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Widom Quote!

Do one thing every day that scares you.

— Eleanor Roosevelt

NEWS DIGEST

Crime Branch Books Policeman For Fraud

JAMMU: The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday booked a policeman here for alleged fraudulent withdrawal of over Rs 5.53 lakh on account of fake medical bills for the treatment of his father who had in fact died a few years ago. The criminal case against selection grade constable Ravi Kumar of the Armed Range Office in Jammu was registered under [More On P6](#)

SSB Barracks Guttled In Midnight Blaze

SRINAGAR: At least five barracks of paramilitary Sashstra Seema Bal (SSB) were gutted completely while several weapons were also damaged in a midnight blaze in Batamalo area of the city, reports said Thursday. Around midnight fire raged from one of the barracks of SSB's 110 battalion located inside the Tattoo Ground Batamalo, reports said Thursday. [More On P6](#)

CRPF Man Shoots Self Dead

JAMMU: A 45-year-old Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) man allegedly shot himself dead inside a security camp on the outskirts of Jammu city, officials said. Praful Kumar, who originally hailed from Assam, was on guard duty inside his post in Greater Kailash locality when he shot himself with his service rifle, the officials said. They said his colleagues [More On P6](#)

Arms Cache Recovered In Reasi

JAMMU: State forces have recovered a huge cache of weapons from a remote forest in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, a defence spokesman said on Thursday. The recovery included an AK 47 rifle with one sealed box of ammunition, one Self-Loading Rifle (SLR), one 303 bolt rifle and two Chinese pistols with magazines and ammunition, the spokesman said. The search operation was [More On P6](#)

Gunmen Loot Rs 3.50L From Budgam Fuel Station

SRINAGAR: Unidentified gunmen robbed a fuel station in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district on Thursday and decamped with Rs 3.50 lakh cash, police said. The gunmen struck at the fuel station located at Nadigam in the district late in the evening, a police official said. He said the local [More On P6](#)

Foreign Envoys On Meeting Spree In Jammu

West-Pak Refugees, DDC Members; BJP Leaders Call on Envoys



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Visiting envoys from nearly two dozen countries on Thursday met representatives of various civil

society groups and elected panchayat and urban local bodies (ULB) members here to get a first-hand appraisal of the situation during the recently held DDC elections

-- the first democratic exercise in Jammu and Kashmir post the nullification of Article 370. Representatives of West Pakistani Refugees

[More On P6](#)

For Eritrean Envoy Change Is Visible

JAMMU: Change is visible in Jammu and Kashmir, said one of the 24 foreign envoys who visited the Union territory, during an interaction with Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at [More On P6](#)

Army Brief Envoys

SRINAGAR: Heightened vigil along the Line of Control has pushed militant groups and Pakistani establishments to send militants into India using tunnels dug under [More On P6](#)

Send Some 'Real' Tourists To J&K, Omar To Envoys

SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah took a dig on Thursday at the visit of 24 foreign envoys to Kashmir, asking them to send real tourists from their [More On P6](#)

Govt Seeking 'Character Certificate': Mehbooba

BARAMULLA: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti Thursday accused government of India of conducting [More On P6](#)

Years Of Sufferings Ended On August 5: LG Tells Envoys

The abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's semi-autonomous status marked an end to the years of sufferings of the people and brought socio-economic development in the region and empowerment of people due to the efforts of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Territory's Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Thursday. "Years of suffering for J&K people ended on 5th August 2019. The efforts of respected Prime Minister Narendra Modi ushered the Union Territory into a new era, which has brought about [More On P6](#)

Govt Working For Development, Growth: LG

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the administration is working on a mission mode for the development of industries and businesses in the union territory as he called upon educational institutions to prepare skilled human capital in growth potential sectors.

He also asked the educational institutions to complement the administration's efforts in identifying the core strengths of the demography for



developing the emerging skill sets to fill the skill gap as per the demand.

He also advised the students to understand human behaviour [More On P6](#)

3 Women Die Of Corona In J&K

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Three women died of coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday even as 87 fresh cases of Covid-19, including 44 travellers were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

The three victims were—a 70-year-old from Gulshan Nagar Srinagar, two others, both 60 years from Kanipora Chattergam and Pinglish Tral in south Kashmir's Pulwama [More On P6](#)

3-Day Old 'Militant' Arrested

SRINAGAR: A newly recruited militant was arrested amid a cordon-and-search-operation in Pulwama district of south Kashmir on Thursday, officials said.

They said based on specific information about the presence of the militants, a joint CASO was launched by police and army's 55 RR. During the search, a police officer said that one youth identified as Vilayat Aziz Mir alias Rasik son of Abdul Aziz Mir of Banpora Kakpora was arrested along with a pistol and a grenade. [More On P6](#)

HC Orders Eviction Of Illegal Occupants From Govt Quarters

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Thursday said that it was unfortunate that some former ministers, legislators, retired officers, politicians, and political persons etc., have illegally and unauthorizedly managed to continue to stay in the residential accommodation provided to them by the government though they are no longer entitled to such facilities.

Disposing of a Public Interest Litigation filed by it suo-moto in October last year, a division bench of Justices Ali Mohammad Magrey and Vinod Chatterji Koul ordered that the directions passed by the Court from time to time in the matter of eviction of unauthorized and illegal occupants from Government accommodation and recovery of rent shall be strictly implemented by the authorities concerned "in the same spirit in which they were meant to be."

"At the very outset, we wish to observe that it is unfortunate that some former Ministers/ Legislators/ Retired Officers/ Politicians/ [More On P6](#)

UN HR Experts Voice Concern Over New Laws in J&K

Say Changes Risk 'Undermining Minorities' Rights' In The Erstwhile State

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: At a time when envoys of over two dozen countries conducted two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to assess the ground situation, the United Nations human rights experts on Thursday expressed concern over special status revocation and enactment of new laws saying that the changes in the erstwhile state risk undermining minorities' rights

In a statement put out on its official website, the UN human rights experts Fernand de Varennes, Special Rapporteur on minority issues and Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief expressed concern over India's decision to end Jammu and Kashmir's autonomy and enact new laws could curtail the previous



level of political participation of Muslim and other minorities in the country, as well as potentially discriminate against them in important matters including employment and land ownership.

The human rights experts said that the state of Jammu and Kashmir, the only state in India with a Muslim majority, was established with specific autonomy guarantees to respect the ethnic, linguistic and religious identities of its people. They said that on [More On P6](#)

J&K Moves All Transactions, Including Salaries To RBI



Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday rolled out e-Kuber payments system of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in the Union Territory to replace the existing system for the purpose of

government payments. Financial Commissioner (Finance) Arun Kumar Mehta rolled out e-Kuber payments system of RBI on Thursday here in presence of General Manager RBI Jammu, Sandeep Mittal and Director General [More On P6](#)

NC MPs Skip Delimitation Panel Meet

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Two associate members from Jammu and Kashmir told the Delimitation Commission on Thursday that special

attention be given to the difficult terrain while carrying out the delimitation exercise in the Union Territory.

The commission, headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana [More On P6](#)

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از نیابت ماگام بااطلاص جناب نائب قیملدار صاحب ماگام
 متواتر مشورتن درخواست نمیدرود و هجده رسل و هجده رسلان تمام رسلان شرکوعی ساکنه در چه برادر عاقلی
 OBC سرکلکیت جسٹ SRO294

اقتدار برادر عاقلی بر نام و عام
 محافل متداولہ مندرجہ العنود میں ساکنے سے ایک درخواست برادر OBC سرکلکیت چٹائی کی ہے کہ برکت فرما میں زین
 کاروائی سے تھوڑا سا طلب ہے کہہ ذیل مفروضہ پر مقرر ہے

برادر رسلان شیر گزیدہ برادر عاقلی	67 سال
برادر رسلان زینہ رسلان	63 سال
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ہجہ برکت فرما رسلان	20
ہجہ برکت فرما رسلان	14

انکے اندامہ کتب کی خدمات تدریج و تدریس ہر روز 6000 سے سرکلکیت ذیل بحث ادا کرانے میں اگر کسی
 شخص یا انکس کو ضرر یا اعتراض ہو تو ہر دن تدریس یا اعتراض یا تدریس کے بعد اعتراض کرے۔ جیلد کرانے کے
 بعد کسی تدریس یا اعتراض قبول نہیں ہوگی۔

نائب قیملدار ماگام **sult**

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از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار تہگرام

عبدالرشید ولد عالم الدین گوجر چپان و خور احمد و محمد ادریس پیران
عبدالرشید سائیکہ زہابہ تحصیل تہگرام مراد علی بیگی ہڈیل ٹراپ سرٹیفیکٹ تحت SRO294

اشہار برآمدی خاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست ہڈیل ٹراپ سرٹیفیکٹ پیش کی ہے۔ جو کہ دفتر ہڈا میں زیر کارواہی ہے اور اجرا کرنے مطلب ہے کہہ ہڈیل ٹراپ پر مشتعل ہے

عبدالرشید ولد عالم الدین گوجر چپان مزدوری 50 سال
عروش بیکم زہد عبدالرشید گھیلہ کاکام 48
خود احمد پیر مزدوری 20
محمد ادریس پیر زیر تعلیم 18
ریض احمد پیر زیر تعلیم 17
ناہدہ دختر زیر تعلیم 15
زاہدہ دختر زیر تعلیم 15

اسکے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کہ میں بتلایا گیا ہے کہہ کی مہمان آمدنی درج و غیر درج ... ہے سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا انھیں کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہم کے امداد پیش کریں۔ میعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہو گا۔

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از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار ترہگام

معاون، مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست ALC سرٹیفیکٹ تحت SRO294 برادر عطا گی

اظهار برادر آگاهی ہر خاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست ALC سرٹیفیکٹ پیش کی ہے۔ جو کہ دفتر میں زیر کلاویں ہے اور اجراء کرنے مطلب ہے کہ یہ بذیل افترا پر مشتمل ہے

رضعہ بچہ شیر زمان کوجر کھانہ گھر پیل کام 60 سال

شیر زمان احمد پر شیر زمان زیر تعلیم 23

بی بی حنیف دختر زیر تعلیم 20

بی بی عائشہ دختر زیر تعلیم 18

ایلیات علی پسر زیر تعلیم 15

رقیہ دختر زیر تعلیم 12

اسکے علاوہ وہ بھی افترا کے نہیں بتلا یا گیا ہے کہ یہ مبادت آمدنی ذریعہ و غیر ذریعہ 7000۔ سے سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا انخاص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہی لے کر پیش کریں۔ یہ عذر دینے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہو گا۔

نائب تحصیلدار ترہگام

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از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار ترہگم کاواری لدرون

عنوان: مضمون درخواست غلام قادر ولد غلام حسن و سرایہ رخت غلام قادر لون زربہام تحصیل

ترہگم برادر عطا علی بیگوار اربا سرٹیفیکٹ تحت SRO294

مشہور برادر آگاہی پر خاص و عام

محاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں اس کے ایک درخواست برادر بیگوار اربا سرٹیفیکٹ پیش کی

ہے جو کہ دفتر ہذا میں زیر کاواہی ہے اور ادا کرنے مطلوب ہے کہہ ہذا فیصلہ پر مشتمل

غلام قادر ولد غلام حسن لون تحصیلدار

مجیدہ بیگم زوجہ غلام قادر لون گھریلو کام

سلیمہ دختر زیر تعلیم

عائشہ دختر زیر تعلیم

سرایہ دختر زیر تعلیم

45 سال

40

20

18

16

اس کے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کہہ نہیں بتلایا گیا ہے کہہ کی مہانت آمدنی زرغ و غیر زرغ 10000 ہے سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ہیام کے اندر پیش کریں۔ ميعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہو گا۔

نائب تحصیلدار کاواری

از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار ترہگام

محفوظ: درخواست سہاء جان دکنر محمد یاسین سائیکہ ذریعہ تحصیل ترہگام بمبراد عطا یگی
بیلاوار اریا سرٹیفکیٹ تحت SRQ294

مشہار بمبراد آکاگی ہر خاص و عام

محاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بمبرادیکار اریا سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی
ہے۔ جو کہ دفتر ہذا میں زیر کاروائی ہے اور اجراء کرنے مطلوب ہے کہہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل

محمد یاسین ولد غلام محمد لون	مزدوری	40 سال
مینہ بیگم زوجہ محمد یاسین	گھریلو کام	38
سہاء جان دختر	زیر تعلیم	16
توفیق احمد پسر	زیر تعلیم	12
دستم احمد پسر	زیر تعلیم	10
غزیا احمد پسر	زیر تعلیم	08

اسکے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کہہ نہیں بتایا گیا ہے کہہ کی مہمان آمدنی ذریعہ و
غیر ذریعہ 8000 ہے سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا انفراد کو کوئی عذر یا
اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ یوم کے اندر پیش کریں۔ معیاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی
عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

نائب تحصیلدار ترہگام

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**Office Of The Assistant Regional
Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir**

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been received from one.
Shri : Fayaz Ahmad Reshi S/o: Gh Mohd Reshi R/o:
Narbal Budgam Owner of Vehicle No: JK04E- 5864
for issuance of Duplicate Registration Certificate

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed issuance of Duplicate Registration Certificate in respect of vehicle No. JK04E-5864 shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.2612
Dated 18-02-2021
mcb

**Assistant Regional Transport
officer Budgam Kashmir**

**Office Of The Assistant Regional
Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir**

NOTICE

Where a application has been recieved from one.
Shri :Javeed Ahmad Dar S/O: Mohammad Ak-
bar Dar R/o: Methan Nasrullahpora Budgam
for issuance of duplicate driving license. D.L. No
JK0420180001909 Dated:09-04-2018

No therefore it is notified for the information
of the general public that objections if any to the issue of du-
plicate driving license in respect of D.L No JK0420180001909
Shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional
Transport officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 07 days from
the date of publication of this news. No submission /request
shall be entertained after the expiry of stipulated period of time.

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.2605
DATED 18/02/2021
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Assistant Regional Transport
officer Budgam Kashmir

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly spelled in school records as Mumin Javid S/o Javid Ahmad Bhat While the correct spelling is Momin Javid S/O Javid Ahmad Bhat which needs immediate correction . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Welkin Edu. Trust Sopore within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Momin Javid
S/O Javid Ahmad Bhat
R/O Nowpora Kalan Sopore

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For and on behalf of the Government of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders, are hereby invited from govt. approved Electrical Contractors for Creation of 100 kVA new Substation along with HT/LT network under Capex 2020-21 near Graveyard of Azad Sb Ranger Badgam under the jurisdiction of ESD Chadoora ED Budgam, KPDCCL.

1.	Name of work(s)	Creation of 100 kVA new Substation along with HT/LT network under Capex 2020-21 near Graveyard of Azad Sb Ranger Badgam under the jurisdiction of ESD Chadoora ED Budgam, KPDCCL.
2.	Estimated Cost	INR 2.65 Lacs.
3.	Period for completion of work.	Within 10 days from the issue of Letter of Award.

The tender document is available on website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below:

A	e-Bid document Publishing date & time.	The e-Bid document to be published on website https://jktenders.gov.in on 17/02/2021; 3:00 PM.
B	e-Bid document downloads start date & time.	17/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
C	Clarifications start date & time.	17/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
D	Clarifications end date & time.	19/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
E	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format).	19/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
F	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format).	26/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
G	Online Technical e-bid opening date & time.	27/02/2021; 03:00 PM.
H	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids.	Office of Executive Engineer, ED Budgam
I	Cost of e-Bid document.	INR 500.00
J	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit.	INR 5300.00.

- Bidders/tenderers are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.
- The bidder/tenderers must to submit the cost of e-Bid document in the government treasury and upload the challan/receipt as proof of cost of tender document. Any tender uploaded without the scanned copy of the challan/receipt is liable to be rejected.
- All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FRD from any Schedule Commercial bank only pledged to the Executive Engineer, ED Budgam. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.

Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD is required to be submitted by the successful bidder to the office of Executive Engineer, ED Budgam prior to the issuance of Letter of award only.

- The technical e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder/tenderer's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. Only those tenders shall be considered for evaluation who have deposited the earnest money and tender cost.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids of the technically responsive bids shall be notified on Web Site <https://jktenders.gov.in>. This is conveyed to the technically qualified bidder/tenderers automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof if any major lapse/deviation is found. The decision of department will be final and binding.
- Corrigendum, if any would be published on the website.
- In no case shall the hard copy of the BOQ submitted with the Techno-Commercial bidder which shall lead to rejection of the bid. Price Bid shall be uploaded only in the BOQ format provided online.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Electric Division Budgam

No: EDB/6450-52.
Dated: 16/02/2021

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Rail Head Complex Jammu.

Abstract of e-NIT No: JKRTC/GML/CHT/2021-23/JMU/495.

Dated: 12-02-2021

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation, e-Tenders, are invited from Reputed and Registered Transport Firms/Companies/Associations dealing in transportation of goods, for supply of trucks to JKRTC for the various Stations in Jammu Province (for meeting the left over demand of the JKRTC), on percentage commission basis to be offered on JKRTC freight rates applicable to Government Departments/Corporations/Statutory bodies/other end users for the Year 2021-2023.

The tender document consisting of qualification eligibility criteria specifications, instruction/terms and conditions of contract and other relevant details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 15/02/2021 to 08/03/2021 upto 4.00 PM.

Sd/-

DIPK-NB-5734/20

General Manager (Load)
JKRTC.

Office of the Estates Officer Srinagar Municipal Corporation

AUCTION NOTICE

Subject: Notice inviting offers/bids for allotment of contract for running of Municipal Car Parking Lot at Cheshmashi opposite Mughal Garden.

Sealed tenders/offers are invited from the interested parties for the allotment of contract for running of Municipal Car Parking Lot at Cheshmashi opposite Mughal Garden. The last date for the submission of tender applications is 05-03-2021 Upto 2:30 p.m. and the same shall be opened by the Tender Opening Committee on the same date at 3:00 p.m. in presence of the parties who may wish to remain available for this purpose. The other terms & conditions shall be as under:-

1. The bidder is required to submit the Call Deposit Receipt of Rs. 50,000/- for the site pledged to the Chief Accounts Officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation along with the tender application without which no tender shall be accepted or entertained.
2. The minimum reserve value fixed of the bid is 14,35,000/-
3. The successful bidder shall have to deposit the bid amount in one go after which he will be allowed to run the Car Parking site.
4. The term of the contract shall be for 01 (one) year only.
5. The contractor shall have to collect the car parking fee from the general public as per the following schedule;

	Name of the vehicle	Fee per vehicle/per trip/per day
1.	Tourist Bus big size	Rs. 100/-
2.	Tourist Bus normal size	Rs. 75/-
3.	School Bus/Mini Bus/Tempo Traveler	Rs. 50/-
	Light Vehicle/Four Wheeler	Rs. 20/-
	Scooter/Motor Bike/Auto Rickshaw	Rs. 10/-
	Bicycle	Rs. 05/-

6. The orders of the Government issued from time to time shall have to be complied with by the contractor.
7. The Competent Authority of the Corporation shall be having the right to accept or reject the bid/bids without assigning any reasons thereof.
8. In case there is no response from the general public, the Corporation would be competent to allot the lot/site to the interested party on negotiation basis.
9. No extension shall be granted in the term of contract after its expiry.
10. The Corporation shall not be responsible for any shutdown, bandh or any disturbance during the contract period.
11. The Car parking lot/site shall be run under the close supervision of Ward Officer concerned of the Corporation.
12. For any theft or damage of any vehicle, Corporation shall not be held or be responsible.

Chief Revenue Officer
Srinagar Municipal Corporation

No.SMC/Est/1390
Date: 17/02/2021

DIPK-NB-5759/20

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office of the Executive Engineer

Quality Control & Procurement Division, HMT, Srinagar

GIST OF TENDER

e-N.I.T. No:-PHE/QC&PD/36/e-Tender Dated: 17-02-2021.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-Tenders are invited on item rate basis in two covers (details recorded in tender document) from Registered Original Manufacturers or their sole authorized distributor/dealer who have ISO-9001:2015/ ISO:13485 / ISO-17025 certification of all the Chemicals/ CRM/ Equipment's as per specifications / details annexed to the e-NIT.

Subject of Supply: Supply Of Water Testing Chemicals/Reagents For Water Testing Laboratories Of Kashmir PHE Jal Shakti Department from Registered Original Manufacturers or their sole authorized distributor/dealer.

Schedule of Critical Dates/Information.

General	
Client Name	Chief Engineer, Kashmir PHE, Jal Shakti Deptt, Srinagar.
Circle	Superintending Engineer, PHE Mechanical, Jal Shakti Department, Circle South, Srinagar.
Division	Quality Control & Procurement Division PHE Jal Shakti Department, HMT Srinagar.
Bidding Type	Open
Amount Details	
Estimated Cost	Rs 42.50 Lakhs Approx. (Rupee forty-two Lakhs fifty thousands only)
Bid Document Fee	Rs 1500.00 In the shape of treasury Challan/ e-transfer to J&K Bank A/c No:0005010100005110
(Non Refundable)	IFSC: JAKAACHINAR
Bid document fee payable in the shape of treasury Challan/ e-transfer under major Head MH-0215-Rev-Misc-to:	Executive Engineer QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar.
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	e-mail: xenmandp@gmail.com Rs. 85000/= (Rupee eighty-five thousand only) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG from nationalized banks only having a branch in Srinagar.
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in favour of:	Chief Accounts Officer, Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Department, Srinagar.
Tender Dates	
Bid Document Downloading Start Date.	17-02-2021.....06.00 PM
Bid Document Downloading End Date.	03-03-2021.....02.00 PM
Clarification Start Date	17-02-2021.....06.00 PM
Clarification End Date	03-03-2021.....04.00 PM
On Line Bid Submission Start Date	17-02-2021.....06.00 PM
Bid Submission End Date	03-03-2021.....04.00 PM
Date of opening of Cover Ist.	05-03-2021.....02.00 PM
Bid Validity Period	180 days from opening of the Price Bid.
Officer Inviting Bid	Executive Engineer QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar payable at Srinagar.
Bid opening Authority	Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Deptt. Srinagar.
Address	Engineering Complex, Near Silk Factory, Raj Bagh Srinagar Kashmir -190001. (e-mail: kmrphed@gmail.com)

The tenders of qualifying/eligibility criteria, consisting of general and commercial terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in

No.:PHE/QCPD/6710-7222

Dated:17-02-2021

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) QC&PD
HMT Srinagar.

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I Don't Think Statehood Will Be Restored To J&K Till BJP Govt Is There: Mir

SRINAGAR: J&K Pradesh Congress Committee chief Ghulam Ahmed Mir Thursday lashed out at the BJP led government for issuing an ambiguous statement over restoration of statehood to J&K, stating he was of the belief that "no statehood will be restored till BJP regime is there."

"I have keenly heard the statement of (Home minister) Amit Shah in the Parliament. He stated that the statehood will be restored at an appropriate time. What does that mean? That statement is totally ambiguous," Mir told reporters in Srinagar. "I don't think statehood will be restored to J&K till the BJP government is at the Centre, let alone article 370 and 35 A."

Mir slammed Centre for skyrocketing prices of petrol and diesel, stating that "if rates are around 54 dollars per barrel, petrol per liter should have been at the rate of Rs 60 in J&K, but here petrol per liter is at Rs 90, which



is injustice with the people. The Government of India wants to push people of J&K economically backward further," he said.

On the visiting European Delegation, the PCC chief said it was a "stage managed show" organized by the Centre. "The EU members didn't meet any designated member from Congress and National Conference

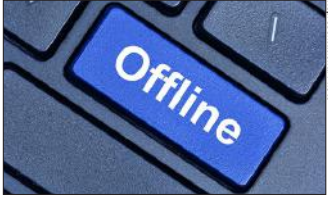
as projected by the media. They met those who speak BJP language and praise BJP," he said, adding that "why EU delegations aren't set to rape capital of India which is Uttar Pradesh, why Kashmir only. Why PM Narendra Modi is led government itself internationalizing Kashmir issue by sending foreign envoys to Kashmir."—(KNO)

I HAVE KEENLY HEARD THE STATEMENT OF (HOME minister) Amit Shah in the Parliament. He stated that the statehood will be restored at an appropriate time. What does that mean? That statement is totally ambiguous."

JK Govt's Grievance Portal Goes Offline

SRINAGAR: The Grievance Portal of Jammu and Kashmir government has been temporarily suspended for the server maintenance and is likely to be restored by Friday evening.

An official said that the Grievance Portal of government of J&K, JKIGRAMS (www.jk_grievance.in) has been temporarily suspended due to site enhancement and server maintenance, which is be-



ing undertaken by the developers. He further said that the portal is likely to be restored by tomorrow evening. (KDC)

Director Agri Discusses Strategies For Implementation Of Agriculture Export Policy

SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal today convened a meeting here to chalk out the strategy for implementation of agriculture export policy submitted by Agriculture Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA).

Deliberating upon the draft paper submitted by Deputy General Manager for creating market linkages of the products produced in Kashmir viz. Saffron, Zeera, Exotic vegetables, Sweet Corn etc., it was resolved that a comprehensive strategy will be evolved with respect to each crop for its export and market linkages so that the farmers of Kashmir get benefited.

It was given to understand that Kashmir has a huge potential of exporting Saffron, Rice, Vegetables, however presently the market linkages to these products are seldom in place and thus there is a dire need to look into this aspect.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director Agriculture Extension Mohammad Muzaffer Hurra, Joint Director Agriculture Inputs / Marketing/ PMH Amir U Din Andrabi, Joint Director Apiculture & Mushroom Development Farooq Ahmad Shah, Joint Director Seeds, Pesticides and Fertilizers Mohammad Iqbal Khan besides Deputy General Manager APEDA, Divendar Prasad.

Lok Adalats In Anantnag On Feb 20

ANANTNAG: A Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of MACT cases will be held in the court of Principal District & Sessions Judge Anantnag under the Chairmanship of Naseer Ahmad Dar, Chairman District Legal Services Authority (PDJ) Anantnag on 20 February, 2021.

All the concerned Advocates and Insurance Companies have been requested to identify and submit the cases to be taken up in the said Lok Adalat to the DLSA, Anantnag. Similarly, Tehsil Legal Services Committee Bijbehara will also hold a Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of cases pending U/S 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, Criminal compoundable and Civil & Family disputes in the court of Sub. Judge Bijbehara on 27 February, 2021.

The Bar Members have been requested to approach TLSC Bijbehara regarding the cases to be taken up in the said Lok Adalat. The litigants who are interested to settle their disputes in the above scheduled Lok Adalats are being informed to approach the concerned courts immediately so that their cases shall be listed for amicable settlement in these Lok Adalats.

300 Bunkers To Be Constructed At Karnah

SDM Asks For Identification Of Bunker Sites

KUPWARA: Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Karnah, Dr. Bilal Mohi-uddin Bhat today convened a meeting of concerned officers and elected public representatives to review the proposal for construction of individual bunkers in the border areas of Karnah subdivision.

The meeting was informed that the Government envisages a proposal for construction of Individual bunkers in border areas of Kupwara district to the extent of Rs. 20 crore.

It was given out in the meeting that 17 villages located near Actual Line of Control have been prioritised for construction of said bunkers in the Karnah sub division. These villages also include Jabdi, Amrooi, Saidpora and Hagitera. The SDM informed that construction of 300 Individual bunkers at an estimated cost of Rs.5 lakh per bunker is proposed by the Sub Divisional Administration.

He directed the concerned DDC and BDC members for identification of construction sites in consultation with PRIs so that the construction work of bunkers is started at an earliest. Executive Engineer SSD Tangdar, Tehsildar Karnah, BDOs of Tangdar and Teetwal, besides, DDC Karnah and concerned BDC members attended the meeting.

Govt. Focusing On Developing Pilgrim Tourism Circuit: Ittoo

SRINAGAR: Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Dr. G N Ittoo Thursday reviewed developmental works at pilgrim sites in Kashmir Valley being executed by the Department.

The projects envisage infrastructural development of the sites with special emphasis on pilgrim facilities including development of Sarais, dormitories, way-side amenities, parking, public convenience, illumination, ablution spaces, landscaping, besides renovation and repair works of the damaged infrastructure.

The Director Tourism along with Secretary Auaq Department Khawaja Muhammad Tariq, Deputy Director M&W, Tourism Syed Zahoor visited the shrine of Hazrat Makhdoom Sahib (RA) and Khanqah-e-Moula to take stock of the developmental works.

While stating that the Valley is receiving good tourist footfall after the pandemic, Dr. Ittoo said the Government is also focusing on developing a pilgrimage tourism circuit in Kashmir. "Jammu and Kashmir is rich in pilgrim tourism and for this; the development of pilgrim sites is getting focused attention. The government has chalked out a comprehensive plan to provide added facilities to the pilgrims coming from within



and outside JK," he said.

Dr Ittoo said a sizable number of pilgrim, locals as well as tourists, visit these revered pilgrim sites every year for which every facility should be ready and in proper conditions.

To facilitate the visiting pilgrims, the Director Tourism said both budgeted and high-end accommodation would be constructed at these sites and the projects worth Rs 2.76 crore have been submitted to the Union Ministry of Tourism for approval.

Laying focus on strengthening of assets, the Director Tourism emphasised upon executing agencies to ensure that all the pending tourism projects are completed at the earliest while maintaining the quality of work so that devotees don't face any problems while visiting these sites. He also sought immediate repair works and restoration of the damaged infrastructure due to recent snowfall. For this, he directed the officers to immediately submit the report on the status of each project.

Tarigami Condemns Attack On Restaurant Owner's Son



SRINAGAR: The attack on the son of a famous restaurant owner in Srinagar is highly condemnable and such incidents have no place in the civilized world. Attacking civilians by the combatants is an act of cowardice and must be condemned by all in one voice. Attacking and killing civilians can never be a solution to any problem as violence is never an answer to any problem. I express solidarity with the victim family and hope the injured civilian makes a complete and speedy recovery.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I am applying for the issuance of the Pesticides license under Name and Style " Malik Pesticides Kutpora Shopian" If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Plant Protection Officer Lalmandi Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
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انفرتز نائب تحصیلدار دیالگام با اجلاس جاوید احمد شمیم صاحب درخواست منجانب:- قمار احمد میر ولد غلام محمد میر سان سن مذکورہ تحصیل ضلع اننت ناگ بغرض حصول بیک وارڈ انٹیر یا سرٹیفکٹ SRO 294/167

استیہار برادر اگاہی ہر خاص و عام معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل صاحب نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈ انٹیر یا سرٹیفکٹ پیش کیا ہے۔

نام صاحب	تذکرہ	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
قمار احمد میر ولد غلام محمد میر	36 سال	دو کاروباری	6000	
روقیہ بیگم زوجہ قمار احمد میر	35 سال	گھریلو کام		
محمد عارف پسر۔۔۔	10 سال	زیر تعلیم		
محمد عارف پسر۔۔۔	06 سال	---		
غلام محمد میر ولد سدا اللہ	60 سال	دو کاروباری	6000	
ظفر بیگم باؤ زوجہ غلام محمد میر	50 سال	گھریلو کام		

اس کے علاوہ اور کوئی فرد کہہ نہیں سکتا جو کہ میں نے سائل کا تذکرہ پچھلے پندرہ سالوں سے دہ ہاؤس میں رہا ہوں۔ میرے اور سائل کی کنہی کی سالانہ آمدنی= 164000 تک ہے اس حوالے سے اگر کسی شخص یا شخص کو مذکورہ سرٹیفکٹ اجراء کرنے میں کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنا اعتراض پیش فرماتا ہے میں پیش کریں معیار کوڑنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

تحریر الصدر نائب تحصیلدار دیالگام

ان عدالت انگریز کیڈمپسٹریٹ دیچاؤل (نائب تحصیلدار انت ناگ) با اجلاس زیر امبحث صاحب۔ درخواست منجانب:- میرا اقبال میر ولد محمد اقبال میر سان ناگچی ذورہ آزاد پورہ انت ناگ بغرض اجرائی تاریخ پیدائش سرٹیفکٹ بنام عانیہ بنت عمر خٹڑ عمر اقبال میر۔

استیہار برادر اگاہی ہر خاص و عام معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل سانلہ مذکورہ بالا نے عدالت پڑا میں ایک درخواست طلبی بیان پیش کیا ہے سائل کے خٹڑ کا تاریخ پیدائش 15/03/2019 ہے جس میں سرٹیفکٹ پیدائش کالے کا خواہ ہے لہذا سرٹیفکٹ مذکورہ کا اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندر اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں پیش کرنے کے بصورت دیگر کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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استیہار برادر اگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل سانلہ مذکورہ بالا نے عدالت پڑا میں ایک درخواست طلبی بیان پیش کیا ہے سائل کے پسر و خٹڑ ان کا تاریخ پیدائش 19-01-2018, 18-01-2015, 16-05-2020 ہے جس میں سرٹیفکٹ پیدائش کالے کا خواہ ہے لہذا سرٹیفکٹ مذکورہ کا اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندر اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں پیش کرنے کے بصورت دیگر کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

This Day in History

- 197 - Lucius Septimius Severus' army beats Clodius Albinus at Lyon
- 356 - Emperor Constantius II shuts all heathen temples
- 607 - Boniface III begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 842 - Medieval Iconoclastic Controversy ends as a council in Constantinople formally reinstates the veneration of icons in churches
- 1512 - French troops under Gaston de Foix occupy Brescia
- 1574 - Spanish troops plunder Krommenie, Wormerveer & Jisp, Netherlands
- 1634 - Battle of Smolensk: King Wladyslaw IV of Poland beats Russians [NS=Mar 1]
- 1674 - Netherlands & England sign Peace of Westminster (NYC becomes English)
- 1797 - One third of papal domain ceded to France
- 1819 - British explorer William Smith discovers the South Shetland Islands, and claims them in the name of King George III
- 1856 - Tin-type camera patented by Hamilton Smith, Gambier, Ohio
- 1878 - Thomas Edison is granted a patent for his gramophone (phonograph)
- 1920 - Netherlands joins League of Nations
- 1936 - Manuel Azafia becomes Prime Minister of Spain for the second time
- 1942 - Japanese troops land on Timor
- 1943 - German tanks under Generalmajor Karl Buelowius attack Kasserine Pass, Tunisia
- 1944 - 823 British bombers attack Berlin
- 1944 - U-264 sinks off Ireland
- 1945 - 980 Japanese soldiers reportedly killed by crocodiles in 2 days on Ramree Island, Burma
- 1945 - Brotherhood Day-1st celebrated
- 1949 - Mass arrests of communists in India
- 1952 - French offensive at Hanoi
- 1959 - Britain, Turkey & Greece sign agreement granting Cyprus independence
- 1959 - Gabon adopts its constitution
- 1963 - USSR informs JFK it is withdrawing several thousand troops from Cuba
- 1970 - USSR launches Sputnik 52 & Molniya 1-13 communications satellite
- 1977 - Space shuttle Enterprise makes 1st Test flight atop a 747 jetliner
- 1984 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinisk USSR
- 1985 - 150 killed when a Spanish jetliner crashes approaching Bilbao, Spain
- 1986 - King Hussein of Jordan severs ties with PLO
- 1987 - US President Reagan lifts trade boycott against Poland
- 1990 - Soyuz TM-9 lands
- 1992 - Peter Collins discovers nova Cygni 1992
- 1998 - Soyuz TM-26 lands
- 1998 US hockey team destroys their rooms at Olympic village in Japan
- 2001 An Oklahoma City bombing museum is dedicated at the Oklahoma City National Memorial
- 2002 - NASA's Mars Odyssey space probe begins to map the surface of Mars using its thermal emission imaging system.
- 2007 - Blogging website Tumblr is founded by David Karp in New York
- 2008 - Toshiba announces its formal recall of its HD DVD video format, ending the format war between it and Sony's Blu-Ray Disc
- 2008 - Serzh Sargsyan wins the Armenian Presidential Election
- 2012 - 44 people killed in prison brawl in Apocada, Mexico, between two rival drug cartels
- 2013 - 12 people are killed and 11 are injured after a Yemeni Air Force plane crashes in Sana'a

From KO Archives

FAROOQ ADVOCATES 'PRO-ACTIVE' JK POLICY

Observer News Service

JAMMU - Chief minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah today said he was never opposed to prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's peace initiative in the state which would be carried forward to its logical end.

Winding up discussions on the motion of thanks on the gov-ernor's address in the legislative assembly, Abdullah urged the comity of nations to pressurise Pakistan to stop militant violence in Jammu and Kashmir.

The chief minister launched a frontal attack on the Hurriyat Conference who, he said, ac-cused him of scuttling the peace process saying I am for peace, am never opposed to peace. He said killing of innocent peo-ple, were continuing unabated in the state despite the cease-fire and suggested a pro-active strategy to deal with militants. According to a NAFSA re-port, Dr. Abdullah advocated a more aggressive 'pro-active' policy for Jammu and Kashmir adding this was the only way Pakistan could be brought un-der pressure.

Stating he was never opposed to talks with Hurriyat lead-ers, Abdullah said let the Centre treats the Hurriyat the way it wants and let them go to any country.

If those nearer and dearer to Pakistan come close to New Delhi, what objection I have, he said, adding the Centre was doing experiments.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 19 February, 2001)

K O V I E W

Calming the LAC

India and China are pulling back their troops from the south bank of Pangong lake area in eastern Ladakh following their agreement for “synchronised and organised disengagement”. Unlike last year when the mutual understandings between the two countries didn’t lead to disengagement on the ground, this time the agreement has been promptly translated into action. The videos and images released by the Indian Army have shown the two sides vacating the areas occupied by them over the past year. According to media reports, the Chinese have withdrawn 130-140 tanks, 30 artillery guns and some 2,000 troops from South Bank of Pangong Tso lake and 30 artillery guns and some 4,000-5,000 troops from the South Bank of the lake.

This is a welcome development after a year-long stand-off that brought the armies of the two countries eyeball to eyeball. At times it appeared that the neighbours were on the verge of going to war. One such occasion was on June 16 last year when twenty Indian soldiers lost their lives in a bloody skirmish. There were other uneasy times as well when the two countries brought tanks to the border. But as it has turned out now, the restraint and the dialogue has paid off.

There are, however, three other major friction points which will need to be sorted out now. There has so far been no progress in the dialogue over the restoration of status quo ante in these areas. But there is hope that like Pangong Tso, the two countries will find a diplomatic solution to all the friction points along the Line of Actual Control, sooner than later. Solution to Pangong Tso stand-off has brightened the hope.

The problem in the negotiations so far has been that China has been loathe to go back to the status quo ante and has asked for mutual withdrawal. The incursions in the first place have been staged by China and the communist giant is not ready to vacate it unless India also withdraws from a portion of the border on its side of the LAC. But New Delhi can hardly afford to do it, not least because it considers the area its own. Doing so will be politically costly for the BJP government at the centre which is already facing severe flak for vacating Kailash ranges as part of its Pangong Tso agreement. But through sustained negotiations they certainly can find a way out. For a peaceful neighborhood it’s important that India and China reach a modus-vivendi.

O T H E R O P I N O N

On tax on PF incomes

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has stressed that Budget 2021-22 raises resources to push the economy without increased taxation. However, one change to the income tax law proposed in the Finance Bill, 2021, has triggered anxieties for the salaried class: withdrawing tax exemption on interest income accrued into Provident Fund accounts arising out of employee contributions exceeding 2.5 lakh ‘in a previous year in that fund,’ on or after April 1, 2021. The rationale — some employees are contributing huge amounts into their PF accounts and getting tax-free incomes. Subsequently, the Revenue Department has pointed out the tax will only affect a small group of ‘high net-worth individuals’ (HNIs); the 100 largest employees’ PF (EPF) accounts had a combined balance of over 2,000 crore. It can be no one’s case that a social security scheme for formal sector workers should become an investment haven for the well-heeled corporate top brass. However, the threshold proposed to exclude the so-called HNIs appears low, as it would end up partially taxing PF income for even those putting away 21,000 a month towards their retirement — hardly a typical HNI given it may take the saver decades to attain a one crore rupee PF balance. The threshold also does not tie in with the 7.5 lakh limit set in last year’s Budget for employers’ contributions into the EPF, National Pension System (NPS) or other superannuation funds (rules for which are yet to be notified).

This is not the first time this government had tried to tax PF savings, citing its abuse by the rich. In the 2016-17 Budget, it proposed to tax 60% of EPF balances at the time of withdrawal, but backtracked after a backlash. Now, it has covered even government employees’ contributions into the GPF, but left NPS investments over 2.5 lakh a year untouched. Tax treatment inequity between India’s limited retirement savings instruments aside, employees and employers have some serious doubts on the implementation. The words ‘in a previous year’, for one, suggest this will be a type of retro-active tax — taxing future income even on past years’ contributions of over 2.5 lakh. It is also not clear when and how the tax is to be paid — at retirement or each year that the PF rate is announced. The CBDT chief has said employees should include such income in their annual tax returns, which may work for GPF members whose interest rate is announced every quarter, but not for EPF accounts as interest rates are declared late and credited even later. Finally, this may not be smart timing for a government looking to lean on huge borrowings to dent large inflows into EPF — most of its corpus is captively deployed in government bonds. While the goal of targeting HNIs using the PF savings to avoid taxation is laudable, the Centre should consider recalibrating the arithmetic and operational details of this tax.

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Continuous & Concurrent updation of Govt websites

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After issuance of a circular by the General Administration Department (GAD) on 29.1.2021, a Government order was issued recently wherein a committee was constituted for continuous and concurrent updation of official websites. Vide Government order No: 148-JK (GAD) of 2021 dated: 13.02.2021 the Government accorded a sanction for constitution of a three member committee headed by the Secretary to Government Information Technology (IT) Department. State Informatics Officer (SIO) of National Informatics Center (NIC) J&K and a representative from J&K e-Governance agency to be nominated by Secretary IT Department are the two other members of the committee. The aim of constituting the committee is to continuously supervise the updation of official websites of Govt departments and districts in Union Territory of J&K.

For the information of readers, a delegation of Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement has brought the matter related to the non updation of Government websites into the notice of Lt Governor Manoj Sinha when we met him in Srinagar on January 18th. For the last several years, the author has been highlighting the issue but there was no response from the Government. Finally, we had to take up this issue at the highest level with the Lt Governor. In one of my columns titled Social media outreach of Government published in Kashmir Observer on January 21st 2021, I had exposed many administrative departments and district websites who have not been updating their websites for last several years and on the other hand Government keeps making tall claims about implementing the flagship programme on digital transformation in India like digital India and many other programmes related to this.

Digital India

Covid-19 lockdown enhanced the digital transformation of India. It is said that India is now the 2nd fastest digitizing economy. The technology is growing fast, as the country is seen as a great destination for new products and a market that has yet to be tapped. The trend is affirmed by a recent report from the McKinsey Global Institute that shows businesses in India are transforming to the digital economy at a pace that trails only Indonesia. India is also the second fastest-growing market for digital consumers. The country had 560 million internet subscribers in 2018, trailing only China. The report says that Indian mobile data users consume 8.3 gigabytes (GB) of data every month on average, compared with 5.5 GB for mobile users in China and somewhere in the range of 8.0 to 8.5 GB in South Korea, which is an advanced digital economy. Enabled by massive investment in new technology and a huge internet market driven by 560 million connected consumers, India has emerged as an upcoming leader in digital solutions but when we see the other side of the story we have Government departments who are not even slightly bothered to upload the recent orders and circulars on their websites. They don’t want people to see the beneficiary list of various Government schemes like PMAY, PM Kisan etc? They want to keep the public in the dark which strengthens mis-governance and maladministration.

Good learning from COVID 19

COVID 19 pandemic which made lives difficult and brought a lot of miseries into the world economy taught us many lessons. We have now come to this conclusion that without meeting people physically or travelling long distances to attend workshops, seminars and meetings, the same can be held through virtual mode as well. Digital platforms like online zoom, skype etc have been used a lot during last 1 year. These facilities were available in the recent past also but its importance was not explored properly. Similarly, governments across the world became more active on social media during COVID 19 pandemic which has brought them closer to people. I have been following regular posts of various senior Government officers of J&K who were very active on social media during the peak of the COVID 19 pandemic. These of-



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ficers continue to be active even now. But when it comes to the updation and maintenance of the official websites of J&K Government we are lagging behind almost all the states and UT’s. I appreciate that the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj department in Civil Secretariat has finally updated its website which was otherwise defunct for more than 2 years. The Tribal Affairs department website continues to be in shambles. I had written about it several times and even the February 18th deadline announced by GAD in its Jan 21st circular having reached closer, the Tribal Affairs department in J&K has not even uploaded the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and its rules on its website. The obsolete information related to repealed J&K RTI Act 2009 continues to be on the website. This are just few examples, I can quote hundreds of such examples. I wish all the Government websites in J&K were updated and activated on the pattern of GAD website which is the only well maintained official website in J&K Government.

Mohammad Ramzan’s case

The implementation of Digital India flagship programme in J&K can be judged from the fact that J&K Public Service Commission (PSC) called a 71 year old man to its Jammu office for an appeal hearing. At a time when virtual meetings are given more thrust by Government. By calling an old man to Jammu from Srinagar seems not only absurd but this is an insult to Digital India programme. In one of my articles in this newspaper, I had highlighted how PSC was violating the Right to Information and Mohammad Ramzan Khan’s application filed under the act remained unaddressed. Instead of rectifying its failures the PSC recently asked Mr Khan, father of an aggrieved J&K civil service aspirant to travel to Jammu from Srinagar for a simple RTI appeal hearing which can be done through video conferencing as well. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) should be taken to task by the authorities for issuing such order. Pertinently Mr Khan had filed an application under the RTI Act 2005 before the designated Public Information Officers (PIO) of JK PSC. In his reply dated 21.12.2020 the Deputy Secretary of J&K PSC Vinay Samotra who is the designated PIO had told the applicant that PSC does not provide evaluated answer scripts of the candidates. He however asked the applicant that he could inspect the papers as per record retention schedule.

Mr Khan had alleged that his son Irfan Khan had qualified J&K Combined Civil Services mains exam and appeared for interview, but could not find his name the list of qualifying candidates. He told me that Irfan fared well in the anthropology paper, but got less marks and thus wanted to know whether the evaluation has been made correctly or not? This is his right as in the past also PSC has provided such information on the direction of J&K State Information Commission. How can they deny the same when they have already provided it on several occasions? This is completely ridiculous and a violation of the orders of the Supreme Court, CIC and JK SIC as well. When the aggrieved filed an appeal, ironically he was asked to appear for an appeal hearing at PSC’s Jammu office?

How is it possible for a senior citizen to travel 300 kms in harsh winter when Srinagar Jammu highway remains mostly blocked?

Conclusion

At a time when India is leapfrogging into the Fourth Industrial Revolution, how can authorities at helm in J&K Government not even make the official websites of the Government updated on a regular basis? When the Digital India flagship programme is transforming the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy, the Deputy Commissioners in UT of J&K fail to even put the updated data of centrally sponsored schemes like housing for poor (PMAY) and PM Kisan beneficiaries on their official websites? When the government’s digital model is narrowing the digital divide and bringing technology to even the most remote parts of the country, many officers in J&K administration are not ready to be part of this digital revolution. I would suggest these officers particularly the erring Deputy Commissioners and HODs be declared deadwood and let bright officers be given chance to show their talent.

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COVID 19 Pandemic and Economy

Economy and Education are two of the many sectors upon which this pandemic has had a variegated effect. The effects are not temporary and are expected to leave long lasting scars on these sectors. Economy is experiencing deep and a crippling effect through lower investments, erosion of human capital through loss of employment and disturbance of world trade and transport.

Investment

The pandemic has hit at a time when the world economy was already under tough times. The investment policy monitor (IPM) indicated specific investment policy responses to the pandemic that included measures aimed at supporting investors and domestic economies so as to protect the infrastructure and industries. The lockdown has brought down the real estate and infrastructure sector and led

to a liquidity crisis. The closure of manufacturing plants and factories has had a negative impact on the economy which could lead to a vicious deficit in corporate capEx, decreased consumer demand and unexpected level of unemployment in the world. Investors all around are indecisive during the troubling times and it becomes imperative to take a cautious approach while investing in equity and equity related products. They have to follow the principle of proper asset allocation while going for certain investment. The apprehension of a liquidity trap together with inflationary pressures forces the investors for short term investment. Though there are areas where one can invest but one has to be cautious, stock specific and go for a staggered approach to reduce risk.

Pandemic and Unemployment

Unemployment rate in general increased by 11.2 percent between February

and April 2020 but the rates among young workers was much more. Migrant workers fled urban centres and the economic activity came to a grinding halt in major cities. The world of work is profoundly affected. The economic and social disruption threatened the long-term livelihood of many. According to The International Labour Organisation, the COVID 19 crises can wipe out 6.7 percent of working hours, equivalent to 195 million full time workers. In developed economies like the US, the pandemic has been catastrophic in terms of labour and employment and it is a tale of woe across the globe.

The unemployment resulted from the closure of manufacturing units, packaging, storage and transportation. The workforce used to migrate to the potential areas of employment were confined to their homes resulting in their unemployment. The workers staying in foreign countries for long periods earning the country con-

siderable foreign exchange had to return which caused a great jolt to the national income. This setback caused to the economy is likely to cast its pernicious shadow to overall growth of GDP.

World Trade and Transport

Pandemic has thrown challenges in trade and transport to the hilt. All means of transport having been suspended have brought the national and international trade to a grinding halt. The revenues of various modes of transport companies were reduced to a naught throwing the entire staff out of jobs. It will take a long time for these institutions to return to normalcy and regain their losses. Agricultural products, eatables and perishable items, due to their non-transportation from source caused huge losses and wastage which seems impossible to be recovered in the near future.

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Mindful Fridays

Mental Health And Emotional Well Being In Children

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Mental health is an important part of children's overall health and has a complex interactive relationship with their physical health and their ability to succeed in school, at work and in society. The emotional wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health. Both physical and mental health affect how we think, feel and act on the inside and outside. Good mental health allows children and young people to develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-composed, healthy adults whereas ignoring the mental health needs of a child or teenager may lead to life-long consequences for the child or teenager.

According to one estimate, mental health problems affect about 1 in 10 children and young people. They include various types of internalizing disorders such as mood disorders, anxiety disorders and externalizing disorders such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Conduct disorder etc. and are often a direct response to what is happening in their lives.

Alarmingly, however, a significant percentage of children and young people who experience a mental health problem have not had appropriate interventions at a sufficiently early age.

Suggestions to help children keep themselves mentally healthy:

Things that can help keep children and young people mentally well include:

- being in good physical health, eating a balanced diet and getting regular exercise
- having time and the freedom to play, indoors and outdoors
- being part of a family that gets along well most of the time
- going to a school that looks after the wellbeing of all its pupils
- taking part in local activities for young people.

Other factors are also important, including:

- feeling loved, trusted, understood, valued and safe
- being interested in life and having opportunities to enjoy themselves
- being hopeful and optimistic
- being able to learn and having opportunities to succeed
- accepting who they are and recognizing what they are good at
- having a sense of belonging in their family, school and community
- feeling they have some control over their own life
- having the strength to cope when something is wrong (resilience) and the ability to solve problems.

Dealing with change:

Mostly things that happen to children don't lead to mental health problems on their own, but traumatic events can trigger problems for children and young people who are already vulnerable to develop mental health issues of various types.

Changes often act as triggers:

changing residential place or school or the birth of a new brother or sister, for example. Some children who start school feel excited about making new friends and doing new activities, but there may also be some who feel anxious about entering a new school environment.

Teenagers often experience emotional turmoil as their minds and bodies develop. An important part of growing up is working out and accepting who you are. Some young people find it hard to make this transition to adulthood and may experiment with alcohol, drugs or other substances that can affect mental health.

Risk factors

There are certain risk factors that make some children and young people more likely to experience problems than other children, but that doesn't necessarily mean difficulties are bound to happen.

Some of these factors include:

- having a long-term physical illness
- having a parent who has had mental health problems, problems with alcohol or has been in trouble with the law
- experiencing the death of someone close to them
- having parents who separate or divorce
- having been severely bullied or physically or sexually abused
- living in poverty
- acting as a carer for a relative, taking on adult responsibilities

What mental health problems commonly occur in children?

These are some of the mental health problems that can affect children and young people.

Depression affects more children and

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young people today than in the last few decades. Teenagers are more likely to experience depression than young children.

- Self-harm is a very common problem among young people. Some people find it helps them manage intense emotional pain if they harm themselves, through cutting or burning, for example. They may not wish to take their own life.
- Generalised anxiety disorder (GAD) can cause young people to become extremely worried.
- Very young children or children starting or migrating from one school to another school may have separation anxiety.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can follow physical or sexual abuse, witnessing something extremely frightening or traumatising, being the victim of violence or severe bullying or surviving a disaster.
- Children who are consistently overactive ('hyperactive'), behave impulsively and have difficulty paying attention may have attention defi-

cit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Many more boys than girls are affected, but the cause of ADHD isn't fully understood.

Eating disorders usually start in the teenage years and are more common in girls than boys. The number of young people who develop an eating disorder is small, but eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa can have serious consequences for their physical health and development.

Importance of early intervention:

Let us suppose there is a boy namely Rashid who is being physically abused by his father at his home and often acts out aggressively at school. His behavior is a natural reaction to the abuse, but his behavior may also mark the beginning of undiagnosed conduct disorder. His teachers simply see him as a troublemaker and continually punish his behavior. Later, Rashid drops out of school as a teenager because he finds it a harsh and unwelcoming environment and is anxious to leave his abusive home and fend for himself. However, holding down a job is difficult because Rashid often clashes with his coworkers and supervisors due to his aggression. Rashid has also begun to self medicate by abusing alcohol and has been arrested a number of times for alcohol and drug abuse. By the time Rashid finally receives a proper diagnosis of his conduct disorder (characterized by delinquency, lying, stealing etc.) and substance abuse, he is in his thirties and his mental health problems have become deeply ingrained. These mental health issues will require extensive therapy, which Rashid probably cannot afford without a job. Things could have been very different if Rashid was referred to a Clinical psychologist in his childhood who could have diagnosed

him and offered effective treatment.

What help is available?

Parental help

If children have a warm, open relationship with their parents, they will usually feel able to tell them if they are troubled. One of the most important ways parents can help is to listen to them and take their feelings seriously. They may want a hug, they may want you to help them change something or they may want practical help. However, it's beneficial and even important to get help if your child is distressed for a long time, if their negative feelings are stopping them from getting on with their lives, if their distress is disrupting family life or if they are repeatedly behaving in ways you would not expect at their age.

Professional help

If your child is having problems at school, a teacher, school counselor etc. may be able to help and if these professionals feel that the child needs some serious help, they can refer a child to professionals such as Clinical Psychologist/ Psychiatrist etc.

Different professionals often work together in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Parents can visit **IMHANS at Badamwari Srinagar** where **IMHANS** in collaboration with UNICEF have established a **CHILD GUIDANCE AND WELL BEING CENTRE** where such children and adolescents with various mental health issues are treated for free. **This centre has a team of professionals available to deal with the various mental health issues of the child. The team includes Child Psychiatrist, Clinical Psychologists, Mental Health counselors, Psychiatric social workers, Occupational therapist, remedial educationists, speech therapists, professionals who deal with autistic children, lawyers etc among others.** Parents can also visit professionals in private practice to help their children resolve their issues.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, parents and caregivers need to take responsibility towards the mental health and emotional well being of children and adolescents so that we as a society are able to produce a generation of mentally sound citizens who help in evolving the human race in a much better way. Otherwise ignoring the mental health needs of our younger generations may lead to social, economic and psychological burden that we may be unable to replenish for generations to come.

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What are the characteristics of strong mental health?

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Positive mental health and well-being is a combination of feeling good and functioning well. Important components include:

- experiencing positive emotions: happiness, joy, pride, satisfaction, and love
- having positive relationships: people you care for, and who care for you
- feeling engaged with life

of daily life

- optimism: feeling positive about your life and future
- self-esteem: feeling positive about yourself
- vitality: feeling energetic.

How can I cultivate my mental health?

Your mental health is shaped by social, economic, genetic and environmental conditions. To improve

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- meaning and purpose: feeling your life is valuable and worthwhile
- a sense of accomplishment: doing things that give you a sense of achievement or competence
- emotional stability: feeling calm and able to manage emotions
- resilience: the ability to cope with the stresses

mental health within society at large, we need to address the social determinants of poor mental health, including poverty, economic insecurity, unemployment, low education, social disadvantage, homelessness and social isolation.

On an individual level, there are steps you can take to optimise your mental health. The first step is identifying your existing support networks and the

coping strategies that you've used in the past.

There are also small things you can do to improve your mental health and help you to cope in tough times, such as:

- helping others
- finding a type of exercise or physical activity you enjoy (like yoga)
- getting good sleep
- eating healthy food
- connecting with others, building and maintaining positive relationships
- learning strategies to manage stress
- having realistic expectations (no one is happy and positive all the time)
- learning ways to relax (such as meditation)
- counteracting negative or overcritical thinking
- doing things you enjoy and that give you a sense of accomplishment.

How do I know if I need extra support?

Regardless of whether you are experiencing a mental illness, everyone has the right to optimal mental health. The suggestions above can help everyone improve their mental health and well-being, and help is available if you're not sure how to get started.

However, when distress or poor mental health is interfering with our daily life, work, study or relationships, these suggestions may not be enough by themselves and additional, individualised treatment may be needed.

If the answer to RUOK? is no, or you or your loved ones need help, reaching out to your local GP is an important step. If you are eligible, your GP can refer you for free or low-cost sessions with a psychologist, exercise physiologist, dietitian, or other allied health or medical support services.

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Amid the coronavirus pandemic we are being warned of a “second wave” of mental health problems that threatens to overrun an already weakened mental health service.

As we emerge from this crisis, while some people may need specialist help with treating mental illness, everybody can benefit from strategies to improve mental health.

This is because mental health is more than just the absence of mental illness. Positive mental health is a combination of feeling good and functioning well.

Mental illness vs mental health: what's the difference?

Mental health and mental illness are not simply two sides of the same coin. Mental health, just like physical health, exists on a spectrum from poor to optimal.

With physical health, some days we naturally feel stronger and more energetic than others. Similarly, some days our mental health is worse than others, and that too is a natural part of being human. We may feel tired, grumpy, sad, angry, anxious, depressed, stressed, or even happy at any point in time. These are all normal human emotions, and aren't on their own a sign of mental illness.

Someone living with a mental illness can be experiencing optimal mental health at any point in time, while someone else can feel sad or low even in the absence of a mental illness.

Differentiating between poor mental health and symptoms of a mental illness is not always clear-cut. When poor mental health has a sustained negative impact on someone's ability to work, have meaningful relationships, and fulfil day-to-day tasks, it could be a sign of mental illness requiring treatment.

What does positive mental health look like?

Mental health is more than just the absence of mental illness.

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RESEARCHERS DEVELOP Videos Showing Helix Of 'Dancing DNA'



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For the first time, researchers in the UK have developed groundbreaking techniques for visualising in unprecedented detail how small circles of DNA adopt dance-like movements inside a cell.

Using advanced atomic force microscope technology and a supercomputer, the research team from the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, York and the John Innes Centre revealed that twisted DNA can develop kinks and creases that help to package it into compact shapes.

Getting a DNA molecule into a cell involves a process of folding called supercoiling, where the DNA is twisted and looped.

The footage shows in unprecedented detail how the stresses and strains that are placed on DNA when it is crammed inside cells can change its shape.

Previously, scientists were only able to see DNA by using microscopes that are limited to taking static images. But now the Yorkshire team has combined advanced atomic force microscopy with supercomputer simulations to create videos of twisted molecules of DNA.

The images are so detailed it is possible to see the iconic double helical structure of DNA, but when combined with the simulations, the researchers were able to see the position of every single atom in the DNA and how it twists and writhes.

"Seeing is believing, but with something as small as DNA, seeing the helical structure of the entire DNA molecule was extremely challenging. The videos we have developed enable us to observe DNA twisting in a level of detail that has never been seen before, said Dr Alice Pyne, Lecturer in Polymers & Soft Matter at the University of Sheffield, who captured the footage.

Dr Agnes Noy, Lecturer at the University of York, who did the theoretical modelling in the study, said: The computer simulations and microscopy images agree so well that they boost the resolution of experiments and enable us to track how each atom of the double helix of DNA dances."

The team looked at DNA minicircles, which are special because the molecule is joined at both ends to form a loop. This loop enabled the researchers to give the DNA minicircles an extra added twist, making the DNA dance more vigorously.

When the researchers imaged relaxed DNA, without any twists, they saw that it did very little. However, when they gave the DNA an added twist, it suddenly became far more dynamic and could be seen to adopt some very exotic shapes.

These exotic dance-moves were found to be the key to finding binding partners for the DNA, as when they adopt a wider range of shapes, then a greater variety of other molecules find it attractive.

Dr. Pyne and her co-worker's new AFM structures of our supercoiled minicircles are extremely exciting because they show, with remarkable detail, how wrinkled, bubbled, kinked, denatured, and strangely shaped they are which we hope to be able to control someday, said professor Lynn Zechiedrich from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston Texas, USA, who made the DNA minicircles used in the study.

The study was published in journal Nature Communications.

The laws of physics apply just as well to the tiny looped DNA as to sub-atomic particles and galaxies. We can use supercomputers to understand the physics of twisted DNA. This should help researchers such as Professor Zechiedrich design bespoke minicircles for future therapies, said Dr Sarah Harris, Associate Professor at the University of Leeds, who supervised the research.

Previous research from Stanford, which detected DNA minicircles in cells, suggests they are potential indicators of health and ageing and may act as early markers for disease.

As the DNA minicircles can twist and bend, they can also become very compact. Being able to study DNA in such detail could accelerate the development of new gene therapies by utilising how twisted and compacted DNA circles can squeeze their way into cells.

The study shows that DNA supercoiling induces kinks and defects that enhance flexibility and recognition.

SEEING IS BELIEVING, BUT WITH SOMETHING AS SMALL AS DNA, SEEING THE HELICAL STRUCTURE OF the entire DNA molecule was extremely challenging. The videos we have developed enable us to observe DNA twisting in a level of detail that has never been seen before, said Dr Alice Pyne, Lecturer in Polymers & Soft Matter at the University of Sheffield, who captured the footage.

Study Sheds Light On Factors Linked With Elevated Risk Of Bone Fractures

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A new study has identified various factors that may indicate whether a person faces a higher likelihood of experiencing a bone fracture over the next two decades.

The study, published in the Journal of Bone and Mineral Research, included 30,446 middle-aged women and men who were followed from the early/mid 1990s to 2016. A total of 8,240 participants (27 per cent) had at least one fracture during a median follow-up of 20.7 years.

Older age, female sex, higher body mass index, a previous fracture, a family history of fracture after the age of 50 years, low leisure-time physical activity, heavy work, living alone, smoking, and



no or high alcohol consumption were factors independently associated with a greater likelihood of experiencing a fracture.

"Our results emphasize the importance of these factors in public health initiatives for fracture prevention," the authors wrote.

Air Pollution Kills Thousands In Megacities Despite Covid Lockdowns



Agencies

Air pollution caused tens of thousands of deaths in the world's five most populous cities last year despite coronavirus lockdowns, researchers said on Thursday, urging governments to ditch fossil fuels and invest in a green recovery.

Environmental campaign group Greenpeace Southeast Asia and air quality technology company IQAir measured pollution levels across 28 cities - chosen according to where data was available and with a geographical spread.

In the five most-populated cities -- Delhi, Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Shanghai and Tokyo -- air pollution caused about 160,000 deaths and economic losses totalling about \$85 billion.

"A few months of lockdown hasn't really dented that long-term average of air pollution that people have been exposed to," said Aidan Farrow, an air pollution scientist at Greenpeace Research Laboratories at Britain's University of Exeter.

"It is a little shocking to see how much upheaval there has been -- and we still have work to do to improve air pollution," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

Air pollution is the single largest environmental risk to human health globally, and kills an estimated 7 million people every year, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

The WHO says nine out of 10 people breathe polluted air, which is linked to strokes, lung cancer and heart disease -- and now equals the effects of smoking tobacco, health experts say.

The problem affects more cities in Asia than anywhere else in the world. Major causes include vehicle emissions, coal power plants, construction, festival fireworks, forest clearing, and burning of crops, firewood and waste.

Delhi had the highest death toll among the five biggest cities, with some 54,000 deaths - or one per 500 people - due to high levels of tiny pollution particles, known as PM2.5, which can cause lung and heart diseases, the study said.

Japan's capital Tokyo suffered the highest financial cost with approximately 40,000 deaths and economic losses of \$43 billion, it added.

Lockdowns to stem the spread of the new coronavirus in major cities have forced millions to work from home, while slowing economies have slashed carbon dioxide emissions.

"We have seen changes in road traffic, aviation as well ... but the major (air pollution) sources have continued to operate largely as before," Farrow said.

"The problem is vast and needs a big, multi-industry effort to address it," he added, calling for more investment in cleaner technologies, renewable energy and electrified public transport.

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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-Tenders are hereby invited from registered A class Electrical Contractors/ registered with Inspection Agency of KPDCCL or any other relevant Government agency enlisted with CPWD, MES, Railway, DGBRO of appropriate class for Improvement of HT/LT Network under the jurisdiction of O&M Division Shopian at Sub Division KELLER UNDER T&D ON PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document.

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2. The rates quoted by the firm should be free from any cutting overwriting whatsoever.
3. The items supplied to be installed in the Office of the Deputy Director Employment Kupwara.
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IPL AUCTION

Chris Morris Most Expensive Foreign Buy At Rs 16.25 Cr, Kohli Retained For Rs 17 Cr



HIGHLIGHTS	• New Zealand medium pacer Kyle Jamieson goes to Royal Challengers Bangalore for Rs 15 crore. His base price was Rs 75 lakh
	• England pacer Tom Curran fetches winning bid of Rs 5.25 crore from Delhi Capitals. His base price was 1.50 crore
	• Sachin Baby bagged by Mumbai Indians for Rs 20 lakh
	• Indian Test specialist Cheteshwar Pujara bought by Chennai Super Kings for his base price of Rs 50 lakh
	• Uncapped Australian pacer Riley Meredith bought by Punjab Kings for Rs 8 crore. His base price was Rs 40 lakh
	• Indian pacer Umesh Yadav bought by Delhi Capitals at base price of Rs 1 crore
	• New Zealand pacer Adam Milne bought by Mumbai Indians for Rs 3.20 crore. His base price was Rs 50 lakh.

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Chris Morris on Thursday became the most expensive buy in the IPL auction history with Rajasthan Royals shelling out Rs 16.25 crore for the South Africa all-rounder even as uncapped players such as Karnataka's K Gowtham also hogged the limelight with hefty deals here.

Spin bowling all-rounder Gowtham was bought for a record Rs 9.25 crore by the Chennai Super Kings. The 32-year-old is currently with the Indian team as a net bowler for the ongoing Test series against England.

Tamil Nadu's Shahrukh Khan, named after the Bollywood superstar, expectedly got a handsome Rs 5.25 crore deal from Punjab Kings, more than 51 times his base price of Rs 20 lakh.

Shahrukh has been in the limelight with his exploits in the recent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

Gowtham, an IPL regular who was released by Punjab Kings, was the second off-spinner CSK bought after England's Moeen Ali. With the hefty price tag, Gowtham became the most expensive uncapped buy in IPL history. His base price was also Rs 20 lakh.

Morris' big pay day came after another all-rounder and perennial under-performer, Australian Glenn Maxwell, once again managed to attract a winning Rs 14.25 crore bid from Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Punjab Kings, who went into the auction with the maximum purse among eight teams, paid Rs 14 crore to rope in Australian pacer Jhye Richardson, hoping he will plug the gap in their leaking bowling department.

The 24-year-old, who has played two Tests, 13 ODIs and nine T20Is for Australia, was the leading wicket-taker in the recent Big Bash League.

Punjab paid a big amount — Rs 8 crore — for another Australian pacer, the uncapped Riley Meredith. The 24-year-old has 43 wickets in 34 T20s that he has played.

Morris, who came with a base price of Rs 75 lakh, generated bids from four teams before it became a battle between Royals and Punjab Kings.

Royals eventually sealed it with a record bid which made Morris the costliest buy at the auction ever, surpassing Yuvraj Singh, who was bought by Delhi Capitals for Rs 16 crore in 2015.

The costliest player in the IPL remains Virat Kohli, retained for Rs 17 crore by Royal Challengers Bangalore.

In 70 IPL games, Morris has scored 551 runs at 23.95 and taken 80 wickets at 23.98.

Talking about why Royals went all out on Morris, team COO Jake Luch

McCrum said: "We actually spoke to Chris before the auction itself, and did a full medical review of him. He's in a bubble in South Africa now, about to play the domestic competition."

"Chris is an ex-Royal and he's one of those players with experience and who can deal with a price tag like that. We've re-balanced the side this year, he will fill in an important role for us. He is a quality bowler through all phases of the game, and also he can win us the game with the bat as well," McCrum added.

Earlier, KKR made the opening bid for Maxwell but it eventually became a two-way war between Chennai Super Kings and RCB before the Virat Kohli-led team won him with a bid, which came to \$1.96 million.

"We wanted to get an X-factor player and we are delighted to get Maxwell," RCB Director of Cricket Mike Hesson said.

Punjab Kings, who had paid Rs 10.75 crore for Maxwell in the previous auction, had released the 32-year-old following the 2020 edition in which he made 108 runs in 13 games at 15.42.

In 82 IPL games, Maxwell has made 1505 runs at a modest average of 22.13.

England all-rounder Moeen Ali also went for a high price of Rs 7 crore to Chennai Super Kings. Both Maxwell and Moeen had base prices of Rs 2 crore.

"Absolutely buzzing to play for CSK. They have a massive fan base and I can't wait to meet them. I can't wait to play under Dhoni. My teammate Sam Curran is there too. This made my day, made my year," said Moeen in a video message.

Bangladesh star Shakib Al Hasan was lapped up by KKR for Rs 3.2 crore. He missed the IPL last year as he was serving a ban for failing to report a corrupt approach.

Australian pacer Nathan Coulter-Nile also ended up with a good deal, fetching a Rs 5 crore bid from Mumbai Indians. He had a base price of Rs 1.5 crore.

Australian Steve Smith, who was released by Rajasthan Royals, was bought by Delhi Capitals for Rs 2.20 crore, only Rs 20 lakh more than his base price.

At his base price of Rs 1.5 crore, England batsman Dawid Malan was a bargain buy for Punjab Kings, who went into the auction with the maximum purse among eight teams.

New Zealand fast bowler Adam Milne went to Mumbai Indians for Rs 3.2 crore, more than six times his base price of Rs 50 lakh.

Among the players who went unsold were Harbhajan Singh, Hanuma Vihari, Karun Nair, Alex Hales, Jason Roy, Adil Rashid, Kedar Jadhav, Mustafizur Rahman and Aaron Finch.



Real Kashmir Draw 1-1 With RoundGlass Punjab As Both Teams See Red

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir FC on Thursday drew 1-1 against RoundGlass Punjab FC in a Hero I-League match, which saw both teams reduced to 10 men, at the Kalyani Municipal Stadium, Kalyani.

A 63rd minute altercation between Real Kashmir's Afghan international Haroon Amiri and Punjab FC's Bhutanese international Chenchu Gyeltshen, resulted in the referee sending off both players.

The match was played on a slow-tempo with both teams cancelling each other out in the middle of the park. Both Real Kashmir and I-League table toppers RoundGlass Punjab, focused on defensive stability and not conceding a goal on a counter-attack.

Punjab FC came close to scoring in the 6th minute of the match when Joseba Beitia found Papa Diawara inside the box with a long ball but Diawara's header was cleared off the line by a well-

placed Mason Robertson.

Real Kashmir's Goalkeeper Mithun Samanta made some important saves in the first-half of the match to keep RoundGlass strikers at bay.

The Srinagar-based Real Kashmir came close in the 31st minute with Pratesh Shiroadkar's outside-of-the-boot effort from outside the box which was only inches wide of the goal-post.

The second-half began with both teams looking to take full points from the game.

In the 51st minute, Punjab FC had a great chance when a long throw-in found Mohammad Irshad whose flicked header found Papa Diawara inside the box. But the Senegalese forward failed to direct his header goalwards from a close range and with no real pressure.

However, the match turned upside down with the two red cards as it opened up space on the pitch.

A 66th minute penalty kick

was awarded to RoundGlass Punjab FC after RKFC's Dharmraj Ravanan fouled inside the box. Joseba Beitia made no mistake from the spot-kick and slotted the ball into the bottom left corner to hand RoundGlass Punjab FC a one-goal lead.

It didn't take long for the Snow Leopards to respond as they found the back of the net in 72nd minute.

Captain Mason Robertson did well to find Dipanda Dicka in front of the goal and the Cameroonian forward made no mistake to tap in from close range.

The match ended 1-1 with Dipanda Dicka receiving the man-of-the-match award. With this result, Real Kashmir stayed 2nd in the I-League table with 14 points from 8 games. While RoundGlass Punjab took the 1st spot with 15 points from 9 matches.

Real Kashmir will next play Aizawl FC on Tuesday, 23rd February. The game will kick-off at 2 PM (IST).

Cricket South Africa Approaches ICC To Lodge Complaint Against Cricket Australia

Press Trust of India

JOHANNESBURG: An irked Cricket South Africa (CSA) has finally lodged an official complaint with the ICC after Cricket Australia (CA) indefinitely postponed its national team's three-Test tour of that nation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Australia had earlier this month postponed their tour of South Africa next month, citing "unacceptable health and safety risk" in that country because of a fresh COVID-19 outbreak, a decision that virtually knocked them out of contention for the World Test Championship final later this year.

CSA had slammed its Australian counterpart for postponing the tour, saying it is "extremely" disappointing and will lead to "serious financial loss". It has now approached the ICC's dispute-resolution council on this matter.

According to a report in ESPNcricinfo, CSA acting CEO Pholetsi Moseki has shot off a letter to the ICC, asking it "to look into whether CA's cancellation amounts to acceptable or unacceptable non-compliance as per the WTC terms, bearing in mind that the series cannot be rescheduled before the end of the WTC window, which is April 30, 2021."

CSA also wants the game's governing body to check the health

situation in South Africa to decide if Australia violated the FTP terms by postponing the tour.

As per ICC's FTP terms and conditions, member nations have an obligation to fulfil their commitments barring special circumstances, including government instruction.

Citing a clause from WTC terms, Moseki wrote that it is for the independent experts from South Africa to decide the severity of health risks that forced Australia to postpone their tour.

"It would seem inappropriate to appoint a health and safety consultant outside of South Africa given that such an expert consultant would be unlikely to properly and accurately comprehend the Covid-19 related risks within South Africa and how they may be adequately managed," Moseki wrote.

"Given the nature of the pandemic, it will inevitably require location-specific advice." Australia decided against touring South Africa as that country is currently battling a second wave of COVID-19 and a new variant of the virus.

It is not the first time that a cricket playing nation has cancelled a tour. In 2007 Australia decided against touring Zimbabwe on the advice of their government on political grounds and then in 2008 India didn't tour Pakistan due to tension between the two nations.

NOVAK DJOKOVIC To Enter Australian Open Final For 9th Time

Agencies

MELBOURNE: Novak Djokovic reached the Australian Open final for the ninth time by beating No. 114-ranked Aslan Karatsev 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

The top-ranked Djokovic is 8-0 in his previous trips to the final at Melbourne Park. He is also unbeaten in all nine semifinals he has contested in Australia.

Karatsev was the first man to reach the semifinals on his debut in a Grand Slam but his remarkable run came to an end against the biggest obstacle there is to meet on the blue court at Rod Laver Arena.

The Russian qualifier was close for the first seven games and staged a comeback from 5-1 down in the second set but otherwise Djokovic was in command.

Djokovic has had an abdominal muscle problem since his second-round match but now says this is the 'best as I've felt the entire tournament'.

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Naomi Osaka Defeats Serena Williams To Reach Australian Open Final

Agencies

MELBOURNE: As Serena Williams walked off the court after her latest so-close-yet-so-far bid for a 24th Grand Slam title ended with a loss to Naomi Osaka at the Australian Open, the 39-year-old American paused and put her hand on her chest while thousands of spectators rose to applaud.

Was this, Williams was asked at a news conference after the 6-3, 6-4 semifinal defeat, her way of saying goodbye? "If I ever say farewell," she replied with a smile, I wouldn't tell anyone."

When the next question returned the conversation to the subject of Williams' many mistakes Thursday (Wednesday night EST) twice as many unforced errors, 24, as winners, 12 she shook her head, tears up, said, I'm done, and abruptly

walked out of the session with reporters.

On Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. local time (3:30 a.m. EST), Osaka will meet first-time Grand Slam finalist Jennifer Brady of the United States for the championship. The 22nd-seeded Brady, who is from Pennsylvania and played college tennis at UCLA, prevailed in an epic, 18-point last game to edge No. 25 Karolina Muchova 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in the semifinals.

Brady dropped to her back at the baseline after saving a trio of break points, then converting her fifth match point when Muchova sent a forehand long.

"My legs are shaking, Brady said. "My heart is racing."

She lost to Osaka in a three-set thriller in the U.S. Open semifinals last September.

"Everyone's just really excited whenever they play their first final," Osaka not-

ed about what awaits Brady, "but they're also really nervous."

Williams was hoping to get to her 34th Grand Slam final but, once again, couldn't quite get the job done in order to add one more Grand Slam trophy to her collection of 23 and equal Margaret Court for the most in tennis history.

Osaka, who also beat Williams in the chaotic 2018 U.S. Open final that concluded with the crowd booing and both women in tears, reached her fourth major title match and stretched her winning streak to 20 matches by claiming the last eight points.

"I don't know if there's any little kids out here today, but I was a little kid watching her play," Osaka, 23, said about Williams, "and just to be on the court playing against her, for me, is a dream."

The No. 3-seeded Osaka's Grand Slam

collection also includes last year's U.S. Open and the 2019 Australian Open and she is, without a doubt, the most dangerous hard-court player in the women's game at the moment.

That used to be Williams, of course. But she was off-target too much in this contest.

"I could have won. I could have been up 5-Love, said Williams, who instead took a 2-0 lead at the outset before dropping the next five games. I just made so many errors.

Her forehand, in particular, went awry, with no fewer than 10 unforced errors off that side in the first set alone.

"Too many mistakes there, she said. Easy mistakes.

Williams' frustration was made plain early in the second set, when she leaned over and screamed, Make a shot! Make a

shot!

After collecting her professional era-record 23rd Slam singles trophy at Melbourne Park while pregnant in 2017, Williams has reached four major finals and lost them all.

She's also now lost in the semifinals twice in the past three majors.



Kings XI Punjab's Rs 5 Cr Signing Shahrukh Khan Wants To Carve His Own Identity

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Named after a Bollywood icon, drawing attention was no big deal for Tamil Nadu cricketer M Shahrukh Khan, but what fetched him an IPL contract worth Rs 5.25 was purely his big-hitting prowess that he displayed during the recent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

The 25-year old Tamil Nadu all-rounder had a base price of Rs 20 lakh but Punjab Kings very happily shelled out a huge sum to secure his services after a fierce bidding on Thursday.

He grabbed attention with some power-packed performances as a finisher for Tamil Nadu in the domestic T20 event, which his team eventually won.

After his blistering 49 off 19 balls took TN past Himachal Pradesh in the quarterfinal from a tricky situation, his 7-ball 18 helped the team seal the title against Baroda.

He then attended trials with Rajasthan Royals, Kolkata Knight Riders and the Punjab franchise and it's clear he did make an impression.

"This year, I had no expectations. To be frank, I had nothing in my mind (about the auction). People were talking about the chances of me getting an IPL contract but I did not pay too much attention to it," he told PTI.

Shahrukh knows that IPL is a huge platform for any cricketer that helps in getting better.

"The IPL is a very big stage for any cricketer. Here, you get to play against and alongside the big names in international cricket. There is a lot to learn by just interacting with them and watching them. It has been the springboard for many cricketers to move on and play for the country," the TN batsman, who admires New Zealand captain Kane Williamson for on his on-field style, said.

Named after the actor on the suggestion of his mother's cousin, a huge Shahrukh Khan fan, the right-hand batsman is seeking to create an identity of his own.

His prospects of bagging an IPL contract were played up a couple of years ago but that didn't happen and resulted in disappointment.

"I was disappointed, if I tell you I wasn't (disappointed) I would be lying," he said, adding: "But overcame it well. Instead of brooding over it, I

just thought about what next."

Shahrukh, who made his first-class debut in 2018 after having played for the state in List A and T20s in 2014, rose through the ranks. He was a star in school cricket



in Chennai and featured in the competitive TNCA League aged 13.

"But the stepping up to the next level, playing for Tamil Nadu was a different challenge," he said.

After his efforts in the TNPL, he came back in the Tamil Nadu team and has made his mark as a finisher in the last two seasons.

He worked on the role as a finisher and that has brought results.

"I was aware that I had to keep working on my role. Being a finisher meant one has to keep improving skills because a batsman can get found out soon. I have worked on my skills and focussed on hitting areas. There are still areas to improve, am just aiming to improve each day," he added.

He also said his trainer Azhariah Prabhakar, with whom he has worked since the age of 15, had helped him get stronger, both physically and mentally.

"I will continue working with him and try to keep improving," he concluded.