Non-transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0702-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt or e-Challan (mentioning therein NIT No, Serial No of work and Adv. Cost of work) to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Irrigation and FC Division Sumbal and Bid Security declaration form duly self-attested instead of Bid Security (EMD) as per Finance Department J&K Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar Circular issued vide No. A/ Misc(2018)-III-895/1, besides the date on the instrument must not be prior to date of issuance of this tender Notice. However, in case of compelling circumstances the same shall be obtained from the successful bidder by this department. (Refer Appendix-I).								
b) Performance Security upto 03% shall have to be furnished by the successful tenderer whenever asked by the department (Refer Appendix-I).								
c) The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of Price bids.								
6) Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.								
a) Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaints bid submission process.								
b) To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.								
c) The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.								
d) Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in above at Serial No. 1.								
e) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary Documents.								
20) For earth work related items, the necessary L-Section/ X-Section be taken afresh and authenticated by all concerned Engineers and contractor prior to embanking on actual execution.								
21) The Contractors in their own interest are advised to visit site prior to casting e-Tenders.								
22) All other terms and conditions shall be same as are laid down in detailed general NIT and in PWD Form 25/33 double Agreement Form								
23) Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.								
No: -I&FCD/Sbl/3326-30								
Dt: - 26/11/2021								
DIPK-13776/21								
Sd/- Executive Engineer I&FC Division Sumbal (Jal Shakti Deptt)								

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR						
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION KULGAM						
NIT SI. No: 140/2021-22/RnB/Kul/e-tendering/8846-66 dated 27 -11-2021						
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for each of the following works:-						
S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (in Rs)	Time of completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Balance work of approach road of Kilam Ashmuji Bridge by way of P/L of WBM Gr-II and approach slab.	6.04	300	10 days	State Sector Bridges	Cee, Dee
+Position of AAA= Accorded						
1. 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 as per schedule of dates given below:						
S. No.	Particulars	Dated				
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice .	27 -11-2021				
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	27-11-2021	(10.00 AM)		
		To	02-12-2021	(04.00PM)		
3	Bid Submission Start Date	From	27-11-2021	(10.00 AM)		
4	Bid Submission End Date	To	02-12-2021	(04.00PM)		
			02-12-2021	(04.30 PM)		
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	In the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kulgam				
Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam (Major Head 0059-Rev:Misc) [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam (Tender receiving Authority).						
2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam (Major Head 0059-Rev:Misc) [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam (Tender receiving Authority).						
3. All the Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below).						
4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.						
5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam						
6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid						
7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.						
a. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.						
b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.						
c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.						
d. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.						
e. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.						
f. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.						
Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.						
8. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.						
9. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document) and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.						
10. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.						
11. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.						
12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.						
13. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.						
No 8867-69						
Dtd 27-11-2021						
DIPK-13773/21						
Sd/- Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kulgam						

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR.							
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION TRAL.							
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS							
Short Term e-NIT NO: 37 OF 2021-22							
For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT J&K e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Government for following work:-							
S. No	Name of Work	Adv. cost in Lacs	Class of Contract	Time of Completion	Head of Account	Cost of Tender Doc	Position of Funds
01	Construction of saddle / Anchor blocks for rising main of Sail Noorpora Drought LIS at village Sail..	3.97	DEE	10 Days	4702 AIBP (PMKSY)	400/=	Committed
Sd/ Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Tral.							
The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.Jktenders.gov.in from :-							
1	Publishing date	27/11/2021 (1400 Hrs)					
2	Download date start	27/11/2021 (1400 Hrs)					
3	Bid Submission date start	27/11/2021 (1400 Hrs)					
4	Bid Submission date Ends	04/12/2021 (1500 Hrs)					
Date of opening		04/12/2021 (1500 Hrs)					
The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.Jktenders.gov.in.							
1. The bids uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time, will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Tral in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case of h3oliday or any event hampering official work on opening date, the same bid will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.							
2. The Department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. The bid submission date is the final date and can't be extended in any manner.							
3. Documents to be appended :-							
a. Scanned copy of GST registration along with verified PAN Number.							
b. Scanned copy of Bid Declaration Form Annexed at "A".							
c. Scanned copy of Tender Document fee in the shape of E-Challan (with S.No of work / Name of work else tender will be rejected) deposited under MH-0701 Remittance in favour of Ex. Engineer Irrigation Division Tral payable at any Treasury Office.							
d. Scanned copy of Contact No. and valid email-ID.							
e. Scanned copy of Registration card along with Latest renewal.							
❖ If the tenderer fails to append any one of the above mentioned documents, his tender will be rejected instantly by the tender opening authority on his own responsibility.							
❖ All above mentioned documents must be scanned in color format, documents in Grayscale / black & white will be rejected by tender opening authority.							
4. The first lowest bidder has to produce an amount of 03% of contract value in shape of CDR / FDR within three days positively after opening of the tender else bid will be rejected for which he is self responsible and 2 nd lowest bidder will be called for the same and shall be released after completion report of the work will be submitted by concerned Assistant Executive Engineer. Tender Opening authority can reject any bid of the contractor subject to the working performance of the contractor.							
The earnest money shall be forfeited if :-							
a. Any bidder / tenderer withdraw his bids / tender during the period of bid validity or make any modification in terms and conditions of the bid.							
b. The contractor fails to execute the agreement within 10 days after fixation of contract.							
6. The department material shall be deducted on following stock issue rates.							
i. Cement (if available) @ Rs. 450/ Bag. ii) Steel TMT per Quintal @ Rs. 5800/=							
7. Instruction to bidder regarding e-tendering process:- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.Jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.							
a. To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per information							
b. The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form							
c. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.							
8. On completion of contract the contractor shall be responsible to remove all un-used material and restore all work in its original position at his own cost.							
9. Contractor who will be allotted the work has to start the work within 03 (Three) days after the issuance of allotment / Letter of Intent, as the work is of very emergent nature .							
10. The work has to be executed in a systematic manner keeping in view over all Hygiene and Social Distancing aspect.							
11. In case of non-availability of cement or steel in the departmental store, the cement and steel to be used shall be approved by the Executive Engineer and shall conform to relevant standard at the time of its use.							
12. No price escalation will be paid for completion of the work within stipulated time or extended date of completion due to any reason whatsoever.							
13. All items of work shall confirm to specifications as per relevant IS codes and as directed by the Engineer in Charge or his representatives.							
14. The contractor shall be responsible for carrying out the mandatory tests required or as decided by Engineer -In-Charge for the quality control at his own costs. The cost of conducting all tests shall be borne by the contractor and shall be deemed to have been include in the rates for various items of work and percentage rate tendered. Nothing extra is payable.							
15. In case of tie for the position of 1 st lowest bidders the bid will be selected by lots process on the same date in presence of 1 st lowest bidders.							
16. Watch and ward of departmental material issued for the work (s) shall be exclusively the responsibility of the successful contractor / bidder and in the event of any loss / theft of the materials, the same be the responsibility of the bidder, the cost thereof shall be recovered from the bidder @ double the stock issue rates.							
The contractor has to manage housing for labors, electricity, water storage for material watch and ward and other facilities on his own.							
18. The DPL shall be considered 6 months from the date of completion of the work.							
19. In case of any typographical error found in the rate list, the items shall be paid strictly as per J&K SOR 2020 and detailed estimate.							
20. You will start the execution of work within a week's of the date of issuance of allotment order and the work should be completed within the stipulated time period, failing which penalty up to 10% will be deducted from your claim under rules.							
No: IDT/3422-28							
Date 27/11/2021							
DIPK-13762/21							
Sd/ Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Tral.							

Dir HP&M Discusses Web Store Launch Of J&K's Indigenous Agri Products With Amazon



Observer News Service

DODA: In its efforts towards providing marketing linkage to local fruit and vegetable growers, Directorate of Horticulture Planning and Marketing Jammu and Kashmir is conversing with Amazon to launch famous agro and Horticulture products of the Jammu and Kashmir on its web-store.

In this regard, Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing Jammu and Kashmir Vishesh Mahajan held a meeting with the Amazon group National Head Dr. Rajesh and his team here at Narwal guest house.

Representatives of erstwhile district Doda also attended the

meeting and sought the promotion and sale of indigenous fruits, vegetables and other cash crops of the region on the online store. The representatives from Doda district pressed the Amazon group to take up their products like Lavender, Walnut, Anar Dana, Rajmash for these being organic with special nutritional value.

After detailed discussion, the Amazon group assured to launch 10 products in the 1st week of December. It is expected that the Walnut, Anardana and Lavender may be launched on Amazon next month, which would boost the farmers' income and motivation, said Sunil Singh, Area Marketing Officer Doda and Kishtwar.

Self-Employment Drive Held In 12 Blocks Of B'pora



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: In compliance to the instructions of LG's Administration to identify and provide self-employment to at least 05 persons in every Panchayat, the District Administration Bandipora on Saturday organized an Awareness cum Enrollment drive under 'Be Rozgar se Swa-Rozgar' (From unemployed to self-Employed) campaign in 12 blocks of the district.

The programme was organized on the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad to provide employment avenues to the unemployed youth which includes the financial support and skill as a part of the process.

It was given out that 15 unemployed youth were identified on spot to assist and handhold them for establishing a self employment unit.

During the programme, the officers and Resource persons from various line departments viz. Employment, Animal/ Sheep Husbandry, Agriculture, Horticulture, Revenue and RDD interacted with the participating members of Panchayat Raj Institutions and youth of the area.

The Officers made them aware about the various Government sponsored flagship programmes and schemes like Tejaswini, Mumkin, PMEGP, JKREGP, IDDS & IPDP, KCC, MIDH, ISDS, National Livestock Mission and RKVY schemes.

Underscoring, the importance of organizing programmes under Be Rozgar se Swa-Rozgar, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora said such initiatives are aimed at empowering the unemployed youth of the district and providing handholding support to the aspiring educated unemployed youth to establish self-employment units in the promising and viable sectors/fields.

He said more than 766 youth have already been provided assistance for self employment. He urged the local unemployed youth to opt for the self-employment sector as a dignified alternative to the Government job to earn livelihood and become a job provider rather than a job seeker.

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES, KASHMIR

Dr Altaf Hussain Bhat
S/o Mohammad Akbar Bhat
R/o Sholipora District Budgam

SUBJECT: - NOTICE.

Whereas, while posted as Medical Officer in Block Charishareef you have resorted to un-authorized absence W.e.f 02-08-2021 as reported by Cheif Medical Officer vide letter No:- CMOB/Estt-III/Gaz/13898-99 dated:- 09-11-2021.

Whereas, you should note that un-authorized absence from duties tantamount loss of appointment in terms of Article 128.

Now, therefore opportunity is given to you to report for your duties in Block Charishareef within seven days from the date of issuance of notice, failing which it shall be presumed that you are not interested to serve the department anymore and action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against you for un-authorized absence.

Sd/
Director Health Services
Kashmir

DIPK-13794/21

MSDE Launches Pilot Projects To Revive, Promote Namda Craft, Upskill Artisans & Weavers Of Kashmir

‘Efforts afoot to increase carpet export from 600 cr to 6000 cr, create employment avenues’

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Union Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Saturday launched two ambitious projects; ‘Revival of Namda craft of Kashmir as a special pilot project under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 3.0’ and ‘Upskilling of artisans and weavers of Kashmir under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), component of PMKVY’.

The objective of these projects is to boost and preserve the traditional Namda craft of Kashmir and upskill the local weavers and artisans of the UT to enhance their productivity through RPL assessment and certification. The Namda project will benefit 2,250 people of 30 Namda Clusters from 6 districts of Kashmir including Srinagar, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Bandipora, Budgam and Anantnag while RPL initiative targets to upskill 10,900 artisans and weavers of J&K.

Pertinently, Namda craft is a rug made of sheep wool through felting technique instead of normal weaving process. Due to low availability of raw material, lack of skilled manpower and marketing techniques, the export of this craft has declined almost 100 percent between 1998 and 2008. Therefore, through this special project under PMKVY, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has designed short-term training curriculum to preserve this endangered craft.

The Namda project will be an industry-based training program with beneficiaries involved in Namda Crafts Pro-



duction who will contribute towards preserving and reviving the rich heritage associated with the unique craft in Kashmir. This will also improve the access of existing artisans of Namda crafts cluster in Kashmir besides enhancing their prospects of employability.

Launching the initiative, Rajeev Chandrasekhar said “India has a rich heritage and is home to several traditional art forms. It is an article of faith for the Modi Government to revive and promote traditional and heritage skills of artisans and weavers of J&K thus empowering them economically and socially as well. Not only that, we should strive to offer them exposure to the international markets so that the world becomes aware of our vibrant culture. ‘When I travelled to Jammu and Kashmir, people of J&K sought support to boost the local economy through customised skill training programmes. This prompted the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to come up with this programme in a bid to meet the economic aspirations of the local youth and take them on the path of development. I am confident that with the local industry coming on board with us, we will be able to increase the carpet exports from 600 crore to 6000 crore and create employment for 8 lakh people’, he maintained.

He asserted, “The programme will also focus on continuously skilling, upskilling and reskilling local youth to create a ladder of career progression and make them strong pillars of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. “The Government is working with a laser focus towards J&K's development and is delivering on all its promises” said Rajeev Chandrasekhar. He appreciated the efforts of officials at MSDE, National Skill Development Corporation and Sector Skill Councils as this custom designed programme was conceptualised, processed and sanctioned within a record time of just 2 months. The custom designed programme is symbolic of the New Approach which the Government is mulling for its skill development programme. It is based on the

principle of continuous skilling, upskilling, re-skilling and employment as an assured outcome, industry as an important stakeholder in skill training ecosystem.

Good Times Ahead For Real Estate Sector, Showing Signs Of Recovery: Report

Agencies

NEW DELHI: India's real estate sector suffered a major setback during the first and the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic but now it is showing signs of steady recovery.

Recently, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP (Deloitte India) released a report, titled 'Reality of realty in a post-COVID-19', which captures the important trends that will pave way for the recovery of the sector. According to this survey-based report, the pandemic has triggered a change in consumer behaviour and that is one of the factors enabling this sector to bounce back.

The report highlights that even though the first wave had a far bearing impact on the residential real-estate, the sub-sector was quick to regain its balance. 74 per cent of respondents that participated in this survey expect that there will be an increase in demand for the residential sub-sector, of which, 86 per cent indicated a 10-20 per cent increase.

Aditya Kushwaha, CEO and Director, Axis Ecorp noted that “The real estate market is not ready to taper right now and will continue to move in a fast direction amid pent-up demand. Interest rates also have a major impact on the current boom. During these uncertain times, homebuyers are scouting for

projects that are spacious, deploy sustainable materials and are giving preference to self-sustaining societies. They are expecting a better experience and long-term connection with their house. We believe that given the changing needs and aspirations of the people, the affordable housing and holiday home segment will continue to flourish in the coming few months”.

As people resorted to working from home during the pandemic, the commercial real estate sector was hampered in a big way. Now with the cases going down, the vaccination drives picking up, people returning to offices and organisations adapting to hybrid working models, the commercial real-estate sub-sector is expected to post healthy growth.

The survey also predicts that the demand for data centres will pick up in India. 88 per cent respondents believed that demand for data centre real estate, after COVID-19 will shoot up with “technology”, “innovation”, and “data” taking centre stage, owing to the digital narrative.

In addition to this, data privacy and data localisation policy reforms and initiatives by the government mandate India Inc to focus on local establishments. In the wake of this, 56 per cent of respondents believe that there be a spurt in demand for newer data centres.

TENDER NOTICE JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR UTs OF J&K AND LADAKH

E-NIT No. 2021_JERC_637892_1

Dated 26-11-2021

e-Bids are invited vide hid Reference No. JERC/JKL/ACCTS/BIDS/ 02 of 2021-22 Dated: 26-11-2021 from reputed well established, financially sound and registered service providers for translation of important Notifications, Regulations and other documents of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh from English to Hindi. The details of the bidding process are as follows:

Sr. No.	Bidding Schedule	Deadline
1.	Date of Issuance	26-11-2021 ; 03:00PM
2.	Submission of Bid date and time	17-12-2021 ; 05:00 PM
3.	Opening of e-Bid	20-12-2021 ; 03:00 PM

Tenderers are required to upload their e-bids on CPP Portal by or before 17-12-2021, 05:00 PM

The bid documents containing eligibility criteria, scope of the work, terms and conditions of the tender and draft agreement can be downloaded from CP Portal and website <http://jercjkl.nic.in/>

DIPK-NB-5409-21

V.K Dhar
Secretary JERC,
J&K and Ladakh

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar); 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu) website: <http://www.jkbopee.gov.in/>
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SUBJECT: Provisional Select List of candidates recommended for Admission to B. Ed. Jammu Course-2021 in Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu; Second list thereof.

REFERENCES:

- Notification No. 068-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 16-06-2021
- Notice No. 057-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 12-07-2021
- Notice No. 062-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 19-08-2021
- Notification No. 086-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 09-09-2021
- Notification No. 102-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 09-10-2021
- Notification No. 122-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 10-11-2021

Notification No. 132-BOPEE of 2021
Dated 26-11-2021

Consequent upon receipt of shortfall from Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu after the last date of joining of selected candidates pursuant to Notification No. 122-BOPEE of 2021 dated 10-11-2021 and subject to having passed B.A/B.Sc./B.Com/BCA/BBA or its equivalent examination from a recognized University/Institution according to (10+2+3) pattern with not less than 50% of marks in aggregate in the qualifying examination in case of Open Merit candidates and 45% of marks in aggregate in case of Reserved Category Candidates on or before the date of declaration of result for B.Ed. Jammu-2021, the candidates figuring in the Annexure "A" to this Notification have been provisionally selected for admission to B.Ed. (Jammu) Course-2021 in Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu.

The Principal of the College will get the following certificates in original verified from the Incharge admission and countersigned by him/her before allowing the candidates to complete their admission formalities.

- Qualifying Marks Certificate (10+2+3);
- Domicile Certificate of UT of J&K / Ladakh (for candidates belonging to UT of Ladakh, ST certificate issued by Competent Authority of UT of Ladakh shall be treated as Domicile Certificate);
- Category Certificate, if any;
- Date of Birth (DOB) Certificate and
- Any other certificate required by the College in accordance with the rules.

The selected candidates are directed to report to the College upto 03rd of December, 2021 along with their relevant certificates in original. The Head of the Institution shall send the details of candidates, who do not complete their admission as SHORT FALL on 04th of December, 2021 to the BOPEE office, Jammu positively.

NOTE:

- In view of non-availability of the eligible candidates in the Pahari Speaking People (PSP) category in B.Ed. Jammu-2021, 01 vacant category seat has been converted into open merit under Section-9 (2) of J&K Reservation Act-2004 and has been filled up from Open Merit category candidates.
- The Head of the Institution is advised to ensure to admit only those candidates whose documents are complete in all respects. In case of any deficiency found during the verification of documents / certificates including Marks Card, such candidate (s) should not be allowed admission in any case. Any lapse in this regard will be the sole responsibility of the concerned Heads of the Institutions.
- The candidates with rank 113, 114, 129, 144 (ALC/IB), 120, 143, 145, 151 (RBA), 149 (SC) and 150 (CDP), who were selected in their respective categories vide Notification No. 122-BOPEE of 2021 Dated 10-11-2021 are now/hereby treated to have been selected in Open Merit.
- The Annexure "A" shall be available on the BOPEE website www.jkbopee.gov.in only.

E & O E

No: BOPEE/Exam-17/2021
Dated 26-11-2021
DIPK-NB-5406/21

Sd/-
(Dr. Sunil Gupta)
Controller of Examinations J&K BOPEE

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD (JKSSB)

**Hema Complex, Sector -3, Channi Himmat, Jammu/
ZumZum Complex Rambagh Srinagar.**

www.jkssb.nic.in

Notice for Type Test (Skill Test) Final Phase

Subject: Conduct of Computer Based Type Test (Skill Test) Phase 04th of Jammu based candidates for the post of Junior Assistant, Cadrex Clerk, Cashier, Jr Assistant / Computer-cum-Jr Assistant/ Clerk/Store Attendant and Welfare Organizer, UT Cadre, Divisional Cadres and various Districts, Advertisement Notification Nos 04, 05, 06 and 07 of 2020 and 01, 02 and 03 of 2021- regarding.

- In continuation to this office notice no SSB/COE/2021/6971-82 dated 12-10-2021 the TYPE-TEST (Skill Test) of Phase 04th Jammu Based candidates on Computer Key Board who have applied for the posts of Junior Assistant, Cadrex Clerk, Cashier, Jr Assistant / Computer-cum-Jr Assistant/ Clerk/Store Attendant and Welfare Organizer, UT Cadre, Divisional Cadres and various Districts, Advertisement Notification Nos 04, 05, 06 and 07 of 2020 and 01, 02 and 03 of 2021 shall be conducted w.e.f. 01st December, 2021 onwards at NIELIT, Jammu (formerly DOEACC, an Institution Under Ministry of Comm. & IT, Govt of India), University Campus, Jammu as per the candidates / items schedule annexed at Annexure "A" of this notice.
- This notification alongwith detailed list of candidates called for TYPE-TEST (Skill Test) in Phase 04th shown in annexure "A" is ALSO AVAILABLE on the official website of the Board, i.e. www.jkssb.nic.in
- Candidates who are scheduled in the said test are advised to download their Admit Cards from our official website of the Board i.e. (www.jkssb.nic.in) from today i.e 26-11-2021 onwards.
- The candidates will not be permitted entry into Type test venue without the Admit Card and a valid photo identity which shows the photo clearly. Please again note that apart from Admit Card, the candidates shall be required to produce a photo identity card (Aadhar/Voter Identity Card / Driving License / Passport / Pan Card / Ration Card / Student Identity Card / Identity Card Issued by Competent Authority) as proof of your identity at the time of the exam.
- The candidates must note their admit Card will be checked at a registration counter at the Venue.
- Any candidate found guilty of impersonating or submitting fabricated / tampered documents / testimonials or making false, incorrect or suppressing material information shall render him / her liable to criminal prosecution under law and may be debarred permanently or for a specific period for consideration of any or all recruitments made by the Board. Also canvassing / lobbying in any form will entail disqualification of the candidate(s).
- A candidate who fails to appear in the test on the scheduled date & time, shall not be allowed to appear in the test for the mentioned notification on any subsequent date and shall be disqualified for any further consideration on this account.
- No supplementary type-test (of the candidates who happen to miss the type-test scheduled herein) shall be conducted by the Board on any ground whatsoever.
- Only those candidates who achieve an accuracy of typing of 90% or above and a type-speed of minimum 35 words per minute shall be considered qualified for second stage.
- No TA/DA shall be paid for participation in the interview.

Note:-

- The candidates are advised to bring two recent photographs and Photostat copy of each certificate self-attested by the candidate for depositing with the Board on the scheduled date and time in addition to original documents, failing which no claim / objection in this regard shall be entertained.
- The candidate(s) who fail to appear in the Type Test on the given date shall forfeit his right of consideration.
- The candidates are hereby directed that Wearing of masks is mandatory during type test and also advised to carry hand sanitizer for their personal use.
- Mobile phone is not allowed in the office premises.

No. SSB/COE/2021/8001-12
Dated: 26-11-2021
DIPK-13710/21

(Ashok Kumar) JKAS
Controller of Examinations
J&K Services Selection Board Jammu

Pakistan Bans Travel From 6 African Countries, Hong Kong Amid Concern Over New Covid Variant

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Saturday imposed a complete travel ban on six African countries and Hong Kong in the wake of the discovery of the new COVID-19 Omicron variant, first detected in South Africa.

The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) in a statement said consequent to the emergence of Omicron COVID variant in South Africa and its spread

to adjoining regions, "a complete ban has been imposed on direct/indirect inbound travel" from South Africa, Hong Kong, Mozambique, Namibia, Lesotho, Eswatini and Botswana "with immediate effect".

NCOC is the principal body governing the policies and implementation of Pakistan's COVID-19 effort.

However, Pakistani passengers travelling from these countries "on extreme emergency" will

only be allowed after obtaining exemptions, the NCOC said.

The passengers will have to follow health/testing protocols, including vaccination certificate, negative PCR report (maximum 72 hours old) before boarding and RAT (rapid antigen test) on arrival at airport.

In case of a negative test result, travellers will have to home quarantine themselves for three days and undergo another rapid antigen

test conducted by the civil administration on the third day. Those with positive results will have to quarantine for 10 days and undergo a polymerase chain reaction test on the 10th day, the statement said.

But to "facilitate stranded Pakistanis, travel from these countries till December 5 will be allowed without exemption(s), though the above-mentioned health and testing protocols will remain applicable", it said.

Samyukt Kisan Morcha Suspends Its Nov 29 Tractor March To Parliament

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NEW DELHI: The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) has suspended its November 29 tractor march to Parliament and will hold a meeting next week to decide its future course of action, farmer leaders said on Saturday.

Addressing a press conference following a meeting of

farmer unions at the Singhu border protest site, the farmer leaders also called on the Centre to resume talks with them to address their pending demands.

SKM leaders asserted that the farmers' agitation will continue until their demands for a legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP) and withdrawal of cases against farmers,

among other things, are accepted by the government.

The SKM's decision to suspend the march comes two days ahead of the commencement of Parliament's Winter Session, during which a bill to repeal the three farm laws, against which thousands of farmers have been protesting for the past year, will be introduced by the government.

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Assembly Polls

former bureaucrat believed to be close to the NC.

After the fresh delimitation, the assembly is likely to have 90 seats. In the previous assembly there were 87 seats, four of which belonged to the Ladakh region which is a separate UT now.

The Valley had 47 and the Jammu region had 36 seats. Sources indicate that at least 6 seats would be added to the Jammu region and 2 new assembly constituencies would be carved out of the existing ones in the Valley.

In addition to this, assembly constituencies would be reserved in J&K for tribals, scheduled caste etc which is likely to throw up a different political map for the UT.

In the last state assembly, PDP had 28, BJP 25, NC 15 and the INC 12 seats.

Both the PDP and the NC have lost a sizeable chunk of their public support in both the Valley and the Jammu region. The BJP is also not the same as it was during the 2014 assembly elections.

Most of its local leaders have disappointed their voters. None of the existing local BJP leaders can today claim unchallenged victory in the constituencies they comfortably won in 2014.

Sources in the central leadership of the party say this reality has already been taken care of by the BJP's top leadership in Delhi.

"Don't be surprised if most of the BJP leaders, who were fielded in 2014, find themselves out of the hustings.

"There are genuine emerging faces in the local leadership and the high command has decided to field majority of them in the 2022 assembly elections", said a source in the central leadership of the party.

In addition to the idea of doing a major overhaul in the list of candidates, BJP's trump card, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi is still the most popular leader in the Jammu region.

The persona of Modi is something the BJP rivals might not be able to dismantle despite the growing unpopularity of the party's local leadership.

In the Valley, the NC and the PDP are likely to face challenges both from each other and other political parties like the PC headed by Sajad Gani Lone and the Apni Party headed by Syed Altaf Bukhari.

The PC and the Apni Party might still be far away from creating the type of ground level cadre as the NC and the PDP might have, but there is no doubt that these two parties can upset some of the hitherto foregone ground realities and thereby play as a very big spoilsport for the two traditional parties, the NC and the PDP.

The PDP has already lost most of its support because of many reasons. It used to be the unchallenged winner in south Kashmir districts of Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian and Pulwama.

"No longer today. Undoubtedly, because of her hectic recent political activities, Mehbooba Mufti appears to have gained some of her party's lost ground, but it is still far below what the party could aim at in 2014", said a former PDP leader who left the party after the death of its patron, Mufti Muhammad Sayeed.

The NC has tried to maintain a very hard anti-BJP and anti-centre posture since the abrogation of article 370 and yet its best supporters do not believe the party could get enough seats to claim power after the 2022 elections.

The INC is smitten by an internal leadership feud between Ghulam Nabi Azad and G.A. Mir, the state president of the party.

Mir is supported by the senior party leadership including Rahul Gandhi, but Azad has far greater reach and support on ground in J&K.

If Azad continues to remain disenchanted with the central Congress leadership, as he is at present, the Congress would be the worst sufferer in J&K assembly elections.

If Azad is forced to leave the party, he is likely to form a dissident Congress party that would fight the 2022 assembly elections on its own.

There is no doubt that Azad is highly respected in the Chenab Valley region that includes the districts of Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar and Reasi. His departure or disenchantment with the Congress would create a parallel political force that could become the 'King maker' if the 2022 elections deliver a fractured mandate.

Given these realities, there is a strong possibility that 2022 assembly election results would compel major political parties to descend from their high pedestal and look for support from smaller parties to cobble up a political government.

The days of the unparalleled kingship seem to be over in J&K forever.-(IANS)

Met Forecasts

a low of minus 1 degree Celsius, up from minus 3.3 degrees Celsius the previous night.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district also recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1 degree Celsius.

At Kupwara in north Kashmir, the mercury settled at a low of minus 0.4 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 0.3 degrees Celsius, while in Kokernag, it was minus 0.5 degrees Celsius.

The meteorological department has said the weather will most likely remain dry but cold till the end of this month.

The wintry conditions in the valley set in much ahead of the beginning of extreme harsh weather conditions which usually start around the third week of December.

'Chillai Kalan', the 40-day period of harsh winter in Kashmir, begins on December 21 every year. (With PTI inputs)

LG For Timely

(PMAY-G) that was delayed for several years while a resident of Srinagar complained of water scarcity. Besides it, a resident from Doda filed a grievance regarding non-availability of JKSRTC Bus service from Bhalesa to Batiyas area, while a local from Udhampur pointed out the protection of Water Spring near Railway Station, Udhampur,

"In response to the other issues and grievances raised during the programme pertaining to repair of roads and bridges, Civic facilities, water supply, power supply, and irrigation facilities, the Lt Governor set strict timelines for the redressal," the official spokesperson added.

Omar Visits

which were snatched from us on August 5, 2019 and we will keep fighting till our last breath," he told a public rally in Gool area.

He said this is the fight for truth and justice and those fighting for these do not take their steps back but take the struggle to its logical conclusion.

The Centre abrogated Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution and bifurcated the state into union territories in August 2019.

Abdullah also visited the family of Amir Magray -- one of the four persons killed in the Hyderpora encounter of Srinagar on November 15. Magray's family claimed he was innocent and demanded immediate handing over of his body to them for performing last rites.

The NC leader had to trek around 5 km to reach the family's house.

"Today the situation has reached a stage where unfortunately we have to lodge protests for the bodies of innocent civilians. He (Magray) moved to Srinagar for work as he was unable to find a door for a job in his district.

"His father lives in police protection for fighting against militancy in this remote area. The family wants to perform his last rites which is being denied to them, he said and asked was this the reason for the decisions forced on the people of Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019.

Training his gun on the leaders claiming to fight for the Jammu region, the NC leader questioned their silence on the plight of the family of Magray.

"Was not Gool part of Jammu province? Why are they not on the roads to seek the body of the youth? he said.

Demanding handing over of the body of the deceased to his family, Abdullah said this is grave injustice with a family which had all along fought and suffered to eradicate militancy from the region.

"They are claiming that there was no development in J&K before 2018 (when BJP and PDP came together after the fall of NC-Congress government).... I want to ask them what changed after you came to power and reorganised and downgraded the erstwhile state, the former chief minister said.

He asked the BJP to brief the people about the new development works initiated by its government, new water and electricity lines laid and power projects started.

"You (BJP) talked about giving freedom to the people of a few ruling families and taking the development to new heights. Every promise has proved a hoax as the situation has reached a stage where we have to knock every door for justice. The peace is nowhere to be seen, he said.

Continuing his tirade against the BJP, he said the promised industrialisation is nowhere and our unemployed youth are running from pillar to post to get a job as none from Ambani, Birla and Tata came here.

He also questioned different sets of rules for J&K and Ladakh and said while the land and jobs were reserved for the people of Ladakh, why the same was not done in Jammu and Kashmir.

The future of Ladakhi youth is safe as the government has reserved jobs and land for them along with the state subject, while anyone can come and take our jobs, land, and scholarship. Why this discrimination with us? he asked.

Highlighting various reformative measures taken by the previous National Conference governments over the years for the upliftment of the people of J&K, he said land to the tiller was one of the biggest step taken by them but this government is out to snatch the land which was transferred to the people under the Roshni Act.

Today the situation is that a newspaper owner is frightened to report the truth in his paper. It is not like that he did not want to write the stories based on truth but he is not allowed to write as he will face cuts in government advertisement, he said.

He said the situation is very tough as anyone raising his voice against the injustice is being dubbed as anti-national.

Abdullah said he has not come to seek votes to win elections but has come to caution the people against the conspiracies being hatched

by New Delhi to divide the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Delhi is creating various parties and their only aim is to divide the votes of Kashmiris, Chenab Valley and Pir Panchal regions. We have to remain alert and frustrate their designs, he said.

Cantt Board Warns

of Article 370, according to the locals.

The notices were earlier served in 2020 causing massive outrage with political parties demanding the revocation of property tax. Following the uproar, LG Sinha made an announcement that the UT administration would not levy any property tax from the people in Jammu and Kashmir.

However, despite LG's announcement the residents were served, fresh notices have castigated the cantonment board for "pressurizing" them to pay the taxes "we don't deserve to give".

The Board has 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 Badamibagh 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/C13/13B/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.

They said that the board has unilaterally valued their properties and assessed the amounts to be paid.

"We are agitated against unilateral decisions of cantonment authorities. This is unjustified and unwarranted. We are being threatened that our properties will be auctioned if we fail to pay the taxes," said Rafiq Masoodi, a resident of Shivpora.

Masoodi has been served an amount of 39286 as property tax for two years. "The notice now says "attachment" means that they will attach our properties to collect some thousands," he added.

He says the board has assessed the property value on their own. The locals say that notice comes at a time when the state economy is at its lowest ebb and people are struggling to make ends meet.

The Board has served notices to not only the Kashmiri Muslims but also Pandits as well.

Dileep Ganjoo, who lives in the Shivpora, told Kashmir Observer that he has been asked to pay an amount of Rs 28000 as property tax.

"The first notice of Rs 14000 was served last year and we decided not to pay now. They have added 14000 of this year and want us to clear it forthwith," Ganjoo said.

He said one of his neighbours Kashmir Muslim was served an amount of Rs 34000 and is very much worried because he doesn't earn much.

Ganjoo who has lived in the area for decades further said that they were never asked to pay the property taxes before.

"This happened post abrogation of article 370" he added.

It may be noted that the J&K administration has banned constructions and repair works in the vicinity of army's field ordnance depots in Kashmir.

The notifications banning the works, unless approved by the army and the government, have been issued by the district commissioners under the provisions of Works of Defence Act (WODA), 1903.

Following the notification, the people of Indira Nagar locality were asked that no construction shall be made or altered in the area lying 500 yards from the outer crest of 2-Field Ordnance Depot (FOD), without prior approval of the deputy commissioner and General Officer Commanding.

The inhabitants maintain that the latest notice was in violation of the resolution passed by the elected members from the same areas, who unanimously rejected the proposal of charging house tax from the residents of the cantonment zone.

The notice was served two months after the term of elected board members expired.

The residents appeal to the authorities concerned to withdraw the notices and the attachment proceedings at the earliest.

Advocate, Afzal Parray, a resident of Indira Nagar told Kashmir Observer that Cantonment act section 60 clearly says if the Municipality charges property taxes in any state then the containment board can also charge.

"Our submission is since SMC is not charging property tax in their jurisdiction, why is Cantonment board charging," Parray said.

The residents claim that the Jammu Cantonment board doesn't demand any taxes from the people living under their jurisdictions. "We want to know why only in Kashmir, why not in Jammu" said Masoodi.

Chief Executive Officer Badamibagh Cantonment, Srinagar Upendra Kumar didn't

respond to repeated phone calls by this reporter.

Lieutenant Colonel Emron Musavi, PRO (Defence) Srinagar told Kashmir Observer that he will get the response from the board and get back to us.

Deployed Reinforcements

the attacks and we had to give a sense of security among the people, so that is why more troops were deployed to help J&K police," he said.

Additionally, several new paramilitary bunkers have also come up across the city. "By setting-up bunkers, you create a sense of deterrence among the militants," the official said. "The public needs to cooperate with us because the security comes at the cost of slight inconvenience."

The official said militants were able to carry out attacks within the Srinagar city despite increased deployments and fortifications -- such as bunkers and checkpoints -- as "it is difficult to check every vehicle and person who come to the city from north, central, and south Kashmir."

DAK Sounds Alarm

the variant has 32 mutations in the region of the genome that controls production of the viral spike protein.

"The spike protein of the virus is critical for viral binding and entry to human cells. It is also the chief target of antibodies that the immune system produces to fight Covid-19 infection," he added.

"Dubbed as Omicron, WHO has designated the new variant as variant of Concern," said Dr Nisar.

He said a variant is labeled as variant of concern when the evidence shows the virus is more infectious, is causing more severe disease and is less responsive to existing control measures such as diagnostics, vaccine or treatment or a combination of these factors.

"South Africa has reported a fourfold increase in the number of new cases coinciding with the emergence of the new variant.

Many countries including Europe, US and Canada has imposed travel restrictions from South Africa and several other African countries," he added.

Spokesperson DAK Dr Riyaz Amad Dagga said in today's connected world, an outbreak anywhere is a risk everywhere.

Kashmir being the most favorite tourist destination, the mutant can come to us anytime. We have to be prepared and alert.

"We have to prepare in advance," he said adding advance planning and preparedness is critical to help mitigate the impact of any eventuality.

General Secretary DAK Dr Arshad Ali said the best way to prevent the variant is to stop it from coming in as once the virus enters the community it is difficult to control it.

"Passengers at Srinagar international airport especially coming from affected countries should be rigorously screened to prevent the entry and spread of the variant in the valley," he said.

Kashmir Reports 3

death toll since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 4473--2185 in Jammu and 2288 in Kashmir.

Of the new coronavirus cases detected, the officials said, 119 were reported from the Kashmir Valley and the remaining 30 from different districts of Jammu division.

In the Valley, the officials said, Srinagar reported a highest 42 new cases of virus, Baramulla 23, Budgam 19, Kupwara 13, Ganderbal 8, Bandipora 7, Pulwama 4, Anantnag 2 and Kulgam one. Shopian was the only district in the Valley where no fresh case of Covid-19 was detected.

In the winter capital, officials said, nine coronavirus cases each were reported from Jammu and Reasi, Rajouri 5, Kishtwar and Doda 3 each and Udhampur one new case of the virus. No new cases were detected in Kathua, Samba, Poonch and Ramban districts.

"Moreover, 141 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 14 from Jammu Division and 127 from Kashmir Division," the officials added.

4 Kashmiri Traders

anti-Pakistan slogans. When we refused, they ran amok and started beating us," Wani said.

He also claimed to have survived miraculously after a goon hit his head with an iron rod.

"Luckily, the helmet I was wearing saved my life. The impact of the attack was such that my helmet broke into pieces," Wani said, while showing his helmet to reporters outside the Police Station Doranda.

Another Kashmiri trader accused police of failing to act against the goons despite witnessing the broad daylight assault.

"We have been left at the mercy of God. Our only crime is that we are Muslims and Kashmiris. We don't feel safe here anymore," he said.

However, police denied the allegations and said that three suspects have been detained in connection with the assault in a swift action

"The police arrested a few miscreants after some traders were beaten up at Kadru Pul. A case has also been filed in this regard," City DSP, Prabhat Ranjan said.

To prevent such incidents from happening, Ranjan said, profiles of all Kashmiri businessmen will be made and shared with police stations to ensure their safety and security.

Meanwhile, scores of Kashmiri traders joined by many locals staged a protest outside the Police Station Doranda demanding strict action against the culprits. The protesters also blocked the road outside the police station to reinforce their demands.

On the assurances of senior police officers, the protesters later dispersed peacefully.

Pertinently, this was the second attack on Kashmiri traders in the areas falling under the jurisdiction of Police Station Doranda, in less than a fortnight.

On November 11, three Kashmiri youth Bilal Ahmed, Shabir Ahmed and Waseem Ahmed were beaten up in the Hathikhana area of the city after they refused to shout anti-Pakistan slogans. The Kashmiri trio were also threatened of dire consequences if they don't leave the city as soon as possible.

Following the assault, police had registered an FIR and arrested the accused identified as

Kishori.

Ujjwala Irregularities

public representatives that many of their SECC Ujjwala beneficiaries may be receiving LPG subsidy in their accounts but had not received any free connection, including cylinders and stoves.

The order also comes two months after Kashmir Observer highlighted the issue in its weekly Inkishaf program "Is Ujjwala Yojana a Scam?", highlighting the public's complaints of corruption and denial of free cooking gas.

On November 22 the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs in Budgam had issued an order and constituted a team of four members and demanded that the team submit a "factual report" to the department in seven days.

The department had constituted a four-member team -- including TSO Beerwah and Charar Shareef, ASK and concerned sarpanch -- to look into the complaints by conducting door to door surveys at village Googi Pathri Wangwas.

Muzaffar said the alleged fraudulent entries could be to siphon off subsidies meant for the poor public.

"Gas refills keep on getting booked against the Ujjwala connections and these domestic gas cylinders go to the black market and most commonly are diverted for commercial use in hotels/restaurants/shops/dhabas /factories/heating purposes etc," he said.

Muzaffar added that any fraud in disbursing the subsidies would cause "heavy losses" to the state exchequer. "The huge cost difference between domestic and commercial LPG cylinders

is a natural lure for its mass diversion," he said.

Police Arrest

and Suhail Manzoor, both residents of Shahabad Kharpora Bala, Lagam were arrested by a joint team of police, army's 42 RR and the personnel of CRPF 130 battalion, a police spokesperson said Saturday. The duo, he said, were associated with Hizbul Mujahideen.

"Incriminating materials, ammunition including 383 rounds of AK-47 were recovered from their possession," the police spokesperson said.

He further said that the accused were in touch with HM commanders & were involved in transportation of arms & ammunition, besides providing shelter and other logistic support to strengthen "terror networks".

"A case vide FIR no. 194/2021 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Awantipora and investigation has been initiated," the police spokesperson added.

Man Shoots

gun and shot himself under chin at his residence in Karanwara area of Mahanpur this morning, the officials said.

They said Kumar was rushed to a hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

The motive behind his taking such an extreme step was not known immediately, the officials said, adding police have started inquest proceedings in this connection. (PTI)

Horse Injured In

according to officials, lost one foot in the landmine explosion.

The injured horse was taken to the district veterinary hospital, Poonch for treatment.

Several other horses present at the site however escaped unhurt, they further said.

Ladakh Reports

in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year, the officials said.

They said 2,485 people were tested for COVID-19 in the twin districts on Friday, and 32 of them were found to have contracted the disease.

The officials said 24 more coronavirus patients were discharged from a hospital in Leh, thereby taking the number of recoveries in Ladakh to 21,011, which is 97.87 per cent of the caseload.

2nd Open Carrom Championship 2021 Begins At Srinagar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2nd Open UT Level Carrom Championship 2021 kick-started on Saturday at the Institute of Hotel Management, Rajbagh here.

The open championship is being organised by Jammu & Kashmir Carrom Association in affiliation with All India Carrom Federation, New Delhi. The first day of the event witnessed multiple matches across various categories. The 2-day championship will culminate today, Sunday, November 28.

The championship was declared open by Mudassir Khan, President Carrom Association, Adil Rashid Shah General Secretary, Arif Sultan Organising Secretary, Sheikh Saqib Treasurer of the J&K Carrom Association, among

other officials of the association.

Results:

Senior Men section: Momin Fayaz defeated Obaidullah Khan, Mohammad Umar defeated Uzair Nazir, Adnan Afzal defeated Zubair Showkat, Aijaz Ahmad defeated Momin Showkat, Imtiyaz Ahmad defeated Dawar and Aman Khan defeated Wasim Bashir.

Women Senior section: Shari-ka Majeed defeated Rahila Jan, Fiza Yousuf defeated Saima & Adfar Jan defeated Bazila.

Junior Boys section: Arsalan defeated Mohammad Manan, Romin defeated Peer Numan, Shahid Ah defeated, Asif Mehraraj.

Junior Girls section: Riddha Madni defeated Raziya Yousuf, Sheikh Urooj defeated Irtiza Mushtaq, Tabinda defeated Hafsa.

Walkathon Held At Nehru Park

DC Srinagar flags-off 'Eat Right Challenge' participants

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Moham-



mad Aijaz Asad on Saturday morning flagged-off a Walkathon under 'Eat Right Challenge', organised by Food Safety and Drug Control, Kashmir in collaboration with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Nehru Park on the banks of Dal Lake here.

The Walkathon was participated by school students and stakeholders to create awareness among the people regarding healthy and better food choices, besides to strengthen the food safety and regulatory environment in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the activity is aimed to propagate the message of adopting healthy food habits among the masses to include fortified foods as nutritive cereals in their diets. He also stressed on massive outreach

ferring fibrous and nutritious food in diet to remain healthy besides improving public health and combat negative nutritional trends to fight lifestyle diseases. He said it is imperative to create awareness about safe, healthy and sustainable food in Srinagar.

On the occasion, the participants were holding placards regarding the healthy food habits for mass awareness.

Food Drug Administrator, Shakeel-ul Rehman, officers of Food Safety and Drug Control, besides a larger number of students and other stakeholders participated in the event.

Michael Vaughan Apologises For Azeem Rafiq's Pain

Agencies

LONDON: Former England cricket captain Michael Vaughan has apologized "for the hurt" that whistleblower Azeem Rafiq experienced but he again denied making racist comments while at county club Yorkshire.

Rafiq's revelations about the racism and bullying he suffered at Yorkshire has sparked a crisis in the English game, and his accusation about Vaughan prompted the BBC to drop the former international from its coverage of the upcoming Ashes series against Australia.

Vaughan and Rafiq were teammates Yorkshire _ England's most successful cricket club _ when Vaughan allegedly told a group of players of Asian ethnicity in 2009: "There are too many of you lot; we need to do something about it."

In a BBC interview shown Saturday, Vaughan was asked if he ever made any racist comments during his time at Yorkshire. He replied: "No I didn't, no."

Rafiq, a former England under-19 captain, recently testified at a parliamentary hearing about the racism he suffered while playing at Yorkshire, describing "inhuman" treatment, with Vaughan and others implicated in the case.

"I'm sorry for the hurt that he's gone through," Vaughan



told the BBC. "Time, I don't think, can ever be a healer in the situation that he's gone through. But hopefully time can be a way of us making sure that Yorkshire County Cricket Club never goes through this situation again and never puts themselves in a position of denial that they treated a player so badly.

"It hurts deeply," he continued, "hurts me that a player has gone through so much (and) be treated so badly at the club that I love. I have to take some responsibility for that because I played for Yorkshire County Cricket Club for 18 years and in any way shape or form I'm responsible for any of his hurt, I apologize for that."

The England and Wales Cricket Board on Friday released its comprehensive plan to address issues raised by Rafiq. It includes the creation of an anti-discrimination unit and a review of dressing-room culture.

Rafiq's accusation about Vaughan was supported by former Pakistan bowler Rana Naved-ul-Hasan and England leg-spinner Adil Rashid, who said they heard the comment.

J&K End Santosh Trophy Campaign With 3-2 Win

R. Elahi

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir senior men's football team on Saturday exited the 75th Santosh Trophy National Football Championship 2021 with a 3-2 win over lowly Himachal Pradesh at Sports Complex, Chandigarh.

Playing its last Group A North Zone qualifier match, the team ended its disappointing campaign with 5 points from 4 matches. J&K lost its opening match against Services and drew twice against Uttar Pradesh and Chandigarh to end 3rd in the table (which is subject to change with UP yet to play its last match).

Many expected a J&K victory as Himachal (who sit bottom of the table with 0 points) have been on the receiving end dur-



ing the Group A matches. However, J&K were given a tough fight till the very end.

Earlier, J&K's coach Satpal Singh made changes to the way he set up his team in previous games. The coach played with a 4-3-3 formation and made changes to his line up. Nirdosh was brought in as the team's goalkeeper, while the back 4 remained unchanged from the

previous match, with Faisal (RB), Arun (CB), Goutam (CB) and Shahid (LB) retaining their spots. Mehran, Imad and Shakir formed the midfield three, while Mehjoor (LW), Sarmad (ST), and Raja Musharraf (RW) played as the front three for J&K.

The changes were reflected immediately as Raja Musharraf gave J&K the lead in just the 3rd minute. Shakir Ahmad Sheikh doubled the team's lead in 36th minute of the match. Himachal managed to pull one goal back in the 40th minute through Hemant. J&K's Arun Nagial scored in the 57th minute of the second half to make the score 3-1. Himachal team scored their second goal in the 80th minute through Jaswinder.

The 3-2 win marked J&K's first victory of the Senior NFC 2021 tournament.

Youth League: SCFA Srinagar, Sopore FA Win Matches

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two matches of NIFF Youth Football League 2021 were played on Saturday at Synthetic Turf Football Stadium here.

The second phase matches of the League started with the clash between SCFA Srinagar and SCFA Bandipora, which was won by SCFA Srinagar by 2-0.

Junaid and Feroz scored one goal each for SCFA Srinagar. Tajamul Islam, goalkeeper of SCFA Srinagar, was declared as Player of the match for his excellent performance.

Second match of the day was played between Kashmir Aveng-



ers FA and Sopore FA which was won by Sopore FA by 2-1.

Arsalan and Adnaan Nisaar scored one goal each for Sopore FA, while Inayat scored the only goal for the young Avengers. Adnaan Nissar of Sopore FA was declared as Player of the match for his brilliant play.

DSO Ganderbal Shiekh Shafakat Iqbal, and prominent physiotherapist Dr. Aijaz Ashai, were among the guests present.

The League is first of its kind of initiative taken by NIFF for providing ample platform to junior age group players. Both the MOM awards carry ₹1500/- of cash and a memento w h i c h is being sponsored by New JK Roadways.

ICC Calls Off WC Qualifiers After New COVID Variant Emerges

Press Trust of India

the West Indies and Sri Lanka, could not be staged as a member

DUBAI: The ICC on Saturday called off an ongoing qualifier for next year's Women's ODI World Cup in Harare following the emergence of a new COVID-19 variant in the African region, paving the way for Pakistan, West Indies and Bangladesh to make the cut on the basis of rankings.

Travel restrictions have been introduced from a number of African countries after detection of the new variant in South Africa stoked fears around the world. The ICC said the decision to stop the event was based on its concerns about how the participating teams would head back in the wake of Omicron variant's rise.

The decision was taken during the preliminary league phase of the nine-team tournament, that was to decide the final three qualifiers for the World Cup 2022, to be played in New Zealand, as well as two additional teams for the next cycle of the ICC Women's Championship.

"The qualifiers will now be decided according to the team rankings as detailed in the tournament playing conditions. Therefore, Bangladesh, Pakistan and the West Indies will now progress to the event in New Zealand," said the ICC in a statement.

Play in two of the three matches scheduled for Saturday Zimbabwe v Pakistan and USA v Thailand started as scheduled but the third fixture of the day, between



of the Sri Lanka team support staff tested positive for COVID-19.

"We are incredibly disappointed to have to cancel the remainder of this event but with travel restrictions from a number of African countries being imposed at such short notice there was a serious risk that teams would be unable to return home," ICC Head of Events Chris Tetley said.

"We have explored a number of options to allow us to complete the event but it isn't feasible and we will fly the teams out of Zimbabwe as soon as possible. The teams who have qualified for the World Cup are Australia, England, India, South Africa, New Zealand (hosts), Pakistan, West Indies and Bangladesh.

The mega event will be held in New Zealand from March 4 to April 3. "The number of teams in the third cycle of the ICC Women's Championship (from 2022-2025) has been increased from eight to ten, and these teams will be Australia, England, India, South Africa, New Zealand, Pakistan, West Indies, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Ireland," the statement added.

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(ii) Notice No. 072-BOPEE of 2021 dated 25.10.2021.
(iii) Notification No. 127-BOPEE of 2021 dated 15.11.2021.

**NOTICE NO: 080-BOPEE OF 2021
DATED: 27-11-2021**

In response to Notice No. 072-BOPEE of 2021 dated 25.10.2021 and Notification No. 127-BOPEE of 2021 dated 15.11.2021, where under the NEET PG and NEET UG-2021 candidates were advised to submit their documents etc. for inclusion of their roll numbers in the lists notified by the board. In order to give last and final opportunity to such candidates who have not submitted their requisite documents upto the cut-off dates due to one or the other reasons can now submit the same physically upto 30th of November, 2021 (3.00PM) positively at BOPEE Office Jammu/Srinagar during working days / hours. The required documents to be submitted are given as under:-

- 1) NEET Score Card 2021, (NEET PG / UG)
- 2) Domicile certificate of UT of J&K/Ladakh, as the case may be,
- 3) An undertaking by the candidate that he/she will not participate for All India Quota seats.

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No.- BOPEE/Exam-23/2021
Dated:- 27-11-2021
DIPK-NB-5440/21

Sd/-

(Dr. Sunil Gupta),

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SHEEP HUSBANDRY OFFICER NOWSHERA, SRINAGAR 190011

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(TECHNICAL SECTION)

Subject: Provisional selection list of beneficiaries for establishment of Chaff Cutters under the National Livestock Mission (NLM) during 2021-22.

Reference: This office Advertisement No: DSHO/Sgr/Tech/2021-22/1334-38 Dated: 05.10.2021

NOTIFICATION

In response to this Office notification vide above quoted reference, the beneficiaries mentioned in Annexure "A" have been selected by the committee of Officers constituted for the purpose under the Chairmanship of District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Srinagar through draw of lots for establishment of Chaff Cutters under the National Livestock Mission (NLM) during 2021-22. Further the waiting list shall be made operational subject to following;

1. Rejection of any selected candidates on the basis of techno feasibility report submitted by the Constituted Committee.
2. If any beneficiary is not interested to avail the said benefit.

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No: DSHO/Sgr/Tech/2021-2022/1686-89
Dated: 26-11-2021

District Sheep Husbandry Officer
Srinagar

ANNEXURE "A" Selected applicants (Chaff Cutter)

S No	Name of the Beneficiary	Parentage	Address
1	Ishfaq Ahmad Mir	Gh. Qadir Mir	Badiwader
2	Manzoor Ahmad Malik	Mohd. Ashan Malik	Lasjan
3	Mohd. Aslam Mir	Mohd. Shafi Mir	Gasoo Tailbal Hazratbal
4	Mohd. Amin Dar	Gh. Mohd. Dar	Sangam
5	Shahid Rafiq Bhat	Mohd. Rafiq Bhat	Batapora Hazratbal
6	Suhail Ahmad Bhat	Ali Mohd. Bhat	Padhshahi Bagh
7	Ghulam Mohd. Bhat	Habibullah Bhat	Gori Pora
8	Ab. Sattar Kalokhail	Molvi Likhya	Doderpathri Khanmoh
9	Mudasir Manzoor Bhat	Manzoor Ahmad Bhat	Sozeith Gori pora
10	Manzoor Ahmad Lone	Abdul Satar Lone	Sozeith Gori pora
11	Rouf Ahmad Mir	Ab. Razak Mir	Badiwader
12	Mushiaq Ahmad Reshi	Sanullah Reshi	Sayedpora Brain
13	Saiad Ahmad Bhat	Mohd. Ismail Bhat	Habbak Shanpora

Waiting Applicants			
1	Javeed Ahmad Dar	Ghulam Mohd. Dar	Gasoo Tailbal Hazratbal
2	Mohd. Ismail Bhat	Ab. Rahim Bhat	Habbak Shanpora
3	Ayaz Ahmad Taploo	Abdul Aziz Taploo	Ahmad Nagar
4	Aliq Ullah Malik	Mohd. Ashan Malik	Lasjan
5	Shuaib Ahmad Dar	Aijaz Ahmad Dar	Dulbagh Soura
6	Liyaqat Ali Kalokhail	Ab. Sattar Kalokhail	Doderpathri Khanmoh
7	Ayash Ahmad Bhat	Ghulam Rasool Bhat	Batapora Hazratbal
8	Feroz Ahmad Dar	Ghulam Mohd. Dar	Sangam
9	Haji Ghulam Mohd. Dar	Haji Mohd. Ismail Dar	Gasoo Tailbal Hazratbal
10	Haja Bano	Gh. Ahmad Gaiii	Sozeith Gori pora
11	Ghulam Mohd. Bhat	Late Ab. Salam Bhat	Sozeith Lasjan
12	Manzoor Ahmad Bhat	Abdul Gani Bhat	Sozeith Gori pora
13	Ab. Rasheed Bhat	Ghulam Ahmad Bhat	Gori Pora

Technical Officer
DSHO Srinagar

DIPK-13699/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HANDICRAFTS NEAR J&K BANK ZALDAGAR, SRINAGAR

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Subject: Hiring of instructor on need basis under Tribal Sub - Plan. Reference: HD/ADHS/Estt/315-20, Dated 13.11.2021.

RE - ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Applications on prescribed performa are hereby invited from residents of UT of J&K for engagement as Instructor / Trainer, Pashmina Spinning for a period of Six (06) months only, purely on need / contract basis, under the scheme "Tribal Sub Plan".

S.No.	Name of the Post	Number of posts	Eligibility	Role(s)
01	Instructor	03, (one each at Mulnar, Faqir Gujree, Dhara)	Registered Spinner with Department of Handicrafts and Handloom subject to performance in Practical Test	To impart practical training of Pashmina spinning.

Terms and Conditions:-

01. The above engagement shall be initially for a period of 04 months only, however extendable upto a maximum period of 06 months, subject to availability of funds. The engagement shall terminate automatically without serving any notice after above-mentioned period.
02. The Candidates engaged as such shall be paid monthly remuneration of Rs. 12000/- per month.
03. The selection of the candidates shall be made by selection committee, and the decision of the said committee shall be final.
04. Mere submission of application or eligibility shall not entitle any candidate for this engagement and the engagement shall be made only as per requirement.
05. The Application's addressed to Assistant Director, Handicrafts shall be deposited in the office of Assistant Director, Handicrafts, Zaldagar, Srinagar, near J&K bank, by or before 30.11.2021 during office hours.
06. The applicants have to furnish an undertaking on Non-Judicial stamp paper of Rs. 20/- duly attested by Judicial Magistrate that he/she has accepted all terms, conditions, and shall have no preferential claim for his / her continuous / re-engagement.

No:- HD/ADHS/Estt/ 1459-55
Dated:- 27 -11-2021.
DIPK-13765/21

Sd/-

(Dr. Shariq Iqbal) JKAS, Assistant Director,
Handicrafts / Handloom, Srinagar.



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Application for the post of Instructor, Pashmina Spinning.

01. Name of Applicant: _____
02. Parentage: _____
03. Address: _____
04. Mobile Number: _____
05. E-mail Id: _____

Affix recent photograph

(A) Details of Educational Qualification (Academic / Technical)

S.No.	Examination Passed	Year of Passing	Board	Marks Obtained	Maximum Marks	Percentage

(B) Experience if any:

S.No	Organisation	Period	Total Experience (in Years)

Certified that all the above, submitted information is correct to be best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant.

Don't Sign Up For Elon Musk's 'Starlink' Internet, Says Government



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NEW DELHI: The government advised people against subscribing to Starlink Internet Services, a division of billionaire Elon Musk's SpaceX aerospace company, as it does not have a licence to operate in the country.

A government statement issued late on Friday said Starlink had been told to comply with regulations and refrain from "booking/rendering the satellite internet services in India with immediate effect".

Starlink registered its business in India on Nov.1. It has begun advertising, and according to the government, it has started pre-selling its service.

Responding to a Reuters email, Starlink said: "No comment for now".

A growing number of companies are launching small satellites as part of a low-Earth orbiting network to provide low-latency broadband internet services around the world, with a particular focus on remote areas that terrestrial internet infrastructure struggles to reach.

WhatsApp Allowed To Double Payments Offering To 40 Million In India: Report



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NEW DELHI: WhatsApp has won regulatory approval to double the number of users on its payments service in India to 40 million, a source with direct knowledge told news agency Reuters on Friday.

The company had requested that there should be no cap on users of its payment service in India.

Instead, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) this week told the company it could double the user base to which it can offer its payment service - currently restricted to 20 million - the source said.

WhatsApp is owned by Facebook, which recently changed its name to Meta.

The source said the new cap would still hinder the company's growth prospects given that WhatsApp's messenger service has more than 500 million users in India, the company's biggest market.

It was not clear when the new

cap would come into effect.

WhatsApp did not immediately respond to a request for comment, while the NPCI declined to comment.

WhatsApp competes with Alphabet Inc's Google Pay, SoftBank- and Ant Group-backed Paytm and Walmart's PhonePe in India's crowded digital market.

The NPCI gave WhatsApp approval to start its payments service last year after the company spent years trying to comply with Centre's regulations, including data storage norms that require all payments-related data to be stored locally.

WhatsApp has almost reached its user base of 20 million for payment services, said the source, who declined to be identified as the details are private.

Online transactions, lending and e-wallet services have been growing rapidly in the country, led by a government push to make the country's cash-loving merchants and consumers adopt digital payments.

PM Modi Asks Officials To Review Plans For Easing Int'l Air Travel

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Amid mounting global concerns over new coronavirus strain 'Omicron', Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday stressed the need to be proactive and directed officials to review plans for easing of international travel restrictions in light of the "emerging new evidence".

Modi, who chaired a comprehensive meeting to review the situation related to COVID-19 and vaccination in the country, was briefed by top health officials about 'Omicron', described by WHO as a "variant of concern", with its characteristics and the impact seen in various countries.

Its implications for India were also discussed during the meeting, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement.

A World Health Organisation panel has named the new COVID strain 'omicron' and classified it as a highly transmissible variant of concern, the same category that includes the delta variant.

During the meeting which lasted for about two hours, Prime Minister Modi spoke about the need to be proactive in light of the new variant and urged people to be more cautious and take proper precautions like masking up and maintaining social distance, the PMO said.

The Prime Minister highlighted the need for monitoring all international arrivals, their testing as per guidelines, with a specific focus on countries identified 'at risk'.

He also asked "officials to review plans for easing of international travel restrictions in light of the emerging new evidence", the statement said.

Modi's directive to officials comes a day after the Civil Aviation

Ministry announced the resumption of scheduled international flights to and from India from December 15 after 20 months of coronavirus-induced suspension.

India's decision to resume scheduled international passenger flights has come at a time when various countries such as Britain, Germany, Singapore, Israel, France and Italy have restricted air travel from southern Africa where the cases of new coronavirus variant of serious health implications have been reported.

However, the countries deemed 'at risk' of COVID-19 by the Union Health Ministry will

COVID-19 and vaccination-related situation. In light of the new variant, we remain vigilant, with a focus on containment and ensuring increased second dose coverage."

During the meeting, the Prime Minister was also given an overview of the sequencing efforts in the country and the variants circulating in the country, the statement said.

Modi directed that genome sequencing samples be collected from international travellers and community as per norms, tested through the network of labs already established under the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium



be allowed to operate only a certain percentage of their pre-Covid scheduled flights, the Aviation Ministry stated.

The Centre on Thursday asked all states and union territories to conduct rigorous screening and testing of all international travellers coming from or transiting through South Africa, Hong Kong and Botswana, where the variant has been detected.

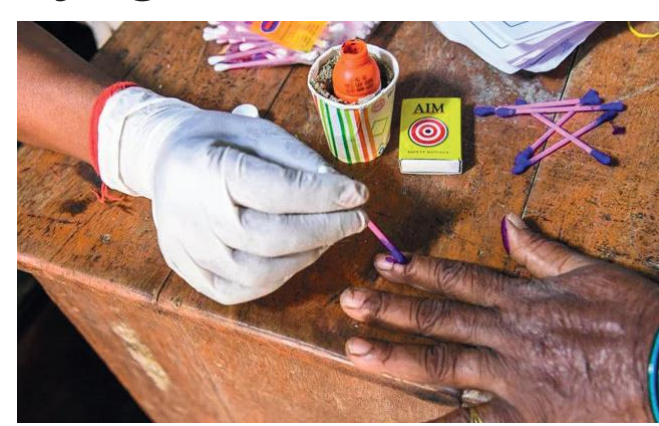
In a tweet after the meeting, Modi said, "reviewed the

(INSACOG) and early warning signals identified for Covid-19 management, the statement said.

Prime Minister Modi also spoke about the need to increase the sequencing efforts and make it more broad-based.

Officials briefed the Prime Minister about the global trends on coronavirus infections and highlighted that countries across the world have experienced multiple COVID-19 surges since the onset of the pandemic.

Bihar Village Votes For Dead Candidate To Honour Dying Wish. He Won



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JAMUI, BIHAR: A dead man in Bihar has won the Panchayat polls held on Wednesday riding on a "sympathy wave" generated by his own death.

The real-life tragicomedy unfolded in Bihar's Jamui district - about 200 km from state capital Patna - when officials handed over certificates to candidates who won the polls held on November 24.

At the ceremony, one of the winning candidates Sohan Murmu was nowhere to be found.

"On enquiry, we learnt that Murmu had died on November 6, over a fortnight before the voting took place," Block Development Officer (BDO) Raghavendra Tripathi.

Deepakarhar, from where Murmu won, happens to be a remote hamlet situated along the state's border with Jharkhand, which perhaps explains the demography of the village which has

a predominantly tribal population.

Old residents also recall that this was the village to be hit by Naxal activity in the 1990s in the district that later became one of the worst-infested by ultra-Left insurgency, according to a list published by the Union Home Ministry a few years ago.

"Family members of Murmu, who defeated his rival by 28 votes, said it was his last wish to win the election. So they kept quiet. No resident of the village informed us either. It appears that they all voted in his favour to honour his last wish", said the BDO.

The naivete of the family members of Murmu and the fellow villagers has brought on more work for the officials.

"The winner's certificate cannot be issued to anybody. We are going to write to the state election with the request that election for the ward concerned be nullified and fresh polls be held", said Mr Tripathi.

2 Crore Jewellery, Cash Stolen During Wedding At Jaipur 5-Star Hotel



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JAIPUR: Unidentified people stole jewellery and cash worth over 2 crore from a room at a five-star hotel in Jaipur while its occupants were attending a marriage function on the premises, police said on Friday.

The incident happened on Thursday at Hotel Clarks Amer in Jaipur where the wedding of Mumbai-based businessman Rahul Bhatia's daughter was organised.

Mr Bhatia and his family members were staying on the seventh

floor and diamond jewellery worth 2 crore and 95,000 in cash were stolen from one of their rooms while they were attending the wedding in the hotel lawns, SHO Jawahar Circle Radharaman Gupta told news agency Press Trust of India.

"In his complaint, Rahul Bhatia has alleged that the theft took place with the connivance of the hotel staff," Mr Gupta said, adding that the CCTV camera footage is being examined and the hotel management and staff are being questioned. A statement from the hotel was not available at the time of this report.



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