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NEWS DIGEST

Army Nabs Pck Teen Near LoC

SRINAGAR: A teenager from Pakistan-controlled-Kashmir (Pck) was apprehended by army along Line of Control in Poonch district, officials on Thursday afternoon said. 14-year-old Asmad Ali son of Mohammad Banaras Sudan, resident of Tatrinate **More on P10**

Train Crushes Man To Death

JAMMU: A man was killed after he allegedly came under a train here on Thursday, officials said. The incident occurred near the loco shed of Jammu railway station, they said. The man, aged around 55, died on the spot, the officials said, adding his identity is being ascertained. **More on P10**

Ladakh Logs 28 Cases, 1 Covid Death

LEH: One person died of COVID-19 while 28 fresh cases were registered in Ladakh, officials said on Thursday. All of these 28 cases were reported in Leh, they said. With this, the overall cases registered in the Union Territory have shot up to 21,397 while the overall death toll has climbed to 213. The active cases **More on P10**

Cop Killed In Hit And Run Accident

SRINAGAR: A constable of Jammu and Kashmir police died on duty after being hit by an unknown vehicle in Manda area of Jammu district on Thursday, officials said. As per reports he has been identified as Queem Ali, (32) son of Qasim Din, a resident of Rangora, Majeen, posted at **More on P10**

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Women In J&K Grappling With Fertility Crisis

NFH 2019-2020 Survey Shows Fertility Rate Down To 1.4 Percent

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Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir has hit a gruelling demographic milestone in the last two years as the total fertility rate among women has slipped below the replacement-level by 0.6 percent.

As per the National Family Health Survey, the replacement level for the

fertility rate has been fixed at 2.1 percent, below which, if the rate slips then the fertility crisis is probably in place and also explains the point at which a population exactly replaces itself from one generation to the next.

These figures were placed according to the findings of phase two of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5). The

Government of India on November 24 released the factsheets of key indicators on population, reproductive and child health, family welfare, nutrition and others for India including J&K, clubbed under phase two of the 2019-21 NFHS-5.

As per the National Family Health Survey data for 2019-21, the fertility rate in J&K has slipped

down to 1.4 percent in the 2019-20 NFHS-5 survey from 2.0 percent in the NFHS-4 2015-16. As per the newly unveiled survey, among larger states in India, it has also stated that the highest decline of 0.6 percent in fertility rate between the last survey in 2015-16 and the latest one was recorded in J&K.

The survey **More on P10**

Mehran's Name Popped Up During HM's Meeting In Kashmir

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The militant commander Mehran Yasin Shalla's name had come up during a recent security review meeting which was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Srinagar, well placed sources said on Thursday.

They said when Home Minister Shah inquired about the spate of targeted civilian killings during the October 23 meeting at Raj Bhawan in Srinagar, top officials named TRFs (The Resistance Front) Mehran as a "main accused". It is learnt that Shah at that very moment told top



security officials "to take immediate steps to eliminate the top commander".

Mehran, a resident of Jamalatta in the old city was killed after a shootout **More on P10**

Official Version Far From Truth: Mehbooba

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday said "legitimate doubts are looming" over the authenticity of the encounter in Rambagh area of the city here in which police killed three militants. Officials had said that three militants, including a commander of militant outfit The Resistance Front (TRF), wanted in the recent civilian killings in the city, were killed by government forces on Wednesday. In a tweet, Mufti said, **More on P10**

China Fumes Over Rawat's Threat Comment

Press Trust Of India

BEIJING: China has protested to India over Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat's reported remarks about Beijing constituting the biggest security threat, the Ministry of Defence here said on Thursday.

"Indian officials speculate on the so-called Chinese military threat" for no reason, which is a serious violation of the strategic guidance of the leaders of the two countries that China and India do not constitute a threat to each other, and incites geopolitical confrontation, is irresponsible and dangerous, Chinese Defence Ministry spokesman Sr. Col Wu Qian told an online media briefing here.

According to the transcript posted on the defence ministry's website, Sr. Col Wu was responding to a question on the reported comments by Gen. Rawat recently stating that the biggest security **More on P10**

LG Announces 200 Smart Schools In Tribal Areas

21,000 Children Of Gaddi, Sippi; Dard; Sheena Communities To Get Scholarships

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday announced an ambitious project of transforming 200 schools into smart schools in the tribal areas across the Union Territory.

The announcement in this regard was made by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Thursday, an official spokesperson said.

He said that the modernization of smart schools will be executed in two phases. In the first phase, works related to 100 schools will be completed by March 2022 and another 100 schools by December 2022.

"Our priority is to secure the future of tribal children. Smart schools in tribal & remote areas equipped with modern facilities will develop scientific temper in children and make them future ready, besides arresting the drop-out rate," Sinha said.

On the occasion, the official spokesperson said that Sinha also announced another major decision of the government to provide scholarships to 21,000 children of Gaddi, Sippi, Dard, Sheena communities, the LG said, as per the official spokesperson.

"In 1991, the Gaddi, Sippi community was declared tribal but their children were denied scholarship. For three decades they kept approaching governments



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LIFE IS CHANGED when everything is connected. Tribal Education Plan, Scholarships, Smart Schools will do justice to tribal communities in J&K who were neglected for decades."

but no decision was taken. This issue was brought to my notice just a few days back and we immediately decided that scholarships will be provided to the 21,000 children of Gaddi, Sippi, Dard, Sheena communities," the LG said, as per the official spokesperson.

Sinha, he said, congratulated the Tribal communities and the concerned administrative departments for the historic beginning of the new era of educational empowerment **More on P10**

WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE KILLING of the TRF commander would reduce militant activities especially in Srinagar."

Rs 100 Cr Heroin Seized In Jammu: Police

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Police on Thursday seized 52 kilogram of heroin worth Rs 100 crore from a Punjab-bound truck and arrested one person here, a senior police official said.

Initial investigation suggests that the narcotics was smuggled into Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan to fund militancy in the Valley, police said.

"On a specific information, station house officer (SHO) of Jhajar Kotli Devender Singh set up checkpoints **More on P10**

'AL-QAEDA CASE'

NIA Raids 5 Locations In Shopian, Budgam

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: National Investigation Agency (NIA) Subcontinent) and trying to raise Ansar Gajwatul Hind (AGH) to carry out (militant) acts for which they had already arranged arms and explosive substances."

"Today NIA conducted searches at 5 locations in Shopian and **More on P10**

with other accused persons, had been "radicalizing and recruiting vulnerable persons for AQIS (Al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent) and trying to raise Ansar Gajwatul Hind (AGH) to carry out (militant) acts for which they had already arranged arms and explosive substances."

"Today NIA conducted searches at 5 locations in Shopian and **More on P10**



Slight Respite From Cold Conditions In Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The night temperature at most places in Kashmir stayed above the freezing point on Thursday as the residents in the valley experienced slight relief from cold conditions which had set in earlier than usual this year, officials said.

Pahalgam and Gulmarg were the only two places in the valley which experienced sub-zero night temperatures on Wednesday night, the officials said.

Srinagar recorded a low of 0.4 degrees Celsius on Wednesday night, slightly up from 0.3 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of 0.1 degrees Celsius.



File Photo Abid Bhat

Qazigund recorded zero degrees Celsius, while as Kokernag, also in south, registered a low of 1.2 degrees Celsius.

The officials said Pahalgam

recorded a low of minus 0.2 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a **More on P10**

CRPF Hikes Ex Gratia For Families Of Slain Troops

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has enhanced the ex gratia payment provided to the families of troops who are killed in action or who die on duty due to other causes, officials said on Wednesday.

As per the new rules, families of troops killed in combat will be provided an ex gratia payment of Rs 35 lakh, up from Rs 21.5 lakh being given till now.

Similarly, the families of those troops who die due to any other causes like accident, suicide or illness while in service will be provided Rs 25 lakh, up from Rs 16.5 lakh, they said.

The decision was taken during the annual governing body meeting of the paramilitary force held in September, a senior officer said.

These ex gratia payments will be drawn from the voluntary contribution made by the personnel of the force under two heads -- risk fund and central welfare fund.

The officials said a similar decision is being taken in other central armed police forces (CAPFs) or paramilitary forces on the directions of the Union Home Ministry.

The CRPF has also enhanced the financial assistance given to the family members of its deceased personnel **More on P10**

Property Regn Likely To Be Brought Under PSGA

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SRINAGAR: The property registration is likely to be brought under the ambit of the Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA), a legislation guaranteeing time-bound delivery of services to the public.

The official documents reveal that property registration in Jammu and Kashmir is being brought under the PSGA.

"The chair was informed that two services viz. encumbrance certificate and demarcation/ measurement of land has already been notified though PSGA.

Further the incorporation of property registration in the PSGA is already under process in GAD,"

reads the record note of a meeting chaired by Commissioner Secretary, Revenue Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on November 22 to review the State and District Business Reform Action Plan/ Ease of Doing Business.

According to the record note, the commissioner secretary, Revenue, directed the department to seek feedback from both divisional commissioners to bring more services of the Revenue department under the law.

"The chair is directed to have feedback from the divisional commissioners for identification of services provided by the Revenue department which can be notified **More on P10**



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درخواست منجانب :- فاروق احمد ولد عبدالرشید گوجر چیگی ساکنہ ہمارا ہامہ
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ ۔

ایشیہا رمبرادہ گاہی برخصاص وعام۔

معاملمندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر ہذا
میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کا روائی ہے۔ پنداری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے
کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	فاروق احمد ولد عبدالرشید گوجر چیگی	55 سال	مزدوری	
2	یاد احمد ولد فاروق احمد	26 سال	مزدوری	
3	کوشر چان دختر فاروق احمد	20 سال	گھریلو کام	
4	الفت چان دختر فاروق احمد	15 سال	گھریلو کام	
5	جمید چان زیدہ یال احمد	20 سال	گھریلو کام	
6	نارنجہ چان دختر یال احمد	02 سال	شیرتور	

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اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش
کرے۔ معیاد گذرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

تایب تحصیلدار۔ RNA

از نیابت ساکام با اجلاس انکیزیکٹیو جسٹریٹ دیجاول ساکام
درخواست منجانب :- عاقب حسین گوجر کھٹانہ ولد بشیر احمد گوجر کھٹانہ ساکنہ ہمارا ہامہ
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ ۔

ایشیہا رمبرادہ گاہی برخصاص وعام۔

معاملمندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر ہذا
میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کا روائی ہے۔ پنداری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے
کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	بشیر احمد گوجر کھٹانہ ولد ذوالگوجر کھٹانہ	48 سال	مزدوری	
2	فردوسہ بانو زیدہ بشیر احمد گوجر کھٹانہ	46 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	عاقب حسین گوجر کھٹانہ ولد بشیر احمد گوجر	16 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 03 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی
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NOTICE

I have lost my driving license bearing DL No: JK-0320210001504 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:- Hilal Ahmad Mir
S/O Abdul Rahim Mir
R/o Ganoora Anantnag RNA

NOTICE

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Name:- Momin Ahmad Khanday
S/O Ab Rashid Khanday
R/o Danjipora Mati Handoo RNA

Public Notice

The name & DOB of my son has been wrongly as Mohammad Ayeen , DOB : 12-07-2016 while his correct Name & DOB is Mohammad Ayaan . DOB: 12-07-2018 which needs immediate correction if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Municipal Committee Office Shopian within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice . After that no objections shall be entertained.

Showkat Ahmad Beigh
F/O Mohammad Ayaan AST
R/O Bonabazar Rehmat Colony Shopian

Public Notice

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Bashir Ahamd PARRY
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Assistant Director
FCS&CA Anantnag.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that an application for the change of caste has been made by the applicant and as matter of formality; the public notice is required by the school authorities for the change of caste. As such objections are invited from the general public within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objections will be entertained. The caste required to be changed is Shergojri instead of Wagay.

Detailed of applicant and his family.

S.NO	Name	Relation with the applicant
1	Mohd Ashraf Shergojri	Father
2	Salid Ashraf	Son
3	Suheel Ashraf	Son
4	Anika Ashraf	Daughter
5	Khushboo Ashraf	Daughter
6	Umer Ashraf	Son

Place:Anantnag Mohd Ashraf Shergojri
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R/o Nazuk Mohalla, Qamrazi Bagh,
New Bypass Road Anantnag
Cell No: 9906422002

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER ANANTNAG

Public Notice

Whereas an application has been received from One Mr Sarir Ahmad Sheikh S/o Gh Hassan Sheikh R/o Panzath Qazigund owner of the vehicle bearing registration No JK03B-5345 for cancellation of hire purchase Cancelled with J&K Bank Verinag

Now it is therefore noticed for general information that objection if any to the proposed cancellation/endorsement of Hire Purchase Agreement shall be filled in writing in the Office of ARTO Anantnag within a period of seven days from the publication of his notice.

Assistant regional transport officer anantnag

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Before my mirrage My name has been written in my passport as Saila Nazir Dalal D/o Nazir Ahamd Dalal R/o Mominabad Ashajipora Anantnag . AS I got married . Now I want my name to be written in my passport as Saila Nazir W/o Nihal Ajaz Misgar R/O Heaven Colony Asajipora Anantnag. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Passport office Anantnag within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Afte that no objection shall be entertained.

Saila Nazir
W/o Nihal Ajaz Misgar
R/O Heaven Colony Asajipora Anantnag RNA

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Subject: Notice inviting tenders for the work of SITC and O&M of Srinagar Data Network (SDNet) in Srinagar City.

The Employer, Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), invites bids from eligible bidders for the execution of the work mentioned in the table below on Quality and Cost basis Selection (QCBS) in the ratio of 90:10.

S. No.	Description of Work	Estimate	Unit	Quantity
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The bid documents consisting of information to bidders i.e., Bid Data Sheet (BDS), Information and Documents to be submitted with the bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, List of Data, Drawings, Specifications, the schedule of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents will be uploaded on the website: www.sscsl.com. The bidders can take part in the bidding process as per the following tabulated schedule:

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100	Use of Bid Documents			

The Cost of Bid Documents is non refundable and is to be paid through online mode via NEFT/RTGS in favour of Limited with bank account details as under:

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd.

Bids shall be received "on line" or or before the closing date (BSC) and proper used till the closing date (BSC) and proper used till the closing date (BSC).

Interested and eligible bidders may submit their complete proposal as prescribed in the bid document along with the receipt of requisite Bid Document Cost and duly signed and secured Declaration of Bid Security, the bidder is required to submit the Bid Security Declaration in the format as provided in BDD.

As per the Small Enterprise Act, 2003, shall be provided bid document free of cost subject to furnishing of relevant valid certificates/documents claiming such exemption.

The bidder is required to adhere to the prescribed format provided in the bid document and the selection will be done on QCBS.

High to revise or amend this notice and / or the bid document, fully or partially, prior to the last date notified for submission of any subsequent date is reserved by the Employer.

The Employer will not be responsible for any delay in submission of a bid due to any reason.

The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, cancel the bidding process, at any time prior to the closing date, without any reason therefor and the Employer assumes no responsibility of returning any liability to the affected bidder.

Any information regarding the BIDDING can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.

Srinagar Smart City Limited.

DIPK-NB-5306/21

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
ANANTNAG PWD(R&B) DIVISION KHANABAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
TWO COVER SYSTEM

NIT No 210 of R&B/KHANABAL/2021-22/ 14998-15008 Dated 20-11-2021 (E-tendering)

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs. In Lacs)	Bid Security Declaration	Time of Completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Construction of Accommodation for P.R.I.s at Bijbehara.	509.33	8500/=	As per format in SBD	18 Months	14-12-2021 11.00 A.M	AAY Class Only"

Major Head of Account = 4515-Capital Outlay on Other Rural Development Programmes
Position of AAA = Accorded Vide Govt Order No. 247 RD & PR of 2021, Dated 17/09/2021

S. No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	20/11/2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 22/11/2021 11.00 A.M to 11/12/2021, 4.00 P.M
3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	29/11/2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Anantnag/Kulgam H.Q Khanabal.
4.	Bid submission Start Date	30-11-2021 From 10.00 A.M
5.	Bid Submission End Date	11-12-2021 upto 4.00 P.M
6.	Deadline for receiving the Hard copy of documents including Original DD & Bid Security, Affidavit on correctness of information - [The date should be one day after bid submission end date]	13-12-2021 upto 4.00 P.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Anantnag/Kulgam H.Q Khanabal.
7.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) -[The date should be one day after deadline for receiving of hard copies]	14-12-2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Anantnag/Kulgam H.Q Khanabal.
8.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal (Tender Inviting Authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).

2. 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)

3. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of Contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Anantnag/Kulgam HQ Khanabal (Tender Receiving Authority) within 21 days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP.

4. Bidders can resubmit/withdraw the bids as specified.

5. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive Bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Anantnag/Kulgam HQ Khanabal . The date for same shall be intimated separately.

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

7. The Performance Security shall be forfeited if:-

a) Any bidder/tender withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid.

b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required Performance Security within specified time period before signing contract agreement.

c) In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

d) If at any stage of work, the Bidder back up from the contract, again the Performance security as well as work done claim will be forfeited.

8. Instruction to Bidders regarding E-tendering process.

8.1 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.

8.2 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 vendors.

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

8.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

8.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid.

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

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

10. Scanned copy of Bid Security Declaration Form in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Anantnag/Kulgam HQ Khanabal and Cost of Tender document in the shape of Treasury Receipt/Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal (Tender Inviting Authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) must be uploaded with the Technical bid documents for the work.

After opening of financial bids, the lowest bidder shall submit the Performance Security in the form of CDR/BG/FDR within 21 days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance in the Office of the Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Anantnag/Kulgam HQ Khanabal. Failure to do so shall render the first lowest successful bidder non-responsive.

11. Bidders may contact Office of the Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Anantnag/Kulgam HQ Khanabal or Concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.

12 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.

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

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

15 Defect Liability Period: 03 Years after date of completion.

16 All key construction material (i.e, cement, steel, bitumen, pipes etc.) shall have to be arranged by the contractor strictly as per specifications with the approval of Engineer-in-charge.

17 Qualification criteria for the work and other terms and conditions are contained in the bidding document available on website

Executive Engineer
PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal

DIPK-13475/21



Body of Bengal Resident Recovered from Jhelum

Agencies

Srinagar: The body of a 27-year-old West Bengal resident was on Thursday recovered from river Jhelum in Safa Kadal area of Srinagar.

Police said that a 27-year-old youth from West Bengal, was found floating in Jhelum river by locals at Ghasi Mohalla area of Safakadal on Thursday afternoon.

The body was fished out and later handed to local police for medico-legal formalities, they said.

Unconfirmed reports said the youth had jumped into river Jhelum near Zero bridge, Srinagar on November 07 at around 04 pm.

Meanwhile, a case under section 309 has been registered at Police Station Kothi Bagh and further investigations are on.

Allow E-bus Service In Srinagar: LG Directs to officials

Agencies

Srinagar: In a major relief for commuters in the city, the lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday directed traffic department to allow the uninterrupted operation of electric buses in Srinagar.

The e-bus service by Jammu & Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) faced a setback a few days as the administration banned the operation of service.

The electric buses, first of its kind, aimed at providing a pollution-free transport system in the city were inaugurated by former Governor Satya Pal in 2019 but with the major embarrassment for the administration, the electric buses that were made operational in the city were nowhere in sight for



a few days. Ironically, the Mini bus service is still operational in the city.

In an order issued on Thursday from the LG office it states that uninterrupted playing of JKRTC Electric Buses services on notified routes in Srinagar city.

“Kindly refer to the subject cited above, where under it is submitted that Hon'ble former Governor of erstwhile state J&K during July 2019 flagged off Electric Buses for operation in Srinagar city on notified/identified routes for the convenience of commuters/general

public. These buses have been continuously playing on notified /scheduled routes within and outskirts of Srinagar city. But all of sudden, its operation was restricted by the traffic department”, order reads.

As reported by Managing Director JKRTC vide letter No. JKRTC/MD/PS/GMA/1110 dated 22-11-2021, the traffic authorities have imposed restrictions on JKRTC electric bus services originating from Lal-Chowk to various routes, which resulted in inconvenience to general public/commuters and loss to the corporation.

However, while taking cognizance of inconvenience to the commuters in general and department in particular, LG directed concerned authorities to allow operation of e-service in the city. CNS

Seminar on ‘European Literary Genres and Kashmiri Language’ begins at KU

Agencies

Srinagar: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Talat Ahmad on Thursday inaugurated a two-day seminar on ‘European Literary Genres and Kashmiri Language’.

The national-level seminar has been organised by the Department of Kashmiri.

In his presidential address, Prof Talat reiterated the importance of language learning in higher education institutions in the backdrop of its emphasis outlined in the National Education Policy-2020.

Noting that Kashmiri literature needs to be promoted and popularised, Prof Talat said the Department of Kashmiri is a flagship department in the university and all efforts will be made to provide it with full faculty strength.

He said that establishment of a Translation Centre at the department is under university's consideration, even as he urged young students and scholars to read Kashmiri literature and also write in Kashmiri language for its greater promotion.

KU Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, who was a guest of honour, assured the university administration's full support to all endeavours aimed at promotion of Kashmiri language and literature.

“I see young students participating

in this seminar as conscious upholders and promoters of Kashmiri language and literature,” he said, congratulating the department for keeping alive the tradition of holding the annual seminars on various aspects of Kashmiri language and literature.

Former Head Department of Kashmiri Prof Shafi Shauq delivered the keynote address, discussing in detail the categories and conventions of the European literary genres and their application in Kashmiri literature. “These genres transmitted to the literatures of the world, including Kashmiri, and their influence is so deep here that they have become now the actuality of modern Kashmiri literature,” he said.

In his special address, Prof Majrooh Rashid, Chairman, Habba Khatoon Centre for Kashmiri Language and Literature IUST Awantipora, highlighted the role that the Department of Kashmiri has played for the upliftment of the Kashmiri language and literature and for the promotion of quality research.

Head Department of Kashmiri Prof Mafooza Jan highlighted the aims and objectives of the two-day seminar as well as remarkable achievements of the department in areas of academics and research.

Admin conducts surprise inspection of CSCs

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, a team of senior Officers of District Administration Srinagar headed by Additional District Development Commissioner Srinagar, Gulzar Ahmad Thursday conducted a surprise inspection of various Common Service Centers (CSCs) established in various City areas to oversee their functioning with regard to public delivery system.

The team inspected various CSC Centers at Shaheed Gunj, Lalchowk Ghanta Ghar, Dalgate, Khanyar and other City areas.

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING BARAMULLA.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (Re Tender)

NIT No: -226/Xen/Rew/Bla/2021-2021 Dated. 22/11/2021 (Re Tender)

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/ TS	Position of Funds
1	C/O Road from wagoora to najibhat chandoosa road. P/H Wagoora A. Block wagoora.	4.90	200	30 days	DEE	Back to Village	AAA Accorded	Allotted
2	Improvement of link road/tile path at different spots at hail. P/H Hail. Block Wagoora	4.90	200	30 days	DEE	Back to Village	AAA Accorded	Allotted
3	C/O Drainage system at Authoora bala.P/H Authoora. Block Wagoora	4.90	200	30 days	DEE	Back to Village	AAA Accorded	Allotted
4	C/O Drainage system at Authoora Payeen.P/H Authoora. Block Wagoora	4.90	200	30 days	DEE	Back to Village	AAA Accorded	Allotted
5	C/O Drain from H/O Ab rasheed parray to onwards at zeyarat shareef at Dungdara.P/H Daulatpora Block Wagoora	4.90	200	30 days	DEE	Back to Village	AAA Accorded	Allotted

1. 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 the scheduled date given below.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23-11-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 23-11-2021 to 29-09-2021 up to 6:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	22-11-2021
4	Bid Submission End Date	29-11-2021 up to 6:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 30-11-2021 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

2. The contractor could take part in the tendering process of only those works which are to be executed in Gram Panchayat (G.P) to which he/she belongs, Bids from bidder other than the concerned Gram Panchayat (G.P) will be rejected.

3. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/ receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein name of work and NIT No. (Copy enclosed) in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.

5. All The Bidders has to submit Hard Copies of all documents uploaded with the bid and Bidder has to submit Bid Security Form instead of Earnest Money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)

6. The IST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms.

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

8. If the bidder quotes his bid exceeding the tendering cost, His bid will be automatically rejected.

9. 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 conditions of the bid.

b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

10. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

10.1. 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.

10.2. 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 vendors.

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

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

10.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.

10.6. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

10.7. The earnest money in favour of un-successful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of Hard copies, failure of submission of tender document fee by the bidder using site shall entail him for blacklisting. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

No 15793-800
Dated 22/11/2021

Executive Engineer
REW Baramulla

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- BIJHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

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

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20 Rabi-ul Sani
1443

PRAYERS

FAJR	5: 45
ZUHR	12:16
ASR	3:46
Magrib	5:26
ISHA	6: 50

This Day In History

- 1865 - "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll is published in America
- 1865 - Battle of Papudo: The Spanish navy engages a combined Peruvian-Chilean fleet north of Valparaiso, Chile
- 1901 - Italy and Britain sign an agreement fixing the frontier between their colonies of Eritrea and Sudan in East Africa
- 1924 - Mongolian People's Republic proclaimed
- 1925 - Netherlands & Germany sign trade agreement
- 1940 - Nazi Germany began walling off the Jewish Ghetto in Warsaw
- 1941 - Japanese naval carrier force left its base & moves east toward Pearl Harbor
- 1942 - Anti-fascist Council for National Liberation (AVNO) forms
- 1948 - 1st polaroid camera sold for \$89.75 in Boston at the Jordan Marsh department store. The Land Camera model 95 becomes prototype for all Polaroid Land cameras for next 15 years
- 1949 - The Constituent Assembly of India formally adopts a new constitution
- 1956 - USSR single sculls winner Vyacheslav Ivanov wins Olympic gold medal in his excitement he jumps for joy, & loses his medal, it sinks
- 1963 - Explorer 18 spacecraft launched by NASA
- 1965 - France launches 1st satellite, 92 lb (42 kg) Al-capsule (Asterix), named after the popular French comic character
- 1984 - US & Iraq re-establish diplomatic relations
- 1985 - 23rd Space Shuttle Mission (61-B)-Atlantis 2 is launched
- 1985 - France performs nuclear test at Mururoa atoll
- 1989 - India's Congress Party led by then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi loses the general election to an opposition front led by V.P. Singh
- 1990 - Mikhail Gorbachev tells Iraq to get out of Kuwait
- 1998 - Tony Blair becomes the first Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to address the Republic of Ireland's parliament.
- 2003 - India accepts Pakistan's offer of a ceasefire in Kashmir
- 2003 - Supersonic airplane the Concorde makes its last ever flight, returning to Bristol, England.
- 2011 - NATO forces in Afghanistan attack a Pakistani checkpoint in a friendly fire incident, killing 24 soldiers and wounding 13 others
- 2017 - British Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton finishes 2nd in season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix at Yas Marina Circuit to claim his 4th F1 World Drivers Championship; wins title by 46 points from Sebastian Vettel
- 2018 - NASA's InSight mission lands on Mars after a 7 month voyage
- 2018 - Ukraine declares martial law in areas bordering Russia after Russia seizes three of its naval vessels
- 2018 - Chinese scientist He Jiankui claims to have made the first genetically edited baby
- 2018 - General Motors announces it will close five factories in North America, cutting 14,000 jobs
- 2018 - First multidrug randomized control trial to treat Ebola started in Democratic Republic of Congo announced by the WHO
- 2018 - Third of a species begin dying (23,000) over a two day period, the spectacled flying foxes, unable to survive heatwave of 42 degrees in northern Queensland, Australia

From KO Archives

Guns fail to fall silent

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Hours after the Ramadan ceasefire announced by the Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, came into effect, reports of escalated violence have come in from various areas shattering the prospects of unilateral truce. Eighteen people, including six security personnel, were killed and 23 others were injured in separate incidents across the state since early morning today.

In a major incident, four security personnel were killed and 14 others were injured when a powerful explosion ripped apart the vehicle they were travelling in at Nowpora-Dooru, 74 km from here on Srinagar-Vering road in the south Kashmir district of Anantnag this afternoon, official sources said. Condition of most of the wounded soldiers were reported to be critical. The incident took place around 2 p.m.

Officials said militants detonated the improvised explosion device (IED) immediately after the army vehicle carrying jawans of 36 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) passed over it. The explosion was possibly triggered by using a remote control device. The vehicle was blown up killing four jawans and injuring 14 others. All the wounded soldiers were rushed to the base hospital here.

Soon after the incident, the security forces laid siege to the entire area after which fear gripped the people. But no searches had been carried out till the reports last came in.

No Jet up in Begaar, frisking Hizb-ul-Mujahideen has claimed responsibility for the incident and said they would intensify the attacks during the month of Ramadan. Hizb spokesman, Salim Hashmi, telephoned reporters in Srinagar to claim the responsibility for the blast.

"The unilateral ceasefire announced by the Indian government is not a serious effort, but an attempt to ward off international pressure on it to resolve the Kashmir issue," he alleged.

A NAFA report said a foreign militant identified as Tan-zeel-ur-Rahman alias Abu Zareen, belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba was killed in an encounter with the troops of 28 RR at Atri Naribal in Rafiabdd area of Bammulla district today.

Rajinder Singh reports from Jammu: Barely an hour after the ceasefire came into force, nine people, including two security personnel and five militants, were killed in a gun battle at Dhana-Sawjan village in the border district of Poonch. Eight civilians were also injured in the encounter.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 26 NOVEMBER, 2000)



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TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST) - Awantipora, sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five only) are invited from registered Caterers / Vendors / Agencies for providing Hostel Mess Services at the IUST Campus for One Year (from the month of December, 2021). A detailed document (terms & conditions list etc.) can be collected from the Office of Dean of Students on all working days (Monday to Friday) between 10: 00 AM to 4: 00 PM or can be downloaded from the University website www.iust.ac.in from 24-11-2021 to 30-11-2021. The tender document complete in all respects should be submitted in the Office of the undersigned by or before 30-11-2021 up to 2: 00 PM and the tender should be super-scribed as "TENDER FOR PROVIDING HOSTEL MESS SERVICES AT IUST". Further, the Bids received before due date shall be opened on next working day i.e. 01-12-2021 at Dean of Students Office at 02: 00 PM sharp by the concerned Committee in presence of the bidders who wish to be present. For the details, kindly visit the University website www.iust.ac.in

NO: IUST/Dos/Tender Notice/21/367
Dated: 24-11-2021

DIPK-NB-5317/21

Sd/-
Dean of Students

Iran, Georgia Mull Corridor Linking Persian Gulf To Black Sea



Agencies

Iran and Georgia have discussed problems of Iranian transit trucks and agreed to accelerate the finalization of a corridor linking the Persian Gulf to the Black Sea, a senior official says.

According to General Manager of Iran's Road Maintenance and Transportation Organization Javad Hedayati Tuesday, development of regional transit cooperation and establishment of new corridors is a priority of the new government.

"The creation of new corridors, in addition to facilitating trade, will lead to revenue generation for the country and reduce transportation costs," IRNA quoted him as telling a meeting of a joint transport commission in Tbilisi.

Linking the Persian Gulf in the south to the Caspian Sea in the north is the key plank of connectivity programs being sought by Iran and "the creation of a corridor from the Persian Gulf to Georgia and the Black Sea is one of these plans", Hedayati said.

According to the official, similar negotiations are being held with Azerbaijan which connects Iran to Georgia and up to the Black Sea through Turkey.

"The Iranian side stressed the

importance of strengthening regional transit based on multilateral advantages, and reviving the transit networks of the two sides with the aim of shortening transit routes and reducing costs," Hedayati said.

It was decided to take immediate steps to solve the existing problems and simplify the passage of trucks, he added.

The negotiations come in the wake of a brief dispute over Azerbaijan's decision to impose customs duties on Iranian truck drivers transiting through the newly-liberated territories and Iranian supplies of fuel and other goods to Armenia.

Oil by-products like petrol, diesel and asphalt for road construction are imported to Karabakh - a breakaway region controlled by Armenians, but internationally recognized as the territory of Azerbaijan - through companies in Armenia that ship the products with privately operated trucks.

Azerbaijan claims some of the trucks "illegally" entering Karabakh are Iranian. Last month, the country released two Iranian truck drivers whom it had detained for allegedly entering Karabakh. Iran's Roads and Transportation Organization then issued a ban on the country's trucks traveling to the isolated enclave.

Pakistani Police Arrest Four For 'Blasphemy' Over Mosque Argument



AL JAZEERA

Pakistani police have arrested four men charged with blasphemy after they argued with an 'imam' (religious cleric) over whether a funeral announcement for a Christian neighbour could be made from a mosque, officials say.

The case occurred in the village of Khodi Khushal Singh, near the eastern city of Lahore, on November 18, a local police official Faryad, who goes by one name, told Al Jazeera on Thursday.

"The men have been detained and we have presented them before the court," he said.

The men, who were Muslim, argued with a local cleric after he refused to make a funeral announcement for a Christian man from his mosque, the initial police report says.

"As soon as they arrived [at the mosque], they started cursing the mosque's imam, they disrespected the mosque and they insulted Islam," reads the report.

Blasphemy is a sensitive subject in Pakistan, where strict blasphemy laws prescribe a mandatory death penalty for certain forms of the crime.

The four men were charged under sections 295 and 298 of Pakistan's penal code, which carry penalties of up to two years in prison.

Pakistan has never executed a convict under the blasphemy laws, but accusations of the offence have increasingly led to murder by mobs or individuals. Since 1990, at least 79 people have been killed in such violence, according to an Al Jazeera tally.

Pakistani human rights activists have decried the case against the four men as being unfounded.

"If there was a Muslim who in good faith wants to have an announcement such as this made in the community, it's not an attack on someone's faith, it's a good cause," said human rights activist and lawyer Nadeem Anthony.

"So if someone announces [a funeral] on a loudspeaker, how is it a religious violation?"



FRANCE SAYS SOME 31,500 migrants have attempted to leave for Britain since the start of the year and 7,800 people have been rescued at sea. (Ihlas Haber Ajansi)

Dozens Of Migrants And Refugees Die In English Channel Boat Disaster

Agencies

At least 27 migrants and refugees, including children and women, have died after their small boat sank in an attempted crossing of the English Channel.

Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin confirmed the death toll on Thursday.

Earlier, the French authorities gave slightly differing figures on the numbers of dead, from 27 to 31.

Darmanin also announced the arrest of a fifth suspected trafficker thought to have been involved in what was the deadliest migration tragedy to date on the dangerous sea lane.

He said authorities are working to determine the nationalities of victims from the sinking on Wednesday.

Two survivors were treated for hypothermia. One is Iraqi,

PREGNANT women, children died," he said, without detailing their numbers.

the other Somali, Darmanin said on RTL radio.

"Pregnant women, children died," he said, without detailing their numbers.

Darmanin on Wednesday had already announced the arrest of four suspected traffickers on suspicion of being linked to the sunken boat.

He told RTL that a fifth suspected trafficker was picked up overnight.

One of the busiest shipping lanes

The Channel is one of the world's busiest shipping lanes and currents are strong. Human traffickers typically

overload the dinghies, leaving them barely afloat and at the mercy of waves as they try to reach British shores.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he was "shocked and appalled" by the deaths and called on France to do more to deter people from attempting the crossing.

People trafficking gangs were "literally getting away with murder", he said.

President Emmanuel Macron said Britain needed to stop politicising the issue for domestic gain, while his Interior Minister, Gerald Darmanin, said Britain too had to be a part of the answer.

Before Wednesday's disaster, 14 people had drowned this year trying to make it to Britain, a local maritime prefecture official said.

In 2020, a total of seven people died and two disappeared, while in 2019 four died.

'No Progress' On Eve Of Iran Nuclear Talks: UN Atomic Agency

Agence France-Presse

VIENNA: The UN nuclear watchdog said Wednesday there had been "no progress" in talks with Tehran on disputes over the monitoring of Iran's atomic programme, just days before talks restart on reviving the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

Rafael Grossi, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), told a quarterly meeting of the agency's board that talks he held in Tehran on Tuesday were "inconclusive" despite being "constructive".

Grossi had sought to tackle constraints put on IAEA inspections earlier this year, outstanding questions over the presence of undeclared nuclear material at sites in Iran, and the treatment of IAEA staff in the country.

"In terms of the substance... we were not able to make progress," Grossi told reporters, saying that the lack of agreement had come "in spite of my best efforts".

Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokes-



man for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, told Iranian television his team "tried until the last moment" but there is still work to be done.

Among other officials in Tehran, Grossi met Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian. Amir-Abdollahian put a positive gloss on the talks, telling the official Irna agency on Wednesday that a "common declaration" had been reached which would be published "as soon as possible".

'Foot-Dragging'

Grossi's visit came ahead of the scheduled resumption on Monday of negotiations between Tehran and world powers aimed at reviving the 2015

deal that gave Iran sanctions relief in return for curbs on its nuclear programme.

The United States said it was "disappointed" by the outcome of Grossi's visit and said it was ready to negotiate in Vienna.

"But of course Iran's failure to cooperate is a bad sign about their seriousness in a successful conclusion to our negotiations," a State Department spokesperson said.

The remaining members of the accord -- France, Germany, the UK, China, Russia and Iran -- will attend with the US taking part indirectly.

The deal has been gradually disintegrating since former US President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew from the deal in 2018.

The following year Iran retaliated by starting to move away from its commitments under the deal, also known as the JCPOA.

The US negotiator for the JCPOA talks Rob Malley warned that Washington would not "sit idly" if Iran delayed progress at the talks.

Tel Aviv Will Be Bombed In Case Of Assassinations: Islamic Jihad Warns Israel



Agencies

Islamic Jihad has warned Israel that Tel Aviv will be bombarded if the occupying regime assassinates members of the Palestinian resistance movement.

Islamic Jihad leader Ziyad al-Nakhalah vowed Wednesday to continue the path pursued by Baha Abu al-Ata, a senior commander of the Gaza-based group's military wing - the al-Quds Brigades - who was assassinated in an Israeli airstrike on the besieged Gaza Strip two years ago.

"We do not rule out the possibility of assassination or targeting of commanders and members of the Islamic Jihad movement, and our reaction is the immediate bombardment of Tel Aviv," Lebanon's al-Mayadeen TV channel quoted him as saying.

Abu al-Ata and his wife were killed in an Israeli airstrike targeting their home in the Gaza Strip on November 12, 2019. The raid also wounded four of their children and a neighbor, triggering clashes between Israeli forces and Gaza-based resistance fighters.

According to Islamic Jihad, Abu al-Ata played a major role in carrying out operations against Israel.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Nakhalah said the recent retaliatory operation, carried out by Sheikh Fadi Abu Shkhaydam, in the Old City of al-Quds, was a "lesson" for the occupying entity and its mercenaries.

On Sunday, Israeli troops fatally shot Abu Shkhaydam, a leader of the Palestinian Hamas resistance movement, near one of the entrances to the al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

Israeli media outlets reported that the victim had opened fire at Israelis by a Beretta M12 submachine gun before being shot dead at the scene.

Hamas said the retaliatory attack was the "price" for Israel's actions in occupied al-Quds, adding, "The message of the heroic operation is a warning for the criminal enemy and its government to stop the attacks on our land and our holy sites. [Israel] will pay a price for the iniquities it commits against al-Aqsa Mosque, Silwan, Sheikh Jarrah and elsewhere."

Nakhalah predicted that the Zionist regime was unlikely to wage an attack on the besieged Gaza Strip because of its consequences.

"The resistance is ready to respond to any Israeli act of aggression. We can target all Zionist settlements simultaneously," he said.

The Islamic Jihad leader further stressed that the resistance in Gaza had strengthened its weapons and military capabilities following the 11-day Israeli war in May.

The resistance, he said, manufactures unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) inside the Gaza Strip.

Nakhalah also said that Iran defends the Palestinian cause and considers Israel an enemy, and that such position will never change.

European Union Approves Pfizer Covid Jab For 5 To 11-Year-Olds

Agence France-Presse

THE HAGUE: The EU cleared Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine for use in children aged five to 11 on Thursday, the first jab to be approved in a cohort where the virus is rapidly spreading.

Only a small handful of countries had previously given the nod for coronavirus vaccinations in younger children, including the United States, Israel and Canada.

"I'm glad to tell you that Comirnaty from today has received approval for children five to 11 years of age," said Marco Cavaleri, head of vaccine strategy at the European Medicines Agency (EMA), using the vaccine's brand name.

"This is based on a different dose in the one used in adults, essentially it's a much lower dose," he told an online public meeting.

The vaccine was already cleared for use in people aged 12 and over in the 27-nation EU.

Children aged five to 11 will be given one third of the dose that older people receive, with two injections, three weeks apart, the EMA said in a statement.

The vaccine was 90.7 percent effective in a study of nearly 2,000 children of that age, it added.

Side effects were usually "mild or moderate" lasting a few days, and included pain in the injection site, tiredness, headache, muscle pain and chills.

The EMA "therefore concluded that the benefits of Comirnaty in children aged five to 11 outweigh the risks, particularly in those with conditions that increase the risk of severe Covid-19."

But the Pfizer jab's safety in children "will continue to be monitored closely".

- 'Rare in children' -

Health authorities say children make up an increasing proportion of new cases and hospitalisations in Europe, which is back at the centre of the coronavirus pandemic.

Children are also considered key drivers of infections even when they themselves do not come down with symptoms.

In the Netherlands, where the EMA is based, authorities said earlier this week that the largest increase in cases was among children up to the age of 12.

"We know that severe Covid-19 and death remain quite rare in children, however disease of all severity occurs in all the paediatric ages," Cavaleri said.

"Moreover, high transmission results in increased hospitalisation in children of all ages."

While children with underlying health conditions were more likely to become ill, the majority of children in hospital with Covid were otherwise healthy, said Cavaleri.



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Emirati General Accused Of Torture Elected President Of Interpol

An Emirati general accused of torture has been elected president of Interpol, the global police agency said, despite expressions of concern from human rights organisations and members of the European Parliament.

"Mr Ahmed Nasser al-Raisi of the United Arab Emirates has been elected to the post of President (4-yr term)," Interpol said on Twitter on Thursday.

General al-Raisi, head of the UAE's security forces, will take on a largely ceremonial and voluntary role.

Interpol's secretary-general handles day-to-day management of the Lyon-based organisation. Juergen Stock, the current secretary-general, was given a second five-year term in 2019.

Complaints of "torture" were filed against the Emirati general in recent



months in France and Turkey, which is hosting Interpol's general assembly in Istanbul this week.

The appointment follows generous funding by the UAE for the police body and accusations Abu

Dhabi has abused Interpol's system of so-called "red notices" for wanted suspects to persecute political dissidents.

Three European Parliament members wrote a letter dated November 11 to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to warn of the impact the general's appointment would have on Interpol.

"The election of General Al Raisi would undermine the mission and reputation of Interpol and severely affect the ability of the organisation to carry out its mission effectively," they wrote.

In October 2020, 19 NGOs, including Human Rights Watch, expressed concern about the possible choice of al-Raisi, whom they described as being "part of a security apparatus that continues to systematically target peaceful critics". AFP

Sweden's First Woman PM Resigns On First Day Of Appointment

STOCKHOLM: Shortly after Social Democrat leader Magdalena Andersson was elected by Parliament as Sweden's first female Prime Minister, she tendered her resignation after facing the harsh reality of having to lead a minority coalition government.

Just hours after she was elected the Prime Minister on Wednesday, Parliament (Riksdag) passed the opposition's budget proposal prompting Andersson's coalition partner the Green Party to pull its support. This, in turn, forced Andersson to announce her resignation, reported Xinhua news agency.

Wednesday's events were a result of the inconclusive outcome of the 2018 elections, which led to a lengthy process of finding a government in a political landscape where certain parties do everything in their power to block their ideological opponents from having any form of influence.

In comparison, the election of Andersson was a breeze. To be elected prime



minister, she only needed a majority of lawmakers in the 349-seat Riksdag not voting against her. She was backed by 117 but rejected by 174, with 57 deputies abstaining. One deputy was absent.

Andersson's election followed an 11-hour deal with the Left Party, which demanded a raise in pensions for around 700,000 of the poorest pensioners in return for not pressing the red button.

However, later in the day the ruling coalition's budget proposal was voted down in favour of the budget proposed jointly

by the Moderate Party, the Sweden Democrats and the Christian Democrats.

This came after the Center Party, which accepted Andersson as the prime minister in an attempt to shut out the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats, decided not to vote for the government's budget proposal, as they saw the deal as too sharp a turn to the Left despite the fact that the government had also made concessions to appease the Center Party.

Andersson, who since 2014 has served as the finance minister under former Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, said that she could lead the country with the opposition's budget, describing it as requiring only minor tweaks. However, the Green Party had a different opinion.

After the Riksdag passed the opposition's budget, the Greens announced that they would leave the government as they could not stand behind a budget negotiated by the Sweden Democrats. IANS

ROSHNI ACT

More Than 12000 Kanal State, Roshni Land Taken Back In Ramban



RAMBAN: The Ramban district administration has continued its campaign to take back from the public lands belonging to the state and those regularised under the Roshni Act.

The District Administration Ramban on Thursday said it has retrieved over 12,200 kanals of state and Roshni land after a massive anti encroachment drive launched on November 15 across the district.

Teams of the Revenue Department carried out raids and retrieved 283 kanals in tehsil Ramsoo, 3,353 kanals in Gool, 477 kanals in Rajgarh, 922 kanals in Banihal, 496 kanals in Batote, 1,923 kanals in Ukhral, and 3,640 kanals in tehsil Ramban.

Deputy Commissioner Musarat Islam informed that anti encroachment drives have been intensified in all tehsils.

SKUAST-Kashmir Demands Central University Status

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: SKUAST-Kashmir is the first agricultural university of erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir state established vide SRO-306 dated 27-07-1982 with a vision to pursue teaching and conduct research and extension services in agriculture and allied sciences directed to food, nutritional and livelihood security. The varsity demands central university status and immediate attention on following grounds.

The university is housing five faculties and two colleges and has emerged as a leading University in Hill and Mountain Agriculture offering, undergraduate, Master's and Doctorate Degree Programmes with an operational area of around 923 ha and ICAR ranking 9th out of 65 agricultural universities of India.

To address the mandated activities, the university over the years established new laboratories, classrooms, hostels, administrative buildings, student amenity and facility centre's, farmers hostels, residential quarters, library services and information technology centre's across the region. An ap-

preciable number of students from this University have qualified the Indian Administrative and allied services (IAS), Kashmir Administrative Services (KAS), Indian Forest Service (IFS), Agricultural Research Services (ARS) and other All India Level Competitive Examinations.

The University was declared second and third best University at the National level for securing highest number of Junior Research Fellowships of ICAR and is continuously maintaining its performance at the National level. Registered PG students at the University are being awarded fellowships like ICAR Senior Research Fellowships, Inspire Fellowships, Maulana Azad National Fellowship, CSIR Fellowship, UGC Fellowship besides financial assistance from the University through merit scholarships or project assistance-ship. This has helped the University to pursue productive student's research programme as a requirement for various degrees. The students who are graduating from this university are almost absorbed either in public, or private and autonomous organizations is a major achievement.

'BUNKERS, NIGHT RAIDS, KILLINGS':

NC Questions Sitharaman's Situation Remarks

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The National Conference on Thursday objected to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's claims of a "changed ground situation" as "a bundle of lies to white wash the devastating impact" of the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

Members of the Parliament Muhammad Akbar Lone and Hasnain Masoodi pointed out that the footprint of government forces increased in Kashmir despite claims of normacy and development.

"Why have bunkers, night raids, civilian killings returned to haunt people?", they said. "How has the unemployment ratio skyrocketed to an all-time high of 21.6 percent, which is thrice the national average? Why are people associated with manufacturing, horticulture,

tourism and trade in the throes of a profound crisis?"

They questioned Sitharaman for "which yardstick had she employed to gauge the development and growth parameters."

"A simple fact check," the MPs said, "will reveal how badly Jammu and Kashmir is doing on all developmental indices."

The claims of the government, the MPs said, "are akin to running salt into the wounds of the people of J&K, who are being denied democracy and not trusted with a popular government, whose democratic rights have been crippled, whose exclusive rights over the land, jobs and natural resources stand liquidated."

The MPs said the union minister's "gloating" on Kashmir was belied by the prevailing ground situation in Kashmir.

They said union ministers in the current central government have been "outlandishly lying to white wash the devastating outcome of its August 5, 2019 unilateral and undemocratic decisions."

"The major causality of the abrogation of Articles 370, 35 A has been the freedom of press," they said, adding that by denying press freedom, "the government is only peddling it lies to white wash the aftermath of the Himalayan blunder it committed on August 5, 2019." The MPs also criticised the administration's Media Policy 2020 as having "taken away the basic principle of a free press and systematically stifled all forms of dissent."

Cautioning the central government against misconstruing the situation in J&K, the MPs demanded the return of Article 370.

6% Students In J&K Don't Have Textbooks: ASER Report

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The latest Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) report has revealed that six per cent of the students enrolled in government schools across Jammu and Kashmir had no textbooks for their current grade in the year 2021.

The number has almost doubled from 2018, a year before the abrogation of J&K's special status, when the report estimat-

ed that about 3.6 percent of students were without textbooks.

The Annual Status of Education Report stated that among both private and government schools, a total of 95.1 percent of the students were having textbooks for their current grade that includes 94 percent government school students and 97 percent private school students.

In the year 2021, 95.7 per cent of students enrolled in government-run-schools were

having textbooks while in the private schools of Jammu and Kashmir around 97.3 percent of students were having textbooks during the academic year.

In an overall percentage across India, the ASER report says that in the year 2021, a total of 91.9 percent of students enrolled were having textbooks for their current grade that includes 92.3 percent from government and 90.7 percent from private schools.

KU To Allow Assistance During Exams For Disabled Students

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: After a prolonged delay, the Kashmir University Vice-Chancellor Talat Ahmad on Thursday authorised college principals

to arrange Amanuensis/Scribe for specially-abled students for assistance during the examinations.

An order to this effect, issued by Controller of Examinations Irshad A Nawchoo, read: "The Vice-Chancellor has been pleased to authorise principals of degree colleges affiliated with the University of Kashmir to arrange Amanuen-

sis/Scribe for the students having benchmark disability with physical limitations to read/write, duly authenticated by the prescribed medical authority."

The Amanuensis/Scribe, the order read, should be a student of lower grade of education at least one step than that of the examinee and should be of different stream from the examinee.

Citing an example, Nawchoo said if a candidate is appearing in BA 1st year

examination, the Amanuensis/Scribe must be a student of 12th standard or lower class or so on.

"Concerned College Principal shall forward details of the students and Amanuensis/Scribe to the office of Controller of Examinations after the conclusion of the examinations," the order, circulated to principals of all degree colleges affiliated with the University of Kashmir, reads.

Jammu To Get Free WiFi Service At 20 More Locations Under Smart City Mission

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: WiFi services will be installed at 20 more locations in the Jammu city under the Union government's Smart City Mission for the benefit of students and the business community, officials said on Wednesday.

Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) has signed an agreement with service provider LMES to install WiFi hotspots at 20 locations. The agreement was signed and exchanged between the Chief Executive officer of JSCL Avny Lavasa and the director of LMES.

"To attract tourist footfall and benefit students as well as the business community, the JSCL has

decided to expand its free WiFi service to 20 more locations under the smart city mission," Lavasa said.

The WiFi hotspots will be installed at Government Medical College Jammu, Railway Station Jammu, Canal Road Jammu, Jammu University, Channi Himmat, Trikuta Nagar, Shastri Nagar and others.

In the first phase, WiFi hotspots were installed at 16 locations, which received massive responses. Over 4,500 people connect to the network from KC Plaza to Raghu-nath Mandir to Mubarak Mandi to Kachi Chawni to Indra Chowk monthly, Lavasa said.

She said Internet connectivity is an important component of the smart city.

Nuclear Physicist From IIT Ropar Visits IUST



Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: Nuclear physicist from IIT Ropar, Dr. Pushpendra P. Singh Thursday visited Islamic University of Science and Technology. Dr. Singh shared his institutions positive experiences with IUST interns and mentioned that their performance was a key indicator of IUST's quality and excellence. Dr. Singh shared various insights from his institution about the model of internship and incubation that has been in place at IIT Ropar which is also to be patented. The success stories regarding different projects were also shared during his interactions with the IUST team comprising Heads, Incharges and officers who elaborated on different areas and potential avenues for the partnership.

Dr. Singh while interacting with Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo lauded

the internship and innovative initiatives taken by IUST. Given the potential of IUST, Dr. Singh expressed to have collaborations with IUST in terms of internships, innovations, R&D etc.

During the interactive session with Dr. Singh, Dean Academic Affairs Prof. AH Moon said that, "IUST will be a spoke in the IIT project Hub and it will be a win-win situation for both the institutions. Prof. Moon held a details discussion with Prof. Singh over internship and incubation model prevalent at the IIT and noted its role in mentoring students, scholars and budding entrepreneurs at IUST. Dean Research Prof. Haroon Naik enlisted various areas like agriculture, water resources which IIT could find suitable areas of work and stressed that the process of implementation of this partnership was a key to success for this tie-up.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B CONSTRUCTION DIVISION NO.II, SGR.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No.112/CDII/ 15245-55 of 2021-22 **DATED: 22.11.2021**
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Renovation and face lifting of Government Unani Hospital Shalteng Srinagar.	26.57	1100/-	45 Days	National Ayush Mission	AAY/BEE

Position of AAA: Accorded

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

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| 1 | Date of Issue of Tender Notice | |
| 2 | Period of downloading of bidding documents | 23.11.2021 from 10.00 AM |
| 3 | Bid submission Start Date | 23.11.2021 from 10.00 AM. |
| 4 | Bid Submission End Date | 29.11.2021 upto 4.00 PM. |
| 5 | Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) | 30.11.2021 at 11.00 A.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2 nd , Srinagar |
2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).
3. All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).
6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- 7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- 7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
- Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
8. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
9. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
10. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
11. Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of five years besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.
12. Any item/items of work found necessary during execution of work though not in the BOQ shall have to be got executed and shall be paid At Par the %age quoted by the bidder.
13. Any addendum issued shall be the part of NIT.
14. Price escalation and Taxes:- The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
15. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
16. In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.
17. Instructions to Bidder (ITB)
- 17.1. All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-
- 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.
 - Registration Card valid for the year 2021-22
 - All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan
 - All bidders shall upload Bid Security Declaration Form
 - All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card
 - All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of last quarter i.e. ending September-2021.
 - The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
 - All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.
 - Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has / have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises

No. 15245-55
Dated: 22.11.2021
DIPK-13531/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Construction Division IInd , Srinagar

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR							
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER POLICE							
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION PHQ J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR							
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (for Buildings)							
TWO COVER SYSTEM							
e- NIT No.EE-PCD/PHQ/104/2021-22 Dated:- 22/11/2021							
For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on item rate basis (as the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for each of the following work:-							
S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document. (In Rs)	Bid Security Declaration	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Construction of Transit Hostel at Srinagar.	555.00	10000.00	As per format in SBD	02 Years	03-12-2021	AAY
Major Head of Account =SRE/4055							
Position of AAA = Accorded							
Position of TS = Sanctioned							
Position of funds = Available							
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	22/11/2021					
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 23/11/2021.11.00 A.M to 02/12/2021, 4.00 P.M					
3.	Bid submission Start Date	24/11/2021 From 10.00 A.M					
4.	Bid Submission End Date	02/12/2021 upto 4.00 P.M					
5.	The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/ In favour of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jmu/ Sgr.	As per time specified in SBD.					
6.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	03/12/2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar.					
7.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed					
1. 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 above schedule:							
Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded softcopy and short fall if any found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.							
1.1 Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in the shape of e-challan in favour of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar. (The Date of e-challan must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).							
The bidder who chooses the option of Demand draft shall upload the copy of DD for Rs. 10000/- In addition to this the bidder shall submit the demand draft through Registered post/ courier latest by 02/12/2021. The department shall not be responsible for any delay in submission of DD due to any reasons.							
1.2 All bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration format is given in SBD). Non submission of bid security declaration shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.							
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7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.							
7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-2.							
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K O V I E W

Drawn Stand-Off

In their last meeting on November 19, India and China agreed to hold the next round of military talks at an early date to achieve the goal of complete disengagement in remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) the two sides had "candid and in-depth" discussions on the lingering stand-off along Line of Actual Control during the virtual meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on border affairs. India wants a solution in accordance with the existing bilateral agreements and protocols. The two sides have also agreed that until the stand-off is resolved, both sides should in the interim continue to ensure a stable ground situation and avoid any untoward incident.

So far, there have been thirteen rounds of dialogue between the two sides and there have been only modest gains in the form of mutual withdrawal of forces from Pangong Tso lake.

The stand-off thus seems set to continue. And this is not a good evolving security situation for India. And the country's security brass is aware of this. Earlier, Army chief General M M Naravane has termed "the largescale build-up" of the People's Liberation Army along the Chinese side of the border as a matter of concern. He also pointed out "an equal amount of infrastructure development," on the Chinese side.

But there is little that New Delhi can do about it. In the recent past, China has tried to expand the conflict along the LAC. Two months ago, over a hundred Chinese transgressed into Uttarakhand and returned after destroying a bridge. As time goes by, the differences between India and China are becoming irreconcilable.

India wants China to go back to status quo ante as it existed in April last year but Beijing is in no mood to do so. On the contrary, the People's Liberation Army has enhanced its military profile on the border by deploying thousands of its soldiers and equipment. In recent years China has reportedly more than doubled its total number of airbases, air defense positions, and heliports near the Indian border. This has now become a high-stakes war of nerves between the two countries.

An eyeball to eyeball confrontation between the two countries has lingered ever since the forces of the two countries clashed at Galwan Valley in June-15-16 last year leading to the death of 20 Indian soldiers and four Chinese personnel. A pragmatic way out to resolve the lingering stand-off is through negotiations, even if it takes time.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Government Should
Crypto With Caution

Among the 26 pieces of legislation listed for consideration in the winter session of Parliament beginning Monday, is the Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021. The Bill lays the ground for ushering in a framework for the introduction of the digital currency that is to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). But, at the same time, it also seeks to "prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India", though, allowing for "certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses". While the granular details are awaited, doing so would be a mistake. To be sure, there are legitimate concerns over cryptocurrencies. But an outright ban, even though there are questions over its enforceability, would not be the prudent way forward. In its haste to bring about clarity on the issue, the government should not make the mistake of ramming this legislation through without a detailed discussion on the implications of its action. If the government should draw any lesson from the farm law saga, it is that passing contentious legislations in Parliament without proper debate and discussion is best avoided.

Across the world, the response to cryptocurrencies has varied. In September, China imposed a complete ban on crypto transactions. Countries including Japan and the UK have created space for their operation. The regulatory architecture, the rules of governance, the ambit of taxation depends on how the country views cryptocurrency — as a currency, an asset, or a commodity. While concerns over money laundering and financing of terrorism have been repeatedly flagged, from a monetary and fiscal policy point of view too there are valid concerns. Central banks have concerns over their monetary dominion, especially through stablecoins backed by a reserve asset. If their acceptance as a medium of exchange gains traction, the efficacy of their policies to respond to business cycles will be under question. Then there is also the loss of seigniorage revenue to contend with. Moreover, an outright ban may simply push these activities beyond the realm of enforcement, complicating matters.

The issue is contentious to say the least. Strong differences of opinion exist even among the policymakers. For instance, RBI governor, Shaktikanta Das, has repeatedly cautioned against cryptocurrencies, arguing that "there are serious concerns on macroeconomic and financial stability". But an earlier meeting chaired by the Prime Minister was in favour of "progressive and forward looking" steps in the field of cryptocurrency. Similarly, members of the standing committee on finance, chaired by BJP member Jayant Sinha, are reportedly more in favour of regulating, not banning cryptocurrencies. Considering that not everyone is on the same page, the government should tread cautiously. The way forward should be dictated by discussions and consultations with all stakeholders.

Indian Express

The Kisan Victory

How India's Farmers Took On Its Most Powerful Political Party



Farmers celebrate after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that he will repeal the controversial farm laws near the Delhi-Haryana border, India, Nov. 19. (Reuters/Anushree Fadnavis)

Natasha Behl

THE FUTURE OF THE PROTEST camps is unclear. Modi has called on all the protesting farmers to return home, but farmers are steadfast that they will not leave until the three farm laws are formally repealed and a minimum support price for all agricultural produce is guaranteed

Over the past seven years, Prime Minister Narendra and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party have dominated Indian politics. During this time, democracy in the country has undergone a drastic decline. Rights and freedoms have been eroded, with Muslims in particular marginalized from the nation.

Today, however, protesting farmers are protecting Indian democracy from further degradation — and showing the world how social justice movements can lead the values and practices of liberal democracy to flourish.

On Friday, Modi, in a rare retreat, announced the repeal of three laws that farmers across India have been protesting for more than a year. The three agriculture reform bills, which concern the pricing, sale and storage of farm products, were passed by the Indian parliament in September 2020. They were designed to deregulate and privatize India's agrarian economy. The BJP claimed that the reforms would "liberate" farmers from India's traditional "mandis," or wholesale markets, by allowing farmers to sell directly to private corporations.

Yet farmers feared that the reforms would collapse the "mandi" system, which guarantees them a minimum support price for products, and thereby permit private players to set lower prices. Such a change could devastate Indian farmers, nearly 85 percent of whom have small farms with less than two hectares (five acres) of land.

So how did the farmers manage to take on India's most powerful political party?

The movement emerged nationally on Nov. 26, 2020, with a record-breaking nationwide strike involving an estimated 250 million participants, and a march to Delhi that brought out tens of thousands of peaceful farmers from the northern states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. These protesters encountered a militarized police force armed with batons, tear gas and water cannons, and had to navigate trenches, barbed wire and barricades designed to keep them out of the capital. After two days, they were able to establish protest camps at Delhi's borders with Tikri, Singhu and Ghazipur.

For nearly a year since, some 300,000 people have engaged in a sit-in at these camps. They have also organized nonviolent direct actions such as blocking railways, shutting down government buildings and forcing open toll plazas.

The BJP government responded to the ongoing protest by calling the participants "terrorists" and casting them as separatists. Authorities erected fortified borders around the protest camps and cut off water and electricity. They detained hundreds of protesters. Journalists covering the story were charged with sedition, Internet services were shut down in Delhi and Haryana, and Twitter was ordered to block the accounts of news organizations.

In response, farmers created an inclusive democracy at the protest camps. Essential public services, such as schools and medical clinics, have been made available to all, along with arts and music. Communal kitchens have fed thousands of people daily, including migrant workers and the destitute with no connection to the protest. Living, eating and organizing within the camps have helped forge solidarities across caste, gender, religion, class, age and language. And decisions have been made collectively in daily meetings, determining everything from the distribution of hygiene products to the speakers at daily assemblies.

In their effort to build more democratic communities and counter

the government's growing authoritarianism, protesters have adopted modes of protest that are rooted in Sikh principles and practices. The movement espouses a radical egalitarianism that promotes inclusion and values workers' livelihoods.

Rural communities throughout Punjab and Haryana have sustained the movement. In villages, Sikh temples organize rotating batches of protesters for the camp sites, coordinate supplies for the movement and function as hubs of education. Villagers share the work of sowing and harvesting with protesting, as some return to villages while others remain at the camps.

The future of the protest camps is unclear. Modi has called on all the protesting farmers to return home, but farmers are steadfast that they will not leave until the three farm laws are formally repealed and a minimum support price for all agricultural produce is guaranteed. Farm unions are currently deliberating their next step.

The farmers' protest — like the months-long protest in Delhi's Shaheen Bagh against the government's controversial citizenship law in 2019 and 2020 — has created its own internal democratic practices, which helped to actualize the progressive ideals of the Indian constitution. It demonstrates how citizens can use inclusive forms of protest to experiment with alternative visions of democracy.

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Fair Fame — An Introspection

SOCIAL media has proven to be a huge revolution in taking human creativity and talent to a whole new level. A plethora of platforms have been and are being created daily to bring artists from every field to limelight. Many artists owe their careers to a virtual blessing called social media. There is no dearth of talented people in any part of the world and social media has provided a breakthrough to many. From writers to musicians and calligraphers to athletes, numerous people have shot to fame, thanks to social media.

While social media has been a boon on one hand, it has been misused to a great extent on the other hand. While the deserving people have come to limelight on one hand, on the other hand, a lot of unnecessary and unde-

serving content has been termed as great talent and has reached billions of people. With an overabundance of platforms, there is an overabundance of self-proclaimed authors, poets, singers, influencers on social media.

Facebook, Instagram and YouTube act as bridges between an artist and fame. These platforms can help a hardworking artist touch a certain height. However, simultaneously, needless hype is given to certain people and certain unnecessary content and they are turned into overnight sensations. People go bonkers over this type of content and in a matter of a few days, the same needless content is all over the internet. A person lip-syncs a song or a dialogue running in the background or another person makes foolish faces. Unfortunately, instead of appreciat-

ing and sharing intellectual, literary or inspirational content, people prefer to appreciate and share this type of content. People term this type of content as "motivational and empowering."

While some deserving as well as undeserving people thrive due to social media, a lot of really talented people struggle to bring their content to the masses. A highly skilled writer fails to gain followers on a certain platform like Instagram and on the other hand a self-proclaimed author having a number of books to his/her name, not to forget printed by an agency which does not have any relation with literature, has thousands of followers on the same platform. People on social media quickly begin to judge talent on the basis of number of followers. People go crazy after quantity and often overlook quality.

The main problem arises when the talented writer is ignored while the person with followers and a few below average books is termed as a great author.

New generation is mostly affected by this mindset. Instead of making great scientists, authors, poets, bureaucrats and engineers as their role models, kids in this era are making useless, so-called content creators as their role models. The blame is on the grown-ups. A society has been created where these people are being given overabundant hype. The onus is on the younger generation to make a change. To promote deserving content rather than futile content. If not, a disastrous future is awaiting us!

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MINDFUL FRIDAYS

Winter Is Coming And So Are The Chances Of SAD

Wasim Kakroo

Do you feel sloppy and lazy as the gloomy days of winter approach? Is it more difficult getting out of bed early in the morning? Is it difficult for you to concentrate at work? Do you feel demotivated and sad for no apparent reason for most part of the day? Do you recline on the couch all day and have difficulties sleeping during night? Do you binge on comfort food and laze around watching TV, or surfing social networking sites. There are chances that you have Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

What is SAD?

Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD is a recurrent form of clinical depression. It's a type of major depressive disorder that occurs only during particular months of the year (for most of the people during winter months, especially during deep winter).

Can you tell us how SAD differs from depression in general?

Seasonal Affective Disorder differs from depression primarily in that it follows a seasonal pattern, with major depressive episodes reoccurring consistently during particular seasons of the year, especially during winter season, and the person remains almost symptom free for the rest of the months of the year.

What are the various symptoms of SAD?

- The various symptoms include:
- Feeling totally hopeless
- Feeling unable to perform your usual responsibilities
- Significant weight loss or weight gain
- Thoughts of ending your life
- Depressed mood most of the day nearly every day
- Loss of interest in things you used to find interesting or enjoyable
- Changes in sleep patterns—primarily oversleeping
- Low energy and lethargy
- Difficulty with concentration and focus
- Feeling anxious or irritable, or having difficulty managing stress
- A reluctance to engage with others and a desire to be alone
- Decreased libido and sexual desire
- Craving sunlight
- Craving carbohydrate-rich foods

The average SAD episode lasts approximately five months although the symptoms may be more severe in deep winter, so we're talking about five months periodically suffering from these severe symptoms on a yearly basis.

Do the symptoms normally begin when the days become shorter and the weather becomes colder, usually in late October or early November?

Yes. It most certainly begins in late October in Kashmir. In terms of symptom onset, no two people with SAD are the same, but I would say October is when the first early onset symptoms appear. Then, in November, they build up speed, with a lot more symptoms in December. The months of January and February are usually the most difficult. Those are the months when the majority of people who have a seasonal pattern to their depression will be experiencing a full-blown severe depressive episode.

What causes SAD?

Researchers are unsure of the exact cause of seasonal depression. People



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who are prone to the disorder may be triggered by a lack of sunlight. According to the theories:

Biological clock shift: A person's biological clock changes as they are exposed to less sunlight during winters. Mood, sleep, and hormones are all controlled by this biological clock. Thus, when the biological clock changes, people may have difficulty regulating their moods.

Chemical imbalance in the brain: Nerve cells communicate with each other through Neurotransmitters through brain chemicals called neurotransmitters. Serotonin is one of these chemicals, and it leads to emotions of happiness. Because sunlight aids in the regulation of serotonin, a lack of sunlight during the winter months can lower down the Serotonin activity and hence lower down the mood and may even cause mood swings.

Vitamin D deficiency: Vitamin D also boosts serotonin levels. Because sunlight is necessary for the production of vitamin D, a lack of sunlight during the winter might result in a vitamin D shortage. This change can have an im-

pact on serotonin levels and mood.

Melatonin boost: Melatonin is a hormone that regulates sleep cycles. Some people may produce too much melatonin due to a lack of sunlight. During the winter, they may feel sleepy and tired.

Are there any gender differences in terms of likelihood of getting SAD?

Almost every epidemiological study on Seasonal Affective Disorder that has ever been undertaken has indicated that SAD was more common amongst women than men. I think that the gender difference in SAD is at least as large as that in non-seasonal depression, which is two to one in favour of women for every male case of clinical depression.

We know that women with non-seasonal depression have a more ruminative response style, which means that when they are sad or start to develop depressive symptoms, they retreat inward and repeatedly reflect or ruminate about why they are feeling this way. What happened to make me feel this way? What are the causes and consequences of this way of feeling?

In the study of seasonal depression, there's some evidence that the more people ruminate in the fall, the more severe their symptoms are the following winter. In the study of seasonal depression, there is some evidence that the more people ruminate in the autumn months, the worse their symptoms are the following winter.

How is SAD diagnosed?

Don't try to diagnose yourself if you think you have SAD symptoms. A complete examination should be sought from a general physician. You could be depressed due to a physical problem. Frequently it has been seen that Seasonal affective disorder is a part of a more serious mental health problem.

You may be referred to a psychiatrist or clinical psychologist by your general physician. These mental health professionals discuss your symptoms with you. They look at your symptoms in order to determine whether you have seasonal depression or another mood condition.

What is the treatment for seasonal affective disorder (SAD)?

Your healthcare professional will discuss your treatment choices with you. It's possible that you'll need a combination of therapies, such as:

Phototherapy: Using a specific lamp, bright light therapy can be used to cure SAD.

Antidepressant medication: Psychiatrists may prescribe antidepressant medication alone or in combination with light treatment/psychotherapy to treat depression.

Spending time outside: Exposure to more sunlight can help alleviate symptoms. Make an effort to get out during the day. Increase the amount of light that comes into your home or office as well.

Vitamin D: Taking a vitamin D pill may help you feel better.

Exercise: Create or maintain a regular workout plan to improve your mood.

WE KNOW THAT WOMEN WITH NON-seasonal depression have a more ruminative response style, which means that when they are sad or start to develop depressive symptoms, they retreat inward and repeatedly reflect or ruminate about why they are feeling this way. What happened to make me feel this way? What are the causes and consequences of this way of feeling?

Exercise will not only make you feel better physically, but it will also trigger the release of feel-good neurotransmitters such as endorphins, which will boost your mood. Exercise can also boost your immune system, which aids in the fight against depression.

Alter your eating habits: What we consume has a significant impact on our emotions. If SAD is already giving you mood swings, you'll want to eat items that can help regulate them. Check to see if you're overeating or not eating enough; both too much and too little food might affect how you feel.

Avoid sugar and refined carbohydrates, which can cause your blood sugar to fluctuate, altering your mood. Consume whole grain carbohydrates such as oats and whole-grain bread instead. Have a more protein rich diet. Each day, consume enough vegetables. Maintain your energy levels by eating smaller, more frequent meals. Consume fruit, legumes, and vegetables as they may help maintain high energy levels. Reduce caffeine consumption as it reduces serotonin production.

What is the role of clinical psychologists in the treatment of SAD?

Clinical psychologists use various types of psychotherapies to treat various mental health issues. Psychotherapies are intended to address SAD-related maladaptive thinking, behaviours, interpersonal patterns, and communication, as well as the various ways the patients use that may lead to relapse and recurrence of SAD every year during winter. Psychoeducation, reflective listening, therapeutic support, challenging of distorted thoughts and behaviors, and empathy are all common elements of these treatment approaches.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy:

CBT is a sort of talk therapy that can be used to treat SAD. According to studies, CBT has the longest-lasting effects of any treatment method. Depressive cognitive factors that underlie mood disorders in general, such as dysfunctional attitudes, negative automatic thoughts, and ruminative response style, are the target of cognitive therapies. Structured activities and pleasant event scheduling are the focus of behavioural therapies. Many interventions combine elements of both cognitive and behavioural therapy, as well as basic problem-solving techniques and psychoeducation. Thought journals, activity schedules, and a positive data log are standard CBT methods used to treat people with SAD.

Third wave CBT:

In third wave CBT, traditional CBT methods are coupled with mindfulness and mindfulness meditation in a therapy called as mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT). MBCT, like CBT, is based on the idea that depression is caused by negative automatic cognitive processes. The purpose of MBCT is to stop these automatic processes while teaching the person to focus less on reacting to stimuli and more on accepting and observing them without judgement. Individuals can then recognise when automatic processes occur and adjust their reactions to demonstrate more contemplation and awareness as a result of their mindfulness practice.

Interpersonal therapy:

Interpersonal therapy is a manualised depression treatment that is based on the notion that improving communication patterns and how people relate to one another can effectively treat depression. Individuals can use interpersonal therapy to identify how they connect with others and to improve undesirable interpersonal behaviours. It may also concentrate on assisting clients in identifying painful emotions and their triggers, as well as learning to express appropriate emotions in a healthy manner. Individuals may evaluate prior relationships that may have been influenced by distorted mood and behaviour in interpersonal therapy, with the goal of learning to be more objective about current relationships.

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Other Species From Around The World Is A Threat To Antarctica's Ecosystem

Agencies

We tend to think Antarctica is isolated and far away biologically speaking, this is true. But the continent is busier than you probably imagine, with many national programs and tourist operators crisscrossing the globe to get there.

And each vessel, each cargo item, and each person could be harbouring non-native species, hitchhiking their way south. This threat to Antarctica's fragile ecosystem is what our new evaluation, released today, grapples with.

We mapped the last five years of planes and ships visiting the continent, illuminating for the first time the extent of travel across the hemispheres and the potential source locations for non-native species, as the map below shows. We found that, luckily, while some have breached Antarctic, they generally have yet to get a stranglehold, leaving the continent still relatively pristine.

But Antarctica is getting busier, with new research stations, rebuilding and more tourism activities planned. Our challenge is to keep it pristine under this growing human activity and climate change threat.

Life evolved in isolation

Biodiversity-wise, much of the planet is mixed up. The scientific term is homogenisation, where species, such as weeds, pests and diseases, from one place are transported elsewhere and establish.

This means they begin to reproduce and influence the ecosystem, often to the detriment of the locals.

Most life in Antarctica is jammed onto tiny coastal ice-free fringes, and this is where most research stations, ships and people are.

This includes unique animals (think Adlie penguins, Weddell seals and snow petrels), mosses and lichens that harbour tiny invertebrates (such as mites, waterbears and springtails), and an array of microbes such as cyanobacteria. The adjacent coast and ocean team with life, too.

The more we learn about them, the more outstanding life at the end of the planetary spectrum becomes. Just this week, new scientific discoveries identified that some Antarctic bacteria live on air, and make their own water using hydrogen as fuel.

When the Southern Ocean was formed some 30 million years ago, natural barriers were created with the rest of the world. This includes the Antarctic Circumpolar Current, the strongest ocean current on the planet, and its associated strong westerly surface winds, icy air and ocean temperatures.

This means life in Antarctica evolved in isolation, with flora and fauna that commonly exist nowhere else and can cope with frigid conditions. But the simplicity of Antarctica's food webs can often mean there are gaps in the ecosystem that other species from around the world can fill.

In May 2014, for example, routine biosecurity surveillance detected non-native springtails (tiny insect-like invertebrates) in a hydroponic facility at an Australian Antarctic station.

This station, an ice-free oasis, previously lacked these interlopers, and they had the potential to alter the local fragile ecosystem permanently. Thankfully, a rapid and effective response successfully eradicated them.

Pressures from climate change are exacerbating the challenges of human activity on Antarctica, as climate change is bringing milder conditions to these wildlife-rich areas, both on land and sea.

As glaciers melt, new areas are exposed, which allows non-Antarctic species greater opportunity to establish and possibly outcompete locals for resources, such as nutrients and precious, ice-free space.

So far, we've been lucky

Our past research focused on non-native propagules things that propagate like microbes, viruses, seeds, spores, insects and pregnant rats and how they entrain themselves into Antarctica.

They can be easily caught on people's clothing and equipment, in fresh food, cargo and machinery. In fact, research from the last decade found that visitors who hadn't cleaned their clothing and equipment carried on average nine seeds each.

But few non-native species have established in Antarctica, despite their best efforts.

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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 Contractors registered with union territory of Govt. of J&K/ other union territories and CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Cost of T/ Doc in shape of E-Challan (in Rs.)	Earnest Money	Time of comp	Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender.	Date & Time of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1.	Supplying and Installation of Venus Geysers with necessary allied items for Teaching and Non Teaching Quarters (Main, Naseem Bagh And Mirza Bagh Campuses).	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 12,000/-	08-Days	23-11 -2021 to 30-11-2021 (6.00 PM)	01-12-2021 (11.30 AM)	"CEE" & "DEE"
2.	Supplying and Installation of Racold Geysers with necessary allied items for Teaching and Non Teaching Quarters (Main, Naseem Bagh And Mirza Bagh Campuses).	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 12,000/-	08-Days	23-11 -2021 to 30-11-2021 (6.00 PM)	01-12-2021 (11.30 AM)	"CEE" & "DEE"
3.	Supplying and Installation of Jaguar Geysers with necessary allied items for Teaching and Non Teaching Quarters (Main, Naseem Bagh And Mirza Bagh Campuses).	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 12,000/-	08-Days	23-11 -2021 to 30-11-2021 (6.00 PM)	01-12-2021 (11.30 AM)	"CEE" & "DEE"
4.	Supplying and Installation of Jupton Geysers with necessary allied items for Teaching and Non Teaching Quarters (Main, Naseem Bagh And Mirza Bagh Campuses).	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 12,000/-	08-Days	23-11 -2021 to 30-11-2021 (6.00 PM)	01-12-2021 (11.30 AM)	"CEE" & "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)(Suppl. Inst. Of Geysers)/KU/63/21 **DIPK-NB-5312/21** Sd/- Executive Engineer
DATED: 23/11/21.

GOVT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY (JKRRDA) DIV.BUDGAM

SNOW Clearance
Short term Tender Notice.
NIT 14/EE/PMGSY/Bud/2021-22dated 23-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, the sealed tenders affixed with Rs 4/- Revenue stamp are invited from Registered/Eligible from any Class of contractors whose registration card are renewed for the current financial year for the below mentioned Snow Clearance works for the year 2021-22 which should reach the office of the **Executive Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Div. Budgam near Railway Bridge Bagh-e-Mehtab Srinagar** on or before 27-11-2021 upto 3.00 PM.

The tender Documents shall be issued against Treasury Challan(Head 0059)as mentioned below and on production of valid registration card. The Tenders shall be accepted from 24-11-2021 to 27-11-2021 upto 3.00PM.

	Snow clearance of Road				
	T02 KM18th				
	Bajipathri to Sanidarwan				
	Laasipora Ringzabal				
	Raithen Kachwari				
	groat to Block Boundary Chadoora Banderpara Chowdribagh				

Account Head: - **3054 M&R Snow Clearance**

Terms and conditions:

- The intending tenderer should not in any way quote more than one rate per item for work. In case the tenderer splits the quantity of any item of work & quotes more than one rate for the same his tender will not be entertained. The rates quoted by the bidder should be above or below SSR 2020.
- The rate shall be written both in words & the figures which should be safeguard by transparent tape over the rates.
- Correction/Overwriting if any done should bear the signature of the tenderer.
- Any item for which no rate has been entered by the tenderer will be loaded at HTR in the comparative statement and shall be paid at LTR.
- The intending tenderer are at liberty to cast their tenders either by hand or by post.
- In case of any discrepancy between the rates in figures and rates in words quoted by the tenderer, the rate in words shall be considered as final.
- The intending tenderer shall record NIT serial No, Name of the work, in addition to his name/address on his tender form/Envelope containing the tender.
- Deduction of Taxes shall be made as per norms/Rules in vogue & cess shall be deducted @ 1%.
- All the bidders/Tenderers should attach photocopy of following documents at the time of issuance of tender document's) Valid registration card ii) TIN no. iii) Sales Tax clearance certificate.
- The CDR shall be pledged to the tender opening authority i.e Executive Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Div. Budgam.
- The CDR shall be released after the allotment is issued to first lowest bidder.
- The Rate should be quoted in above or below SSR-2020.
- For arriving at 1st lowest bidders all the depths of snow shall be considered for drawing the comparative statement.
- The allotment shall be issued for all the depths and the depth of actual snow fall recorded shall be considered for payment. All other depths shall be considered null and void.
- Cost of Tender Document shall be entertained in the form of **Treasury Challan**.
- The tender will be opened on 27-11-2021 at 3:30 PM in Office Chambers of Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Budgam. In case of a holiday or any other inconvenience the tenders shall be opened on the next working day
No.EE/PMGSY/B/
Date: 23-11-2021

Executive Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Div. Budgam

DIPK-13512/21

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING BARAMULLA.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
NIT No: - 223/Xen/Rew/Bla/2021-2022 Dated. 22/11/2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/TS	Position of Funds
1	Improvevent of road from Tilgam to Chanderseer via Khadam, Halqa Tilgam A , Under B2V ,Block -Pattan	4.44	200	30 days	DEE.	B2V	AAA Ac-corded	Allotted
2	Upgradation of various inner links at Sultanpora B , Under B2V ,Block -Pattan	2.82	200	30 days	DEE.	B2V	AAA Ac-corded	Allotted
3	Improvement of inner links in Gram Panchayat Sultanpora D , Under B2V ,Block -Pattan	4.56	200	30 days	DEE.	B2V	AAA Ac-corded	Allotted
4	C/O P-bund from main road to Bashir Ahmad Ganie and Gh. Mohi u din at Agrikalan Under B2V , Block Sherabad khore	4.95	200	30 days	DEE.	B2V	AAA Ac-corded	Allotted
5	Construction of Sheep husbandary building at Yarbugh Under B2V ,Block. Rafiabad	4.82	200	30 days	DEE.	B2V	AAA Ac-corded	Allotted
6	Renovation/beautification and alied works of marraige community hall at Dangwacha Under B2V ,Block. Rafiabad	4.76	200	30 days	DEE.	B2V	AAA Ac-corded	Allotted
7	Upgradation of Reshikhak road at Shiva A , Under B2V ,Block -Zaingeer	4.14	200	30 days	DEE.	B2V	AAA Ac-corded	Allotted
8	Construction of crate bund on Nallah Dakie at Check Shitloo Under B2V ,Block - Rohama	6.84	300	30 days	CEE DEE.	B2V	AAA Ac-corded	Allotted

- 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 the scheduled date given below.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	22-11-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 22-11-2021 to 29-11-2021 up to 6:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	22-11-2021
4	Bid Submission End Date	29-11-2021 up to 6:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 30-11-2021 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.
- The contractor could take part in the tendering process of only those works which are to be executed in Panchayat to which he/she belongs, Bids from bidder other than the concerned Panchayat will be rejected.
- IF THE BIDDER QUOTES HIS BID EXCEEDING THE TENDERING COST, HIS BID WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/ receipt mentioning therein name of work and NIT No. (copy enclosed) in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.
- All The Bidders has to submit Bid Security Form instead of Earnest Money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1ST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, If:-
 - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- 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 vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- The earnest money in favour of un-successful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of Hard copies, failure of submission of tender document fee by the bidder using site shall entail him for blacklisting. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

No	15769-76	Executive Engineer. REW Baramulla
Dated 22.11.2021	DIPK-13470/21	

Functioning Of Fisheries Department Reviewed

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar Thursday chaired a meeting to review the functioning as well as progress on several schemes of Fisheries department at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department, Navin Kumar Choudhary; Director, Fisheries, J&K, Director Planning Fisheries department, Director Finance Fisheries department, all the Joint Directors and CPOs of Fisheries department both in person and through video conferencing. During the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar took a detailed review of fish production works being done in various districts besides progress on different Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), CAPEX, development programs of the department and other issues were

also assessed by the Advisor.

Highlighting the need for tapping the potential of fish production areas, Advisor Bhatnagar directed the officers to prioritise setting up of fish units in these areas for better growth of the sector as well as creating employment avenues for locals.

The Advisor asked the officers to provide constant handholding to the existing unit holders so that the production can be enhanced. He stressed upon the officers that awareness camps should be held across J&K so that people are encouraged and assisted for starting entrepreneurial ventures in these sectors.

While reviewing the progress on CSS and other schemes, Advisor Bhatnagar delved upon the officers to work with utmost dedication and diligence so that the benefits of these welfare schemes can percolate to the beneficiaries.

CBI Books 7 For Rs 73 Cr Fraud At PNB, Indian Bank

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case against seven accused, including private firms, for perpetrating a fraud at Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Allahabad Bank in credit facilities and term loans to the tune of nearly Rs 73 crore during 2013.

The accused were identified as S.R. Alcobev Pvt. Ltd, New Industrial Estate, Jagatpur, Cuttack, its Managing Director Ranjan Kumar Padhi and Director Saina Kar; Naina Devi Suppliers Pvt. Ltd, Sainagoue Street, Kolkata, West Bengal (Corporate Guarantor), Chandraghanta Iron and Steel Traders Pvt. Ltd., Shyam

Bazar Street, Kolkata, West Bengal (Corporate Guarantor), Brewforce Technologies, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi or Dehradun, Uttarakhand (Supplier) and a civil contractor named Sukanta Kumar Lenka, a resident of Cuttack.

According to the CBI, there is involvement of unknown public servants of Punjab National Bank, among others.

"The accused committed a fraud at Punjab National Bank, main branch, Buxi Bazar, Cuttack and Allahabad Bank, Bhubaneswar branch, in a matter of credit facilities or term loans to the tune of around Rs 73 crore (Rs 40 crore by PNB and Rs 33 crore by Indian Bank, formerly Allahabad Bank) during 2013," the probe agency said in a statement.



ADB Approves USD 1.5 Bn Loan To India For Purchasing Covid-19 Vaccines

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Asian Development Bank has approved a USD 1.5 billion (around Rs 11,185 crore) loan to India for COVID-19 vaccine procurement.

"ADB today approved a USD 1.5 billion loan to help the Government of India purchase safe and effective vaccines against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)," ADB said in a release on Thursday. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is expected to co-finance an additional USD 500 million for the project, it said.

Beijing-based AIIB is a multilateral development bank focused on developing Asia. It has members from all over the world. The loan from ADB will fund at least 66.7 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses for an estimated 31.7 crore people, it added.

It will support India's National Deployment and Vaccination

Plan which aims to fully vaccinate 94.47 crore people aged 18 years and above, accounting for 68.9 per cent of the population, said the Manila-headquartered agency.



Priority groups include health-care and frontline workers, senior citizens, and those aged 45-59 years with comorbidities.

"ADB's support will help the government protect its citizens from further transmission of this disease and save lives," said ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa.

Vaccines are critical in overcoming the intertwined health, social, and economic impacts of the pandemic, including rejuvenating economic activities, sustaining health services, restoration of live-

lihoods, and reopening of educational institutions, with renewed focus on social and human development priorities, Asakawa said.

A USD 4 million (nearly Rs 30 crore) technical assistance programme from ADB is ongoing in the country, including USD 2 million support from ADB's Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction. This is helping strengthen India's vaccine delivery system, ADB said.

This technical assistance programme involves improving the monitoring of biomedical waste management, risk communication, and community engagement to raise awareness on COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and the benefits of vaccination, with a focus on women and vulnerable groups.

This support is being provided in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Demand For Quality, Well Graded Potato Seed Increasing: Dir Agri

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal Thursday visited Potato Seed Tubers Sorting and Grading Plant at Central Potato Store Lalmandi.

During the visit, the Director inspected different sections of the plant and took stock of different operations under execution there. While expressing his views, the Director said that Po-

tato Grading /Processing plays an important role in ensuring that only the healthy and high quality potato seed tubers are stored and subsequently provided to the farmers.

The Director asked the concerned officers to ensure that the grading, sorting, processing of the potato is done well in time so that the seed could be supplied to the farmers at the right time.

He said that every year new

areas are brought under potato cultivation therefore the demand for the quality and well graded potato seed is increasing and under such circumstances the grading and sorting plant at Lalmandi has a significant role to play.

Potato Development Officer Waheed ur Rehman briefed the Director Agriculture about the functioning of the plant and the progress on different processing operations.

'54% People Don't Want Cryptocurrencies To Be Legalised'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Around 54 per cent people covered in a pan-India survey did not favour legalising cryptocurrencies in the country and instead pitched for treating them as digital assets held overseas, digital community platform LocalCircles said in a report.

LocalCircles said the study received more than 56,000 responses from people residing in 342 districts of the country, while the number of responses to individual questions differed. In response to a question on how India should handle cryptocurrencies from a regulatory standpoint, 8,717 responses were received.

"...26 per cent said it should legalise these currencies and tax them in India. A whopping 54 per cent, however, said it should not legalise but tax it like a digital asset held in a foreign country, and 20 per cent did not have an opinion.

"Overall, more than twice as many people want cryptocurrencies to not be legalised in India from a regulatory standpoint," the report said. According to the survey, 87 per cent respondents said Indian families do not have anyone trading or investing in cryptocurrencies.

A question around the views on cryptocurrency advertisements received 9,942 responses, in which 74 per cent said these ads were not highlighting the risks involved in an effective manner. In the recent T-20 cricket World Cup, one in three advertisements were of cryptocurrencies, with platforms and exchanges trying to attract viewers, the report said.

"LocalCircles will be sharing the findings of this study with the senior leadership of government of India, the RBI leadership and all Members of Parliament such that public feedback on cryptocurrencies can be given the due consideration as laws related to it are finalised," LocalCircles founder Sachin Taparia said.

Only Handful Of Cryptocurrencies Will Survive: Rajan

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan on Wednesday said only a "handful" of the 6,000-odd cryptocurrencies in existence today might survive going forward.

Comparing the craze in cryptocurrency with that of the tulip mania in the Netherlands in the 17th century, Rajan said people hold cryptocurrencies for two reasons—store of value and an asset that might appreciate and for use in payments.

"Do we really need 6,000 cryptocurrencies to do payments? One or two, may be a handful, that is going to survive to be used for payments even if the technology is so useful that it is a substitute for cash and currency. That

would suggest that most cryptos are unlikely to survive with high values going forward," Rajan told CNBC-TV18.

The remarks come a day after the government listed for introduction in Parliament a bill to ban all private cryptocurrencies, with some exceptions.

The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021, to be introduced in the Winter Session of Parliament beginning November 29, seeks to create a facilitative framework for creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India. The bill also seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India; however, it allows for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE
DIVISION No: 1st SULIMAN COMPLEX DALGATE SRINAGAR

Notice Inviting e-Tendering
e-NIT No: 25 of 2021-22

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. and other State / Central Government for the following work:-

S. No	Name of work	Est. cost (Rs. In lacs) Including Departmental Supply	Cost of T/ doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion In days	Class of contract
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Construction of Sewerage & Drainage Network and House Connections and R/Walls near IPS & STP Areas incl. other allied works for Sewerage & Drainage Scheme of Chari-e-Sharief (Zone-1st)	248.00	2500/=	4 Months	"AAY"

IMPORTANT DATES

1	Date of publishing	22-11-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	22-11-2021 to 13-12-2021 up-to 4:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start Date	22-11-2021 from 4:00 PM
4	Bid submission End Date	13-12-2021 up-to 4:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of bids (online)	14-12-2021 at 11:00 AM or any other convenient date.

Tender Receiving Authority : Superintending Engineer UEED Circle 2nd Srinagar Sulaiman Complex Dalgate Srinagar

No: SDDI/CC/2138-50
Dated: 22/11/2021
DIPK-13418/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
S&D Division Ist
Srinagar

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B)
RIGHT RIVER CIRCULAR ROAD DIVISION, SRINAGAR
ABBREVIATED TENDER NOTICE

TWO COVER SYSTEM (above Rs. 2.50 Crores)
NIT No:-39/RRCR/5719-25 of 2021-22 Dated:-23-11-2021 (E-tendering)

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on item %age basis (as the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the following work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rupees)	Bid Security Declaration	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Construction of New Degree College at Eidgah Srinagar (Phase-1st)	1418.10 Lacs	11000/-	As per format in SBD	12 Months	07-12-2021	AAY Class

Major Head of Account = 4202-Higher Education
Position of AAA = Accorded vide Govt. Order No. 339-JK(JE) OF 2020, Dt: 04-09-2021.
Position of TS = Committed
Position of funds = Available

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23-11-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 24/11/2021, 11.00 A.M to 06/12/2021, 4.00 P.M
3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	Due to COVID-19 Pandemic there shall be no pre-bid meeting in the office of the Superintending Engineer PW(R&B) Circular Road Project Srinagar. However the clarification can be sought through mail two (2) days before pre-bid meeting date i.e. 04-12-2021 upto 02:00 PM. Reply to queries if deemed necessary, shall be replied online by the office of Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Kashmir through mail. e-mail ID of Chief Engineer is cepwdmbkmr@yahoo.in
4.	Bid submission Start Date	24/11/2021 From 01.00 P.M
5.	Bid Submission End Date	06/12/2021 upto 4.00 P.M
6.	The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Kmr .	As per time specified in SBD.
7.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	07/12/2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Kmr .
8.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

Executive Engineer,
Right Riv.Cir.Rd. Div.Sgr.

DIPK-13435/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE SR. AQUACULTURE ENGINEER (XEN)
FISHERIES DEPTT SULEIMAN COMPLEX DALGATE SRINAGAR (J&K)
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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
FRESH E-NIT No 30 OF 2021-22

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, e-tenders are invited by Sr.Aquaculture Engineer(XEN), Fisheries Department J&K Srinagar by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from approved and the eligible registered Contractors registered with J&K Government, CPWD,Railways & other Central /State Governments of the classes mentioned here under in strict accordance with conditions noted below.

S. No	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contract	Cost of Tender Document	Time of opening of bid	Time of completion
01	Renovation of Electrification to Staff Quarter of In-service Training School Kokernag	Rs 0.46 lacs	Electric Card Holder	Rs 200/-	02-12-2021 at 10:00 AM	15 Days

Position of AA= Accorded **Position of Funds = Available**

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms & conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in under ASH/ Director Fisheries / Engineering Wing as per the schedule of dates given below.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23-11-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	24-11-2021 from 10:00 am to 01-12-2021 upto 4:00 pm
3	Bid submission Start Date	24-11-2021 from 10:00 am
4	Bid submission End Date	01-12-2021 upto 4:00 pm
5	Date & Time of opening Bids (Online)	02-12-2021 at 10:00 am In the Office of the Sr. Aquaculture Engineer (XEN) Fisheries Deptt Suleiman Complex Dalgate -Srinagar

No:SAE/D/2021-22/1227-31
Dated:-23-11-2021
DIPK-13487/21

Sd/
Sr. Aquaculture Engineer (XEN)
Fisheries Department Srinagar

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL
IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, SRINAGAR.

Gist of Notice Inviting e-Tender
e-NIT No. MICD/102 of 2021-22 dated: 23-11-2021.

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

e NIT No.	Name/ Particulars of the work	Name of Division	Quantity.	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Validity of Rates
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MICD/102 of 2021-22 Dated: 23/11/21	Repairing /Rewinding of AI wound 250 KVA 11/0.44KV H.T. Transformer at L.I.S. Noulul Rafiabab	Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar	As per requirement	Rs 200/=	Notarized Bid Declaration Form	90 days

Position of funds: Available

AAA Accorded vide Superintending Engineer Mechanical Circle I & F.C Department Srinagar's Order No: -04-MCO of 2021-22 dated: -04.06.2021

Key/critical Dates:

Date of Hosting In Website/ Publish date	23/11/2021 (1640Hrs)
Document download/sale start date	23/11/2021 (1640 Hrs).
Bid submission start date	23/11/2021. (1640Hrs)
Bid submission end date	02/12/2021 (1500 Hrs)
Bid opening date	03/12/2021 (1600 Hrs)

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

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

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

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mech. Irri. Const. Division, Srinagar.

DIPK-13498/21



Many markets in Downtown Srinagar remained shut on Thursday, a day after the killing of Mehran Yasin of Jamalatta. KO Photo

Women In J&K Grappling

further states that in J&K, female sterilization method in which female fallopian tubes are blocked to prevent pregnancy have also declined from 24.4 percent in NFHS-4 to 21.1 percent in NFHS-5 and male sterilisation from 0.4 percent in NFHS-4 to 0.3 percent in NFHS-5.

Notably, the survey has also revealed some vicious figures in terms of early marriage in the valley. As per NFHS-5 survey, the women aged 20-24 years who are married before the age 18 years was recorded at 4.5 percent that has slipped from 8.7 percent in the NFHS-4 survey.

For Men aged 25-29 years married before the age of 21 years, the report stated that in the survey the figures stood at 8.5 percent that has slipped 2.0 percent from the NFHS-4 survey that was recorded at 10.5 percent.

"Adolescent fertility rate for women aged 15-19 years was recorded at 10 percent in J&K in NFHS-5 survey," the report reads.

Pertinently, the erstwhile state is followed by six states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tripura where the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) was recorded at 1.7 percent.

Six more states have a TFR of 1.8 which includes Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha and five states have a TFR of 1.9 that includes Haryana, Assam, Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Mizoram.

The lowest TFR was recorded in Sikkim where the rate stood 1.1 percent. While Punjab's fertility rate has remained the same, Kerala and Tamil Nadu are the only states in India where fertility rate went up, though marginally, to 1.8 in the 2019-21 survey.

The survey has also revealed that at the National level, the Total Fertility rate was recorded at 2.0 for the NFHS-5 2019-21 survey that has slipped 0.2 percent from the above replacement level rate of 2.2 percent in NFHS-4 2015-16 survey.

As per the data available in the latest yearly Census of India report—which many refer to as "canary in the coal mine"—the total fertility rate in Jammu & Kashmir has collapsed from an all-time high of 2,400 in 2005 to a record low of 1,600 in 2018, raising the strong apprehensions of an existential crisis for the Kashmir lineage.

The infertility rate has soared in Kashmir, especially over the past two decades where it was first recorded at 12 percent, and has now soared up to 18 percent.

It is pertinent to mention here that the NFHS-5 fieldwork for Jammu & Kashmir was conducted from July 1, 2019 to January 30, 2020 and the Information was gathered from 18,086 households, 23,037 women, and 3,087 men.

Mehran's Name

along with two of his associates- Manzoor Ahmad Mir and Arafat Ahmad Sheikh, both residents of south Kashmir's Pulwama- at Rambagh Srinagar on Wednesday evening. Eyewitnesses who spoke to reporters at the spot contested the police claim about the encounter.

Police said Mehran was behind most of the killings in Srinagar, including that of a school Principal Supinder Kour, teacher Deepak Chand and probationary J&K Police Sub Inspector Arshid Ahmad Mir.

Mehran had joined militancy in June this year and immediately came under the security radar.

A senior police officer said his killing is a major setback to the militant network in Srinagar.

"We are hopeful that the killing of the TRF commander would reduce militant activities especially in Srinagar," he said. (UNI)

Official Version

"After yesterday's alleged encounter at Rambagh legitimate doubts are looming over its authenticity".

The PDP chief charged that according to reports and witnesses "it seems that the firing was one sided".

"Again the official version far from truth is not in line with ground realities as seen in Shopian, HMT & Hyderpora," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister alleged.

The three militants were identified as Mehran Shalla, the self-styled commander of TRF, Manzoor Ahmad Mir and Arafat Sheikh, both residents of Pulwama.

According to the officials, the militants were affiliated with TRF, an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba.

China Fumes Over

threat to India is China. There is a lack of trust' between India and China in resolving the border dispute, and suspicion' is growing. What is China's comment on this?

We express our firm opposition to this. We are firmly opposed to this and have made solemn representations to the Indian side, Sr Col Wu said. He, however, did not mention when the protest was lodged.

"China's position on the Sino-Indian border issue is clear and unambiguous. The Chinese border guard forces are determined to safeguard national sovereignty and security, and are committed to maintaining peace and tranquillity in the border area, making great efforts to promote the de-escalation of the situation," he said.

The defence ministry spokesman also quoted an old Chinese saying: "If you use copper as a mirror, you can be dressed up; if you use history as a mirror, you can know the rise and fall; if you use people as a mirror, you can understand gains and losses."

The Ladakh standoff began in May last year when China moved over 60,000 of its troops which were mobilised for exercises into Pangong Tso and other areas along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

The tension escalated following a deadly clash in Galwan Valley on June 15 last year.

After a prolonged standoff, the troops disengaged from the most contentious area of Pangong Tso. As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process in the Gogra in July but the talks to workout disengagement from the remaining areas have not succeeded so far.

LG Announces

of Tribals in J&K.

"Our priority is to secure the future of tribal children. Smart schools in tribal & remote areas equipped with modern facilities will develop scientific temper in children and make them future ready, besides arresting the drop-out rate," the LG said.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG said that his government has formulated a visionary framework for the functioning of the Smart Schools.

"Members of the Tribal communities, PRI representatives, and the people associated with voluntary organizations will be involved in the management so that these schools could perform the role of 'changemakers' in our society," Sinha said.

"Lives are changed when people connect. Life is changed when everything is connected. Tribal Education Plan, Scholarships, Smart Schools will do justice to tribal communities in J&K who were neglected for decades," he added.

The LG, as per the official spokesperson said that these groundbreaking initiatives will also ensure that the members of the tribal communities can keep pace with the revolutionary and rapid changes

happening around them and connect themselves to the world.

Sinha, he said, also expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for awakening the self-confidence of the tribal community. He said the LG also highlighted that J&K administration is collectively spending around Rs 104 crore to strengthen school infrastructure in tribal areas and establish a strong educational eco-system for the tribal community.

"Besides Smart schools, we are also spending Rs 8.50 crore on the modernization of hostels of the Tribal Department and Rs 04 crore will be given for the new hostels being built. In July, the UT administration had decided that two Eklavya model schools would be opened in Rajouri, one each in Anantnag, Poonch, Kulgam and Bandipora and Rs 21.25 crore is being given for this. Apart from this, Rs 30 crore is being given for scholarship," the LG said.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG observed that educational reforms catering to the needs of the future have the power to change the socio-economic situation.

"By developing a better infrastructure, and through training and capacity building programs for teachers and students especially in tribal areas, I am certain that we will address the issues of Gross Enrollment Ratio and Drop-out rate," Sinha said.

On the occasion, the official spokesperson said that the LG also appealed to the parents to make it a priority to send their children to school.

"It is our moral responsibility to provide the best opportunities and means to make our children educated and skilled," he added.

Rs 100 Cr Heroin

for the search of vehicles on a highway," Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh told reporters at a press conference.

Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh was also present.

Mukesh Singh said a truck on its way to Punjab from Srinagar jumped a checkpoint and tried to speed away but was intercepted.

During the search of the truck, police seized 52 kilogram of heroin worth Rs 100 crore in the international market, he said.

However, the driver of the truck managed to escape, the police official said.

But co-driver, identified as Bharat Kumar of Haryana, was arrested, he added.

During initial investigation, it came to the fore that the consignment of heroin was being smuggled to Punjab from Srinagar in Kashmir, the ADGP said.

Pockets containing heroin have 1999 markings, which points towards its smuggling into J-K from Pakistan to "fund terrorism", he said. Earlier seizures of heroin had similar markings as well, he added.

Giving further information, Mukesh Singh said police have seized 185 kilogram of heroin worth Rs 360 crore in the past two years in the Jammu region, besides 500 kilogram of cannabis and 2,500 kilograms of poppy.

He said 1,500 persons have been arrested in connection with narcotics smuggling and 1,200 cases have been registered during the period.

NIA Raids 5 Locations

Budgam Districts of Kashmir in connection with investigation of the case," reads the statement.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 10/2021 on 11 July 2021, police station ATS, Uttar Pradesh and NIA had re-registered the same as RC-02/2021/NIA/LKW, on 29 July 2021.

"During the searches conducted today, large number of incriminating documents and digital devices have been seized," the NIA claimed, adding, "Further investigation in the case is continuing."

182 More Test

in J&K to 336063.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported highest 69 new cases of infection,

Baramulla 32, Budgam 17, Kupwara 11, Ganderbal 6, Bandipora and Kulgam 5 each, Pulwama 3 and Anantnag 1 fresh case of Covid-19. Shopian was the only district in the Valley where no new case was reported.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu registered a maximum of 11 new cases, Reasi 10, Udhampur 4, Rajouri 3, Kathua and Kishtwar 2 each and Doda 1 fresh case of coronavirus. The three districts of Poonch, Ramban and Samba reported no new cases of Covid-19.

"Moreover, 160 Covid-19 patients recovered during the

time, 32 from Jammu Division and 128 from Kashmir," officials said.

Also, the officials said that the fatality count due to Covid remained 4466 in J&K—2184 in Jammu and 2282 in Kashmir, as no fresh fatality was reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

Slight Respite From

minimum temperature of minus 1.2 degrees Celsius. The resort was the coldest recorded place in Kashmir.

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

However, there is possibility of light snowfall over the extreme north Kashmir parts on Thursday, it said.

Kashmir valley experienced an unusually cold weather this season as the minimum temperature dropped several degrees below the normal.

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

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

CRPF Hikes Ex Gratia

for the wedding of the daughter or the sister of the slain trooper.

It has been enhanced from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh, they said.

The force is the country's largest paramilitary with about 3.25 lakh personnel in its ranks and is designated as the lead internal security force. It is extensively deployed for counter-militancy operations in the Kashmir valley and anti-Naxal duties in Left Wing Extremism-affected states.

Property Regn

under PSGA and provided through an online portal," it states.

It is worthwhile to mention that PSGA was enacted by the NC-Congress regime in 2011 for expediting the delivery of services to the people of the State—(KNO)

Army Nabs PCK

tehsil and district Rawalakote (Pck) was apprehended near Chhabila Post of Indian Army.

The apprehended person is currently in the custody of Indian Army, they further said. (GNS)

Train Crushes

General Rail Police (GRP) officials rushed to the site following the incident and handed over the body to police, they said.

After completion of all legal formalities, the body was shifted to government medical college (GMC) hospital Jammu for postmortem, the officials said.

Ladakh Logs

have come down to 225, of which 210 are in Leh and 15 in Kargil, the officials said.

The latest death was reported from Leh. Of the total COVID-19-related deaths in the Union Territory since the outbreak of the pandemic, 155 were reported in Leh and 58 in Kargil, they said.

Another 28 patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Leh, taking the total number of recoveries to 20,959, the officials said.

A total of 1,253 fresh sample reports in Ladakh showed negative results, they said.

Cop Killed In Hit

Police Station Pacca Danga.

He was on duty when he was hit by an unknown vehicle near Manda check post, police officials said.

He said that the constable died on the spot. Meanwhile, a case has been registered in this regard.

فاتحہ خوانی

یہ خبر انتہائی دکھ اور افسوس کے ساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ علی محمد خان ولد محمد مختار خان ساکنہ پانڈر تھن سرینگر مورہ 24 نومبر 2021ء کو اس دنیا سے فانی سے رحلت کر گئے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ مردہ کو کو جنت الفردوس میں جگہ عطا کرے۔ (آمین) مردہ کی فاتحہ خوانی 27 نومبر 2021ء بموقت 7:30 بجے منج ان کے آبائی مقبرہ واقعہ پانڈر تھن سرینگر میں انجام دی جائے گی۔ بعد میں تعزیتی مجلس دن بھر علمدار کیمپس (ادفات) پانڈر تھن میں انجام دی جائے گی۔

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NOTICE

It is hereby informed that the last date for submission of application forms for engagement of Registrars in the discipline of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery & Anaesthesiology in Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Srinagar advertised by this Office under endorsement No. GDC/Estt/ File-54/4950-66 & 4933-49 dated 01-11-2021, published in daily Aftab newspaper, Srinagar under DIPK: 11848/21 & 11852/21 on 05-11-2021 is hereby extended upto 07-12-2021 at 03.00 PM.

Sd/-

No:-GDC/Estt/Gaz/File-54/ 5400-5416 [Prof. (Dr.) Riyaz Farooq],
Dated:24-11-2021. Principal/Dean,

Govt. Dental College & Hospital,

DIPK-13443/21

Srinagar.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

SKIMS MEDICAL COLLEGE-HOSPITAL

BEMINA SRINAGAR (J&K)-190017

Phone No. 0194-2492042, Fax 0194-2490071

Advertisement Notification No: SKIMS-MC (04) Acad of 2021

Dated: 22 -11 - 2021

SKIMS Medical College, Bemina, Srinagar invites applications on prescribed format from eligible candidates for vacant/likely vacant tenure posts of Registrars/Tutor Demonstrators/Senior Residents in the following specialities.

REGISTRARS	TUTOR DEMONSTRATOR
DERMATOLOGY	BIOCHEMISTRY
GENERAL MEDICINE /CHEST MEDICINE	COMMUNITY MEDICINE
GENERAL SURGERY	FORENSIC MEDICINE
GYNACEOLOGY & OBSTETRICS	PATHOLOGY
OPHTHALMOLOGY	PHARMACOLOGY
OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY(ENT)	PHYSIOLOGY
PAEDIATRICS	
PSYCHIATRY	

Date of issue of application forms.....from 28-11-2021 to 08-12-2021 till 1.00 pm
Last date of receipt of application forms 08-12-2021 till 2.00 pm
For more details and other information see Notice Board for annexure to the advertisement.

No: SKIMS/MC/Acad/Advt/ 4346-67
Dated: 22 -11- 2021
DIPK-NB-5307/21

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GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

KULGAM KASHMIR

(APPROVED BY AICTE AND AFFILIATED TO UT OF J&K BOTE)

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION No.1

DATE: 24/11/2021

Subject: Admission in Three Years Diploma in Engineering Courses (Civil & Electrical), 1st semester for the Academic Session 2021-22 against leftover/Vacant seats

In pursuance to Board of Technical Education Notification No. 08-BOTE of 2021 Dated 17-11-2021 issued under endorsement no. SBOTE/Adm21/7381-7410 Dated 17-11-2021, applications are invited from the eligible candidates of the UT of J&K for admission in 1st semester to Three Year Diploma courses for the academic session 2021-22 against leftover/vacant seats on first cum first serve basis in Civil and Electrical Engineering branches.

➤ **Certificates to be attached with Application Form** (Original along with Photo copies):-

1. Marks certificate of 10th with from a recognized Board with not less than 35%marks
2. Domicile certificate
3. Category certificate if any

➤ **Scholarship Schemes available:**

1. Pragati Scholarship Rs. 50,000/= per year (only for girls)
2. Saksham Scholarship Rs. 50,000/= per year (only for disabled/PWD students)
3. Post Matric Scholarship Scheme (NSP) Rs. 6,000/= per year (for all) JKBOW Scholarship Scheme Rs. 30,000/= per year (for persons having Labour card)
4. Swanath Scholarship Scheme Rs. 50,000/= per year (for Orphans/ either or both parent died due to Covid19/wards of armed forces martyred)

➤ **Note**

1. Admission will be on first come first serve basis
2. The last date for applying for admission is 30.11.2021

No. GPC/Kul/Adm /2021/654-657
Dated: 24 /11/2021
DIPK-13452/21

Sd/-
Principal,
Govt. Polytechnic College Kulgam

DC Kulgam Flags-Off Hockey Teams



Observer News Service

KULGAM: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Thursday flagged-off two Hockey teams of U-17 and U-15 age groups from Mini-Secretariat, Kulgam to Udhampur. The teams are scheduled to participate in UT level competitions commencing from 26 November, 2021.

This is for the first time that any hockey team is going to participate at UT level from district Kulgam.

During the flag-off ceremony, the DC appreciated YSS department Kulgam and students for creating a niche among youth for hockey sport in the district.

Present on the occasion were ACR Kulgam, Tehsildar Kulgam, DYSSO Kulgam, parents of students and officials of YSS department.

83 Shopian Students On Trekking Expedition To Pahalgam



Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmed Simnani, in presence of District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Shopian, Gurmukh Singh Dutta, on Thursday flagged off a group of 83 male students for a trekking expedition to Pahalgam from Mini Secretariat Arhama, here.

The student trekkers from

various schools of the district are scheduled to participate in the camp organised by Youth Services and Sports Shopian for a period of 5 days from 25 November, 2021 to 30 November, 2021 commencing from today and culminating on 30th November, 2021. While interacting with the students, the ADC urged them to take advantage of the trip and strictly follow all the instructions of the trainers.

J&K Draw 1-1 With UP In Santosh Trophy NFC

R. Elahi

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir senior men's team on Thursday suffered a heartbreaking draw with Uttar Pradesh Football after they conceded the equaliser in the 91st minute of their third Santosh Trophy North Zone 2021 Group A match. The North Zone qualifiers are taking place at Sports Complex, Chandigarh.

Coach Satpal Singh shuffled a bit with his J&K squad but stuck with the same 4-5-1 formation.

Aakif led J&K's attack as the target man, while Adeel, Arjun, and Imad formed the triko of mid-fielders. Shakir and Mehran played as the two wingmen.

The centre back duo of Arun and Goutam retained their spots in the team after the 3-0 mauling by Services in the previous match. Defender Shahid came into the team as the left-sided fullback, while Faisal retained his spot and played as the right full-back. The other change included Furqan replacing Nirdosh in goal.

J&K started the match well and scored the opening goal through Aakif in the 35th minute of the first half. The team defended astutely and worked as a unit to deny UP any chance for the rest of the 90 minutes.

67th minute substitute Sunil Yadav, however had other ideas, and broke J&K hearts when he scored

the equaliser in the 91st minute. Sunil was awarded man of the match for his goal that denied J&K their first win of the campaign. The match ended 1-1.

J&K will next play Himachal Pradesh in an early 9:30 AM fixture on Saturday, November 25. Win-less J&K stay 4th in the 5-team Group A standings, with 2 points from 3 matches. The tie against HP will be a must-win for J&K if they have any chance of qualifying from the group. With Chandigarh and UP right on their heels, the J&K team must register a huge victory from their last match of the group stage.

This is the 75th edition of Santosh Trophy National Football Championship (NFC).

Danish Farooq Makes ISL Debut

R. Elahi

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Valley's top footballing talent, Danish Farooq made his Indian Super League debut on Wednesday as his team, Bengaluru FC, took on Odisha FC at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco da Gama, Goa.

Wearing jersey no. 12, Danish replaced wide midfielder Jayesh Rane in the 43rd minute of the first half. Danish and his team dominated the match in terms of possession and chances created, but Odisha capitalised on their chances to effectively beat Bengaluru 3-1.

Bengaluru FC has India's star striker, Sunil Chhetri, spearheading the attack and will next play Kerala Blasters on Sunday, November 28.

Meanwhile, both Jammu & Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) and J&K National & International Footballers Forum (NIFF) congratulated Danish on his ISL debut.

"It is a proud moment for the fraternity of footballers and JKFA that a player of J&K has



made its place in one of the top teams of the country. We wish Danish and Bengaluru FC best of luck in their future endeavours," the JKFA said.

NIFF said that it is a proud moment for all football lovers of Kashmir Valley.

"Danish Farooq, a role model of many youngsters around (here), made his ISL debut for Bengaluru FC against Odisha FC. Best wishes to Danish for upcoming games," NIFF said.

Real Kashmir Want I-League Crown: Coach David Robertson

'Not possible to play in Kashmir'

'Our support is passionate'

Agencies

NEW DELHI: After bursting onto the scene almost five years ago, Real Kashmir FC are no longer the new kids on the block. The team from the Himalayas have been performing very well in the Hero I-League.

Going back to 2014, in the aftermath of the Kashmir floods, what started initially as a community outreach programme, sowed the seeds for what later became Real Kashmir Football Club. Since then, their rise has been meteoric. They have established themselves as one of the most talented teams in the Hero I-League, and in the 2021-22 season, the team wants to reach the summit and win the tournament.

Being one of the first clubs from the region to grace the I-League, Real Kashmir are naturally seen as the flag bearers of football in Jammu and Kashmir. However, Robertson believes there is



no added pressure on the local, homegrown players to do well.

"It does not matter where a team comes from as we have expectations from our state as we are not a new club anymore. We have established ourselves in the league and now have to push to challenge for the title," he opined. When asked about how the players will be feeling about not being able to play in their home stadium this season, Robertson said, "Many of the players we recruited were excited to play in Kashmir, but that will not be possible," he said. "Our support is passionate and has given us the energy in previous games to keep going until the end." (AIFF)

Srinagar Police To Hold Marathon On November 29

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The District Police Srinagar on Thursday said that it is going to conduct a Marathon

under Civic Action Programme in connection with observance of Police Flag Day 2021 from Nehru Park to Nishat Garden on 29 November, 2021.

JAMMU & KASHMIR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (SICOP)

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 17-PEK of 2021

DATED: 22-11-2021

For and on behalf of the Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Small Scale Industries Cooperation Limited, UT J&K, e-tenders (In two cover system) are invited from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Class of contract	Time of completion	Cost of tender document	Position of AA
1	2	3	4	5	6	6
1.	Repair/renovation of common Facility Centre building including walling at Sumbal Bandipora Handicrafts & Handloom Department	8.80 lacs (including SICOP service charges)	"C" & "D" Class civil	01 month	500.00	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 given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	22-11-2021	from 02.00 PM
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	14-12-2021	from 02.00 PM
3	Bid submission Start Date	22-11-2021	from 02.00 PM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	14-12-2021	upto 06.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	15-12-2021	at 12.30 PM in the office of Project Engineer Kashmir SICOP Kashmir.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Bank Receipt with seal and signature of bank official in favor of Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir in Account No CC-0148020100001980 .JFSC Code JAKAOKARRAN , J&K Bank Branch Karan Nagar Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of bank receipt should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir. (tender receiving authority).

Sd/

Project Engineer(K)
SICOP, Kashmir

DIPK-NB-5292/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION KULGAM

NIT SI. No: 139/2021-22/RnB/Kul/e-tendering/8682-99

dated 22-11-2021

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

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs)	Time of completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Renovation of Bath Rooms at Sub District Hospital Yaripora (Balance part)	6.40	300	15 days	Health	Cee, Dee

+Position of AAA= Accorded

- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice .	23-11-2021
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 23-11-2021 (10.00 AM) To 29-11-2021 (04.00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 23-11-2021 (10.00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 29-11-2021 (04.00PM)
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	29-11-2021 (04.30 PM)

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam (Major Head 0059-Rev/Misc.) [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt)(Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam (Tender receiving Authority).
- All the Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below).
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BD within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid
- 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 vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.
- Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document) and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE DIVISION BIJBEHARA

E- NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

(e-mail: phebijbehara230@gmail.com Telephone/Fax:01932-234230)

e-NIT No: 36 /PHED/Bij of 2021-22 Dated : 23-11-2021 ISSUED No/PHB /7681-7700 DT: 23-11-21.

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders in single cover system are invited on item rate basis from Registered Contractors registered J&K UT, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following work:-

S.No	Name of work	Amount (Rs in Lacs)	Time for completion	Cost of TD	Class of contract	Head of Account
1	Providing of piped drinking water facilities to Dobi Mohallah Utrsoo Shangus under PMKKY 2021-22	0.74	15 days	100	DEE	PMKKY
2	Providing of piped drinking water facilities to Naibasti Katriteng PMKKY.	0.772	15 days	100	DEE	PMKKY

Position of funds : Available

Position of AA: Accorded

- The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), terms & condition of contract can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the dates shown below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	24 /11/2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 24 /11/2021 11.00 AM
3.	Bid submission Start Date	From 24 /11/2021 11.00AM
5.	Bid Submission End Date	30 /11/2021 4.00 PM
6.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	01/12/2021 at 10.00: PM.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Bijbehara

Tenders from the eligible Contractors only having the following pre-qualifications will be considered:

- Latest GST Clearance Certificate with GST Registration.
 - Enlistment Card.
 - Bidders address format
 - Tender document fee in the shape of Treasury Challan
 - Bid security declaration form sworn on Affidavit duly notarized
- If the bidders fails to upload only document, that same shall be out rightly rejected.
- The bids shall deposit in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in & shall be opened on above mentioned date by the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Bijbehara in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present. In case of holiday / office happens to be closed on the scheduled date of opening, the bids will be opened on next working day or any other working day to be decided by the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Bijbehara at the scheduled time and venue.
 - The complete bidding process will be online.
 - Clarification if any shall be sought from the office of the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Bijbehara.
 - It is mandatory upon the bidder to upload "Bidders Address Format" duly filled in under his seal and signature for future correspondence, which is attached with this NIT.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies (preferably in original Color format on minimum of 150 dpi) of all necessary documents like Cost of Tender document in the form of Treasury Challan / GST & Return / Bidders Address Format / Registration card duly renewed/ bid security declaration form duly notarized. The hard copies of bidding documents are not necessary to deposit in the Divisional office as per standing Govt. instructions. However, after opening of tenders online, the bidders (or any bidder) can be asked to produce the uploaded documents in physical form for verification. Any bidder who has furnished misleading/wrong or fraudulent information/ documents, his earnest money will be forfeited and defaulting contractor shall be debarred from taking works in PHE Department for a minimum of one year.
- Besides the 1st lowest bidder must ensure to deposit the uploaded cost of tender document in the form of Treasury challan in physical form. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason what so ever.
- The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days.
 - Before quoting, tenderers are requested to visit the site of work.
 - The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept/reject the bid without assigning any reason therefor.
 - At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, Employer may for any reason whether at its own initiative or in response to any request by any prospective Tenderer amend the bidding documents by issuing addendum or/and Corrigendum, which shall become an integral part of the Tender documents. The amendment shall be advised to all the known prospective Tenderer/s. The last corrigendum if any, shall be issued, 3 (three) days before the last date of submission of the tender (except extended date of submission of the tender). All tenderers especially the tenderer/s downloading the tender documents from website shall make an endeavor to recheck and track down the corrigendum's if any upto 3 days prior to the last date of submission of tenders. No claim of lack of intimation or knowledge of the corrigendum will be entertained. The tenderer/s shall take due care in submission.
 - As soon as the contract is fixed with the successful bidder, he has to enter into an agreement with the department. However, non-drawl of agreement will not prevent the contract from being enforced upon him.
 - The earnest money shall be forfeited if:-
 - the tenderer has furnished misleading/wrong or fraudulent information/documents, or
 - Any bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms & condition of the bid.
 - The successful bidder fails to execute an agreement with the department within 10 days after fixation of contract.
 - The successful bidder fails to start the work within one week from the date of fixation of contract.
 - The work is to be completed within the time limit specified in the NIT. In case of delay in completion of work due to contractors fault beyond stipulated time of completion the contractor shall be liable to pay liquidated damages at the rate of 0.5 % of the contract value (half percent) per week of delay. However, such liquidated damages shall not exceed 10% of the total contract value of the item, or a part thereof, delayed.
 - No mobilization advance shall be made.
 - The payment shall be made only after the funds are received on this account from higher authorities.
 - No price escalation will be paid for completion of the work within stipulated time or extended date of completion due to any reason whatsoever.
 - Retention money/Security deposit shall be 10% of the contract value. The Security Deposit is to be recovered at the rate of 10% of bill amount from Running Account Bills and shall be released after successful completion of the maintenance period.
 - All items of works shall conform to Specifications as per Relevant IS codes and as directed by the Engineer-in-Charge or his representatives.
 - Watch & ward of dept. Material issued for the work (s) shall be exclusively the responsibility of the successful contractor/bidder & in the event of any loss/theft of the materials, the same shall be the responsibility of the bidder, the cost thereof shall be recovered from the bidder @ double the stock issue rates.
 - The employer may terminate the contract if the contractor causes a fundamental breach of the contract. The fundamental breach of contract will include:-
 - Continuous stoppage of Work for a period of 10 days without authorization of Engineer-in-charge.
 - The contractor fails to start /complete the work, within the stipulated time period.
- Pursuant to the process of termination of defaulted contract, the employer reserves the right to invite fresh tender for the balance work at the risk and cost of defaulter contractor. His termination of the contract and defaulting contractor shall be debarred from taking works in PHE Department at least for one year. The taxes viz. Income tax, Service tax & Cess shall be deducted from the bidders' claims as admissible under rules.
- The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities). In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling item rate inclusive of all taxes & it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
 - The unit rates & prices shall quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of work unless otherwise specified.
 - If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the BOQ, such item/items shall be deemed to be the part of the overall/total contract value and no rate shall be allowed for such item/items.
 - The date of start of work shall be reckoned from the date of issuance of LOI/Contract allotment as the case may be.
 - Other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form-25 duoble/FC-31.
 - The tender document referred to above will govern the terms and conditions of the contract.
 - Laying of GI / DI Pipes
 - If the Engineer-in-Charge instructs the contractor to carry out a test not specified in the specification to check whether any work has a defect and the test Confirms the defect, then the contractor shall have to pay for the tests and the defective work shall have to be dismantled and reconstructed in accordance to the CPHEED manual/ Specifications as applicable. The contractor will furnish documentary proof of procurement of materials like G.I. pipes accessories (if not supplied departmentally) and other equipment's and goods to the engineer in-charge. This will include original vouchers for all quantities in lieu of purchase of materials/ equipment's etc. from the original manufacturer or authorized dealer/distributor to the satisfaction of engineer-in-charge for ascertaining genuineness of materials. Attested copy of such material shall be submitted along with the bills. The third party inspection of material at source shall have to be conducted before dispatch by the reputed Govt. agency/ agencies to be approved by the employer (PHE Department). The cost of third party inspection shall have to be borne by the contractor.
 - The quality of the pipe material as per prescribed IS code shall have to be supported with manufacturers quality & test certificate by the Contractor at his own cost. The quality Controlling & Procurement Division is nominated for inspection to check the quality as per the prescribed ISI standards with latest recommendations. The necessary check certificate is compulsory to be submitted before laying the pipes at site.
 - The pipe material shall be supplied from reputed manufacturers. The agency shall initially establish a store at the designated project site for storing before the same is issued to sites after getting approved. The approval process shall be documented on material approval sheets duly signed by in charge engineer's quality control committee and contractor.
 - The rates for carriage of pipes to be provided by the tenderer shall be included in the rates of respective item from source up to actual site of work.
 - Nothing shall be paid on account of dewatering even if involved; the tenderers are directed to include the provision of dewatering in the item rates of BOQ.
 - The Technical specification of GI/DI pipes are as enclosed.
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India's Fertility Rate Slips Below Replacement Level, Says Govt Survey

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Anaemia among children and women continues to be a cause of concern, with more than half of them being found anaemic in 14 states and UTs, according to the findings of phase two of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5).

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

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

At the national level, the occurrence of anaemia among women and children was found to be the same as that in 14 states and UTs. The findings for national level were calculated by using data from phase one and phase two of the NFHS-5.

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

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

per cent to 32 per cent.

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

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

Exclusive breastfeeding to children under six months of age has shown an improvement in all-India level from 55 per cent in 2015-16 to 64 per cent in 2019-21. All the phase two states and UTs are also showing a considerable progress, it said.

There is an increase from 51 per cent to 58 per cent of women receiving the recommended four or more ANC visits by health providers at all-India level, the findings stated. Also, all the phase two states and UTs have shown improvement, except Punjab, between 2015-16 to 2019-20.

Institutional births have increased substantially from 79 per cent to 89 per cent at all-India level. Institutional delivery is 100 per cent in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu and more than 90 per cent in seven states and UTs out of 12 phase two states and UTs, the statement said.

2 Documents, 2 Religions: Minister's Latest Jab At Anti-Drugs Officer's Mother



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MUMBAI: Maharashtra minister and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Nawab Malik today accused the Narcotics Control Bureau's zonal director Sameer Wankhede and his family of obtaining two separate certificates for his mother after her death in 2015, one mentioning her as a Muslim and the other as a Hindu.

Addressing a press conference in Mumbai today morning, Nawab Malik said Sameer Wankhede's mother Zaheda died on April 16, 2015, and a certificate identifying her as a Muslim woman was taken to the cemetery in Mumbai's Oshiwara for her burial.

"But the next day, her family procured another death report that mentioned her to be from the Hindu religion," he said.

The minister also posted these

certificates in support of his claim on his Twitter handle before talking to the media.

"How can a family have a dual identity? I am speaking in public about this after taking the verified documents from the Mumbai civic body," the NCP leader alleged.

Nawab Malik has been accusing that Sameer Wankhede, although born a Muslim, had secured a central government job by claiming to be from the Scheduled Caste category. Sameer Wankhede has, however, denied all allegations levelled against him.

The minister has been attacking Sameer Wankhede after the Narcotics Control Bureau's raid on a cruise party last month that led to the arrest of around 20 people, including actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan. Aryan Khan and a few other accused were later released on bail.

ITC Starts Clinical Trials Of Nasal Spray For COVID-19 Prevention

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NEW DELHI: Diversified entity ITC on Thursday confirmed that it is developing a nasal spray for COVID-19 prevention for which it has initiated clinical trials.

Developed by scientists at ITC Life Sciences and Technology Centre (LSTC), Bengaluru, the company plans to market the nasal spray under the Savlon brand once it gets all the requisite regulatory approvals, according to sources.

When contacted for comments, a spokesperson of ITC said, "We are unable to share more details at the current moment as the clinical trials are underway."

The spokesperson declined to comment on a detailed query on where is the clinical trial being done, from where the commercial production would be done when approved and under what brand the nasal spray would be marketed.



However, sources said the company had received approvals from ethics committees and is registered with Clinical Trial Registry-India (CTRI) for clinical trials of the nasal spray which is designed to arrest the virus at the entry point in the nasal cavity itself.

They further said the product has the potential to be effective and safe in preventing infection and transmission of COVID-19 along with the existing

measures of hygiene recommended by health authorities.

ITC's LSTC has been at the core of the company's drive for science led product innovation to support and build its wide range of product portfolio.

The company's R&D teams were instrumental in developing a range of innovative health and hygiene offerings that were commercially made available under the Savlon brand, during the pandemic.

"Ask Not To Buy": Plea To Stop Congress's Salman Khurshid's Book Rejected

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NEW DELHI: Asking what it could do if people were "feeling so sensitive", the Delhi High Court Thursday dismissed a petition to stop the publication, circulation and sale of Congress leader Salman Khurshid's book "Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood In Our Times".

The court was hearing a plea by lawyer Vineet Jindal who claimed the book by the former Union minister "impinges upon the faith of others" as it compares Hindutva to radical groups like ISIS and Boko Haram.

"Ask people not to buy the book or read it. Tell people it is badly authored, read something better," said Justice Yashwant Varma.

The petitioner's counsel claimed the book could result in a breach of public peace and it was the duty of all persons to maintain peace.



"What can we do if people are feeling so sensitive," the judge remarked as he proceeded to dismiss the petition.

On November 17, an additional civil judge had refused to grant an ex-parte injunction on a lawsuit by Hindu Sena president Vishnu

Gupta to stop the publication, circulation and sale of the book for allegedly hurting sentiments of a large section of society.

While declining interim relief, the trial court had said the author and publisher had the right to write and publish the book.

Air Pollution: Schools, Colleges, Govt Offices In Delhi To Reopen From Nov 29

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In view of an "improvement" in the air quality, the Delhi government has decided to resume physical classes in schools, colleges and other educational institutions and reopen government offices from November 29, Environment Minister Gopal Rai said on Wednesday.

Only CNG and electric vehicles, barring those engaged in essential services, will be allowed to enter Delhi from November 27, the minister said after a meeting to review curbs to tackle air pollution.

The ban on the entry of vehicles operating on other fuels will remain till December 3, he said.

Rai urged government staff to



use public transport. "We hired private CNG buses recently. We have decided to use them

to ferry employees from government residential colonies such as Gulabi Bagh and Nimri Colony," he said.

The government will also start a shuttle bus service from the Delhi Secretariat to ITO and Indraprastha

Singapore Runs Short Of Nurses, Hospitals Offer Finder's Fee For Experienced Staff

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SINGAPORE: Singapore hospitals and clinics are so desperate for nurses that at least one private hospital group is offering a "finder's fee" of SGD12,000 for staff to help recruit an experienced nurse.

Even a fresh graduate nurse joining the hospital can bring the introducer a windfall of at least SGD3,600 at the group, according to a media report on Thursday.

The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the shortage of nurses, as the need for them grows even as more of them quit their jobs.

A private hospital administrator, who spoke on condition of anonymity to The Straits Times, said, "Nursing is in high demand everywhere."

"Foreign nurses use Singapore as a jumping board for better jobs in countries like Canada, since there is little chance of their getting permanent residency in Singapore. There's no future for them here," the administrator was quoted as saying.

Last year, for the first time in more than two decades, Singapore experienced a drop in the number of nurses working here. The situation is even worse this year.

Senior Minister of State for Health Janil Puthucherry told Parliament earlier this month: "About 1,500 healthcare workers have resigned in the first half of 2021, compared to about 2,000 annually pre-pandemic."

"Foreign healthcare workers have also resigned in bigger numbers, especially when they are unable to travel to see their families back home."

"Close to 500 foreign doctors and nurses have resigned in the first half of 2021, as compared to around 500 in the whole of 2020," Puthucherry was quoted as saying.

Some of the healthcare workers have left because of the high stress and long hours that come with dealing with the pandemic, when manpower needs are higher and further exacerbated by reduced staff numbers.

"When there are more patients than resources, the staff is stretched paper thin," wrote one public-sector nurse recently, headlining her post Desperate and Distraught. "And it only gets worse as the day passes."

Some foreign nurses, who can

no longer travel home for short visits to their families, have also called it a day.

"Many of our foreign staff have emigrated to another country or returned to their home towns. Local staff who left said they were burned out from the long work hours and needed a break," said Dr Noel Yeo, chief operating officer of IHH Healthcare Singapore, which has four private hospitals here.

The attrition rate this year has been exceptionally high, he added. "At present, we are 500 nurses and 100 patient care associates (ancillary staff to augment nursing roles) short of full strength."

Hence, it has resorted to offering a finder's fee to recruit more nurses. Associate Professor Yong Keng Kwang, group chief nurse of the National Healthcare Group (NHG), told The Straits Times, "The evolving COVID-19 situation is one of the main difficulties we face. A spike in cases potentially raises the demand for healthcare services and manpower, and the shortfall in manpower is acutely felt when staff resign."

Those still in service end up shouldering the extra workload. To cope, Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) says it has to close four general ward beds in order to provide the manpower needed for one intensive care unit (ICU) bed.

Prof Yong said the cluster is working with the Ministry of Health Holdings (MOHH) "to expand and diversify our recruitment options", such as looking at non-traditional sources for nurses willing to work here. But there is a further constraint in the (recruitment) quota of foreigners allowed.

He said it typically takes about six months to train a new nurse. For speciality areas such as ICU, it can take about nine months or more. New nurses need close supervision in the initial period, so this eats into their supervisor's work schedule.

Meanwhile, Singapore reported 2,079 new COVID-19 cases and six deaths from complications due to the coronavirus as of noon on Wednesday (November 24). The cases included 40 infections from migrant workers' dormitories and nine who arrived here from abroad.

The fatalities were aged between 60 and 83. All of them, except for an unvaccinated case, had various underlying medical conditions, said the Ministry of Health (MOH).

metro stations for its employees.

"The air quality has improved over the last three days. The city's AQI is similar to pre-Diwali days," he said.

On November 13, the city government had ordered closure of all educational institutes, banned construction and demolition activities and asked its employees to work from home to combat air pollution and minimise its health effects. On November 17, it had extended the restrictions, besides banning the entry of trucks carrying non-essential items in Delhi.

The ban on construction and demolition activities was lifted on Monday in view of an improvement in the air quality and inconvenience caused to workers.



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