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The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

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S/O Gh Mohd Bhat
R/O Nooripora Tehsil pattan



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Roll No 2402420 Session /Year 2019-2020
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Sd/ Assistant Secretary
Sub Office Magam

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Public Notice

I want to change the name of my wards in Municipal Records from (Aitizaz -ul- Islam To Mohammad Anish (2) From Salis-ul-Islam to Mohammad Salis . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Municipal Committee Shopian within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Sartaj Ahamd Ganie F/O Mohammad Anish & Mohammad Salis R/o Rangraiz Mohalla Shopian AST

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my hand bag while travelling from Lalipora to Kulgam. The bag contains some important documents including contractor Card Bearing No:- C.NO:S.E (RNB) SB-D-487. 17-18. Now I want to apply for their duplicates. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may contact concern authorities within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after that.
CONTACT NO:- 9697080858 RNA

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my Driving License Bearing No:- JK-0119990082874. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO ANANTNAG within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Name: Latiq Ahmad Khan
S/O:- Mohd Sultan Khan
R/o :- Nai Basti Anantnag RNA

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Ashiq Hussain Dar S/o: Mohammad Akram Dar R/o: Surasry Chadoora Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04E 3370 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S Mahindra & Mahindra Fin Service
Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3724
Dated 02-11-2021 Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir MCB



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Mrs : Qaiser Parveen W/o: Sheikh Mehraj-ud-din R/o: Stadium Colony Budshah Nagar Natipora (Transferor) of LMV Santro. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04A-3096. Chasis number 704667 Engine no. 631129 Model 2005. in favour of Shri.. Basharat Ahmad Ahanger S/o. Ghulam Mohammad Ahanger R/O Ahanger Mohallah Khonmoh Srinagar (Transferee).
Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3723
Dated 02-11-2021 Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir MCB

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Where as a joint application has been recieved from owner. Shri : Nazir Ahmad Telwani S/o: Gh Mohd Telwani R/o: Awanpora Chadoora Budgam as Transferor) & Shri. Majid Ashraf Akhoun S/o Mohd Ashraf Akhoun R/O Bagander Dilgam Anantnag.as Transferee) for transfer of Tavera Maxi Cab Carriage route permit No.53/MC/ Budgam vehicle No. JK04G -2877.
Now it is therefore notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit/vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM. 3738
Dated 02-11-2021 Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir MCB



Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING ANANTNAG

E-Tender Notice No: 149 of 2021-22 Dated: 29-10-2021

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

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1	C/O Footpath/R-wall from M/Road to soba khatana at Rein chowgund-B Block Verinag	2.00	200.00	DEE	30 days	CD & PANCHAYAT
2	C/O Sitting arrangement around sports Stadium at Chowgund Block Verinag	3.00	200.00	DEE	30days	CD & PANCHAYAT
3	C/O Fencing graveyard at Wangund Omoh-B Block Verinag	2.40	200.00	DEE	30 days	CD & PANCHAYAT
4	C/O Fencing jinazgah at Zamalgam Batagund-B Block Verinag	2.80	200.00	DEE	30 days	CD & PANCHAYAT
5	C/O Fencing/Drain around Public Park at Satresh Ph-II Halsidar-B Block Verinag	2.70	200.00	DEE	30 days	CD & PANCHAYAT

Position of A/A: Accorded
Position of T/S: Accorded
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	29-10-2021
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	29-10-2021 from 04:00 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	11-11-2021 upto 04:00 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	12-11-2021 at 11:00 AM or any convenient day in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Anantnag
5.	Note: Hard copy of original Tender Document, Fee Receipt and Bid Security Self Declaration Form shall be deposited after the financial bid is opened. In case the original Tender Document Fee Receipt and Bid Security Self Declaration Form is not Deposited within 2 days after the Financial Bid is Opened for all responsive bidders who have participated online, the Department shall serve the Notice as per Rules.	

- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division Anantnag (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids
- The LI is required to deposit a Performance Security @ 3% of advertised value in the shape of CDR in favour of allotting authority (Executive Engineer REW Anantnag) at the time of finalization of allotment/ agreement with the Department.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically/ by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in soft copies with the technical bid and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained.
- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- Price escalation and Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on REW e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

DIPK-11739/21

No. REW-A/WS/NIT/2021-22/10678-87
Dated: 29-10-2021

-Sd-
Executive Engineer
Rural Engineering Wing
Anantnag

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

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Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Mohammad Rafiq Hajam S/o: Ghulam Ahmad Hajam R/o: Kadipora Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04F 1671 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J&K Bank B/U Ichigam.
Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3734
Dated 02-11-2021 Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir MCB



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri : Tariq Ahmad Bhat S/o: Ali Mohammad Bhat R/o: Bathar Sebdan Budgam (Transferor) of M/C TVS. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04E - 2418. Chasis number 37185 Engine no. 37336 Model 2018. in favour of Shri.. Mohd Yousuf Bhat S/o. Ghulam Qadir Bhat R/o Check Kalay Khan Sebdan Budgam (Transferee).
Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper Kashmir Observer.
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3728
Dated 02-11-2021 Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir MCB



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Bashir Ahmad Lone S/o: Abdul Karim Lone R/o: Hardu Malapora Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04E 6857 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J & K Bank B/u Magam.
Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3733
Dated 02-11-2021 Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir MCB



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EXTENSION NOTICE

Due to poor response to this office Advertisement Notice No. 08 of 2021 Dated. 09-10-2021 the date for submission of application invited for Registrar/Demonstrator posts in the 500 Bedded New paediatric Hospital. Government Medical College and Super Specialty Hospital srinagar is hereby extended upto 14th November 2021.

The terms & Conditions/eligibility criteria will remain unchanged.

NO: AR/MC/R/D/Adv/2070-90/MC
Dated 01-11-2021

Principal / Dean
Govt. Medical College srinagar;

DIPK-11752/21

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Farooq Ahmad Dar S/o: Abdul Khaliq Dar R/o: Machipora Khansahib Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04E 1710 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S Mahindra & Mahindra Fin Service B/U Srinagar
Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3719
Dated 02-11-2021 Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir MCB



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Quote!
Our strength grows out of our weaknesses
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NEWS DIGEST

Arms Cache Recovered From OGW

SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested an alleged over-ground worker (OGW) and recovered arms and ammunition from his possession in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. Adil Hussain of Takia Badarkote was arrested by police after two. **More On P10**

Non-Local Dies Of 'Asphyxiation'

SRINAGAR: A non-local labourer died and two of his colleagues were hospitalised on Tuesday due to 'asphyxiation' in south Kashmir's Shopian district. 20-year-old Ansar and 22-year-old Azim, both residents of Uttar Pradesh and Ubaid Ahmad Parra of Homehana. **More On P10**

Employee Absent From 5 Years Dismissed

JAMMU: The Directorate of Health Jammu on Tuesday terminated an employee who was absent from duty for last five years and did not turn up despite several notices and communications. As per the termination order, issued by. **More On P10**

Nine New Covid Cases In Ladakh

LEH: Ladakh recorded nine fresh COVID-19 cases that raised the tally to 20,971, while the number of active cases in the Union Territory has reached 76, officials said on Tuesday. Ladakh has registered. **More On**

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Govt Sacks DySP Jail, Principal Over 'Terror Links'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In an ongoing crackdown against the government employees allegedly involved in anti-national activities, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday sacked a Deputy Superintendent of jails and a principal of a government school over their alleged links with the militants.

Feroz Ahmad Lone, Deputy Superintendent, Jail and Javid Ahmad Shah, Principal, Government Girls Higher Secondary School Anantnag were terminated from the services on the orders of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha. "The Lieutenant Governor is satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of

the case and on the basis of the information available that the activities of Mr. Feroz Ahmad Lone, Deputy Superintendent, Jail S/o Abdul Gaffar Lone R/o Futlipora, Chhatri Sharief, Budgam are such as to warrant his dismissal from service," reads the order.

"The Lieutenant Governor is satisfied under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution of India that in the interest of the security of the State, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in the case of Mr. Feroz Ahmad Lone, Superintendent, Jail S/o Abdul Gaffar Lone R/o Futlipora, Chhatri Sharief, Budgam," it adds.

Accordingly, the Lieutenant Governor ordered dismissal of Feroz Ahmad Lone from service, with immediate effect. According to. **More On P10**

'Pride Of J&K': LG Greets NEET Topper

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday congratulated NEET topper Tanmay Gupta for his historic feat as relatives and friends of the 18-year-old boy thronged his Gandhi Nagar residence to celebrate his achievement.

Gupta from Jammu along with Telangana's Mrinal Kutteri and Maharashtra's Karthika G Nair shared the top rank by scoring the perfect 720 out of 720 in medical entrance exam NEET-UG, whose results were announced on Monday.

Congratulations to Tanmay Gupta from Jammu who created history in NEET 2021 with hard work and determination. The national topper with 720 marks, Tanmay is the pride of J&K. It is a great achievement & the whole J&K is. **More On P10**

Govt Paves Way For Implementation Of Minimum Wages Act

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards upliftment of the part-time workers, the Jammu & Kashmir administration on Monday sought details of the unskilled workers along with financial implication for the implementation of much awaited Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

In an order number, HD-NG-K/57/2021-0202, the Health & Medical Education Department directed the seven listed heads of various departments "to furnish the details of the unskilled workers along with financial implication for the implementation of Minimum Wages Act, 1948".

Addressing the order, the Under Secretary to the Government, Javid Ahmad Malik asked the seven entities to treat the matter as "Most

POONCH OPERATION Man Arrested For Links With Pak Militants

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A man was arrested for alleged links with militants from Jammu and Kashmir and across the border in Pakistan after he was among a dozen people detained for questioning in connection with the ongoing search operation in a forest belt in Poonch district, officials said on Tuesday.

The accused Yasir Arafat, a resident of Bhata Durian forest, was among three suspects detained by the police for questioning from Nepal while they were trying to flee the country on October 25, the officials said. Besides, 10 people, including two women, were earlier detained for questioning during the operation in Bhata Durian forest.

They said the operation to track down a group of militants in Bhata Durian forest in Mendhar along with Surankote forest in Poonch and nearby Thanamandi in Rajouri district entered the 23rd day on Tuesday.

The operation started in Surankote forest on October 11 following the killing of five soldiers, including. **More On P10**

J&K Forms SIA To Probe Militancy Related Cases

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A State Investigation Agency has been constituted within the Jammu and Kashmir Police for speedy investigation and prosecution in militancy-related cases as well as coordinating with central agencies, officials said on Tuesday.

The Jammu and Kashmir home department in an order issued on Monday said the State Investigation Agency (SIA), which will be headed by a director, will be mandated to probe "terror" offences like militancy finance and false propaganda and those under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The SIA will be coordinating with the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and other central agencies,



File Photo

and will take all measures, as may be necessary, for speedy and effective investigation and prosecution in terrorism-related cases, the order said.

The Counter Intelligence units of Kashmir and Jammu, both under the CID department of the police, will also be the police stations under the new SIA for

registering of "terror-related" cases, it said.

The CID chief will be the ex-officio director of the SIA, the order said, adding a special incentive of 25 per cent of the basic pay shall be paid to the employees who are posted in the SIA.

According to the order, in-charge of. **More On P10**

Another Tool Of Repressive Apparatus: PAGD

The constitution of a specialised investigation agency by the Jammu and Kashmir administration to probe militancy-related cases is only aimed at strengthening the repressive apparatus in the Union territory, the PAGD said on Tuesday. A State Investigation Agency (SIA) has been constituted within the Jammu and Kashmir Police for speedy investigation and prosecution in terror-related cases as well as coordinating with central agencies. The latest decision of the administration to create the State Investigation Agency by all counts is only aimed to strengthen the repressive apparatus in this region,. **More On P10**

Hate Monger BJP Leader Booked, Granted Bail

Former MLC Randhawa Relieved Of All Party Posts

Observer Monitoring Desk

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa, who had demanded that Kashmiri Muslims be "skinned" and deprived of their citizenship, was granted anticipatory bail hours after the police had booked the former legislator for hurting religious sentiments.

The case was registered after a video, which surfaced online, purportedly showed Randhawa making the derogatory remarks, officials said.

The BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit has taken note of the video of Randhawa and served him a show cause notice on Monday, asking him to explain his position within 48 hours and submit a public apology. The party also barred him from speaking to the press. An FIR was registered against



Randhawa at a police station here under section 295-A and 505 (2) of the Indian Penal Code and further investigation is on, a police official said.

Section 295-A pertains to deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious belief, while section 505 (2) gives powers to the police to arrest anyone who makes a statement. **More On P10**

Mercury Falls In Kashmir, Minus 2.0 In Gulmarg

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: The ski resort of Gulmarg recorded a minimum temperature of minus 2.0 degree Celsius as the mercury plunged elsewhere in the Valley on Tuesday.

According to a meteorological department official, Srinagar, recorded a low of 2.6 degree Celsius against 4.4 degree Celsius on the previous night. Qazigund, he said, recorded a minimum temperature of 1.9 degree Celsius against previous night's 2.2 degree Celsius.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 1.0 degree Celsius against minus 1.2 degree Celsius on the previous night, he said.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of 2.2 degree Celsius against 2.3 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir

recorded a low of 1.9 degree Celsius against 2.5 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of minus 2.0 degree Celsius against 0.0 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said. The temperature was minus 3.7 below normal for the place, the official said.

The temperatures have fallen considerably after record rainfall and snowfall in some plains and upper reaches during October 23-24. The Met has said that the weather was most likely to remain mainly dry for now.

"There may be isolated very light rain/snow/thundershowers over Jammu and Kashmir in next 24 hours.

However the weather is likely to be mainly dry," the official said, adding, "There is no forecast for any major rain and snow till November 10 in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions," the official added. (With GNS inputs)



It's Saffron Season: Two elderly men collecting saffron flowers from their field in Pampore. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Covid Claims 2 More Lives In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, while 110 new cases of virus were registered in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, the deadly infection claimed lives of two more people in the Valley on Tuesday raising the overall fatality count across J&K to 4438-2176 in Jammu and 2262 in Kashmir.

win the Valley, the officials said Srinagar reported highest 42 new cases of Covid-19 followed by Baramulla with 21, Ganderbal 11, Budgam 5, Kupwara and Anantnag four each, Bandipora 3 and one new case of virus each in Pulwama and Shopian districts. Kulgam reported no fresh cases.

In the winter capital, officials said Rajouri and Poonch reported five new cases each, Jammu 4, Udhampur 2 and one new case each in Doda and. **More On P10**

Compound That Can Potentially Ease Covid Symptoms Identified: Study

Press Trust Of India

Washington: Scientists have identified a compound that shows potential in easing the symptoms of COVID-19 infection in laboratory and animals.

The team from the US Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and the University of North Carolina (UNC) studied the coronavirus that causes Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

MERS is much less common, but much more lethal, than COVID-19.

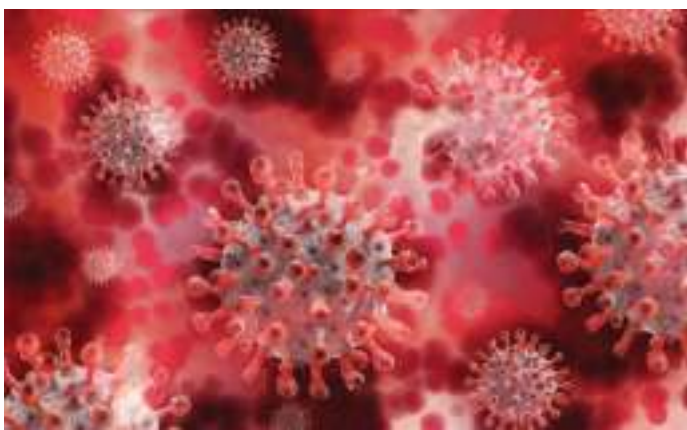
The study, published in the journal 'mBio', analysed tens of thousands of measurements in laboratory of proteins, molecular messengers and other signals that occur after infection.

database of compounds and identified one known as AMG PERK 44 that put a halt to virus reproduction in human tissue in the laboratory.

The team also found the compound has a strong effect in mice infected with the virus. The compound boosted lung function and reduced lung damage and weight loss in the mice, particularly in male mice, according to the researchers.

"Studies like this help us learn more about how deadly respiratory viruses operate, how they do, what they do, why they attack certain parts of the lung and not others," said virologist Amy Sims, one of two first coauthors of the paper from PNNL, along with Hugh Mitchell.

The scientists noted that it is



The researchers pinpointed a molecular process, part of the body's quality-control machinery, that plays a central role in causing damage from a coronavirus infection.

They then searched a vast

far too soon to know whether the compound could help patients as it is not currently used as a drug. The results of the study are most useful as part of a broader effort to learn more about respiratory diseases, they added.

People Of India Deeply Value Friendship With Israel: Modi To Pm Bennett

Press Trust Of India

Glasgow: The people of India deeply value the friendship with Israel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday, as he recalled his meeting with his Israeli counterpart Naftali Bennett on the sidelines of the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow and reaffirmed to work together to enhance the strong bilateral ties.

Prime Minister Modi, who was accompanied by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, interacted with Bennett on Monday in a visibly cordial brief meeting.

In a video tweeted by Prime Minister Modi, the two leaders were seen exchanging pleasantries during their animated discussion.

"Indeed! We shall continue working together for stronger bilateral ties and for a better planet," Modi said in a tweet on Tuesday.

"The people of India deeply value the friendship with Israel," he said.

Prime Minister Bennett, in a tweet, said, "it was truly great to finally meet you, @NarendraModi." The meeting between Modi and Bennett comes after Jaishankar,



during his visit to Israel last month, extended an invitation to the Israeli premier on behalf of Modi to visit India.

According to Israeli media reports, Bennett, who became prime minister in June this year, is likely to visit India next year.

India and Israel elevated their bilateral relations to a strategic partnership during the historic visit of Prime Minister Modi to Israel in July 2017.

Since then, the relationship between the two countries has focused on expanding knowledge-based partnership, which includes collaboration in innovation and research, including boosting the 'Make in India' initiative.



Proposals are under "Make in India" with a focus on design, manufacturing in the country. (File)

Defence Ministry Approves Procurement Of Arms, Military Equipment Worth Rs 7,965 Crore

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Defence Ministry on Tuesday approved the procurement of arms and military equipment worth 7,965-crore, including 12 light utility helicopters from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, according to an official statement.

The procurement proposals were approved at a meeting of the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), the ministry's highest decision-making body on the matter.

Besides clearing the proposal to buy 12 helicopters, the DAC approved the procurement of Lynx U2 naval gunfire control system from Bharat Electronics Limited that will enhance the tracking and engagement capabilities of naval warships, the ministry's statement said.

The DAC on Tuesday also approved "mid-life upgradation of Dornier aircraft" by Hindustan

The military equipment are being procured at a time the Indian armed forces are locked in a bitter border row with China in eastern Ladakh.

Aeronautics Limited to increase the naval capacity of maritime reconnaissance and coastal surveillance, it mentioned.

"As a further impetus to 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India), a global procurement case of naval guns has been foreclosed with these guns" quantity added to the upgraded super rapid gun mount (SRGM) being manufactured by Bharat Heavy Electri-

cals Limited (BHEL)," it noted.

These SRGMs provide niche capabilities of engaging fast manoeuvring targets using guided munitions and range extensions, and are to be fitted on the warships of the Indian Navy, the statement said.

"The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), in its meeting of November 2, 2021, held under the chairmanship of Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, accorded Acceptance of Necessity for capital acquisition proposals for modernisation and operational needs of the armed forces amounting to 7,965 crore," it noted. All these proposals are under "Make in India" with a focus on design, development and manufacturing in the country, according to the statement.

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Setback to BJP in Himachal Congress Wins All 3 Assembly Seats

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New Delhi: In a setback to the BJP in Himachal Pradesh, the opposition Congress won all three assembly seats of Fatehpur, Arki and Jubbalkotkhair and is leading in Mandi Lok Sabha seat where bypolls were held on October 30.

The Congress retained Fatehpur and Arki Assembly seats while it wrested Jubbalkotkhair seat from the BJP, according to poll results announced by the Election Commission on Tuesday.

Congress is also ahead in Mandi, where BJP's Ram Swaroop Sharma had won by a whopping 4,05,000 votes in the last Lok Sabha election in 2019.

Congress candidates Bhawani Singh Pathania, Sanjay and Rohit Thakur have won from Fatehpur, Arki and Jubbalkotkhair assembly constituencies, respectively.

In Mandi parliamentary seat, late chief minister Virbhadr Singh's wife Pratibha



Voters show their identity cards before casting their votes at a polling station, for the Lok Sabha by-polls of Mandi constituency | PTI

Singh of the Congress is leading from her nearest rival -Kargil war hero Brigadier Khushal Thakur of the BJP.

State Congress president Kuldeep Singh Rathore demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Jai Ram

Thakur on moral grounds after the BJP's defeat.

He told reporters that the Congress has won the "semi-final" and will also emerge victorious in the Assembly election scheduled in December next year.

Blasts Rock Kabul Military Hospital, 20 Killed

Agences

Multiple explosions have rocked Afghanistan's capital, leaving at least 19 people dead and dozens of others injured, as the war-ravaged country continues to grapple with fresh security challenges.

The two back-to-back powerful attacks were reported at the entrance of the 400-bed Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan Hospital, the country's biggest military hospital, in central Kabul's Wazir Akbar Khan area, interior ministry spokesman Qari Saeed Khosty said.

The explosions, followed by indiscriminate gunfire, led to chaos inside and outside the busy hospital, reports quoting eyewitnesses said.

At least 43 had been wounded in the attack until last reports

Afghanistan's private TV Tolo News, citing an Italian NGO that runs a separate hospital in Kabul, said the hospital had received some ten people with injuries from the blast site.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, but according to Kabul-based Bakhtar News Agency, a number of Daesh terrorists had entered the hospital and clashed with security forces.

The hospital had come under terrorist attack in 2017, when gunmen disguising as medical personnel killed at least 30 people.

There have been a series of terrorist attacks across Afghanistan in recent weeks, mostly claimed by the Daesh terrorist group, which is engaged in fierce power rivalry with the Taliban.

Today's attack is the worst since the twin bombings outside



came in. The casualty toll is likely to mount as many have been admitted to hospitals in a critical condition, reports said.

Khosty said the Taliban's special forces had rushed to the scene to secure the area.

the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul late August, which killed at least 175 people.

Senior Taliban officials have unequivocally blamed the US for the resurgence of Daesh, which ironically coincided with the botched

Use Of Covaxin, Covishield Has Created Two Classes Of Citizens: Kerala HC

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Centre's vaccination scheme has created two classes of citizens in India, those who got Covaxin—whose movements are restricted—and those who received Covishield and can go anywhere, the Kerala High Court said on Tuesday.

The observation by Justice P.V. Kunhikrishnan came during the hearing of a man's plea for the third jab of an internationally recognised vaccine, so that he can go abroad for work.

The man, who was working as a welder in Saudi Arabia, moved the court for a third jab as the two doses of Covaxin he has received is not recognised or approved in the Gulf nation and therefore, he stands to lose his job there as he cannot go there without being vaccinated by an internationally recognised vaccine.

"Due to the state-sponsored vaccination scheme, there are two types of citizens in the country—those who received Covaxin and those who got Covishield. The former's movement is restricted, while the latter can go anywhere," the court said. It said the creation of two classes of citizens has resulted in "infringement of the fundamental right of movement of the petitioner".

"His movement is restricted. A citizen is suffering due to a state-sponsored vaccination scheme..." the court observed.

The justice said he will not order as to whether a third jab is administered to the petitioner, but will direct the Centre to redress his grievance within one month.

The court listed the matter on November 5 to await the Centre's response on the view expressed by the justice.

During the hearing, the Centre told the court that a similar matter was pending before the Supreme Court, which said it will wait for the World Health Organisation (WHO) decision on the issue.

The court said if the Centre wants to take more time to make a decision, a direction can be issued to pay the petitioner the amount he was receiving as salary when working abroad.

"The court cannot sit like a mere spectator," the justice said.

The Centre had in August said that clinical trials were under way to ascertain the efficacy of administering a third dose of COVID vaccine and it will take several months to complete.



Sameer Wankhede wore a Rs 70,000 shirt: Nawab Malik

Intensifying his attack on Sameer Wankhede, Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik on Tuesday accused Narcotics Control Bureau zonal director of extorting crores and using uber expensive clothes beyond the reach of an honest and an upright officer.

The NCP spokesperson also hit out at former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, rubbing the claim that he has links with the underworld.

Deshmukh's arrest politically motivated, aimed at maligning MVA leaders: Nawab Malik

"If that was the case, why was no probe initiated against me when you (Fadnavis) were the CM," he added.

Malik questioned Fadnavis for not acting against him despite being the chief minister of the



state for five years.

After Malik sought to link Fadnavis and his banker-singer wife Amruta with an alleged drug

peddler, the BJP leader on Monday said he would expose his underworld links after Diwali.

On Wankhede, Malik claimed the officer wore a trouser worth a lakh, a shirt costing over Rs 70,000 and watches worth Rs 25-50 lakh.

"How can an honest and upright officer claim to afford such expensive clothes," he said.

"He (Wankhede) extorted crores by wrongly framing people," Malik said, adding the NCB official had a private army to do the job. Malik claimed that Wankhede implicated people in fake cases.

Malik also claimed that since the last 15 days, there are three containers with drugs lying at the JNPT. He questioned why no action has been taken by the Department of Revenue Intelligence on this. —PTI

NEWS MAKERS

Archaeologists in Saudi excavate 'forgotten kingdoms'



Old Testament and the Lihyanite kingdom was one of the largest of its time, stretching from Medina in the south to Aqaba in the north in modern-day Jordan, according to the Royal Commis-

sion for the project.

Spanning roughly 900 years until 100 CE, the kingdoms controlled vital trade routes but little is known about them. The team is hoping to learn more

about their worship rituals, social life and economy.

Previous excavations had been limited to the main sanctuary area, said Jerome Rohmer, a researcher with the French National Center for Scientific Research.

"We would just like have a comprehensive overview of the chronology of the site, the layout of the site, its material culture, its economy," Rohmer added.

"It's a comprehensive project where we're basically trying to answer all of these questions."

In Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's push to transform Saudi Arabia's economy and society, Al-Ula has gained prominence. The kingdom is banking on tourism as it tries to open up to the world and diversify its economy away from oil.

Al-Ula's development is part of a move to preserve Islamic heritage sites in order to attract non-Muslim tourists and strengthen national identity.

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BJP Sets An Example

Jammu and Kashmir unit of the BJP has slapped with a show-cause notice its leader Vikram Randhawa for making disrespectful remarks against the Valley's Muslims. In a video that went viral on social media, Randhawa can be heard calling for snatching off the educational degrees and the citizenship of the Kashmiri Muslim youth for celebrating the victory of Pakistan over India in the ongoing T20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates. He also called for beating the Muslims. Later, the video was tweeted by the PDP leader Naeem Akhtar and subsequently by the party's president and the former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti. She lamented that "no action" has been taken against the leader while the Kashmiri students were charged with sedition for merely cheering the winning team.

However, in a welcome move, the BJP has acted against its own leader. J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina has made it clear that "such a language cannot be tolerated." He said Randhawa's language was "unacceptable to the party" and had "brought disrepute and embarrassment to the party."

Considering the prevailing state of affairs in the country, it didn't appear likely that the BJP would take action against its own leader for using vile language against a particular community. But the J&K BJP has done it, holding its own leader accountable. This is the way to go. If the parties strictly enforce a code of conduct within their ranks and discourage hate speech, this will go a long way to usher in healthy public discourse. And being the ruling party in the country, the BJP can become a role model for more responsible public conduct.

But it is also true that in recent years the public discourse in India has coarsened. The television anchors have been singularly responsible for this. They work themselves into a frothing rage and frequently rally public opinion against a particular community, sometimes even against Kashmiris. They have often been joined by sporting and film celebrities, underlining just how normal it has become to demonize people and communities. The channels also simplify the fiendishly complex issue of Kashmir. The result has been an abatement to revenge in Kashmir than a search for a solution to the deepening crisis in the former state. It is time to dial back this hateful discourse. And if the parties and the politicians take a lead in this, it would automatically rub off on the media and the larger population. J&K BJP has set an example for others to follow.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Mixed Bag


According to recent data, India's infant mortality rate has shown a downward trend between 2009 and 2019, but the decline has slowed down in most states over the last five years. Further, a stark disparity among states has been discerned. While Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal, among others, have noted accelerated improvement, others, such as Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, trail at the bottom of the list. Worryingly, the states with the highest IMR have also reported marked slowdown in improvement. IMR is understood as deaths per 1,000 live births of children under one year of age. The poor performance of certain states cannot be explained away by factors such as India's enormous population. Health is a state subject. The populations of Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh, for instance, are far lower than that of Kerala, whose IMR is on a par with that of the United States of America, yet they record higher IMRs. Neither can it be attributed to the country's economic condition – Iraq, Syria and Libya, ravaged by civil war, fare better than India. The problem lies in the lack of investment in public health – India allocates only a little over 1 per cent of its gross domestic product to healthcare. The healthcare infrastructure had been rickety even before the pandemic, and rising out-of-pocket expenditure makes healthcare all the more unaffordable for a large section of the population.

Infant deaths also point to deeper social problems such as malnutrition or poor sanitation and compromised immunization of both mother and child. Women's well-being – systematically neglected in the country – must be urgently prioritized. Encouraging women's education could go a long way in mitigating the issue: research shows that the literacy of the mother is inversely proportional to infant mortality. New challenges are making matters worse. The pandemic has led to a 50 per cent spike in child marriage cases. The bodies of underage women would naturally be ill-equipped to bear healthy children.

The Telegraph India

ROHINGYA CRISIS

Looking The Other Way



ROHINGYA REFUGEES SHELTER from the rain in a camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, September 17, 2017. REUTERS/Cathal McNaughton(Reuters)

Kazi Mohammad Jamshed

THE FOREIGN AID FOR ROHINGYAS

has started declining after the onset of economic fallout triggered by covid-19. Moreover, the Taliban's takeover in Afghanistan had created a new humanitarian crisis by displacing millions of Afghans. This crisis has resulted in a significant slashing of foreign donations to Rohingyas by shifting the spotlight on the ongoing Afghan crisis

The year 2021 marks the fourth anniversary of the military-backed inhumane "clearance operation" followed by an massive exodus of hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas, what UNHRC dubbed as a "text-book example of ethnic cleansing." While the rest of the world had turned blind eye to Rohingyas, Bangladesh generously extended temporary shelter to them. These stateless people have equal rights to lead a dignified life and build a stable future in Rakhine like everyone else which can be guaranteed only if the world communities express solidarity with them.

As of July 2021, only \$366 million of the total required, around \$1 billion, humanitarian assistance fund for the Rohingyas has been disbursed. The disbursement has declined to 34 percent, which used to be within the range between 72 to 75 percent of the total required funds in the first three years of the Rohingya influx since 2017. This downward trend in foreign donations raises a question, "Has the world forgotten the plight of the Rohingyas?"

Stable funding commitment from long-standing donors is a prerequisite for food security, safe water, healthcare, and non-food items for 1.1 million Rohingyas. The ultimate sustainable solution, safe and sustainable repatriation, seems a distant reality now, even after signing two repatriation agreements due to Myanmar's unwillingness to create conducive conditions. Until repatriation becomes possible, the world must stand by the one of the world's largest refugee-hosting countries, Bangladesh, to uphold the dignity of the 'world's most persecuted minority' of our time.

As one crisis competes with another, a newly emerged crisis usually dissipates the global concentration with respect to funds and focus towards existing one, thereby worsening the former. Donors' unwillingness to open purses, as much as the crisis demands, may further intensify the crisis. The foreign aid for Rohingyas has started declining after the onset of economic fallout triggered by covid-19. Moreover, the Taliban's takeover in Afghanistan had created a new humanitarian crisis by displacing millions of Afghans. This crisis has resulted in a significant slashing of foreign donations to Rohingyas by shifting the spotlight on the ongoing Afghan crisis.

Along with incurring social decadence and environmental degradation, Bangladesh is also bearing a substantial economic burden for supporting the persecuted Rohingyas. The Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), a Bangladeshi think tank, reported that Bangladesh has to spend around \$1.22 billion every year on Rohingya refugees, which will bump up with the growth of population, the rise of inflation, and decreasing trend in foreign aid. CPD also estimated that once repatriation starts, it will take 12 years if 300 Rohingyas are being repatriated every day, assuming current population growth remains constant. According to CPD, around \$7 billion would be required to host and support the Rohingya refugees for the first five years without repatriation. It is next to impossible for a country like Bangladesh to afford this colossal expenditure as it relies heavily on external debt to meet its budget deficit.

The Rohingya crisis is the result of a long-smoldering conflict which may be a catalyst for new sources of conflict. Tremendous funding shortage may lead to the emergence of newer challenges e.g., extortion, prostitution, human trafficking, drug dealing, radicalization as well as intra-groups and inter-group conflicts such as killing of Rohingya leader Mohibullah. Moreover, the financial shortage will have a devastating impact on children and women who require age and gender-sensitive interventions. Ignoring these challenges may be a boomerang not only for Bangladesh but also for the rest of the world by deteriorating regional stability. As international aid is dwindling, Bangladesh faces increased challenges in managing this beleaguered community. Besides, the unavailability of funds at the right time may create immense pressure on Bangladesh to deliver essential services to these displaced refugees. Many Local NGOs are now providing humanitarian assistance to Rohingya with their own funds which will not sustain longer without external donations.

The best way to counter the aforementioned challenges is to ensure regular financial flow which cannot be borne alone by Bangladesh. To plug the funding gap, the Bangladesh government may initiate a joint fund-raising campaign to pool contributions from individual and institutional donors by convincing them to extend hands for distressed Rohingyas who have scant access to basic needs. Bangladesh should leave no stone unturned to make sure that the Rohingya issue is not sidelined and international focus remains on it. To assume international attention, Bangladesh must keep the agenda


alive through strong diplomatic maneuvers pointing out how insufficient funds are intensifying the trauma already inflicted upon Rohingyas. Bangladesh must echo this issue in different regional and global platforms to steer humanitarian response on the heel of declining funding. Moreover, it is equally important to emphasize on effective utilization of funds which can be done by slashing foreign employees and involving more local NGOs.

Rohingya communities are in dire need of international support, now more than ever before. A well-coordinated humanitarian response is needed to alleviate the sufferings of "forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals". The world community must wake up to keep the pledges committed at the beginning of this crisis and should not pass the burden on to Bangladesh alone as the country is not in a position to take the burden anymore. The "Do No Harm" principle must be followed while delivering lifesaving assistance to the Rohingya to avoid inadvertently fueling any new conflicts.

The shared efforts of the global community are needed to culminate the condition required to end the plight of persecuted Rohingyas. The world must not turn its back on these vulnerable refugees and should stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Bangladesh to fill the staggering funding gap- lion's share of which comes from foreign donors. The UN should play the role of torchbearer in bringing the global donors together to address the financial strain highlighting how this may create an acute human rights crisis and worsen the circumstances imaginable. Though safe repatriation is the ultimate sustainable solution to the protracted Rohingya crisis, it is equally crucial to redress Bangladesh's growing challenges in hosting Rohingyas through ensuring comprehensive financial assistance. Failure of repatriation and funding shortage involves the risk of untoward developments, the toll of which the international community will not be able to avoid.

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Conscious Winter

With temperatures dropping, Kashmiris have geared up for yet another spell of cold. As we prepare to enter a full blown season of low temperatures, we are stocking up everything especially gadgets and electronics to

keep oneself warm. Many of these heating gadgets are not energy efficient and often create a lot of pressure on the power department as well.

Therefore, it is important for us to use energy efficient alternatives. Additionally, we must also check reckless use of these appliances. For instance, we must regulate the number of geysers we use. Perhaps, we can only use one and ensure that we switch it off well in time.

We can also be careful about the use of electric blankets and switch them off before going to bed. This will not only save electricity but is also a safe use of

such appliances.

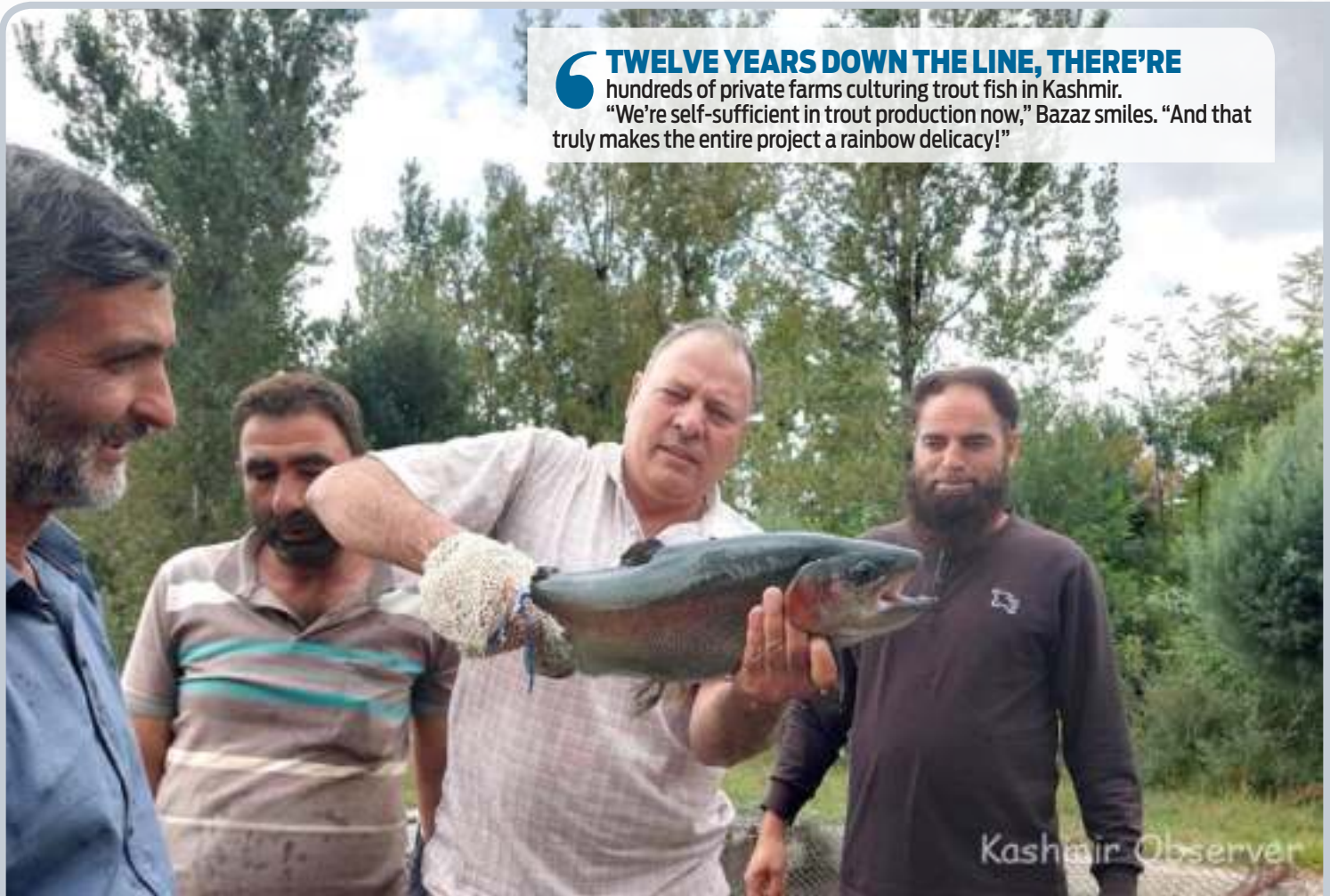
These are just some common uses that can be regulated ethically. We must keep our eyes open and ensure a judicious use of all such resources.

Jawad Muhammad

Where 'Rainbow' Is Delicacy

Inside Asia's Largest Trout Farm

South Kashmir Based Trout Farm Is Becoming One Of The Major Revenue Projects For Addressing The Growing Fish Appetite And Making The Valley Self-Sufficient.



TWELVE YEARS DOWN THE LINE, THERE'RE hundreds of private farms culturing trout fish in Kashmir. "We're self-sufficient in trout production now," Bazaz smiles. "And that truly makes the entire project a rainbow delicacy!"



Syed Burhan

EVEN as Kashmir has lost some of its famed freshwater fish to the growing water pollution and policy paralysis, the demand for Rainbow trout is increasing. And meeting this growing appetite is



Asia's largest trout fish farm in Kashmir. In the scenic south Kashmir town of Kokernag, the farm is becoming a delicious treat for fish aficionados of Kashmir. "Thanks to the fast growth rate and commercial value, Rainbow trout is exclusively cultured at the farm," says Mohammad Muzaffar Bazaz. Bazaz, who's a Chief Project Officer, Trout Farming, Kokernag, says his team also cultures low-valued brown trout to help anglers get a good bag limit — a law imposed on fishermen restricting the number of fish they can keep. A bag limit of six fish is allowed for anglers from sunrise to sunset. The farm is at a walking distance from the famed Kokernag garden. Bazaz terms it "Asia's largest Trout Farming Project

and Brooder producing centre". The project was established with the assistance of European Economic Community in the year 1984. Since then the farm has been producing its own seed and brood fish — a group of matured fish used in aquaculture for breeding purposes. From a single hatchery in 1984, the

20-hectare farm today has come to house three hatcheries. The farm is associated with elite units like Trout Culture Farm Achabal and Trout Rearing Unit Verinag. From April 2020 to March 2021, these three trout farms collectively generated revenue of Rs. 2.05 crores. "Currently," Bazaz says, "Kokernag farm has a stock of around Rs. 15 lakh fish." Kashmir provides ample opportunities for the development of fisheries due to its ideal conditions for the species like Schizothorax, Oreinus, Glyptothorax, trout, etc. It was Johann Jakob Heckel, an Australian zoologist, who first found out that no fish of Indian plains could reach the valley since they have to cross

through 30-miles of rapids and rocky gorges. He thus concluded that the fish in the valley is completely different from the rest of India. The endemic fish have elongated and sub-cylindrical fleshy bodies and are known to be tastier and free of diseases. A pollution-free water body is characterized by the presence of snow-trouts. Schizothoracine fish or snow-trouts locally known as Alegad inhabit both lentic (standing) and lotic (flowing) water bodies of Kashmir. But from 16 species once, the freshwater trout has now reduced to five, including Schizothorax esocinus (Chirru), Schizothorax curvifrons (Satter gad), Schizothorax niger, Schizothorax plageostomus and Schizothorax labiatus. Experts blame several man-made factors for the deterioration of the endemic species. At Kokernag, Bazaz who happens to be the first fisheries postgraduate (MFSC) of Jammu and Kashmir from College of



Fisheries Mangalore, explains how trout fish needs a temperature of 0-20 degrees and highly oxygenated, clean and cold water. "Since we've brown trout (Salmo trutta) here, it was first brought from Scotland by Frank Mitch-

ell, a carpet dealer in the year 1899," Bazaz says. "The first consignment did not survive and perished on the way due to high temperature." Later in 1912, Rainbow trout or Oncorhynchus mykiss was first brought to Kashmir from England.

The commercial culturing of trout fish gained momentum after an internal study by Wildlife Institute of India revealed that climate change will affect around 150 native fish species of the Himalayan states, including Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh. "Common snow trout, found in the Himalayan region and much sought after as a food fish, alone would lose around 21% of its existing space of 16,251 square kilometers," the study notes. However, experts say, the introduction of exotic species having prolific breeding in the valley has resulted in a sharp decline of the native species. Some of these commercially viable and high-growth species, like carp, were first introduced in Kashmir in 1959. To exploit the vast potential of trout, Bazaz says, Kokernag farm diverted to private sector in 2009. Twelve years down the line, there're hundreds of private farms culturing trout fish in Kashmir. "We're self-sufficient in trout production now," Bazaz smiles. "And that truly makes the entire project a rainbow delicacy!"

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Amid Global Chip Supply Crunch, Apple Cuts iPad Production: Report

Agencies

Apple Inc has cut back production of iPad tablets to allocate more components to the iPhone 13, a sign the global chip supply crunch is hitting Apple harder than previously indicated, Nikkei said on Tuesday, citing multiple sources.

Production of the iPad was down half from



Apple's original plans for the past two months, the newspaper said on its website, adding that parts intended for older iPhones were also being switched to the iPhone 13.

Even though iPhone 13 production hit a snag due to factory closures in Asia and high demand in the second half of the year, Apple has weathered the supply crunch better than many other companies due to its massive purchasing power and long-term supply agreements with chip vendors, eating into its rivals' market share in the third quarter.

The iPhone maker is prioritising iPhone 13 output in part because it forecasts stronger demand for the smartphone than for the iPad as Western markets begin to emerge from the pandemic, Nikkei said, citing unidentified sources.

India Sees Brisk Sales On Pre-Diwali Dhanteras Festival

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi/Mumbai- Pre-Diwali Dhanteras buying of gold and silver in India, the world's main gold consumer, kick started on a positive note on Tuesday on recovery in consumer demand with the easing of pandemic norms.

Softening of gold prices has also evoked buying on Dhanteras, considered the most auspicious day in Hindu calendar for buying items raining from precious metals to utensils, with traders expecting gold sales to touch the pre-pandemic levels.

Traders also said footfalls are

expected to pick up after 11.30 am (Muhurat timing) and will continue till Wednesday morning.

On Tuesday, gold prices were ruling lower in the range of Rs 46,000-47,000 per 10 grams (excluding taxes) in the national capital from a record over Rs 57,000 in August this year. But gold rates are still ruling higher by 17.5 per cent than Rs 39,240 per 10 grams that prevailed on the 2020 Dhanteras day.

Normally, an estimated 100-150 tonne gold gets sold on a Dhanteras day (during pre-pandemic years).

Speaking to PTI, World Gold Council (WGC) Regional CEO

(India) Somasundaram PR said, "pent-up demand, soft prices and good monsoons combined with easing of lockdown across regions, bodes well for a strong surge in demand."

"We expect this quarter to be one of the best in recent years, benchmarked to pre-COVID seasons," he added.

Stating that consumer demand this year is very positive, All India Gem And Jewellery Domestic Council Chairman Ashish Pethe said, "In terms of value, we expect sales to be 10-15 per cent higher than last year and volume-wise it is likely to remain at par

with the 2019 level." Better business is expected across the country, especially north, east and western regions, he added.

Delhi-based PC Jeweller Managing Director Balram Garg said, "demand during this Dhanteras is much better than last year. Footfalls in our showrooms are good so far. Consumers are buying light weight jewellery."

Echoing similar views, Kolkata-based Nemichand Bamalwa and Sons co-founder Bachhraj Bamalwa said the demand has revived this time as shops have opened amid easing of the pandemic norms.

Singapore says embrace crypto or risk being 'left behind'

Agencies

Singapore: Singapore is seeking to cement itself as a key player for cryptocurrency-related businesses as financial centres around the world grapple with approaches to handle one of the fastest-growing areas of finance.

"We think the best approach is not to clamp down or ban these things," said Ravi Menon, managing director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), which regulates banks and financial firms.

Instead, MAS is putting in place "strong regulation", so firms that meet its requirements and address the multitude of risks can operate, he said in an interview.

Nations differ vastly when it comes to how they handle crypto: China has cracked down on large

amounts of activity in recent months, Japan only recently allowed dedicated crypto investment funds – though El Salvador has embraced Bitcoin as legal tender. In the United States, while there are many options for investing in the burgeoning asset class, regulators are concerned about everything from stablecoins to yield-generating products.

"With crypto-based activities, it is basically an investment in a prospective future, the shape of which is not clear at this point," said Menon, who has helmed the MAS for about 10 years. "But not to get into this game, I think risks Singapore being left behind. Getting early into that game means we can have a head start, and better understand its potential benefits as well as its risks."

Ex-chairman of SBI jailed for alleged fraud in loan default case

Pres Trust Of India

New Delhi- Former State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Pratip Chaudhari was on Monday sent to 14-day judicial custody after his arrest for an alleged fraud involving the sale of a hotel when the company defaulted on a loan.

The Chief Judicial Magistrate's court rejected his bail plea.

"We have presented former SBI chairman Pratip Chaudhari before the court from where he was sent to judicial custody today," Jaisalmer Sadar SHO Karan Singh said.

Garh Rajwada, a hotel project in Jaisalmer, was financed by the bank in 2007, the SBI said in a statement. The project remained incomplete for over three years and the account slipped into a non-performing asset (NPA) in 2010, it stated.

Police said a case was registered against Chaudhari in 2015 for allegedly seizing the premier hotel property in the loan settlement case and selling it at a throwaway price through fraudulent means to an as-

set reconstruction company (ARC). They said Chaudhari later joined as a director of the board of the company that had bought the hotel.

In its statement, the SBI said that all due process was followed while making the sale. The bank claimed that the court does not appear to have been briefed correctly on the sequence of events.

It said that SBI was not a party to the case and there was no occasion for the views of the bank being heard as part of the proceedings in court.

The bank has already offered its cooperation with law enforcement and judicial authorities and will provide further information, if required, the statement said.

All the directors of the ARC, including Chaudhuri, who joined their board in 2014, have been named in the case, SBI said. He had retired from the bank's service in September 2013, the statement added.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction
State Executive Committee Civil Secretariat, J&K.

Sub: Restrictions for COVID containment-regarding

Government Order No. 78-JK (DMRRR) of 2021 Dated: 31.10.2021
1. Whereas, a detailed review of the current Covid-19 situation in Jammu and Kashmir was held by the Chief Secretary, J&K, with the ACS (Health and Medical Education), Principal Secretary (Home), ADG/IGs, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and other officers of Jammu and Kashmir on 29.10.2021;
2. Whereas, the above review was conducted to assess overall situation pertaining to the spread of COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly focusing on the following parameters-
a. Total weekly new cases (per million).
b. Total positivity rate.
c. Bed Occupancy.
d. Case fatality rate.
e. Vaccination coverage of targeted population.
f. The extent of compliance to COVID Appropriate Behaviour.
3. Whereas, it was observed that there is a need to continue with the existing COVID containment measures in all Districts in view of the uneven trend observed daily COVID cases.
4. Now therefore, the State Executive Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby orders that the guidelines / instructions on COVID containment in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, already notified vide Government Orders 35 and 36-JK (DMRRR) of 2021 dated 29-05-2021 read with Government Orders 72-JK (DMRRR) of 2021 dated 17-10-2021 and 74-JK (DMRRR) of 2021 dated 24-10-2021, shall continue to remain in force till further orders.
5. Enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) is critical in determining the need for additional restrictions. The District Magistrates of J&K shall strictly ensure that there is full compliance to Covid Appropriate Behaviour and defaulters are firmly dealt with under relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act and the Indian Penal Code. The DMs to intensify the campaigns for ensuring Covid Appropriate Behaviour. Dedicated IEC, including public announcements through mobile vehicles must also be undertaken.
6. The DMs shall constitute inspection teams of district officers to check whether the instructions contained herein for enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) are being implemented by the concerned with due responsibility. Further, the DMs shall constitute joint teams of Police and Executive Magistrates for intensifying enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour. The joint teams shall submit daily report regarding activities carried out by them and their assessment of compliance level.
7. The State Executive Committee reiterates that the following measures shall continue to remain in force -
i. The maximum number of people permitted to attend any indoor/ outdoor gathering shall be strictly restricted to 25. However, in Banquet Halls in Districts with positivity rate below 0.2 and weekly case load below 250, gathering shall be permitted up to 25% of the authorised capacity, preferably in open spaces, for vaccinated persons/ persons with verifiable RT-PCR or RAT not older than 72 hours.
ii. Cinema halls and theatres, and multiplexes are also allowed to function with 25% capacity subject to condition that management will ensure strict compliance of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB). All District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police shall ensure compliance.
iii. Swimming Pools are also allowed to function at 25% capacity subject to condition that management will ensure proper Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB)
iv. There shall be no Weekend Curfew in any district.
v. Offline Board Examination for 12th and 10th classes shall be permitted to be held in staggered manner keeping in view all the Social Distancing Norms & Covid Appropriate Behaviour. The following directions shall be strictly adhered to by the concerned institutions conducting the offline board examinations:
a. All the students coming for offline board examination to the venue shall carry consent for each examination duly signed by their parents/legal guardians.
b. The sanitisation of the examination hall, furniture and toilets should be carried out daily before and after the exams.
c. The seating arrangement should be made in such a manner that every second desk is left vacant to maintain physical distancing.
d. Vaccinating the teachers, staff and officials involved in conducting the examination with the cooperation of the district administration shall be made mandatory.
e. There should be a thermal scanner, pulse oximeter, first aid boxes and hand sanitisers at the venue of the examination.
r. All the students appearing for examination must mandatorily be wearing masks & arrangement to this affect needs to be ensured by the concerned institution.
g. Separate facility should be provided to the students showing any symptoms like cough, common cold and flu.
h. It shall be the responsibility of Board authorities and Head of the schools to ensure that the Covid protocols are strictly adhered to

vi. As regards the education institutions, following directions shall be adhered to:
a. Classes for 12th standard shall be permitted with limited in-person teaching not exceeding 50% on a given day, for vaccinated students and staff. Consent shall be obtained from the parents of all students who are willing to attend the school. The school premises should be thoroughly sanitised. Proper screening regarding vaccination should be done on the school gate. If students or teachers or other school staff shows symptoms of cough, cold, or fever, they will not be allowed to enter the school. The Head of the school must ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are strictly followed.
b. Limited in-person teaching of students of 10th class, not exceeding 50% on any given day, and after ensuring compliance with Covid Appropriate Behaviour by the school authorities, can be permitted by concerned Deputy Commissioners after due screening through 100% Rapid Antigen Test or RT-PCR, subject to consent of parents and students. The schools will strictly follow Covid related protocols.
c. The schools, except for relaxations as provided above for students of 12th and 10th classes, shall continue to remain closed for on-site / in- person teaching.
d. Limited in-person teaching of vaccinated students, not exceeding 50% on any given day, shall be permitted in Polytechnics and ITIs subject to consent of parents and students and all measures as per Covid related protocols.
e. Coaching Centres for Civil Services/Engineering/NEET shall be permitted with limited in-person teaching, for fully vaccinated staff and student, subject to condition that the Head of the centre shall ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are adhered to.
f. All other Coaching Centres, except those indicated above, shall continue to remain closed for onsite / in-person teaching.
g. Higher educational institutions shall be permitted to commence limited in-person teaching subject to 100% vaccination of staff and students and specific permission of concerned Deputy Commissioners. Such institutions can organise special vaccination camps in consultation with district administration. The Head of these institutions must ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are adhered to.
h. Educational institutions shall be permitted to direct attendance of vaccinated staff for administrative purposes only.

vii. Night Curfew shall continue to remain in force in all districts from 9 pm to 6 am but for those districts with positivity rate below 0.2 and weekly case load below 250 where it would be from 11 pm to 6 am.
viii. All Deputy Commissioners shall intensify testing by making optimum use of available RT-PCR and RAT capacities. There shall be no drop in testing levels
ix. The Deputy Commissioners shall also focus on the positivity rates of the Medical-Blocks under their jurisdictions. Intensified measures related to Covid management and restriction of activities shall be undertaken in these BLOCKS. There shall be renewed focus on Panchayat level mapping of cases and effective micro-containment zones shall be constituted wherever unusual spike of cases is noticed. Effectiveness of micro containment zones shall be decided on the basis of number of cases reported from such zones. The DCs shall keep active track of the positivity rates in blocks and consider implementing stricter control measures in closed clustered spaces like Public/ Private Offices, Community halls, Malls, Bazaars etc., in case weekly positivity rate goes beyond 4 percent in these Blocks.
x. The three - "T" protocol of testing, tracking and treating, besides vaccination, needs to strengthened in all Blocks. The proportion of RT-PCR tests in the total mix should be scaled up on best effort basis.
xi. All Districts of J&K shall intensify efforts to ensure timely administering of the Second Dose of the Covid-19 vaccination in accordance with the due date for the same.
xii. All Districts to ensure the completion of Overdue Second Dose of Covid Vaccinations within a week.
xiii. Positive cases detected because of intensive testing need to be isolated / quarantined at the earliest and their contacts shall also be traced and similarly isolated / quarantined and tested if needed
xiv. Immediate isolation and treatment of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities / hospitals / homes.
xv. The D/o HME, GoJK, shall ensure adequate availability of COVID dedicated health and logistics (including ambulatory) infrastructure, based on their assessment of the case trajectory.
xvi. MD, NHM in consultation with the DCs shall take up Panchayat level mapping and data capturing on the specified portal with respect to all tests for tracking the positivity rates in all Panchayats and other areas in a timely manner.

8. The following categories of Incoming passengers by Air/Rail/Road to the UT of J&K shall NOT be required to undergo RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen Covid-19 Test on arrival:
i. If they are carrying a valid and verifiable Final Certificate Report of Covid-19 Vaccination.
ii. If they are carrying a valid and verifiable RT-PCR Covid19 Negative report taken within 72 hours of arrival time.
Concerned District Magistrates shall strictly ensure compliance to the above.
9. Inter State movement of passenger transport of SRTC shall be permitted for fully vaccinated person or persons with verifiable RT-PCR not older than 72 hours or based on RAT on-spot with strict compliance with CAB.
10. Entry into Parks shall be permitted to vaccinated persons only with due verification.
Surprise checks shall be conducted by inspection teams to assess the implementation and initiate corrective measures.
By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Executive Engineer
REW Kupwara

DIPK-11690/21
NO: XEN/REW/KUP/
Dated: 30/10/2021

Sd/-
Chief Secretary
(Chairperson, State Executive Committee)

DIPK-11703/21
No: DMRRR/PS/Secy/551/2020
Dated: 31.10.2021

GOVT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
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E-TENDER NOTICE NO:- 61 of 2021 -22 DATED:- 30-10-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K (UT) , Fresh e-tenders in SINGLE COVER SYSTEM are invited on item rate basis from approved Contractors / Reputed Firms/companies shown as under for the below noted work:-

S No	Name of work	Block	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of TD (in Rupees)	Time of completion	Scheme / Major Head of Acctt.
1	Fencing Ahli Islam to jamia tul solih wadipora Panchayat.	Handwara	2.50	DEE/DDC registered card holder	200	20 Days	Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund (PRI)
2	construct of tile path different spots at wadipora Panchayat wadipora A	Handwara	2.79	DEE/DDC registered card holder	200	20 Days	Capex Budget (Area Dev. Fund (PRI)

Position of AAA = Accorded
Position of funds = Budgeted
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

Sl.	Critical Dates Table	
1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice.	30.10.2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents.	01.11.2021 To 06.11.2021
3.	Bid Submission Start Date.	01.11.2021 from 10.00 AM
4.	Bid submission End Date.	06.11.2021 up to 03.00 PM
5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	06.11.2021 at 4.00 P.M. in the office of Ex. Engineer, REW Kupwara

1. Special Condition:- For Works Adv. Cost Up-to Rs. 3.00 lakhs, only DEE Class and DDC Registered Card holders of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in tendering process in light of the Govt Order No 238-F of 2021 Dated 09-07-2021. Bidder must upload any document Residential certificate/ Aadhar card/Ration card/ Electricity Bill showing Panchayat name, as residence proof that he/she is residing the particular Panchayat halqa
2. The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into treasury under Major Head 0515-OR's the bidders must upload the scanned copy of treasury acknowledgment slip.
3. Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.
4. All Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
5. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 03 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
6. The date and time of opening of technical bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message one their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of all e- Bidders shall be opened on same Web site in the office of Executive Engineer REW Kupwara (tender receiving authority).
7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
8. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-
a. Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid /tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and condition of the bid.
b. Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
c. Failure of successful to execute the agreement within 25 days after fixation of contract.
9. Instruction of bidders regarding e-tendering process:-
I. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "downloads" option as well as from "bidder Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.int acquaint bid submission process.
II. To participate in bidding process. Bidder has to get ` digital signature Certificate (DSC). As per information technology Act-2000. Bidders cab get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
III. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
IV. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
V. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
VI. The DSC and registration shall be in the same name otherwise tender shall be rejected.
VII. Note:-Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
10. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
11. Scanned copy of cost of tender documents in shape of Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer REW Kupwara must be uploaded with the technical documents of the bid. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (bill of quantities) contents in no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
12. Price escalation and Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include Price escalation and all taxes up to completion of work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
13. Qualification Criteria:- To qualify for award of contract, the bidders must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the Individual contracts:-
i. All bidders shall upload Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address.
ii. All bidders shall upload Bank deposit receipt / Pay in slip.
iii. All bidders shall upload Bid Security Declaration Form
iv. All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No.
v. All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of latest GST clearance certificate.

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On Diwali in JK, Two Hours To Burst Green Crackers

Police Officials To Be Held Personally Responsible For Violations

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (PCC) has issued directions for sale and use of only "green crackers" in the capital cities Jammu, and Srinagar during the festive season.

The use or bursting of green or improved firecrackers on Diwali days or any other festival like Gurupurab, Christmas and New Year however, would be restricted to only two hours beginning 8 pm till 10 pm.

The PCC also directed for a strict ban on firecrackers with harmful chemicals like barium salts, lithium, mercury, arsenic, antimony and related chemicals for all practical purposes in the entire region besides banning completely the sale and use of joined fire crackers.

The PCC has issued these directions while taking cognizance of the air quality of JK coupled with the directions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) and the Supreme Court of India and in exercise of powers under Section 17(f) and 17(j) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

The directions of the Supreme Court are to be implemented and enforced by concerned District



Magistrates and the police. Senior Superintendents of Police, Deputy Superintendents of Police, and the SHO's/Police officers shall be held personally liable for any violation in their jurisdictions of duty.

Pertinently, National Green Tribunal has already issued the directions under reference for combating the air pollution caused by bursting of firecrackers during the festivals of Diwali, Gurupurb, Christmas and New Year. The JK administration has also issued an order in this behalf for regulating the sale and use of fire crackers.

The Supreme Court of India is already seized with the matter and has issued an order on October 29, 2021 regarding the enforcement on manufacturing, use, and sale of banned firecrackers and adherence to the timing of bursting of the permitted "green" crackers.

11% Increase In Reported Crimes Against Women

Except One, All Offenders Related To The Victims

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: According to the latest data by the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), Jammu and Kashmir saw an 11 percent rise in the number of cases of crimes against women reported to the police.

As per the data, 3,069 cases of crime against women were recorded in 2019 while the number rose to 3,414 in 2020 – an 11 percent rise in victims coming forward before the authorities.

According to the report, nine cases of dowry related murders, 247 cases of rape, 349 cases of cruelty against women by their husbands or relatives, 1,639 cases of assault on women, 1,744 cases of assault with the intention of rape, and 10 attempted rapes, were reported to the police in 2020.

The report further stated that of the 247 reported cases of rape, the majority of the victim-survivors – 180 of total – were adults below 30 years of age.

Further in line with findings of researchers and social workers, the report established that the overwhelming majority of offenders were males known – as family or friends – to the female victims of gender based violence.



lence. The offender in only one case reported to the police was a complete stranger to the victim.

The majority of cases were registered under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) or Special Local Laws (SLL) were pertaining to cruelty by husband or his relatives, assault on women "with Intent to Outrage her Modesty", kidnapping and abduction of women, and rape, etc.

Murder cases saw an around increase of 25% with 149 cases in 2020 as against 119 in 2019.

There were 487 cases of attempt to murder, 35 cases of abetment of suicide and 24

cases of abetment of suicide of women in 2020. Suicide cases were also a significant part of the crime statistics, including 472 incidences of attempted suicides in 2020.

Crimes against children also witnessed an increase of around 29% in reporting to the police with 606 incidents in 2020 in comparison to 470 and 473 cases each in 2019 and 2018, respectively. The NCRB report says that 195 cases were registered under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) that only deals with victim-survivors who are females.

Now Indian Constitution's Preamble To Hang In Govt Offices

PM Modi To Directly Monitor Progress

NEW DELHI: Amid the ongoing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' event being organised across the country as India celebrates the 75th year of independence, the Centre has directed all the ministries and departments to "put up a preamble wall" in their office premises and submit their action taken report in e-Samiksha portal.

The e-Samiksha portal is directly monitored by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Cabinet Secretariat to get inputs about the progress of schemes and projects in all ministries.

All the ministries and departments have been requested for online updation of the Action Taken Report (ATR) in the category of Group of Officers (Other Action Points) in the e-Samiksha Portal.



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The coordination division in all the ministries and departments have been requested to furnish the ATR on the subject "all ministries/ departments to put up a preamble wall in their office premises". The e-Samiksha is a real-time online system for monitoring projects by the Prime Minister and follow-up action is to be updated by the concerned ministry as and when the status changes or at least every month.

Referring to the order which was issued earlier and was again reissued recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has directed all the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to "put up a preamble wall" in their office premises and submit their action taken report to the ministry.

Power Minister Inaugurates Diversion Of Marusudar River at 1000 MW Pakal Dul HE Project

NEW DELHI: Union minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy R.K. Singh on Tuesday virtually inaugurated the diversion of Marusudar River of Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister congratulated the entire team of CVPPPL, NHPC and JKSPDC for successful achievement of this crucial milestone of river diversion and also advised to work in a planned manner to expeditiously complete the construction works of Coffer Dam and Concrete Face Rockfill Dam for overall completion of project within scheduled time.

He appreciated the entire team for working hard in tough climatic conditions in far flung areas. He advised that



accelerated development of hydropower projects is essential for grid balancing and generating peak power and Pakal Dul H.E. Project will contribute significantly in fulfilling the target of 450 GW Renewable energy by 2030. He assured that through this project, investment of Rs. 8212 crores is being made in the region which will provide direct and indirect employment opportunities and will help overall development of the local inhabitants.

Alok Kumar, Union Secretary Power, Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary to JK Government, A.K. Singh, CMD, NHPC, Suresh Kumar, Chairman, CVPPPL, and other senior officers of Power Ministry and State Administration attended the function.

Apple Growers In Shopian Compensated For Losses

KO NEWS DESK

SHOPIAN: The Shopian district administration on Tuesday said that it has begun the process of compensating orchardists for the losses incurred during the recent heavy snowfall on October 23 and 24 in Kashmir.

According to a government handout, an amount of Rupees 4.96 crores were disbursed among apple farmers in the district. "It is for the first time in the district when the farmers will get crop damage compensation well on time," the handout stated. "The government has declared the untimely snowfall as a national disaster and after assessing the damages all across the district, a detailed report also depicting a compensation component was submitted for its early release."

Mushtaq Ahmed Simmani, Additional Deputy Commissioner, "emphasized upon all the Revenue and other officers to work with dedication and in coordination with the Horticulture Department and enroll the list of left out farmers whose orchards got damaged."

More Than One Lakh Cattle To Be Vaccinated Against FMD In Bandipora

KO NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA: As part of National Animal Disease Control Programme (NAD-CP), a vaccination campaign was today launched by the Department of Animal Husbandry Bandipora against Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) among cattle.

The campaign was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zahoor Ahmad Mir Monday in presence of Joint Director Planning, Imtiyaz Ahmad and Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Dr GA Lone. The department aims to vaccinate more than one lakh cattle of the district during the nationwide campaign.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC lauded the efforts of the department to fight the common disease found among cattle and said that FMD has been the main cause of cattle deaths and also leads to decrease in milk production and hoped that the vaccination campaign will help in preventing the disease.

Director Agriculture Kashmir Convenes Review Meeting

SRINAGAR: The Department of Agriculture is enduring to bring uncovered areas to mainstream agriculture and to translate the ideas into actions and in this regard a multifaceted approach has been adopted by the Department, said Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal in a review meeting convened at Dak Bungalow, here.

The Director said that the officers and officials have to be more determined and innovative when it comes to the implementation of different schemes on ground.

Iqbal, highlighting the commercial importance of oilseeds (mustard), asked the officers to explore the opportunities for maximizing its cultivation in their concerned areas. He said that under the National Mission on Edible Oils different benchmarks have already been set and to achieve them it is necessary to explore domestic resources to maximize the production.

Chief Secretary Censures Underperforming DCs

'Pick Up Pace', Districts Told

JAMMU: During a meeting with district administrations across Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday expressed concern over the delays in the allotment of identified works and requested early commencement of execution of these works.

Mehta chaired a meeting yesterday with the district administrations to take stock of progress achieved under the district development plans and various other government programs and schemes.

While observing that while some districts have shown good progress, few have still not reached the desirable level. Mehta directed the Divisional Commissioners to regularly review the district-wise progress in this regard and ensure timely completion of all developmental works.

Mehta directed the lagging districts with less than 50% allocated works to pick up pace and expedite the tendering process. He also appreciated south Kashmir's Shopian district's performance in allotting 99% of identified works.

Further, Mehta also reviewed the prevailing market rates of various minor minerals across all districts and directed the Divisional Commissioners to vigorously monitor the prices towards ensuring availability of construction material at reasonable rates throughout the Union territory. They were asked to submit a daily price report after

due verification from independent sources. The concerned agencies were warned against any laxity in implementing the notified rates for various categories of construction material.

Similarly, the district administrations were directed to activate the 'Commodity Price Monitoring Mechanism' for ensuring sale of essential commodities at notified rates especially during the ensuing winter months. They were advised to regularly undertake market inspections and product quality assessments to keep a check on black marketing or over pricing of commodities.

Further, it was informed that the recent heavy rainfall/snowfall has been declared as a natural calamity and funds for providing relief to the victims have been released to the districts. As such, the divisional and district administrations were asked to ensure immediate disbursement of the relief amount.

With regard to timely snow clearance and maintenance of the road network throughout JK, Mehta re-emphasized the formulation of guiding standard operating procedures for minimum road damage, in consultation with domain experts. Additionally, the Public Works Department was asked to reinforce skilled manpower and augment snow-clearance machinery, particularly the SnowCat machines in all snow-bound districts.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING ANANTNAG

e-Tender Notice No: 144 of 2021-22 Dated 18-10-2021

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

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated/ Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Documents	Class of Contract	Time for Completion	Major Head	Panchayat/ Gram Sabha
1	C/O Tile path from H/O Ab Gani Master to H/O Manzoor Ahmad Bhat Surban Pora Shangus B Block Shangus	1.00	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Shangus B
2	C/O Irrigation ladh from H/O Bashir Ahmad Parry to Mohammad Abdullah Bhat Nowgam B Block Shangus	2.30	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Nowgam B
3	C/O Road from Shop of MUshtaq Ahmad (from crossing) to H/O Ghulam Nabi Ganie Shangus B Block Shangus	2.49	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Shangus B
4	C/O Protection bund Akbar Khan to Gani mir at Nallah Arpath at Khanpora Block Shangus	1.00	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Khanpora
5	C/O Public park at Mir Mohalla Kull Chohar Block Shangus	1.99	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Kull Chohar
6	C/O Fencing around graveyard near Gojripora Nowgam A Block Shangus	1.00	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Nowgam A
7	C/O Tiles near Jamia Masjid Shareef Nowgam A Block Shangus	1.99	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Nowgam A
8	C/O Flood Protection bund at Nallah Arpath Khanpora Block Shangus	2.39	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Khanpora
9	Development of Link road from Malik Bridge to Sheikh Mohalla Shergund Block Shangus	2.98	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Shergund
10	Development of Road from main road to Adbal with Drain Kreeri at Khanpora Block Shangus	2.98	200.00	DEE/Registration Certificate by DDC/Competent Authority	30 days	District Capex Budget(BDC)	Kreeri

Position of A/A: Accorded

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18-10-2021
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	18-10-2021 from 4:00 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	08-11-2021 upto 04:00 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	10-11-2021 at 11:00 AM or any convenient day in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Anantnag
5.	Note: Hard copy of original Tender Document Fee Receipt, Bid Security Self Declaration Form and other relevant documents in original shall be deposited before opening of online bids.	

Special Condition:

Only the eligible contractor of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in the tendering process in light of the Government Order No. 251-FD of 2020 Dated: 17-09-2020. Bidders must upload a certificate from concerned Block Development Officer of residence proof that he/ she is residing in the respective panchayat.

1.

The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division Anantnag (tender receiving authority).

2.

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

3.

The L1 is required to deposit a Performance Security @ 3% of advertised value in the shape of CDR in favour of allotting authority (Executive Engineer REW Anantnag) at the time of finalization of allotment/ agreement with the Department.

4.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

4.1.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

4.2.

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

4.3.

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

6.4.

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

6.5.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically/ by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1.

6.6.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in soft copies with the technical bid and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained.

Note:-

Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

5.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

6.

Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

7.

Price escalation and Taxes: The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

8.

Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on REW e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

9.

In case of CRF and any other specified project. The relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

9.1.

Instructions to Bidder (ITB)

9.2.

The bidders shall produce the original copies of all relevant documents to the office of the Executive Engineer REW Anantnag within three (03) days after opening of online bids:-

a.

Cost of tender documents (Non Refundable) in the shape of Treasury Challan Receipt (AccountHead-0515-Executive Engineer REW Anantnag)in favour of the Executive Engineer REW Anantnag.

b.

Bid Security Deposit EMD in the shape of CDR/ FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer REW Anantnag drawn from any recognized bank/ Bid Security Declaration Form

c.

Registration Card duly renewed upto date/Registration Certificate issued by the DDC/Competent Authority.

d.

PAN Card/ GST. No./ GST Acknowledgement receipt with latest GST (3B) certificate shall be furnished in hard copies of ending previous month quarterly.

e.

Tender Document Fee Receipt shall have NIT No. & Serial No. Of Work Mentioned on it.

9.3.

The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

9.4.

Non-attendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder.

9.5.

All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

10.

The Departmental material shall be supplied to the contractor: Iron of sorts at Stock rate.(In case of non-availability of stocks in divisional stores the contractor may purchase the required material of quality and specifications prescribed, to be certified by Engineer in-charge after getting non availability certificate from Executive Engineer and shall not be entitled for any type of excessive rates on this account)

11.

a) If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate list/quantity schedule, cost of such item/ items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/total contract value. No rate shall be allowed for such item / items in the allotment of contract.
b) The bidder shall quote the rates for item/ items of the work in a balanced way and in case the contractor quotes imbalanced rates with wrong intention, the same shall not be considered for allotment and only balanced/ reasonable/ negotiated rates shall be accepted and considered for allotment, failing which such tenders shall be rejected or the work shall be put to fresh tenders without any further correspondence.
General Conditions of Contract:-
12. The date of start of the work shall be reckoned within one week from the date of issuance of LOI/Contract allotment as the case may be.
12.1. The contractor shall ensure execution of an agreement with the Department within 15 days from the date of issue of LOI/ Allotment.
12.2. No child labour shall be engaged. The employment of child labor is strictly prohibited in any construction works and contractor shall be abide by the relevant laws.
12.3. Penalty for delay in completion:-In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty upto maximum of 10% of the contract shall be imposed.
12.4. Time extension:-Suitable time extension shall be granted in case of increase in scope of work and in the event of delay beyond control of contractor to be determined by the department.
12.5. Advance Payments:-No mobilization advance/equipment advance shall be paid unless otherwise specified in the SBD.
12.6. Secured Advance:-No secured advance is admissible unless otherwise specified..
12.7. Retention Money:-10% shall be deducted from each running bill of the successful contractor which shall be released after virtual completion of work in all respects.
12.8. Schedule of Payment:-The payment schedule shall be fixed after award of contract in favour of successful bidder, on the basis of availability of funds and value of work executed, shall be determined by the Engineer.
12.9. Amendment of bidding document:-Before the deadline for submission of bids the employer may modify the bidding documents by issuing Addenda.
12.10. The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or to without assigning any reason thereof.
12.11. Restoration of work:- On completion of contract the contractor shall be responsible to remove all un-used material and restore all work in its original position at his own cost.
12.12. Traffic regulations:-The contractor is bound to adhere to traffic regulations as is applicable from time to time and ensure arrangements of smooth regulation of traffic during execution of work.
12.13. Arbitration:- The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the arbitration procedure stated in the J&K conciliation and Arbitration Act No:- xxxv of 1997 issued vide SRO No:-403 vide Notification of J&K Govt., "Law Department" 11th December-1997.
12.14. Defect Liability period: The DLP shall be Calculated from date of certified completion of work and period shall be 06 months.
12.15. Safety:- The contractor shall be responsible for safety of all activities at site of work.
12.16. Major Labour Laws applicable to establishment engaged in building and other construction Work:-
a. Workmen compensation act 1923.
b. Payment of Gratuity Act 1972.
c. Employees P.F. and Miscellaneous Provision Act 1952.
d. Maternity Benefits Act 1951.
e. Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act 1970.
f. Minimum Wages Act 1948.
g. Payment of Wages Act 1936.
h. Equal remuneration Act 1979.
i. Payment of bonus Act 1965.
j. Industrial disputes Act 1947.
k. Industrial employment standing orders Act 1946.
l. Trade Union Act 1926.
m. Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act 1986.
n. Inter State Migrant workmen's(Regulation of employment & Conditions of service)Act 1979.
o. The Building and other construction workers (Regulation of employment and Condition of service) Act 1996 and the Census Act of 1996.
p. Factories Act 1948.
q. Compliance with Labour Regulation Laws of J&K State.
No. REW-A/WS/NIT/2021-22/9404-13
Dated: 18-10-2021
DIPK-11710/21

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Executive Engineer
Rural Engineering Wing Anantnag

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, NAHIDA SHAH W/o LATE JAVID HUSSAIN SHAH, R/o House No. 12, Lane No. 3, Near City Hospital, Bathindi Jammu have purchased Flat No. 01, Block D, in Housing Colony, Bagh-E-Mehtab from Sh. Mohd. Yaseen Hakim, S/o Sh. Mohd. Shaban Hakim, R/o Parraypora, Barzulla, Srinagar originally allotted in favour of Sh. Jan Mohd. Hagroo, S/o Sh. Ghulam Hassan Hagroo R/o Sangeena Darwaza Srinagar. I have applied for transfer of leasehold rights of above said plot in my favour objections, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of above said period.

NAME: Nahida Shah
W/O Late Javid Hussain Shah
R/o House no. 12, Lane no. 3, Near city hospital, Bathindi

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

For and on behalf of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Sanitary Contractors registered with Govt. of J&K/ other union territories and CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc in shape of E-Challan (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender.	Date & Time of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	5	6	7	9	10
1.	Construction of Store for Timber for Estate Section at main Campus.	Rs. 2.60 Lacs	Rs. 200/-	20-Days	29-10-2021 to 06-11-2021 (6.00 PM)	08-11-2021 (11.30 AM)	"DEE"

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in.
NIT No:- F(UCD)(Estate Store)/KU/53/21
DIPK-NB-4688/21
Executive Engineer
DATED: 29/10/21.

Security Increased In Delhi Ahead Of Diwali

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Security arrangement has been beefed up in the national capital in view of Diwali, senior police officers said on Tuesday.

Police presence in markets and other crowded areas has been increased and extra forces are helping in patrolling. CCTV footage of markets and residential areas is being constantly monitored, police said.

A senior police officer said, "Patrolling has been intensified as security will not be compromised. Due to the festive season, there will be crowds in market places and their security is our concern. We will also ensure that people follow Covid-appropriate behaviour.

Another officer said that high footfall markets are being regularly checked by bomb disposal teams.

"Police are also conducting random checking of other markets. Volunteers of Market Welfare Federation (MWF), dressed in civil clothes, are keeping an eye out for suspicious activities like anyone leaving behind a bag or throwing something in dustbin. Foot patrolling is also being conducted at market areas and police are randomly checking suspicious people," the officer said. Integrated pickets have been set up for surprise checking, police said.

Police personnel, along with the security guards at markets,

are frisking people at entrance. Banners have been put up in markets and the audio messages are also being played on public announcement systems to caution people. They are also being asked to follow Covid appropriate behaviour, they added.

The Delhi Police is also keeping an eye on people who are illegally selling or transporting firecrackers, they said.

Around 30 people have been arrested and over 4,000 kilograms of firecrackers seized in the national capital since its ban due to "dangerous pollution levels" around the time of the festival in the region.

Police said that even though most of the manufacturing and storage units have been shut in the city, people engaged in the business have managed to procure firecrackers at lower prices from the neighbouring states of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana in huge quantities.

They said these people, who were mostly vendors and sellers engaged in the business of firecrackers, are caught while illegally getting them transported in vehicles from adjoining states.

After procuring these firecrackers, the police said, they are stored illegally in huge quantities at market areas of Sadar Bazar, Chandni Chowk, Paharganj, Karol Bagh and other prominent market areas in the national capital from where these crackers are later sold at higher prices.

860 TLP Activists Released After Agreement With Pak's Imran Khan Government: Official

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

LAHORE: As many as 860 activists of the radical Islamic party Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) were set free on Tuesday under a secret deal between the Pakistan government and the banned group following days of violent protests demanding the release of their leader and expulsion of the French envoy over blasphemous cartoons.

The Pakistan government and the TLP reached an agreement on Sunday after lengthy negotiations following days of violent protests by the outfit's members demanding release of their party chief Saad Rizvi and expulsion of the French ambassador.

Some 860 TLP workers were freed on Tuesday. They were detained under section 3 of MPO (maintenance of public order). No case was registered against them, according to a statement issued by the Punjab Home Department.

The TLP, which was established in 2015, started its protest to force the government to free Rizvi and expel the French ambassador as a protest against publishing blasphemous cartoons in France last year.

TLP's founder late Khadim Rizvi's son Saad Rizvi has been detained by the Punjab government since April last under the



maintenance of 'public order' (MPO) following the party's protest against the blasphemous caricatures published in France and its demand that the French ambassador be sent back and import of goods from that country be banned.

On Tuesday after 860 activists of TLP were released, the group said still hundreds of its workers are detained and they won't end their protest until they are released too.

We will not leave the protest till the government releases all our detained workers and leaders including the party chief Saad Hussain Rizvi, the TLP said in a statement.

The government last week had freed TLP 350 activists.

The TLP has made it clear that it would not end the protest and at the same time doors for talks with the government are open.

Mufti Muneebur Rehman, a top cleric of Sunni sect, who was part of the delegation from TLP that inked an agreement with the government on Sunday, declared that the TLP sit-in at Wazirabad, some 150 kms from Lahore, would continue till the release of Saad Rizvi.

In case any further arrests of the party's workers or leaders are made, the agreement with the government will stand cancelled.

After the agreement, the TLP leadership asked its over 10,000 workers to leave the main GT Road and shift their sit-in to a nearby park.

If the government appears non-serious with regard to the agreement, it will have to face a more forceful protest movement, Muneeb warned.

Although the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf government

has kept its agreement with the TLP secret, it is learnt, the government assured the TLP leadership that it will unfreeze the accounts and assets of it and also lift ban on it.

On Tuesday another policeman was found murdered at Wazirabad. Police said he died of the torture of TLP protesters.

The death toll has risen to 21--11 TLP workers and 10 policemen since the clashes broke out between the TLP and police about three weeks ago.

According to the Punjab police, a total 520 policemen were injured by the violent TLP workers in Lahore and two other security points on the GT Road on their way to Gujranwala.

Terming the agreement between the government and the proscribed Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan a surrender by the state, the opposition Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) has asked PM Khan to make the deal public and present it before parliament.

PPP Senators Sherry Rehman and Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar questioned the logic behind keeping the 'deal secret' and stated that the people of Pakistan and their elected representatives had every right to know the details and the contents of the agreement that had been signed in the darkness of night.

Merit Scheme: Delhi Govt To Reimburse Fees Of Students Even If Enrolled In Non-Empanelled Institutes

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi government has taken a decision to reimburse fees of meritorious students who are eligible to avail Jai Bhim Chief Minister Pratibha Vikas Yojana, even if they get directly enrolled into well-known coaching institutes, which are not empanelled with it, Delhi minister Rajendra Pal Gautam said on Tuesday.

About 15,000 students have enrolled themselves under the scheme, and Physics classes for them at government-empanelled coaching institutes will begin soon, he told reporters.

The social welfare minister also reiterated that the scheme which had been halted due to COVID-19 pandemic, has been made open for students of all categories, and not just belonging to SC, ST or OBC categories as envisioned earlier.

The announcement comes ahead of the Delhi civic bodies elections due next year. The decision to start this scheme was taken a few years ago.

Under this scheme, meritorious students belonging to SC, ST, OBC and EWS categories, will receive free coaching from private institutes, for preparing for competitive exams.

Gautam said 46 coaching institutes are empanelled with the Delhi government under the scheme.

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reports, Lone, who was appointed in 2007-08 in the Prisons Department and finally got a job in 2012 after a prolonged court case, was alleged to be working for militant groups.

He was arrested by the National Investigation Agency in 2017 and since then continued to be on suspension.

According to the NIA, Lone had facilitated a meeting between two youths, Danish Ghulam Lone and Sohail Ahmad Bhat, and arrested militant Ishfaq Palla at the behest of self-styled commander of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen, Riyaz Naikoo.

According to the conspiracy, the two youths were to go to Pakistan, receive arms training and return to the Kashmir.

However, before they could leave, the two were nabbed by the police in 2017 and the case was subsequently taken over by the NIA. During interrogation, the youths named Lone, who was arrested by the central probe agency and sent to jail. He is at present out on bail but has not been reinstated.

In a similar order, the LG dismissed Javid Ahmad Shah, Principal, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Bijbehara, Anantnag son of Late Abdul Gani Shah of Eidgah, Bijbehara, Anantnag. The number of employees sacked using the special provisions has gone up to 29 this year.

Shah, who was appointed as a lecturer in 1989, later became principal of the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Bijbehara in Anantnag. He is alleged to be a hardcore militant supporter and an ardent sympathiser of Hurriyat and the banned Jamat-e-Islami (JeI), the officials said, according to PTL.

The dismissal of police officer and school principal comes almost a fortnight after government invoked similar provisions of the constitution and terminated services of late Syed Ali Geelani's grandson Anees-ul-Islam and Farooq Ahmad Bhat, a teacher from Doda district of the Union Territory.

Anees was a Research Officer in Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC).

Prominent among those dismissed from service earlier were the two sons of Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin and tainted deputy superintendent of police Devender Singh who was caught with a most wanted militant and two others along the Srinagar-Jammu national highway. (With PTI inputs)

Man Arrested

a Junior Commissioned Officer, and was subsequently extended to Mendhar to neutralise the fleeing militants where another encounter took place on October 14 leaving four soldiers, including another JCO, killed.

Pakistani militant Zia Mustafa, who was shifted from Kot Bhalwal Central Jail Jammu to Mendhar on police remand for questioning in connection with the operation, was killed when the security forces accompanying him to identify a hideout came under fire from hiding militants on October 24.

The questioning of Arafat revealed his links with Mustafa, who is the alleged mastermind in the March 2003 Nadimarg massacre of 24 Kashmiri Hindus, and his handlers across the border, the officials said, without giving further details.

Arafat was detained by a police party from Kathmandu in Nepal along with Mohammad Noor of Gulhutta-Mendhar and Mohammad Rashid of Bhata Durian while they were on their way to Saudi Arabia.

The trio were detained for questioning after information was received that they were in touch with militants hiding in Bhata Durian and were planning to escaped outside the country, the officials said.

They said a few more detained persons are likely to be arrested for providing support to

the militants voluntarily, while those found innocent have been released.

On October 31, authorities opened a stretch of Jammu-Rajouri national highway passing along the cordoned-off forest area after remaining closed for over two weeks.

The traffic between Bhimber Gali in Mendhar and Jera Wali Gali in Surankote along Jammu-Rajouri national highway was suspended on October 15 as a precautionary measure in view of the ongoing operation.

The officials said the search operation deep inside the forest area was continuing but there was no breakthrough against the holed-up militants who are avoiding direct contact with the search parties and are on the run taking advantage of the thick foliage, natural caves and difficult terrain.

The contact with the hiding militants was only established twice on October 11 at Surankote and Thanamandi and again at Bhata Durian on October 14, the officials said, adding after the fresh firing on October 24 in Bhata Durian which left the Pakistani militants killed, there was no contact with the militants.

A militant hideout was busted on October 26 during the operation, leading to the recovery of an AK assault rifle with a magazine, 29 rounds, two grenades and two detonators besides some blankets, tiffins, two pairs of shoes, two syringes and four biscuit packets.

Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu region have witnessed a rise in infiltration attempts since June this year, resulting in the killing of nine militants in separate encounters.

J&K Forms SIA

police stations will mandatorily intimate the SIA immediately upon registering a militancy-related case and about any such cases where any militancy linkage surfaces during the probe.

If any case is not taken by the NIA, the director general of police (DGP), having regard to the gravity of the offence and progress of the probe, will determine in consultation with SIA whether it is fit to be investigated by the agency and transfer the probe, it said.

"However, if there is a difference of opinion, the DGP shall take a decision, while recording the reasons in writing," the order said.

If the case is not handed over to the SIA and local police continue to probe it, the police headquarters will ensure that the SIA at regular intervals, preferably on fortnightly basis, is informed about the progress of investigation, it said.

Giving an edge to the SIA, the order said if the agency is of the opinion that an offence related to the scheduled crimes has been committed, it can register an FIR keeping the DGP informed.

Scheduled crime, which have been kept in the list of the SIA, include those registered under the Explosive Substances Act, the UAPA and the Atomic Energy Act. Anti-hijacking, terror conspiracy, terror financing and terrorism-related to narcotics, terrorism-related to kidnapping and murder are also among scheduled crime cases.

Among other offences mentioned in the scheduled offences of the SIA are terrorism-linked thefts and extortions, ATM and bank robbery cases, terrorism-linked weapon snatching and robbery cases and cases related to propaganda, creating false narrative, large scale incitement, spreading disaffection, enmity against the Indian union.

Another Tool

PAGD spokesperson M Y Tarigami said in a statement.

He said the formation of one more agency empowered with unbridled powers is one more assault on the democratic rights and civil liberties of citizens.

In the name of fighting terrorism, these

agencies and laws are being weaponised against the citizens who hold a different viewpoint from the government. What was the need to add one more such agency when already NIA and UAPA have created havoc among the people by gross misuse of these draconian measures? he asked.

Tarigami said J&K is a political issue and needs a political outreach and what is required to be done is to provide relief and not any addition to such harsh measures which are bound to deepen their alienation.

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) had opposed all such laws in the past and will do so in the future as well. Even eminent jurists in the country have expressed resentment over the draconian laws being passed by the government in the name of fighting terrorism. These laws can be wielded as a weapon against opponents. The fight to defend democracy must encompass the struggle to get rid of these draconian laws, he said.

Meanwhile, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said the constitution of the SIA was another tool of state suppression to intimidate people into submission and silence.

The only progress GOI made post 5th August has been creating more tools of state suppression to intimidate people into submission and silence. As if ED, CBI, NIA & anti terror laws weren't enough, we now have SIA with sweeping powers & impunity to repress people further in J&K (sic), he wrote on Twitter.

'Pride Of J&K

proud of you. Also, my best wishes to all successful students from J&K, LG said in a tweet.

The NEET-UG exam was held on September 12 and over 15.44 lakh candidates had appeared for the exam conducted at 3,858 centres in 13 languages.

Over 8.70 lakh candidates have qualified the exam.

Gupta thanked his stars for getting a good environment within the family and at school, both in Jammu and later in Delhi, to create history by becoming the first from J&K to be among the national toppers of NEET 2021.

I got a very good environment at home and everybody always supported me I could say that they are my role models, said Gupta, who studied at KC Public school in Jammu till Class 10 before moving to Delhi's DPS, R K Puram, to complete his Class 12 examination.

Gupta said he is very thankful to his teachers for guidance and also the friends for providing him moral support.

The feeling is simply amazing and cannot be described in words, he said, adding: When he was done with the 10th class board examination, my parents decided to send me to Delhi for further studies and tried my best to give what I can give.

His parents, Akshay Gupta and Shivali Gupta, who are both doctors, said it was the toughest decision of their life to send their son to Delhi for studies and their decision was based on his Class 10 results when he scored 100 per cent marks in both science and mathematics.

We were not expecting such a wonderful result but it is the grace of god. When we discussed sending him to Delhi, my husband helped me to overcome the emotions. We are very thankful to my parents, who are also doctors, and took proper care of him during his stay in Delhi, Shivali Gupta said.

Akshay Gupta said his son is the role model for everyone in the family and his success is his ability to set targets and achieve those targets within a time limit.

He is very dedicated, hardworking and has another quality which is setting targets for a day and completing those targets within the deadline, he said, expressing pride for his extraordinary feat which they have never dreamt of.

Tanmay Gupta, who loves swimming, light-hearted TV serials and reading novels, has a

message to the students to work hard and remain consistent. Stick to the NCERT textbooks and do your best without caring for the results.

Govt Paves Way

labourers working in the organised sector and bars their exploitation. The report had also highlighted how the J&K Government was paying a monthly wage of Rs 200 per month to the unskilled workers.

Notably, in 2017, the labour and employment department of the J&K government had issued an SRO-460 which clearly notified that the monthly wages of the unskilled workers should not be less than 6,750 per month.

It is pertinent to mention here that the sweepers who have been working in the sub-centres, primary health centres (PHCs), sub-district hospitals (SDHs), and district hospitals in almost all the districts of J&K, particularly in the Valley, have had the same fate where the minimum wages per month were not more than Rs 300.

In 2016, the Health Department, civil secretariat [Communication No: HD/NG/06/2011 dated 4 August 2016] recommended a hike in the wages of the consolidated health workers.

Workers being paid Rs. 100 were supposed to get Rs. 500 per month and those who were paid Rs. 500 a month were recommended wages of Rs.1,000 per month and a wage of Rs. 1,500 was fixed for the workers who were already being paid Rs. 1,000 per month. The maximum wages were fixed at Rs. 3,000 a month, which would be paid to only a handful of drivers.

However, the increase till now hasn't been implemented by the government, except for a handful of drivers who now receive a salary of Rs.3000 per month.

The communication has been forwarded to several office bearers including Director general, family Welfare, MCH & Immunization, Principal Govt. Dental College (Jammu/Srinagar), Director Health Services, Jammu, Managing Director, medical Supplies Corporation LTD, Principal GMC (Srinagar/Jammu/Anantnag/Baramulla/Rajouri/Kathua/Doda, Project Director, AIDS controls society J&K and State Drug Controller.

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which creates or promotes enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes.

Randhawa is accused of making disparaging comments over the incidents of celebration of Pakistan's win over India in a cricket match in the ongoing T20 world cup in Dubai.

In the show cause notice served to Randhawa on Monday, the BJP disciplinary committee, headed by Sunil Sethi, asked him to explain his position within 48 hours.

A video has gone viral in social media in which you are seen making absolutely reckless and hatred promoting remarks against a particular community. This is unacceptable to the party and has brought disrepute and embarrassment to the party, the notice read. BJP Jammu and Kashmir president Ravinder Raina, who ordered the disciplinary action against the former legislator, had said he was personally hurt after hearing the comments of Randhawa.

He said that the remarks are totally against the basic principles of the party which believes in respecting all faiths and taking everyone along in accordance with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas'.

Randhawa's remarks have caused an outrage across Jammu and Kashmir with people demanding action against him in accordance with the law. (With PTI inputs)

Arms Cache

AK-47 rifles, two magazines and 208 AK rounds were seized from his house, a police spokesperson said. The joint search operation

at Shah's house, who is a "hardcore OGW", he said, was launched on the input that he had received a consignment of weapons and narcotics from across the border.

During questioning, the police spokesperson said that Hussain disclosed that a man identified as Faraz Ahmed Shah of Padna Prara was the main supplier of weapons to militants and had given the seized weapons to him too.

He further said that Shah's house was also searched during which four pistols along with five magazines and one packet of brown sugar-like substance was recovered.

Shah, he said, however had already fled from his house while searches were on to arrest him.

Meanwhile, a case FIR (106/2021) under section 7/25 Arms Act, 8/22/29 NDPS Act and 23/39/40 UA(PA) has been registered in this regard for further proceedings taken up, the police spokesperson said.

Non-Local Dies

Nagbal were brought to a local hospital at Zainapora in unconscious condition, officials said. Upon assessment, the doctors declared one labourer namely Ansar as brought dead on arrival, they said.

The two other labourers after being kept under observation were later on referred to a Srinagar hospital for treatment, they said.

The labourers were lodged at a rented accommodation at Nagbal in Zainapora area, they further said.

A police official told a local news agency GNS that the incident primarily seems to have taken place due to asphyxiation. "We are looking into the facts to ascertain the actual cause", the official added.

Employee Absent

Director Health Jammu, the employee was issued a Notice vide No:-SMJ/555-57, dated 22.07.2016 to Show Cause after he remained absent for several months after availing earned leave, an official spokesperson said.

He said that the employee was served Show Cause Notice and asked to furnish reply within ten days positively following which action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against him.

"However, neither he submitted any reply to the notice nor joined the duties. Now after several subsequent notices and the latest issued under No:-DHSJ/ES-5/NG/10466-68, dated 18-10-2021, the employee was terminated with immediate effect in terms of Article 128 and Article 113 of J&K CSR Vol-I," the official spokesperson said.

Nine New Covid

207 coronavirus-related deaths -- 149 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. No new fatality due to COVID-19 has been reported in Ladakh.

The recovery count remained unchanged at 20,687 as no new coronavirus patient was discharged from hospitals, they said.

All the fresh cases were reported from Leh, they said.

A total of 209 sample reports in Ladakh tested negative for the virus, they said.

There was no death reported due to Covid in Ladakh yesterday.

Seventy-one of the active COVID-19 cases in the UT are in Leh and the remaining five in Kargil district, the officials said.

Covid Claims 2

Reasi districts. Four districts of Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar and Ramban reported no fresh cases of coronavirus.

"Moreover, 91 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 15 from Jammu Division and 76 from Kashmir Division," the officials said.

They further said that no new cases of Mucormycosis were reported today.

Ensure Activity Calendar 2021-22 Is Implemented: DYSS Director

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Director, Department of Youth Services & Sports (DYSS) J&K, Gazanfar Ali on Tuesday chaired a meeting here to take review of the financial and on ground progress of works being executed under capex budget 2021-22, implementation of Clean India programme and implementation of calendar of activities for 2021-22.

All the 20 Districts Officers of DYSS participated in the meeting, while the District Youth Services & Sports Officers of Jammu division participated through virtual mode.

The meeting was informed by the DYSSOs that they and their allied staff are in constant touch with various construction agencies for early completion of various undertaken works.

The DYSSOs also brought in the notice of the chair that every possible step is being taken to ensure the best quality of the works being carried-out by different construction agencies.

Few district officers also raised some issues pertaining to the construction of play fields in their concerned districts and expressed their concerns about the unnecessary delay due to the no serious approach of certain elements of some construction agencies.

While responding to the concerns of some DYSSOs about the slow pace of work and delay in the execution by certain officers, he said that such issues shall be taken up with the DDCs of the concerned Districts.

The Director also stressed upon the field officers to ensure the serious implementation of the already issued calendar of activities with a special focus on the proper implementation of Covid-19 related SOPs during the conduct of various sports activities.

He expressed his joy over the serious and very encouraging efforts of the field staff of the Department in carrying-out the activities under Clean India Mission throughout J&K on mission mode. He congratulated all the DYSSOs for putting serious efforts in implementing such schemes and programmes in the most effective manner.

He further stated that the three best performing districts would be felicitated for implementing Clean India programme in letter and spirit as the performance of all the 20 districts of J&K is being judged by a UT level committee headed by Principal Secretary to Government DYSS.

Among others, Joint Director, Kashmir, Bashir Ahmed, Accounts Officer, Mohammed Hussain and Sectional Officer attended the meeting.

T20 WC: Beleaguered India Up Against Gritty Afghans

Kohli faces big Ashwin question



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ABU DHABI: Senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's absence from the playing XI is in focus as India skipper Virat Kohli tries to figure the combination that can bring his team's floundering campaign back on track when it takes on a feisty Afghanistan in the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

India's run has been derailed after two crushing defeats against Pakistan and New Zealand and the performance that they have put in is not worthy of a semi-final spot even though mathematics keeps their hopes alive.

Afghanistan have expectedly won their two games against Scotland and Namibia and were in the contest against Pakistan for the better part before Asif Ali

took the game away with four sixes in one over.

In this backdrop, Mohammed Nabi and Rashid Khan would like to use all their might and T20 freelancing experience to add insult to the Indian injury and prolong the nightmare that started on October 24.

For Kohli, in probably his last three matches as T20 captain of India, one would expect some prudent team selections and it starts with the question of repeatedly ignoring a player of Ashwin's calibre.

However Kohli's decision to not even consider him as an option is something that many in Indian cricket feel, "borders on stubbornness" after Varun Chakravarthy's inability to deliver under pressure proved what experience actually means.

PREMIER LEAGUE



Avengers Beat Novelty 4-1, Bank Lose 1-0 To SPDC

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Two matches of the ongoing JKFA Khyber Premier Division League 2021 were played on Tuesday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The first match played between Kashmir Avengers FC and Novelty FC ended in a one-sided affair as the Avengers won 4-1. Kelvin opened the scoring for KAFC in 28th minute, before Pathan doubled the team's lead in the 48th minute of the second half.

Kelvin made it 3-0 for the Avengers in the 58th minute, while the fourth goal was scored by Junaid in the 80th minute.

Novelty managed to earn a consolation goal in the dying moments through Alok Singh. Kelvin was named man of the match.

In the second Premier League match of the day, JKSPDC (State Power Development Corporation) XI handed J&K Bank XI their second loss in as many matches. Zaffar Ahmad scored the only goal of the match in the 20th minute. The PDC XI dug deep to stave off attack after attack from J&K Bank XI to win the tie 1-0. PDC's Nadeem was named man of the match.

'Pele of Kashmir' KO tournament reaches 2nd stage

Three matches of the 2nd round knockout stage have been played at Eidgah Play Field till now.

The first match was played between Solina FC and Towheed FC Oct 29, in which Solina defeated Towheed FC 7-6 in the tiebreaker.

The second match was played on Oct 30, between Kashmir United FC and FC Views. Kashmir United got a walkover as FC Views did not turn up in the field of play. The third match of the tournament was played between Syed Tajuddin FC and Shehr-i-Khas FC. Syed Tajuddin defeated Shehr-i-Khas FC 4-3 in the tie breaker.

2 Years On, Asia's Largest Bat Industry Faces Multiple Challenges



AGENCIES

AWANTIPORA: Asia's largest bat industry in Jammu and Kashmir is facing several challenges for its survival and is on the verge of collapse, a cricket bat manufacturers association has claimed.

Jawbara, Awantipora to Dornipora, Sangam area was declared an industrial zone in July 2019 but since then two years have passed and nothing has changed on ground, the Bat Manufacturers Association members alleged on Tuesday.

They said that Common Facilitation Centre (CFC) Sethar in Anantnag district was constructed in year 2004 with an aim that it will dry willow clefts

within days which usually takes months, thereby saving time of manufacturers so that more quantity of bats gets produced, however, even after 16 years CFC hasn't been made functional yet.

"Illegal supply of willow cleft continues and needs to be checked. Besides that there will be storage of willows in coming years as nobody prefers to grow willows now and willows are on the verge of extinction," said a member of BMA.

He said that electricity crisis is one of the main issue of "our industry as there are around 300 units in the area and at least a unit holder has to spend around 200 litres of diesel per month to run the units but if there would have 24x7 power supply to the

area, crores of rupees of unit holders can be saved."

"If government will help us by providing support like decreasing GST, making CFC functional, stopping illegal supply of willow clefts, organising programmes to promote Kashmiri cricket bat, this industry can do wonders and provide jobs to thousands of people," the BMA members said. "This industry is at present providing jobs to around 3,000 people but if it will get government support, this industry can provide jobs to over 10,000 people."

Moreover, people often here get injured in work-place mishaps here but there is no hospital in the area. There is no bank in the area either, they said. (KNO)

Threats To Virat Kohli's Family: DCW Sends Notice To Delhi Police

'Online threats given to rape 9-month-old girl child of Virat Kohli'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Commission for Women on Tuesday sent a notice to the city police and said it has taken suo-moto cognisance of media reports of threats given to the family of Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli.

The Delhi Women's panel sent a notice to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Cyber).

The notice stated that it has been reported that online threats are being given to rape the nine-month-old girl child of Virat Kohli since the team's defeat in an India-Pakistan cricket match in the ongoing T20 World Cup.

"It is learnt that he is being also attacked since he spoke against the incessant trolling of his teammate Md. Shami who was targeted for his religion by online trolls," said DCW chairperson Swati Maliwal.

"This is very serious matter and attracts immediate action," she said.



In view of this, the women's commission has asked the Delhi Police to submit the copy of FIR registered in the matter and sought details of accused identified and arrested in the matter.

The commission has also asked information about the details of steps taken by the Delhi Police to arrest the accused.

The DCW chief has also sought a detailed action taken report in the matter.

"Considering the gravity of the matter, please provide the sought information to the Commission latest by November 6," Maliwal added.

Pakistan Seal Semi-Final Berth After Namibia Rout

AGENCIES

ABU DHABI: Pakistan defeated Namibia by 45 runs on Tuesday night in Abu Dhabi to become the first side to qualify for the semi-finals of the T20 World Cup 2021.

Chasing a formidable target of 190, the African newcomers gave a good account of their ability and promise, and were 83-2 at one point in the run chase. They eventually finished with 144-5 as Pakistan collected the two points they needed to go through the next round.

Earlier, skipper Babar Azam and fellow opener Mohammad Rizwan hit half centuries to

guide Pakistan to 189-2.

Babar notched his 23rd Twenty20 international fifty with a



49-ball 70 while Rizwan finished with a 50-ball 79 not out after Pakistan won the toss and batted on a greenish Sheikh Zayed Stadium pitch.

Pakistan top Group 1 with three wins in as many games and a victory here will see them become the first team to qualify for the semi-finals.

Afghanistan Can Win If We Post A Good Total: Hassan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ABU DHABI: Eyeing a semi-finals spot on the back of an excellent run, Afghanistan will fancy their chances against a struggling India in the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday, says its senior pacer Hamid Hassan.

Currently, Afghanistan are in the second spot in Group 2 with four points, while India are staring at a league stage exit following back-to-

back losses.

According to Hassan, the most important thing will be to put up a good total if they win the toss.

"We have a good opportunity against India. If we put up good runs on the board, we can defeat them by bowling and fielding (well)," said Hassan on Tuesday.

The right-arm pacer, who has so far played 23 T20Is, was asked how big is this an



opportunity for him to get early breakthroughs against a struggling Indian top-order.

"It (will) depend on the wicket, how it behaves; we will see how it goes and work on our plans, what we have got and we will see. You cannot say anything before the game. But we will try our best to give our 100 percent in the game, be it spinners or fast bowlers."

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E-NIT NO. (30) Of 2021

Dated: 29.10.2021

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

S.No	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender document	Time of completion
1.	Construction of "Mini Office (03 Room set with kitchen/bath facility)" at MCRRS, Sagam SKUAST Kashmir	11.62	B, C & D class	500/-	60 days
2.	Providing and installation of Sanitary fittings including Disposal System to Adm. Block KVK Kupwara SKUAST Kashmir	6.83	C & D class	500/-	20 days

- a) Position of AAA: **Accorded**
b) Position of T.S : **Sanctioned**
c) Position of funds: **Available**

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

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	29.10.2021
2.	Date of start of downloading	29.10.2021
3.	Pre-bid meeting date	NA
4.	Bid submission start Date	29.10.2021
5.	Bid submission end date	15.11.2021
6.	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid (online)	16.11.2021
7.	Date of opening of Financial bid of qualifying bidders (online)	18.11.2021

Further information can be had from the Office of the undersigned

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Interview Venue	Office of the Dean, School of Education & Behavioral Sciences, University of Kashmir.
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S. No	Subject	No. of posts	Minimum Qualification	Date of Interview
1	English	01	P.G. in English with not less than 55% marks.	08-11-2021 Time: 11:00 a.m.
2	Physical Education	01	M.P.Ed. with not less than 55% marks	09-11-2021 Time: 11:00 a.m.
3	Urdu	01	P.G. in Urdu with not less than 55% marks.	10-11-2021 Time: 11:00 a.m.
4	Social Science	01	P.G. in any Social Science subject with not less than 55% marks.	11-11-2021 Time: 11:00 a.m.

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