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NEWS DIGEST

Soldier Shoots Himself Dead

SRINAGAR: An army man on Tuesday allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself dead in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir. 27-year-old Tejpal Singh of army's 12 RR shot **More on P10**

Mild Intensity Quake Hits Ladakh

LEH: A low-intensity earthquake hit parts of the union territory of Ladakh in the wee hours Tuesday, the National Centre of Seismology said. An earthquake of magnitude 3.7 occurred at **More on P10**

1300 Year-Old Durga Idol Recovered

SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday recovered around 1300-year old sculpture of Hindu Goddess Durga in central Kashmir's Budgam district. The sculpture, carved in a black stone with Hindu Goddess Durga seated on a lion **More on P10**

Crime Branch Charges Two 'Fraudsters'

SRINAGAR: The Crime Branch of Kashmir on Tuesday filed chargesheet against two people for using fake stamp papers for execution of the sale deed before the Court of Sub-Registrar Ganderbal. **More on P10**

Govt Moots Online Option For RTI Applications

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government is mulling to introduce a mechanism to allow people to file right to information (RTI) Act and Public Safety Guarantee Act (PSGA) applications through online mode. **More on P10**

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LG Invites Kolkata Industrialists To J&K

Says Govt To Change Land Use Rules To Allow Business Enterprises On Private Lands

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Expressing optimism that the proposed investment in Jammu and Kashmir will cross a whopping Rs.51000 Crore by the end of financial year, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that his administration is soon coming up with the rules governing change of land use to ensure seamless establishment of business enterprises on private lands.

Sinha made these remarks while interacting with the Industry leaders at Kolkata during an event organized by Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO), Department of Industries and Commerce, J&K in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) included Industrialist/ Investors from Eastern India, an official



spokesperson said.

While discussing the host of interventions made by the UT Government for creating a sustainable, balanced, progressive and competitive industrial ecosystem in the region, the LG, he said, made several important announcements on the occasion. He further said that the

LG has announced the enhancement of the Industrial Development scheme outlay to meet the exceeded expectation of Investments in Jammu Kashmir.

"The proposed investment has already reached Rs. 31,000 Cr and is expected to cross Rs.51,000 Cr by the **More on P10**

'Only Parliament Can Restore J&K Statehood'

As the speculations about assembly elections are making rounds in the Union Territory, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that only Parliament can restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. "Those who have taken statehood will return statehood. And only Parliament can do that. Prime Minister and Home Minister have spoken about this issue before the country and the people of Jammu and Kashmir in the Parliament," Sinha said Tuesday. He was responding to a query by a journalist on senior Congress leader and former Chief Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad's demand seeking restoration of statehood before conduct of polls in the erstwhile state. "They have said in the parliament that once the delimitation process is over, **More on P10**

Cold Wave Continues In Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Cold conditions continued in Kashmir Valley with Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K, recording minus 1.5 degree Celsius against previous night's minus 0.2 degree Celsius.

A meteorological department official here said that the minimum temperature was minus 0.6 below normal for this time of the year. On November 23, the mercury settled at minus 2.3 degree Celsius in Srinagar which is lowest temperature recorded so far this season in the city.

They said Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 3.3 degrees Celsius. Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district also recorded a **More on P10**

1678 KPs Returned To J&K After Aug 2019: GoI

Land Of 150 Applicants Also Restored

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: As many as 1,678 Kashmiri migrants have returned to Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 for taking up jobs under the Prime Minister's Development Package-2015, the government told parliament on Tuesday.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai also said that as per information provided by the government of Jammu and Kashmir, the land of 150 applicants has been restored.

"As per the information provided by the government of Jammu and Kashmir, after abrogation of Article 370, a total of 1,678 migrants have returned to Kashmir for taking up the jobs under the

Prime Minister's Development Package-2015," he said in a written reply to a question.

Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, was abrogated by the central government on August 5, 2019. The state was also divided into two Union Territories.

The minister said the government has taken various measures to restore ancestral properties to migrant Hindus. Under the Jammu and Kashmir Migrant Immovable Property (Preservation, Protection & Restraint on Distress Sales) Act, 1997, District Magistrates (DMs) of concerned Districts in Jammu and Kashmir are the legal custodians of the immovable properties of migrants, who take suo motto action on eviction proceedings **More on P10**



A farmer sorts and arranges freshly-cut wicker twigs in an open field in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

40 Civilians Killed In J&K This Year: GoI

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Tuesday said as many as 40 civilians were killed and 72 were injured in militancy-related incidents in Jammu and Kashmir till this month in 2021.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai also said that a total of 348 security personnel and 195 civilians were killed in Jammu and Kashmir in last five years in militancy-related incidents. In 2021, till November 15, altogether 40 civilians were killed and 72 others were injured, he said in a written reply to a question.

Rai said 40 civilians were killed in 2017, **More on P10**

Govt Announces Winter Vacation For Schools

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday announced winter vacations for educational institutions of Kashmir division and winter zone of Jammu division due to freezing conditions.

"In view of increase in cold weather conditions, there was proposal for early vacations in schools. A meeting in this regard was held yesterday and the proposal has been approved," Principal Secretary School Education Department, Bishwajit Kumar Singh said. **More on P10**

Rs 50K Ex-Gratia Okayed For Kin Of Covid Victims



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has sanctioned ex gratia payment of Rs 50,000 to the dependents of COVID-19 victims and directed all deputy commissioners to set up a robust yet simple mechanism for its disbursement.

Jammu and Kashmir has

recorded 4,476 Covid-related deaths -- 2,291 in Kashmir and 2,185 in Jammu -- since the pandemic began last year.

In an order issued by the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Nazim Zia Khan, secretary to Lieutenant Governor, said the implementation of the **More on P10**

171 More Test Covid Positive In J&K

Jammu and Kashmir registered on Tuesday 171 fresh cases of novel coronavirus while no Covid-19 related fatality was reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, 139 new cases of coronavirus were reported from Kashmir Valley and the remaining 32 from various parts of Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last **More on P10**

'Weak' NC Helped BJP Revoke Art-370: Omar

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah Tuesday said the BJP-led central government was able to abrogate Article 370 after his party was rendered weak after the 2014 elections with PDP founder Mufti Mohammad Syed declining his offer of unconditional support and stitching an alliance with those who do not have "good intentions" towards Jammu and Kashmir.

Omar asked the people to support the National Conference and make it further strong to help "reverse the changes which were forced on the people of



Jammu and Kashmir" on August 5, 2019 with the abrogation of the Article 370 and bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two union territories.

In a reference to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha's **More on P10**

Obesity Up By 11% Among Men In J&K: NFHS Survey

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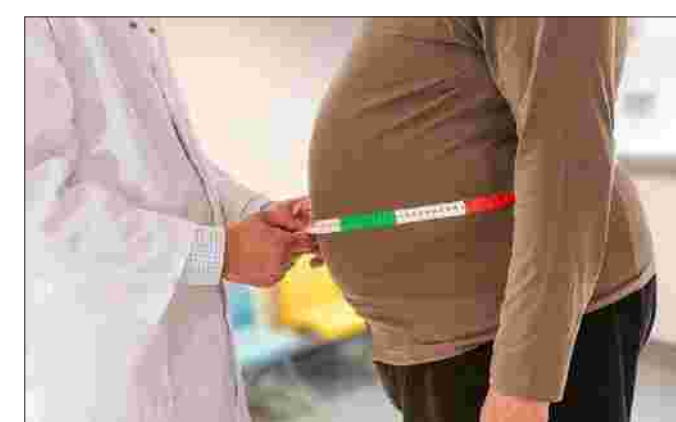
SRINAGAR: The fifth and latest round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) has flagged a worrying increase in the percentage of obesity and overweight across gender groups, particularly among men in the erstwhile state of J&K as the percentage of such cases worsened in the past half a decade.

Pertinently, several of J&K's nutritional indicators have also worsened since the fourth round of the NFHS, which was held in 2015-16. But the erstwhile state has hit a major demographic milestone when the percentage of obesity and Blood pressure in J&K increased at a vicious average among both men

and women, according to the latest survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare between 2019 and 2021.

Notably, the silent epidemic of obesity among men is sweeping the erstwhile state and the future looks tense as more men in J&K are suffering through obesity that has increased with a worrying average of 11 percent. The National Family Health Survey - 5 has dropped this big health alert for J&K.

The data in NFHS 2019-21, the fifth in the series, show that among all age groups, the highest spike in obesity was reported among men who are either overweight or obese where the obesity percentage was recorded at 31.6 percent in NFHS-5 report



from 20.5 percent in NFHS-4, 2015-16 report.

The data show that the number was higher in urban J&K where the rate stood at 40.8 per cent

compared to rural J&K where the rate was recorded at 28.2 percent.

For women who are overweight or obese (BMI ≥ 25.0 kg/m²), the rate was recorded at

29.3 percent in NFHS-5 that has maintained a same rate what was recorded in NFHS-4. In urban J&K, the rate of 33.4 percent was higher than rural J&K where the rate was 27.9 percent.

This is followed by the category of "Men who have high risk waist-to-hip ratio (≥ 0.90)" where the percentage was recorded at gruelling 60.7 percent. In this group, too, the number was higher in urban areas where the percentage stood at 66 percent compared to rural J&K where the rate was recorded in the fifth edition of the NFHS series.

As per NFHS-5 report, in the category of "Women who have high risk waist-to-hip ratio (≥ 0.85)" the **More on P10**



Public Notice

The name of my daughter has been wrongly written in her birth certificate as Sohila Aakif D/O Aakif Afzal Tantray R/O Siligam KP Road while her correct name is Soliha Aakif D/o Aakif Afzal Tantray R/O Siligam KP Road . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in Police Station Ashmuqam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Aakif Afzal Tantray F/o Soliha Aakif
R/O Siligam KP Road RNA

Public Notice

I have lost the RC of my Bike R15 bearing regd No: JKJ01AF-6968 from Bemina To Chattabal Lost To My Rc. Now I am applying for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the RTO Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

NOTICE



Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr/Mrs Deepak Lal Sani S/O Davshan Lal San R/O Bag Mehtab Chadora Budgam (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle LMV - FIGO Regd. No. JK22 1764 (Commercial) Non Commercial) covering under R/P



NO: -----
And
Mr./ Mrs **Mohammad Altaf Dar S/O Mohammad Abdullah Dar R/O Housing Colony Chanapora Sgr** (Parti No 2nd) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with

Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned .

No any representation/ objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

No : ARTO/Spn/997-2021

Dated 29-11-2017

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S/D Asst Regional Transport Officer Shopian

Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

NOTICE



Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr/Mrs Zahid Yaqoob Bhat S/O Mohammad Yaqoob Bhat R/O Vehil Shopian (Party



No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle LMV - FIGO Regd. No. JK22 B 3149 (Commercial/ Non Commercial) covering under R/P NO: -----

And
Mr./ Mrs **Mukhtar Ahamd Wani S/O Mohammad Yaseen Wani R/O Hardu Toioru Kwarigam** (Parti No 2nd) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with Gh Mohd Mir S/o Abdul Ahad Mir R/o Mastpora Keller Shopian.

Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned .

No any representation/ objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

No : ARTO/Spn/980-2021

Dated 29-11-2017

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S/D Asst Regional Transport Officer Shopian

Office of the Assistant Regional Transport officer, Shopian

whereas an application has been received from one Shri Mrs Bilal Ahmad Wani S/O Mohammad Yousef Wani R/O Bongam Shopian Owner of the vehicle No Bearing Regd No; JK22A-4777 for cancellation of Hire PUurchase Agreement

Now it is therefore. Notified for general information that objections if any, to the proposed cancellatin of Hire Purchase Agreement shall be filled in writing in the office of Assinatn Regional Trasport Officer Shopian within ap period of seven (7) days from the publication of this notice in the daily Kashmir Observer

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NO: AU/FOF/2021/J-4/4659-60

Dated 26-11-2021

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders affixed with two rupees revenue stamp are hereby invited from the parties/companies/contractors for offering the rates on hourly basis for hiring of JCB (Backhoe loaders) with small, medium and large bucket type of different hp required for purpose for carrying out land development/field activities at Faculty of Forestry, Benhama Ganderbal during the year 2021-22. The tender must be accompanied earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR for Rs. 10,000/- (Refundable) pledged to DDO/Dean Faculty of Forestry, Benhama. The detailed tender document shall be available on www.skustkashmir.ac.in. The tenders should reach to the office of the undersigned by or before 5th December-2021 upto 2.30 p.m. The tenders shall be opened on the same day in presence of the tenders who wish to remain present. Tenders received after stipulated date and time shall not be considered.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER BANDIPORA ORDER

In pursuance to Govt order No: 442-HME of 2019 Dated: 24-04-2019 and vide this office notification No:- CMOB/Estt/2021/4811 Dated:-01-10-2021 and as per selection made by the concerned selection committee, the service of below named registered pharmacist is hired as Jan Aushadhi Store Managers to work in Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJK) at CHC Hajin purely on profit sharing basis temporarily for a period of three years on performance basis and shall not confer any right for their permanent absorption /regularization in the department and can be terminated at any time without any notice. The arrangement is purely on temporarily basis subject to the terms and conditions laid down below:

S.NO	Name of candidate with full particulars	Qualification	Name of the institution for which selected
1	Aabid Hassan Najar S/O Gh Hassan Najar R/O Naidkhai Hajin	B. pharmacy	CHC Hajin

Terms and conditions:

1. That it shall be the responsibility of the concerned Medical Superintendent/Block Medical Officers of the Hospital to obtain drug licence in the name of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra and other permissions to run a drug store after completing the requirements of Bureau of pharma Public Sector undertakings of India (BPPI).
2. That after the drug licence is issued, the Medical Superintendent/Block Medical Office Shall execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the BPPI.
3. That the premises shall be used solely for the purpose for which it has been allotted and for no other purpose and shall not part with the premises sublet to anyone directly or indirectly.
4. That all the billings should be done using software provided by BPPI. No medicines can be sold in PMBJAK without using the software provided by BPPI.
5. That PMBJAK operator will not be allowed to sell allied Medical products, commonly sold in chemist shops. They are also not allowed to sell any medicine other than meant for Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra.
6. That continuation of Jan Aushadhi store Manager shall be based on his performance vouched with by the committee on the basis of report submitted by the concerned Medical superintendent/Block Medical officer.
7. That in case of unsatisfactory performance by the Jan Aushadhi Store Manager, hired to work in the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra, the committee shall be well within its power to terminate the services of registered Pharmacist(s) and substituted by selecting another registered pharmacist by following the due selection process.
8. The selected JJan Aushadl Store managers shall have to execute an agreement with the department through Medical Superintendent Concerned / Block Medical Officer Concerned that they will abide by all the terms and conditions as laid down by the department and shall work under the supervision of the concerned Medical Superintendent/ Block Medical Officer and shall not claim for any regular appointment / regularization in the department in leiu of this agreement .
9. Taxes as payable under rules shall be paid by assesses.

No: CMOB/Estt/2021/5629-36

Dated 29-11-2021

DIPK-13854

Chief Medical Officer
Bandipora

از نیابت ساگام با اجلاس نائب تحصیلدار ساگام درخواست منجاب: الطاف حسین ولد غلام نبی وانی ساکنہ اکنگام بغرض حصول RBA مرقفیت۔

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4	مڈل زوجہ بشیر احمد کائی	31 سال	گھریلو کام	
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6	جشیہ دفتر غلام حسن کائی	20 سال	زیر تعلیم	
7	ماڈل دفتر بشیر احمد	18 سال	زیر تعلیم	

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1	محمد حسین ولد محمد اظہار	60 سال	دوکانداری	
2	مسماہ زوجہ محمد عثمان	45 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	ترک جان دختر محمد عثمان	26 سال	گھریلو کام	
4	عادل احمد دختر محمد عثمان	24 سال	زیر تعلیم	
5	زبان جان دختر محمد عثمان	20 سال	زیر تعلیم	
6	ناہیدہ دختر محمد عثمان	18 سال	زیر تعلیم	
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2	زبیر باؤڑہ جینڈا	65 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	ریاض احمد کوہر ساکنہ دلہ پوڑہ	22 سال	مزدوری	
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Unidentified gunmen intruded into the compound of the house of Abdul Rasheed Peer at Churan in Kellar area of Shopian last night. The inmates raised an alarm at which some neighbours came to their rescue. However, while fleeing from the place, the intruders fired some shots without any harm. Official sources said they intended to kill Mst Malla, wife of Peer who they accused was an 'Informer'.

The Arrival Of Omicron: Is Vaccine Inequality To Blame?



Agence France-Presse

PARIS: In October 2020, as scientists around the world raced to develop a vaccine to fight Covid-19, the leader of the World Health Organization warned against looming "vaccine nationalism".

In a video address, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at the time that the only way to beat the pandemic was by making sure poorer countries had fair access to a vaccine.

"When we have an effective vaccine, we must also use it effectively," he said.

"And the best way to do that is to vaccinate some people in all countries rather than all people in some countries. Vaccine nationalism will prolong the pandemic, not shorten it."

Over a year later, vaccine inequality is undeniable.

Rich nations like France and Japan have given at least one dose to over 75 per cent of their populations.

In South Africa -- where the Omicron variant was first sequenced -- only a quarter of the population has been vaccinated. And is one of the highest inoculation rates on the continent.

But is vaccine inequality the reason behind Omicron's emergence?

French experts tasked with informing their government's pandemic response say Omicron likely

came from a patient with a depressed immune system and is the result of a long line of mutations that accumulated during a chronic infection.

But wherever it came from, its spread would have been "slower, the higher the immunity of the surrounding population," Arnaud Fontanet, scientific advisory board member and epidemiologist at the Pasteur Institute, told AFP.

"You can imagine that the growth of the virus during uncontrolled epidemics creates more opportunities for variants to emerge," he said.

- 'Shock the world' -

"I would like for this new worry to shock the world into realising the importance of vaccinating people on a global scale," Fontanet said.

"The planet will only be safe when we achieve a level of global immunity that significantly limits the spread and opportunities for new variants to emerge," he said.

The WHO sounded the alarm on vaccine inequality again in September when countries with plenty of resources began eyeing booster shots for vaccinated adults and others considered vaccines for children.

Speaking from WHO's headquarters in Geneva, Tedros called on countries to avoid giving out extra Covid jobs until the end of the year, pointing to the millions worldwide who have yet to receive a single dose.



Photo courtesy: IANS

Rajya Sabha Chairman Rejects Request To Revoke Suspension Of 12 MPs

IANS

Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday turned down the Opposition's appeal for revocation of suspension of 12 MPs.

"I am not considering the appeal of Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge to revoke suspension of 12 MPs as the suspended MPs have not apologised are are justifying their behaviour," he observed.

At this, the Opposition members staged a walk-out.

Kharge had raised the issue under rule 256 saying that the suspension was contrary to rules of the procedure of rules.

"The Members have been suspended over a conduct which occurred in the previous session and is against the rules of the House," the LoP said, adding that the question

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of apologising does not arise.

In response, the Chairman said that the House has adopted a motion and on the day of occurrence, the MPs were named by the Chair.

On Tuesday morning, the Opposition parties, barring the TMC, assembled at Kharge's office to chalk out a strategy on the matter and met the Chair but were left disappointed.

Justifying their act, Derek O'Brien of TMC said that the Members were compelled to resort to such a behaviour in the Monsoon session as cer-

tain issues were not being brought up for discussion despite repeated requests. "Not the 12 Opposition MPs but the 80 MPs of treasury should be suspended," he asserted.

On Monday, the Upper House had suspended 12 MPs for the entire winter session for creating ruckus in the House during the monsoon session on August 11.

The suspended MPs are from the Congress, Trinamool Congress, CPI, CPI-M and Shiv Sena.

The members are -- Syed Naseer Hussain, Akhilesh Prasad Singh, Phulo Devi Neta, Chhaya Verma, Ripun Bora and Rajmani Patel of the Congress, Priyanka Chaturvedi, Anil Desai of the Shiv Sena, Elamaram Kareem of the CPI-M, Binoy Viswam of the CPI, Dola Sen and Shanta Chhetri of the Trinamool.

Indian Army Receives New Israeli Heron Drones For Deployment In Ladakh: Report

Asian News International

NEW DELHI: After a delay of a few months due to COVID-19, the Indian Army's surveillance capabilities have received a major boost as Israel has delivered advanced Heron drones under the emergency procurement clause to keep an eye on the Chinese activities in the Ladakh sector.

"The advanced Heron drones have arrived in the country and are being deployed for surveillance operations in the eastern Ladakh sector," top government sources told news agency ANI.

These drones are operational now and are far more advanced than the Herons in the existing inventory and their anti-jamming capability is much better than their previous versions, the sources said.

The acquisition of these drones has been done under the emergency financial powers granted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government to the Defence Forces under which they can buy equipment and systems worth 500 crores to upgrade their warfighting capabilities, amid ongoing border conflict with China, they added.



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According to sources, the other small or mini drones are being acquired from Indian firms.

The Indian Defence Forces have been taking these initiatives to acquire weapon systems that can help them in the ongoing conflict with China. The last time such a facility was given to the Defence Forces was in 2019 right after the Balakot airstrikes against terrorist camps in Pakistan.

Using the same facility, the Indian Navy has leased two Predator drones which have been taken from American firm General Atomics.

The Indian Air Force had

exercised the same powers to acquire a large number of anti-tank guided missiles, long-range precision-guided artillery shells along with the Hammer air to ground stand-off missiles with a strike range of around 70 kilometres.

The emergency procurement powers under capital acquisition route ended on August 31 this year.

The armed forces have a few more projects in the final stages and if they get an extension, they may go ahead for purchasing that equipment too for improving their combat capabilities.

Omicron Threat: Delhi Govt Prepares 30,000 Beds, Ramps Up Oxygen Availability

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said his government is gearing up to fight a possible threat of the Omicron variant of coronavirus and has prepared 30,000 oxygen beds and also ramped up oxygen supply and storage facilities.

The chief minister held a meeting with government departments to review the preparations to deal with a possible third wave.

"This time, we have prepared 30,000 oxygen beds. Out of these, 10,000 are ICU beds. There are 6,800 beds under construction that will be ready by February, he said.

In every municipal ward we will be able to prepare 100 oxygen beds at a notice of two weeks. There are 270 municipal wards which means we will be able to prepare 27,000 beds at a short notice," he said in an on-line media briefing.

The chief minister also said that the government is ordering 32 kinds of medicines to create their buffer stocks of two months and training manpower.

The preparations for home isolation are also being done, he said.

The national capital grappled with an oxygen crisis during the second wave in April and May, the chief minister said, adding the government has created an extra storage facility of 442 metric tonnes of medical oxygen, something that was not there during the previous wave.

We had zero capacity to produce oxygen. We have installed



PSA plants that can produce 121 MT oxygen. Last time, the hospitals were sending out SOS messages for oxygen. We have directed to install telemetry devices in all oxygen tanks across Delhi so that our war room will be in the know where oxygen is running out," he said.

The government has imported 6,000 cylinders from China and there are three private refilling plants that can fill 1500 cylinders per day and we have put up two bottling plants that can fill 1400 cylinders on a daily basis, he said.

In April and May, Delhi battled a brutal second wave of the pandemic that claimed a huge number of lives and led to a shortage of oxygen and essential drugs at hospitals.

On April 20, Delhi had reported 28,395 cases, the highest in the city since the beginning of the pandemic last year. On April 22, the case positivity rate was 36.2 per cent, the highest so far.

The highest number of 448 deaths was reported on May 3.

CET For UG, PG Courses In Central Universities May Be Held From 2022-2023 Through NTA: UGC



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: The Common Entrance Test (CET) for undergraduate and postgraduate courses in central universities may be conducted from the academic session 2022-2023 through the National Testing Agency (NTA), according to the UGC.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has also said that for admission in PhD programme NET score shall be used, wherever feasible.

"Accordingly, all central universities are advised to take appropriate measures for the Common Entrance Test from the academic session 2022-2023.

These tests would be conducted in minimum 13 languages in which NTA is already conducting JEE and NEET examinations," the UGC said in a letter to vice-chancellors of all universities.

"The Common Entrance Test may also be adopted by the willing state/private universities/deemed to be universities," the commission said.

The National Education Policy

(NEP), 2020, had proposed a CET for all universities through the NTA which will serve as a premier, expert, autonomous testing organisation to offer high-quality common aptitude test, as well as specialised common subject exams in the sciences, humanities, languages, arts, and vocational subjects in higher education institutions.

A committee was constituted to look into the matter and to suggest the modalities for conducting the test for central universities.

"The committee held several rounds of discussions regarding the modalities in details for conducting the CET.

Thereafter, a meeting was held with the vice-chancellors of all central universities on November 21 to discuss the recommendations of the panel," it said.

The Ministry of Education had earlier announced that admission to universities will be based on a common entrance test from 2021 academic session but the plan could not take off due to challenges posed by COVID-19.

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Fastest, Highest, Longest: Five Records Set By UAE

Agence France-Presse

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: From the world's tallest building to the deepest diving pool, the United Arab Emirates, which turns 50 on Thursday, has a love of setting records.

Here are five of the wealthy Gulf state's record-breaking feats:

Tallest building

Dubai is the glitziest of the UAE's seven emirates and its shining achievement is the needle-shaped Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building.

The 828-metre (2,717-feet) skyscraper, in glistening glass and steel, opened in the downtown area in 2010.

Known as Burj Dubai before its inauguration, it was renamed Burj Khalifa in honour of UAE's President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al

Nahyan.

Biggest Ferris wheel

The world's largest Ferris wheel, Ain Dubai, opened in October 2021.

At 250 metres (820 feet) from the



ground to the top of its rim, Ain Dubai ("Dubai Eye") towers above the Bluewaters artificial island.

Each of its 48 carriages can hold 40 people, and it takes 38 minutes

to complete a full rotation.

Longest zipline

Dubai is not the only emirate with record-breaking structures, with Ras Al-Khaimah boasting



the world's longest zipline. Jebel Jais Flight, which opened in January 2018, spans 2,831.88 metres (9,290 feet).

Riders can reach speeds up to 150 kilometres (93 miles) per hour as they zip through the Hajar mountain range.

Deepest diving pool

Dubai added to its list of records in June when it opened the world's deepest swimming pool for diving.

Deep Dive Dubai, an indoor facility for scuba diving, plunges 60 metres (196 feet). Divers can explore a mock sunken city, play chess and navigate through caves.

Fastest rollercoaster

Abu Dhabi, the UAE capital, also has its share of records including the world's fastest rollercoaster. Formula Rossa, which simulates driving a Formula One car at a speed of up to 240 kilometres (150 miles) an hour, is located at the Ferrari World theme park and opened in November 2010.

Allahabad HC Grants Bail To Sharjeel Imam

The Allahabad High Court has granted bail to Sharjeel Imam in a case pertaining to alleged provocative speech against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act at the Aligarh Muslim University in 2019.

The bail was granted by Justice Saumitra Dayal Singh of the Allahabad High Court on Saturday.

A detailed order on Imam's bail is yet to be issued.

Sharjeel Imam, a former JNU student and one of the key organisers of the Shaheen Bagh protest, was arrested last year from Bihar's Jehanabad.

In his speech, Imam had purportedly asked protesters to cut off from India.

Police in Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh had also lodged FIRs against the JNU scholar. However, the activist got bail in the As-



sam and Arunachal Pradesh cases.

Sharjeel Imam was also accused of making inflammatory speeches which led to violence outside Jamia Millia Islamia University in December 2019.

In April, Delhi Police charged him with sedition, alleging his speech promoted enmity between people that led to riots in

the Jamia Millia Islamia University area.

An FIR was registered against him in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh district and by Delhi Police in January 2020 under IPC sections 124 A (sedition) and 153 A (promoting or attempting to promote disharmony or feelings of enmity on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever), 153B (making statements provoking breach of peace) and 505(2) (statements made which are alarming, false intention to create disharmony) of the Indian Penal Code.

Sharjeel Imam is presently lodged in Tihar jail in Delhi since he has also been charged in the Delhi riots conspiracy case and the Jamia protest violence case. _ IANS

'People Complacent': DHSK Cautions Over Rising Covid Cases

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Director Health Services Kashmir Mushtaq Ahmad Rather on Tuesday said there is an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases as the public had become complacent in following prevention protocols.

"There has been an increased prevalence of cases," Rather said, during a meeting with Medical Superintendents of all hospitals across Kashmir to review Covid-19 arrangements.

Amid fresh threats of newer variants of the virus emerging, Mushtaq called for increased testing. "We should have more focus on testing so that once cases are traced then we can isolate and treat them properly," he said.

Mushtaq said the people "have been a bit complacent and they should continue to follow the precautionary measures and follow the guidelines in letter and spirit."

A spokesperson of health services said the meeting reviewed Covid-19 related arrangements and discussed measures being put in place in view of the Omicron variant, which has been classified as a Variant of Concern by the World Health Organization (WHO).

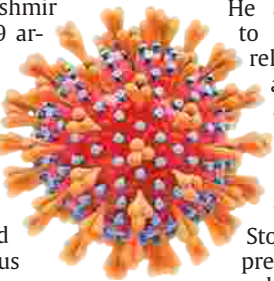
He said the department is ready and all the measures related to oxygen supplies and availability of medicines besides other arrangements have already been put in place to face any eventuality.

Mushtaq, officials said, directed all the Medical Superintendents to remain in an alert situation and keep the hospitals in the ready mode in case of any kind of eventuality.

He also directed them to keep the Covid-19 related supplies available in hospitals and also create separate isolated beds which shall be kept ready for any kind of eventuality. Controller Stores DHSK, who was present in the meeting, was directed to keep the Covid related supplies available in abundance in all the hospitals.

All the Medical Superintendents were given the latest guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, which were revised afresh in view of the Covid variant Omicron.

Further, Mushtaq stressed in IEC activities and awareness should be increased among the general public and said that adherence to SOPs, Covid Appropriate Behavior, social distancing and wearing of masks are the first line of defense of any kind of variant.



Kashmir Getting 10-12 Percent More Electricity This Winter: Admin

Rohit Kansal Says Consumers Being Provided 3 to 4 Hours 'Extra Electricity' This Year, Commends People For 'Judicious Use'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary Rohit Kansal on Tuesday said the Power Development Department was providing 10 to 12 percent more electricity to Kashmir as compared to the previous year.

During a visit to take stock of the preparations in every district regarding power scenario, Kansal said the electricity department was "fully prepared" for the winter.

"I was informed by locals, officers, and deputy commissioner [Pulwama] that as compared to last year every consumer on an average is being provided 3 to 4 hours of extra electricity," claimed Kansal.

Kansal said most of the bottlenecks in transmission of electricity, which the department faced last year have been removed and commended the public for "judicious use" of electricity.

"I must acknowledge that last year every consumer of the Valley respected us a lot and cooperated a lot in making judicious use of electricity during winter," he said.

"The people of our department also worked hard and



made every effort to restore power supply during heavy snowfall last year, this year too, the department is ready to make every effort to provide uninterrupted power supply," he said.

He said they have made it clear to all the officials to make public the curtailment schedule and provide power supply to the consumers strictly as per the notified curtailment schedule.

"Unfortunately, we are not in a position to totally do away with the curtailment schedule, so we have to make some curtailments," he said. "But the department has been given strict instructions to the officials to follow the curtailment schedule, so that people do not face any problems."

Kansal appealed to the people to again use electricity judiciously so that "we will have more power supply and we will be able to reduce the curtailment period."

Kansal sought a detailed list of all the feeders which suffer more than 80 percent losses and directed the field staff to take immediate remedial action. He "regretted" the losses in transmission and said revenue collection remained a matter of "serious concern."

He observed that reduction of losses and uninterrupted supply were "two sides of the same coin and if losses were brought down below 20%, the KPDC would be in a position to supply uninterrupted power. Conversely, if illegal power usage and theft continued unabated, the position of the department to supply power would be severely constrained."

Kansal appealed to the people to avoid the use of banned heating equipment such as heating coils. "People should pay electricity bills on time and also avoid using crude heating devices for their own good," he said. "If the public is able to give this sort of cooperation, then definitely the department will be able to improve the supply of electricity."

He was also deputed during the unrests at Rahara and Gol Park centres and was actively involved in organising the Devotees Convention at Belur Math in 1980. He was highly influential with the top brass of the society, including top industrialists, bureaucrats, politicians, etc. He was stationed in Bombay for about eight months in 1985-86 for fund collection for RKM Brindavan and had developed cordial relations with many devotees there.

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Will Foil Conspiracies Against Statehood Restoration: Bukhari

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari on Tuesday expressed deep concern over political parties opposed to the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement, Bukhari vowed that his Apni Party will stay with its pledge and struggle till the Statehood is restored to J&K. "There will be no compromise on this demand, come what may," he remarked.

Bukhari said that since its inception, Apni Party in March 2020, made it clear that it wanted the Statehood restored to J&K at the earliest, while it requested the Supreme Court to decide the matter regarding Abrogation of Article 370 without any further delay keeping in view aspirations of the people.

He said that by their overtures and public posturing it seems that National Conference and PDP are conspiring against restoration of Statehood because they know that Apni Party is the sole party that had taken a firm stand on the issue from day one since this arbitrary decision was taken.

"Simply for the reason of their partisan interests, these parties have started working against Statehood for J&K. Their promise of reuniting Ladakh and J&K is also hollow," Bukhari observed, adding that knowing all this, they want to show that Statehood too is not possible so that they can

avoid accountability to the promises that they had made earlier.

He said that Apni Party has time and again maintained that its politics would be rooted in realism. Bukhari said that Apni Party laid emphasis on restoration of Statehood because snatching away this status had inflicted an assault on the identity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He recalled that this demand was listed in the Apni Party memorandum that was submitted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah from time to time since the inception of the Party.

That time, he said, parties like NC and PDP had started leveling baseless charges, and now they are conspiring to fulfill their petty political ambitions by agreeing to the UT as the final status of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Now these parties have started beseeching for elections in the current status by trying to undermine the idea of the restoration of statehood. Their high mark of getting Article 370 has been edged out of the discourse, and they are maintaining mysterious silence on the restoration of the Statehood to J&K," Bukhari averred.

This climbdown is a betrayal of the people, but it is not surprising as NC and PDP are habitual of letting down the people—by making false promises, hoodwinking the masses, and then finally signing the surrender agreements, he added.

Pulwama Admin Terms Media Reports Of Land Transfer To CRPF 'Fake Narrative'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Pulwama district administration has termed media reports, quoting locals, of a proposed transfer of land to the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force as "fake narrative" that will be "aptly dealt with".

The administration said it "categorically refuted the fake narrative being circulated in the social media that Irrigation land of people is being handed over to the CRPF."

"General Public is hereby informed that land in question at Oukhoo, Kakapora is exclusively state land & is not proprietary land of any individual/org," they said. "Pulwama administration is committed towards people's welfare/development & anyone with a counter agenda of spreading baseless rumors and propaganda shall be aptly dealt with."

Residents of Oukhoo in Pulwama have protested what they see as the snatching away of their livelihood by the transfer of several kanals of state land — used for decades by local residents — to set up a paramilitary base.

Lolab Villages Denied Rations For Months, Storekeeper Suspended

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: Assistant Director Food on Tuesday put under suspension a storekeeper after local residents in Sever, Gadwad, Dudhban and its adjoining areas in Lolab protested against the latter for leaving them without ration for the past three months.

Assistant Director Food told a local news agency the erring storekeeper has been placed under suspension till further orders after it was brought to his notice.

"I have placed the storekeeper namely Tariq Ah Bandy under suspension till further orders", he said adding further action as warranted would be taken against him. "I have also sought an explanation from the TSO concerned regarding his conduct."

"I will personally visit there tomorrow to oversee the distribution of ration in the villages", he further said.

Earlier in the day, the residents of several villages alleged that they were without ration for the last three months, as according to them, the storekeeper was not visiting the depot for distribution of ration.

3 Intruders Arrested, 5 Killed Along Jammu Border This Year: BSF

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Inspector General of Border Security Force, Jammu Frontier, D K Boora on Tuesday said that alert troops of BSF killed five intruders and apprehended three others hailing from Pakistan along the international border this year in Jammu region.

"Alert BSF troops have neutralised five intruders and also apprehended three Pakistani intruders, while they were trying to infiltrate from International Border till now since January 2021," IG Boora told media persons here in an interaction on the eve of Raising Day of the BSF.

"BSF is manning about 192 km of IB and Line of Control along side the Indian Army," he said, adding that 2021 witnessed manifold challenges from the counterparts like drone activities.

"Tunneling and smuggling attempts but true to its tradition, the BSF Jammu thwarted all attempts of adversary and foiled their nefarious designs," said the IG.

He said as a result of robust domination and surveillance on international border, there has been continued peace on the Jammu IB, adding, "Jammu has continuously carried out anti-tunnel drives along the IB and due to its efforts, it was able to detect two tunnels on international border in the month of January, 2021 and made a huge dent to the infiltration attempts by the anti-national elements from Pakistan."

Boora said the detection of these tunnels also exposed the nefarious designs of Pakistan-based terrorists and smugglers.

"The ever-vigilant troops of BSF were also able to neutralise one Pakistani smuggler, who was trying to smuggle a consignment of narcotics from Kathua border on June 23 this year, wherein BSF seized about 27 kg of narcotics in this successful operation on the international border," said the IG BSF.

He further said that BSF also made the border population aware of the drone operations carried out by Pakistan-based anti-national elements and many drone awareness programmes were organised with border population.



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Obituary: Rev Sanjeeb-A Dynamic & Outspoken Personality

The passing away of Rev Sanjeeb Mj (Swami Anirudhanandaji) on November 27, 2021 has come as a rude shock to all his devotees across India. He was known for his upright, daring, dynamic and outspoken personality and has made a huge contribution, struggled with long legal battles and getting possession of Swamiji's ancestral home in Kolkata from the people who were occupying it for decades.

He was also deputed during the unrests at Rahara and Gol Park centres and was actively involved in organising the Devotees Convention at Belur Math in 1980. He was highly influential with the top brass of the society, including top industrialists, bureaucrats, politicians, etc. He was stationed in Bombay for about eight months in 1985-86 for fund collection for RKM Brindavan and had developed cordial relations with many devotees there.

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From Bombay he was called to join the legal dept. at the HQ at Belur Math in February 1986. The Platform at Bombay Central Station was crowded with his devotees and admirers. Two volunteers accompanied him to Brindavan. One of them is a Senior Swamiji of RKM now. He could have taken strangers as his own. Whatever is good or bad in your life today, it is always good to take the truth in life.

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EXTENSION NOTICE-2

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:

1	e-Bid submission end date and time	06-12-2021 up to 14:00 hrs
2	Date of opening of online techno commercial /financial bid	07-12-2021 at 14:00 hrs

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

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--SD--
Executive Engineer,
TLMD-IV Pampore

GOVERNEMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, PRISONS DEPARTMENT, J&K, JAMMU

e-TENDER NOTICE FOR COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF X-RAY BAGGAGE SCANNERS INSTALLED IN DIFFERENT JAILS OF J&K MAKE "ASTROPHYSICS" MODEL XIS-100XD

e- NIT NO: 04-OF-2021

DATED: 18.11.2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, online e-tenders are invited from the original firms/ Authorized Distributors/Service providers with the Goods & Service tax department for maintaining/servicing/repairing of existing system "X-RAY BAGGAGE SCANNERS INSTALLED IN DIFFERENT JAILS OF J&K MAKE "ASTROPHYSICS" MODEL XIS-100XD as per terms & conditions mentioned in this tender document. The intending tenderer/s shall have to attach earnest money /tender fees in the shape of Demand draft/CDR/FDR from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank to be pledged to the Financial Advisor/CAO Prisons Department J&K for an amount to the extent shown against each below failing which the tender shall not be entertained. The detailed documents, Criteria and other terms and conditions can be seen/downloaded from the governmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

S.no	Description	Date	Time
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2	Date of Downloading of bidding documents or Start date	19.11.2021	10.30 am
3	Bid submission Start date	20.11.2021	10.00 am
4	Bid Submission closing/ end date	15.12.2021	3.00 pm
5	Date and time of opening online Bids	16.12.2021	3.00 pm (in the office chamber of DGP Prisons J&K
6	Deadline for receiving the hardcopy of Original DD & EMD including all the soft copy of documents in favour of approved firm/ Contractor	14.12.2021	upto 3.00 pm
7	EMD AMOUNT	Rs.100000.00	
8	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Rs. 5000.00	

Instructions:-

- The bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender documents in the shape of Demand Draft in favour Financial Advisor/CAO Prisons Department J&K and earnest money/bid in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Financial Advisor/CAO Prisons Department J&K.
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- Bidders must upload the scanned copy of all the necessary documents including earnest money and tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid and submit the hardcopies of all the uploaded documents duly attested under the hand and seal of the tenderer. No documents which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of Hard copy. However in case any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
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K O V I E W

Azad’s Pitch
For Statehood

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad has called on the Centre to conclude the delimitation process in the union territory by February and hold assembly polls immediately after the winter. Addressing a workers' meeting in Devsar area of south Kashmir's Kulgam on Saturday, Azad also said it was not feasible to conduct polls during the next four months of winter. The former chief minister once again made a strong pitch for the restoration of statehood which, according to him, should be followed up with the delimitation. He rightly said there was no difference of opinion in Kashmir and Jammu over the grant of statehood. "Hindu brothers in Jammu, Sikhs, Muslims in Kashmir and even Pandits want statehood," he said.

Significantly, Azad also called for the restoration of August 4, 2019 position in J&K, something he had been shying away from saying so far. However, he added that till the time the August 4 position was restored, the centre should grant J&K statehood. In his speech, however, Azad ensured he maintained a balance between the sensitivities in Jammu and Kashmir. Recently, many of his loyalists quit the Congress party in the union territory in protest against the current state president of the party Ghulam Ahmad Mir.

But will the centre pay any attention to Azad's pleas on statehood? It is least likely to do so, despite the fact that Azad enjoys a great relationship with prime minister Narendra Modi. When Azad's tenure in Rajya Sabha ended early this year, PM Modi had broken down in his farewell speech for him. But so far as making any political concessions on Kashmir is concerned, there seems hardly any possibility of a rethink in the union government. The centre has no immediate plan to restore statehood. This was also obvious from the recent visit of the home minister Amit Shah to J&K. Statehood, the home minister said will be followed by the fresh delimitation of Assembly seats in J&K and the subsequent elections. A delimitation commission has already been in place for the last over a year and it may soon complete its mandate. The enhancement of the Assembly seats, Shah said, will be followed by holding ny the elections within the union territory framework.

It is not clear whether the statehood that would hopefully come after delimitation and the election would be full or a truncated one where the real power would vest with the governor. Such an arrangement, according to mainstream J&K politicians, would hardly be enough to make a redeeming difference to the existing state of affairs, as fundamentally there won't be much that would change on the ground. But here's hoping that things change for the good and the centre does reach out to Kashmir if not make some real political concessions.

OTHER OPINON

Surly India

The joke is on a surly 'democratic' India. The 'retirement' of Munawar Faruqui, a young, Muslim stand-up comedian whose shows have been repeatedly cancelled as a result of the custodians of law – the police in Bangalore being the latest example – caving in to pressure from right-wing groups, raises laughs about India's claims of being a mature democracy that is able to laugh at its follies. Mr Faruqui had earlier been jailed on the basis of a complaint lodged by a convener of a right-wing outfit who alleged that the comedian had offended Indian deities – the Supreme Court had dismissed the charge as being specious after the lower courts had rejected his plea for bail. The Supreme Court's summary dismissal of the allegations – was an arrest made for a joke that had not been cracked? – has deepened suspicions that Mr Faruqui's persecution may have something to do with his religious identity rather than humour. Incidentally, New India's war on comedy has had other victims: Vir Das, Kiku Sharda, Agrima Joshua, Kunal Kamra and many others have been subjected to censorship, ranging from intimidation, contempt cases, threats of violence and even jail terms.

This systematic targeting lays bare a fundamental problem. An authoritarian polity – there is little doubt that India has regressed to being one – finds comedy allergic. This is because throughout history humour and satire have retained elements of resistance against a totalitarian ethic. This, unsurprisingly, has led to governments, including elected dispensations, committing transgressions. In fact, the right-wing's campaign against comedians – it threatens their livelihood – cannot be delinked from India's deterioration on such registers as civil liberties, press freedom and the freedom of speech. It is a pity that a government that claims monopoly on valour does not have the courage to stomach a few jibes. Legal protection for performers is necessary. But more needs to be done. Technological innovations and a post-pandemic ambience have led to the rediscovery of the therapeutic value of humour. There is even a lucrative market for such performances. The resistance to the encroachment by vigilantes into this space must, therefore, come from the patrons – consumers and businesses – of this art.

Telegraph India

It Is Votes, Stupid!
In Rolling Back Farmer Laws, PM Modi Didn’t Back Down. He Made A Clever And Potentially Game-Changing Political Move



FARMERS during their a protest against the agricultural laws in Delhi. | PTI

Riyaz Wani

THE QUESTION
NOW ARISES IS IF
the withdrawal of the laws was the outcome of the failure of tapasya as Modi concluded or the steadfastness of the farmers’ protest. It was neither. The decision, one can credibly argue, was dictated by cold electoral calculations as it came ahead of the elections early next year in key states such as Uttar Pradesh and Punjab

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's rolling back of the three contentious farm laws on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak took everyone by surprise. It has been seen as a rare retreat by the PM who has assiduously built a strongman image who does budge from his decision, no matter what. In fact, this image was one of the major factors that catapulted Modi to power at the centre in 2014.

It is true that this image, in part, was also set off by his predecessor Manmohan Singh. Singh's taciturn disposition and passive approach created a mass hankering for a new leader to speak, to interact and articulate the major public concerns and respond to them. More so, for a country that now reveled in imagining itself as a rising global power and thus wanted a leader who radiated some bravado. Modi easily fit the bill. He projected power and strength

Of course, there was much more to Modi: Before he became the PM, he was an engaging media story for the preceding one and a half-decade during which he incarnated as a strident proponent of Hindu nationalism and a kind of development messiah for his role in turning around Gujarat economy, a fact disputed by the opposition parties and some experts. This made him an all-encompassing persona that spoke to the prejudices, resentments and aspirations of the majority community.

In power, he has lived up to this image. Perhaps never in the past seven decades has any leader so fundamentally changed India as PM Modi. True, Indira Gandhi, a powerful leader like Modi, created Bangladesh, and imposed emergency but she didn't tinker with the Nehruvian ideological basis of India. So, didn't Narsimha Rao, when he roped in the future prime minister Manmohan Singh, then a retired bureaucrat, as a finance minister to usher in liberalisation of the Indian economy, diluting the longstanding socialist moorings of the country. But Modi's term has marked a departure from all this. He has put India firmly on the road to Hindutva. He has shown the will to decisively alter the status quo to hone India to

his nationalistic vision.

Call it decisiveness or overreach, Modi embarked on a series of far-reaching decisions starting with demonetization in 2015. His second term has been more disruptive in nature: Following the withdrawal of Article 370 he moved fast to enact Citizenship Amendment Act and took steps towards pan-India extension of National Register of Citizens which together have made religion as a basis of Indian citizenship and enabled fast-tracking of the citizenship of the non-Muslim refugees from the neighbouring countries. The government has laid the foundation of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya taking the decades-long Ram Janam Bhoomi movement to its logical conclusion. Now revoked farmers' laws were passed, triggering protests by peasants. New Delhi's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal who supported the centre on J&K was himself disempowered with most of the powers being vested in the Lieutenant Governor.

In all the above cases, the PM didn't budge, no matter the intensity of the opposition to the moves. In Kashmir's case, he risked the adverse international fallout which, however, didn't materialize. Even Pakistan which claims Kashmir could have been expected to escalate the security challenge in the former state shied away. But in regard to farmers, Modi has made an exception. The analysts have generally termed this as a result of the year-long resistance by the farmers. True, farmers have been unremitting in their protests, despite losing over 600 people. They braved the chill of last winter and accusations from the top of being "andolanjeevis" and "Khalistanis", the latter tag reserved for Sikh farmers. Still, the union government stood unmoved. Throughout the year, it gave no indication that it was going to take back the laws - it only offered to defer their implementation until 2022. But then the PM, as he does with all his big-bang announcements, suddenly declared that the laws were no longer in force.

"Maybe something was lacking in our 'tapasya' [penance], which is why we could not convince some farmers about the laws," he said.

So, the question now arises is if

the withdrawal of the laws was the outcome of the failure of tapasya as Modi concluded or the steadfastness of the farmers' protest. It was neither. The decision, one can credibly argue, was dictated by cold electoral calculations as it came ahead of the elections early next year in key states such as Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, which were the principal sites of farmer protests and where the BJP is in desperate need to shore up its support. More so, in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, where the chances of the BJP returning to power don't look all that bright and where the BJP needs a victory to stay in the reckoning in 2024 general elections. In India, over 50 percent of the population makes a living from agriculture. Farming forms about 15 percent of the nation's \$2.7 trillion economy.

Any party that ignores farmers does so at their peril. In both states, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, farmers form a substantial vote bank. In the upcoming elections, this deeply alienated section of the population would not only have been expected to vote against the BJP but would also have vigorously campaigned against the saffron party.

The PM didn't and wouldn't have done this in the case of anti-CAA protests, no matter if the protests hadn't been aborted by the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic. Nor would he ever do this for Kashmiris, no matter how much the latter seethe over the unilateral withdrawal of Article 370 in August 2019. The reason is simple: The BJP not only doesn't count Muslims as a vote bank - an adversarial stance towards the community is the party's USP - but the population of Muslims themselves is too insignificant to have any say in the national politics - least of all that of Kashmiri Muslims with a population of around eight million. This shouldn't have been so in a democracy but this is the bitter reality of our times.

In rolling back farmer laws, the PM didn't back down. He made a clever and potentially a game-changing political move.

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Mask It Up

This is in connection with the editorials and articles that Kashmir Observer is publishing to enlighten its readers about the new variant of concern - omicron. It is a welcome step by the newspaper as many in Kashmir are under the impression that the pandemic is over.

This new variant should be sufficient to raise alarms. Moreover, even with Vaccination, one cannot be quite sure

about its efficacy with respect to the variant just yet. Even though data has been suggesting that the new variant might not be as detrimental, there's still time before we can finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Till then it is important for us to mask up because this is the most simple way to keep covid at bay. Additionally, we need to scale up vaccination. Moreover, we're also part of the international community and even our modest voice

can be promising. We must speak for equity in vaccine distribution and ensure that the world community rises to the occasion to make vaccines available for all. Poor countries have been raising alarms for the lack of vaccines for a while now whereas rich countries have wasted doses. Rich countries have also moved to giving booster shots to their citizens. This seems to be a very blatant example of vaccine apartheid. But it is not going to be substantial.

As long as we keep poor countries to fend for themselves, there will be possibility of more variants and some may wreck havoc.

It is easy to close off borders to your countries and literally leave the underprivileged to themselves.

The omicron threat is an opportunity for all of us to reevaluate policies and be more responsible as individuals as well.

Meheer Malik

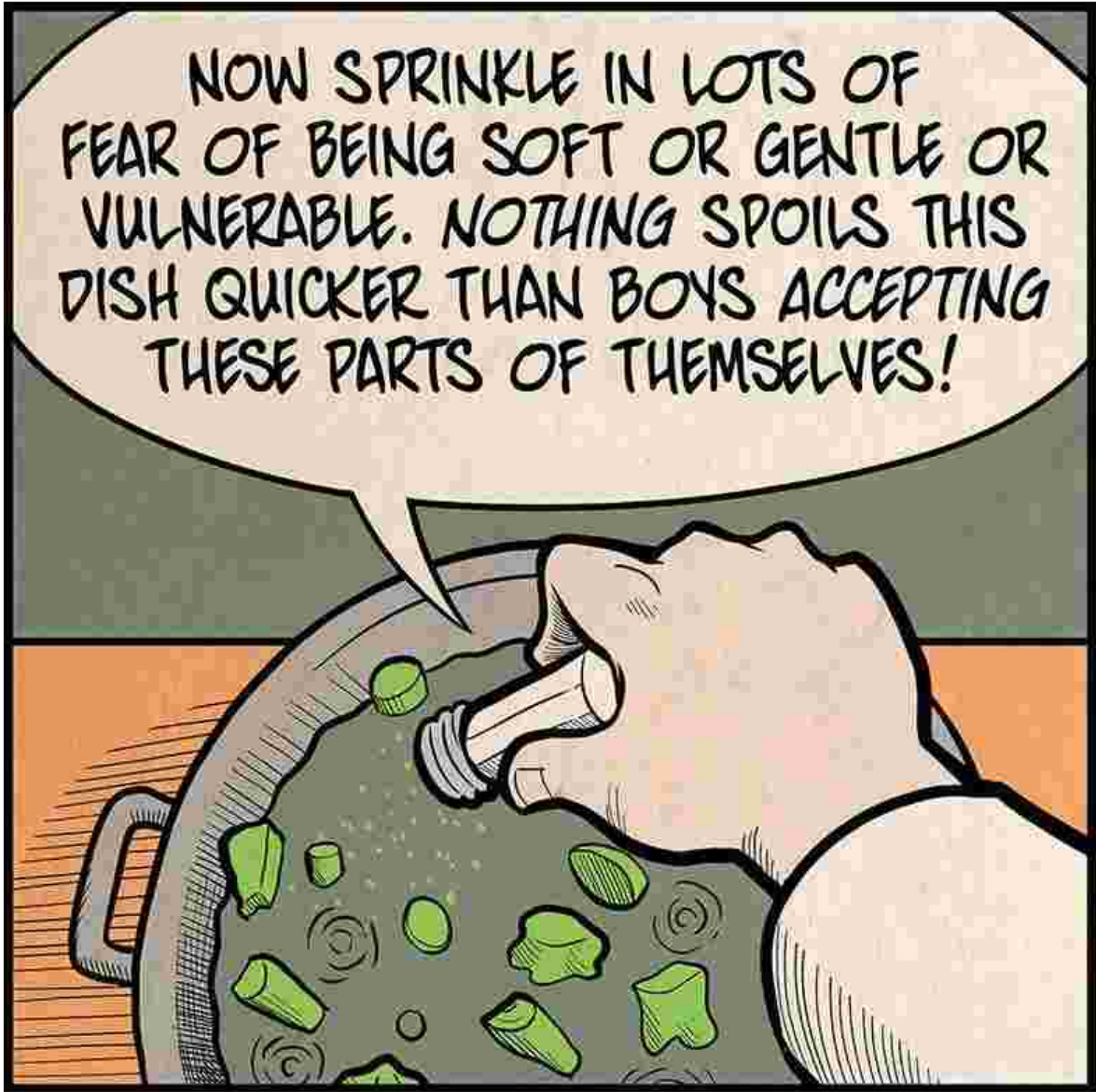
The Beast Of Masculinity

More And More, The Above Epithets That Are Forced Upon A Woman By Men, Reduce Women To Nothing But Object, Trash, Junk, Flesh And Body

FIRDOUS BAHAR

THOSE MOMENTS

with her were enough to call her 'Pataka', 'Aafat' and some Hinglish constructs calling her a 'Rocket', fierce as a 'Silver Bullet', loaded as the Russian 'Tank'. From the parlance of a modern native Hinglish verbal-lexicography, these words have been constructed for the beauty of women, or, in a different context, to abuse them



“... Mard Tab Banay Ga, Jab Tou Awra'tain Dabayah Ga, Soch Yeh Rahi Tou Desh Jaldi Doob Jayay Ga.”

Transl. [For you will become the man, Once you'll overpower women, Surely, to raise t'is ideology (in ourselves) Will soon enough, subdue our nation.]

Well, I dread to take this venture to let the masculine gender know that it isn't that easy to

scale the patience and weigh the capacity of women via the algorithms, theorems and formulas which men of diabolic character have manufactured to fathom the depth and resistance of women. All it needs is a man with a subtle-caliber. Nonetheless, what we do to her is indeed a heinous blot on the benign cloak of humanity.

However, men are always in the lurk to escape or to put it through the other way around in order to satiate their thirst of bestiality and shape their leering-concupiscent desires.

Truly, it's an obvious stance of a cross-sensuous dichotomy of 'ab-

stract' and 'concrete'. The headlong plunge into the game of a carnal flesh, or, nowadays everyone puts it by the manner of a daily idle gibberish; immersed in the sea of roving indulgences- pure debauchery. It turns into gossip among relatives and gradually develops into dinner-talk betwixt affinity, fraternity and afterwards gets divulged among some talebearer friends in an argot, breaking in a direct narration, "I have spent a night on the precipice of Zabarwan [here it signifies the submissive woman] with the 'other' rather docile contestant", she was as faithful as a cow. Ah! Those moments with her were sulky enough

to call her 'Pataka', 'Aafat' and some Hinglish constructs calling her a 'Rocket', fierce as a 'Silver Bullet', loaded as the Russian 'Tank' of lethal ammunition and similar words. From the parlance of a modern native Hinglish verbal-lexicography, these words have been constructed for the beauty of women, or, in a different context, to abuse them.

You are taking her for granted, as some kind of laboratory, where you can carry out your experiments. Hello! men of this caliber often fail and rot in a seething inferno, those who bear the trenchant malice in their bosom against women get roasted in an ever-burning Sulphur. The ones who always yell at them; the 'queens of bed, the decorum of kitchens, the comfort of blankets', so on and so forth, get caught-up in a quagmire-indissoluble and often end-up in a chaos and conundrum.

More and more, the above epithets that are forced upon a woman by men, reduce women to nothing but object, trash, junk, flesh and body. Women are seriously suffering and it's all on us — men — always brandishing the masculine-hammer over them like the mighty god Thor?

Crimes against women are as prevalent as ever, yet we, the self-styled "sensible beings" are mute-spectators of these regular episodes advertised by the beasts of masculinity regularly. Where women are maltreated, debunked and addressed negatively by in-humans of humanity — a heinous blot on the sanctimonious relationship of a husband and wife. They worship only intimacy in their bedrooms. They have their eyes only on the flesh of women. May Almighty protect us from this conventional, typical barbarity of men of this sort.

Not only this alone, some men go onto abandon women and deem them unfit for their sexual entertainment. But, as I call it, in contrast or in retaliation, 'she is fit and worthy' but you are not fine for her.

"The above rap lyrics are from the song of the Bollywood movie "Man-to", sung by the rapper Raftaar.

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Why Some People Find It Harder To Be Happy

Jolanta Burke

The self-help industry is booming, fuelled by research on positive psychology – the scientific study of what makes people flourish. At the same time, the rates of anxiety, depression and self-harm continue to soar worldwide. So are we doomed to be unhappy, despite these advances in psychology?

According to an influential article published in Review of General Psychology in 2005, 50% of people's happiness is determined by their genes, 10% depends on their circumstances and 40% on "intentional activity" (mainly, whether you're positive or not). This so-called happiness pie put positive-psychology acolytes in the driving seat, allowing them to decide on their happiness trajectory. (Although, the unspoken message is that if you are unhappy, it's your own fault.)

The happiness pie was widely critiqued because it was based on assumptions about genetics that have become discredited. For decades, behavioural genetics researchers carried out studies with twins and established that between 40% and 50% of the variance in their happiness was explained by genetics, which is why the percentage appeared in the happiness pie.

Behavioural geneticists use a statistical technique to estimate the genetic and environmental components based on people's familial relatedness, hence the use of twins in their studies. But these figures assumed that both identical and fraternal twins experience the same environment when growing up together – an assumption that doesn't really hold water.

In response to the criticism about the 2005 paper, the same authors wrote a paper in 2019 that introduced a more

SOME PEOPLE ARE SUSCEPTIBLE

to their environment and so can significantly change their thoughts, feelings and behaviour in response to both negative and positive events. So when attending a wellbeing workshop or reading a positive psychology book, they may become influenced by it and experience significantly more change compared to others – and the change may last longer, too.

nuanced approach on the effect of genes on happiness, which recognised the interactions between our genetics and our environment.

Nature and nurture

Nature and nurture are not independent of each other. On the contrary, molecular genetics, the study of the structure and function of genes at the



molecular level, shows that they constantly influence one another. Genes influence the behaviour that helps people choose their environment. For example, extroversion passed from parents to children helps children build their friendship groups.

Equally, the environment changes gene expression. For example, when expecting mothers were exposed to famine, their babies' genes changed accordingly, resulting in chemical changes that suppressed production of a growth

factor. This resulted in babies being born smaller than usual and with conditions such as cardiovascular disease.

Nature and nurture are interdependent and affect each other constantly. This is why two people brought up in the same environment may respond to it differently, meaning that behavioural genetics' assumption of an equal environment is no longer valid. Also, whether or not people can become happier depends on their "environmental sensitivity" – their capacity to change.

Some people are susceptible to their environment and so can significantly change their thoughts, feelings and behaviour in response to both negative and positive events. So when attending a wellbeing workshop or reading a positive psychology book, they may become influenced by it and experience significantly more change compared to others – and the change may last longer, too.

But there is no positive psychology intervention that will work for all people because we are as unique as our DNA and, as such, have a different capacity for wellbeing and its fluctuations throughout life.

Are we destined to be unhappy? Some people might struggle a little harder to enhance their wellbeing than others, and that struggle may mean that they will continue to be unhappy for longer periods. And in extreme cases, they may never experience high levels of happiness.

Others, however, who have more genetic plasticity, meaning they are more sensitive to the environment and hence have an increased capacity for change, may be able to enhance their wellbeing and perhaps even thrive if they adopt a healthy lifestyle and choose to live and work in an environment that enhances their happiness and ability to grow.

But genetics does not determine who we are, even if it does play a significant role in our wellbeing. What also matters are the choices we make about where we live, who we live with and how we live our lives, which affect both our happiness and the happiness of the next generations.

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Kirti Pandey | TimesNowNews.Com

Why has Japan earned the distinction of being the country where people live long, healthy lives? Is there something in their food and nutrition that helps longevity? What are the secret formulae of Japan's nonagenarians and centenarians? Here's a peep into the Japanese way of life that scratches below the surface to find the secrets of Japan's long life record.

In an international comparison of recent mortality statistics among G7 countries, Japan had the longest average life expectancy, primarily due to remarkably low mortality rates from ischemic heart disease and cancer (particularly breast and prostate), observes Shoichiro Tsugane of the Center for Public Health Sciences, Tokyo.

In the report that appeared in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition and Nature.com, researchers said that Japanese life expectancy has only increased over the years. The low mortality rates from ischemic heart disease and cancer are thought to reflect the low prevalence of obesity in Japan; low intake of red meat, specifically saturated fatty acids; and high intakes of fish, specifically n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids, plant foods such as soybeans, and non-sugar-sweetened beverages such as green tea.

The typical Japanese diet as characterized by plant food and fish, as well as modest Westernized diets such as meat, milk and dairy products, might be associated with longevity in Japan.

Let us look at the key factors due to which Japanese men and women have been able to live a long, healthy life with good health, mobility, and cognitive skills intact.



1. Ikigai, Japan's equivalent to 'joie de vivre': The Japanese live with 'ikigai' - an ancient philosophy that preaches that one must seek some joy and purpose in life instead of merely existing. It's about having a practice that guides you towards fulfilment. It is not about instant gratification but surely about defining your purpose in life, your personal mission, and discovering your full potential. The aim is to define what you can best contribute to the world, what you're good at, and what you enjoy doing. Psychologists explain that this leads to a sense of higher self-esteem and puts us in sync with our capabilities.
2. It's coded in the genes: Apart from good healthcare and

a great diet, the Japanese also have a genetic advantage due to two genes in particular - DNA 5178 and ND2-237Met genotype - that is prevalent among the Japanese population. Not every Japanese person will have this gene type, but this is common mostly among those with a longer lifespan. These genes seem to enhance the lifespan by blocking age-related diseases like type 2 diabetes, strokes, heart attacks, cerebrovascular and cardiovascular diseases.

3. Ditch the car and walk: Don't be fooled by some of the best cars and motorcycles in the world coming from Japan. An average Japanese person loves to stay active, walk, take the stairs, squat. Remember the Seiza -- the traditional socialising position of kneeling that involves resting on one's shins and tucking the feet underneath one's bottom? Or Shuudan Koudou -- the Japanese art of synchronized precision walking? Only Japan could have crafted something like that. Their toilets too are designed for squatting, not sitting, thus ensuring that the core stays engaged - also healthier for the bowels and your muscles! An average Japanese would rather take the train or walk to work.
4. "Hara Hach Bun Me": It means the Japanese concept that dictates that one must eat only until you are 80 per cent (8 out of 10 parts) full. It usually takes at least 20 minutes for the brain to get the signal from the body that it needs to stop eating as it has had its fill of nutrients. This practice is the Japanese "clock and reminder to stop eating" that averts overheating. The Japanese serve smaller portions and encourage a slower eating style. Portions are served on smaller plates.
5. Cleaner surroundings and good Health Care setups: The Japanese have an advanced health care system. Regular health campaigns that guide people to incorporate healthy life-

styles like reducing salt consumption, free treatment for TB are a norm. Japan's investment in public health in the 1950s and 1960s with creating a health and hygiene conscious culture is paying off, says a research paper in Lancet. The Japanese are fastidious about hygiene-related practices. Landfill sites are not a menace but are turned into eco-friendly parks.

6. Mealtime principles: In Japan, families eat together sitting on the floor and using chopsticks, making the eating process a lot slower. The Japanese diet is lean and balanced, with staple foods like sea-weeds seasonal fruits, omega-rich fish, rice, whole grains, tofu, soy, miso, and green and raw vegetables. Low amounts of saturated fats and sugars and are loaded with vitamins and minerals -- amply seen in how the obesity rate is impressively low in Japan.
7. The tradition of drinking tea: Who has not heard of the Japanese tea ceremony? Japan's ancient drink is rich in antioxidants that boost the immune system, help fight cancer, aid digestion, boost energy levels and regulate blood pressure. Some say the elements in the tea brew enhances cell health and help neurons fight age-related deterioration.
8. The elderly and ageing are taken care of: Indians may identify well with the way Japan treats its Dada-Dadi, Nana-Nani population. No segregating or discarding the ageing members of the family. Much like in India, most grandparents in Japan too get a life amidst family members -- and families prefer to have them at home rather than sending them to care homes as is the norm in many western countries. It is normal for grandparents to spend time with grandchildren and impart some traditional wisdom to them. The sense of security that this staying together brings, benefits both -- the elderly and the young ones.

AI Can Make Better Clinical Decisions Than Humans

Neurosciencenews.com

It's an old adage: there's no harm in getting a second opinion. But what if that second opinion could be generated by a computer, using artificial intelligence? Would it come up with better treatment recommendations than your professional proposes?

A pair of Canadian mental-health researchers believe it can. In a study published in the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, Marc Lanovaz of Université de Montréal and Kievra Hranchuk of St. Lawrence College, in Ontario, make a case for using AI in treating behavioural problems.

"Medical and educational professionals frequently disagree on the effectiveness of behavioral interventions, which may cause people to receive inadequate treatment," said Lanovaz, an associate professor who heads the Applied Behavioural Research Lab at UdeM's School of Psychoeducation.

To find a better way, Lanovaz and Hranchuk, a professor of behavioural science and behavioural psychology at St. Lawrence, compiled simulated data from 1,024 individuals receiving treatment for behavioral issues.

The researchers then compared the treatment conclusions drawn in each case by five doctoral-level behavior analysts with those produced by a computer model the two academics developed using machine learning.

"The five professionals only came to the same conclusions approximately 75 percent of the time," said Lanovaz. "More importantly, machine learning produced fewer decision-making errors than did all the professionals."

Given these very positive results, the next step would be to "integrate our models in an app



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that could automatically make decisions or provide feedback about how treatment is progressing,” he added.

The goal, the researchers believe, should be to use machine learning to facilitate the work of professionals, not actually replace them, while also making treatment decisions more consistent and predictable.

“For example, doctors could someday use the technology to help them decide whether to continue or terminate the treatment of people with disorders as varied as autism, ADHD, anxiety and depression,” Lanovaz said.

“Individualized clinical and educational decision-making is one of the cornerstones of psychological and behavioral treatment. Our study may thus lead to better treatment options for the millions of individuals who receive these types of services worldwide.”

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
SPL SUB DIV. TANGDAR

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No: 3445-53 Dtd: 29.11.2021

Short e- NIT No. 79 of 2021-22 of Special Sub Division Tangdar

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

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Constt of Khowarpora kandi road bwo edge wall and filling in km ist	7.84	300	15 days	D/S	CEE DEE
2	Constt of Gather Teri road bwo crate protection work at required spots.	1.567	200	15 days	D/S	DEE

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	29/11/2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	29/11/2021
3	Bid submission Start Date	29/11/2021
4	Bid Submission End Date	06/12/2021 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	07/12/2021 at 10:00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Spl Sub Division Tangdar (tender inviting authority) and Bid security Declaration as per format given in SBD. The EMD has to be submitted by the lowest bidder L1 .

1. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar (tender receiving authority).
2. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
3. All other terms and conditions shall be strictly as per SBD circulated by this office letter No. CE/RBK/HD/29158-88 dated 10-02-2018

DIPK-13887/21

Executive Engineer
Spl Sub Division Tangdar

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE, KASHMIR

1st Floor Sanat Ghar Bemina Near Woollen Mills, Qamarwari Road, Srinagar 190018, J&K

Subject: Regarding allotment of land-submission of preference thereof

PUBLIC NOTICE

The provisional ranking/ merit list in respect of applicants/ projects who have applied for land in different estates of Kashmir Division, whose projects stand appraised/ evaluated by the Divisional Level Appraisal Committee has been prepared and uploaded on the official website of the Industries and Commerce Department J&K, Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Kashmir and on the Investj.k.in portal, besides notification in this regard stand published in 04 local dailies viz, Rising Kashmir, Daily Aftab on 27.11.2021 and Kashmir Observer, Tameel Irshad on 28.11.2021.

Pertinently, in terms of the decision taken in the 3rd High Level Land Allotment Committee meeting held on 22.10.2021, these applicants have to be given a choice to choose the estate as per their preference. Since these applicants have already selected their preferred estate where they intend to establish their proposed ventures during filling of the Common Application Form/ submission of DPR, therefore the estate already selected by the applicant shall be the first choice of the applicant for allotment of land, subject to availability of land in that particular estate. However, where the applicants are not allotted land as per their preference/first choice, the Committee has decided to seek choice from the applicants for selecting their next preferred estate on the basis of their merit/ score and subject to the availability of land.

In the backdrop of herein above, the applicants who are appearing in the provisional ranking/ merit list are hereby informed to submit their second and third choice/ preference in any of the estates (whether appraised/ un-appraised) which are notified and uploaded on the Investj.k.in portal in respect of Kashmir Division through an email to the concerned General Manager of District Industries Centre as given below:-

S.No	Name of the District Industries Centre	Official Email-ID	Office contact number
1	District Industries Centre, Anantnag	dicplananantnag@gmail.com	09132222504
2	District Industries Centre, Bandipora	bandiporeindustries123@gmail.com	01957225361
3	District Industries Centre, Baramulla	baramullaindustries@gmail.com	01952234991
4	District Industries Centre, Budgam	budgamindustries@gmail.com	01951255504
5	District Industries Centre, Kulgam	dickulgam@gmail.com	01931260427
6	District Industries Centre, Kupwara	kupwaraindustries@gmail.com	01955252323
6	District Industries Centre, Pulwama	dicpulwama@gmail.com	01933241309

No. DI&C/Dev/532-7/2021/4018
Dated 29.11.2021

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Sd/-
Director
Industries and Commerce
Kashmir

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Social Forestry Division Baramulla.

e- NIT NO: 10 fresh OF 2021-22DATED:27/11/2021

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir / Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:-

S. NO	NAME OF WORK	ADV. COST (Rs. In Lacs)	CLASS OF CONTRACTOR	Cost of Tender Document. (Rs)	TIME OF COMPLETION	Receiving /Opening Committee.
1	Providing and Fixing of 4 strands Barbed Wire Fencing with sawn Wooden Fence Posts at Co. 23/ Kandil (District Baramulla) Social Forestry Division Baramulla. SF Range Sopore (Scheme- CAPEX Addl Fencing= 6300Rfts Area = 21 Hac.)	4.472	"C&D"	Rs. 500/=	30 Calendar days.	Tender Opening Committee
2	Providing and Fixing of 4 strands Barbed Wire Fencing with sawn Wooden Fence Posts at VWL Kamalkote Ext 11nd (District Baramulla Addl.) Social Forestry Division Baramulla.Range Baramulla (Scheme- CAPEX Addl Fencing= 1600 Rfts. Area = 5.00 Hac.)	1.135	"C&D"	Rs 200/-	30 Calendar days.	Tender Opening Committee
3	1. Planting of saplings (poly bagged / ornamental) in pits of size 45cmx45cmx45cm within the available blanks of identified site including cost of poly bagged/ ornamental saplings) as per break up: 1-Location :Bandipora-Srinagar Road Papchan Bridge Gamroo Patch 1st Area: 0.23km (0.345 Ha) (i)poly bagged/ ornamental saplings= 500 No.'s, 2-Location :Bandipora-Srinagar Road Papchan Bridge Gamroo Patch 2nd Area: 0.1593km (0.24 Ha) (i)poly bagged/ornamental saplings= 350 No.'s, (SF Range Bandipora under Scheme Capex strip 2021-22)	0.990	Persons who have experience in similar nature of works and are duly registered with departments like PWD/Forest/SFC etc. For works having contract value above Rs. 3.00 lacs. In case of works with contract value upto Rs. 3.00 lacs, all those persons who are resident of concerned Panchayat Halaq& duly registered with Dy. Commissioner would only be eligible to participate in the bidding.	Rs,200/-	15 Days	Tender Opening Committee

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills 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.
Position of AA:Budgeted
Position of T/S: Received.
Position of Funds: Demanded

01.	Publishing Date:-	27/11/2021 from 5 :00PM
02.	Download Start Date :	27/11/2021 from 6:00 PM
03.	Bid submission Start Date:	29/11/2021 from 10:00 AM
04.	Bid submission End Date:	03/12/2021 upto 4:00PM
05.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	04-12- 2021at 11:00 AM in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Baramulla
06.	Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	04-12-2021 at 01:30 PM in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Baramulla

01. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: - <https://jktenders.gov.in>
02. The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above.
03. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security Deposit in shape of proforma enclosed at Annexure "A".The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of bids.
04. As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
05. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in
06. To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.
07. The bidders have to submit their Technical & financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/ hard form.
08. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
09. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD duly renewed for the current financial year 2021-22, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt/Challan(cost of Tender Document) and Bid Security Deposit in shape of proforma enclosed at Annexure "A".
10. The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
11. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
12. The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
13. The tender accepting Authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
14. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed document.

No:- 687-90 /A/SF/BLA
Dated:- 27 /11/2021
DIPK-13833/21

Sd/
Divisional Forest Officer,
Social Forestry Division,
Baramulla

New Bill On Cryptocurrency After Cabinet Approval: FM Sitharaman In RS

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government will soon bring in a new Bill on cryptocurrency after it is approved by the Union Cabinet, said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday in the Rajya Sabha.

A Bill on Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency for introduction in the Lok Sabha has been included in the Lok Sabha Bulletin-Part II, as part of the government business expected to be taken up during the ongoing winter session.

The Bill seeks to create a facilitative framework for the creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the ongoing winter session of Parliament. It also seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India, however, it allows for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses.

Replying to a series of questions in the Rajya Sabha, Sitharaman said, "This Bill, once the Cabinet clears, will come into the house".

The government had also listed a similar Bill for the last Parliament session (monsoon) but it was not taken up.

"The earlier attempt was definitely to come up with a Bill that the house can consider. But, later, because rapidly a lot of things had to come into play, we had started working on a new Bill. This is the Bill that is now being proposed," she said adding that there was a "genuine attempt" to bring the Bill even during the monsoon session.

The minister informed the



house that the proposed legislation is likely to be introduced soon.

On asked if the government proposes to ban misleading advertisements in media, she said the guidelines of Advertising Standards Council of India are being studied and their regulations are also being looked into "so that we can take, if necessary, some kind of position or a decision to see how we can handle it".

The minister also said cryptocurrencies are unregulated in India and the government does not collect data on transactions in cryptocurrency. Sitharaman also said the government, RBI and Sebi have been cautioning people about the cryptocurrencies that could be a "high risk" area and "more can be done" to create awareness.

A study was conducted by the government through a research firm on 'Virtual Currencies: An Analysis of the Legal Framework and Recommendations for Regulation' in July 2017. Thereafter, the government constituted an interministerial committee (IMC) in November 2017 under the chairmanship of the secretary (economic affairs) to study the issues related to virtual currencies and propose specific action to be taken in this matter.

Iran Carpet Business No Longer A Main Export Earner, Annual Sales Drop To \$72m



Agencies

TEHRAN: Iran has lost hundreds of millions in annual revenues from exports of hand-woven carpets as a major businessman blame the huge loss on current exchange regulations and US sanctions.

The ILNA news agency said in a Monday report that carpet exports from Iran in the calendar year to late March had topped to \$72.4 million, accounting for 0.17% of the country's total non-oil exports over the period.

That comes as hand-woven carpet shipments used to be a main export earner for Iran besides crude and oil products in the not too distant past.

Government data shows that annual carpet exports had reached a record of nearly \$700 million in 1997. That amounted to about a fifth of the total non-oil exports from the country over that year.

"A main reason for the freefall in

carpet exports is the fact that experienced exporters have withdrawn from the market," said Seyyed Razi Miri, a major carpet trader, who insisted that current rules on exports have deterred many traders from export activity.

Iran imposed tight controls on currency liquidity in 2018 after the country's foreign exchange resources came under strain because of US sanctions.

Those controls require exporters to return their hard currency proceeds to the country within a short period of time.

Miri said the requirement is totally untenable for carpet traders as they need time to sell their products in foreign countries where demand for hand-woven carpet has declined in recent years.

"Rules and regulations imposed on exports can somehow be viewed as a domestic form of sanction or at least they can have impacts similar to the sanction," he said.

CS Directs Banks To Promote Business To Boost Economic Growth In J&K

Chairs 5th UT-Level Bankers' Committee meeting



Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta Tuesday chaired the 5th UT-Level Bankers' Committee meeting and reviewed achievements of banks and financial institutions operating in Jammu and Kashmir for the half year ended September 2021.

Financial Commissioner Finance, Atal Dulloo, Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department & Panchayati Raj, Bipul Pathak Principal Secretary, HUDD, Dheeraj Gupta, Chairman & MD J&K Bank (Convenor J&K UTIBC) R K Chhibber, Director, DFS, MoF (GoI) A.K. Dogra, CGM In-Charge (FIDD), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Sonali Sen Gupta, Chief General Manager NABARD, A. K. Sood and other senior functionaries of the Government, RBI, NABARD, Banks, LDMs, line departments, insurance companies, BSNL were also present on the occasion.

In his opening remarks, the Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta impressed upon the banks and Financial Institutions to increase their business to boost economic growth in J&K.

Reiterating the directions issued by Finance Minister, Dr Mehta directed the Public Sector Banks to expand their footprint besides scaling up the credit lending in J&K.

He also directed the Public Sector Banks to initiate measures to bring in more Non

Banking Financial Corporations (NBFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) having business relations with them to J&K. The PSBs were directed to prepare the plan in this regard by 31st December 2021.

The Chief Secretary asked NABARD to prepare roadmap for utilization pipeline under all schemes and prepare projects for better utilization by 31st December 2021.

While announcing that agricultural and industrial products for each district have been identified by J&K Government, the Chief Secretary directed Punjab National Bank to take lead in preparing the Plan under One District One Product (ODOP) programme by 15th December 2021 in respect of the products already identified by Government.

Reviewing the performance of banking sector during the first half of FY 2021-22, the Chief Secretary expressed serious concern upon poor lending in the priority sector in general and agriculture sector in particular despite immense potential in these sectors.

He stated that 70% population in J&K is directly or indirectly linked to agriculture and banks need to do more to improve lending in the sector.

In order to improve the lending under Government Sponsored Schemes/ Employment Generation Schemes, the Chief Secretary directed the Information Technology Department to develop online portals by 31st

December 2021 for various schemes for online submission of applications on the pattern of the existing PMEGP Portal.

Dr Mehta laid emphasis on end to end digitization of all beneficiary oriented schemes in J&K and asked the concerned departments and banks to synergize their processes for early results.

While directing banks to clear the backlog of Government sponsored cases, he also directed the sponsoring agencies to scale up sponsorship under the respective schemes in line with the prescribed targets.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the Banks to take advantage of the digitization of the land records for extending hassle free credit in J&K.

While appreciating the banks for their role in saturating Kisan Credit Card Scheme in J&K, Dr Mehta asked them to create more employment opportunities for the youth by enhancing lending in the priority sector.

While appreciating that J&K is a top ranker in the country in the realm of financial inclusion, he announced that a dedicated financial inclusion campaign will be launched in J&K by the banks from 1st January to 31st March, 2022 to make further advances in the domain of financial inclusion.

Dr Mehta directed the banks to saturate the unbanked areas with banking touch points in J&K by 26th January, 2022.

CCIK Seeks Tax Holidays, Cut in User Charges to Rejuvenate Economic Sectors

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry Kashmir (CCIK) Tuesday urged the LG led administration to announce tax holidays for traders and hoteliers, cut in power tariff, and sanitation fee so that business sectors can receive relief.

In an Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday under the Chair of its President Tariq Rashid Ghani, CCIK, as per a statement, said business establishments in the Valley are facing slump in the winter

as the purchasing power of the common Kashmiris have also reduced due to Covid-19.

As part of economic relief to the traders, the CCIK said, the government should announce major relief for the economic sectors which have not come out of the slump due to the continuous impact of Covid 19.

Ghani informed the members in the meeting that he has scheduled a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to apprise him about the problems and issues, the common traders and hoteliers are facing in the Valley.

The CCIK expressed concern over the frequent power and mobile internet outage in the valley causing a lot of hurdles for the businessmen and students.

The members also urged LG administration to keep ample stock of the essential supplies in the Valley in view of the snowfall predilections.

"We also urge the government to improve the road connectivity so that Srinagar-Jammu highway remains open during bad weather and commuters don't suffer," the members said.

A Beginner's Guide To How Cryptocurrencies Work - Part 1

Charlotte Hu | Popular Science

Whether you're on the head or tail end of the cryptocurrency craze, one thing is for sure: These digital assets are hitting the mainstream hard, and don't seem to be going away anytime soon. Notably, the country of El Salvador recently adopted bitcoin as legal tender, and New York's incoming mayor Eric Adams is intent on transforming New York City into a hotspot for cryptocurrency.



Although only 16 percent of Americans say they invested, traded, or used cryptocurrency, almost 90 percent have heard about it, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey.

Advocates for cryptocurrency and decentralized finance (where people can make financial deals with one another without being moderated by a middleman or central authority like a bank) in general argue that these platforms are transparent and simultaneously anonymous—both good things.

The key to this vision lies in a digital technology called the blockchain, which undergirds all cryptocurrencies. The blockchain serves as a virtual hall of records, or a public ledger, that records every transaction, detailing the amount as well as the sender and receiver's wallet addresses.

Yet, critics and regulatory bodies are worried about the potential for harm from cryptocurrencies, such as people using them for scams, money laundering, or funding illegal activities (not to mention the enormous carbon footprint that some of these cryptocurrencies have—The New York Times reported that Bitcoin burns through more electricity than certain countries). And experts have raised concerns about the strength of cryptocurrency networks against attacks, and whether the design of some systems have warped over time to become centralized or inherently allow the rich to get richer.

For those who are just wading into the crypto territory, here's a basic explainer on how the computer science behind these systems work.

The basics of crypto, explained

To start at the front end, this is what happens when you send and receive cryptocurrency. Keep in mind that all cryptocurrencies are just based on computer programs, bitcoin included, and that these "coins" are not actually money, but clippings of computer code that transfer value from one user to another. To become a part of this process, first you have to create a digital wallet. Bitcoin and Ethereum both have recommendations on what wallet works best with their cryptocurrency, and specialty exchanges like Coinbase and Gemini also offer wallets.


Whenever you create a new wallet, the algorithm running that cryptocurrency will generate a paired private key and public key associated with it. You can think of the public key as like an address or bank account number, and the private key proves your ownership. These keys are a long string of characters that identify where the crypto should go. Usually, the addresses only accept the type of cryptocurrency they're affiliated with (although something called cross-chain bridges and exchanges can help link up different cryptocurrencies).

"You do not have bitcoins in your possession—you have proof that somebody in the past sent you those bitcoins," says Nicolas Christin, an associate professor of computer science, engineering, and public policy at Carnegie Mellon University.

You can then tap some of the unspent value in your wallet, and send it to someone else's public key. When you sign to verify that you want to send the bitcoins, you generate a small personalized piece of code attached to the transaction, and the system creates a mathematical puzzle that locks up that value and scrambles the code. When the recipient is ready to spend the money, they will put a corresponding piece of code into the transaction. Everybody in the network can verify that the two pieces of code fit together (through a process called transaction confirmation, also known as mining—more on that later). This entire operation is called signature verification.

"It's impossible for someone to find a missing piece if they don't have the right information, but it's super easy for anybody to verify that two pieces fit," Christin explains. "Bitcoin has very little additional computational abilities beyond signature verification. Satoshi Nakamoto's [the pseudonym of the alleged creator of Bitcoin] vision was to have programmable money, initially. The problem is Bitcoin became very popular very quickly and the developers decided to freeze the features where they were."

However, a new upgrade released last week could open up the possibility for supporting expanded functions beyond signature verification.



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Sub: Conduct of written-test (objective-type) for the post of Junior Resident advertised vide Notification No: 03 Acad of 2021 dated: 03.11.2021.

NOTICE

It is notified for information of all the candidates who have applied for the post of Junior Resident on tenure basis advertised vide Notice No. 03 SKIMS MC of 2021 dated 03-11-2021 that their written test (Objective type) shall be held on 04-12-2021 at 2.00 PM at Lecture Hall Complex, SKIMS Medical College, Bemina. The candidates are directed to report one hour earlier to the examination venue.

The list of eligible candidates for the said post is available on the official website of SKIMS Medical College, Bemina i.e. www.skimsmc.edu.in. The eligible candidates are advised to visit our website from 30-11.2021 at 2.00 PM onwards to download the Roll No slip/Admit Cards or can collect their admit card from Academic Section of SKIMS Medical College, Bemina. No candidate shall be allowed to sit in the examination hall without Roll No. slip/Admit card. The examination will be of 75 minutes duration with 75 objective multiple choice questions and merit list shall be drawn accordingly. There shall be no negative marking.

The candidates appearing in the written-test shall not be allowed to carry any electronic gadgets such as calculators, mobile phones, Bluetooth devices, scanning devices, pagers, headphone, earplugs, I-pad, tablet, pc or any other computing/communication devices into the written-test venue. The candidates are advised to bring blue/black ball point pen with them.

Note: No TA/DA shall be paid for participation in the written-test.

No: SKIMS/MC/(Acad)/2021/4466-72
Dated: 30-11-2021
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For and on behalf of the J&K Tourism Development Corporation Limited (JKTDC), the e-Tenders are invited in single cover system on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railway and other State Central Governments for each of the following works.

FRESH E-NIT No. 16 of 2021-22 **Dated:-27/11/2021**

S.No	Name of the Work	Estimated. Cost (Rs.in lacs)	Cost of Tender documents (in Rs)	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	Renovation/up-gradation /improvement by way of Civil/Sanitary work of Hotel Alpine at Banihal.	40.00	1500.00	60- working days	A&B Class	Capex-2021-22
2	Renovation/upgradation of Huts at Yousmarg.	40.00	1500.00	60- working days	A&B Class	Capex-2021-22

Technical Sanction - Obtained
Position of AAA: - Accorded vide No.51-JKTDC/MD of 2021, dated:-12-10-2021

Position of Funds: Committed

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	27-11-2021
2.	Period of Downloading of Bidding Documents	27-11-2021:4:00 PM
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	28-11-2021, 9:00A
4.	Bid Submission End Date	09-12-2021 upto 4.00 pm
5.	Date & Time of Opening of Bids (Online) in the Office of the Executive Engineer JKTDC, TRC Srinagar.	10-12-2021 at 11.00 AM

NO:JKTDC/M&W/EE/ 795-99
Dated:- 27/11/2021
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JKTDC, Sgr/Jammu.

Empty Liquor Bottles Found Inside Bihar Legislature Premises, Uproar Ensues

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PATNA: Empty bottles of liquor were discovered inside the premises of the legislature in dry Bihar, in a fresh embarrassment to the Nitish Kumar government in the state, which has been drawing flak over recent hooch tragedies that have claimed more than 40 lives.

The bottles were found under a tree in the area earmarked as parking lot for two-wheelers. The news spread like wildfire during lunch hour.

Leader of the opposition Tejashwi Yadav rushed to survey the spot and launched a blistering attack on the government when the assembly resumed business.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar grimly told the House, This is such an unacceptable thing. I am ordering the chief secretary and the DGP to thoroughly

investigate the matter. The guilty must not be spared.

Chief Secretary Tripurari Sharan and Director General of Police S K Singhal reached the spot soon afterwards, collected the bottles for examination and hinted at a conspiracy angle.

Beyond the working hours of the House, security arrangements are not as intensive. Somebody seems to have taken advantage of the same with a specific motive which needs to be found out. To call the incident a security breach is, however, not appropriate, Sharan told reporters.

Singhal added: Unfortunately there is no CCTV camera installed close to the spot, which could give a clue about who brought these bottles inside.

Nonetheless, we have sent these for forensic examination. Experts from the excise department have also been roped in

to ascertain the material that might have been contained in the bottles.

More than one leader of the ruling NDA, however, expressed suspicion that the bottles might have been kept at the spot by leaders of the RJD to defame the government.

The guilty will not be spared. But, I suspect the RJD is behind the mischief, said Neeraj Kumar Bablu, a BJP MLA who is also the state minister for environment and forestry.

BJP MLC Naval Kishore Yadav echoed similar views, saying nobody was found drinking at the spot, and some old bottles were thrown there.

Meanwhile, leader of the opposition Tejashwi Yadav fumed upon inspecting the site. This is outrageous. The spot is less than 100 metres away from the CM's chamber, he said.

Earlier, Yadav had expressed

outrage over bottles being found at a spot less than 100 metres from the chief minister's chamber.... just a day after he presided over a farce wherein NDA legislators took the pledge, inside the central hall here, against liquor consumption.

Asked if he favoured a repeal of the prohibition law, which his father Lalu Prasad claims to have been opposed to, Yadav told reporters, We are in favour of complete nashabandi' (non-consumption of intoxicants).

Upon being pointed out that the ruling NDA has been accusing RJD leaders of involvement in illicit liquor trade, he remarked sarcastically that if they come out with the theory that we had planted the bottles inside the premises, we will not be surprised.

On the floor of the House, the RJD leader, who is also a former deputy CM, asked his former

boss Kumar to ensure that lower-level officials are not made scapegoats and the big fish do not go unpunished.

Sale and consumption of alcohol was completely banned in Bihar in April, 2016. The drastic move followed a promise made by Kumar to women of the state during the assembly elections of 2015, which his JD(U) had fought in alliance with the RJD and Congress.

However, bootlegging has been thriving in the state since then and opposition leaders claim that while the poor often ended up being punished for flouting prohibition, those with resources were getting liquor delivered to their homes.

Last month, more than 40 people had died in West Champaran, Gopalganj, Muzaffarpur and Samastipur districts after consuming spurious liquor.

CAG Criticises Defence Ministry For Lack Of Planning In Implementing Decision On Dress Allowance

NEW DELHI: The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has criticised the defence ministry for lack of planning in implementing a decision to provide dress allowance to armed forces personnel in lieu of basic uniforms.

In a report tabled in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, the CAG said the ministry took several months to issue clarifications on the matter after the recommendation of the Seventh Pay Commission to provide dress allowance to Personnel Below Officer Ranks (PBORs) in place of basic uniforms was accepted.

It said the Ministry of Finance (MoF) accepted the recommendation of the Pay Commission in August 2017. The amount of dress allowance was to be credited to the salary of employees with effect from July 2017, the national auditor said.

"The Ministry of Defence took three months (November 2017) to convey the above decision to the Armed Forces

and took further seven months (June 2018) in issuing detailed clarifications on basic and special uniforms," a press release issued by the CAG said.

The Ministry of Defence had sufficient time between November 2015 (issue of 7th CPC recommendations) and November 2017 (issue of orders on dress allowance) to review existing stock of basic uniforms lying at various army depots, it said.

It said the ministry, however, did not devise a strategy to exhaust the stock or to explore the option of deferring decision to implement the orders on dress allowance.

"This resulted in stock of uniform items worth Rs 126.20 crore lying undistributed in three ordnance depots (January/February 2020). Further, basic uniform items worth Rs 74.86 lakh were issued to PBORs in addition to the payment of dress allowance," it said.

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LG Invites Kolkata

end of the financial year. Given the response received, the government is enhancing the scheme outlay to meet the demand," Sinha said.

"With the quantum jump witnessed in the proposals received for setting up business enterprises, the demand for land has correspondingly increased, and to meet the growing demand, Land Bank is being developed across the UT," he added.

The LG, as per the official spokesperson also announced that the UT government is coming up with the rules governing change of land use shortly to facilitate the setting up of business enterprises on private land.

"This will ensure the seamless establishment of business enterprises on private lands. Business enterprises coming up on private land shall be entitled to all the incentives as per extant policy and procedure," Sinha said.

"Due to the second wave of Covid and subsequent lockdown, several new industrial units have not been able to come into production within the specified timelines. To redress the issue, the Government is mulling to give a one-time extension to such units, upto March 31, 2022 for coming into production," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG said that J&K UT is on a mission to renovate, reinvent, and ready to take a quantum leap to become the fastest-growing region in the country, pushing the targets for economic growth and employment.

"Our aim is to deepen the trust with the business conglomerate, build the industrial base and strengthen the socio-economic stability," the LG said, adding "Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Home Minister, we worked out a blueprint to unlock investment flows and are in the process of developing a business culture, an industrial ecosystem in J&K that has been missing since Independence,"

Elaborating on the efforts being made by the UT Government to encourage new investment, and to nurture the existing industries, the LG, as per the official spokesperson said that J&K is one of the best destinations in the country for setting up new businesses as of now with the best incentives and improving infrastructure facilities.

"We are fulfilling all the crucial requirements of the industries including transparent policy of land allotment, private industrial estate development, ensuring ease of doing business, besides the administration has actively worked with solutions approach and introduced around 160 new initiatives and reforms in a short period of time," the LG said.

"Promotion of industrial units, providing capital Incentive, a liberal capital Interest subvention, GST Linked Incentive, Ease of Doing Business, development of sector-specific Industrial Estates and Parks, Single Window system, are some of the reforms brought in by the government to unleash the potential of the industrial sector," he added.

The LG, as per the official spokesperson further said that a Single Window Portal is being made live with 120 online services. For keeping in sync, he said, the J&K Single Window Portal is being integrated with National Single Window System shortly.

"Further, J&K shall be the first UT to implement all the 301 business reform action points under Ease of Doing Business initiative of DPIIT by 31st December, 2021," Sinha said.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG highlighted the immense possibilities presented by Jammu & Kashmir and said that the region offers abundant raw material for Agro & Food processing, manufacturing, land, labour, quick and competitive means of transportation.

"Besides, there is an 'amazingly easy interface with the government' through responsive governance & minimum government, in addition to being logistically the most attractive region with industrial land bank, sector-specific policy and international air cargo facility," Sinha said.

"In addition, by December, 2022, the train will also reach Kashmir giving alternate all-weather connectivity to the valley," he added.

The LG, as per the official spokesperson also announced that the UT administration has a detailed "What you need" plan ready because we know that everybody wants a return on their investment sooner than later.

"This is the dawn of a new era for the growth, development, and overall well-being of the people of J&K. Barriers to trade and commerce

have been removed. The people of J&K can now fully enjoy the rights and benefits enjoyed by all other citizens of India," the LG said

Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary to J&K Government, Industries & Commerce Department and Ankita Kar, Managing Director, JKTPO elaborated on investment opportunities that J&K is offering to the Industries.

Thakur, as per the official spokesperson invited industry members to visit J&K and witness the changes on the ground themselves and take benefit of the best industrial policy in the country.

"We are confident that such steps coupled with the Central Government's and UT Administration's efforts in J&K will soon create an environment for attracting industry to the UT," said Subhasendu Chatterjee, Vice Chairman CII West Bengal State Council and Wholtime Director of Haldia Petrochemicals.

The interactive session facilitated prospective investors to have a dialogue on the immense investment opportunities presented by the verdant region.

A video of J&K encapsulating different developments in the UT in the last two years was also showcased on the occasion.

‘Only Parliament

elections will be held and after that statehood will be restored," the LG said, on the sidelines of an event organized by Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO), Department of Industries and Commerce, J&K in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) included Industrialist/ Investors from Eastern India, in Kolkata on Tuesday.

The LG's reaction came a day after the Jammu and Kashmir unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party said that the union territory's statehood will be restored once the selective killings end and the common people are able to move freely here.

"When the situation in J-K becomes better, when it (situation) will be normal, the selective killings will end, and common people will be able to move freely, the statehood will then be restored," BJP general secretary, organisation, Ashok Koul told reporters in north Kashmir's Bandipora.

Hitting back, National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah said that target killings reflect "collective failure" of the Union Government and Jammu and Kashmir administration.

Reacting to Koul's statement, Abdullah said, So the people of J&K will be punished, by having our statehood withheld, because of the collective failure of the Union Government & the J&K administration?

They fail to protect people, they fail to manage the security situation & the rest of us are punished. What an idea sir ji!," Abdullah wrote on Twitter.

40 Civilians Killed

39 each in 2018 and 2019 and 37 in 2020. He said 80 security personnel were killed in 2017, 91 in 2018, 80 in 2019, 62 in 2020 and 35 in 2021 so far.

Govt Announces

He said a formal order in this regard will be issued on Wednesday.

As per the proposal, winter vacation for upto 8th standard would be observed with effect from 6th December to February 28 while for 9th standard onwards the vacation would be observed with effect from 13th December to February ending.

He said the both government and private schools shall complete their ongoing online exams before closing the institutions for the ensuing vacation.

However, he said school shall not be allowed to continue with the class work during the winter vacations.

Rs 50K Ex-Gratia

scheme would commence immediately and it will cover all residents who died due to COVID-19.

Sanction is accorded to the adoption of the scheme for granting claim to the next of kin of COVID-19 victims in pursuance of the guidelines issued by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in compliance with the Supreme Court order, Khan said.

According to the order, the eligibility of a case under the scheme would be verified through the database created by the Health and Medical Education Department and duly certified by the designated medical authority.

"Wide publicity shall be given to the scheme by the concerned deputy commissioners (chairman of District Disaster Management Authority), Health and Medical Education Department to ensure saturation of the scheme within a period of two months," the order said.

It asked all deputy commissioners to set up a robust yet simple mechanism for the disbursement of the ex gratia assistance.

"All deputy commissioners shall issue an appropriate order for the constitution of a district-level committee (DLC) for redressal of any grievance(s) with regard to the certification of the Covid death," it added.

Khan said the committee would comprise of additional deputy commissioner of the concerned district, principal of government medical college or chief medical officer of the district and medical superintendent of the district hospital or government medical college.

The district-level grievance committee will be responsible for verifying the authenticity of the COVID-19 death as per the central government guidelines, proposing necessary remedial measures, including amending the COVID-19 death certificate, and detailing appropriate administrative resources to verify facts in accordance with the guidelines issued for Covid-related deaths.

171 More Test

year in J&K to 336852. In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported highest 62 new cases of Covid-19, Baramulla 42, Budgam 16, Ganderbal 9, Kupwara 5, Bandipora 3 and one new case each in Pulwama and Anantnag. The twin districts of Kulgam and Shopian in south Kashmir registered no new cases of virus.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 18 new cases of coronavirus, Kathua and Poonch 3 each, Udhampur, Rajouri and Reasi 2 each, and one new case each in Doda and Ramban. No cases were detected in Samba and Kishtwar districts.

"Moreover, 172 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 22 from Jammu Division and 150 from Kashmir," officials said.

Also, they said that the death toll remained 4476 in J&K-2185 in Jammu and 2291 in Kashmir, as no fatality was reported during the last 24 hours.

Cold Wave

minimum temperature of minus 1.7 degrees Celsius.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 1.6 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded minus 2.4 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag recorded a low of minus 0.9 degrees Celsius.

The weatherman has forecast widespread light to moderate snowfall and rains in plains of Jammu and Kashmir during 5-7th December.

Due to "snow and freezing temperatures" there is possibility of temporary disruption of traffic over passes like Zojila, Sinthan Top, Razdan Top and Mugal Road, the official said.

"A Western Disturbance is most likely to affect J&K during 5-7th December. Widespread light to moderate snowfall and rain in plains is expected during the period," the official said, "Some places on higher reaches (above 2000m) may receive heavy snow(1-2feet) whereas plains likely to receive 2-3 inches of snow." As of today, there's "no forecast" of heavy snow and rain in the plains.

Regarding probable impacts, he said, "There is possibility of disruption of traffic over passes like Zojila, Sinthan Top, Razdan Top, Mughal Road due to snow and freezing temperatures."

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.

1678 KPs Returned

in cases of encroachment.

He said the migrants can also request DMs in such cases. The DMs are further empowered to take all steps for the preservation and protection of such properties.

The government of Jammu and Kashmir has launched a portal on September 7, 2021 to address the grievances of Kashmiri migrants in this regard, he said.

‘Weak’ NC Helped

statement that his administration is working for the welfare of all the people of the union

territory, and not just a select few, Omar said, "I do not see it happening. What we see is that this government is only for the benefit of BJP and a few leaders of some Kashmir-based parties."

Addressing a public meeting at Chatroo in Inderwal assembly constituency of Kishtwar district, he said, "We have started a fight for Jammu and Kashmir and its people following the changes which were forced on us - the changes which were possible because the National Conference was weak. If we have not lost the (assembly) seats in 2014 elections and formed the government, neither would they have removed Article 370 or Article 35A nor taken away land transferred to the people under Roshni Act or given jobs and contractors to outsiders," the former chief minister said.

He said the BJP-led central government took advantage of the "weak position" of the NC and snatched what was given to the people of J&K by the Constitution.

"I had foreseen such a situation and went to Mufti sahib to extend unconditional outside support for forming the government. I told him that the path he is going to tread (by forming the government with BJP) will be a disaster for J&K and we will not be able to save ourselves," he said, adding "I told him that I have no greed for power as I have just completed six years as chief minister and desist from bringing those to power who do not have good intentions for J&K."

Mufti had his compulsions and took a decision, he said and referred to a famous couplet '(ye jabr bhi dekha hai, taarikh ki nazron ne), lamhon ne Khata Ki Thi, sadiyon ne saza payi' (much injustice has been seen by the eyes of history/when for a mistake made by a moment, centuries were punished).

"We do not know how long we have to suffer for that decision," Omar said.

Targeting the Centre, he said all its claims that the revocation of the Article 370 will bring peace, development, investment, jobs and end militancy have proved false.

"Just tell me one thing which you have achieved in the past nearly two and a half years", he asked and said "we get tired of highlighting the developmental works done by us till 2018 but they were unable carry forward the development and even failed to depute officers to new blocks, tehsils, sub-divisions created by our government to bring governance closer to the public."

Accepting failure of the party leadership to win Inderwal assembly constituency since 2002, Omar promised a local candidate for the seat in the upcoming elections.

"Though this is not the election time and I have come to assure you that whenever the elections are declared - whether in 2022, 23 or 24 we will give preference to the local candidate and this time there will be no candidate who will be dropped by helicopter or parachute," he said.

More Men In J&K

rate was much higher compared to men as the percentage for women was recorded at 87.8 percent. In this category, the rate was higher in Urban J&K where the percentage settled at 89.2 percent compared to rural J&K 87.3 percent.

The report has further revealed that Women whose Body Mass Index (BMI) is below normal has decreased by 7 percent from 12.2 percent in NFHS-4 to 5.2 percent in NFHS-5. For this category, the rate was higher in rural J&K where the percentage was recorded at 5.8 percent in NFHS-5 compared to 3.7 percent in urban J&K.

The NFHS-5 survey has further revealed that Men whose Body Mass Index (BMI) is below normal has also decreased in the past half a decade as the new rate in NFHS-5 was recorded at 4.3 percent compared to gruelling 11 percent in NFHS-4 survey. In this category, the rate was higher in rural areas where the percentage was recorded at 5.0 percent compared to 2.5 percent in NFHS-4.

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

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

Notably, as per NFHS-5 report, anaemia rose at an average of 3 percent across age groups in NFHS-5 when compared to NFHS-4 at the

National level of India.

Soldier Shoots

himself dead using his service rifle inside a camp in Chamalwas area of Banihal on Tuesday evening, officials said. Singh was found in a pool of blood by his colleagues who rushed to the spot after hearing gunshot.

The soldier was rushed to hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

After post-mortem and completion of other formalities, the body was handed over to the unit of the deceased for the last rites, the officials said.

The deceased soldier was a native of Uttar Pradesh

It was not immediately known what caused Singh to take the extreme step, they said, adding police have started proceeding under section 174 CrPc in this regard.

Mild Intensity

4.50 am with its epicentre at East of Leh in Ladakh region, the NCS said.Further details are awaited.

1300 Year-Old

throne, was recovered by police from the Khag area of the district, a police spokesperson said. However, some part of the left side arm in the sculpture, he said, is missing.

"Moreover, the sculpture is having the influence of Gandhara School of Art," he added.

Accordingly, the police spokesperson said, a team of officers from Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K Government were called for examination of the recovered sculpture at District Police Office Budgam.

"During examination it was revealed that the recovered sculpture of Goddess Durga dates back roughly to 7th AD (about 1300 years old)," he said

He further added that the recovered sculpture was handed over formally to Mushtaq Ahmad Beigh Deputy Director Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums and his team by SSP Budgam, Tahir Saleem Khan after

fulfilling all the legal formalities.

Crime Branch

The chargesheet was produced before the court of Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Srinagar, against Javid Ahmad Matta of Anantnag and Syed Showkat Hussain Qadri of Lal Bazar, Srinagar for preparing fake stamp papers and using the same for execution of the sale deed before the Court of Sub-Registrar Ganderbal, an official spokesperson said. The act by the accused, he said, caused loss to the state exchequer.

Giving more details of the case, he said, the Crime Branch Kashmir received a communication from Court of Sub-Registrar Ganderbal alleging that the stamp duty papers used for the sale deed were fictitious, forged, though the same appear to be original.

Accordingly, the official spokesperson said, an instant case FIR No.70/2007 U/S 420, 258, 259, 260, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, 201 RPC, was registered at the Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir

"During the course of investigation, it was established that the accused in a well-knit criminal conspiracy prepared the fake stamp papers. The accused persons used to sell these fake stamp papers to the people for executing the sale deeds etc, which caused loss to the state exchequer," he said.

He further said that the accused also figure in a separate case FIR No 71/2007 U/S 420,258,259,260,467,468, 471, 120-B, 201 PC for which the Charge-Sheet of the case was also produced before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Srinagar.

Govt Moots Online

"The UT administration is working totally in a transparent manner. We will make a little incorporation to pave the way for people to file RTI and PSGA applications through online mode," Amit Sharma, Administrative Secretary, Information Technology Department said Tuesday.

He was responding to a question by social activist Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat on a television programme on state-run Doordarshan.

Sharma further said that the government has also digitised all land records in the Union Territory and people can get information about their land records like Girdawari, Jamabandi etc through an online portal and people won't have to move after patwaris and other revenue officials.

JKFA Holds Referees CAT-5 Examination & Basic Course



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K Football Association (JKFA) on November 28 conducted a one-day referees basic course at Gindun Ground, Rajbagh here for new candidates who had registered themselves online in the AIFF portal.

Prior to this course a three-day online course was also conducted by JKFA. The course was supervised by N.A Bhat (HOR) Referees Assessor, AIFF. The course was inaugurated by Z.A Thakur, President JKFA.

In his Inaugural address, the President impressed upon the

participants to strengthen the referees department of the Association, and stressed upon them to update their knowledge about refereeing. Nazir Ahmad (HOR) threw light on the laws of the game and the session lasted for three hours. After discussing and interacting on various aspects of the course, the participants appeared in the CAT-5 examination.

Prof. B.A Shah Hony, General Secretary JKFA, Farooq Shaheen, Chairman Referees Committee, Muzaffar Ahmad, Asst. HOR, and Farooq Ahmad Khan were also present on the occasion.

Ali Sports Academy Lifts Kashmir Kabaddi Gold Cup



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The Kashmir Kabaddi Gold Cup tournament concluded on Tuesday with Ali Sports Academy lifting the cup in the final match.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue Parvez Rahim was the chief guest on the occasion and gave away prizes among winners and runner-up teams.

The final match was played between the host team SK Bala and Ali Sports Academy. Ali Sports defeated the hosts in a thrilling match and lifted the title.

Officials said 18 teams participated in the tournament. Speaking on the occasion ACR hailed the youngsters for taking keen interest in sports. He said

the youth of Bandipora have showcased their talent at international level and have become guiding forces for other youth who spoil their leisure time.

He said sports is the best activity to do in order to keep body and mind fit besides being a means to stay away from anti-social activities including drugs.

Rahim added that the district administration has been on forefront in developing sports infrastructure in the district. He said several initiatives are in pipeline to further augment the sports infrastructure. He said a DPR has been recently prepared to propose a range of activities in sports under Mission Youth. BDC member Haari Begum was also present on the occasion.

We Did It Together: Ravindra To Patel, As Kiwis Discuss Nerves

Press Trust of India

KANPUR: New Zealand's Indian-origin spinner Rachin Ravindra, who played a pivotal role in helping his side draw the first Test against India, said he was quite nervous about how the game would pan out as far as his bowling was concerned.

The 22-year-old Ravindra, in the company of Indian-born Ajaz Patel (2 off 23 balls), held a 91-ball vigil that yielded 18 runs for him to save the match for his side which was nine down in pursuit of 284 on the final day here.

Patel, who was born in Mumbai, played for the first time in the country of his birth. He also picked

up three wickets in the game even though Ravindra went wicket-less.

The 33-year-old Patel interviewed Ravindra for the New Zealand cricket team's official Twitter handle and recalled his own Test debut.

"I remember my my first Test match, I was really nervous, and my hands were shaking when I first got the ball. How was it for you?" Patel asked. Ravindra candidly admitted to having nerves of his own.

"I felt a bit nervous bowling wise. We were about four down in first innings when I was next, so definitely felt a few butterflies (that time), but I think after a few balls, I did what I do. Luckily it ended up okay," said Wellington-based player.

IPL AUCTION

SRH Retain Abdul Samad, Umran Malik At 4 Crore Each



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Indian Premier League side SunRisers Hyderabad on Tuesday announced that it has retained J&K's cricketer duo of Abdul Samad and Umran Malik (both uncapped) at 4 crores each for the upcoming IPL 2022 season.

This will be explosive batter Abdul Samad's third season with SRH. Samad is currently a part of J&K's Vijay Hazare squad as the team's vice cap-

tain. Jammu speedster, Umran Malik made his scintillating debut in the last IPL season and is currently with India 'A' side touring South Africa.

Meanwhile, SRH retained Kane Williamson for 14 crore and will lead the side. The side, however, have let go of superstar names like David Warner, Jonny Bairstow, and Rashid Khan. Afghan spinner, seen as one of the best T20 talents out there, left the IPL franchise as the two parties could not come to terms.

"Thank you all for your support! Hopefully, at some point our paths cross again in the future," wrote Jonny Bairstow.

"Thanks to all of you for your support over the years, up and downs, my family and I can't stress enough how much we appreciated the love and passion you showed towards us and the team. Candice and I truly wish all the fans the very best for the future and hope whoever you wish to support the best. Love the Warner's," wrote David Warner.

MBA Grad Danish Dhaar Treks 100+ High Alpine Lakes

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The All Jammu Kashmir Mountaineering Foundation (AJKMF) announced that its founder and Managing Director, Danish Dhaar has completed a trek of 100 plus high altitude alpine lakes.

"Heartily congratulations to the ambitious man of Team All Jammu Kashmir Mountaineering Foundation, Danish Dhaar for achieving the feature of exploring 100 + alpine lakes in Kashmir Valley. His dedication towards adventure is always appreciable. Rise and shine," the foundation said in a press note.

An MBA Finance graduate, Danish is currently pursuing CA. As a tax professional and entrepreneur, Danish is helping businesses streamline their compliance function of business matters, accounting, and taxation.

Danish is also a passionate trekker and climber. A mountain

lover since youth, Danish is always looking for unexplored destinations.

"He is the best trek leader and a great person who always comes forward to help. It is a

wonderful and proud moment for Danish Dhaar and for our Club. He is an inspiration for the youth of J&K," the AJKMF added.

Danish has done many courses in the field in order to train as a professional, including Basic Mountaineering course, Basic Skiing course, Intermediate Skiing course, First Aid and CPR courses.

There are more than 1100 Alpine Lakes in the Kashmir region, and so far Danish has explored 102.

He has done his treks and expeditions outside J&K as well which include Gujarat and Ladakh. Danish has scaled Stok Kangri 6153m, Sunset Peak 4751m, Sheenmye Peak 4600m, and Mt Mahadev 3966m.

"We are working on our basic objective which is to promote the spirit of adventure among the youths of the J&K," the Foundation's statement concluded.



Pakistan Beats Bangladesh By 8 Wickets In 1st Test

Agencies

CHATTOGRAM: Opener Abid Ali missed out on back-to-back centuries by nine runs but Pakistan comfortably chased down a 202-run target to beat Bangladesh by eight wickets on Tuesday in the first cricket test.

Abid and Abdullah Shafique put on a 151-run partnership for the first wicket, their second consecutive 100-plus stand in the match to give Pakistan's chase a powerful start. Abid, who hit 133 in the first innings, struck 12 boundaries and scored 91 off 148 deliveries in the second innings.

"I'm really pleased with the way Abdullah Shafique built his innings and Abid Ali was outstanding, scoring tough runs to pull the team out from difficult position," Pakistan captain Babar Azam said, also crediting his bowlers for turning the match after his team conceded a first-innings lead. "The way Bangladesh played in the first innings was really good but Shaheen (Afriidi) and Hasan (Ali) were outstanding."

"That's the beauty of test cricket that it allows you to make a comeback. We didn't have much time to prepare for the test but we gave our best."

Resuming Day 5 at 109 without loss, and just 93 runs away from the victory, Pakistan's openers appeared to be in full control until offspinner Mehidy Hasan struck.

Shafique followed his first-

innings half-century to reach 73 before Mehidy (1-59) trapped him lbw.



Seven overs later, left-arm spinner Taijul Islam (1-89) had Abid out lbw, baffling him with a sharp turn to make Pakistan 171-2.

Azhar Ali then combined with Azam to complete the inevitable, hitting consecutive boundaries off Mehidy to finish off the game. Azhar was unbeaten on 24 and Azam was not out on 13.

Liton Das' maiden test century helped Bangladesh post 330 in its first innings, then Taijul Islam claimed 7-116 to bowl out Pakistan for 286 – giving the hosts a 44-run first innings lead.

Paceman Shaheen Shah Afridi was instrumental in Pakistan's rally, returning figures of 5-32 to wrap up Bangladesh's second innings for 157.

"The key difference was the performance of the top order of the both teams in this test," Bangladesh captain Mominul Haque said. "We were four down for 40-odd runs in both innings when their openers have two 100-plus partnerships."

"Mushfiquir (Rahim), Liton (Das) stepped up, Taijul got seven wickets but as a team we couldn't play well."

The second test starts Saturday in Dhaka.

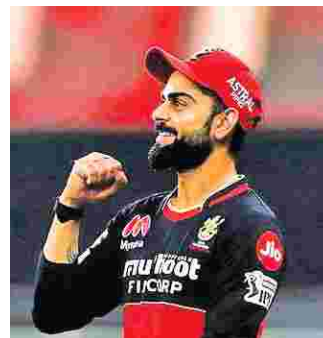
Kohli, Maxwell, Rohit, Dhoni Retained Ahead Of IPL Mega Auction

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Royal Challengers Bangalore on Tuesday retained their former captain Virat Kohli while Mumbai Indians predictably retained India's T20 captain Rohit Sharma and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah ahead of the IPL mega auction.

India's greatest white ball skipper and Chennai Super Kings talisman Mahendra Singh Dhoni is his team's second retention behind all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja while Ruturaj Gaikwad is the fourth name in the list. Moeen Ali has also been retained by CSK.

The major names to be released are out of form all-rounder Hardik Pandya and dashing



keeper batter Ishan Kishan, who have been a part of Mumbai Indians core while leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal and Purple Cap winner Harshal Patel have been released by RCB.

Punjab Kings released their last year's skipper KL Rahul.



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Extension in BID Submission with Revised Scope
for
e-RFP for Rating, Data and Research Services
for J&K Bank

BID Submission Dates of e-RFP for Rating, Data and Research Services for J&K Bank with Revised Scope has been extended up to **December 14, 2021, 17.00 Hrs.** BIDs can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Portal <https://jkbank.abcpurchase.com> [Event-ID: 52332]. Complete RFP Document along with Corrigendum document can also be downloaded from the said portal and is also available on Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com.

e-RFP Ref. No. JKB/CSCB/Rating-Data-Research/2021-152
Dated: 28-10-2021

DIPK-NB-5472/21

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MUFFASIL R&B DIVISION, BUDGAM

FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
SNOW CLEARANCE

NIT No: 203 /MDB/14425-45 of 2021-22 DATED: 27.11.2021

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

S. No	Name of Work	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Clearance of snow from various roads viz Beeru town roads, Utligam Bonet road including allied links (Total 15.00 Kms of 3.00 Mt width 45000 sqm)	200/-	4500/-	BEE/CEE/DEE	3054- Snow
2	Clearance of snow from various roads viz Gundipora Chewdara road including allied links, Meeripora Hanjilawaypora road including allied links, Naidipora Matipora Warihama, Inner links at Ratsun (Total 20.75 Kms of 3.00 Mt width 62250 sqm)	300/-	6000/-	BEE/CEE/DEE	3054-Snow

1. 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 the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	29.11.2021 4.00 PM
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	29.11.2021 from 04.00 PM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	29.11.2021 from 04.00 PM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	04.12.2021 upto 4.00 P.M
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	04.12.2021 at 4.30.00 A.M in the office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Circle Sgr/Budgam

DIPK-13810/21
No: 14425-45
Date:27.11.2021

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Muffasil (R&B) Division, Budgam.

Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

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Gist of e-tender

NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2021-22/211/e-tendering

Dated:-29.11.2021

On the behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited from original equipment manufacturers or their authorized dealers/ representatives or reputed and experienced firms for the below mentioned works:

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2. Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site 30.11.2021 (10.00 hrs) to 08.12.2021 (15:00hrs) in two (02) covers.
3. Opening of Bids :- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 09.12.2021 at 15.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

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