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NEWS DIGEST

6 Charged With Fraud Mutation Of Land

JAMMU: The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police has filed a chargesheet against six persons. including government officials, for their involvement in hatching a criminal conspiracy and preparing mutation of over two acres of land here, an official said | More on P6

Two Militants Arrested In Shopian

SRINAGAR: Police Sunday said that Government forces have arrested two militants and recovered arms and ammunition in Shopian. Acting on specific input regarding the presence of LeT militant Shahid Ahmad Gaine, a resident of Doomwani Keegam, and his close associate in Doomwani | More on P6

5 Shops Gutted in Overnight Inferno in Bla

SRINAGAR: At least five shops were gutted in an inferno which broke out on Sunday evening late in main market Fatehgarh in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Reports said that the fire broke out at around 11:08 PM and continued for several hours. Despite hectic efforts by Fire and Emergency Services | More on P6

Four Held With Bottles Of Banned Syrup KATHUA/JAMMU: Four s

LG addresses SKIMS's 39th Annual Day celebrations

J&K's Rs 1,456Cr Budget Allocation For Health Sector, Highest in India: LG

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today addressed the 39th Annual Day celebrations of SKIMS and e-Inaugurated and laid e-foundation stones of several projects on the occasion.

While addressing the gathering through virtual mode, the Lt Governor observed that SKIMS has played an indispensable role in the healthcare system of UT.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also congratulated the administration, faculty, and students of SKIMS, and all those who were awarded for their exemplary work in the challenging times of Covid.

"I express gratitude to all the doctors, nurses, ward boys, ambulance drivers, and all other supporting staff who have worked selflessly during the two waves of COVID", the Lt Governor said lauding the invaluable contribution of countless health workers in the fight



against the pandemic. The Lt Governor said that due to the collective efforts of everyone and the hard work of medical personnel, Jammu and Kashmir has emerged as a role model in the entire country in covid management and vaccination.

Underscoring the commitment of UT government to continuously strengthen the health system and to make healthcare more affordable and accessible to all, especially in rural areas, the Lt Governor observed that J&K has the highest share of 5% budget allocation in the health

"We are spending Rs 7,177 crore to strengthen the infrastructure of the health sector. In the last one year, 94 health projects have been completed by spending Rs 881 crore, substantially augmenting resources for citizens", he added.

the efforts of covid warriors and the steps taken by the UT

sector across the country.

The Lt Governor also recalled

ture during the two waves of Covid. "Our oxygen generation capacity has increased mani-fold to 1 lakh LPM from just 14,000 LPM last year, and to deal with any emergency, Covid Care Centers have also been kept functional in 4290 Panchavats, he added. The efforts of the UT government to augment the necessary

administration to ramp up the

capacities of health infrastruc-

arrangements and to make the facilities accessible to the patients and the common people. down to the level of Panchayats have been acknowledged in the report of NITI Aayog, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who has transformed the health sector of Jammu and Kashmir. He observed that J&K used to have only three medical colleges but now there are seven new medical colleges, More on P6

Faroog Wants Cadres To Be Ready For Sacrifices Like Farmers To Get Back Spl Status

Says Tourism Not Everything For Kashmir; Asks Party Men Stay With People Everywhere



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah Sunday asked the party men to be ready for a stage where they may have to offer similar sacrifices as that of Indian farmers, for getting back the rights snatched by the Centre. Addressing party work-

ers at his father and NC patriarch Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah's mausoleum at Hazratbal here on the occasion of Sheikh's death anniversary, Dr Farooq said that every single NC worker and leader has to be remain in touch with people on ground in every village and locality.

"All of you have to be steadfast. Centre repealed farm laws after the sacrifices of 700 farmers. We may also have to offer similar sacrifices to get back the rights that have been snatched from us by the Centre," he said as per news reports. Hundreds of NC workers and leaders had assembled at Naseembagh to pay tributes to NC founder on this death anniversary amid incessant rains.

After almost a year of protests by | More on P6



WE ARE COMMITTED TO STRENGTHEN the health system across UT and make healthcare affordable & accessible to all, especially in rural areas"

2 Covid Deaths. **161 Fresh Cases In 24 Hours**

Observer News Service

interstate drug peddlers, including three residents of Delhi, were arrested along with a consignment of 950 bottles of a banned cough syrup in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Sunday, police said. The seizure was made from a private car during vehicle checking at Govindsar on the More on P6

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 161 new covid-19 cases while as two persons succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours, officials said on Sunday.

18 of the fresh cases were reported from Jammu Division and 143 from Kashmir, taking the overall tally to 337807.

There were deaths, both from the Valley, due to the virus during the last 24 hours, they said. So 4481 persons-2185 far in Jammu and 2296 in Kashmir—have died due to the virus, they said.

Giving district wise details of the fresh cases, the officials told GNS that Srinagar reported 62 cases, Baramulla 21, Budgam 19, Pulwama 6, Kupwara 13, Anantnag 1, Bandipora 11, Ganderbal 8, Kulgam 2, Shopian 0, Jammu 7, Udhampur 0, Rajouri 1, Doda 6, Kathua 1, Samba 0, Kishtwar 0, Poonch 1, Ramban 0 and Reasi 1. Moreover, 184 Covid-19 patients recovered | More on P6



Snow In Highlands, Rains Lash Plains

Observer news Service

SRINAGAR: The upper reaches of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh witnessed fresh snowfall on Sunday (December 5) leading to the closure of border roads including Bandipora-Gurez road, Sinthan- Kishtwar road and Mughal road. As predicted by the Kashmir metrological department, the upper reaches of the union territory including several hill stations witnessed fresh snowfall, while rains lashed plains since morning. The Met department said

that 2 to 3 inches of snow at Razdan top and continuous snowfall forced authorities to close traffic on some roads as a precautionary measure. While famous ski resort Gulmarg witnessed 3 inches of snow, in Sonamarg, snow accumulated about 4 inches. 4-5 inches of snow accumulation was seen at Zojila pass. The Srinagar-Jammu road remained open for traffic. The Met official said that rains and | More on P6

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will the boys and girls from J&K go? But if we raise our voices, they are crushed."

BANKOT TUNNEL Kashmir Railway Project Adds a New Milestone

Press Trust Of India

BANIHAL/IAMMU: The Northern Railway achieved another milestone on Sunday with one more tunnel in the Bankot area near Banihal in Ramban connected after a breakthrough, officials said.

With the breakthrough of the tunnel, most of the excavation work of railway tunnels between Banihal and the Khari sector has been completed by IRCON International Limited, they added. The work on the Kashmir rail

project in a 110-km-long railway line between Katra and Banihal is underway and is likely to be completed within the next two years. The project is part of the 272-km Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla railway line to provide an alternative surface link between Kashmir

and the rest of the country. "The around-two-km-long tun-

nel project in Bankot is being constructed at a cost of Rs 300 crore in two parts," an official said.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Harbans Lal Sharma, who attended the breakthrough ceremony, said the Indian Railways has crossed another challenging milestone between Banihal and the Khari sector of the Katra-Banihal railway link, coinciding with the world tunnelling day.

He said travelling by train from Kashmir to Kanyakumari is expected to start in the next two years and to achieve the deadline, work is in full swing in Ramban.

Sharma said 96 per cent of the 53-kilometre-long railway line in the mountainous Ramban district passes | More on P6

BOSE Directs All Schools In J&K, Ladakh Not To Use **Contentious Class 7 Book**

Directs Publisher To Withdraw Textbook Immediately

Asif Iqbal

SRINAGAR: Board of School Education has directed all schools in Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh not to use the contentious class 7 'History and Civics' textbook over the depiction of the messenger of Islam.

"All the schools of UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh affiliated either with CBSE,

Publisher **Tenders Apology**

elhi-based Publication house 'JAY CEE Publications Private Limited' Sunday evening tendered apology, calling it 'unintentional mistake' over the depiction of last messenger of Islam in its History & Civics book for class seven. The Director of More on P6

JKBOSE or any other Board of the country are directed not to use textbook of "History & Civics ", Edition, 2020 for class 7th published by | More on P6

Khurram **Parvez Shifted To Tihar Jail**

SRINAGAR: The authorities have shifted human rights activist to Delhi's Tihar jail under 3-week judicial custody after he was arrested by the National Investigation Agency from his residence in Srinagar on November 22.

Reports said that Parvez who is associated with JKCCS has been sent to 3-week judicial custody and has been shifted to Tihar jail.

Parvez was arrested on November 22 by the NIA from his residence in Srinagar under case FIR No. 30/2021/ NIA/DLI dated 06/11/2021 us 120B/121A 17, 18, More on P6







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Scholarships This Week

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Scholarship Name 1: Rolls-Royce Unnati COVID Scholarship for Women in **STEM 2021**

Rolls-Royce Description: India Private Limited invites applications from girl students who are pursuing graduation (general and professional) courses in STEM. The scholarship is meant to support students who have lost their primary earning family member/s due to COVID-19

Eligibility: Open for Indian girls who are currently pursuing graduation (general and professional) courses in STEM. who have lost their parent(s)/ earning family member/s due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Annual family income of the applicants must be less than INR 6,00,000 (6 lakh) from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards:	Fixed
one-time scholarship	of INR
25,000	
Last Date to Apply:	31-12-
2021	
Application mode:	Online

applications only Short Url: www.b4s.in/ observer/RRUS1

Scholarship Name 2: ICAR-IARI CSIR Junior/Senior Research Fellowship 2021

Description: ICAR-IARI CSIR Junior/Senior Research Fellowship 2021 is a research opportunity offered to graduate/ postgraduate degree holders. The selected candidate is required to work on a project entitled - "Assessment of Old and New Wheat Varieties for Genetic Variability in Ouality Traits and Their Relationship with Pizza. Extruded and Baked Product Making".

Eligibility: is open for candidates who are 28 years of age (JRF) and 32 vears of age (SRF) and have a BS 4 years programme/Integrated BS-MS/M.Sc./B.Tech. (Biotech) or equivalent degree with 55% marks and passing of NET/GATE test (such candidates will be considered for JRF). OR an M.Sc., BTech (Biotech), or equivalent degree, and at least two years of

post-M.Sc., B.Tech. (Biotech) The fellowship research experience, OR an M.Tech. (Biotech) or equivalent degree in Biotechnology (for SRF) Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 35,000 per month plus 24% HRA Last Date to Apply:

> 2021 Application mode: applications only Short Url: www.b4s.in/ observer/JSR4

> > Scholarship Name

Kotak Shiksha Nidhi



Description: Kotak Shiksha Nidhi invites applications from school and college students who have lost a primary earning member of their family due to COVID-19, for continuity of their education from Class 1st to diploma and graduation 15-12level courses. Online Eligibility: Loss of both

parents Loss of one of the parents Loss of primary earning member of the family (other than 3: parents) Applicants must be school or

college going students aged between age 6 to 22 years i.e., class 1 to diploma or graduation course Prizes & Rewards:

Terms and Conditions Apply. Selection and the quantum of assistance under Kotak Shiksha Nidhi will be based on fulfilment of the eligibility criteria and will be at the discretion of Kotak Education Foundation.

Last Date to Apply: 31-03-2022 Application mode: Online applications only Short Url: www.b4s.in/ observer/KSFA1



DATED:04-12-2021

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 Union Territory, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:

S. No	Name of Work	Lacs)	of T/	Time of comple- tion	 Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of road from Peertakiya Bridge to Zadran bridge by way of P/L WBM G-II, construction of B wall at spots (Balance)	10.14/=	600/=	25 Days	BEE, CEE & DEE CLASS Only
2.	Construction of road at Waltangoo Halnoo incl. Mantoo Mohalla by way of R/wall,PCC drain & P/F railing to existing bridge at Halnoo.(Balance)	9.36/=	600/=	20 Days	 CEE & DEE Class only

Position of AAA: Accorded, Position of funds: - Available

jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

Period of Downloading of bidder docu- From

Date of Issue of Tender Notice

Bid submission Start Date

Bid Submission End Date

Date and time of opening of bid

Particulars

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(online)

Annexure "A" below)

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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of con-

Dated

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Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Qazigund (tender inviting authority)

(Name of work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan/Receipt (Refer order No.OM.A/24

(2017)-651 Dated: 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 R&B Division Qazigund Crediting to MH:0059-PW (Revenue). (Tender receiving authority).

money as per the circular of Finance Department No.A/Misc(2018)-III-895/J Dat-

ed:22-12-2020 vide Chief Engineer PWD(R&B) Department Kashmir's endorsement

No.CE/RBK/WS/23581-613 Dated: 30-12-2020 (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per

formance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days before fixation of contract and

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The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as per-

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UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division

TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

For and on behalf of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union territory of J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

L	S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost	Cost of T/	Bid	Time of	Time & Date	Class of
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The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in.

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INVITING E-TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/107/2021-22 Dated: - 04-12-2021

Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. / CPWD / Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following works.

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division		Cost of docu- ment (In Rs)	Time Al- lowed for comple- tion		Class of Contrac- tor
1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9
1	Internal electrical works of 2 storey LSQ (08 No sets) at Police Station Basohli Kathua.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	8.00 lacs	700/-	45 days	14-12-2021	Electrical
2	Carrying out internal electrifica- tion works of Police Station build- ing at Basohli Kathua.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	18.10 lacs	2000/-	45 days	14-12-2021	Electrical
3	Carrying out Internal electrical works of SHO Residential Quarter at Basohli Kathua.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	3.00 lacs	200/-	45 days	14-12-2021	Electrical
4	Carrying out Internal electrical works of SHO Residential Quarter at Battal Udhampur.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	2.50 lacs	200/-	45 days	14-12-2021	Electrical
5	Internal electrical works of 2 storey LSQ (08 No sets) at Police Station Battal Udhampur.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	7.00 lacs	700/-	45 days	14-12-2021	Electrical
6	Internal electrical works for con- struction of elevated sentry post (02 No) at Security Hqr's Sidhra Jammu.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	0.56 lacs	100/-	30 days	14-12-2021	Electrical
7	Internal electric works for con- struction of double storey sentry post at DPO Reasi.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	0.90 lacs	100/-	30 days	14-12-2021	Electrical
8	Internal electrification of Police Post building at Battal Udhampur.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	10.30 lacs	1000/-	45 days	14-12-2021	Electrical
9	Internal electrical works of 06 Sets GO's Tripple storey USQ at DPL Poonch.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	13.20 lacs	1000/-	45 days	14-12-2021	Electrical
10	Internal electric works for Repair/ renovation of CCTNS Lab/ IT Room at RPHQ Jammu.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	0.84 lacs	100/-	30 days	14-12-2021	Electrical

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in NIT. 9. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

No. 8405-20 DATED:04-12-2021

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2. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 1730 hours on 04-12-2021

The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 06-12-2021 to 13-12-2021 up to 1600 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1100 hours on 14-12-2021 on line.

The complete bidding process will be on line.

iii. Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar on 14-12-2021 at 1100 Hrs.

In pursuance to Circular No. A/Misc(2018)-III-895/J dated. 22-12-2020 issued by Finance iv. Department of J&K, there is no requirement of submission of bid security/ earnest Money deposit (EMD).

However, every bidder has to furnish an undertaking/ declaration form accepting that if it withdraws or modifies its bids during the period of bid validity or if it fails to sign the contract or fails to submit a performance security within 05 days after opening of price bid, if they are awarded the contract, they will be suspended from participating in any tender process in future for a period of one year. Aforementioned undertaken/ declaration needs to be furnished as per format provided in Annexure "A" to this bid document duly attested by 1st class magistrate/ Notary on stamp paper.

The cost of tender documents should be submitted by the bidder in shape of treasury ٧. challan / receipt and upload the same.

In case of abnormally low bids, the tender inviting Authority reserves the right to ask vi. from the bidder for additional performance security with the approval of the next higher Authority which shall be binding upon the bidder in such case.

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Army Helps Avert Massive Fire At Baramulla

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The Indian Army night, officials said on Sunday.

According to details, a massive Baramulla in the night of 4-5 December engulfed a large area of densely built wooden shops and residences. Trees in the vicinity ued extinguishing the fire alongsoon caught fire extending the conflagration zone in the market.

Initially local volunteers from the village tried to control the blaze but failed, after which help was sought from the Indian Army.

fire, two teams of army including one Quick Reaction Team rushed immediately to the site with fire thereby minimising losses. Senior

ing for their own safety, quickly displayed by men in uniform."

formed a human chain from the water point to the incident site." The fire was contained and not helped avert a massive con- allowed to spread to adjacent flagration in North Kashmir's shops, houses and trees. Mean-Baramulla district on Saturday while local police, fire fighting teams from fire service department and assistance from other fire that broke out in the main security forces with water bowsers market area of Village Fatehgarh, and other fire fighting equipment also moved to place of incident.

"Army troops paved the way for the local fire brigade and continside the firefighters. After a strenuous firefight, the blaze was finally tamed at 01.15 a.m.," the army said.

"Village panchayat members witnessing the incident lauded the selfless efforts, professionalism "Responding to the outbreak of and courage displayed by the Army personnel for timely assistance provided in extinguishing the fire fighting equipment," army said. Citizens of the village present also "Army troops without car- extended thanks for spirit of unity

Psychiatric Counselling Camp Held At Nilnag

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: District Mental Health Programme Unit District Budgam orga- tion was provided by Medical Supernized a free Neuro Psychiatric camp intendent District Hospital Budgam. under National Mental Health Pro- Dr M Ayoub. Dr Asmat Mushtaq Programme (NMHP) at Primary Health gramme Officer of the District Mental Center (PHC) Nilnag, Chadoora Sub Division, Budgam. Large number of Officer, Faisal Ahmad Mir Programme people with mental health issues and other psychiatric problems received chologist, Mir Aabroo Mushtaq Psychithe counseling sessions. The camp was held under the patronage of Dr Worker also participated in the camp.

Tajamul Hussain, CMO Budgam and Dr Rohi BMO Nagam. The logistic support including free drugs and transporta-Health Prog Unit, Dr Lateef Programme Manager, Aijaz Ul Ahad Clinical Psy-

India Is The 'Spiritual Capital' **Of World: Chief Justice Mithal**

Emphasizes disbursing of fundamental duties instead of asking for rights only

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JAMMU: Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Pankaj Mithal, that Vedas constitute the law tinction of being called as the

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'Dharma and The Constitution sacred beliefs of spirituality Temple issue are some of the of India' organized by a Delhi without interfering in personal based organization Adhivakta articles of faith of other indi- stitution guided us towards re-Parishad, J&K and Ladakh chapter to commemorate the 72nd larism has continuously been Constitution Day.

The function was also at- this day by tended by Advocate General, our nation in DC Raina and Additional Soliciits true spirit tor General of J&K High Court although the and dozens of other advocates words were and legal luminaries. added to our In his keynote address, Jus-Constitution

tice Mithal maintained that our later through endeavor should be to exercise an amendthe fundamental duties instead ment.

for asking the rights only. He Advocate said that religion is synony- General said mous to righteousness and ev- that religion ery religion leads to the moral has not been conduct in life. He further de- sidelined by fined that religious scriptures our constituacted as a guiding principle tion instead it in discerning the right from has preserved wrong and codal law also en- its exercise by shrines same in it. He asked people from

IUST Hosts Online Session on New Media Landscape

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: The Department of Journalism and Mass University of Science and Technology (IUST) organized an ontheme "New Media Landscape and Society" on Sunday. The work experience in Google

lecture was delivered by faculty and YouTube earlier in his rary digital media scenario. member of Advertising and Digital Marketing at Annapurna College of Film and Media, The session was attended by students, scholars and faculty line interactive session on the members of the Department. Tawheed Rehman, having

career, spoke at length about the dominant new media culture and algorithm in parameters regarding various social networking sites. Web 2.0 and the contempo- and new media practices.

Rehman also highlighted certain factors that 'favored the rich having control over tech-Communication (DIMC) Islamic Hyderabad, Tawheed Rehman. vogue and shared various nology over the rest as that was driving the 'preference and placement of online content'. He talked about internet's During the session, stress was journey from Web 1.0 to laid on learning the digital skills

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Held at Leh Observer News Service	appro	e-NIT No: 51 of 2021-2 nd on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory, J&K, e-ter oved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CF g works:-	nders (In single	e cover system)	are invited on		
Competition of Energy Conser- vation of Bureau of Energy Ef-	S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	
ficiency, Ministry of Power has	1	2	3	4	6	7	
been successfully organized at Leh in Government Girls High School and Government Boys		(a) Development of Jarokha Bagh Mansbal by way of fencing along lake side and lower lawn by way of earth filling (Part-C)		200/-	25- days	DEE (Civil)	
Higher Secondary School at		(b) Restoration of irrigation system by way of sinking of Bore well at Gulnar Park. Baramulla.	2.81	200/-	20- days	DEE (Civil)	

for formulating laws as per the every sect. He said that Articles 14, 19, 21, 25-29 gives us in-

sights about religious guaran-Justice Mithal mentioned tees in our Constitution. He said that India has the today said that India has a dis- of nature and it is morality most flexible Constitution that and good conduct that makes has preserved sensitivities of 'Spiritual Capital' of the world. one religious. Elaborating, he all peoples of this nation. He 'India's cultural milieu is said that both the Mahabharta said that it is for this fact that the cosmos of pure spirituality and 'Ahimsa' of Gautam Bud- it has been ammended more which discourages distinguish- dha convinces people to adopt than 100 times till now despite highest articles of faith and being the most voluminous gion", Chief Justice maintained. virtue. He said that since times and elaborate one. He said that immemorial under every rule

the Ayodhta verdict, Shah Bano this during an event themed Indian people have upheld the Case, Triple Talaq, Vaishno Devi striking examples where Conspectable solutions.

Tourism Department Participates In 3-Day IITM In Hyderabad

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In order to invite more tourists from South India especially from Telangana State, The Department of tourism, Jammu and Kashmir participated in the IITM held at Hitex Convention Hall, Izzatnagar Hyderabad from 03-05th of December 2021.

The expo was also attended by more than 20 States like Karnataka, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Goa, UP, Bihar etc. including the host State of Telangana. Three day event was inaugu-

rated by the Minster for Tourism, Culture and Archaeology Government of Telangana Sri. V Srinivas Goud, while interacting with the participating state representatives he assured full cooperation of Government of Telangana and announced that Official representatives.

a special desk will be opened in the office of Directorate of Tourism Telangana for assisting stakeholders in smooth interchange of best practices between Telangana and J&K.

On his Visit to the J&K Pavilion, the Minister was presented a momento by Mr Sher Singh CEO Patnitop Development Authority.

Sri Uppala Srinavas Gupta, Chairman T.S. Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Mr. NageshPampati (Chairman TAAI, Telengana), Mr. Liaqat Ali (President, TOAT) and other prominent representatives of Tourism Bodies also visited the J&K Stall.

The J&K Tourism stall was attended by a good number of visitors and their enquiries were addressed by the Exhibitors and

Government of Jammu & Kashmir **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SPECIAL SUB DIVISION GUREZ NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

FRESH NIT No. 104/2021-22/EE/SSDG/6104-13 /E-tendering/Dated:- 01-12-2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on item rate 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	Cost of T/	Time of	Status of AAA	Technical	Major Head of	Class of
5. NO	Name of Work	(Rs in Lacs)	Doc. (in Rs)	Completion	Status of AAA	Sanction	Account	Contractor
1	Construction of Dispensary at Abdullin Gujran Tulail	10.00	600	20 days	Accorded	Under process	BDC Grants	DEE/CEE/BEE
2	Repairment of damaged foot Bridge at Checkwali	1.97	200	10 days	Accorded	Under process	District Sector	DEE
2	Abdullain Strengthening of weak bridges & culverts	1.97	200	10 uays	Accorueu	under process	District Sector	DEE
Positio	sition of Funds: - Available							

The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.O). Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen

S. No.	Particulars	Dated				
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice.		03-11-2021			
2 F	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	03-12-2021	(10:00AM)		
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3	Bid submission Start Date	From	03-12-2021	(10:00AM)		
4	Bid Submission End Date	То	09-12-2021	(4:00PM)		
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)		09-12-2021	(5:00 PM)		
0	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	In the office of Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez				

Bids must be accompany ed with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez Major Head 0059-Re Misc) [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt, order No. 0.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dtd 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 Special Sub Division Gurez (Tender receiving Authori 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 An "A" below).

The 1stlowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/ within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail add The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez.

- 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 Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. acquain 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 vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.
- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. Note:
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez(The Date of Treasury Challan sho be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez 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. 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.
- Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to 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. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required. 11.
- 12
- 13. In case of CRF and other specified project, the relevant guideline/ standard bidding document shall be followed.
 - Instruction to bidder (ITB)
- All Bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualifying criteria/qualification information with the bids 14.1
- All bidders shall upload Copies of Original Documents defining constitution/Legal status, place of registration and principal place of Busin
- Cell No. and Correspondence Address.
- All Bidders shall upload Treasury Challan. All Bidders shall upload Treasury Challan.
- All Bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No.
- All Bidders shall upload Registration Card with latest renewa All Bidders shall upload the latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e latest quarter
 - All bidders shall upload verification certificate from concerned Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer of Enlistment Registration Card. Letter No:- Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Kash mir's :-18484-516 Dated:-21-11-2020 and No:- BS/812-44 Dated 06-04-2021.
- The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid

All the documents relating to the bid shall be in English language. Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.4 No document(s) which has/ 01. (C) Providing and fixing of Bus Bar Panels/Pillars at Leh on 05.12.2021 2.50 17. Due to the ongoing Covid 200/ 20-days Regd. Electric(A) Botanical Garden Kokernag (Phase-I) 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 (d) Providing and fixing of wall mounted R.O Kent (Hot restrictions and order of Edu-1.44 copies if need arises Authorized Deal cation Department, Leh, UT of & Cold) and Geyser in the Directorate of Floricultur **Executive Engineer** 200/-05-days er/Distributor Special Sub Division Gurez DIPK-14294/21 Ladakh, Drawing sheets were Kashmi distributed to Parents/Teachers Position of AAA Position of funds : Available : Accorded GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), of the schools from where the student were registered and Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.iktenders SERVICES SELECTION BOARD, HEMA COMPLEX, SECTOR-3, CHANNI HIMMAT, JAMMU. gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:two hours time were allotted Period of downloading of bidding document 06/12/2021 from 10:00 AM to 13/12/2021 up to 04:00 PM to each students for submission Bid submission Start Date. 06/12/2021 from 10:30 AM of drawing sheets which were 13/12/2021 up to 04:00 PM Bid submission End date duly stamped and signed by 4. Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online) 14/12/2021 at 02:00 PM NOTIFICATION NHPC State Nodal Officer. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-Challan/copy of receipt from Treasury favouring of Executiv Subject: - Part Selection Lists for the post of "Radiographic Technician", (Health and Medical Education Department (GMC Anantnag & GMC Baramulla), Teachers of Government Engineer, Floriculture Department Kashmir (Tender inviting authority) indicating name of work by crediting the requisite charges to $Divisional\ Cadre\ Kashmir\ Advt/Item\ No.\ 01/2019/011\ \&\ 02/2019/011.$ Girls High School ,Leh and the MH: 0406-02-112-Public Gardens (Floriculture Department Kashmir) in favour of Executive Engineer (Tender inviting authority) Whereas, the Health & Medical Education Department vide Indent No. ME/NG/53/2018-PF dated 10.01.2019 requisitioned among others 08 posts of Radiographic Technician 2. All Bidders have to submit/upload Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest Money as per the circular of Finance Depart Government Boys Higher with the following breakup ment (Bid Security Declaration Form as per Annexure "A" below) Secondary School, Leh were The lst. Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/ within **GMC** Anantnag on the duty to strictly fol-O2 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work. The date and time of opening of technical Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders low the COVID SOPs. Parents RBA **OM** TOTAL SC ST were happy that this kind of automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online 02 01 04 01 08 on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Department of Floriculture Kashmir Srinagar (Tender receiving authority). event which generate aware-The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids. **GMC Baramulla** ness among students re-The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited. If: garding energy conservation Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and condition 0M RBA TOTAL SC ST of the bid. specially in the states like La-04 02 01 01 08 Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract. dakh where electricity is very Any bid received beyond 15% above the advertisement cost of the work will be rejected. Whereas, these posts were notified vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2019 & 02 of 2019 dated 01.02.2019 with cut-off date as 14.03.2019; and scarce commodity. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. Whereas, as per the indent received from the concerned Indenting Department, the qualification prescribed for the post is as follows 6.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" or website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process. "10+2 with Science or above qualification with Two Years Diploma in X-Ray Technician/Radiography from any recognized institute/SMF"; and Whereas, the written examination for the said posts was held on 11th of May 2019 and Provisional Selection Lists were issued by the Board vide Notification No. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000 Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor. 6.2 **JKYF Calls For** SSB/Secy/Sel/2019/5160-66 dated 05.10.2019 and 40 candidates were called for document verification/counselling each for GMC Anantnag & GMC Baramulla The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form on 31st of October and 2nd of November, 2019; and **Impartial Probe Into** 6.4 6.5 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. Whereas, as per the criteria adopted, selection lists were prepared and placed before the Board in 163rd Board Meeting in which the Board decided to declared Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of following necessary docur all those candidates who have obtained degrees from different universities as "Not Eligible" and further decided to prepare fresh selection lists; and **Illegal Adoption Of** I. Tender document fee in the shape of Treasury Challan, Whereas, aggrieved of the decision of the Board, the candidates approached the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu and Kashmir at Srinagar in SWP No. 604/2020 II. Registration Children titled Ajaz Ahmad Ahanger and others V/s Union Territory of J&K and others; and III. Renewal of Registration (Current financial year) Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court on 03.03.2020 passed an order, the operative of which is reproduced as under: IV.Copy of GST of Current financial year up to September "...In the meanwhile, subject to objections and till next date of hearing, the selection of private respondents 7 to 21 shall not be given effect to".: and **Observer News Service** V. PAN Card VI.Bid Security Declaration. Whereas, the selection lists for the posts of Radiographic Technician were prepared and forwarded to the Health & Medical Education Department vide However, hard copy from the successful (first lowest) bidder shall be obtained on call. In case of clarification, the bidders shall have to nmunication No. SSB/Secy/Sel/25/K/2020/2375-81 dated 16.03.2020 for GMC Anantnag & vide letter No. SSB/Secy/Sel/26/K/2020/2352-58 dated SRINAGAR: J&K Yateem Foundaproduce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises. 16.03.2020 for GMC Baramulla wherein the posts/slots referable to aforementioned private respondents 7 to 21 were kept reserved in compliance with the tion has expressed its grave con-Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option aforesaid directions of Hon'ble High Court; and The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. cern on the alleged adoption and Whereas, subsequently the case was transferred to the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu in TA No. 62/7196/2020 titled Ajaz Ahmad Ahanger Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury fee challan in favour of Executive Engineer Department of Floriculture Kashmir Srinagar and Earnest Money / Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR if applicable pledged to Ex. Engineer Department of Flosale of Kashmiri orphans in Delhi and others V/s UT of J&K and others: and and other places by a Kashmir Whereas, the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal vide its order dated 25.10.2021, dismissed the TA 62/7196/2020 and passed the following order: riculture, Kashmir, Srinagar must be uploaded with the technical documents of the bid. The successful bidder shall submit origina based NGO. Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), CDR / FDR (earnest money/bid security) and relevant technical bid documents to the ...We do not find any merit in the TA, which is accordingly dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs"; and office of tender opening authority by registered post/Courier /by hand. Whereas, The above said judgment of the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal was challenged before the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Patron of Yateem Foundation Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case, they should attempt to create similar Ladakh at Srinagar in WP (C) No. 2251/2021 titled Ajaz Ahmad Ahanger and other V/s UT of J&K and others. In the above said writ petition the Hon'ble High Court Syed Abdul Hamid, in a statement BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the on 16.11.2021 passed the following order: has demanded a thorough and imsame name as it contains "...For the foregoing reasons, we do not find any error or illegality in the impugned judgment passed by the Tribunal. The impugned judgment of the Tribunal is Price escalation and Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be partial probe in the matter and aswell reasoned and lucid. The same does not call for any interference. The writ petition lacks merit and the same is, accordingly, dismissed". leemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes serted that in case involvement of Whereas, considering all the facts and circumstances of the case together with the aforesaid orders of the Hon'ble High Court and the Hon'ble Central 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 any person or NGO is proven, the 10. ninistrative Tribunal (CAT), the part selection lists alongwith waiting lists in respect of posts/slots kept reserved, in relation to the post of Radiographic Technician Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on Floriculture e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required culprits should be dealt under relwas prepared and placed before the Board in its 193rd Board Meeting held on 03.12.2021; and Instructions to Bidder (ITB). All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids evant sections of the law. 11.1 Whereas, the Board after taking into consideration all the facts before it, together with other related aspects, approved the part selection lists in respect of Valid GST No. along with copy of GST & PAN No. including all other requisite documents. "If such allegations are proved a) b) c) d) candidates whose slots were kept reserved in compliance with the interim directions of the Hon'ble High Court's order dated 03.03.2020. right it is not only inhuman but it Now, therefore in view of the above: The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid. All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language. If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate list/quantity schedule, cost of such item/ items shall be deemed to be part The part selection lists for the post of Radiographic Technician for GMC Anantnag & GMC Baramulla as approved by the Board in 193rd Board Meeting are (i) also violates the provisions of Child hereby notified as Annexure "A" & Annexure "B" to this Notification. Protection Act and human traffick-The part selection lists approved are subject to the outcome of any writ petition (s) pending in any Court/Tribunal of competent jurisdiction. (ii) of the overall/total contract value. No rate shall be allowed for such item / items in the allotment of contract. However, at the time of ing laws. It is the primary responsihis total cost will be enhanced by the highest quoted rate for the item for the purpose of comparative statement only and his quoted By Order. bility of the government to ensure cost shall not be entertained even if 1st lowest. Sd/ protection of orphans in orphan-No: EE/FDK/2687-92 No: -SSB/Sel/Secy/2021/ 8412-17 (Sachin Jamwal) JKAS, ages and other welfare institutions" Executive Engineer Dated: 04.12.2021 Dated: -04 .12.2021 Secretary DIPK-14291/21 Deptt: of Floriculture, Kashmir DIPK-14295/21 J&K. Services Selection Board Jammu he added.



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Heritage Account

Swati Joshi

rom old mosques to grandeur monuments, Kashmir is home to many places that are filled with stories from the past. Among them is the 600-year-old mosque, Jamia Masjid, built by Sultan Sikandar Butshikan in 1934. The mosque is considered to be a sacred shrine for Muslims.

Resting in Srinagar, the mosque's architecture is based on Indo-Saracenic architecture. The Indo-Saracenic architecture combines the Indo-Islamic architecture with Victorian Gothic architectural elements. The construction of the mosque was extended by Butshikan's son Zain-ul-Abidin.

Surrounded by gardens and lanes, the mosque was de-structured in 1479, 1503, and 1674. Maharaja Pratap Singh, the third Dogra ruler who ruled J&K for 40 years played an important role in the reconstruction of Jamia Masjid.

One of the grandest mosques of Kashmir, Jamia Masjid is always bustling with people in the evening discussing religions, politics, and life. The mosque is reflective of Islamic art and culture and is always thronged with tourists. The fourcornered minars, pyramidal roofs and pinnacles tender age of 13. The child was suffering from an irrecoverable disease when Nund Reshi was passing through Kishtwar. Having heard of the saint's miraculous acts, Zia Singh's mother approached him to look after his son.

The Sheikh agreed to look after Zia Singh provided the child will meet him in Kashmir once he recovers. Zia Singh who didn't visit the Sheikh, again fell ill. His mother who had a dream one day decided to fulfill her promise by taking the child to Kashmir to visit the Sufi saint. The mother and the son undertook the hazardous journey from Kishtwar to Bumzua, a village about 8 miles south of Aishmuqam, where Sheikh Nur-ud-din was staying at that time. It was at this place that both Zia Singh and his mother embraced Islam. Thereafter Zia Singh was renamed as Zain-u- din Wali. Afterward under the guidance of Noordin Reshi, Zain-u- din Wali moved to the cave of Aishmuqam for meditation.

Aishmuqam shrine is thronged with thousands of devotees during the annual Urs and Zool festival in which men, women, and children gather atop a hillock in Aishmuqam village with torches to commemorate the moment when Zain-u- din Wali entered the cave. Another important heritage site in Kashmir is tomb of the Mother of Zain-ul-Abidin. Built in 15th century, the tomb is a resting place of Kashmir's famous ruler Sultan Zain-ul-Abidin's mother. The tomb is located on the banks of the Jhelum river. It is believed that the Sultan purposely constructed the tomb near the water body as per "traditional Muslim beliefs and traditional ceremonies, rites, and rituals" Sultan Zain-ul-Abidin ruled Kashmir for 50 years and that period is remembered as one of the most peaceful times in the valley. Son of Shah Mir who started Mughal dynasty in India, Sultan Zain-ul-Abidin constructed this tomb to commemorate his mother after her death. Another heritage site in Kashmir is Martand Sun Temple. Dedicated to the sun, this temple is at a distance of over five miles from Anantnag. The ruins of the temple are commonly called Pandu-Koru, or the house of the Pandus and Korus. Martand is a Sanskrit word which means sun. The temple was constructed during seventh and eighth century by Lalitaditya Muktapida, the third ruler of the Karkota Dynasty. The entire structure is built over a plateau in Anantnag. The temple comes under the Archaeological Survey of India and many films like Aandhi and Haider have been shot here.

Kashmir Kaleidoscope

'But you have to understand when they say that Kashmir is heaven on earth, they probably don't say it because of its scenery, they probably mean the people. Because its always the people that make the place.'

Jyotsna Bharti there's any place on earth which

and entice the artist inside of you, then it has to be Kashmir.

It took me hours, long-huge hours to understand what it is written about Kashmir which in reality also encapsulates Kashmir's beauty. Unfortunately, no words of humankind can explain the beauty of the place to its fullest.

Kashmir is poetry, a sonnet which recites its poem through pain and joy, blood and beauty, fall and autumn. Kashmir is devotion, a pious enchanted place which will suffice your hungry soul, the shimmering waterfalls, beautiful shikaras in the lakes on the valley, the deodar and Chinar trees and the great Himalayas. Kashmir is so captivating that even if you haven't been here ever then also via stories and movies unknowingly or knowingly you will fall in love, a kind of love which will get etched on your heart forever.

That's how Kashmir is, an art which cannot be confined in any form!

No wonder, it has always intrigued Bollywood filmmakers to serve a slice of Kashmir in every art of theirs. The official romance between an artist and Kashmir started during the '60s when director Shakti Samanta directed 'Kashmir Ki Kali' which was one of the highest-grossing films that year. After that, the discovery of paradise started. Most of the romantic movies during the decade were shot there. Kashmir was the romance hub for Indian directors with which they were falling in love.

During the '90s, Bollywood started perceiving Kashmir as war-zone area. From the flowing wind of romance, Bollywood directors successfully established Kashmir as ground zero in the public perception. From a place which attracted tourists, it had become a place people feared. Kashmir grabbed attention like never before. The place which has paradise, had now become a bane.





PRE-89 BOLLYWOOD CINEMAS

The era of Indian cinema during the '60s and '70s was the era of romance. Filmmakers had started exploring the country and the geographical loca-

beautiful way. Kashmir or Kashmiri culture was more or less shrunk to a scenic set.

Later, prominent director Yash Chopra continued the tradition of enhancing the beauty of Kashmir on camera through his movies Kabhi Kabhie (1976),

Noorie (1979) and Silsila (1981) which got etched on many of our heart and soul - the image of soothing and epitome of beauty, Kashmir. It had become a fantasy land of people across the country.

These stories weren't about Kashmir; filmmakers were just borrowing the eternal beauty of Kashmir to make their films beautiful. None of them tried to listen to the melancholy of writers to scrape the wound of Kashmir. The movie was loosely based on the kidnapping of Indian Oil executive director K Doraiswamy. The story depicts a story of a Hindu female protagonist, from small-town Tamil Nadu fights against all odds to rescue her husband who has been kidnapped by Kashmiri militants.

This movie opened the gates to showcase violence in the state which led to the movies like Mission Kashmir, Yahaan, Fanna etc. Vidhu Vinod Chopra in an interview said that his movie Mission Kashmir is a movie about Kashmiriyat, the culture and traditions of Kashmir. But after watching, all you will takeaway is that the movie is about turmoil and tensions.

add to the beauty of Jamia Masjid.

Another historic site is Avantipur Ruins, located on the Srinagar-Pahalgam highway. The Avantipur town was built by King Avantivarman when he ruled Kashmir from 855-883 AD. The king was the founder of the Utpala dynasty in the ninth century.

Amidst the ruins are two temples, Avantishwar dedicated to Shiva and Avantiswami dedicated to Vishnu.

Sandstone was used to build the structure and it incorporates the Gandharva style. The temples were discovered in the eighteen centuries by the Britishers during excavations.

The ruins have many stories that could be seen on the pillars' inscriptions and many sculptures that have survived the destruction by dynasties and the environment. There are many carvings on the pillars representing demigods and mythical creatures.

In this southern part of Kashmir rests another historic place called Aishmuqam Shrine. Built in the 15th century in Anantnag, the shrine was founded in honor of Shiekh Zain-ud-din, who was one of the chief disciples of the renowned Reshi, Shiekh Noor-uddin—a Kashmiri Sufi saint, mystic, poet, and Islamic preacher.

According to legends, Shiekh Zain-ud-din was known as Zia Singh before his conversion. He was born in a Rajput family from Kishtwar district. Zia Singh lost his father at a And as Music composer and singer, Shankar Mahadevan sang the words of lyricists Sameer,

Phir Zarra Zarra Mehkega Khushboo Ke Mausam Aayenge, Phir Chinaar Ki Shaakhon Pe Pan-

chhi Ghar Apna Banayenge, In Raahon Se Jaane Waale Phir Laut Ke Waapas Aayenge,

 Phir Jannat Ki Galiyon Mein Sab Log Yeh Naghma Gaayenge, Rind Posh Maal Gindane Graaye Lo

Lo !!!

Eventually, the table took a turn and during the late 1990s and 2000s, Bollywood got stormed by various artistic directors and writers who wanted to portray Kashmir's landscape, culture, tribes, hospitality and warmth to contribute to this gorgeous, beguiling and divine place called Kashmir.

One of such director and writer is Imtiaz Ali who while shooting Highway in Kashmir managed to interact with students in Kashmir University. "Kashmir is regarded as special in the country... It is like the jewel of the country... But it is represented very little and I do share your sentiment that it has not been completely and accurately described. There have been films on Kashmir, but there is much more than what has been shown," Ali said during an interactive session organized by Media Department of Kashmir University.

While his interaction with media students in Kashmir, he encouraged the youngsters to come up as storytellers and enlighten the world with the essence of Kashmir, the real Kashmir.

Though Kashmir has always been a political hot-spot internationally, very little of Kashmir's culture and tradition has been shown in the movies. It is either a paradise or breeding gun in the lens of Bollywood which is just not a justification to a place which has given a crown to the country. during this exploration that Kashmir became a symbol of love and romance for Bollywood.

The beautiful scenic valleys and Pasture laden mountains of Kashmir caught the eye of the Indian filmmaker. It is never enough to say how beautiful Kashmir is anyway. A large number of films shot in there during that period hardly spoke about the culture, tradition, heritage or even music of Kashmir. The sole purpose of shooting there was the beauty which went parallel and hands in hand with all the romantic movies of that time.

The prominent films shot during that time was 1965 movie Arzoo, Jab Jab Phool Khile (1965), Kashmir Ki Kali (1964) and Roti(1974). The movies did show Shikara, Houseboats, Kashmiri traditional dress, Pheran and a headscarf but what took the backseat was the essence of the authenticity of Kashmir.

The added all the above elements to just to add beauty and make it attractive on camera. The sole purpose was to portray romance in an utmost

Kashmir. Bollywood filmmakers could not see anything beyond its snowcapped mountains and verdant valleys of Kashmir.

POST-89 BOLLYWOOD CINEMAS

As the focus of the writings of Shakespeare (which initially were love and romance cantered) changed in his later writings (which were based on tragedy), likewise, the idea and imagination of Kashmir changed from (the pre-1989) a romantic spot to (the post-1989) a tragic hamlet.

The post-1989 films changed the image of Kashmir for Bollywood, media houses, potential sightseers and the dwellers of Kashmir. There is an abrupt change from 1989 when the insurgency was started. A new type of storytelling took place for Kashmir which was going to change the entire perspective of Kashmir. Post-conflict, Kashmir was either brewing for militancy and militants or getting sympathies for same in the cinemas. The art of cinema became more of political turmoil.

In 1992, Mani Ratnam's directed movie Roja came which changed the game of filmmakers of infusing only beauty. Tamil movie which later on dubbed in Hindi too, Roja was a political drama which showcased violence in Kashmir for the very first time after the conflict. This movie opened the gate to many more directors and



Understandably, the motive behind such movies was not to destroy the image of Kashmir or give such point of view to the viewers. It was made on real grounds and stories, but the viewers got it all wrong — a very few numbers understood that the movies were political dramas.

AND THEN COMES HAIDER (2014)

Haider is an Indian adaptation of William Shakespeare's Hamlet. The Vishal Bhardwaj's directed movie is set in Kashmir where Shahid Kapoor is Hamlet, Shraddha Kapoor is Ophelia, Tabu plays Gertrude and Kay Kay Menon is Claudius. Without a doubt, the movie is brilliantly made and crafted with the right amount and balance of everything. The movie successfully adapted the play's twists and turns in the backdrop of the armed insurgency in the Kashmir of the 1990s. Vishal Bhardwaj successfully showed the true essence of Kashmiris and Kashmir. In my knowledge, this is probably the first Bollywood movie which has tried to inculcate the linguistic nature of Kashmir. The movie didn't fail to showcase the agony of Kashmiri's too beyond the political hotspot. The movie also raises the point which was majorly not known - Disappeared and Halfwidow.

tu idhar udhar ki na baat kar, Ye bataa ki qaafila kyu luta. Mujhe reh-zani ka gila nahi. Teri rehbari ka sawaal hai.

Before this movie, Imtiaz Ali showcased the warmth and ease in the valley. Through his movies like Highway and Rockstar where the protagonist moves to Kashmir and parts near to the Himalayas to find innermost, Ali successfully established the connection of viewers with Kashmir's inner beauty. Imtiaz also broke the stigma of beauty by saying, 'But you have to understand when they say that Kashmir is heaven on earth, they probably don't say it because of its scenery, they probably mean the people. Because its always the people that make the place.'

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Mountain Man's Mission Everest

Following a noted hiker Danish Dhaar's recent 100 plus alpine summits, the focus has now shifted to his group's plan to summit Everest.







Zeenish Imroz

Before his apex glory, Danish Dhaar along with his friend Amir Lateef was making climbing accessible to youth for exploring the undiscovered treasures of Kashmir.

These two GST—Goods and Services Tax—practitioners from Srinagar sponsored the Sunday summits soon after starting a non-profit club by the name of Jammu and Kashblockade, nine JKMF members left home and eventually climbed the highest mountain in the Stok Range of the Himalayas in Ladakh with an altitude of 6,153m.

The peak, notably, is just 2,695m short of Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

The essence of Ladakh, Amir says, is spiritual and relaxing The prayer flags he mountaineering a leisure activity for Kashmiri youth, Danish Dhaar, back in 2018, had started JKMF as Harmukh Adventures. Since then, he has hosted many peak summits in Kashmir frozen heights.

His group, in July 2019, climbed the Sunset Peak which is the highest mountain of Pir Panjal Range. With an elevation of 2,745 metres, the peak is also known as Romesh Thong

mir Mountaineering Foundation (JKMF).

Along with their members, the duo is holding Sunday treks to make mountaineering a leisure activity for the adventure lovers.

So far, the duo has hosted groups to 50 different alpine lakes, out of the total 200-plus lakes in Kashmir including that of Nundkol, Gangabal, Tala sar, Sundarsar and have a forethought of exploring all the alpine lakes unravelled.

So far, the highest elevation the group has reached is that of Stok Kangri in Ladakh the part of pre-August 5, 2019 Kashmir.

The summit was undertaken in late 2019 summer, when the atmosphere was very grim for adventure sports due to post abrogation lockdown in the valley.

Amid communication

mentions, equally uplifts the natural beauty of the place.

"We started trekking in the cold desert at 8am to reach the first camp called Manakorma at 5 in the afternoon," he recalls. The temperature steeps to minus 8-degrees at night in late summers.

The next day, the duo's group reached the basecamp and left for summit push at 11pm so the ice is trekkable and the crevices aren't dangerous, Amir continues.

"It was a beautiful night of full moon and the headlights weren't needed," he recounts his adventurous journey. "We trekked the whole night and reached the summit at 9 in the morning."

The climb to the summit of Stok Kangri takes 10 days which the group finished in just three days! To make trekking and also known as Ronnesh Thoms.

The duo-led group has already climbed the Mahadev Peak, which is Srinagar's highest peak, with an altitude of 3,966m in 2019, in a single day.

The group got recently affiliated with Peaks Alpines Adventures from North Kashmir and is planning to connect with schools and colleges so the children take the adventure sport as a co-curricular activity.

The group also plans to climb Mount Everest and shift from trekking to mountaineering for which it plans to sponsor courses for their members of Sunday treks.

However, driven by the "catch them young" motto, the duo focuses on influencing schools and students—"so that Kashmir in near future produces its own mountain stars on the global platform," Danish asserts.



News

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Rabia Mughal's Book 'Joyful And Burden-Free Learning' Launched Everything apart, the pedagogy of love must rule supreme while teaching students: Author

FAROOQ SHAH

SRINAGAR: "When love is rooted in our pedagogical practices, we equip students to identify that their needs, their desires, or whatever it is that motivates them, matter," said Dr Rabia Naseem Mughal, author of her new book, "Modern Learning Approaches And Teaching Techniques," launched at a glittering function here on Saturday, December 4.

Set in the backdrop of a theme based on "Joyful and burden-free learning," the author has dedicated her fifth book to her daughter, Kibria, who she declared, 'has taught me to communicate love'.

"Since love is present in all human lives as an emotional experience and may be present in all human lives as an intellectual idea as well, it should constitute the very foundation of whatever pedagogy you're trying your hands on while teaching a child," the author said.

Dr Mughal works at the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) as an academic officer.

On a cool misty Saturday afternoon, brightly lit-up and packed almost to its capacity, the auditorium of the Jammu and Kashmir Information Department at the historical Residency Road gleefully presented an ambiance deserving a book launch event.

The sprawling auditorium suddenly wore a festive look, the smiles flashing across the joyful faces of the gathering

academicians, comprising teachers and students bringing with it an offering to the event waiting eagerly for the book to be unwrapped.

A meticulous Kibria, who read out the preface of the book to the audience before being unwrapped, had bedecked several copies in beautiful covers probably to express her unspoken love for her mother.

"As a daughter, your mother is one person who will always be able to understand you," smiled an emotional Kibria while unsuccessfully hiding her tears. "Mothers have the opportunity to teach their daughters how to grow up in this world. They are there to be their daughter's guide, confidant, and friend for

On the stage, a string of eminent dignitaries, who were given the wrapped copies of the book, gently tore off their covers and aligned themselves in an arc behind the massive banner announcing its formal release.

The group comprised Director School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain Mir, former Director Radio Kashmir. Sved Humayun Qaiser, Director News Door Darshan, Qazi Salman, Professor Manzoor Ahmad Rather from the School of Education & Behavioural Sciences. University of Kashmir. MPML Higher Principal Secondary School. Romana Qazi and Fazal Elahi, a teacher from the Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, M A Road,

including her uncle Er Abdul Aleem Moghal and her aunt, Shahi Taj Mughal, bore witness to the perseverance and hard work that eventually culminated into the cherished event. The author couldn't stop her-

self from making a mention of her grandmother, Mahatab Samad Mughal, who, she said, inspired her in many ways especially through her poetry. "She helped plant the seeds of

creativity inside my virgin brain much before my formal schooling had begun," the author, while tearfully reminding herself of her silent contribution, Many of the author's relatives said. "She unwittingly helped

nurture an atmosphere of learning well within the bounds of our home.'

The audience, amid a thunderous applause, rose from their seats and clapped in unison to pay their obeisance to the author for the 'much-needed' piece of work.

"Adapting to new teaching trends and learning approaches has become essential for teachers," Director Tasaduq, while recommending the book to be read 'religiously', said immediately after its release. "Books are being published in tens of hundreds but the manner in which the author has touched upon the

intricacies of various teaching techniques is commendable.'

"The book has come at the right time and could be helpful not only to the teachers in school education but for teacher educators working in SCERT, university departments of education, and IASEs as well," Fazal Ilahi, while conducting a pithy analysis of the book, said.

Ilahi dealt with the chapters on 'Bringing Joy to Classroom', 'Multiple Intelligence' and 'Emotional Intelligence' with greater detail, saying that 'they must form a basis of our teaching-learning processes.

"The check lists provided in

the book for emotional intelligence and assessment of various intelligences could be administered in a select cluster of schools by the SCERT and DIETs to begin with," he said. "This assessment could help teachers to alter their pedagogies according to the needs and learning styles of students.'

However, he delineated the "downside" of the book declaring "it does not follow a good sequence in its chapters and the readers would be at loss to grasp the holistic understanding and the theoretical basis of the teaching techniques.

"The book surprisingly misses to even mention "Behaviourism" as a philosophical and psychological basis of many of the teaching techniques in the book," Ilahi, while insisting on updating the book possibly in its next version, said.

Constructivism", he further added, "too, does not get a detailed treatment with brief text on "scaffolding" put together hurriedly and separately".

While critically evaluating the book, Professor Manzoor, said that joyful learning provides the panacea for many of the ills of monotonous, drudgery and passivity of the classroom atmosphere.

"There's a definite paradigm shift from some sort of a banking system where students are merely treated as knowledge containers by filling their brains with all sorts of stuff," he said.

Prof Manzoor called out the 'theoretical, reproductive and descriptive' text of the book which he believed should have been more 'innovative and fascinating' in its approach.

The book launch featured a cameo by Firdous Ahmad Fida, a government school teacher, enthralling the audience with his wit and humour while satirically exposing the menace of boredom that the typical classrooms are filled with.

Similarly, a brief theatrical performance based on the play 'Lottery Ticket" offered an example of how joyful and burdenfree learning could be achieved by empowering the teachers to become great storytellers.

"Using drama and theatre as a tool to teach is not only effective; it will also bring the necessary change in the learning process for students," the author said. "It is particularly a better way to learn how to think on your feet, to identify problems, evaluate a range of possible solutions, and figure out what to do."

The author rounded up the day's proceeding with quoting a note from her book: "We're pretty habitual of undervaluing the influence of a sincere smile, a tender touch, a compassionate and candid compliment, a wise word, an empathetic ear, or an altruistic act.'

Before the audience left for their homes, everyone in the hall rose from their seats and gave the author another round of thundering applause for making their evening a memorable one.

"I'll keep the memory of this wonderful evening clenched to my heart for a long time," Rehana Qussar, a teacher said.

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Srinagar.

J&K's Rs 1,456Cr

almost doubling the 600 MBBS seats to 1100 seats. In addition to it, J&K is the first in the country to have two AIIMS, two Cancer Institutes, besides the number of Health and wellness centres have increased to 1275 after the year 2019, from just 129 and 10 new nursing colleges for the UT have been given by the Prime Minister.

J&K has a unique health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat-SEHAT, under which every family is covered for five lakh medical insurance, but before 2019 there was no government health insurance scheme in I&K, he added.

The Lt Governor concluded his address observing that the threat of corona pandemic is not over yet. "A new variant of Covid "Omicron" has emerged and I urge everyone to follow Covid protocol to prevent the third wave", he said.

Earlier, the Lt Governor dedicated to the patients the new Neuro Sciences ICU, Pulmonary ICU at infectious Diseases Block, Obstetrics and Gynecology ICU, Geriatric Medicine Ward, State Cancer Institute OPD Complex, Waiting Hall Emergency Medicine, and Extension of Staff Canteen, New CSSD, besides laying e-foundation stones of new College of Paramedical Sciences, Advanced Pediatrics Centre, 1000 seated Auditorium, Construction of Library Block and Separate OPD Block.

BOSE Directs

jobs? In fact, you are terminating those in service." "You had promised 50,000 jobs, where are they? Rather you are terminating our people. Were there no people for employing in the (Jammu & Kashmir) Bank that you got people from Punjab and Haryana?

"Where will the boys and girls from J&K go? But if we raise our voices, they are crushed. The media is facing pressure, they (journalists) are summoned to police stations if they write anything against (the government). And they (government) say there is freedom," he said.

On the recent Hyderpora encounter and how the families of two civilians killed in the operation forced the administration to return their bodies, Abdullah said it was made possible because people showed unity.

He demanded that the body of another person, Amir Magray, killed in the encounter also be returned to his family. "Three innocent people were killed (in the Hyderpora encounter). When people raised their voices, they (the administration) returned the bodies so that their kin could bury them. This is what unity can do. "But the body of one person has still not been returned to his family. How many innocent people would they have killed this way? We will hold them accountable. He (God) will also hold them accountable and no one will escape that," the NC chief said.

deadline." he added.

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complainant Gurdeep Singh, son of a Pakistanoccupied Kashmir refugee of 1947.

In his complaint in 2016, Singh claimed the state land was allotted in favour of his father Jagat Singh, who during his lifetime, remained in its continuous physical cultivation and possession.

After his death, the complainant said he and his brother were in physical cultivation and no rights of proprietorship could be vested in favour of any person, including the allottees Chaju Ram alias Chottu Ram and his three sons Sheru, Hari and Paras of Alora.

The spokesperson said the allegations were prima facie substantiated during a preliminary verification, leading to the registration of an instant formal criminal case.

During the course of investigation, material and other documentary evidence was collected, which proved Ram and others, in connivance with the then revenue authorities, prepared the mutation besides making false entries in the rev enue record in contravention to the law of the land and against the interests of the complainant, the spokesperson said. (PTI)

increased. As if tourism is everything. What about the 50,000 jobs you promised? Where are those

Various HoDs and doctors were also felicitated on the occasion for their exemplary services.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor in his speech said that the SKIMS is providing invaluable services to the citizens of UT and has always stood at front in case of any exigency. He added that the institute provides technologically sound and evidence-based health care services to the general public.

Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director AIIMS, New Delhi, in his speech highlighted the importance of the institute and said that in coming years it will be an institute of national repute.

Dr. Guleria while delivering a presentation on 'Lessons learnt from COVID-19' said that the pandemic has impacted every fabric of society and it will stay and, therefore we need to invest more in public health services and pandemic preparedness. He added that social distancing and masks are still the best measures to contain spread of pandemic.

Director SKIMS, Dr. A.G Ahangar in his speech gave a detailed overview of the various health services provided by the institute to the general public.

Former Director SKIMS and Chairman Apex Advisory Committee COVID-19, Dr. M.S Khuroo, Deans, Faculty Members, Senior Doctors, Covid Warriors, Nursing Staff, Members of Support Staff of SKIMS were present on the occasion.

Faroog Wants

farmers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had on November 19 announced the decision to repeal the farm laws passed last year to ease rules around the sale, pricing and storage of crops.

"(The farmers protested for) 11 months, more than 700 farmers died. The Centre had to revoke the three farm Bills when farmers made sacrifices. We may also have to make sacrifices like that to get back our rights.

Remember this, we have promised to get back (Articles) 370, 35-A and statehood and we are ready to make any sacrifice," Abdullah said.

The NC, however, is not against brotherhood and does not support violence, he said.

Reacting to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent statement that post abrogation of Article 370, J&K is witnessing peace and tourism, Dr Farooq said that if tourism is picking up in Kashmir, what does that mean? "Is tourism everything," the NC chief asked.

"In Delhi, they talk about how tourism has

2 Covid Deaths,

during the time, 34 from Jammu Division and 150 from Kashmir, they said.

So far 331620 patients have recovered, leaving active case tally at 1706–439 in Jammu and 1267 in Kashmir.

They said there was no new confirmed case of mucormycosis (black fungus) reported today. So far 58 black fungus cases have been confirmed in I&K. the officials said.

The officials also informed that 30753 doses of covid-19 vaccine were administered during the time in J&K.

Snow in Highlands

snowfall were likely to increase gradually in intensity and will continue till next 12-18 hours. The weather will improve from Monday onwards.

Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 0.6°C. South Kashmir's Qazigund recorded a minimum temperature of 3.4°C. Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 2.7°C and Kokernag recorded 2.3°C.

In North Kashmir, Kupwara recorded 1.6°C, Gulmarg recorded a minimum of minus 1.4°C.

In Ladakh, Leh was the coldest place that saw a minimum temperature of minus 6.4°C, while Kargil recorded minus 0.4°C. Drass in Kargil recorded minus 5.1°C.

Kashmir Railway

through underground tunnels and land measuring over 11,000 kanal (550 hectares) has been handed over to the railways.

Managing director, Beigh Construction Company (BCC), Imran Beig said a road-header machine is being used for the first time in the excavation of railway tunnels in the Kashmir rail project.

"The load-header machine is being used in tunnel excavation and thanks to the machine, there is no need for carrying out blasts inside the tunnels, which sometimes damage the nearby residential houses coming along the railway tunnels," he said.

"We have been given a one-year deadline to complete tunnel number 77 and I am hopeful that we will complete the project within the

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Khurram Parvez

18B, 38,40/ UAP.

The NIA had also conducted a raid at the office of JKCCS in Srinagar and had also seized mobile phones, laptop and some books from Parvez's house. PTI

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6 Charged With

on Sunday.

The chargesheet against two revenue officials and four members of a family was filed in the court of special judge, anti-corruption, for judicial determination on Saturday, a spokesperson of the Jammu Crime Branch said.

He said the mutation of the land at Tikku Tehra was done in contravention of the law of the land and against the interest of the

Two Militants

village near Rambi Ara, government forces launched a cordon and search operation in the area, a police spokesman said.

He said as the government forces approached the suspected spot, the duo tried to flee.

However, they were apprehended by the search party, the spokesman added.

He identified the other arrested as Kifavat Avoub Alie, a resident of Pinioora Shopian.

Incriminating material, arms and ammunition including a Chinese pistol, a pistol magazine, two Chinese hand grenades and eight pistol rounds were recovered from their possession, besides cash amount of Rs 2.9 lakh, the spokesman said.

A case has been registered and investigation taken up, he said.

5 Shops Gutted

Department, actively assisted by army, police and civilians to contain the fire, five shops were gutted in the mishap.

A Fire and Emergency Services Department official said that the affected site is at a distance of nearly twelve kilometres from the nearest station, which according to him, took them some time to reach (the site).

Five shops which were in proximity were gutted in the mishap, the official said.

Meanwhile army in a statement said that on receiving information about the incident, two teams including a Quick Reaction Team was rushed to the site with firefighting equipments.

"Army personnel without caring for their own safety, carried a human chain from the water point to the incident site" it said adding the fire was contained and allowed not to spread to adjacent shops, houses and trees.

"After strenuous firefight, the blaze was finally tamed at 1:15 AM, army said, adding the village Panchayat members and senior citizens of the village lauded the efforts and professionalism of army in minimising the loss in the mishap.'

Four Held With

Railway station road, a police spokesman said. He identified those arrested as Vikram Sharma (55) of Jammu and his associates from Delhi -- Sunny (38) Hritik Soni (21) and Pardeep Sapra (31).

A case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was registered against the four and further investigation is on, the spokesman said. (PTI)

LIFE & TIMES

'We Might Not Know Half of What's in Our Cells'

Neuroscience News

Most human diseases can be traced to malfunctioning parts of a cell — a tumor is able to grow because a gene wasn't accurately translated into a particular protein or a metabolic disease arises because mitochondria aren't firing properly, for example. But to understand what parts of a cell can go wrong in a disease, scientists first need to have a complete list of parts.

By combining microscopy, biochemistry techniques and artificial intelligence, researchers at University of California San Diego School of Medicine and collaborators have taken what they think may turn out to be a significant leap forward in the understanding of human cells.

The technique, known as Multi-Scale Integrated Cell (MuSIC), is described November 24, 2021 in Nature.

"If you imagine a cell, you probably picture the

colorful diagram in your cell biology textbook, with

mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum and nucleus. But is that the whole story? Definitely not," said Trey Ideker, PhD, professor at UC San Diego School of Medicine and Moores

Cancer Center. "Scientists have long realized there's more that we don't know than we know, but now we finally have a way to look Ideker led the study with Emma Lundberg,

PhD. of KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden and Stanford University.

Explainer: Could The Omicron Variant Bring Milder Illness?

Agencies

he Omicron variant, spreading now in southern Africa and detected in over 30 other countries, has prompted fears it could significantly undermine the effectiveness of vaccines against COVID-19.

Yet as scientists race to understand the full consequences of Omicron, some are also asking whether this new version of coronavirus might cause milder illness than its predecessors. While they caution that it is far too early to draw conclusions, here is what is known so far:

Evidence from initial cases

Among 70 cases reported in ease Prevention and Control.

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What Do The Data Show?

of the new variant is limited.

Europe that included information on disease severity, half of the patients had no symptoms and half had mild symptoms, according to a report on Thursday by the European Centre for Dis-

agency said it would require data on hundreds of cases to accurately assess disease complications, estimating that could take several weeks. In addition, most cases detected in Europe so far have been in younger people who were fully vaccinated, making them less likely to suffer severe illness.

In South Africa, where the daily number of reported COV-ID-19 cases doubled on Wednesday to 8,561, symptoms for reinfected patients and those infected after vaccination appear to be mild.

There were no cases of se

vere disease, hospitalization, or

death. However, the European

"Some evidence from South Africa suggests that it may actually cause more mild illness but. I caution you that a lot of the patients South Africa initially were among young university students," Dr. Carlos Del Rio, an infectious diseases expert at Emory University in Atlanta, said on Thursday during an online briefing from the Infectious



Diseases Society of America.

Is Omicron A 'Less Fit' Version Of Coronavirus?

While data on real world infections continues to emerge, scientists are conducting laboratory studies to decipher Omicron. The variant has about 50 mutations not seen in combination before, including more than 30 mutations on the spike protein

spike protein, he said. Some scientists have theo-

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rized Omicron may have developed over a period of months in an immunocompromised individual, such as an HIV patient in southern Africa. If so, "the virus adapted not to kill that host," Wherry said.

There are competing theories that the latest variant evolved from an animal host.

Will Omicron Become The Dominant Variant?

The other central question surrounding Omicron is whether it will overtake the Delta variant, which still accounts for the overwhelming majority of known infections worldwide. If Omicron does become dominant, but causes milder illness, it could mark a turning point toward the virus eventually becoming a seasonal threat. like influenza, said Sumit Chanda, an infectious disease researcher at the Scripps Research Department of Immunology and Microbiology in San Diego

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SNOW Clearance Short term Tender Notice. NIT 16/EE/PMGSY/Bud/2021-22dated 04-12-2021

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governorof Jammu and Kashmir, the sealed tenders affixed with Rs 4/-Revenue stamp are invited from Registered/Eligible from any Classof contractors whose registration card are renewed for the current financial year for the below mentioned Snow Clearance works for the year 2021-22 which should reach the office of the Executive Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Div. Budgam near Railway Bridge Bagh-e-Mehtab Srinagar on or before 10-12-2021upto 3.00 PM.

The tender Documents shall be issued against Treasury Challan(Head 0059)as mentioned below and on production of valid registration card. The Tenders shall be accepted from 06-12-2021 to 10-12-2021upto 3.00PM.

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The full adver sement can be downloaded from the website of SSCL (www.srinagarsmartcity.in). List of empanelled firms shall be uploaded on The bit date is the method and in the restrict of sole (WWW.aningdatana) (List of emplanded in the addition of the website of SGL from the date of selection. Firms may seek clarifications by writing to SSCL on srinagarscl@gmail.com

Details of Empanelment

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		Qualifications of Key Experts	Relevant Technical Experience (Min. 5 years)	Fee (inclusive of taxes)
	Architectural	Masters' in Architectural Conservation; Bachelors' in Architecture	urban architectural conservation projects, that may include – Conservation Plans for precincts, Building Conservation, Heritage Management Plans, etc. of at least 25 Cr. or more than 50 acres or more, in the last 5 years. 2. Should have extensive experience in handling large and small scale architectural conservation works in various parts of the country and working with various materials, specially brick and timber. 3. Should have experience in working in Kashmir region. 4. Should have an average annual turm- over of at least 50 lakhs or more in the last 3 years. 5. Should have experience of working with Govt agency. 6. Should have a working office in India with at least 5 conservation architects or architects (over last 1 year).	 Clause 1.4 (7.5 Percent on the cost of works). For only Advisory work: As per Council of Architecture Scale of Charges – Clause 6 (Rs.10,000 per day for each day of visit from outstation, and/ or Rs.4,000 per day each day of visit from local of Kashmir) For Site Visits during Projects or Advisory work: Air Fare on actual, local travel, boarding and lodging shall be provided – Clause 5.
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First Omicron Case In Delhi After Tanzania Returnee **Tests Positive; 5th In India**



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NEW DELHI: Delhi reported its first case of new COVID-19 Variant Omicron on Sunday.

"First omicron case detected in Delhi. The patient admitted to the LNJP Hospital had returned from Tanzania. Till now, 17 people (who come from abroad) have tested positive for Covid and they have been admitted to the hospital," Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain told reporters here.

This is the fifth case of Omicron reported in the country. The first two cases of Omicron reported were in Karnataka. On Saturday, the third and the fourth case of the infection were

reported from Guiarat's lamnagar and Maharashtra's Dombivli respectively. Earlier, Delhi Chief Minister

Arvind Kejriwal urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to stop international flights in the view of Omicron variant. A new variant of COVID-19

was first reported to the World

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Soldiers Gun Down 13 Civilians In Nagaland, Army Calls It 'Unfortunate'

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KOHIMA/NEW DELHI: Security forces opened fire on civilians killing 13 and injuring 11 more in Nagaland's Mon district in two consecutive incidents of firing the first of which was possibly a case of mistaken identity, police said on Sunday. One soldier also died in rioting which followed. The first firing which killed six civilians, occurred when

army personnel mistook coal mine workers returning home in a pick-up van singing songs on Saturday evening, to be insurgents belonging to the Yung Aung faction of proscribed outfit NSCN (K), about whose movements they had been tipped off. As workers failed to reach their homes. local youth and villagers went in search of them and surrounded the army vehicles. In the

ensuing melee one soldier was killed and army vehicles burnt down Soldiers who fired in selfdefence killed another seven civilians, said police officials.

Rioting spilled over into Sunday afternoon when angry mobs vandalised the offices of the Konyak Union and an Assam Rifles camp in the area. The Nagaland government through a notification has banned mobile, internet and data services as well as bulk SMS in the district to curb "circulation of inflammatory video's, pictures or text". Police said that the post-mortem

of the 13 killed is being conducted in Mon and feared that the number of fatalities may increase as at least two of those injured were critical and had to be evacuated to hospitals in Assam while the rest were being treated in Nagaland.

Ordering a Court of Inquiry into the incident, Army said one of its personnel was killed and several others were seriously injured. It said that the incident and its aftermath is "deeply regretted" and the unfortunate loss of lives is being investigated at the highest level.

The state government has constituted a five-member Special

Investigation Team (SIT) headed by IGP Nagaland, officials said.

PRO Defence (Kohima) Lt Col Sumit K Sharma said Based on credible intelligence of likely movement of insurgents, a specific operation was planned to be conducted in the area of Tiru, Mon District, Nagaland. The incident and its aftermath is deeply regretted.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio promised a high-level probe into the incident and appealed to all sections of the society to maintain peace.

Mon shares a porous international border with Myanmar, where the Yung Aung faction of NSCN (K) is based.

Official sources said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Army Chief Gen M M Naravane have been briefed about the incident.

SIT shall investigate the incident from all angles while a court of inquiry has been instituted against the army personnel involved, Jagdish Mukhi, Governor of Assam and Nagaland said in a statement. while appealing for peace.

Nagaland: Public Outrage Breaks Out After Army Guns Down Civilians

confirmation, it has been specu-

lated that locals in Nagaland's

Tuensang town have allegedly re-

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video, reportedly from Mon, has emerged where A structure can be seen on fire, and a large number of people can be seen making an attempt to escape from its premises, to save their lives. Expressing their anger over the same, locals have attacked an Assam Rifles (paramilitary) camp in Mon district of the state. In the video from the site, locals can be seen destroying property at the camp.

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sorted to arson to protest against the killings of the civilians in the alleged case of mistaken identity by the armed forces. Police on Sunday, said that it is

investigating whether the incident was a case of mistaken identity. Ordering a court of inquiry into the incident, Army said that one of its personnel was killed and sever-

al others were seriously injured. It said that the incident and its aftermath is "deeply regretted" and the unfortunate loss of lives is being

investigated at the highest level. The exact number of fatalities,

however, is yet to be ascertained as 11 people died on the spot, and several others succumbed to their injuries in hospitals in neighbouring Assam, a police officer said.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio promised a high-level probe into the incident and appealed to all sections of the society to maintain peace.

The incident took place between Oting and Tiru villages when some daily-wage labourers were returning home in a pick-up van from a coal mine on Saturday evening, the police officer said.

Italian Dentist Presents Fake Arm For Vaccine To Get Pass

MILAN: A dentist in Italy faces possible criminal charges after trying to receive a coronavirus vaccine in a fake arm made of silicone. A nurse in the northern city of

Biella, Filippa Bua, said she could tell right away that something was off when a man presented the phony limb for a shot on Thursday. "When I uncovered the arm,

I felt skin that was cold and gummy, and the colour was too light," Bua told Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera. She said she initially thought

the 57-year-old man was an amputee and had mistakenly offered the wrong arm. She lifted his shirt and saw a silicone arm. "I understood immediately

that the man was trying to avoid the vaccination by using a silicone prosthetic, into which he hoped that I would inject the drug, unaware," Bua said. The nurse said the man ac-

knowledged he did not want a vaccine but to obtain a "super"

Security Tightened In Mathura Ahead Of Babri Mosque **Demolition Anniversary**

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MATHURA: Security has been tightened in Mathura to avoid any untoward incident ahead of December 6, the date on which the Babri mosque was demolished in Ayodhya in 1992, officials

said on Saturday. Four right-wing groups, the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, Srikrishna Janmabhumi Nirman Nyas, Narayani Sena and the Srikrishna Mukti Dal, had earlier sought permission to hold nontraditional programmes on the day. The Akhil Bharat Hindu

Mahasabha had sought permission to install a Krishna idol at the deity's "actual birthplace", which it claimed is in a mosque close to a prominent temple here.

District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal had turned them down, saying the question of granting permission to any event that may potentially disrupt peace does not arise. One of the groups had said that

it would install the idol in the Shahi Idgah after a "maha jalabhishek" to "purify" the place.

In view of these, Mathura was divided into three zones for security purposes, the officials said, adding that the area in which the Katra Keshav Dev temple and the Shahi Idgah falls has been demarcated as the red zone, where the deployment of security personnel is the highest.

"Adequate force has also been deployed at every entry point of Mathura," Senior Superintendent of Police Gaurav Grover said.

He said checking at these entry points has been intensified.

Prohibitory orders under section 144 of the CrPC are already in place in Mathura. The section prohibits the assembly of four or more people in an area.



Gated Community With Three Tier **Security System**

nations since the was discovered. new Omicron coronavirus variant has been confirmed

is expected to rise, Director-General of the Health Organization Adhanom Tedros

India has also added several countries to the list from where travellers would need to follow additional measures on arrival in the country, including post-arrival testing for infection.

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Health Organisation (WHO) from

South Africa on November 25.

As per the WHO, the first known

confirmed B.1.1.529 infection was

from a specimen collected on

On November 26, the WHO

named the new COVID-19 variant

B.1.1.529, which has been detected

in South Africa, as 'Omicron'. The

WHO has classified Omicron as a

Dozens of countries have im-

posed travel restrictions on

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November 9 this year.

'variant of concern'.

He had already been suspended from work because of his refusal to get vaccinated, which Italy requires for medical personnel. The nurse said the man was

er venues in Italy.

courteous and left the vaccination centre after the failed attempt.

health pass, which from Monday

will be required to enter restau-

rants, cinemas, theatres and oth-

"We stopped and reflected, and we understood that this wasn't just a surreal situation, but a real attempt at fraud." Bua said. She and others at the vaccination site turned paperwork over to superiors so they could report the case, which has been given to prosecutors.

While Italy's vaccination rate is relatively high at 85 per cent of the currently eligible population ages 12 and over, people in the the age range from 30 to 59 have proven the most resistant to vaccinations, with nearly 3.5 million still not having received their first doses.

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