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NEWS DIGEST

Police Opens Online Public Grievance Module

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir police on Friday introduced an online public grievance redressal mechanism to bring transparency in the department by assuring action within a fortnight. The public grievance redressal mechanism was launched on the directions of IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar **More on P10**

ASI Caught While Accepting Bribe

JAMMU: A policeman on Friday was nabbed by the sleuths of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) while accepting a bribe at a police station in the city outskirts here. Acting on a complaint, a CBI team carried out a raid at Police Station Bishnah here in the city outskirts and caught an Assistant **More on P10**

CASO Launched In Budgam

SRINAGAR: The government forces on Friday launched a cordon and search operation (CASO) in Beerwah area of central Kashmir's Budgam district. According to reports, a joint team of police, army and CRPF on Friday laid a siege around Khondora village of Beerwah and launched a search operation on the basis of input about the movement **More on P10**

Man Dies As Car Falls Into Gorge

POONCH: A man was killed after a private car he was driving skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in this mountainous district on Friday. Official sources said that the accident took place when the driver lost control over his Wagon-R Car (JK12B-066) on reaching near BSF camp Uchhad on the old road. The driver, identified **More on P10**

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12.58% Population In J&K Living Below National Poverty Line: NITI Aayog

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: A newly unveiled survey by the NITI Aayog, a public policy think tank of the Government of India, has revealed that 12.58 percent of the total population in Jammu and Kashmir is 'poor'.

The report, "National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) Baseline Report" is the debutant report of its kind prepared by the NITI Aayog and was released on November 24.



File Photo

As per this report, 12.58 percent of the total population in J&K including Ladakh is poor.

Pertinently, as per survey by Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index 2021, at least 10.35 percent population in Jammu and Kashmir was living below the national poverty line with the rural areas holding more poverty than the urban areas. The figures were revealed by the economic survey report, based on the state-specific poverty lines and

estimates of poverty for rural and urban areas of the states.

The MPI report has further revealed that more than 47 percent of the population in J&K is deprived of proper sanitation. As per the report, J&K also has a gruelling number of malnourished people who are deprived of nutritional food.

"The percentage of the total population who are deprived of nutrition in J&K is 25.9 percent," the report reads.

The report has **More on P10**

LG Vows To Crush Drug 'Epidemic' In J&K

'Thousands Of Families Scarred By Drug Addiction'

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Expressing concern over the drug menace in Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that his administration is determined to purge the drug epidemic that has scarred thousands of families.

The LG made these remarks while chairing a meeting at the Civil Secretariat here to review the status of National TB elimination program in J&K, an official spokesperson said.

In the meeting, he said, the LG observed that while there is a National Strategic



Plan to assist States/UTs, the districts also need to focus on far-flung areas to completely eliminate TB before the 2025 deadline.

He further said that the LG stated that Detect – Treat – Prevent – Build **More on P10**

Asks People To Uphold Values Of Constitution

Terming the Indian constitution as an inspirational and living scripture besides an epitome of ideals for the society, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday called upon all the citizens of the Union territory to uphold **More on P10**

SRINAGAR-SHARJAH FLIGHTS

India Takes Up Overflight Clearance Issue With Pakistan

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India on Friday said it has taken up with Pakistan the matter of overflight clearances for flights from Srinagar to Sharjah, but has not got a response yet.

Earlier this month, government officials said Pakistan has denied use of its airspace to Go First's Srinagar-Sharjah flight. According to officials, till

October 31, the flight was going through Pakistan airspace.

Asked about the issue at a media briefing, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "We have taken up the matter with the government of Pakistan for overflight clearances of flights from Srinagar to Sharjah. We have not received a response."

Asked if India was considering reciprocal **More on P10**

Panel To Probe 277 'Illegal' Constructions In Srinagar

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has constituted a committee to probe the construction of 277 structures, including houses, allegedly raised illegally across this capital city.

The six member panel has been constituted by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar Ajaz Asad to enquire into the illegal constructions in the district, reads an order ADC/K/PS/21-22/1161-62, issued on November 10.

The Deputy Commissioner has made Akshay Labroo (IAS) as the chairman of the



File Photo

committee and Rouf Rehman (KAS), who is currently serving as the Deputy Director

Employment, as Co-chairman of the committee. The order adds that concerned Tehsildar,

Khursheed Munshi (A.E), Naib Tehsildar Concerned and concerned members of the committee.

"The committee shall enquire the matter on the spot and will submit the report along with recommendations within a period of 15 days. The committee may also scrutinise construction permissions if any issued by competent authority," reads the order, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer.

Pertinently, the Government has identified 277 'illegal' constructions that have been being raised in different areas of the city, including **More on P10**

Police Destroys 24 Kg RDX, 71 Grenades In Reasi

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Police on Friday destroyed 24 kilograms of RDX and 71 hand grenades seized during various counter-militancy operations in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district in the last 12 years, officials said on Friday.

Since 2009, the special operations group had seized grenades, improvised explosive devices along with fuses and remote controls, detonators and RDX in 15 militancy cases registered in Mahore-Chassana area of Reasi, they said, adding that these explosives remained in the safe custody of police. Sensing threat of accidental explosions, the police approached courts seeking orders for lawful safe destruction of the seized explosives, the officials said.

After hearing their petitions, the Reasi sessions court passed destruction orders in two cases while two other cases were followed up in the National Investigative Agency court in Jammu, which subsequently passed the orders. Orders to destroy the **More on P10**

Govt Orders Crackdown Against Power Pilferage

CS Directs PDD To Replace Damaged Transformers In Towns Within 12 Hours

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Union Territory administration on Friday directed Power Development Department to carry out a regular surveillance and enforcement drives to disconnect illegal power connections so that consumers are able to get power without undue interruptions.

These directions were passed by Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday while chairing a meeting to review the functioning of the Power Development Department, an official spokesperson said.

Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, Managing Directors, Jammu/Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Chief Engineers, and other senior officers of the Department attended the meeting.

In the meeting, the official spokesperson said, it was



informed that in the current financial year so far, Kashmir registered 64,588 million units of energy consumption, which is 7.98% higher than the previous year's consumption of 59,796.19 million units.

"Similarly, there is a 17.33% increase in the peak load consumption in Kashmir which indicates the rapidly increasing demand for electricity and its peak load over last year," he said. Mehta, he said, **More on P10**

4 Corona Deaths, 174 New Cases In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Coronavirus claimed the lives of four more people in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday while 174 fresh cases of virus were reported across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, three more people succumbed to the deadly virus in Kashmir Valley while one person died of Covid-19 related complications in Jammu division, taking the overall fatality count to 4470 persons—2185 in Jammu and 2285 in Kashmir.

Of the new cases, officials said, 131 were registered in the Valley and the remaining 43 from different districts of Jammu division.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 63 new cases of virus, Baramulla 23, Budgam 17, Kupwara 13, Bandipora 9 and Ganderbal 6. The four districts of south Kashmir, including Kulgam, Anantnag, Pulwama and Shopian reported no new cases of virus. **More on P10**

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بذریعہ: تنظیمین مسجد شریف شویان
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انتقال پرمال

یہ خبر انتہائی دکھ کے ساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ ہماری والدہ اہلبہ مرحوم عبدالصمد مکایا سائنڈومبہ کدل نو اکدل سربنگر مختصر علالت کے بعد 26 ماہ نومبر 2021ء بروز جمعہ المبارک انتقال کر گئیں۔ اللہ تعالیٰ اُن کو اپنے جوار رحمت میں جگہ دے۔ اس سلسلے میں مرحومہ کے آبائی گھر واقع ڈومبہ کدل نو اکدل سربنگر میں تعزیتی پرسی صرف تین یوم یعنی اتوار تک رہے گی اور اس کے علاوہ کوئی بھی اجتماعی فاتحہ خوانی کی کوئی بھی تقریب منعقد نہیں ہوگی۔ مستورات سے گزارش ہے کہ وہ اپنے ساتھ مشروبات، میوہ وغیرہ نہ لائیں نیز کوڈ 19 کے پیش نظر احتیاطی تدابیر سے کام لیں۔

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میرا بیٹا محمد اسد اللہ میر ساکنہ نادر گند تحصیل ٹنگرگ روگردان اور نافرمان بن گیا ہے مگر وہ میری خدمت کرنے کے بجائے اورہ گردی کرنے کے علاوہ لوگوں کو برباد رکھا کر ٹھگ رہا ہے اس طرح وہ اپنے آپ کے ساتھ دوسروں کو بھی پریشان کرتا ہے لہذا اگر کوئی شخص اس کے ساتھ کسی قسم کا کوئی لین دین وغیرہ کرے گا تو اس کی زبرداری قطعی طور پر عاید نہیں ہوگی کیونکہ وہ خود اپنے لیے نقصان کا زہر ہے اس کی کڑواؤں سے سال کافی تک لایا ہوں جس کی بنا پر سال اپنے نافرمان بیٹے محمد اسد اللہ میر کو اپنی تمام منقولہ و غیر منقولہ جائیداد سخر و م کرتا ہوں یہ حرف اس لیے شائع کرتا ہوں تاکہ سند رہی

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This is for the information of the general public that I intend to transfer the electricity connection presently in the name of Shaheen Irshad C/O: Irshad-u-Zargar Consumer ID: 0201010011869 to Aijaz Ahmad Dar, S/O: Ghulam Nabi Dar, Objections, if any, must be communicated to the Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) PDD, Division I Exchange Road Srinagar, Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained after

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir Department of Agriculture Production & farmers Welfare, Office of the Chief Agriculture Officer, Shopian

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications on plain paper with identity proof are invited from the residents of Sub Division of Agriculture Shopian for the establishment of below mentioned unit, under submission of Agriculture Mechanisation (SMAM), a component of centrally sponsored Scheme National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (NMAET) during 2021-22:

S. No.	Component	Unit (No.s)	Eligibility	Pattern of Assistance
1	Establishment of Farm Machinery Banks/Units for Custom Hiring Centre	01	Progressive Farmer/Rural Agripreneurs /SHGs	40% of the cost limited to Rs 4.00 lacs/unit

The applications should reach to the office of Chief Agriculture officer Shopian/Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer, Shopian by or before 30.11.2021 up to 12.30 PM. The beneficiaries among the eligible applicants shall be selected through draw of lots in presence of the applicants who wish to be there on 05.12.2021 at 2.00 PM in the office chamber of Chief Agriculture Officer, Shopian.

Terms and conditions:

01. The applicant must be the resident of District Shopian.
02. Preference shall be given to educated un-employed youth who aspire to become Agri entrepreneurs and run their business in the Agriculture and allied sectors.
03. Being a farmer and farming community oriented programme the beneficiary/ business unit shall have to give an undertaking that it shall remain operational perpetually and will not be converted to any other firm or business other than intended. In case of diversion from the guidelines, the subsidy amount shall be forfeited forthwith.
04. The unit shall function for the benefit of farming community and shall charge at the approved hiring prepositions.
05. The unit shall be maintained and upgraded with latest Agri. Machineries and Agri. Equipments from time to time.
06. Applicants found ineligible as per the guidelines of the scheme shall not be considered for draw of lots.
07. The unit shall not be allotted to an area/village wherever CHC already exists.
08. All other operational/monitoring regulations/guidelines as well as other codal formalities as specified in the scheme shall be applicable.

Sd/-

(F.A. Reshi)

Chief Agriculture Officer

DIPK-13568/21

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER DEPARTMENT OF FLORICULTURE KASHMIR SRINAGAR

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No: 48 of 2021-22 Dated: 24.11.2021.

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

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor
01.	Providing and fixing of Retro Reflective Signage board for Parks recently taken over from J&K Bank Ltd. (Balance Portion)	7.62	100/-	20- days	Regd. SSI Unit Holder with experience in relevant work.

Position of AAA : Accorded

Position of funds : Available

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

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	25/11/2021 from 10:00 AM to 01/12/2021 up to 04:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date.	25/11/2021 from 10:30 AM
3.	Bid submission End date	01/12/2021 up to 04:00 PM
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	02/12/2021 at 02:00 PM

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-Challan/copy of receipt from Treasury favouring of Executive Engineer, Floriculture Department Kashmir (Tender inviting authority) indicating name of work by crediting the requisite charges to the MH: 0406-02-112-Public Gardens (Floriculture Department Kashmir) in favour of Executive Engineer (Tender inviting authority)
2. All Bidders have to submit/upload Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest Money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form as per Annexure "A" below)
3. The Ist. Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/ within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
4. The date and time of opening of technical Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Department of Floriculture Kashmir Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).
5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
6. The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, If:-
 - a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - b. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract. Any bid received beyond 15% above the advertisement cost of the work will be rejected.
11. The successful contractor shall pursue and seek the material carriage permission himself from the concerned competent authority after obtaining the permission letter from the Divisional office. (If applicable)
12. Furthermore, the successful contractor shall also get the handover/takeover himself after completion of the desired work from the concerned Garden officer/F.O/A.F.O after obtaining handover/takeover letter from the AEE concerned.
13. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

Sd/-

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No: JKHPMC/e-NIT No.80 of 2021
Dt: 25-11-2021

Subject: Corrigendum w.r.t Notice 80 of 2021, dated 08-11-2021.

In respect of the "Tender" for "Design, Construction, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Equipment including Civil Works for 2000 MT Cold Store with six (06) Months free trial run on Turnkey Basis at JKHPMC's Premises in Narwal, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir", a "Pre-Bid Meeting" was held on 16-11-2021. The Corporation has issued one 'Corrigendum' in this regard. All the Prospective Bidders are advised to visit the Official Website, i.e., <https://jktenders.gov.in/nic>, of Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

In view of several requests received from the prospective bidders, both during the "Pre-Bid Meeting" and through e-mails, the following points be noted:

1. Last Date of Online Bid Submission is extended by a spell of Seven (07) days' time and as such the Last Date of Online Bid Submission would be up to 07-12-2021. Any further clarification would now only be addressed up to 30-11-2021 4:00 pm. Subsequently the Bid Opening Date would be 08-12-2021.
2. Reply to the Queries received, both during the "Pre-Bid Meeting" and through e-mails, are given in the 'Corrigendum' uploaded on the said Website.

Other Terms and Conditions will remain the same unless notified otherwise.

Sd/-

Managing Director
JKHPMC Ltd

DIPK-NB-5355/21

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AWANTIPORA

(Collector Land Acquisition Awantipora)

Preliminary Notification under Section-II(1)

Notification No.07 of 2021

Dated: 25/11/2021

Subject:- Preliminary Notification under Section-II(1) of "The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013" for acquisition of land measuring 03 kanal required for the establishment of police post at Toll Plaza K.Koot Tehsil Awantipora.

Ref:-District Collector Pulwama's communication vide No.DCP/LA/2021/535-536 dated 28/09/2021.

Whereas, the Sr. Superintendent of Police Awantipora has placed an Indent vide his office No. GB/Toll Plaza-90/2021/2194-97 Dated 18/01/2021 for acquisition of land measuring 03 Kanal falling two locations viz. at village Chersoo (2 Kanal 3 Marla) and at village Kaichachkoot (17 Marla) required for public purpose, namely establishment of police post at Toll Plaza K.Koot Tehsil Awantipora.

Whereas, in accordance with the Sub-Section 1 of Rule 4 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013, the Committee of officers for conduct of field inspection stands already constituted by the Deputy Commissioner Pulwama vide his office order No. DCP/LA/2020/610-630 dated 25/08/2020. Accordingly, the Committee was directed by this Collectorate vide office letter No. ADC/AWP/LA/20-21/419-29 dated 05/03/2021 to conduct a field inspection.

Whereas, members of the constituted Committee submitted their report through Tehsildar Awantipora vide his office letter No. 298-99/OQ/TA Dated 17/6/2021 and the same was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner Pulwama vide this office No.ADC/AWP/LA/21-22/171-73 Dated 26/6/2021 with the following findings:-

1. That the proposed acquisition of land serves the public purpose.
2. That the extent of the land proposed for the acquisition is absolute bare minimum needed for the project as discussed with the representative of indenting department.
3. That no other alternate and feasible land has been found available.
4. That no unutilized land which has been previously acquired exists in the area is not available.
5. That no such land has been earlier acquired/still unutilized in the village.

Whereas, the committee has also recommended that irrigation facility (Kohal) passing adjacent to the land to be acquired should not be disturbed so that the irrigation facility to zamindars may not suffer.

Whereas, the Deputy Commissioner Pulwama vide his office No. DCP/LA/2021/535-536 dated 28/09/2021 accorded approval and authorized the Collector Land Acquisition, Additional Deputy Commissioner Awantipora for issuance of Notification under section II of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013.

Now, therefore, it is notified that for the above said project land measuring 03 kanal is required for the establishment of police post at Toll Plaza K.Koot Tehsil Awantipora. The description of the land is as under:-

S. No	Name of village	Survey No.	Type of Title	Type of Land	Area under Acquisition (in Acres)	Name and address of interested persons				Boundaries			
						N	S	E	W				
01	Chersoo	1598 min	Proprietary	Maidani, Gair Mumkin Kohal	05 marla								
02		1632 min	Proprietary	Abi Doum	01 marla 3 1/2 siraisai								
03		1634min	Proprietary	Abi Doum	01 kanal 06 siraisai								
04		1635 min	Proprietary	Abi Doum	06 marla 6 1/2 siraisai								
05		1637/min	Proprietary	Abi Doum	09 marla-02 siraisai								
				Total	02 Kanal 03 Marla								
01	K.Koot	26 min	proprietary	Abi Doum	02 marla-04 siraisai								
02		2185/27 min	Proprietary	Abi Doum/Abi Soum	14 marla- 05 siraisai								
Total					17 Marla								
Grand Total Land					03 kanal- (0.375 Acre)								

Trees	
Variety	Number
Variety	Nil

Structures	
Type	Plinth area
Nil	Nil

The notification is made under the provisions of Section-II (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No. 30/2013), to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of District Collector and Collector Land Acquisition/Additional Deputy Commissioner Awantipora on any working day during the working hours.

The Government is pleased to authorize Tehsildar/ Revenue staff, Indenting department, their consultant and their staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil and do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section 12 of the said Act.

Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e sale/ purchase, etc. or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filled by the person interested within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before the District Collector Pulwama.

SD/-

No: ADC/Awp/LA/21-22/620-27
Date. 25 /11/2021

Zaffar Husson Shawl (KAS)
Collector Land Acquisition
Additional Deputy Commissioner
Awantipora

DIPK-13651/21

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SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER LEFT RIVER WORKS DIVISION

Ph. No. 0194-2458118 Email: lnwsmc@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE INVITING E- TENDERS

NIET No: 39 e-Tendering/2021-22 Dated: 24-November-2021

For and on behalf of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors for the following work:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Est. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	Time of Completion in days/ Weeks	Class of Contract (Civil)	Head of Account/ Technical Sanction
1.	Construction of lane from H/O Mr. Zahoor Ahmad, Ajaz Ahmad and Others at Gousia Colony Yayil near Maple Grove School	Rs. 01.47/-	Rs. 200/-	07 Days Strictly	DEE	Internal Resource T.S No. 241 of 2021 Dated: 03-11-2021
2.	Upgradation of lane / drain at Pampori lane Karfall Mohalla at Syed Ali Akbar Ward 34	Rs. 05.91/-	Rs. 300/-	10 Days Strictly	CEE / DEE	CAPEX @ 20.00 Lacs 2021-22 T.S No. 267 of 2021 Dated: 24-11-2021

1. Other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

CRITICAL DATE SHEET

1.	Publish date	24-11-2021	01:00 PM
2.	Document download	24-11-2021	01:00 PM To 01-12-2021 04:00 PM
3.	Bid submission/uploading date	24-11-2021	10:00 PM To 01-12-2021 04:00 PM
4.	Bid Opening date	03-12-2021	11:00 AM
5.	Submission of hardcopy for bidder	02-12-2021	10.00 AM To 04.00 PM

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The L-1 contractor shall have to furnish the performance security @ 3% in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer LRWD SMC @ the value of contract valid till DLP before issuance of LOA. In case of L-1 failing to provide performance security @ 3% for the work within 7 days after being notified, his bid shall be cancelled and work shall be offered to L-2 for execution on L-1's rates at the discretion of the Executive Engineer got executed at their cost and responsibility of L1.

2. In Case of Holidays/office happens to be closed on the date of opening of bids, Bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

3. (a). The intending tenderer/bidder should attach sales tax clearance certificate with upto date validation without which no tenders/bids will be entertained.

4. The bid shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer LRWD, SMC at Old Funds office Building Karan Nagar near National School Municipal Park on 03-12-2021 11:00 AM.

5. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Demand Draft pledged in favour of Chief Accounts Officer SMC payable at Srinagar or Bank receipt of tender fee deposit in the Municipal Account No: 0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Balgarden. Scanned copy of the same with mention of NIET No. & Serial no. to be uploaded along with all other documents including Bid Security Declaration with validity not less than 180 days from the Bid due date.


6. The complete bidding process will be on line.



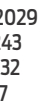

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Executive Engineer,
Left River Works Division,
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

DIPK-NB-5341/21

No.SMC/EELRWD/2850-2860 Dated: 24-11-2021.

	<p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAMMU & KASHMIR MILK PRODUCERS' CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Milk Plant Cheshmashahi Srinagar (H.O), Milk Plant Satwari Jammu (B.O)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Telefax: - 0194-2501786, 0191-2450716 Website: www.jkmpcl.com</p>
	<div style="text-align: center; border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">REVISED NOTICE OF ELECTION</h2> </div> <p>In supersession of the previous election notice issued on 25-Nov-2021 with reference to CEO, JKMPCL letter no JKMPCL/Election/2021/1105 dated 26th Nov 2021, a revised notice is given for the election of Board of Directors of Jammu & Kashmir Milk Producers' Cooperative Limited, Cheshmashahi Srinagar, as per following schedule: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The electoral rolls for Jammu and Kashmir divisions will be examined between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM in the office of Returning Officer at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar from 27th November 2021 to 11th December 2021. 2) Any objection to the entries in the electoral rolls may be made between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM from 12th to 14th December 2021 for Jammu and Kashmir divisions in the office of Returning Officer at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar. 3) The objections, if any, to the entries made in the electoral rolls shall be considered during office hours on 15th December 2021 in the office of Returning Officer at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar for Jammu and Kashmir divisions. 4) Nomination papers will be issued by Returning Officer and filed between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM by a member of the society to the Returning Officer at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar from 16th to 19th December 2021 (Kashmir division) and at Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu from 1st January 2022 to 4th January 2022 (Jammu division). 5) The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny by the Returning Officer between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM on 20th December 2021 at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar for Kashmir division and on 5th January 2022 at Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu for Jammu division. 6) Notice of withdrawal of candidature may be delivered between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM by a candidate to the Returning Officer at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar from 21st to 22nd December 2021 for Kashmir division and at Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu on 6th January 2022 to 7th January 2022 for Jammu division. 7) The date of election will be 28th December 2021 between 08:00 AM to 05:00 PM at Milk Plant, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar for Kashmir division and 8th January 2022 at Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu for Jammu division. <p>Place: - Srinagar Date: - 27th November 2021</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Mushtaq Ahmad Malik Returning Officer, JKMPCL (Deputy Registrar - HQ Cooperative Societies)</p> </div>

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<h2>HIGHWAY STATUS</h2> <p>Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open) Mughal Road - (Open) Srinagar- Leh- (Closed)</p>	

- 1912 - Spanish protectorate in Morocco forms
- 1914 - 1st British woman elected political ally (Grantham, Lincolnshire)
- 1919 - Peace of Neuilly-sur-Seine: Allies & Bulgaria
- 1941 - British 13th Army Corps reaches Tobruk
- 1942 - Tito appoints Anti-fascist Liberation board in Yugoslavia
- 1951 - Cease-fire & demarcation zone accord signed in Panmunjon, Korea
- 1971 - Soviet Mars 2 becomes 1st spacecraft to crash land on Mars
- 1973 - US Senate votes 92-3 to confirm Gerald Ford as Vice President
- 1973 - US President Richard Nixon signs the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act, authorizing petroleum price, production, allocation and marketing controls
- 1979 - 1st day-night one-day cricket international, Australia v WI at SCG
- 1980 - Soyuz T-3 carries 3 cosmonauts to Salyut 6 space station, launched
- 1982 - Yasuhiro Nakasone elected Prime Minister of Japan succeeding Zenko Suzuki
- 1982 - Davis Cup, Grenoble, France: US takes unassailable, 3-0 lead over France as John
- 1983 - Colombian jetliner Boeing 747 crashes in Madrid killing 181
- 1985 - Republic of Ireland gains consultative role in Northern Ireland
- 1989 - Colombian jetliner bombed killing 107
- 1991 - Undertaker beats Hulk Hogan to become new WWF champ
- 1993 - India defeat West Indies in Bengal Jubilee Cricket Final, Kumble 6-12
- 1994 - Julio Maria Sanguinetti elected president of Uruguay
- 1999 - New Zealand's Labour Party defeats the National-led government after 9 years in power, Helen Clark becomes the first elected female Prime Minister in New Zealand's history
- 2001 - A hydrogen atmosphere is discovered on the extrasolar planet Osiris by the Hubble Space Telescope, the first atmosphere detected on an extrasolar planet.
- 2004 - New Zealand's All Blacks thump Six Nations Rugby Union Champions France 45-6 in Paris
- 2005 - First partial human face transplant is completed for Isabelle Dinoire in Amiens, France.
- 2005 - President El Hadj Omar Bongo Ondimba of Gabon, in power since 1967 and the longest-serving head of state in the world, is re-elected to his third consecutive seven-year term
- 2006 - The Canadian House of Commons endorses Prime Minister Stephen Harper's motion to declare Québecois a nation within a unified Canada.
- 2011 - Roger Federer claims a record 6th ATP World Tour Finals tennis title with a 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 win over Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the final in London, England
- 2012 - 29 people are killed and 126 are wounded by 8 car bombings across Iraq
- 2013 - Greece becomes the first developed market to be demoted into an emerging market by the MSCI index
- 2014 - Cricketer Phillip Hughes dies two days after being struck on the head by a bouncer

Mirwaiz's quit notice to India, Pak stirs debate

Observer News Service

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will not offer any comment on reports that a senior member of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) had asked India and Pakistan to end the occupation of Kashmir and reunite the disputed territory, a senior Foreign Ministry official said on Monday.

The official was asked to comment on remarks by APHC leader Mirwaiz Omar Farooq whose interview was carried by a foreign news agency on Monday, quoting him as saying that Pakistan's occupation of one-third of Kashmir was also illegal and must be discussed in peace talks. The official said he would not comment on the interview, apparently on the grounds that it might or might not be as accurate as reported. But he seemed to be willing once the situation would be clear.

The official was also cautious because in the past, certain statements attributed to individuals by wire agencies or newspaper staffers on which different government officials had given comments, were contradicted the next day.

Diplomatic circles, however, received the contents of the interview with surprise and while some thought that Omar Farooq might have said what was reported, others disputed it, 'arguing that he could not possibly have said that

Some local leaders, belonging to various Kashmiri groups, also chose to wait rather than jump to any conclusions. The Kashmiri leaders are due to resume their unfinished meeting on Wednesday to further discuss India's ceasefire offer. The last meeting had remained inconclusive although the cease-fire offer was described as a positive step.

An Associated Press (AP) report had quoted the Mirwaiz, Maulvi Umar Farooq having said in an interview on Monday "India and Pakistan should both end their forced occupation of Kashmir and reunite the disputed valley."

Mirwaiz Maulvi Umar Farooq, Kashmir's highest Islamic leader and one of the key decision-makers of the APHC, said his group welcomed Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's offer for talks and said it was waiting for New Delhi to formally invite them.

Vajpayee announced on November 19 that the Indian army would cease military action in occupied Kashmir during Ramadan, except in cases of self-defence. Indian officials say they, in turn, are waiting for the separatists to approach them for talks aimed at ending the 11-year violence.

Mirwaiz said that Pakistan's occupation of one-third of Kashmir was also illegal and must be discussed in peace talks.

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9-Month Limit On Covid Vaccine Validity For Travel To Europe In New Rules



Bloomberg

The European Union is recommending a 9-month time limit for the validity of Covid-19 vaccinations for travel into and within the bloc and also is proposing to prioritize vaccinated travelers.

The European Commission is proposing that member states should continue welcoming all travelers inoculated with shots approved by the bloc, according to a document seen by Bloomberg. It also called for countries to reopen as of Jan. 10 to all those who have used vaccines approved by the World Health Organization.

EU Justice Commissioner Didier Reynders announced on Thursday a new internal EU travel framework based more on individuals' vaccination or recovery status than on caseloads in the countries they're coming from. A separate announcement on the external travel rules is scheduled for later Thursday.

The proposed updates introduce the new time limit for the validity of Covid inoculations, making clear that boosters will be needed beyond the 9-month period. But the EU said it wasn't ready to propose a validity period for certificates issued based on booster shots.

The commission is also proposing to extend its rules on the EU digital certificate beyond next summer, Reynders said.

EU governments are pushing for the bloc to smooth out differences in rules to help safeguard the ability to travel after governments have employed contrasting approaches to how long vaccinations should last and how to manage booster shots. The commission offers recommendations that could be implemented by member nations.

Shares of European airlines gained, offsetting November's 8.2 per cent decline in the Bloomberg EMEA Airlines Index through Wednesday. Ryanair Holdings Plc, Europe's biggest low-cost carrier, was up 1.1 per cent, while British rival EasyJet Plc, Franco-Dutch flag carrier Air France-KLM and Deutsche Lufthansa AG also traded higher.

Countries across the EU are scrambling to counter the pandemic's fourth wave with varying degrees of restrictions, against a backdrop of uneven vaccination rates. Germany is considering compulsory shots for some vulnerable groups, Italy has imposed limits for unvaccinated people, and Denmark is considering mandating face masks in public transport. Austria has restricted leisure travel as part of a three-week lockdown.

Hazara Elders Pledge Support For Taliban Rulers



Agencies

KABUL: More than 1,000 Shia Hazaras pledged their support on Thursday to Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, saying that the "dark period" of previous Western-backed governments had ended with the return of the Islamists.

Afghanistan's Hazaras have been persecuted by Islamists for a long time, but on Thursday community elders gathered in Kabul alongside Taliban leaders in a show of support.

Senior Hazara leader and former lawmaker Jafar Mahdawi, who organised the gathering, said the previous government of president Ashraf Ghani was the "darkest point" in the history of Afghanistan. "Afghanistan had no independence and (foreign) embassies ruled every aspect of the government," he said. "Thank God, we have now passed this dark period."

Since the Taliban seized power in August, the new rulers have put an end to the war, stopped corruption

and increased security, Mahdawi said. But he called for a more inclusive government from the Taliban and urged the new rulers to reopen schools for girls.

"In the coming weeks or months we hope to witness an inclusive government that has representatives of all people," Mahdawi said.

The current government, which the Taliban say is an interim one, is made up almost entirely of the group's Pashtun stalwarts and does not include any woman.

Taliban leader and spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told the gathering that rebuilding the country was a priority.

"Our jihad against the foreign invaders has ended and now we will start jihad for building the country," he said.

Senior Hazara cleric Ayatollah Waezzada Behsudi called for reconciliation between all the ethnic groups of the country.

"Let's forgive each other... If the current government wants to be sustainable, it must have support from all the people," he said.



South Africa Detects New Covid Variant With 10 Mutations

Agencies

Scientists in South Africa said Thursday they had detected a new Covid-19 variant with as many as 10 mutations, blaming it for a surge in infection numbers.

The number of daily infections in Africa's hardest-hit country has increased tenfold since the start of the month.

"Unfortunately we have detected a new variant which is a reason for concern in South Africa," virologist Tulio de Oliveira told a hastily-called news conference.

The variant, which goes by the scientific lineage number B.1.1.529, "has a very high number of mutations," he said, expressing hope that the World Health Organization will give it a Greek name on Friday.

"It's unfortunately causing a resurgence of infections," he said.

The variant has also been detected in Botswana and Hong Kong among travellers from South Africa, he added.

The WHO said it is "closely monitoring" the reported variant and is expected to convene a technical meeting on Friday to determine if it should be designated a variant of "interest" or of "concern."

"Early analysis shows that this variant has a large number of mutations that require and will undergo further study," the WHO added.

'A major threat'

South African Health Minister Joe Phaahla said the variant was of

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"serious concern" and behind an "exponential" increase in reported cases, making it "a major threat".

The country's daily number of infections hit 1,200 on Wednesday, up from 106 earlier in the month.

Before the detection of the new variant, authorities had predicted a fourth wave to hit South Africa starting around the middle of December, buoyed by travel ahead of the festive season.

The government-run National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) said 22 positive cases of the B.1.1.529 variant have been recorded in the country following genomic sequencing.

The NICD said the number of detected cases and the percentage testing positive are "increasing quickly" in three of the country's provinces including Gauteng, home to the economic Johannesburg and the capital Pretoria.

A cluster outbreak was recently identified, concentrated at a higher education institute in Pretoria, the NICD added.

Last year South Africa also detected the Beta variant of the virus, although until now its infection numbers have been driven by the Delta variant, which was originally detected in India.

The country has the highest pandemic numbers in Africa with around 2.95 million cases, of which 89,657 have been fatal.

Ten mutations

Scientists said the new B.1.1.529 variant has at least 10 mutations, compared to two for Delta or three for Beta.

"What gives us some concerns (is) that this variant might not just have enhanced transmissibility, so spreads more efficiently, but might also be able to get around parts of the immune system and the protection we have in our immune system," said

The coming days and weeks will be key to determine the severity of the variant, Lessells said.

Neutralising the variant is "complicated by the number of mutations this variant" contains, said one of the scientists Penny Moore.

"This variant contains many mutations that we are not familiar with," she added.

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said it will soon meet South African experts to discuss the variant.

"There are so many variants out there but some of them are of no consequence on the trajectory of the epidemic," Africa CDC head John Nkengasong told a news conference on Thursday.

After a rather slow start to South Africa's vaccination campaign, around 41% of adults have received at least a single dose, while 35% are fully vaccinated. Those numbers are far above the continental average of 6.6% vaccinated.

How Worrying Is The New Virus Variant That's Rocking Markets

Bloomberg

A new variant of the coronavirus -- called B.1.1.529 -- has been identified in South Africa, with officials there saying it's of concern. Fears a new strain could fuel outbreaks in many countries, straining health systems, potentially evading vaccines and complicating efforts to reopen economies and borders, sent a wave of risk aversion across global markets Friday.

Here's what we know so far:

What's different about this variant?

Scientists say B.1.1.529 carries a high number of mutations in its spike protein, which plays a key role in the virus' entry into cells in the body. It's also what is targeted by vaccines. Researchers are still trying to determine whether it is more transmissible or

more lethal than previous ones.

Where did it come from?

There's only speculation so far. One scientist at the UCL Genetics Institute in London said it likely evolved during a chronic infection of an immuno-compromised person,

possibly in an untreated HIV/AIDS patient. South Africa has 8.2 million people infected with HIV, the most in the world. The beta variant, a mutation identified last year in South Africa, also may have come from an HIV-infected person.



Travellers From India To Get Direct Saudi Entry As Covid Curbs Eased: Report



Agencies

CAIRO: Saudi Arabia will allow direct entry to travellers from Indonesia, Pakistan, Brazil, Vietnam, Egypt and India from December 1, lifting a requirement that they first spend two

weeks outside the six countries, state news agency SPA said on Thursday.

Citing an interior ministry official, the agency said travellers would have to quarantine for five days in government-approved accommodation after

Furious France Scraps UK Migrant Talks After 'Unacceptable' Letter

Agencies

PARIS: France on Friday scrapped planned talks with the UK about migrant crossings after an "unacceptable" letter from British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, pushing relations to new lows after 27 people died in the Channel.

The anger in Paris was sparked by Johnson's decision to send a letter to French president Emmanuel Macron on Thursday evening proposing ways to stop migrants crossing from France to Britain, then publishing it in full on his Twitter account.

"I am surprised by methods when they are not serious. One leader does not communicate with another on these questions on Twitter, by public letter ... No, No," Macron told a press conference in Rome.

Relations between the two neighbors were already seen as their most tense in decades following a series of disputes over Brexit, but the personal criticism of Johnson represents a further turn for the worse.

Analysts say the lack of trust and goodwill will make it more difficult to mount a coordinated response to the growing numbers of people seeking to cross the narrow but treacherous waterway separating the countries.

French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin canceled planned talks with his British counterpart Priti Patel, informing her that she was no longer invited to talks at the weekend with other European ministers.

In a message seen by AFP, Darmanin told Patel the letter was a "disappointment" and "making it public made it



even worse. I therefore need to cancel our meeting in Calais on Sunday."

"We consider the British Prime Minister's public letter to be unacceptable and contrary to the discussions we had with our counterparts," added a French source close to Darmanin said, asking not to be named.

Johnson wrote that he had "long been profoundly concerned" about a tragedy in the Channel and "such a catastrophe has now happened" following an accident on Wednesday that saw 27 people drown when their inflatable boat sank.

As well as reiterating a request to send British security forces to France for joint patrols -- a sensitive issue for Macron -- he also asked France to immediately start taking back all migrants who land in England.

Speaking to the BFM TV channel, government spokesman Gabriel Attal called the letter "threadbare in its substance and completely inappropriate in its form."

The idea of sending back migrants to France "is obviously not what we need to resolve this problem," he added.

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Afghan Girl From Famous Cover Portrait Is Evacuated To Italy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

National Geographic magazine's famed green-eyed Afghan Girl has arrived in Italy as part of the West's evacuation of Afghans following the Taliban takeover of the country, the Italian government said Thursday.

The office of Premier Mario Draghi said Italy organised the evacuation of Sharbat Gulla after she asked to be helped to leave the country. The Italian government will now help to get her integrated into life in Italy, the statement said.

Gulla gained international fame in 1984 as an Afghan refugee girl, after war photographer Steve McCurry's photograph of her, with piercing green eyes, was published on the cover of National Geographic. McCurry found her again in 2002.

In 2014, she surfaced in Pakistan



but went into hiding when authorities accused her of buying a fake Pakistani identity card and ordered her deported. She was flown to Kabul where the president hosted a reception for her at the presidential palace and handed her keys to a new apartment.

Italy was one of several Western countries that airlifted hundreds of Afghans out of the country following the departure of US forces and the Taliban takeover in August.

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Condolence Message



(Inna lillahi wainna ilaihi rajiun).

Royal Springs Golf Course Employees Welfare Union, Srinagar express heartfelt condolence on the demise of Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Beigh S/o Khazir Mohammad Beigh R/o Manzgam Braine Srinagar one of the Employee of RSGC who passed away on 26-11-2021.

We pray the Almighty Allah to shower all the blessings to the departed soul and courage to the grief-stricken to bear this irreparable loss.

Aamin....

Sd/-President
Employees Welfare Union
Royal Springs Golf Course

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,
DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR**
Email: directoroftourismkman@gmail.com/Tel/Fax: 0914-2502279/2502281

Subject: Out-sourcing of Operation Management of Entry Ticketing and Q2 No. Huts including annual maintenance and upkeep of landscape at Eco Park at Khadriyar, Baramulla.

Abbreviated Open Auction Notice

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, open auction for Operation Management of (a) Entry ticketing to park (b) Q2 No. Huts & (c) annual maintenance and upkeep of landscape at Eco Park at Khadriyar, Baramulla on license basis, through open auction, for a period of 05-years, shall be held on 04.12.2021 at 2.00 P.M. at TRC Srinagar by the Out-sourcing Committee under the Chairmanship of Director Tourism Kashmir only. Reliable/Resourceful and experienced agencies/persons, shall be eligible to participate in the open bidding process.

The bid document containing general terms, conditions and activities to be undertaken including BOD for maintenance and upkeep of the landscape can be had from the office of the Dy. Director Tourism, Estates, Tourist Reception Centre, Srinagar against a cash payment of Rs. 500/- during the office hours from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. w.e.f. 26.11.2021 to 02.12.09.2021. The tender documents complete in all respects shall be received in this office by or before 03.12.2021 upto 3.00 p.m.

Terms and conditions.

- The minimum reserve bid has been fixed as Rs.8,00,000/- (Rupees nine lacs, only) per year with escalation of 10% for each successive year. However the interested parties/persons should visit & inspect the asset before participating in the bidding process. The physical position of the asset shall be "as is where is" basis. As such no claim of any deficiency in the asset or repairment would be entertained during/after bidding process.
- The period of outsourcing shall be on license basis for 05-years from the date of issuance of the formal allotment letter.
- Eligible/authorized persons shall be allowed to participate in the open bidding only on production of CDR, amounting to Rs.1,00,000/- pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir. No cash in lieu of CDR shall be accepted.
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit 20% of the bid amount for 1st year on spot at the culmination of the bidding process in the shape of cash and the balance amount of the approved bid to be deposited within 07-days.
- The successful bidder shall be required to deposit bid amount in full for the 1st year within a period of seven (07) days after completion of bidding process. In case the successful bidder fails to make payments, the 2nd highest bidder shall be offered to deposit the highest bid amount on the same conditions of payment. However, the outsourcing committee shall have sole discretion for any final decision.
- In case the date of sale of documents or open auction happens to be an off day, the process shall be resumed on the next working day.
- The contract shall be awarded for one year in the first instance. The renewal of the contract for each successive year shall be subject to depositing of rentals for the each year including 10% compound escalation, within 07-days from the date of completion of each year satisfactorily.
- In case the successful bidder fails to complete the term of contract, or leaves the contract halfway or the contract is cancelled due to any disqualifications, the CDR shall be forfeited.
- The Out-sourcing Committee reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.
- The successful bidder shall have to charge rates for entry ticketing as per approval of the Department from time to time. Also the electric/water supply charges shall be payable by the outsourcee.
- The applicant/bidder should not be an employee in any Govt. Deptt. or a Public Sector undertaking.
- The successful bidder shall have to insure the property within 10 days after issuance of allotment letter.

Sd/-
Dy. Director Tourism,
Estates.

No: Estate/13-C/DT/K/455
Dated:- 25.11.2021

DIPK-13601/21

NMA Prods UNESCO to Add 4 Hindu, Buddhist Sites of Kashmir in World Heritage List



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The National Monuments Authority (NMA) has conducted a detailed survey of important Hindu and Buddhist Monument sites of Kashmir Valley.

The survey was carried out by Chairman NMA, Tarun Vijay along with the officials of Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chairman did an extensive tour of the Hindu and Buddhist temples and monument sites like Rainawari, Martand Temple, Awantipora, Harvan Buddhist site, Parihaspura, Pattan, the Naranag group of temples and other sites in Srinagar including Shri Pratap Singh Museum.

During the survey, Vijay said, this first of its kind exercise in Kashmir valley is result of Prime Minister's vision to revive and restore the cultural glory of J&K while promoting the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. He also observed that immediate steps need to be taken to conserve and preserve these monuments.

While highlighting about the presence of several heritage sites across Jammu and Kashmir, the chairman said that NMA is preparing a well-crafted plan to achieve UNESCO world heritage site status for several monuments here.

"Martand, Parihaspora, Naranag and Harwan are among the major sites which deserve the status of

UNESCO World Heritage sites."

"Jammu and Kashmir is sitting on a treasure of world class heritage sites and the NMA will work hand in hand with J&K Government and ASI to ensure that these sites are taken up in tentative list of World Heritage sites and consequently into UNESCO list of the World Heritage sites," NMA Chairman observed.

Vijay also appreciated the efforts of Lieutenant Governor, Sh. Manoj Sinha, who has infused new enthusiasm among officers to protect heritage and has started a new campaign for the protection of cultural heritage in Jammu and Kashmir.

Vijay also complimented the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Aijaz Assad for initiating the renovation process of Vicharnag Temple.

He also applauded the efforts of central and local officers who have worked hard in spite of several challenges. He added that special certificates of honour will be given to them for their dedicated services in preserving these rich cultural treasures.

Vijay said that more than 19 cases of encroachment and violation of law have been registered by ASI against the encroachers in Naranag only.

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DARK TIMES: Power Cuts Getting Worse in Kashmir This Winter

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Amidst of the shivering winter, every village and city is enveloped in darkness as frequent power cuts are causing widespread grief among the people despite the claims of additional electricity supply by the power department.

The deteriorating power situation in south and north and central Kashmir, as well as in other remote villages, has left people distraught. Consumers said that with the onset of autumn, the power situation has taken a turn for the worse and students are facing the biggest problems due to repeated power cuts as their exams are going these days.

Even though they are paying electricity fees regularly, the situation is not changing and the locals are anguished. People claimed that power employees only appear at the time of collection of fees and later disappear as there is no schedule of electricity in the valley.

Consumers said that power schedules are secretly changed overnight and although loud claims are made in local dailies but not implemented on the ground with frequent unavailability of power supply.

They have come to the conclusion that it would be bet-

Land Acquisition For Construction Of Alesteng Transmission Line Started

KO News Service

SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner, (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad chaired a meeting here today to review the progress of land acquisition and construction of 220KV D/C Alesteng Transmission line.

The meeting held detailed discussion with regard to process of land acquisition and construction of 220kv D/C Zainakote - Alesteng Transmission line, besides location wise/tower wise list of pending land acquisition cases and commissioning of vital 220/33 KV-60, MGVS Harwan.

On the occasion, the DC directed the officers to sort out the remaining issues of land acquisition within a week's time.

Among others the meeting was attended by Superintendent Engineer, Transmission JK-PTCL, Collector PDD, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, and concerned Tehsildars.

ter if there was no electricity. They added that despite sit-ins

and protests, the officials of the department were not being affected and the problems of the consumers were increasing day by day. Similar situation were witnessed in North Kashmir: Karnah, Tangdhar, Machel, Sogam, Kupwara, Lolab, Trehgam, Lalpora, Handwara, Ramhal, Rajwar, Chak, Wadipora, Vader Bala, Wader Payeen, Sonmarg, Khani, Kakrota, Darshpura, Qaziabad, Rafiabad, Baramulla, Sopore, Uri, Pattan and other areas also have no power supply in the evening.

In this situation, the public has expressed outrage against the power department and asked the government that with the onset of winter, the government and bureaucrats are camping in Jammu and the people of the valley are left stranded.

Consumers added that despite the meters being installed, there was a promise that there would be no unnecessary cuts in power supply and consumers would be provided 24 hours power

but promise also proved to be a mirage on the ground. (CNS)

Hoteliers Seek Extension Of Land Lease Agreement

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Hoteliers Club (J&KHC) on Friday urged the government to extend the land lease agreement of the hoteliers at Gulmarg, Pahalgam and Srinagar which is witnessing an overwhelming influx of tourists in the upcoming winter.

In an executive committee meeting held on Friday here at Hotel Sarovar Portico, Chairman J&K Hoteliers Club Mushtaq A Chaya said Kashmir, especially Gulmarg is receiving huge bookings of the travellers for Christmas, New Year and winter season which has raised the hopes of the travel industry.

Chaya said Government's successful promotional campaigns outside Jammu and Kashmir are bearing fruit however due to the non-extension of the land lease agreements, the hoteliers at Gulmarg, Pahalgam, and Srinagar are facing a lot of problems.

"We urge LG administration to extend the lease to the hoteliers at these prime tourist resorts so that they can pay full attention to the promotion of the sector," said Chaya.

He said hoteliers are at the forefront of tourism promotional campaigns which helps attract travellers in large numbers.

"The investment of the hoteliers is not only attracting travellers here but also helps various other economic sectors," said Chaya.

During the meeting, the hoteliers demanded amnesty in the power tariff to the hotels so that the amount can be utilised in upgrading services and promotional activities.

"Tourism industry was also given industrial status but the power tariff is not charged at par with the industrial sector. We are hopeful that the government would charge hoteliers for various facilities as per the tariff applicable to the industrial sector."

On the occasion, Secretary-General J&KHC Tariq Rashid Ghani informed the members that Secretary Tourism Sarfraz Hafeez has assured them that the renewal of hotel registrations would be completed on priority.

Most of the members of the Club drawn from various destination chapters turned up for the meeting.

On the occasion, the Hoteliers Club appointed veteran hotelier Narinder Singh as Chief Patron and also felicitated newly elected presidents of Sonmarg Chapter Farooq Hafiz and Gulmarg Chapter Mukhtar Ahmad.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AGRICULTURE OFFICER DISTRICT SRINAGAR

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Application on plain paper are invited from the unemployed youth of District Srinagar who aspire to grow as Village entrepreneurs and are interested in crop specific sustainable soil Health Management and judicious use of Fertilizers by establishing Village Soil Testing Laboratory (VSTL) under "Soil Health Management" (SHM) of Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) during 2021-22. The applications along with all the requisite documents should reach to the office of District Agriculture Officer (Extension) Srinagar within Ten days (10) from the date of publication of this notice in the local News Papers.

S.No	Particulars	Project Cost	Pattern of Assistance	Location where unit to be established
01.	Establishment of Soil Testing Lab at Village Level	5.00 Lacs	The Financial assistance @ 75% of the total cost of the project shall be admissible at one time subsidy. 25% shall be borne by beneficiary himself/herself	Any Village in District Srinagar

ELIGIBILITY/TERMS & CONDITIONS:-

- The applicant should be the resident of District Srinagar.
- The applicant should fall within the age group of 18-45 years of age, especially from Saansad Adarsh Yojana (SAGY) villages.
- The applicant must be qualified at least 2nd division (50% & above) in Matric and should have knowledge of Computer.
- The applicant should not be employed with any Government/Semi Govt/PSU's.
- The applicant should have his/her own building space for setting up Village Level Soil Testing Lab or rental building space having feasibility of electricity and water supply with lease agreement for at least four years duly authorized by 1st class Magistrate.
- The beneficiary has to submit a bond for running the lab for at least 2 cycles i.e. at least 4 years.
- The unit shall be maintained and upgraded with latest Lab Equipment's from time to time.
- Applicants found ineligible as per guidelines of the scheme shall not be considered for draw of lots.
- All other operational/monitoring regulations/guidelines as well as other codal formalities as specified in the scheme shall be applicable.

Checklist of documents to be submitted with application form

- Self attested photocopy of DOB proof and domicile certificate.
- Attested copy of qualification certificate, PAN card, Aadhaar Card & Bank Pass Book.
- Two recent passport size photographs.
- Computer knowledge certificate from a recognized institute.
- Un Employed certificate from the District Employment Exchange.

MODE OF SELECTION

The application received within the due date shall be scrutinized as per the NMSA guidelines by the DLEC (District Level Executive Committee), in case the number of applications exceeds the number of allotted physical target, shall be made through draw of lots in presence of applicants who wish to be present on the date to be communicated latter on by District Level Executive Committee in the Office Chamber of undersigned.

Chief Agriculture Officer
District Srinagar

DIPK-13569/21

ISSUED THROUGH: INFORMATION & PUBLICATIONS, DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE KMR.

After 9 Years Bandipora Court Convicts 7 Accused In Murder Case

Agencies

BANDIPORA: A local court here in Bandipora has directed authorities to release six under trial murder accused men as they have already spent the desired time in the jail since 2012. The seventh man who is also the main accused, languishing in District Jail Baramulla shall have to spend one and a half month more in prison.

Police had arrested seven persons in connection with the murder of a man Niagar Sidiq Dar, a resident of Laharwalpora village of North Kashmir's Bandipora district in 2012.

Nigar was killed after a feud between villagers from Chringpora and Laharwalpora over the sand extraction issue.

Shortly after the murder and subsequent investigation, police had arrested seven persons including the main accused Ghulam Hasan Dar.

The court of Principal District and Sessions judge Bandipora in its judgment maintained that six out of seven accused should be set free as they have already spent the desired time in the jail while the main accused should be set free after one and a half month.

All the seven accused were behind bars since 2012, however, the main accused was on bail for over 2 months in 2016.

One of the lawyers present in the court said that in actual terms, the court convicted all the 7 accused for a period of 9 years and since they have already spent the required time in the jail they will be set free while the main accused has still to serve over a month in the jail. (KNT)

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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Assistant Storekeeper(R.No 5461)
S/O: Ghulam Nabi Dar,
R/O: Samboora Pampore ,
District Pulwama-192121,

Subject: Un-authorized absence and absconding from duties Show-cause notice thereof.

Whereas, you were placed under suspension vide this Office No.:FCS&CA/Pul/Adm/21/ 6817-21 Dated 27-10-2021 for gross misconduct with the direction to report this Office.

Whereas, as a consequence of your not reporting the Office, a show cause notice was served upon you vide this office No captioned in reference FCS&CA/Pul/21/Adm/6837-39 Dated 30-10-2021 and the same was pasted at the door of your house by TSO Kakpora in presence of Lambardar/ Chowkidar; and

Whereas, you briefly appeared in the office of undersigned on 6th of November and thereafter you are continuously absent from the duties ; and

Whereas, remaining un-authorizedly/continuously absent from legitimate duties by a Government Employee attracts action in terms of Article 128 of J&K Civil Services Rules (Volume I) of 1956 .

Now through the medium of this notice you are provided an opportunity to be heard and to present yourself before this Office along with statement of defense within a period of Seven (07) days from the date of this Show Cause Notice failing which action as warranted under rules hall be initiated against you.

No.:FCS&CA/Pul/Adm/21/7040-41
Dated: 25/11/2021
DIPK-13644/21

Sd/
Assistant Director,
Food, Civil Supplies and
Consumer Affairs Department Pulwama.

Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE DIVISION CHADOORA

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e-NIT NO:-53/PHEDC of 11/2021 (2021-2022)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, Executive Engineer PHE Division Chadoora invites tenders by e-tendering mode in **single cover system** from Contractors/firms/ approved/registered with J&K UT PWD/MES/Railways for the works detailed below.

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Demand Draft as Challan	Time of completion	Head of Account	Class of Contractor
01	Stablization of pipe network by way of restoration of water supply, P/F of 100mm dia MS flanges at damaged portion of 100mm dia supply main WSS Nilnag Hafroo JKIDFC	Rs.1.06 lacs	Rs.2120/-	Rs.100/-	05Days	JKIDFC	"DEE"

Position of Funds:- Available
The bidding document can be downloaded from the website jktenders.gov.in where in all the terms and conditions are highlighted in details.

Important Dates.
Date of Publishing 25-11-2021
Date of downloading the bidding documents. 25-11-2021 to 30-11-2021 upto 2:00 P.M
Date of submission of bid online 25-11-2021 to 30-11-2021 upto 4:00 P.M
Date of opening 02-12-2021 11:00 AM

No:-PHEDC/5586-5601
Dated:- 25-11-2021

General terms and conditions:-
1. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website jktenders.gov.in from:-25/11/2021 to 30/11/2021 up to 1600 hrs. The Bids will be opened on 02/12/2021 at 11:00 AM. Online documents can be seen and downloaded from the website.
a) The complete bidding process will be online.
b) Technical bids of bidder shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Division Chadoora.

Sd/-
(Er.Najeeb A Trambo) Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti PHE Division Chadoora.

No:-PHEDC/5586-5601
Dated:- 25-11-2021.
DIPK-13646/21

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Notice for Type Test (Skill Test) Final Phase

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

- In continuation to this office notice no SSB/COE/2021/6971-82 dated 12-10-2021 the TYPE-TEST (Skill Test) of Phase 04th Kashmir Based candidates on Computer Key Board who have applied for the posts of Junior Assistant, Cadrex Clerk, Cashier, Jr Assistant /Computer-cum-Jr Assistant/ Clerk/Store Attendant and Welfare Organizer, UT Cadre, Divisional Cadres and various Districts, Advertisement Notification Nos 04, 05, 06 and 07 of 2020 and 01, 02 and 03 of 2021 shall be conducted w.e.f. 01st December, 2021 onwards at NIELIT (formerly DOEACC), Old Airport Road, Rangreth, Budgam as per the candidates / items schedule annexed at Annexure "A" of this notice. This notification along with detailed list of candidates called for TYPE-TEST (Skill Test) in Phase 04th shown in annexure "A" is ALSO AVAILABLE on the official website of the Board, i.e. www.jkssb.nic.in
- Candidates who are scheduled in the said test are advised to download their Admit Cards from our official website of the Board i.e (www.jkssb.nic.in) from today i.e 25-11-2021 onwards.
- The candidates will not be permitted entry into Type test venue without the Admit Card and a valid photo identity which shows the photo clearly. Please again note that apart from Admit Card, the candidates shall be required to produce a photo identity card (Aadhar/Voter Identity Card / Driving License / Passport / Pan Card / Ration Card / Student Identity Card / Identity Card Issued by Competent Authority) as proof of your identity at the time of the exam.
- The candidates must note their admit Card will be checked at a registration counter at the Venue.
- Any candidate found guilty of impersonating or submitting fabricated / tampered documents / testimonials or making false, incorrect or suppressing material information shall render him / her liable to criminal prosecution under law and may be debarred permanently or for a specific period for consideration of any or all recruitments made by the Board. Also canvassing / lobbying in any form will entail disqualification of the candidate(s).
- A candidate who fails to appear in the test on the scheduled date & time, shall not be allowed to appear in the test for the mentioned notification on any subsequent date and shall be disqualified for any further consideration on this account.
- No supplementary type-test (of the candidates who happen to miss the type-test scheduled herein) shall be conducted by the Board on any ground whatsoever.
- Only those candidates who achieve an accuracy of typing of 90% or above and a type-speed of minimum 35 words per minute shall be considered qualified for second stage.
- No TA/DA shall be paid for participation in the interview.

Note:-

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

No. SSB/COE/2021/7968-79
Dated: 25-11-2021
DIPK-13648/21

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

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Twitter Talks

“India should strongly consider booster COVID vaccine doses for at least high risk groups, if possible to be made available. No fun in wasting near-expiry doses in private hospitals. @ICMRDELHI @MoHFW_INDIA” @parvaizkoul

“At a condolence gathering in Srinagar, a community hall full of men without masks on, including elderly people. Barely one percent had masks on. No social distancing. Women, in another hall downstairs: more than 90 per-cent had masks on, many of them using hand sanitisers. #MaskUp” @maqboolmajid

“u tell men about how u got sexually harassed and they'll talk about how a girl refused to split the bill once” @luna_del_reyyy

Islamophobia Is Not A ‘Phobia’

Islamophobia awareness month occurs every year. I didn't actually know that was a thing until last year, and then I forgot again, until this year. I suppose like all groups who face structural violence and hatred, Muslims have now been granted a month in which public bodies and liberals should affirm their sense that they care for marginalised people. I am certain that many confronted by "Islamophobia Awareness Month" feel sure they are aware of Islamophobia already though. Therefore it comes as a reminder to perhaps just vocalise (predominantly online) that one opposes Islamophobia because it is cruel, perpetuates stereotypes, and deserves denouncing anyway because it's that thing done by white working-classes and the Daily Mail (who we can all bond over denouncing!).

Whilst it is important to recognise the abusive Islamophobic rhetoric of the tabloid press and it is essential to pay more attention to verbal and physical harassment faced predominantly by Muslim women in public spaces; Islamophobia is so much more than such classist analyses allow for.

Whilst we do need to bring more attention to street harassment caused by Islamophobia – and I remain consistently antagonised by feminists who continue to be silent on the issue of gendered Islamophobic violence and assault – I believe we also need to understand such acts of violence as more than interpersonal prejudice. Reduction of Islamophobia to "phobia" and prejudice enables people to feel they have no connection to and are not invested in Islamophobia. It enables a false understanding of Islamophobia.

By calling Islamophobia structural what I mean is that it is a way of thinking and understanding that now formally informs the way public bodies, the mainstream media, and government act and treat Muslims. We have reached a stage where Muslims in total and Islam in itself are seen as threatening and potentially criminal in Britain. In academic terms this is called the "securitisation of Islam" – this refers to the way that countering terrorism has actually come to be about being suspicious of all Muslims due to understanding violence as something that any Muslim could potentially perpetrate. This is essential to understand.

The counter-terrorism strategy doesn't "counter" "terrorists". That's not my opinion, the proof is unavoidable; you will have noticed that since the beginning of the War on Terror both abroad and "at home", there has been no lack of violence. That's because counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation strategies do not actually deal with the cause of violence. The strategies assume that violence is, in the end, caused by the fact that someone is Muslim to start with. Therefore, anyone who is Muslim could be violent. Even if you believe that "terrorists" are only a "minority" of Muslims with a "warped" definition of Islam... you still justify suspicion and surveillance of all Muslims, since how else will you know which Muslims are the violent ones? Here you can see how all the current frameworks we use to understand violence reduce its cause to simply the initial fact of someone being Muslim.

That's why you get the situation where the more "Muslim" someone seems to "act" or visually appear, the greater inclination to violence we assume they have and the more suspicious of them we are. A man with visible traits that we associate with Islam who leaves his bag momentarily unattended on a train arouses much more suspicion and backlash than someone else. This is because him being/seeming Muslim is the actual crime, rather than leaving the luggage unattended. Whilst train tannoy's now tell you that "if you see something", you should "say something", I think we all know that there are some seen things worth saying something over, and others that we don't count as suspicious because of who is doing them...

I say all of this because it is only once we understand that being Muslim – exhibiting behaviour, practice or any visible trait associated with Islam – is worthy of making someone a target of suspicion; and that this suspicion is formally embedded in the way our government says it is trying to protect it's citizens from violence; is formally embedded in legislation; is formally enforced in councils, prisons, the NHS, schools and Universities who must report "suspicious" behaviours; is daily reproduced in the media's discussions of Muslims... it is only once we understand all of this, that we can begin to give right meaning to "Islamophobia". Islamophobia is not a "phobia", it is more than interpersonal prejudice. It is the formal, encoded and systematic understanding of Muslims as inherently criminal; the understanding that "Muslimness" is the cause of violence. This understanding means that the rights of Muslims can be eroded and violently violated way beyond the "yob" on the street that Islamophobia is so often scapegoated onto, and this can be done without much outcry from the general public.

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Rethinking Education

Our Education System, Right From The Beginning Fosters In Children The Spirit Of Competition And Pits Them Against Each Other As Academic Rivals. This Concept, Which Underlies The Foundation Of Our Entire Education System, Is Fallible And Deleterious On Many Accounts

File Photo Abid Bhat/KO

Amir Suhail Wani

“The failure of the education system” has now been an age-old dictum. From educationists to industrialists, the cry has been raised time and again that our educational curriculum is not catering to the real life demands and most of our students, even from well ranked institutions, aren't trained well enough to meet demands of the employers' market.

This concern isn't specific to technical education alone. Even in the social sciences, we don't fare well. All our modules of understanding and approaches of analysis in social sciences are either borrowed from Western academicians or somehow influenced by their verdict. It has been ages now that South East Asian Countries have been consumers, not only of Western technology, but their ideas and ideology too, having discovered itself in the slough of ideological stagnation. Talking of educational scenarios in SAARC will possibly throw us off the track and we will therefore concern ourselves here only with the educational scenario in India with special reference to Kashmir.

Let's begin from the beginning. What do mean when we say that our educational system has failed and what are the contours of this failure? Does it mean as some contest that education has failed to instill in us and inspire our highest moral and ethical ideals or does it peg around the failure of education to produce individuals of industrial, administrative, academic and social girt and merit. The first premise i.e. the failure of education to inspire ethics and morality of high order is both historical and contested and therefore doesn't interest us and the context we are talking about. What bothers us and therefore our society is that education doesn't seem to bring with it the freedom and independence it stands for and it guarantees by its intrinsic nature. But what is the nature of this freedom and independence? The independence referred to, encompasses in its fold the ideological and economic primarily, and also an ability

WHAT IS DESIRABLE IS TO DEVELOP CUSTOMIZED and student specific test strategies and methodologies. This is possible only with the deep involvement of the teacher with the class, who can then go for student specific evaluation strategies. These aren't utopian goals but are realisable. It will not only bring the best out of students but will also augment their interest, channelize their abilities and turn them into individuals with sufficient academic resources at their disposal to improve not only their own lives, but the structure of society at large

to counter and mitigate the challenges that life is open to with emancipated and thoroughly trained mind. But what do we discover instead that now a large band of our educated youth fail to secure the basic livelihood, they fail to attend even their minimal needs and this, most of the time lends them to psychological misadventures of all sorts, turning their life into living hell. What is emphasised here isn't the failure of youth in securing their economic independence (Though that is important too) but their utter failure to handle the resulting crisis and to yield to situations as if wet clay in the hands of porter. What should surprise us is that if our education system doesn't prepare and train us to handle these slight ups and downs in our lives, how shall it be expected to produce men of versatility who can steer nation and civilization to newer ideological and material heights. What is more ironical is that sometimes students commit suicide out of their academic pressure, which they find beyond their tolerance band. What an irony does it constitute that education that has often been equated to life and light shall sharpen the depressive and suicidal tendencies in students.

It is in an attempt to understand this irony that we shall explore the premises which underlie our educational superstructure through a comparison of it with the educational system of Finland. "Why Finland?", one might ask. Finland is dominantly considered a benchmark for education and this claim is also augmented by its promising high PISA (The Program for International Student Assessment) rankings. However, in this comparative en-

deavour, we need to be very clear about one thing. Firstly, the comparison doesn't imply that what works for Finland will work for us too, nor does it mean that we ignore the economic/logistic disparities between Finland and ours and expect, in vague, to pursue their standardization.

To begin with, Finland has no standardized testing. Does it mean that there has to be no system of evaluation and students are to be let free while promoting them from one class to another at the same time? No, that is not the answer at all. What is desirable is to develop customized and student specific test strategies and methodologies. This is possible only with the deep involvement of the teacher with the class, who can then go for student specific evaluation strategies. These aren't utopian goals but are realisable. It will not only bring the best out of students but will also augment their interest, channelize their abilities and turn them into individuals with sufficient academic resources at their disposal to improve not only their own lives, but the structure of society at large.

Our education system, right from the beginning fosters in children the spirit of competition and pits them against each other as academic rivals. This concept, which underlies the foundation of our entire education system, is fallible and deleterious on many accounts. It is no hidden fact that individuals are gifted differently and vary in their capabilities. This diversity is a blessing for humanity. However, when we have a set standard of academic excellence, students tend to lose their individual talents, specific potentials and instead end up being robotic copies of non-workable prototypes.

It is also a common observation from our lives that we don't survive by competing with each other, instead our survival is guaranteed by how perfectly and amicably we compliment and co-operate with each other in accomplishing any task. This is the precise reason why when most Americans and other countries see the educational system as one big Darwinian competition, the Finns see it differently. Ironically, this attitude has put them at the top of the international pack.

In line with their spirit for a Non-Darwinian type cooperative educational vision, the Finns place high emphasis on making basics the priority of their education system. It includes, but is not limited to, using education as means of removing social inequality, providing free meals to all school-going students, ease of access to healthcare, psychological counselling and most importantly individualised guidance. Now, when one retrospectively puts to analysis the educational system in place in our own countries and states, it is observed that not only are these basic priorities missing, but those trivial aspects are emphasised which lead students further away from these basic privileges.

Yet another feature of this educational system which stands diametrically opposite to ours is the age at which students are admitted into a school. Here, in a society like ours, parents and school owners are equally driven hysterical to admit children to schools at the earliest possible age, so much so, that even a year old toddler is subjected to rigid disciplinarianism of kindergartens, till it squeezes childhood off the child and prepares them for the robotic role of material production – so dearer to modern industrialist capitalist society.

Here, the Finns again start by changing very minute details. Students start school when they are seven years old. They're given free reign in the developing childhood years to not be chained to compulsory education. It's simply just a way to let a kid be a kid. There are only eleven years of comprehensive school education that Finnish children are required to attend. Everything past the ninth grade or at the age of 16 is optional. Just from a psychological standpoint, this is a freeing ideal. Although it may be anecdotal, many students really feel like they're stuck in a prison. Finland alleviates this forced ideal and instead opts to prepare its children for the real world.

Although the details referred to in aforesaid lines can be expanded and extended upon, a revaluation of our education system even in the light of these minimal principles can take us a long way and be a guiding torch for us. What remains to be seen is that having seen the technological boom and nightmares thereof, do we still aspire to prepare students, who like robots, can fit like parts in a machine? Or do we, in the spirit of egalitarianism, eclecticism and humanitarianism, aspire to create individuals to lead themselves and the world at large out of the thraldoms that confront humanity – everywhere, every time.

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

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New Variant Of Concern?

How Dangerous Is The New Covid-19 Variant B.1.1.529

Bloomberg

A new variant of the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 – called B.1.1.529 – has been identified in South Africa, with officials there saying it of concern. Fears a new strain could fuel outbreaks in many countries, straining health systems, potentially evading vaccines and complicating efforts to reopen economies and borders, sent a wave of risk aversion across global markets Friday. Here's what we know so far.

What's different about this Covid-19 variant?

Scientists say B.1.1.529 carries a high number of mutations in its spike protein, which plays a key role in the virus' entry into cells in the body. It's also what is targeted by vaccines. Researchers are still trying to determine whether it is more transmissible or more lethal than previous ones.

Where did it come from?
There's only speculation so far. One scientist at the UCL Genetics Institute in London said it likely evolved during

a chronic infection of an immuno-compromised person, possibly in an untreated HIV/AIDS patient. South Africa has 8.2 million people infected with

sequencing institutions at two South African universities. In neighboring Botswana, officials recorded four cases on Monday in people who were fully

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HIV, the most in the world. The beta variant, a mutation identified last year in South Africa, also may have come from an HIV-infected person.

How widespread is it?

As of Thursday there were almost 100 cases detected in South Africa, where it's become the dominant strain among new infections. Early PCR test results showed that 90% of 1,100 new cases reported Wednesday in the South African province that includes Johannesburg were caused by the new variant, according to Tulio de Oliveira, a bio-informatics professor who runs gene-

vaccinated. In Hong Kong, a traveler from South Africa was found to have the variant, and another case was identified in a person quarantined in a hotel room across the hall.

What's the reaction been?

News of the new variant roiled markets Friday, with travel-related stocks in Asia among the biggest decliners as investors anticipated the negative impact it will have on travel. The U.K. issued a temporary ban on flights from six African countries, and Australia said it wouldn't rule out tightening border rules for travelers from southern Africa

if the situation escalates. India stepped up screening of incoming travelers from South Africa, Botswana and Hong Kong. The yen, typically seen as a safe haven asset, rose 0.4% against the dollar, while the South African rand slid to a one-year low.

How worrisome is this?
It's too early to say. The World Health Organization said there are fewer than 100 whole genomic sequences of the new variant available, which could add to the time it takes to study it as well as how well current vaccines work against it. Viruses mutate all the time, with the changes sometimes making the virus weaker or sometimes making it more adept at evading antibodies and infecting humans.

What should we look out for next?
The WHO called a meeting on Friday to discuss B.1.1.529 and decide if it will be officially designated a variant of interest or concern. If it does, it will receive a Greek letter name under the WHO naming scheme, likely the letter "nu." Governments will likely also be taking action on border and travel controls in response to news of the variant.

I Book Review I

Maulana Azad's Non-Violent Activism And Its Relevance In Current Times

Alvi's Is A Significant Work Which Presents A Positive, Tolerant, And Peace-Loving Picture Of Islam Amid A Scenerio Inundated With Negative Stereotypes Of Islam And Muslims

Dr Tauseef Ahmad Parray

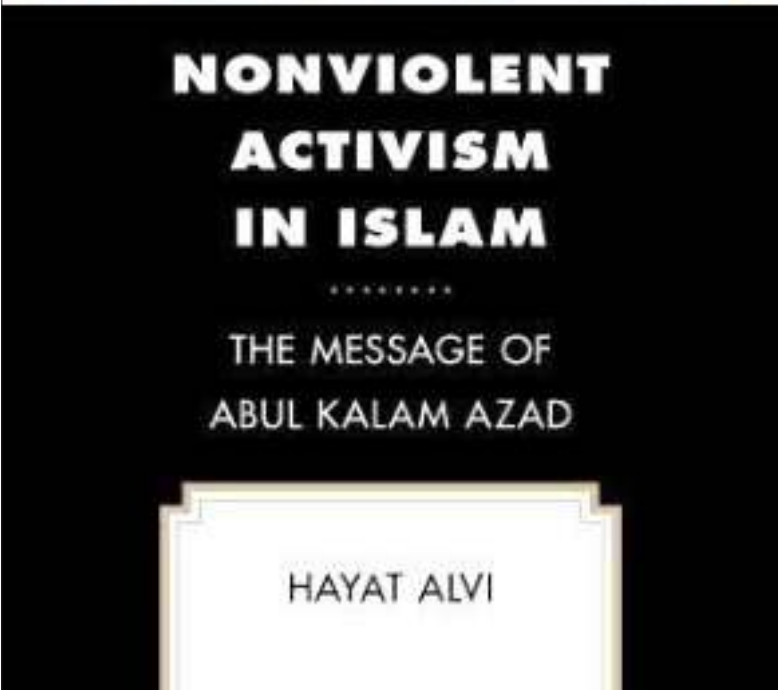
In the contemporary times, Islam is discussed from different and diverse perspectives by different scholars through different scholarly approaches. However, Islam is broadly debated and interpreted through two main prisms/ versions: fundamentalist/ extremist/ violent interpretations and the reformist/ liberal/ non-violent version. Though in the post-9/11 world, the scholarship on the extremist trend and violent activism has seen a proliferation through the debates, discussions and in the form of scholarly and analytical works, but the fact is that the reformist trend and the non-violent activism is no less significant, for a number of significant works have been devoted to the later trend as well.

A number of prominent voices, both in the past as well as in the present times, have made remarkable attempts in highlighting the non-violent activism vis-à-vis Islam and Islamic tradition. One such prominent and renowned figure from the Sub-continent is Abul Kalam Azad (1888-1958): a renowned Muslim scholar, journalist, political leader and educationist. Though in most writings on him, Azad's role as a freedom fighter/ political leader, journalist, religious scholar or the Quranic exegete is discussed and highlighted, but a significant (but somehow ignored) aspect of his life and thought is his role as a propagator, preacher, and practitioner of non-violent activism—an aspect of his multidimensional personality in which he was highly influenced by the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and his practice of Ahimsa (non-violence) and Satyagraha (civil disobedience).

The book under review “Non Violent Activism in Islam: Message of Abul Kalam Azad”,

written by Hayat Alvi (Associate Professor in the National Security Affairs Department at the U.S. Naval War College, USA), “tells the story and explains the Islamic legal precedent of the nonviolent civil disobedience that Mualana Azad undertook in the face of British repression” (p. ix).

Consisting of five (5) main chapters, excluding Introduction and Conclusion, the main purpose of Alvi's book is to ‘illustrate the legal basis for nonviolent activism in Islam’, as propounded, practiced, promoted, and exemplified by Maulana Azad with the hope that contemporary leaders and activists can learn lessons from his example, which ‘can be an argument against blind dogma, extremism, and militancy in the modern era’. In other words, Alvi highlights and discusses the non-violent activism (NVA) of Azad as an anecdote or a remedial measure for the Islamist extremist interpretations of Islam in the current times.



Alvi is a staunch “Gandhian”, and by that way a staunch supporter and follower of Azad's NVA, and is fed up with the “spread of intolerant, militant ideologies (both secular and religious) that inspire acts of violence” (p. viii) or with the “militant interpretations of Islam” and has thus focused on, and given attention to, the “nonviolent interpretations of Islam, especially in the context of political activism in the pursuit of social justice” (p. viii; italics in original). In other words, the book intends to provide, as Alvi puts it, “a counterargument to violent Islamist extremism/ jihadism by means of educating the reader about Islam's nonviolent principles and how they can be used to fight against Islamist extremism and militancy” (p. 16; italics in original).

Her work makes a substantial contribution due to two main reasons: (i) mostly Azad's ideas about nationalism, educational philosophy, religious-political thought, Quranic exegesis are the aspects which have been

given much importance and hype in most of the writings on Azad; and (ii) most of the current scholarship on Islam is devoted to the extremist interpretations of Islam, or political Islam, and thus NVA (reformist and liberal interpretations) find little space. Thus, Alvi rightly argues that focusing on building awareness about “nonviolent aspects of Islam in today's environment is equally invaluable” (p. 16). Alvi puts forth the focus, purpose and objective of the book very boldly as: “The focus of this book is the moral, religious, and judicial comparisons between Maulana Azad's endorsement (as renowned Islamic jurisprudential authority) of nonviolent activism in the Islamic context—which provides the legal and theological precedents—and the violent acts and beliefs of Islamist extremists, which are immoral and unjust particularly in targeting innocent civilians, and hence un-Islamic, despite their rigorous claims” (p. 16).

Azad's personal example in the

“struggle against injustice under the British Raj is a prime model for nonviolent activists to follow for exacting justice and eliminating oppression” (Ibid.). Azad, as a religious scholar, possessed many attributes and beliefs, including firm belief in inter- and intra-Islamic unity, pluralism, and secular democracy.

Azad set the religio-legal precedent in modern history of Islam for “nonviolent civil disobedience” by strongly counterarguing against “violent jihadism and Islamist extremism”, and thus his principles and message can be “used in any

nonviolent activism with ample evidence and historical examples, serving as ideological and intellectual ammunition against violent Islamist extremism and militancy” (p. 142). Azad, as a renowned religious personality and a significant historical figure, not only adopted and practised nonviolence and civil disobedience (Gandhi's principles of Ahimsa and Satyagraha), but his “embrace and implementation of these concepts and strategies indicate that they are wholly compatible with Islam” (pp. 142, 143). Azad's adoption and practice of nonviolent activism

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“Azad's moderate orientation in Islamic teachings and nonviolent practices” are much helpful in reversing the current “negative stereotypes of Islam and Muslims” (p. 139).

Azad and his like-minded figures, like Gandhi and Dr Martin Luther King Jr., have found “inspiration for nonviolent activism from their respective faiths”, and their “faith-based messages” to the massed proved effective in mobilising them to participate in their respective morally credible causes” (p. 139).

Nonviolent activism usually results in conflict resolution and changes in laws and policies toward more just social and legal codes”, whereas “violent conflicts” cause terrible violence having negative consequences on all aspects of human life (p. 141).

Azad's idea and practice of nonviolence is clear cut refutation of the “violent Islamist extremists” argument that “oppression has to be countered with violent jihad” (p. 141).

Narrating and relating the story of Azad is one of the most effective of ways to release Islam from the “trappings of the extremists” who have “hijacked” Islam in the current times (p. 142). “Azad stood for Hindu-Muslim unity, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence”; criticized intra-Islamic schisms; detested Taqlid (blind imitation) and advocated Ijtihad (reinterpretation); acknowledged and appreciated the “potential impacts of modernization on Islam, and the fact that Muslims need to adjust to changing times” (Ibid.).

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Alvi's Nonviolent Activism in Islam, thus, presents a “convincing religious (Islamic) argument supporting

is indeed an “exceedingly important mission” which provides “the blueprint for moral courage and credibility in the face of injustices and oppression” (p. 143).

Overall the theme and subject-matter of Alvi's book—appended by pictures/ images and Azad's speeches (both in original Urdu and translations in English)—touches upon a crucial and significant issue which needs to be given more space amid the ‘extremist’ atmosphere so that a real picture of Islam is presented. Alvi deserves much appreciation for highlighting nonviolent activism, both in theory and practice through historical events (especially with reference to Azad), and for highlighting the relevance of nonviolent activism in the 21st century, a century of extremism, violence, protests, and uprisings.

All in all, Alvi's Nonviolent Activism in Islam is a significant work which presents a positive, tolerant, and peace-loving picture of Islam in a scenerio which is inundated with negative stereotypes of Islam and Muslims. In sum, it is a remarkable work and a must read for students and scholars interested in nonviolent activism in Islam.

Book Details

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Speaking Tiger

Here's a list of the latest releases from Speaking Tiger Books

1. A Luxury Called Health: A Doctor's Journey Through the Art, the Science and the Thickery of Medicine by Kavery Nambisan:

In her first work of non-fiction, Kavery draws upon her experiences as a surgeon in rural and small-town India to give us the finest book published on health, illness and medical practice in India.

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er and indulgent friend; the unlettered prince and philosopher-mystic.

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VIBRANT, LYRICAL, AND FULL OF BLACK humour, Zainab Priya Dala's debut novel is the story of a woman's attempts to shape her own destiny, and evokes the streets of the Irish capital and the Indian community of Tongaat in rich detail.

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Part of Speaking Tiger's International Fiction series, this novel is set partly in the Indian community in South Africa and partly in Ireland.

4. Offspring: A Novel by Sandeep

the twentieth century. Layered and sensitive in its treatment of intricate family relationships, Offspring is a tribute to Indian family values, traditions and love and friendship.

5. Under Something of a Cloud: The Best Travel Writing of Dom Moraes

The finest travel pieces and reportage by the legendary writer who has been hailed as 'the greatest Indian prose stylist', and one of the great travel writers of the world.

M. Bhatnagar

A rare debut novel that, in simple and unputdownable prose, offers a glimpse into the life and times of Indian immigrants in



Study Explores How School Attendance Data Could Help In Targeting Mental Health Support For Pupils

Agencies

Poor school attendance impacts a child's future, not just through their educational achievement, but also socially and developmentally.

Pupils with mental and neuro-development disorders or who self-harm are more likely to miss school through absenteeism and exclusion than their classmates

Now researchers say these absences are potential indicators of current or future poor mental health and could be used to target vital assessment and potentially life-changing early intervention.

A study led by Swansea University's Professor Ann John, highlighted the importance of integrated school-based and healthcare strategies to support young people's engagement with education.

Professor John said: "Children with poor mental health, who are neurodiverse or who self-harm often struggle at school.

"Health and educational professionals, services and policymakers should be aware that children with poor attendance may be experiencing emotional ill health, whether this is diagnosed in school or early adulthood.

"Absences and exclusions may provide a useful tool to identify those who require additional support. Early intervention will not only reduce immediate distress and difficulties for the young person but also may also interrupt poor life trajectories and improve outcomes in later life."

The new study saw researchers from Swansea, Cardiff and Cambridge Universities and NHS Wales, examine the association between attendance (absences and exclusions) and neurodiversity, mental health and self-harm in 437,412 Welsh school pupils aged from seven to 16 between 2009 and 2013.

Published in The Lancet Psychiatry, their paper highlights that children and young people with a neurodevelopmental disorder, mental disorder, or who self-harm diagnosed and recorded before the age of 24 are much more likely to miss school than their peers.

School absenteeism and exclusion rates were higher after the age of 11 in all children but disproportionately more so in those with a recorded disorder.

The study also found individuals with more than one recorded disorder were more likely to be absent or excluded and this was exacerbated with each additional disorder.

There are many ways attendance may be impacted by neurodevelopmental disorders, mental health problems and self-harm. From disruptive behaviours resulting in exclusion or somatic symptoms such as stomach pain and headaches leading to authorised absences to symptoms associated with anxiety and depression, family and peer problems such as bullying.

If absence results in social isolation and poorer academic performance, this could go on to exacerbate mental health and attendance issues.

The study also identified important differences among genders: "Within the diagnosed populations, girls with neurodevelopmental disorders, depression and substance misuse were more likely to be absent, and boys were more likely to be excluded.

Professor John added: "This aligns with a view that boys express their mental distress through their behaviour which in turn impacts the school environment resulting in their exclusion, whereas girls, especially with emotional disorders or delayed diagnosis of neurodevelopmental disorders, tend to be more anxious and withdraw from social contact."

Will We Ever Cure Dementia?

Press Trust Of India

If there is one dreaded word uttered by doctors to rival cancer, it's dementia.

Patients the world over fear its impacts: the lack of independence; the higher likelihood of ending up in a nursing home. As with cancer, there is currently no "cure" for dementia.

But the prognosis is not entirely bleak. It's now becoming more apparent we may be able to prevent or delay the onset of dementia symptoms by living more healthily in our earlier years.

An often forgotten and more pressing need is how do we care for people living with dementia? Doing so will require investment both now and into the future.

Meanwhile, a large section of the scientific community is squarely focused on the search for effective treatments. Millions of dollars have been invested over the last three decades in search of a "holy grail".

This despite the reality that dementia is a complex condition, an enigma to researchers.

For two important reasons, dementia cannot be "fixed" quickly and with great effectiveness - like a heart attack or angina is with a stent, or like some cancers can be with surgery.

First, it's a cumulative condition with multiple causes that impact on the brain at various times during a person's life span. Second, dementia creeps up on a person with changes in the brain beginning decades before a person actually starts to show symptoms.

For most people, there is not a single cause behind their dementia symptoms, at least for the commonly seen progressive loss of memory and other functions in older age.

In fact, some of the most comprehensive autopsy studies conducted in large populations find the majority of people dying with dementia show a variety of different types of brain changes probably occurring over a few decades.

Not only is there a build-up of proteins in the brain called amyloid and tau that are traditionally regarded as markers of Alzheimer's disease, but also changes seen in other conditions such as Parkinson's disease, and importantly, evidence of damage from poor cardiovascular health such as strokes.

People are more likely to show symptoms of dementia during life if they have a combination of these brain changes rather than just one of them, suggesting that a little of each may add up over time.

Many of these brain changes occur silently and at various times during a person's lifespan, and at varying rates in different people. There comes a point when the brain's ability to function well becomes compromised, and this is when the first symptoms occur.

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Dated: 26-11-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for the information of General Public that the college is intending to conduct the Auction of the dry/withered wooden trees. The Auction will be conducted by the Auction Committee of the college on 30-11-2021 at 12:30 PM in the college campus. The interested persons/parties can participate in the Auction process on scheduled date and time.

The successful bidder shall have to deposit the whole bidding amount in one go before lifting the dry wood from the campus. The successful bidder shall be bound to lift the material by or before 10th of December, 2021.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason thereof.

Principal
Prof. Bashir Ahmad Rather

DIPK-13657/21

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

ROYAL SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 27 of 2021-22 Dated: 24.11.2021

For and on behalf of the Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course, e-tenders are invited by Executive Engineer Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from approved and eligible Suppliers /Dealers of J&K State UTI, PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. for the following works:-

S No	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earned Money in shape of CDR /FDR	Cost of T/Doc	Time of Completion	Class of Contract
01	Supply of Triplex 3250-D Engine system at RSGC Srinagar	5.50 lacs	11000/- Pledged to Executive Engineer RSGC or undertaking Bank Brain Branch Nishat Srinagar	550 /= Non Refundable in shape of DD in favour Secretary RSGC or Bank Challan SB-12341 J&K	7 days	Supplier/ Regd Mechanical Companies

Special conditions:-

- Intending bidders shall upload scanned copies of concern documents.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The Bidding documents 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 www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

Special conditions:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	24-11-2021 11:30 PM
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 24-11-2021 to 30-11-2021 (4.00PM)
3.	Bid submission Start Date	24 -11-2021 5:00 PM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	30-11-2021 4:00 PM
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids(Online)	01-12-2021 11:00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar

General Conditions:

- Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender documents in shape of demand draft in favour of the Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course Cheshmashahi Srinagar and Earnest Money/Bid Security in Shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer RSGC Cheshmashahi Srinagar (tender receiving authority)
- Payment shall be made to the agency as and when funds are available with the department.
- The date and time of opening of bid shall be as above as notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and will be conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mails addresses. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website at the office of the Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar as per schedule.
- The essence of this contract is that the supply must reach to RSGC stores within 7 days from the date of issuance of supply order.
- 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 who withdraw his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or make any modification on 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 with 20 days after fixation of contract.
- Suppliers/Dealers/ Contractor/ Interested persons/ parties who participates in bid should be registered for the respective class of contract with document proof thereof.
- Copies of Original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of business.
- Scanned Copy of GST in registration and latest clearance certificate, Form GST3B i.e latest clearance certificate, form GST3B of the preceding month to the issuance of the NIT registration enlistment card with latest renewal of PAN No.
- All bidders shall upload bank challan /DD
- All bidders shall upload bid security declaration form.

No: RSGC/EE/2021-22/ 222-24
Dated: 24-11-2021

Executive Engineer
Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar

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Subject: - Provisional Selection list for admission to PG Diploma Course in Rehabilitation Psychology -2021 at CRC Srinagar, Second list thereof.

Reference: - Notification No. 123-BOPEE of 2021 dated 10-11-2021.

Notification No.133-BOPEE OF 2021
Dated: 26-11-2021

Consequent upon the receipt of shortfall from Composite Regional Centre, Srinagar, after the last date of joining of candidates pursuant to Notification No: 123-BOPEE of 2021 dated: 10-11-2021, the candidates figuring below to this Notification have been provisionally recommended for admission to PG Diploma Course in Rehabilitation Psychology at CRC, Srinagar.

S No	Name	Father Name	Grd. %age	PG %age	Weightage @90% on eligibility is grad.	Weightage @90% on eligibility in Post - grad.	Add. Points for higher qualification	Total Score	Rank	Eligible for admission
1	Dawood Mayeod Dar	Abdul Mayeod Dar	56.78	55.45	51.10		55	61.10	17	B.A
2	Gazalla Nazki	Nazir Ahmad Bhat		67.62		60.85		66.85	18	M.A.
3	Jahar Yaseen	Mohammad Yaseen Sheikh		66.62		59.95		59.95	19	M.A.
4	Lahra Bashir	Bashir Ahmad Bhat		66.38		59.75		59.75	20	M.A.
5	Farah Aftab	Nisar Ahmad Wani	66.20		59.58			59.58	21	B.A.
6	Sulfa Hassan	Abdul Hassan Parrey		65.77		59.19		59.19	22	M.A.

Note: -

In view of non-availability of the eligible RBA candidate in PG Diploma & Rehabilitation Psychology- in CRC course 2021, the vacant category seat has been converted into open merit under section-9 (2) of J&K Reservation Act-2004 has been filled up from Open Merit category candidates.

The candidates provisionally selected in this Notification for admission to PG Diploma & Rehabilitation Psychology, 2021, have to report to the Composite Regional Centre, Binnina, Srinagar, Kashmir upto 1st December, 2021 upto (03:00 P.M) along with all necessary documents for verification and further scrutiny by the said Centre who shall allow them to join only on production and verification of original requisite certificates including Domicile certificate of the candidate.

The CRC shall forward list of admitted candidates along with shortfall, if any, to the BOPEE on 1st December,2021 (upto 05: 00P.M) through e-mail.

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DIPK-NB-5377/21
No. BOPEE/Exam-25/2021 Dated:26-11-2021.

(Dr. Sunil Gupta)
Controller of Examinations
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EXTENSION NOTICE-1

In view of the poor response the last date of receipt of tenders (online), bid submission end date and bid opening of NIT No: TLMD/IV/e-NIT/24 of 2021-22 for “Supply, Fabrication and Erection, Of steel structure for 2x50MVA, 132/33KV Grid Station Khrew as per specification mentioned in SBD and BOQ under the jurisdiction of TLMD-IV Pampore is further extended as under:

- e-Bid submission end date and time 29-11-2021 up to 14:00 hrs
- Date of opening of online techno commercial /financial bid 30-11-2021 at 14:00 hrs

All other terms and conditions shall remain same. The tender document / NIT / BOQ can be downloaded from websitehttp://jktenders.gov.in.

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Executive Engineer,
TLMD-IV Pampore

DIPK-NB-5345/21

Office of the Chief Engineer Kashmir PHE Department Srinagar Kashmir

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT No. 81 OF 2021-22, Dated: 22 -11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmirinvites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for “Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for District Anantnag Group-IV (11 No WSS Hilly Gravity) Part 2nd for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works”, details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs)	Earnest money (Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Anantnag district/ geographically different zone for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of:- a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains.	Work/ scheme wise details given in Section II of tender document	1000/-		180 days	
	Group-IV (11 No WSS Hilly Gravity) Part 2nd	100 Lacs to 300 Lacs		0.75		120

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir Jal Shakti (PHE) Department. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Note: -

In view of the fact, that this NIT for item rate contract has been framed for the first time in the Department, a helpdesk shall be established at the Direction office level as well as district level for encouraging and facilitating the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.

Key/critical Dates:

i	Publish Date	22 -11-2021
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	22 -11-2021
iii	Clarification start date	22 -11-2021
iv	Bid submission start date	27 -11-2021
v	Clarification end date	18 -12-2021
vi	Pre-bid Meeting date	27 -12-2021
vii	Document Download/sale end Date	21 -12-2021
viii	Bid submission end date	21 -12-2021
ix	Date and time of Bid opening	23 -12-2021
1.	Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites http://jktenders.gov.in	

- The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.
- The Bids shall be deposited on the websitehttp://jktenders.gov.in
- The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.
- The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
- Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.
 - Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti PHE Department. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.
 - The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD /TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
 - The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
 - The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
 - Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website http://jktenders.gov.in.
 - Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com /phebijbehara230@gmail.com

No: CE/PHE/JS/D/KMR/ 28028-39
Date: 22 -11-2021

Chief Engineer,
Kashmir , Jal Shakti, PHE Department.
DIPK-13578/21

Lassipora Unit Owes 5 Crore to PDD

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: An industrial unit in Lassipora, Pulwama owes around 5.50 crore rupees to Power Development Department (PDD).

An official from PDD department said that the unit has not paid electricity bills for the last 5 years. The power supply to the unit was taken off in the year 2016.

According to a monthly PDD bill, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, the unit which goes by the name of Mir Steel Rolling Mills in Pampore, Pulwama owes 54123364 till August 2021.

Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Lassipora, Mushtaq Ahmad confirmed that the unit owes more than 5 crore rupees to the department and has violated a clause of power agreement. He said the department then took "tough action" against the unit by deinstalling the power supply in 2016.

"The owner was illegally running the induction / arc furnace section in his factory in violation of the clause 9 of the sanction order. So we disconnected his power

supplies in 2016," Ahmad said.

He said the owner approached the High Court of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh but the department also took a tough stand against him and refused to restore the power supply.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Shafeeq Mir, owner of the Mir Steel Rolling Mills said that since the power supply of the factory was disconnected by the PDD, the unit stands difunctional.

"When we don't work because of no electricity how can we pay the bills," Mir said.

He refuted the claims of PDD officials that he has violated the clause 9 of the agreement. "The designated committee has given us the approval for the clause. How could we violate when something has been approved," he added.

Mir said, he installed the power unit in 2009 and used to pay lakhs of rupees as fee monthly. "But then the department disconnected the power supplies—making the unit, which is dependent on electricity—dysfunctional," he added.

He said his unit would take 250 MV power supply monthly.

Agri Deptt Collaborating With Amazon Fresh For Marketing Of Local Produce

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Agriculture Department Jammu has decided to collaborate with Amazon Fresh for marketing of local produce.

In this regard, a meeting of Department of Agriculture Jammu was Friday held with Amazon Fresh Team which came all the way from Bengaluru. Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu, K. K. Sharma chaired the meeting held here at Krishi Bhawan.

A threadbare discussion was held to explore the possibility of marketing of local specialty agri-products & off-season vegetables in Jammu Province. The Director Agriculture underscored that such an initiative will pave the way towards providing market linkage to the local farmers for direct sale of their produce at remunerative prices. The farmers will get opportunity to be

part of the big food chain, he added.

Amazon Fresh Team evinced keen interest in Fruit & Vegetable assortment available in Jammu with the motive of expanding network in North India. Team said that they are looking forward to opening of a Collection/Procurement Centre in Jammu Province by next year.

It was decided that before the start of summer season a Collection/Procurement Centre shall be opened in the cluster areas with the Joint Efforts of Agriculture Department and Amazon Fresh.

Those present on the occasion included Joint Director Inputs, A.S. Reen; Joint Director Marketing, Mahesh Verma; Technical Officer Sanjeev Khajuria and those from Amazon Fresh included Category leader Rajesh Prasad; Head of F&V, Vivek Dhawan; Head F&V Compliance Dr. Shashin Shobhane, Head F&V Supply Chain Sujay Hegde.

Reserve Bank Imposes Rs 1 Cr Penalty On SBI

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Reserve Bank on Friday said it has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on State Bank of India (SBI) for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. The penalty has been imposed by an order dated November 16, 2021, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a statement.

According to the central bank, Statutory Inspections for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) of SBI was conducted with reference to its financial positions as on March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019. The examination of the risk assessment reports, inspection report and all-related correspondence

pertaining to the same revealed contravention of a provision of Banking Regulation Act "to the extent the bank held shares in borrower companies, as pledgee, of an amount exceeding thirty per cent of paid-up share capital of those companies".

A show cause notice was issued to the bank. After considering the bank's reply to the notice, oral submissions, and additional submissions made by the bank, RBI said it came to the conclusion that the charge of contravention of the provisions of the Act was substantiated and warranted imposition of monetary penalty.

J&K Ranks 3rd In Farmer Income Ratings, 5th In Agri-Allied Sectors: Govt

UT to become milk surplus with 30% excess production

Observer News Service

JAMMU: "Jammu and Kashmir has secured third place in all India ranking in terms of farmers' family earnings besides stepping up from rank 22 to 5 in agriculture and allied sector ranking within one year", as per the NITI Aayog's yearly survey.

This was stated by Principal Secretary, Animal and Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries departments, Navin Kumar Choudhary, while speaking at the National Milk Day celebration.

Principal Secretary, while addressing the dairy farmers and officers through virtual mode, said that J&K will soon become milk surplus UT with excess milk production by 30 percent in 2022. "The region will no more be dependent on Punjab and Haryana for its milk requirement", he asserted.

Principal Secretary said that his department aims to boost production of processed milk products, in addition to milk, which would get massive market with numerous upcoming retail chains in the UT as well as online portals. He urged upon the dairy farmers to get acquainted with digital platforms to capture major markets in future assuring digital marketing training to the willing among them.

Discussing potential markets for local milk producers, Principal Secretary stressed on milk processing, value addition and



export of such products. He informed that the government is providing good subsidy to farmers for reaching markets all over India, as well as abroad in Dubai. 'It is high time that our Kalari reaches markets abroad', he said.

Principal Secretary advised the milk producers to strictly adhere to highest quality standards during milk production and processing. 'Only the best quality products survive in today's competitive markets and Jammu region must be known for the best quality milk products', he maintained.

The celebration was held at Krishi Bhawan Jammu in which Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Dr Doifode Sagar Datta-tray; Joint Director Farms, Dr MA Tak; Joint Director Poultry, Dr Tariq Parvez; Technical Officer

General, Dr Rajiv Manhas; Technical Officer Poultry, Dr Abhinav Chauhan among other officers and dairy farmers participated.

Implementation Of Modified High Density Scheme Reviewed

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The Director General (DG) Horticulture, Kashmir, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat Friday convened a meeting to review the implementation of newly launched Modified High Density Scheme at Directorate of Horticulture Rajbagh, here.

At the outset, the DG deliberated on the progress of the Scheme. He also took feedback from CHOs and private empanelled agencies.

The DG stressed upon the private agencies to follow the PeQ protocol in letter and spirit and directed the CHOs for its implementation in their respective districts. He urged upon all the Officers to complete

the allotted targets within the stipulated time and said that any laxity on part of any officer shall not be tolerated.

He also instructed the Chief Horticulture Officers and empanelled agencies to hold joint awareness camps in order to disseminate information about the scheme to common masses. He further urged the concerned for early submission of JIT reports in respect of various projects established with the Government assistance.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Director, Assistant Director, and Chief Horticulture Officers of Kashmir Division and representatives of private empanelled agencies.

Financial Commissioner Chairs Pre Budget Discussions With Business Associations

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Finance Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department, Atal Dulloo, today held Pre Budget discussion with the representatives of 12 delegations of Trade, Commerce and Industries sectors from Jammu and around 12 delegations from Kashmir who joined online at Excise and Taxation Complex, Rail Head, here.

Commissioner, States Taxes Department, Showkat Aijaz Bhat, Director, Expenditure Division-I, Finance Department, P. K. Bhat, Excise Commissioner J&K, K. S. Chib, Director General Budget, Finance Department, M Y Itoo, Additional Commissioner, (Administration and Enforcement) States Taxes Department, Jammu, Nitu Gupta, and Additional Commissioner, (Administration and Enforcement) States Taxes Department, Kashmir, Manzoor Ahmed, were present in the meeting.

The delegations said that J&K has suffered economically in the past and business has incurred

huge losses which have also led to unemployment especially since the outbreak of Covid-19. They demanded special economic packages and conducive atmosphere to give boost to the trade activities.

Meanwhile, the representatives also flagged the issues confronting them and others ailing the industrial units in the division related to finance, banks, electricity, roll back of hike in GST rates applicable from January 2022, Comprehensive economic package, release of Covid relief fund, preference to local manufacturers on Gem portal, NPAs, besides many other issues pertaining to their respective business.

Financial Commissioner interacted with all the delegations and assured them that their valuable suggestions would be taken into account and their genuine grievances would be resolved in a time bound manner. He also said that the memorandums submitted by various delegations will be examined on merits and genuine issues will be resolved.



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR
e-mail: ddtreg123@gmail.com

Subject: - Inclusion of Partners in the Registration certificate of "M/s Travel Connection" situated at Abi Buchwara, Dalgate, Srinagar."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, this office has received an application submitted by **Mr. Umer Bhat** proprietor of the Travel unit running under the name and style "**M/s Luqman Tours & Travels**" situated at **Khwajapora, Nowshera, Srinagar**, wherein he has requested this office for inclusion of one partner namely **Mr. Shabir Makhdoomi** in the Registration certificate of the said Travel unit under J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act/Rule.

Whereas, the unit is registered with this Department under the Registration No:- **Reg/T/1819/149/DT/52/L-09** dated **09-09-2017** in the name of **Mr. Umer Mukhtar Bhat**. The Registration certificate is renewed up to **31-03-2021**.

Whereas, the applicant along with his application has submitted Registration Certificate, State Subject, Education Qualification, Experience Certificate, and Partnership Deed (Sub-registrar), by virtue of which **Mr. Shabir Makhdoomi** is included as 2nd partner in the Registration certificate of above mentioned Travel Agency.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before the request of the applicant is considered for inclusion of partners in the Registration certificate, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/ Organization, etc for objection if any. The same should reach this office with necessary objections within a period of **7 days** from the publication of this notice in the local newspaper. No objections beyond period of **7 days** will be entertained and request of the applicant will be considered as per rules.

No: Reg/1819/1269/DTK
Dated: 25-11-2021
DIPK-13605/21

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism,
Registration (Kashmir)

LT. GOVERNOR'S GRIEVANCE CELL

CIVIL SECRETARIAT, J&K, JAMMU.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of all the Citizens of UT of J&K. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has established two dedicated Call Centers one at Jammu and other at Srinagar for public lodging of grievance (for redressal) through the J&K Integrated Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System (JKIGRAMS). The following all the two dedicated Toll Free Numbers:

- Jammu 18005722327**
- Kashmir 18005722328**

Interested citizens can registered their grievance on the above said two Toll Free Numbers between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on all working days

NO:JKLGGC/Genl/38/2021
Dated: 26-11-2021
DIPK-13694/21

(Rajinder Singh)
Under Secretary to Government
Public-Grievance

GOVERNMENT OF JAMNM & KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION KASHMIR, J&K

Mr. S Jasmeet Singh
RRT Teacher, MS Hachipora
Baramulla
No: DSEK/Estt/III/B-Trs/MZ/108 1927 **Dated:23/11/2021**

NOTICE

Whereas, you had applied for 02 months leave on medical grounds w.e.f. 26/02/2018 and after its expiry you applied for extension of the leave for further period of 06 months on same ground but without sanction of leave from the competent authority you availed such leave and remained away from your legitimate duties un-authorizedly; and

Whereas, you were provided enough opportunities to resume your duties by the DDO concerned vide notice No. ZEOD/1053-56 dated 27/08/2018, ZEOD/1240-42 dated 06/09/2018, ZEOD/1408-11 dated 14/09/2018 and ZEOD/1667-70 dated 29/10/2018 but neither you responded the notices nor resumed your duties; and

Whereas, you were again provided opportunity by this office on 06/07/2021 (through a joint show cause notice) which, you replied but on its examination it was found unsatisfactory and un-substantiated; and

Whereas, un-authorized absence from duties attracts action as warranted in terms of article 113 of J&K Civil Services Rules (Volume I) of 1956, which reads as under :

Article 113
"After five years of continous absence on leave an officer is considered to be out of state employee"


Whereas, the issue was placed before the Designated Committee in its meeting held on 27/10/2021, and a committee after thread-bare discussion took the following decision:

"Issue notice for termination for remaining un-authorizedly absent from legitimate duties"

Now, before action under Article 113 of J&K Civil Services Rules (Volume I) of 1956 is initiated against you for remaining un-authorizedly absent from your legitimate duties w.e.f. 26/04/2018, an opportunity is hereby again provided for hearing you and your statement of defense must reach to this Directorate within 7 days after issuance of this notice, failing which it shall be construed that you have nothing to say in this regard and proposed action shall be initiated against you without further notice.

DIPK-13433/21

Sd/-Director,
School Education Kashmir



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR
Email ddtreg123@gmail.com

Subject: - Retirement of Partners in the Registration Certificate of "M/s Tour- de- Heaven Situated at Khanyari House (83) behind Lake City Plaza, Karan Nagar, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, **Mr. Ishtaq Ahmad Gilkar, Mr. Faisal Mohammad Sheikh and Mr. Asif Ali Mandu** in their joint application have requested this office for their Retirement from the Registration Certificate of Travel Unit running under the name and style "**M/s Tour de Heaven Tours & Travels**" situated at **Khanyari House (83) behind Lake City Plaza, Karan Nagar, Srinagar** under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, the applicants have submitted Original Dissolution of Partnership deed duly stamped and signed by the Sub Registrar by virtue of which three Partners namely **Mr. Ishtaq Ahmad Gilkar, Mr. Faisal Mohammad Sheikh and Mr. Asif Ali Mandu** are retiring and **Mr. Aqib Rasool Pampori** will be the continuing the business of this unit.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 39 of Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before the request of the applicants is considered for retirement of three Partners from the Registration Certificate, the matter is hereby notified for the information of General Public/ Financial Institutions/Bank/ Financial Organizations, etc for objection, if any. The same should reach this office within a period of **7 days** from the publication of this notice in the local newspaper. No objections beyond period of **7 days** will be entertained and request of the applicant will be considered as per rule.

No: Reg/T/1542/1267/DTK
Dated:25.11.2021
DIPK-13606/21

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism,
Registration (Kashmir)

Attorney General K K Venugopal Suggests Creation Of Court Of Appeals

NEW DELHI: Right to access of justice within reasonable cost and time is a fundamental right and a period of 30 years taken in disposal of a case till the apex court cannot be reasonable, Attorney General K K Venugopal said on Friday while advocating four courts of appeals in four parts of the country to relieve Supreme Court of its huge workload.

He opined that the apex court's current role should be overhauled and it should be made a purely Constitutional court hearing only cases involving issues of Constitutional interpretation.

The Attorney General, while speaking at the Constitution Day function organized by the Supreme Court, said four "courts of appeal" should be constituted to hear appeals from High Courts, tribunals, and other matters which are currently heard by the Supreme Court, adding that it would cut down the pendency of cases to a great extent.

I would envisage at least about four regions - the north, the south, the West, and the East, each having a court of appeal with 15 judges. Pendency would be reduced so that you will be able to get the cases disposed of within a period of three or four years," he said.

Pendency in Supreme Court will reduce then. For Supreme Court, it will not need these 34 judges. 15 judges sitting in three constitution benches of five judges each will be enough. Judges will be able to hear patiently and write excellent judgments," the AG opined.

Shedding light on the high pendency and time taken in disposal of cases, the top most law officer said it needed a bold person to file a case in the lower court as he or she may not enjoy the fruits of the litigation after 30 years and suggested that the judiciary and the executive should come together to address the issue rather brushing it under the carpet.

He spoke about the sufferings litigants go through when their cases are adjourned by six

months.

We find that in the Supreme Court list, there are criminal cases pending from 2008, civil cases pending from 2009. This should mean that when finally justice is done, a total period of 30 years has elapsed, Venugopal said at a function attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

It should be remembered that so far as the right to access to justice is concerned, it is a fundamental right, and being a fundamental right, it means that they should have access to justice at a reasonable cost and within a reasonable period of time. 30 years is not a reasonable period of time, he said.

The top law officer compared this to the western apex courts where he claimed that the cases are disposed of within two years.

Venugopal added, "One cannot allow today's situation to continue because we are not really doing justice. We are ignoring a fundamental right, perhaps violating the fundamental right by allowing the structure of courts to remain.

The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Vikas Singh, who was also part of the event, was of the view that the appointment of most meritorious people to the higher judiciary is the constitutional mandate as the judiciary plays an interface between the Constitution of India and the citizens.

I am of the opinion that a suitable legislation in the form of a Bill to regulate the Collegium system can be brought within the said limitation which will facilitate the appointment of judges to the High Courts as well as to the Supreme Court, he said.

Singh stated that the Bill should provide a Permanent Secretariat both at the High Court and Supreme Court level, to assist them in the matter of appointment of judges, adding that the members of the Collegiums both at the Supreme Court as well as the High Courts, being senior judges of their respective Court do not have enough spare time for this onerous responsibility.



Mercury Again Falls Below Freezing Point In Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Cold conditions returned to Kashmir on Friday after two days of respite as the night temperature at most places in the valley settled below the freezing point, officials said.

Kokernag town in south Kashmir was the only recorded place where the minimum temperature stayed above the freezing point.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 1.3 degrees Celsius on Thursday night, 1.7 degrees down from 0.4 degrees Celsius the

previous night, the officials said.

They said Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 3.3 degrees Celsius, down from minus 0.2 degrees Celsius on the previous night.

The south Kashmir resort was the coldest recorded place in Kashmir.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.8 degrees Celsius. The MET office has said the weather will most likely remain dry but cold till the end of this month.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low

of minus 1.9 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded minus 1.2 degrees Celsius while Kokernag registered a low of 0.6 degrees Celsius.

The MET Office has said the weather is most likely to stay dry but cold over the week ahead.

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.

Wheelchair-Bound Man Reaches Singhu To Celebrate Farm Law Protest Anniversary

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NEW DELHI: Ratandeep cannot walk, talk, eat or even defecate without help, but he reached Singhu border on Friday in a wheelchair to participate in the celebrations to mark one year of the farmers protest against the central farm laws.

That he is happy could be gauged by his smile and the gestures he made to his mother, Harpreet Kaur, 45.

He was a healthy child till he was four. Meningitis gave him permanent disabilities and changed the course of his life, she said.

We could have left him with

his grandparents, but it would not have been the right thing to do. He cannot convey his feelings in words, but I know he is happy being part of the movement, Kaur from Ludhiana said.

Are you happy, puttar? his father, Gurmeet Singh, asked immediately. Ratandeep (25) looked at his mother, smiled and made a gesture that suggested he was excited.

The reason the family brought Ratandeep to the Singhu border was to inspire people to fight for their collective rights despite all odds.

His limbs do not work, he cannot talk but he is still here.

He has contributed to the cause. This will give him confidence and inspire others, Kaur said.

This was the second time Ratandeep and his family were here after December 26 last year.

We could not come often because of the problem he faces outdoors. It is tough when he has to urinate and defecate. There are no toilet for specially-abled people here, Kaur said.

Punjabi and Haryanvi celebratory music filled in the air at the Singhu border protest site on Friday, as farmers danced atop their tractors bedecked with lights and posters and took out symbolic marches, to

NATO Chief Warns Russia Of "Costs" If It Moves On Ukraine

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BRUSSELS: NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg warned Russia Friday that any attempt to invade Ukraine would have costs, as concern mounts about a Russian military buildup near its former Soviet neighbor's borders.

Ukraine says Moscow kept about 90,000 troops near their common border following massive war games in western Russia earlier this year. The Ukrainian Defense Ministry said units of the Russian 41st army remain near Yelnya, about 260 kilometers (160 miles) north of the border.

Moscow denies that it's planning any invasion and refuses to provide details about troop movements on its own territory.

If Russia uses force against Ukraine that will have costs, that would have consequences, Stoltenberg said, ahead of a meeting of the 30-nation military organization's foreign ministers in Latvia Nov. 30-Dec. 1, where Russia's activities will be high on the agenda. He did not say what those costs would be.

This is the second time this year that Russia has amassed a large and unusual concentration of forces in the region, Stoltenberg told reporters. He said it includes tanks, artillery, armored units, drones, and electronic warfare systems, as well as combat-ready troops.

This military buildup is unprovoked and unexplained. It raises tensions and it risks miscalculations, Stoltenberg said. He conceded that there is no certainty about the intentions of Russia but said that this is a military buildup by a country that has invaded Ukraine before.

Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014 after the country's Moscow-friendly president was driven from power by mass protests. Weeks later, Russia threw its weight behind a separatist insurgency that broke out in Ukraine's east.

Ukraine and the West accused Russia of sending its troops and weapons to back the rebels. Moscow denied that, saying that Russians who joined the separatists were volunteers. More than 14,000 people have died in the fighting that devastated Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland known as Donbas.

A 2015 peace agreement brokered by France and Germany helped end large-scale battles, but efforts to reach a political settlement have failed and sporadic skirmishes have continued along the tense line of contact.

NATO would not be able to provide Ukraine with any substantial military support in time to make a difference against Russian forces, so economic measures like Western sanctions are more likely to be used to inflict a financial cost on Moscow.

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12.58 % Population

also stated that in the uncensored headcount category, 12.7 percent of the population in J&K is deprived of maternal health, 45.2 percent of population is deprived of cooking fuel, 29.6 of housing, 16.2 percent of assets, 2.9 percent of electricity, 1.8 percent in child and adolescent Mortality, 6.8 percent of years of school, 14.2 percent of drinking water and 3.9 percent of bank accounts.

As per MPI report, in J&K the highest headcount for poor was recorded in Ramban district where the rate stood at 35.26 percent preceded by Doda (28.92), Rajouri (27.52), Udhampur (26.83) and Kishtwar (24.29). The lowest MPI in J&K was recorded in Srinagar where the percentage was recorded at 1.21 percent. In Ladakh, Kargil and Ladakh recorded an MPI of 19.4 percent and 5.36 percent, respectively.

As per the report, in J&K and Ladakh highest headcount of poor was recorded in Rural J&K and Ladakh where the rate was recorded at 16.39 percent and in Urban J&K and Ladakh the rate was recorded at 3.5 percent.

Notably, the MPI utilises the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), which is conducted under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) coordinated by International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS).

It is pertinent to mention here that the preparation of the given MPI Parameter Dashboard to rank states and UTs, and a State Reform Action Plan (SRAP) has taken into consideration various factors which include the percentage of population deprived of nutrition, maternal health and school education.

The national MPI is constructed directly from each person's profile of deprivations across each indicator, built from a single household survey that captures the data on all the indicators. The report was compiled in two ways that included analysing the percentage of people who are multidimensionally poor and deprived in each indicator one by one and analysing the weighted contributions of each indicator to the national MPI.

In the Global MPI 2020, India ranked 62nd among 107 countries with an MPI score of 0.123 and 27.91 percent headcount ratio, based on the NFHS-4 (2015-16) data.

LG Vows To

is a proven successful strategy and directed the Deputy Commissioners for convergence of various health-related public outreach campaigns to address TB and drug menace.

"There are thousands of families scarred by drug addiction, and the government is determined to purge the drug epidemic," Sinha said.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG directed the officials to organize Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities on the symptoms of tuberculosis, and motivate people to get a confirmatory test for TB for early detection and timely treatment to reduce the TB mortality rate.

Sinha, he said, asked the concerned officers of UT administration to involve Youth Clubs, diligent NGOs, and private labs for effective and timely notification of TB cases.

"The Lt Governor further directed that the financial assistance allocation for TB patients should reach their bank accounts through DBT. The officials were also instructed to ensure adequate nutrition for all TB patients through Nikshay Poshan Yojna (NPY)," he added.

The official spokesperson said that the health department has been directed for holding a review meeting on TB

elimination strategy and status of cases every month.

He said that Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department gave a detailed briefing on the district-wise TB case notification, treatment success rate, TB elimination strategies and ways to improve elimination.

"He informed us that Budgam has already achieved the status of TB free district, while Udhampur has received Bronze Medal under Sub-National Certification Claim in 2020, awarded on World TB Day this year," he added.

Asks People To Uphold

the values enshrined in the constitution. Sinha made these comments after reading out 'Preamble' of the Constitution along with the President of India Ram Nath Kovind via video conferencing, an official spokesperson said Friday.

LG's Advisors, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Administrative Secretaries and all the officials of J&K administration participated in the mass reading of the Preamble at the UT-level celebrations of 72nd anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India at Civil Secretariat, and pledged to upholding the sanctity of the Constitution and promoting Constitution values among citizens, he said.

Extending his greetings on the Constitution Day, the LG, as per the official spokesperson called upon the citizens to uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution of India.

"Our Constitution is an inspirational and living scripture, an epitome of ideals for society. The virtues of liberty, equality and fraternity were held supreme by the framers of the Constitution," Sinha said.

"As Mahatma Gandhi had said the true source of rights is duty. If we all discharge our duties, rights will not be far to seek. Let us vow to discharge our Social, Moral & Fundamental duties keeping the national interests paramount," he added.

Constitution Day, also known as 'Samvidhan Divas', is celebrated across the country on 26th November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India.

Panel To Probe 277

Karan Nagar, Qamarwari, Chattabal, HMT, Eidgah, M R Gunj, Rainawari, Nowpora, Barabarshah, Pantha Chowk, Nowgam, Zakura, Gulab Bagh, Dal Lake, Harwan, Ishber, Nishat, Lalit Crossing, Danihama and Burzahama. The order lists names of the 277 people who have raised these properties.

The copy of the order has been forwarded to Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar and other concerned officers and officials.

The areas where 'illegal' constructions have come up fall within the jurisdiction of Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Lake Conservation and Management Authority and other authoritative agencies.

The constitution of the panel by the administration comes in the backdrop of severe criticism of government's alleged inaction in stopping rampant and illegal constructions in the city, especially around the water bodies.

Recently, an anti-encroachment drive was launched in Khushaal Sar where several illegally raised houses were demolished and over 20 kanals of land was retrieved from the illegal occupants.

Police Destroys

explosives in another 11 cases were passed by a court in Mahore, police said.

On the directions of the courts, Reasi Senior Superintendent of Police Shailender Singh constituted a

special joint team comprising personnel from the Mahore sub-division, bomb disposal squad and the engineering regiment of 58 Rashtriya Rifles. A team of experts took the explosives to a safe place and destroyed them following due protocol, police said. (PTI)

Govt Orders

reviewed the earlier directions of replacement of damaged transformers within 12 hours in main towns and 24 hours in other areas and directed strict implementation of the timelines.

"In order to monitor unscheduled cuts, he directed submission of daily reports related to the system average interruption frequency index (SAIFI) and system average interruption duration index (SAIDI); number of damaged transformers and time taken for replacements," the official spokesperson said.

He said that the Chief Secretary directed the Department to rationally analyze the supply and demand of electricity in various regions of the Union territories and raise awareness on the feeder-wise authorized electricity drawal limit.

Besides, he said, the Department was also asked to undertake an extensive IEC campaign in both print and social media and garner public support for judicious use of electricity in collaboration with the Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies.

"The responsible use of electricity will minimize transformer damage on account of overloading besides reducing the unscheduled power cuts," Mehta said, while directing department to proactively manage the power load.

To make public grievance redressal prompt and efficient, especially in times of power failure, the official spokesperson said that the department was asked to publicize the helpline numbers established in this regard and issue SMS alerts and notifications to such consumers whose mobile numbers are available in the PDD database; on all scheduled and unscheduled power cuts.

"Further, the Department was also asked to fix the responsibility of unauthorized connections/ power pilferage especially from feeders reporting electricity load above the permissible limit; on the concerned line staff and take disciplinary action for their inefficiency in taking corrective measures," he said.

"The Divisional and District Administrations will also be involved in the enforcement efforts. It was further directed that responsibility be fixed for transformer outages," he added.

The official spokesperson further said that the Chief Secretary directed regular surveillance and enforcement drives to disconnect illegal power connections so that consumers are able to get power without undue interruptions.

4 Corona Deaths

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu registered a maximum 17 fresh cases of Covid, Doda 10, Poonch and Reasi six each and one new case each in Udhampur, Rajouri, Kathua and Ramban. No cases of infection were reported from the twin districts of Samba and Kishtwar.

"Moreover, 157 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 26 from Jammu Division and 131 from Kashmir," officials added.

India Takes Up

measures and stop overflight clearances to PIA flights to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, Bagchi said, "I don't have any

indication of whether we are looking at the kind of steps you had alluded to."

To a separate question on a cargo ship from Karachi to China detained by Indian authorities and media reports on the "seizure of possible radioactive material", he said that there was a seizure of a ship, rather of containers, and the Department of Atomic Energy has sent a team to look at what exactly the containers contain.

"Once they have completed that we will be in a position to share what the situation is," he added.

Asked about the new COVID-19 strain found in South Africa, Bagchi said, "This is a developing incident. We just saw a briefing by the World Health Organisation. I don't have any immediate information on the steps that we are taking. This is an issue more for our health authorities and our civil aviation authorities."

Police Opens Online

in order to reach out to the general public and to bring transparency from police station level up, a police spokesperson said.

To this end, the website of zonal police headquarters, Kashmir, (<https://kashmirpolice.jk.gov.in>) has been facilitated with public grievance redress mechanism, he said.

"Any person or party having any grievance on any matter related to Police Station or any individual Police Officer/ Official, especially with regard to misuse of official power/ position and unwarranted harassment can file his/her grievance online along with relevant details through the public grievances module on the said Kashmir Police Website," the police spokesperson said.

He further said that the grievance or complaint shall be monitored by a designated officer at Zonal Police headquarters Kashmir and appropriate action as envisaged under law shall be taken within 15 days from the date the same is received.

"Apart from filing of online grievances/complaints against the police personnel, suggestions/comments from community members to improve the police-public relationship shall be appreciated," the police spokesperson said.

"Within a period of 15 days, a reply or action taken report shall be conveyed to the sender through mail," he added.

ASI Caught While

Sub-Inspector red handed while accepting a bribe, reports said.

The accused police officer was taken into custody by the CBI sleuths.

CASO Launched

of militants in the village. The joint team, reports said, carried out door-to-door searches and subjected the people to identity checks and frisking.

The CASO continued for several hours in the village. However, no reports of any arrests were received during the search operation.

Man Dies As Car

as Ashish Khajuria son of Satish Kumar of Mangnar Haveli Poonch died on the spot, they said, as per news agency GNS.

A police official said that a case has been registered in connection with the accident in which he confirmed one person died.

Director Sports Declares Hockey Nehru Cup Tournament Open

Directs field staff for holding regular coaching in schools



Observer News Service

UDHAMPUR: Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanfar Ali on Friday declared open the Union Territory Level Inter-District Nehru Hockey Cup Tournament-2021 for under-15 and under-17 year boys here at an impressive and colourful inaugural function held in Subash Stadium.

The tournament is being organized under the patronage of Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Youth Services and Sports and under the Chairmanship of Indu Kanwal Chib, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur and under the overall supervision of S. Swarn Singh, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Udhampur. While Gazanfar Ali was the chief guest at the opening ceremony, Ashok Kumar, former Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports and Naveen Sharma, Chief Cricket Coach Sports Council J&K and Manager Subash Stadium Udhampur were the guests of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest lavished praise on the organisers for holding the event

in a befitting manner. He said sports serves for delight, for ornament and for agility, adding that the sportspersons are the messengers of peace and harmony.

Encouraging the players for improving the standard of Hockey in the Union Territory, Gazanfar said that Hockey is the game of Indian origin and the time is ripe to promote it in every nook and corner of the Union Territory.

He said sports help youth not to derail from the mainstream by not falling prey to drugs and other social evils.

He also welcomed the ceremonial Parade of Band of Modern High School Dhanori.

On the occasion, the Director Sports directed the field staff for holding regular Coaching Camps in the schools for all calendared activities.

Meanwhile, around 170 boys drawn from seven Districts of the Union Territory participated in the Tournament.

Later, S. Swarn Singh DYSSO Udhampur presented a memento to the chief guest and the guests of honour as a mark of respect.

LG Inaugurates Gymnastics Academy Of J&K

Attends closing ceremony of 56th Artistic & 25th Rhythmic Gymnastics Nationals at Jammu



Observer News Service

JAMMU: LG Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated the Gymnastics Academy of J&K at MA Stadium. It is one of North India's premier gymnastics training facilities.

The LG also attended the closing ceremony of National level 56th Artistic & 25th Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships.

On the occasion, the LG announced that the Government of J&K will bear all the expenses of Para Athletes, Chanddeep Singh and Mohd Sultan Rather for their participation in World Para Taekwondo Championship, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey.

Addressing the gathering, the LG congratulated the sportspersons and budding gymnasts for the opening of the Gymnastics Academy.

He said that the Gymnastics Academy will identify the talents, hone their abilities and provide them all support to bring laurels at Olympics and International level.

The LG observed that the formal inauguration of the Gymnastics Academy awaited for many years shows the strong resolve of the Jammu and Kashmir administration to strengthen the resources of sports and make sports an important part of the society.

"We are committed to extend all-out support to the local talent to scale new heights of success. Sportspersons who made J&K and the nation proud will get due recognition of their achievements," the LG said.

J&K Government is involving all stakeholders and Policy Advocacy Research Center for the effective implementation of the new sports policy, which will be unveiled within a

month, observed the LG.

We are also in the process of notifying new rules to provide better job opportunities to the renowned players, he added.

Underscoring the groundbreaking initiatives taken to create a flourishing sports culture at the grassroots level, the Lt Governor said that the UT Government is giving focused attention to develop world class infrastructure, arranging the best coaches, implementing new policies for laying a solid foundation for the budding sportspersons and making J&K the Power House of sports.

We are all set to complete the 615 projects, under UT CAPEX, including Renovation and Upgradation of All Sports Infrastructure by March 2022. Apart from this, 190 projects (out of 520) for creating world-class sports infrastructure in all schools and colleges of J&K have been completed. Out of 31 projects under the Prime Minister's Development Package, 25 projects have been completed till date, the LG observed.

The combined budget of education and sports of Jammu and Kashmir is Rs 2386 crores, which is way more than various bigger States and UTs. Besides, Youth Services and Sports, this year, is allocated with a budget of Rs 513 crore. At least 17 lakh youth will be provided sports opportunities and Youth clubs have been established in all the panchayats, all urban wards of the UT which will bring out the best sporting talent of J&K, he added.

LG Sinha appreciated the Sports Council for organizing more than two lakh activities this year to realize the vision of "har din Khel, Sabhi ke Liye Khel".

On the occasion, the LG interacted with the Gymnasts of all States/UTs, and felicitated the outstanding sportsperson of J&K with cash awards.

A cheque of Rs 5 lakh was handed over to paralympian Rakesh Kumar, and Rs 2 lakh to Shooter Chain Singh.

In her welcome address, Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council briefed the features of Gymnastics equipment and other facilities which are being created in Jammu for the coming generation.

About 600 Gymnasts including officials from different States/UTs participated in Gymnastics Championships organized under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India and J&K Olympic Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council, it was informed.

Prominent others present on occasion were Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC; Farooq Khan, Advisor to LG; Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Youth Services and Sports; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Dr. Raghav Langer Divisional Commissioner Jammu;

Er. Kiran Watal President J&K Gymnastics Association; Kaushik Bidwala from Gymnastics Federation of India, Rajesh Gupta Chairman Organizing Committee, and others.

PAK VS BAN 1ST TEST

Liton & Mushfiquer Rescue Tigers From 49-4 On Day 1

Agencies

DHAKA: Liton Das hit his maiden century as Bangladesh recovered from a shaky start to reach 253-4 against Pakistan on the opening day of the first Test on Friday.

He and Mushfiquer Rahim combined for an undefeated 204-run partnership after Bangladesh were reduced to 49-4 in the first session.

They kept the Pakistan bowlers at bay from the first half of the morning session through the entire second and third sessions.

At stumps owing to bad light, Liton was on 113 and Mushfiquer on 82. The first hour belonged to the Pakistan fast bowlers, who utilised the early moisture on the pitch.

Opener Saif Hasan hit fast bowler Hasan Ali for two boundaries in the second over to hint at a good start for Bangladesh.

Opening partner Shadman Islam struggled against Shaheen Shah Afridi, who moved the ball well, but Saif grew with confidence, driving the left-arm pacer through mid-off for four.

Afridi broke through with the next delivery when Saif fended a short delivery to a short leg for 14. Shadman also fell for 14, as Ali had him leg before after leaking runs in his opening spell.

Offspinner Sajid Khan gave the side a big breakthrough when he reviewed successfully to dismiss captain Mominul Haque for 6.

Najmul Shanto followed him, giving a straight catch to point for 14 as Bangladesh crumbled under pressure.

Liton and Mushfiquer were

duly cautious at the start and survived some tricky moments before they dominated.



They went unscathed in the whole middle session during which they raised their half-centuries and Liton hit Khan for the lone six of the day.

Mushfiquer raised his 24th half-century with consecutive boundaries against fast bowler Ali off 108 balls. He survived because of a no-ball by Nauman Ali after sweeping straight to point.

Playing with caution, Liton reached his first Test century off 199 balls after pushing Nauman to mid-off for a single.

Pakistan took the new ball as soon as it was available without reward for another five overs.

The home side is missing three key players as Shakib Al Hasan and Tamim Iqbal were ruled out due to injuries and Mahmudullah, who hit a 150 not out in Bangladesh's last Test against Zimbabwe, retired from the five-day format.

Pakistan came into the Test series having swept Bangladesh in the three-match T20 International series. The visitors handed a Test debut to Abdullah Shafique, who scored two centuries in three first-class matches he has played.

New Zealand 129/0 On Day 2 In Reply To India's 345

Press Trust of India

KANPUR: New Zealand made a strong reply to India's first innings total of 345 all out, reaching 129 for no loss at stumps on the second day of the opening Test here on Friday.

Will Young and Tom Latham were batting on 75 and 50 respectively at close of play on Day 2. New Zealand still trail the hosts by 216 runs. India started the day on 258 for four.

Resuming on overnight score of 75, Shreyas Iyer (105 off 171 balls) became the 16th Indian to score a hundred on Test debut and second after the great Gundappa Vishwanath to reach the milestone at this very ground after 52 years.

The morning also belonged to the seasoned Tim Southee (27.4-6-69-5), who picked up his 13th five-wicket haul in his 80th Test. He was on target with the second new ball first up as he sent back Ravindra Jadeja (50) on his overnight score, before adding three more wickets in his kitty.



UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR
HAZRATBAL SRINAGAR KASHMIR-190006
(NAAC ACCREDITED GRADE A+)

Brief notice inviting e-tender

S. No.	Items	Description
1	Scope of work	Running student friendly dhaba services in the Main Campus, University of Kashmir at following three dhabsas 1) Dhaba-I behind Commerce Deptt. 2) Dhaba-II near HRDC, Naseembagh 3) Dhaba-III near Chemistry Deptt.
2	Cost of bid document for each dhaba	Bank Draft of Rs. 1000/- drawn on any nationalized bank favouring Registrar, of Kashmir (non-refundable)
3	Date of publishing of e-tender	25-11-2021
4	Date of start of bid submission	25-11-2021
5	Last date & time for upload/ submission of bids	09-12-2021 upto 2: 00 p.m.
6	Date of opening of technical bids (online)	09-12-2021 2:30 p.m.

Complete tender documents can be downloaded from the University of Kashmir website (<http://www.kashmiruniversity.net/tenders.aspx>). Information on issuance of corrigendum, if any, related to this tender will also be available on the same website. The submission of e-tenders shall be done through www.jktenders.gov.in

No: F (Tender Dhaba) Est/KU/21
Dated: 25-11-2021

Assistant Registrar
Estates

DIPK-NB-5380/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF HANDICRAFTS & HANDLOOM, KASHMIR EXHIBITION GROUNDS (KASHMIR HAAT), SRINAGAR ABBREVIATED E-TENDER NOTICE.

E-tender Notice No: - 10 of 2021-22

Dated: - 24-11-2021

On behalf of the Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir (DHHK), online tenders are hereby invited from principal manufacturers or authorized dealers for supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Optical-based Fibre Diameter Analyzer 4000 (OFDA) in PTQCC Srinagar, J&K.

S.NO	Name of Work	Class of Contract	Bid Security Declaration/EMD	Cost of tender document	Tender inviting Authority
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Optical-based Fibre Diameter Analyzer 4000 (OFDA) in PTQCC Srinagar, J&K.	Principal manufactures or authorized dealers/ firms having GST registration with TIN No.	General Tenderers shall have to furnish Bid Security Declaration. However, the successful bidder shall have to furnish performance security of 3% of the value of the Contract.	Rs1000/- only for in the form of Demand Draft	Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir

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	Publishing Date	24-11-2021
2	Document download/ Sale start Date	25-11-2021 from 2.00 PM upto 15.12.2021 (4.00PM)
3	Seek clarification start date	25.11.2021 (2.00 PM)
4	Seek clarification end date	11.12.2021 (2.00 PM)
5	Bid/ Tender submission start date	25.11.2021 from 2.00 PM
6	Bid/ Tender submission closing date	15.12.2021 upto 4.00 PM
7	Bid/ Tender opening date (online)	Technical bid will be opened on 16.12.2021 at 11.00 am in the office of Director Handicrafts Srinagar. The financial bid of the successful tenderers shall be opened on 17.12.2021 at 02:00 pm in the office chamber of Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir. The successful bidders shall have to furnish all the required samples on the date of opening of financial bids.

No: - HD/DDT//2021/401-404
Dated: - 24.11.2021
DIPK-13590/21

Sd/-
Director Handicrafts & Handloom,
Kashmir

UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KAMRAJ FOREST DIVISION, ZANGLI, KUPWARA. Ph/FaxNo 01955-253206. Email-Id: forestdivisionkamraj@gmail.com PUBLIC NOTICE

Following vehicles have been seized while committing forest offences and are pending disposal before this Authorized Forum to get confiscated under Section-52 of Indian Forest Act, 1927.

S. No.	Seized vehicles under Reg. No	Seizure date and place	Details of seized stocks
01	JK05/1963	29.07.2017 at Segipora top, Sopore.	Deo/Kail/Fir 08 No's= 19.55 cfts
02	DL2CK/7900	04.07.2016 at village Bomai Sopore.	Deo/ plank 30 No's=18.64 cfts
03	JK01C/8241	19.08.2017 at village Warpora, Sopore.	Deo/Kail/saw 16 No's=36.03 cfts
04	JK04/6970	Intervening night of 28-29.06.2017 at Rampora,	Deo round 07 No's=24.0 cfts
05	JK01C/5366	01.07.2017 at Embran Bomai, Sopore.	Deo/Kail sawn 05 No's=13.57 cfts
06	DL7CB/5809	02.09.2015 at Machipora Goripora, Sopore.	Kail sawn 29 No's=8.37 cfts
07	Nil	14.11.2017 at Adipora Nubal, Sopore.	Deo/Kail sawn 07 No's=16.22 cfts
08	JK01C/6166	25.02.2014 at Warpora, Sopore.	Deo/Kail sawn 06 No's=18.30 cfts
09	JK05E/1948	06.10.2019 at Warpora, Sopore.	Deo/Kail green tune 13.74 cfts.

In this regard any person/persons, who is/are interested with the above mentioned seized property are advised through the medium of this public notice to present themselves before this Authorized Forum within a period 7 days from the publication of this notice.

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer
Kamraj Forest Division, Zangli Kupwara

DIPK-13558/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CIVIL) SHER-I- KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA SRINAGAR. NOTICE INVITING E- TENDERS

NO : SIMS/HEC/ET/49 of 2021-22

Dated: 24-11-2021.

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor U.T Jammu & Kashmir, E - tenders are invited from class of contract "BEE & CEE " of contractors registered with PWD/ CPWD/MES/RAILWAYS.

S.No	Name of work	Adv. Cost	Cost of T/ Document	Earnest Money	Class of contractor	Time of completion
01.	Grill fencing at various spots of landscaping lawns at SKIMS.	Rs.16.00 lacs	Rs.1000/=	Rs. 32000/=	"BEE & CEE"	45 Days

1.	Major Head of Account	M&R-2210
2.	Position of AA	Accorded
3.	Technical Sanction	Accorded
4.	Position of funds	Committed
5.	Downloading/ uploading of bidding documents	29-11-2021 to 08-12-2021 upto 3 PM
6.	Submission of hard copy end date	09-12-2021 Upto 3PM (in the office of Executive Engineer Civil SKIMS)
7.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	11-12-2021 at 11.30 AM (in the office of Executive Engineer Civil SKIMS)
8.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	13-12-2021 at 11.30 AM (in the office of Executive Engineer Civil SKIMS)

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

- The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, and bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms & conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Bids must be uploaded with scanned copy of cost/fee of tender document & earnest money (Bid Security) in the shape of DD & CDR/FDR respectively pledged to Director Finance, SKIMS Soura Srinagar.
- Qualification criteria for the work and other terms & conditions are contained in the bidding documents, available on skims website

No: SIMS 139/ 85/ 2021-22- 2576-83
Dated: 24 - 11-2021
DIPK-NB-5364/21

Executive Engineer (Civil)
Hospital/Engineering Department
SKIMS, Soura

India To Resume Scheduled International Flights From December 15

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Scheduled international flights to and from India will be resumed from December 15, the Civil Aviation Ministry said on Friday.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, scheduled international flights have been suspended in India since March 23 last year. However, special passenger flights have been operating since July last year under air bubble arrangements with around 28 countries.

The Civil Aviation Ministry wrote a letter to aviation regulator DGCA asking it to take "further necessary action" for the resumption of scheduled international flights.

"The matter of resumption of scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India has been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and it has been decided that scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India may be resumed from December 15, 2021.

"Resumption of commercial international passenger services would imply reversion to bilaterally agreed capacity entitlements and termination of air bubble arrangements," the Civil Aviation Ministry said.

If a country wants to operate scheduled passenger flights to another nation, a bilateral air services agreement has to be negotiated to decide how many airlines, ports of entries and total flights (or seats) weekly can be allowed between the two.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued a formal notification about the resumption of scheduled international passenger flights after the receipt of the Aviation Ministry's letter.

The countries that the Health Ministry has identified as not "at-risk" of COVID-19 will get "full capacity entitlements according to the

bilateral air service agreements", the Aviation Ministry noted.

In a circular on Friday, the Health Ministry has put countries in Europe, including the United Kingdom, and South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong and Israel under the 'at-risk' category.

The Aviation Ministry said if a country has been identified to be "at-risk" of COVID-19 and has an air bubble agreement with India, then "75 per cent of pre-COVID scheduled international flight operations of Indian or foreign carrier whichever is higher or a minimum of seven frequencies per week subject to availability of entitlements under bilateral agreements will be permitted".

For a country that has been identified to be "at-risk" of COVID-19 and does not have an air-bubble agreement with India, then only "50 per cent of bilateral capacity entitlements or 50 per cent of pre-COVID operations of Indian or foreign carrier, whichever is higher", will be permitted.

Under an air bubble agreement between the two nations, airlines of both countries can operate special flights between their territories with certain restrictions.

The Aviation Ministry said on Friday: "The seats under air bubble arrangement which have already been sold by airlines, which are more than the capacity entitlements under bilateral air service agreements available with the airlines, will be allowed to be operated till December 14, 2021." "Such airlines will restrict their operations to capacity entitlements enter bilateral air service agreements available with airlines with effect from December 15, 2021," it added.

All scheduled international flights will have to strictly adhere to the Union health ministry's protocols for international travel issued on November 11 this year, it mentioned. — PTI

40 Years Later, Allahabad HC Agrees Accused Was Juvenile

Agencies

After 40 years of the incident, the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court has declared a 56-year-old accused as a juvenile, sentencing him to the punishment already undergone in a case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

The HC decided the plea of juvenility of the convict on the direction of the apex court and the order was passed by a bench comprising Justice Ramesh Sinha and Justice Vivek Varma.

The Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Ambedkar Nagar, in October 2017, had declared the convict, Sangram, a juvenile, but while deciding the appeal finally on October 11, 2018, the HC did not consider this fact.

The HC, in fact, had partly allowed the appeal of convicts Ram Kumar and Sangram by upholding the conviction, but modifying the sentence under Section 304 (1) of IPC sentencing them to undergo 10 years of jail term.

Sangram challenged the high court verdict in the Supreme Court, pleading that the high court committed grave error in deciding the appeal against him without considering his plea of juvenility that can be raised at any stage of the criminal proceedings.

The Supreme Court on August

27, 2021, remitted back the matter to the high court for deciding the plea of juvenility.

Hearing the plea, the high court found that additional sessions judge, Faizabad, on November 25, 1981, had found Ram Kumar and Sangram guilty for committing a murder in Ibrahimpur police circle, Faizabad, and hence convicted them with life imprisonment.

The two had preferred appeal in the high court in 1981 against the said conviction and sentence.

During pendency of the appeal on a direction of the high court, the JJB submitted its report before it on October 11, 2017, that Sangram was juvenile and aged about 15 years when the crime was committed in 1981.

Considering the matter after the remand order passed by the SC, the high court bench said, "Opinion was formed by the JJB on Transfer Certificate of Sangram pertaining to Class 5 and it was proved by the headmaster of the concerned school by placing relevant documents. No appeal has been filed by the complainant and even the state has not objected to the said finding of the JJB."

"Thus, we are of the view that the report dated October 11, 2017, passed by JJB, after making thorough inquiry, is liable to be accepted and we, accordingly, accept the same," observed the bench.

India To Tighten Covid Testing For Tourists Amid New Variant Concerns



Agencies

NEW DELHI: India issued an advisory to all states to rigorously test and screen international travellers from South Africa and other "at risk" countries amid concerns over a new coronavirus variant, after easing some of its travel restrictions earlier this month.

The federal health ministry said reports of mutations in the new variant, identified as B.1.1.529, had "serious public health implications".

"This variant is reported to have a significantly high number of mutations, and thus, has serious public health implications for the country in view of recently relaxed visa restrictions and opening up of international travel," health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said in a letter to states late on Thursday.

While some major Asian countries rushed to tighten border controls and restrict travellers, India had not yet issued a notification, a senior government source said.

"This has not been studied fully by Ministry of Health," the source told Reuters, declining to be identified in line with policy.

The federal health and foreign ministries did not respond to a Reuters request for comment on whether India will ban foreign travellers. On Friday, the UK Health Security Agency said the new variant has a spike protein that was dramatically different to the one in the original coronavirus that COVID-19 vaccines are based on. And it could make existing vaccines less effective.

Britain has banned flights from six African countries, and asked returning British travellers from those destinations to quarantine. India, the world's

second-worst affected country by COVID-19, posted the smallest rise in new cases in one-and-a-half years this week, due to rising vaccinations and antibodies in a large section of its population from previous infections.

The country's total cases of the coronavirus reached 34.56 million on Friday. India's daily case-load has halved since September and the country reported 10,549 new cases on Friday.

Earlier this month, India identified 10 countries "at risk" that includes Europe, Britain, China, South Africa, and New Zealand, among others. And has opened its borders to 99 countries overall.

Indian shares tumbled more than 2% on Friday, as investors fled risky assets panicking over the impact of the new variant. The losses were in line with steep falls seen in markets across Asia.

Farmers In Hundreds Descend On Delhi-UP Border On Protest Anniversary



Agencies

HAZIABAD: Hundreds of farmers in tractors started arriving at Ghazipur on the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border as Friday marked one year of the ongoing farmers' protest against the central laws.

Many of them brought along vegetables, sacks of flour and lentils, spices and cooking oil on their tractor-trolleys, saying they had come prepared for a long haul.

Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU), an influential farmers' union from western Uttar Pradesh, has been leading the charge at the Ghazipur border since November last year.

The BKU is part of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), a farmers' collective, which is spearheading the protest for withdrawal of three contentious farm laws and for legal guarantee on minimum support price (MSP) of crops.

"It has been a year of unmatched struggle mixed with happiness and sadness. We are fighting and winning. We will fight and win. MSP law is farmers' right," BKU national spokesperson Rakesh Tikait tweeted in Hindi.

The outfit's office-bearers claimed the police had been

strengthening the barricading at Ghazipur border - both on the Delhi-Meerut elevated highway patch and at the UP Gate down below it - since Thursday, even as they said the crowd would swell at the protest site by Friday evening.

"We have a meeting of the SKM on Saturday and the future course of our action will be decided only after that."

"We have planned a march towards Delhi on November 29, but the SKM will take a call about it on Saturday," BKU spokesperson Saurabh Upadhyay said.

He said, "Supporters in large numbers started reaching the border on Friday morning and by evening we are expecting over 50,000 people at Ghazipur alone."

A BKU supporter who reached Ghazipur in the morning from Muzaffarnagar on a tractor in a group said they had come to the protest with arrangements for food and accommodation.

"It has been a year, the farmers can continue the protest for their rights for several years," the villager, draped in a shawl and a muffler, said.

Modi had last week announced his government's decision to withdraw the contentious laws. PTI

CAN'T CAST DOUBT ON VACCINATION

SC On Plea Seeking Probe On Deaths Linked To Vaccine

The Supreme Court on Friday said it cannot send a wrong message on the ongoing Covid vaccination and emphasized that the WHO has also spoken in favour of the vaccines

A bench comprising Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and A.S. Bopanna said: "We cannot send a message that there is some problem with the vaccination. The WHO has spoken in favour of vaccines, countries across the world are doing it! We cannot just cast doubt on it."

Justice Chandrachud further added that the revised guidelines also provide another channel for

tracking serious and minor AEFI (adverse event following immunisation) through the 'peripheral health staff', which includes Asha workers. Citing monthly progress reports, he reiterated that at this juncture, it is not correct to cast a doubt on vaccination.

Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, representing the petitioners, submitted that there were hundreds of reported deaths across the country, linked to the vaccine, at the time this petition was filed. He contended that healthy people going for vaccination are collapsing and dying.

Justice Chandrachud replied it may not be attributed to the

vaccine and queried, "What is the correlation?"

Gonsalves replied, "Maybe. But, we must have a monitoring system to record this...". He added that 2015 AEFI guidelines were revised in 2020, which only provides for passive surveillance -- relying only on the complaint of a person concerned or the family affected.

Justice Chandrachud remarked, "We cannot say, we haven't formulated guidelines for AEFI in India. We do have a system. There are always bound to be dissenters, but we can't fashion our policy as per them."

He added that the court has to see the good of the nation as a whole. "The world was in the throes of an unprecedented pandemic the likes of which we have not seen in our life. It is of the highest national importance that we vaccinate," he said.

Justice Chandrachud further added that there will always be studies, either five or ten years down the lane, but, at this stage, "We cannot afford the price of laxity, of not vaccinating. We have to keep the people safe and reduce fatality."

Justice Chandrachud emphasized, "When you have guidelines, why should the court

interfere at this crucial stage of vaccination? Every country in the world has multiple vaccines...look at the developed world, the US."

After detailed hearing in the argument, the bench asked Gonsalves to serve the petition in the office of the Solicitor General. The petitioners, Ajay Kumar Gupta and others, sought direction to the Centre to follow up, record and advertise instances of death occurring within 30 days of immunisation.

The bench said, "We have a few things in our minds," and scheduled the matter for further hearing after two weeks.

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